

# TELL THE STORY

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**Lent 2007**

On **ASH WEDNESDAY**, February 21, you are invited to take part in a special brief service of penitence and healing, in the Eucharistic Circle, beginning at **5:30 PM**. We'll meet in the Memorial Room. Lectio Divina begins at 4:30, with exploration of a Bible lesson that is significant for Ash Wednesday themes.

## MEDITATIVE THOUGHTS

(from *The Yellowstone Connection*)

Find it at:

[www.yacumc.org/newsletter/index.php](http://www.yacumc.org/newsletter/index.php)

**Methodism's founder,  
John Wesley,  
on social action:**

"The Gospel of Christ knows no religion but social, no holiness but social holiness.

"You cannot be holy except as you are engaged in making the world a better place. You do not become holy by keeping yourself pure and clean from the world but by plunging into ministry on behalf of the world's hurting ones."

Warner Brown, Bishop  
Su DeBree, Dist. Supt.

Kent H. Elliott, Pastor  
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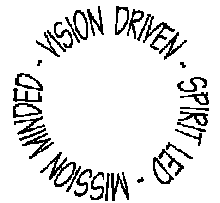
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*Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.*

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## COMPANIONS IN CHRIST: THE WAY OF PRAYER

We are getting ready for a new *Companions in Christ* small group experience! On Sunday, February 25, at 4:00 PM, this ten week program will be introduced to all who have some interest in participating. Group sessions will continue on Sundays from 4 to 6 through Lent and Eastertide, with a couple of breaks. If you've never participated in Companions, come and find out what it is that keeps those who have participated always looking forward to the next Companions group, and finding deeper Spiritual connections in their lives.

From the back cover of the book we'll use this time:  
"The Way of Prayer, part of the Companions in Christ series, will lead your small group on a journey into the heart of prayer. In this ten-week study, you will explore the nature of prayer and a number of prayer forms."

## Walk to Emmaus Weekend Scheduled

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program sponsored by the Upper Room of the United Methodist church, and is intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The Walk experience has been described as a 72 hour short course in Christianity including 15 talks by both laity and clergy, prayer, worship, and fellowship. Participants in the Walk are inspired to a fresh understanding and commitment as disciples of Christ and returned to their local church refreshed in their faith.

The Helena Walk to Emmaus Community will be sponsoring weekends for both Men and Women in 2007 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church (Helena) in March. The Women's Walk is scheduled for March 8th through the 11th and the Men's Walk is scheduled for March 15th through the 18th.

If you need more information on attending a Walk Weekend or an application form please contact Brad Belke at (406) 490-6367 (6 p.m. - 9 p.m.) or at [bldeagle@rfvawe.net](mailto:bldeagle@rfvawe.net).

## Calendar of Events

### Every Week

#### Sunday –

10:20 AM, prayer for our pastor

10:30 AM, Choir Practice

11:00 **Worship** (Communion on first and third Sundays)

Noon, fellowship and refreshments.

4:00-6:00 PM, beginning 2/25, Companions in Christ: The Way of Prayer

**Tuesday – 10:00 AM, Quilters.** All are welcome to gather for fellowship while doing some mission work. After the work we share lunch. Join us to quilt, and/or for lunch.

#### Wednesday –

10:00 AM, **Bible study** at Donivan's (look for us in a back booth)

12 Noon, Lunch Bunch for high school students at First Presbyterian (we serve: 2/21, 3/28)

4:30 PM, Meditative Bible Study and Conversation

5:30 PM, Eucharistic Circle, followed by a common meal

**Friday – Pastor Kent's reading day.** If you need to reach him, leave a message. He will try to get back to you later in the day.

**Saturday – pastor's day off.**

### Periodic & Special Events

**Ash Wednesday**, Feb. 21, 5:30pm, see address page

**Second Sundays** at 2:00 PM, Worship at **Community Nursing Home of Anaconda.** (March 11)

Sunday, April 15, 2007, after worship – **Quarterly Congregation as Council**

## Worship Calendar

### Feb. 25; First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (UMH 810)

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

*Sermon:* Tempting as It Is

### March 4; Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27 (UMH 758)

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

*Sermon:* O, Jerusalem!

### March 11; Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8 (UMH 788)

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

*Sermon:* TBA

### March 18 Fourth Sunday in Lent; One Great Hour of Sharing

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32 (UMH 766)

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11 b -32

*Sermon:* Come to the Party

### March 25; Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126 (UMH 847)

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

*Sermon:* The Point (or a parenthesis)?

### April 1; Palm Sunday (Sixth Sunday in Lent)

Luke 19:28-40

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)

*Sermon:* Kent & Jenny Chittenden, our *Camp on the Boulder* management team, will share reflections & witness from a mission trip to the gulf coast.

## 2007 Expense Budget

### Ministry Team Budgets

Worship and Music	<b>\$200</b>
Hospitality & Evangelism	<b>\$100</b>
Education & Nurture	<b>\$75</b>
Missions Team	
<i>Section Total</i>	<b>\$375</b>

### Physical Plant Expense

Parsonage Utilities	<b>\$3,000</b>
Church Utilities	<b>\$5,850</b>
Insurance (*paid by UMW)	<b>\$2,500</b>
Property Tax/County, State Fees	<b>\$450</b>
Maintenance & Equipment	<b>\$1,000</b>
Snow Removal	
<i>Section Total</i>	<b>\$12,800</b>

### Operating Expense

Office & Administrative, Supplies	<b>\$600</b>
Telephone	<b>\$741</b>
Annual Conference Meeting	
Lay Member	<b>\$400</b>
Pastor	<b>\$400</b>
Pulpit Supply	<b>\$150</b>
Organist Supply	
<i>Section Total</i>	<b>\$2,291</b>

### Pastor Compensation

Salary (3/4 time)	<b>\$21,135</b>
Pension (MPP & CPP)	<b>\$4,800</b>
Health Insurance (pastor)*	<b>\$8,460</b>
Reimbursement Account	<b>\$2,200</b>
Continuing Education	<b>\$300</b>
<i>Section Total</i>	<b>\$36,895</b>

**Conference Support** **\$3,600**

*Total Budget* **\$55,961**

## Some of our Leaders in 2007

### Administrative Council

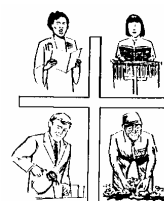
Chairperson	Gordon Steele
Lay Leader	Elmer Leon Chiddix
Lay Member, Annual Conf	Barb Eveland
Pastor	Kent Elliott
Recording Secretary	Marian Geil
UMW President	Florence Ingwerson
Treasurer	James Strang
Financial Secretary	Jean Mills
Chair, PPRC	Sue McKinney
Chair, Trustees	John Eveland
Stewardship Chair	Barbara Eveland
Chr, Worship Team	Barbara Eveland
Memorial Fund Trustee	Jean Mills
Members at Large	all attending

### Pastor-Parish Relations Committee

Class of 2007	Sue McKinney Chair Ray & Cynthia Tribelhorn
Class of 2008	Ruth Gustafson
Class of 2009	Gail Strong Lois Longstreet Mary Alice McKinney
Lay Member, YAC	Barb Eveland
Lay Leader	Elmer Leon Chiddix

### Board of Trustees

Class of 2007	Ed Dulaney John Eveland, Chair
Class of 2008	Gordon Steele Herman Faulkner Ellen Lappin
Class of 2009	Marian Geil John Ketcher



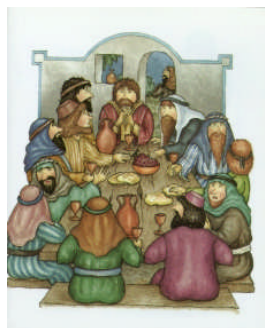
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## FOOD BANK

Some items that are requested by the **Food Bank** for the month of February:

canned vegetables or fruit  
soup, chili, cereal  
or anything else one would want to donate.  
**All donations are appreciated.**

The Food Bank is open Monday and Thursday from 1pm-3pm in the basement of St Peter's Church, 4th and Alder. The entrance is located at the alley on 4th.



## Lectio Divina and Eucharistic Circle

Each Wednesday afternoon we are offering an alternative, mid-week, way of doing church. It is possible to participate in the parts (or all) of the

program that is most meaningful, or possible to schedule, for you. From 4:30 to 5:30 we have a time of prayerful listening in Holy Scripture, using a style called *Lectio Divina* (holy reading), with an open conversation following out from the lesson time.

At 5:30 we stop, or interrupt the conversation for a time while we worship with a brief *Holy Communion* celebration. This is followed at about 5:45 with a simple, shared supper. Join us whenever you can, or feel called to do so.

### FEBRUARY:

- 4 – Alan Keenan
- 9 – Clark Rice
- 10 – Keith Chiddix, Susan McKinney
- 15 – Beth Keenan
- 20 – Barb Eveland
- 21 – Barb Elliott
- 25 – Marjorie Forsman
- 26 – Myrtle Brugman
- 28 – Joe Beasley, Jon Beasley

### MARCH:

- 1 – Floyd Johnston
- 6 – Dan Beasley
- 10 – Alida Chiddix, Ray Tribelhorn
- 12 – Roberta Campbell
- 28 – Deb Strang, Shirley Nichols, Toyne Thayer

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## Betty Steele reports on April Mission Trip



This is an update on our planned mission trip to Gulfport, Mississippi, April 21 to 28.

We received word from Pastor Jon in Cheyenne that enrollment is closed. He has a full docket of 20 volunteers and the church we're staying in will not hold more. Three from this church are going -- me (Betty), Gordy and Pastor Kent. The other 17 are from Grace and Mountain Vista United Methodist Churches in Cheyenne, WY.

We have received a packet of papers from Pastor Jon and sent back medical information with our registration fees. We will fly into the Gulfport-Biloxi airport. The church has transportation for us to the church and to the work site every day. There are shower facilities at the church and a Laundromat is nearby.

Along with sturdy work clothes, masks and eye protection, building tools that will fit in our baggage (They included a list of tools.), they also ask that we each bring a prepaid card from Home Depot or Lowes in the amount of \$100 for supplies that may need to be purchased. If anyone would like to contribute -- a prepaid card in any amount would be appreciated by the group.

We have a packet of work safety issues that will be good reading on the plane.

On April first, a team from Yellowstone Conference will be here to share with you their experience from a November mission trip to Mississippi. They'll have pictures and stories, and will tell of the great need that still exists from Katrina damage. They hope to inspire us to do...

more on missions:

I encourage you all to become involved. Missions are a great working vacation. They will change your lives.

and Kent adds:

Not ready to travel? Step out your door. Look around. You are already in a mission field that needs you.

You can save paper & postage by receiving your "Tell the Story" online. Notify Kent by email at [knbmelliott@msn.com](mailto:knbmelliott@msn.com) that you'd like to receive an e-mail notice when a letter is published. You'll receive a link to our website instead of paper in your mailbox. Take a look at your church site: [www.gbmg-umc.org/anaconda](http://www.gbmg-umc.org/anaconda) Then suggest how we can improve it, or remind us bring it up to date again. The calendar is recently revised,