Pastor’s Corner

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Faith is a Family Affair!
You are invited to Sunday morning Family Sunday School each Sunday mornings at 10:00 am in the Church basement beginning January 9,

January Schedule
Jan 2  Coffee Social 10:30; Church Service 11:00
   Guest Pastor Dwight Welch
   Communion: Diana Flynn
Jan 9  Sunday School 10:00; Coffee Social 10:30; Church Service 11:00
Jan 16 Sunday School 10:00; Coffee Social 10:30; Church Service 11:00
   Potluck, Annual Meeting and Planning Meeting
Jan 23 Sunday School 10:00; Coffee Social 10:30; Church Service 11:00
Jan 30 Sunday School 10:00; Coffee Social 10:30; Church Service 11:00

For those unable to attend services in person, Congregational Church of Molt UCC Sunday Service will be available by Zoom through the internet connection at the Church as well as in-person attendance. Trudi can be reached on her cell (406) 647-2924 if you encounter difficulty in signing on.

10:15 am sign-on — 10:30 am Fellowship, etc. — 11:00 am Worship
Join Zoom Meeting

Prayers:
- Travel mercies for Pastor Jim and Val as they travel home from California.
- For the Jane Rogers family of Laurel.
- For Jan McFarland who is at home continuing to heal from her fall.
- For John McFarland who is recovering from Rotator Cup surgery.
- For Deb’s mom and the whole family as Ruth recovers from surgery after a fall.
- For Jennifer Shane’s dad Pat Teague who is recovering following triple by-pass surgery.
- For the areas of our country hit hard by tornados and fires.
- For friends and neighbors as they continue to fight and recover from COVID.
- For Derry Eastlick as he gets settled in his new home.
- For Val’s friends Kathy and Lahlit, Val’s friend Ann in continued struggles and Jim’s and Val’s friends Jack and Elaine as they deal with grief.
- Sharon Allison, Laura Grande, Ben Heiken as they continue to fight cancer.
- Trudi and Axel and the Committee for Outdoor Ministry as they set the venues and dates and work on plans for the 2022 Camp season.
- Michelle and Michaela and their family as they continue to deal with health issues and for Michelle as she goes into a full school schedule in January.

Continued Prayers:
- Jennifer Shane’s mom, Sue.
- Jean McFarland and Agnes Nordahl.
- Our farmers as they work hard despite the drought.
- Molt Church as we try to meet challenges as a family of faith.
- MNWCUCC as they enter a time of discernment and visioning about what our Church and Conference needs are and how they can best be met.
- Our troubled nation and world.

(Please call Trudi to update or activate the Prayer Chain.)
Gathered Prayer
Mysterious God, you come to us this season softly as a mother’s sigh, as startling as the cry of a newborn child. Come into our hearts, we pray, that we might be cradled in your love and stirred by your glory. We pray in the name of the One whose coming we celebrate, Jesus Christ, the newborn king. Amen.

HYMN Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (v. 1, 3) p. 144 (Black)

Passing the Peace
Prayers of the People
Share praises and concerns
Time of Prayer
Lord’s Prayer
Words of Assurance

HYMN O Little Town of Bethlehem (v. 1,4) p. 133 (Black)

Call To Offering
What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what can I give him—give my heart.

Offering
Offertory Jesus, Savior (insert in Pew Hymnals) Mary Jane Schneidt
Doxology

Prayer of Dedication:
O God, you birth abundant life! We thank you for the birth we celebrate today.
In response to your great labor of love, we offer our gifts.
As we open ourselves to you, may your love be born in us this Christmastide.

Service of Communion

HYMN Joy to the World p. 132 (Black)

Benediction
All
The light that enlivens all the world, the light that darkness cannot overcome, love’s pure light in Jesus Christ, shine on us and in our world this Christmastide. Amen.

Go in Peace—Serve the Lord!

POSTLUDE (words on back of bulletin) Mary Jane Schneidt
“Go Now in Peace”
Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in Faith, steadfast, strong, and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in Love and show you believe,
Reach out to others, so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in Peace, in Faith and in Love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
* Thank you Rev. Dwight Welch for leading our service today.

- Dwight is currently serving as Campus Minister at Montana State University Billings. Dwight was raised in Montana graduating from Custer County District High School in Miles City. He received his undergraduate degree at University of Montana. Following seminary, he served First Congregational UCC in Sheridan, Wyoming. He moved into Campus Ministry work in Norman, OK and then returned to Montana to serve at MSUB. Welcome to Molt, Dwight.

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