



THE GATEWAY

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Take a deep breath with me and rejoice at the top of your lungs, WINTER IS OVER!!!! It has been a hard winter for many. Between the piles of snow, unending sickness, and cabin fever; it is relief that the joys of spring have come. It is nice to be able to open the windows and let the fresh cool air of this season into the house. In her hymn, Natalie Sleeth says, "In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be". I am excited for this change, however, I cannot say that for everyone. Kamari is sad that the snow is melting and that the season for sledding is over. {At least she was sad until she saw kids playing at the playground}, then spring was welcomed!

One of the reasons why I appreciate the changing of seasons, is to remind me that the world and everyone in it are constantly changing. It was Heraclitus that said, "the only thing constant is change". The preacher that wrote the book of Ecclesiastes also said in chapter 3 that, "there is a season for everything".

3:1 "There's a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens"
- CEB

I would imagine that when we look at this journey of life we have noticed the different seasons. We either cannot wait for a season to change, or we never want it to change at all. The reality is, the seasons will always eventually change. This is the beauty of life. You might be facing a challenging season right now, but this season will change. Know that you will not always be living in that difficult situation. Life will get better. You might be really enjoying the season right now, and this season will change. So enjoy the time!

In the midst of the ever altering seasons of life, we can hold on to the truth that Christ is always with us. God rejoices in the joyous seasons and holds us through the challenging ones when we just want the sun to come out and warm our soul. God won't abandon you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

Blessings,
Pastor Jim

CARES CONCERNS CELEBRATIONS



PRAYERS ~

- .. .for Al Badgett
- .. .for Art Badgett
- .. .for Mary Barth
- .. .for the Family of Carl Carmichael.
- .. .for Chip Gardner.
- .. .for Zudie Martin & Family.
- .. .for Joe Wetherington.
- .. .for an Aunt's sister with skin cancer.
- .. .for a friend with lung disorders.
- .. .for a sister struggling with infertility.

Easter Schedule

April 1, 2018

- Sunrise Service, Kendrick Mansion at 6:45 AM
- Easter Worship Service at 9:30 AM with egg hunt following
- **Egg Hunt directly after the service.** Children ages 10 and younger can participate. Bring a basket or we will have one for you to use. Please meet on the main floor next to the mini kitchen, children will be divided into two age groups. Pray for nice weather....

Sunday School to Resume



Sunday school will start up again on **Sunday, April 8th**. Classes will remain the same, Pre-K – Kindergarten, 2nd thru 4th Grade and 5th Grade and

Up.

Sunday School will begin @ 9:15 AM and will dismiss @ 9:45 AM. We have teachers, we just need students.

VBS in June



Vacation Bible School will be held this year **June 4th – 8th**. Mark your calendars as this will be the first week of summer vacation.

Confirmation Graduates



Congratulations to our confirmation students **Kate, Cooper, and Kylen**. You worked so hard and I enjoyed the time we spent together. You have taken a very important step in your faith and I am honored to be a part of that step. Your Church family and I are honored to pray for and encourage you as you continue your discipleship journey.

Honor New Members And Recognize New Attendees



New church attendees and new church members are to be guests at **the fifth Sunday potluck on April 29th**. Church Family Care Committee will host the potluck to introduce members of the Confirmation Class and others who have been received into membership of the church. They would also like to recognize and introduce new attendees to the church. Ham loaf prepared by Doris Case will be provided by the committee. Please bring a side dish or dessert to add to the buffet table. New people to the church will be considered guests and do not need to bring food. If you have begun attending the Sheridan's FUMC within the last couple of years, we would love to have you attend and be recognized.

Regular members and friends, please plan to attend and welcome our new people!

Communion Being Taken to Shut-Ins



Each Monday following the first Sunday **Communion at church** Pastor Barth and/or his team **take communion to** Heritage Towers, Brookside and Westview and any of **our shut-ins** who desire communion. If you are aware of people from our congregation who are no longer able to attend Sunday worship, please let the church office or June Simon of Church Family Care committee know.

We're on Instagram



We launched an Instagram account this month! Look us up as **FUMCSheridanWY** to see pictures from our most recent activities! Also, if you have a picture you would like to share with our congregation, you may email them to the office at office@fumcsheridanwy.org or text them to Tracee: 307-575-4591. We are also maintaining our pages on Facebook and Twitter, so don't forget to check in with us when you're online!

Parking Lot Sale



The Methodist Men's Group Annual Spring Parking Lot Sale will be held on **Saturday, May 12, 2018**, from **8:00am to 1:00pm**.

The following Saturday, May 19 will be our back-up day if we get rained out on the 12th.

As usual, we will have coffee and cinnamon rolls and hamburgers hot off the grill for lunch. A **new item on the morning menu** will be "Sausage on a Stick"! This will consist of one or two links of sausage that we serve on a

stick for \$1.00 per link. This will go great with a cinnamon roll!!!!

Our **table rental prices have changed**. You can rent a space for **\$10 and use your own table** or **rent 1 table for \$15, 2 tables for \$20**. If you don't want to go through the trouble of setting up to sell the "treasures" you have accumulated over the years you can donate the items us and we will sell them. We will pick up donated items on the Thursday and Friday before the sale. PLEASE, NO TV'S OR COMPUTER PARTS, IE. KEYBOARDS, MONITORS, MOUSE, ETC. They do not sell. As in past years, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity Restore Store and Foster Parent Exchange will be notified to come down at the end of the sale and have their pick of any of the items leftover.

To reserve tables/spaces, or schedule a pick up for donated items call the church office at **672-9779**, or call me at 763-2141.

All the proceeds from the donated items, tables and food will go to the Men's Group. In the past year the Methodist Men's Group has donated money or gift cards to the Native American Coat Tree, Angola Pastor Ministries, Mission Partners, Project Graduation, \$1000 to Modernization mortgage and \$1000 for parsonage mold remediation and bathroom updating. The proceeds are put to good use within our church and community.

So hope to see you at the 2018 Parking Lot Sale buying a treasure, selling a treasure, or happily eating a cinnamon roll and sausage, followed by a burger and chips!!

~Thank you. Rollie Hein

Board of Trustees, Quick Notes

* We are looking into having heat tape added onto the roof in conjunction with roofing repairs that are already underway.

* The trustees are working on a new building key policy.

Gift Cards (Scrip Program)

It is time for spring projects and for planning summer vacations. Please don't forget our Gift Card Program for all your needs. We have retailers for all your project or vacation needs. Need new camping or fishing gear? We have cards for Cabalas or Bass Pro.

You will need groceries and snacks. We have Wal-mart and Albertson's.

Need a new baseball glove or shoes? We have Dick's Sporting Goods, Target, Kmart, Foot Locker and Wal-mart.

Going on a summer road trip? We have cards for all the major hotel chains such as Comfort Inn, Comfort Suites, Hyatt House, Hyatt Regency, Hyatt Place, Clarion, Rodeway Inn, Quality Inn, etc., etc.

You will need gas. We have Holiday store, Cenex, Chevron, Sinclair, BP, Texaco, etc. You will need to eat. We have Wendy's, Burger King, Taco Bell, Outback Steakhouse, Texas Roadhouse, Olive Garden, Carrabas, Qdoba, Papa John's, Papa Murphy's, Black Angus, etc.

Are you flying? We have Delta Airlines and Southwest Airlines.

Buying a new lawn mower? We have Ace Hardware, Home Depot, Sears, Lowe's and Menards.

Buying a graduation gift? Oh my gosh, where do I start? Amazon.com cards, Barnes and Noble, iTunes, Gap, Old Navy, etc.

Mother's Day? Bed Bath and Beyond, Bath and Bodyworks, Macy's, Herbergers, 1-800-FLOWERS, Kohl's, etc.

Fathers Day? I could go on and on.

So please, think of us for your purchasing needs. The church office has a list of retailers that are part of the program. It is a partial list that I customized for our local Sheridan, Billings, Rapid City, Casper geographic area. If what you are looking for is not on the list let me know and I can check out the full retailer list or you can check yourself on the church website.

If you have any questions about our Gift Card Program feel free to call me at 763-2141 and I will be more than happy to help.

Have a great spring and summer. Hope to see you at the Parking Lot Sale.

Men's Group News



MEN'S GROUP

The Methodist Men's Group, starting in April will meet the LAST Monday of the month. It was the 2nd Monday of the month but Pastor Jim could not attend on that night. So from April on the meetings will be the **LAST Monday of the month, 6:00pm in the basement** for a light supper and meeting. All men are invited, the more the merrier.

~Peace, Rollie Hein, Pres.

Altar Guild



We are **looking for individuals to help hang banners and set the altar for worship.** If you would be interested in helping to make our worship space more meaningful please call the Church office.

Special Music



The worship committee is seeking individuals or groups of people that would like to **bless the worship service with their musical gifts.** It could be instrumental, singing, or other creative worship expressions. If you would like to give in this way please contact Pastor Jim.

Report on New Conference Structure

The Mission Shaped Futures team, comprised of Yellowstone and Rocky Mountain Conference people, has published a Mission Shaped Futures report on what will be the **new conference structure as RMC and YAC come together.** A copy of the PowerPoint (30 pages) and the narrative

report to accompany the power point will be **available for review in the church office.** Any thoughts on this issue will be taken by Butch Bennett, our direct representative.