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## Mission Opportunities

### Mission of the Month

Starting this month, 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 January our mission is the Love Fund.



The Love Fund has been in existence at our congregation for quite a few years. It used to be called the Pastor's Discretionary Fund but was changed to the Love Fund to better represent its mission. The Love Fund is used at the discretion of the church office for anyone in need. The funds raised during the month of January for this mission will go directly to help those who contact us for gas vouchers, hotel stays, groceries, and the like. There is always a need and with your donation to this mission we will be able to help those in our community and those just passing through.

02: Laura Hash  
08: Cayden Hill  
13: Donnie Fisher  
17: Chase Lubick  
17: Russell Robertson  
19: Glenn Callaghan  
20: Kathie Johnson  
20: Sharon Smith  
28: Elizabeth Bernhardt



**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS  
& ANNIVERSARIES**

11: Ed & Norma  
Pangburn

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## Methodism 101 or Everything You Wanted to Know About Methodism but Were Afraid to Ask

I'm not quite sure on the title but one thing is for certain we will be talking about Methodism. We start Sunday, January 15th during our Sunday school hour and our topics will be on the history of the denomination, how the denomination operates, the theology of Methodism, our core values and beliefs, and a final topic on the splintering of the United Methodist Church. This class is for any and all who want to learn more about Methodism and in particular the United Methodist Church.



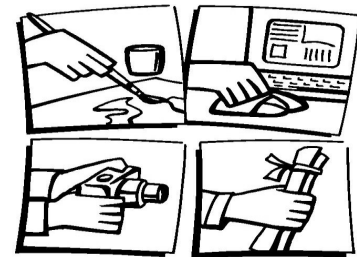
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In 2005, we moved to Chadron, Nebraska. Chadron is a 7-hour drive to Lincoln, Nebraska where my parents lived. When we moved to Chadron we had to make some changes in our holiday schedules. We used to rotate Thanksgiving with one side of the family and Christmas with the other. A move across the state precipitated a change and we grew accustomed to taking the week off after Christmas and seeing my family in the eastern part of the state. The drive back to Chadron and eventually to Gering (also in western Nebraska) meant a lot of time to reflect. Those 6 and 7 hour drives so close to the New Year would be a time for Sarah and myself to talk about expectations, about what to look forward to in the new year, about leaving some things behind in the old year, and about hope. Moving to Butte, Montana, for us is a lot like '05 and moving to Chadron. It has precipitated a major change in our schedule. I am still planning on taking the week off after Christmas, but since we live so far from our children, our kids are coming to our house. For the first time in many months, all 3 of my daughters will be here. That sense of looking at the New Year, however, is still the same. As I march into 2023, I still ask the same questions. What will this new year be like? What things am I glad to leave behind in 2022? What hope do I have for the New Year?

As I get ready to turn the calendar to 2023, I am excited to share the New Year with you. I am excited that we have a celebration coming up in May – 150 years of Methodism. I am excited for all of the things to experience in Butte during the spring and in the summer with my family. I am excited for a church that wants to be a part of the community. I am excited for ways that we can be in mission together. I am excited for a congregation that has a passion for children and youth. I am so looking forward to the New Year. I hope you will share in this hope as well.

~ Seth



## A NEW YEAR & NEW OPPORTUNITIES

### THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS ACCORDING TO GILLIGAN'S ISLAND

As a kid I watched this show on re-runs. Every day after school I saw the antics of Gilligan, Mary Anne, the Professor, and the like. The script writers did not intend that each character represent one of the deadly or cardinal sins, but others took note. A later reunion episode actually featured a discussion about these sins with the characters. Starting on January 8th and proceeding with the Sunday's up until the start of Lent we will learn about the Deadly Sins and have some fun as we match them with a character from this popular TV show. THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS ACCORDING TO GILLIGAN'S ISLAND

January 8 th – “With Gilligan ... Sloth”,  
using Proverbs 24.30-34

January 15 th – “And the Skipper (too) ... Anger”,  
using James 1.19-21 and John 2.13-22

January 22 nd – “The Millionaire ... Gluttony”,  
using Philippians 3.17-20

January 29 th – “And His Wife ... Greed”,  
using 1 Timothy 6.3-10



### January Trumpet Call

In memory of Jim and Florence Street from their Family.

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Lay Leader



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