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**ALDRSGATE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

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Mission Opportunities

Mission of the Month

Starting this year, the Aldersgate United Methodist Church will be adopting a Mission of the Month. Each month you will read and hear about the mission that we have adopted. For the month

of March we feature Church Camp.

As you know, Montana weather and road conditions can be “iffy”. That is what happened on April 2nd . Our special guest was Brandon, one of the directors of Flathead Lake United Methodist Camp. The roads were simply not good enough to travel. He has agreed to be recorded via zoom and this video will be featured on April 16th .



Montana has two United Methodist campgrounds, Flathead Lake near Rollins and Luccock Park near Livingston. Camp and camping ministry is important to us. 100% of the donations to the April mission of the month will go to supporting our Montana United Methodist camps.



22: Dave Andersen & Mary Harsh

- 01: Nancy Cass
- 06: Elaine Schnell
- 09: Joyce Kuecks
- 18: Cookie Jordan
- 23: Dan Lambert
- 24: Joyce Clemo
- 27: Diana Surman
- 29: Ryley McLaughlin



Anniversaries
and Birthdays

- 03: Seth Leypoldt
- 09: Debbie Fisher
- 16: Phylis Rice
- 21: Alice Peterson
- 24: Dorothea Vail
- 27: Sherry Sullivan
- 28: Sheryl Tremis



Every 5th Sunday of the month is Sunday Fun-Day. April 30th is our first movie night. We will have popcorn, pizza, and a real live concession stand (so bring your money) with soda pop and candy. The festivities start at 5:30 in our gym.



Funeral Luncheon Ladies would like to up-date their list of people to call. If you are willing to provide a salad or dessert for funerals, please call the church office at 406-782-2425

Funeral Luncheon

Sermon Series SANKOFU

I have travelled to the African nation of Ghana twice. On my first visit I heard about a symbol that the Ghanian people called the “Sankofu.” I was so intrigued by this symbol that on my return trip I bought the wooden figurine representing this bird. Attached to his article you will see what I mean. The Sankofu represents the feet that are firmly planted forward. The bird is moving into the future; but then you see the beak reaching behind itself to grab something on its back. The symbolism is powerful. You look forward into the future, but you do not forget where you come from. On May 21st we celebrate 150 years of Methodism in Butte. This represents our past, where we came from, but also reminds us to plant our feet firmly forward into the future. Each message in this series will focus on our past and our future.

SANKOFU

April 16th – “Triumphs of his grace”, using John 20.19-31

April 23rd – “To spread through all the earth abroad”, using Luke 24.13-35

April 30th – “Jesus! the name that charms our fears”, using Acts 2.42-47

Our Easter message on April 9th is “Three Days that Change the World”. Our Easter lesson is from Matthew 27.45-66.



A NEW VIEW OF LIFE

As I held an orange balloon for a sermon illustration during the Sunday Service last week and listened to Pastor Seth it was clear that what the world holds as important usually isn't and that real change, real good, comes when we reject the old values and do what Christ called us to do.

Last weekend I spent 4 days in Helena at St. Paul's for a Men's Walk to Emmaus weekend. St. Paul's is located just off Last Chance Gulch and they are barraged by homeless men, looking for a warm place, and a handout or something to steal. The church has tried everything to reach out, but nothing has worked, and the church policy is now to escort them out of the building and to call the police if they return.

The first speaker on Friday morning was a nationally known outdoorsman, member of the church, beloved father and husband, who for ten plus years of his life lived on the street, was an alcoholic, an addict, a homeless person who ate out of garbage cans and contributed nothing to society. Except here he was, transformed, working the Walk, sharing his story, and giving us a lesson in how Jesus' values things. And in doing so we were invited to see that what the world calls “flawed” may not be; what the world deems “weak” may be the opposite; and what the world sees as broken may have been created just as God designed.

Over the weekend my attitude towards the homeless men who constantly smoked dope on our doorstep, begged a meal or a cup of coffee, and entered the church looking for an unwatched valuable was shattered and rebuilt. And in sending that lesson God was teaching me to be humble, teaching us to be humble. Pastor Seth and I discussed this talk and this man's life afterwards and we simply couldn't find anything in common with his life experience. We both had loving fathers, our mothers did not turn us out on the street at 14 years of age, we were never cold, hungry, forgotten or abandoned. We had no reference point in common with our new friend's life, and how he got through it and overcame it. Who were we to Judge?

After a lot of thought, I think the lesson is that God, through Jesus, teaches us to be humble, and vulnerable and full of faith and hope so that maybe, just maybe we could share both the good news and grace with someone who needs it. And in doing that reflect the overwhelming love of Jesus who ate with all the wrong people, touched lepers, talked to women, forgave all our sins, and who died so he would not have to be in the sin accounting business anymore.

Brad Belke

Three Days that Change the World ... What three days come to mind? Three days in September of 2001? The three days surrounding the Grizz-Cat game? A 3-day weekend? The three days when you first met the love of your life? The first three days of your child's existence? All of these moments are significant. I invite you to another event that changes the world ... Easter Sunday. Easter, April 9th will be full of music and pageantry and wonder and meaning. Three Days that Change the World is about the miracle that takes place on Saturday. Imagine that! The Saturday before Easter is the day so many of us sit in right now. Saturday is the day of waiting. Saturday is the day of hope. Saturday is the day that not much happens.



Saturday is also the day where our dreams came to die. Saturday, for the disciples, was a day that confirmed their worst fears. Jesus died the night before and all of his promises, all of his prophecies, all of his preaching and teaching and sermonizing came to die. On Saturday, Jesus did not defeat death! Sunday had not happened yet. Saturday was not the Resurrection; the miracle had not happened yet; the promise of Easter was not in the realm of possibility. Saturday is the day where our dreams go to die ... a failed marriage, a job loss, a family fight, a major regret, moments that did not work out ... Saturday is that day; a day that scripture says not much happened; but also a day full of miracles. The disciples made it through Saturday. The women who met Jesus on Sunday morning made it through Saturday. Saturday is a dark day but was just one

day. If you made it through a divorce, a lay-off, the end of a strike, family strife, a crisis, you made it through Saturday. Saturday is in the past. You can see Saturday in your rear-view mirror. We invite you to come this Easter Sunday to celebrate how we made it. The miracle of Easter Sunday morning is still before us.
- Seth



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2 9:00 Adult SS 10:30Worship 11:30 Coffee & Conversation 5:30 Kids/Youth Group	3 11:00 Barnabus 6:00 Women's 4th Day 6:30 Financial Peace University	4 7:00 Mining City Choir	5 8:00 Women's 4th Day 9:30 Sandwich Ministry 5:30 Choir 6:30 Men's 4th day	6 10:00 Trumpet Call 6:30 Square Dancing	7 7:00 Men's Group 9:30 Men's Group 7:30 Good Friday Service	8
9 10:30Worship Easter Egg Hunt to follow Worship	10 6:00 Women's 4th Day 6:30 Financial Peace	11 7:00 Mining City Choir 7:00 Trustees	12 8:00 Women's 4th Day 3:00 TGIV 5:30 Choir 6:30 Men's 4th day	13 6:30 Square Dancing	14 7:00 Men's Group	15
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23 9:00 Adult SS 10:30Worship 11:30 Coffee & Conversation 1:30 growing in Christ 1:30 Church Field Trip	24 6:00 Women's 4th Day 6:30 Financial Peace University	25 6:00 Line Dancing 7:00 Mining City Choir 7:00 Finance Committee	26 8:00 Women's 4th Day 3:00 TGIV 5:30 Choir 6:30 Men's 4th day 7:00 Ad Council	27 **Trumpet Call Deadline**	28 7:00 Men's Group 5:00-8:00 PM Rummage Sale	29 9:00 AM-3:00 PM Annual Rummage Sale 3:00 Mining City Choral Dress Rehearsal
30 9:00 Adult SS 10:30Worship 11:30 Coffee & Conversation 1:30 Church Field Trip 3:00 Mining City Concert 5:30 Sunday-Funday family movie night						



Mugs

Our mugs are here, just in time for Easter! Thank you to our history team for getting these ordered. If you would like to purchase a mug with our church's logo and website on it, the cost is \$5. All proceeds will go toward the youth fund.



150 YEARS OF METHODISM

Including with this newsletter is a poster advertising our field trips. Starting April 16th at 1:30 pm we head UPTOWN for a visit to the former Mount Bethel and former Trinity churches. Follow the poster for later visits. If you grew up in any of these churches please let the church office know. We are hoping to use your stories as part of the field trip.

On Saturday, May 20th we will be hosting an Open House with former pastors and members of all the congregations represented in Butte. The Open House will be held in our Fellowship Hall from 1 to 4. On Sunday, May 21st, we celebrate 150 years of Methodism in Butte during our worship service at 10:30 am. We follow this with a meal in our Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to hand out a much larger poster (in color) and place them in businesses around town, please come to the church office.

We Start Each

Trip from

Aldersgate

**United Methodist
Church**

**1621 Thornton
(corner of Grand &
Thornton) for**

carpooling

1:30 PM

JOIN US FOR 12 HISTORIC

FIELD TRIPS OF

METHODISM

AROUND

BUTTE



Sunday, April 16th

former Mount Bethel

&

former Trinity



Sunday, April 30th

former Lowell Avenue

&

former Saint Paul



Sunday, April 23rd

former Mountain View

&

former Scandinavian

&

*former Saint George /
Silver Bow*



Sunday, May 7th

former Italian mission / Unity / Wesley

&

former Grace

&

former African Methodist Episcopal

Saturday, May 20th

1 pm—4 pm Open House

Sunday, May 21st

10:30 am

Worship Celebration



*Celebrating
150 Years
of Methodism in Butte
on May 21st*

Join us
as We Visit 12 Historic
Methodist Churches
throughout Butte
leading up to our celebration.

Worship every Sunday at
10:30am.

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