



Jason's Journal

Rev. Patti Money, Pastor

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**The purpose of Jason Lee Memorial
United Methodist Church is to
CONNECT people to Christ
Help people GROW in Christ and
Help people SERVE Christ**



Jason's Journal is a monthly newsletter of Jason Lee Memorial United Methodist Church,
168 S. University, Blackfoot, ID 83221

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All persons are welcome to worship each Sunday:

Worship at 10:30 a.m. with communion celebrated the first Sunday of each month

Free child care is provided

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DATE	ACOLYTE	LITURGIST	USHERS & GREETERS	FELLOWSHIP	Sound and Power Point	Nursery
Sunday Feb. 3	Gracie Fitzgerald	Alan Hennebold	Mid Tsukamoto and Alice Konishi	Jan Simpson and Jim & Gayle Elison	Connor Martin/ Steve Martin	Alexandra Bolter
Sunday Feb. 10	Liam Martin	Shirley Brumfield	Mark & Cindy Bewley	Bobbie Drysdale and Lynda Nowacki	Chris Freeburne/ Ethan Freeburne	Alexandra Bolter
Sunday Feb. 17	Greg Money	Karole Honas	Paul & Venita Fankhauser	Lola Brower and Barb & Marv Jones	Andy Fitzgerald/ Pete Fitzgerald	Alexandra Bolter
Sunday Feb. 23	Susanna Money	Randy Shiosaki	Stan & Kim Buck	Paul & Venita Fankhauser	Chris Nowacki/ James Money	Alexandra Bolter

If you are not going to be able to volunteer then please let the office know ahead of time

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Davyn Czepkowski	Feb. 4
Frank Tominaga (98)	Feb. 5
Gayle Elison	Feb. 6
James Breitweg	Feb. 9
Robert Colson	Feb. 9
Gregory Money	Feb. 9
Paul Fankhauser	Feb. 11
Floyd Herrman	Feb. 11
Ellie Eagle	Feb. 13
Riggin Oleson	Feb. 19
Chase Adams	Feb. 22
Marilyn Colson	Feb. 22
Abraham Weaver	Feb. 23
Benjamin Weaver	Feb. 23
Dylan Fuller	Feb. 26
Alec Carlson	Feb. 27
Shelby Bewley	Feb. 28

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

February 14
Chris & Lynda Nowacki (35 years)
February 18
Debbie Reid-Oleson & George Oleson (38 years)
February 25
Bob & Barb Parris (24 years)



Friends,

The other week, I came across an article written by Rev. Laura Patterson, titled “What Can the Church Do for the Burned Out Generation?” The article was focused on the “Millennials” (those born between 1981-1996). The article focuses on the question, “why is the younger generation not involved more in church?” The author (a Millennial herself) offers this thought: “because we’re burned out.”

I’m not a Millennial; I was born in 1976, so am firmly “Generation X.” However, this article resonated with me. Between work, household chores, and my kids, I find myself constantly busy. This is true of all of us, regardless of our generation. Our culture glorifies busy-ness and discourages rest.

We see evidence of this culture of busy-ness in the church. People of all ages (especially those who are still working) frequently tell me, “We’re so busy that Sunday is the only day we have to rest, so it’s hard to make it to church.” That concerns me, because the message I receive is “going to church is just another thing on my to-do list.” I’m not judging anyone; I can see where they’re coming from. What concerns me is that attending worship is perceived as something that drains us rather than fills us up.

We worship on Sunday because that is our Sabbath day, and the purpose of Sabbath is rest. Rev. Patterson explains it in her article:

“Sabbath, understood as a set-aside and inviolable time of rest from production and the enjoyment of creativity with God, stands in stark contrast to a world where every moment must be building a brand or contributing to a bottom line. The long, slow work of sanctification is a reminder of the importance of our relationship with God and the scope of transformation. It often requires us to stop and pay attention to ourselves, to each other, and to the Spirit’s movement in the world. It is not an ingestion of knowledge (as we so often treat discipleship ministries), but a reforming of who we are into the image of Christ. It honors our created-ness and beloved-ness in a world that sees us a tools.”

What changes do we need to make in order to have worship truly be a time during which we experience rest and renewal? What changes do we need to make so that we view worship not as another “thing to do”, but a time to have our tired and empty spirits re-filled?

I invite you to ponder these questions in your heart and consider them in light of your reality. I encourage you to share any thoughts or ideas with me.

Joy and peace,
Pastor Patti

FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

Sunday - 9:00 am - AA
Sunday – 9:00 to 10:00 am – Small Group Study
Sunday - 10:30 am - Worship – Sunday School
Sunday - 11:30 am - Fellowship Hour
Monday – 10:00 am - Women’s Bible Study (first Monday of month at 12 Stones)
Tuesday – 5:00 to 6:30 pm – Community Dinner Table
Wednesday – 10:00 am - “Jesus – A Study” class
Wednesday – 11:00 am - Knit Wits
Thursday – 6:15 pm - Bell Choir
Thursday – 7:00 pm - Choir Practice

Feb. 4 – 6:00 p.m. – Trustees Meeting
Feb. 4 – 7:00 p.m. – Information session on General Conference
Feb. 6 – 6:15 p.m. – Finance Committee Meeting
Feb. 6 – 7:00 p.m. – Ad Council Meeting
Feb. 7 – 11:00 a.m. – UMW Monthly Meeting, Luncheon, Program, Valentines cards
Feb. 8 – 4:00 p.m. – Deadline to register for Bingham’s Got Talent
Feb. 14-15 – Legislative Event in Boise
Feb. 16 – 7:00 p.m. Bingham’s Got Talent – Blackfoot Performing Arts Center
Feb. 18 – 7:00 p.m. – Prayer Service for General Conference
Feb. 21 – 8:00 p.m. – Circle 5
Feb. 23 – 10:00 a.m. – Circle 3
Feb. 23 to 26 – General Conference for UMC – St. Louis, MO
Feb. 25 – 6:30 p.m. SPRC Meeting
Feb. 27 – 12:00 p.m. – Circle 2

UMCOR MISSION TRIP REPORT

Our church mission team worked in Salt Lake City at the UMCOR West Depot January 21-25th. It was a very rewarding trip and everyone came away with wonderful feelings and memories. We would like to thank all of you who made it possible with your donations, your support and your prayers. Although we don’t know the amount yet, we are proud to report that after paying all of our expenses, we will be able to give a donation to UMCOR West.

We plan to make the trip again about the same time next year. Hopefully you have talked with team members and will decide to go next year. It’s a wonderful service that we can do and we have fun together at the same time!

NEW SMALL GROUP STUDY

Pastor Patti is leading a book study based on "We Make the Road by Walking" by Brian McClaren. It is from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning. Books are \$13 each. You can pick one up in the church office, or order it from Amazon. If you need childcare, let Pastor Patti know. You can join the small group study at any time.

WORSHIP 2019

February 3 – Psalm 71:1-6

February 10 – Luke 5:1-11

February 17 – Luke 4:14-21

February 23 – Haggai 1:15b-2:9



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our January 10 meeting featured a tasty soup luncheon provided by Circle 3. We decided to collect donations of money and purchase Wal-Mart gift cards for the Valentines Card project. Military members will receive a box of goodies. Ann Groutage presented the reading program for 2019. The circles will resume visiting those who are ill or homebound. Circle 2 will call on Pat Miller, Circle 3 will call on Edna Gyder, and Circle 5 will call on Glenna Davis.

Our next meeting will be February 7 at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. The schedule will be a little different this month:

11:00 am Valentines Cards (we send gift cards to our church members away at college or deployed in the military – anyone can contribute to this project)

11:30 am Business Meeting

12:00 pm Luncheon

12:30 pm A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Program presented by Randi Lemieux
"Building a Thriving Generation of Children and Youth Worldwide"

After the program, a love offering to support associated mission projects will be accepted.

Thank You
Alice Konishi

COMMUNITY DINNER TABLE

We are still looking for people to act as hosts at the Community Dinner Table every Tuesday from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. The signup sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Linda Perry if you have questions.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR FEBRUARY 2019

Feb. 3 – Jan Simpson and Jim & Gayle Elison

Feb. 10 – Bobbie Drysdale and Lynda Nowacki

Feb. 17 – Lola Brower and Barb & Marv Jones

Feb. 23 – Paul & Venita Fankhauser



BINGHAM'S GOT TALENT

Do you have a talent to show off? There's a place you can do it! The 10th annual talent show --Bingham's Got Talent-- will be here before you know it! It's Saturday, **February 16th** at 7:00 pm at the Blackfoot Performing Arts Center, with Karole Honas acting as emcee. The admission will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. The talent show is for any person or group to show off their talent in the area of singing, dancing, playing an instrument, juggling, doing magic, giving a comedy or drama routine, or anything else. It is for people of all ages and is not limited to Bingham County residents. The deadline to register is **February 8th** at 4 pm. The registration fee is \$25 per act. Prizes totaling \$250 will be awarded. Tell your family and friends about it, so they can enter. Contact Tom Drysdale, event chairman, at 208-785-3183 if you have questions.

If you are interested in being a part of this fun team, contact Shirley Brumfield, team captain, at 208-317-7617. We welcome new people.

This is a fund raising event that our church's Relay for Life team, called Angels Among Us, sponsors. Attending this enjoyable event is a great way to support our team and to support the American Cancer Society. It is amazing the talent we have in Southeast Idaho. What a fun night out!

DONATE YOUR RIDLEY'S POINTS TO THE CHURCH

We have registered JLMUMC with the Ridley's Advantage Program so that you are able to donate your advantage points to the church. A paper explaining all the details is in the Narthex next to the bulletins. We have already received some nice checks from Ridley's from this program. What an easy and simple way to support the church! Thank you everyone for donating your Ridley's points to the church!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Craig & Marge Atwood, Glenna Davis, Edna Garrett Gyder, Debbie Hammett, Kristi Johnson, Mary Jones, the Loo Family, Pat Miller, Angelina Quilimaco, Juanita Rose, Jack Tominaga, Ted Weeks, members of the Armed Forces serving in harm's way, victims of violence, victims of natural disasters.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee met on Jan. 9, 2019, at 6:15 pm. In attendance were: Pastor Patti, Debbie Reid-Oleson, Allen Hennebold, Jan Simpson, Diane Colson, Scott Fields, and Dorothy Hunter.

As I stated in the previous report, December ended with giving more than expenses plus the yearly giving and expenses ended in the black. That is great to see our yearly report in great shape. It wasn't much, but black looks better than red.

In the discussion on conference apportionments we agreed to send a set amount of \$500.00 per month rather than a large amount at one time when we have a large giving month.

The next meeting will be February 6, 2019 at 6:15 pm.

As chairman of the finance committee I thank you for your generous giving.

Blessings,

Dorothy Hunter

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Our church will serve the Community Dinner Table / Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, March 5, from 5:00-6:30. We are asking for monetary donations to buy the food. Any money we don't use for the dinner will be given to Enough For All and the Pastor's Transient Fund. We need volunteers to come in at 3:00 to do the cooking. We also need volunteers for all the other jobs---some to come in at 3:00 to set up, some at 4:30 to serve/ greet/ assist guests/ and bus tables and others at 6:30 to clean up. There's a job for everybody! It's a great time for fun and fellowship. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

INFORMATION SESSION ON GENERAL CONFERENCE

From February 23-27 the General Conference (the decision-making body for the UMC) will meet in St. Louis for a special session. The focus of the session will be the denomination's policies regarding the inclusion of GLBTQ individuals in the church. ***This meeting will decide the future of our denomination, and will impact every church.*** Pastor Patti will be leading an information and Q&A session on **February 4 at 7:00 p.m.**

Please plan on attending!!! If you cannot attend, contact Pastor Patti, and she can give you handouts/links with more information.

CAKE AUCTION and POTATO BAR

Our church's Relay for Life Team is having a cake auction and potato bar on Friday, April 5th. The potato bar will start at 5:30 pm and is \$5 per person. It will include a baked potato with toppings of beef stroganoff and chili, tossed salad, dessert and beverage.

The highlight of the evening will be a cake auction at 6:15, with professional auctioneer Duane Leiseth. Bid against others for all kinds of delicious cakes. If you would like to make and donate a cake for the auction, please contact Chelta Arens at 208-680-1933.

Please come and enjoy dinner with friends, have a fun time at the auction, and support the American Cancer Society at the same time!

DID YOU KNOW?

Individuals can use their required retirement distributions to make tax-free charitable contributions. Individuals who are over 70 ½ can transfer up to \$100,000 per year directly to a qualifying charitable organization without paying income tax on their retirement distributions.

This option is only available to be made out of an IRA, not 401k's or similar retirement accounts. So individuals would need to roll funds from other retirement accounts into a IRA if an individual wanted to take this strategy. However, taking this approach means the donor cannot claim a charitable contribution tax deduction as you are not getting taxed on the distribution, so you don't get to count it as a charitable deduction. However, the decrease in tax would outweigh the deduction.