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## PASTOR'S PEN

### "April Fools"



As a boy I always enjoyed celebrating April Fools' Day. I can remember the shenanigans I would play on my parents and two sisters. Whether it was telling a few fibs, or playing some practical jokes, or just being silly, April 1 provided a time every year to have some fun and games at the expense of family and friends. Although I have grown in size and age and a bit in maturity over the years, I still enjoy playing some jokes and pranks on April Fools' Day.

A passage of scripture caught my mind recently as I was reading from the first chapter of Paul's first letter to the Christians in Corinth. Paul writes, "The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (I Corinthians 1:18). As I mentioned in a sermon last month, the cross was the electric chair of the first century. It was a mode of execution, reserved for the vilest of criminals. It was an instrument of horrific death and despair. It was not intended to be worn as a piece of jewelry around one's neck or to be used as a symbol of hope in homes, schools, businesses, and churches. Christian scholar A.W. Tozer in his book *The Divine Conquest* writes, "The cross of popular evangelicalism is not the cross of the New Testament. It is, rather, a new bright ornament upon the bosom of a self-assured and carnal Christianity ... the old cross slew men; the new cross entertains them."

There are some who scoff at our Christian belief that we are saved through the cross of Calvary. Some would say that we use the cross as a crutch for our own insecurities. It is considered foolish for many people who believe that we can save ourselves, heal ourselves, and make the most of ourselves. Yet, at the heart of Christianity, is a reality that we all will face: we are limited in our abilities to save, heal, and amend. We need a power and strength that is greater than us, and that is exactly what the cross provides.

Jesus, as God's own son, died on the cross to provide forgiveness of sins and life everlasting. As Paul reminds us, "The message of the cross is power for us who are being saved." I give thanks to God for the cross, which enables all who believe in Christ to rise to new and eternal life through Him.

Some look at the cross and see foolishness; we look at the cross and see promise. Some look at the cross and see death; we look at the cross and see hope. Some look at the cross and see despair; we look at the cross and see life.

Don't be fooled by appearances. May we all find our strength, salvation, and power not within ourselves, but in the power of God evidenced on the cross.

Blessings,

Pastor Dave

### COMING ATTRACTIONS:

*Who Moved the Stone?* class with Pastor Dave begins on Sun, April 3 at 9:15  
 Congregation Appreciation Luncheon Sunday, April 17 after worship  
 New Members' Class: Sundays May 1 and 8 at 9:15 AM in the Fireside Room  
 Confirmation/ Youth Sunday: Sunday, May 1 during worship  
 Last day of Sunday school: Sunday, May 22

## MEMORY JOGGERS FOR APRIL 2016

<u>The 3rd</u>	<u>The 10th</u>	<u>The 17th</u>	<u>The 24th</u>	<u>May 1st</u>	<u>SUBSTITUTES</u>
<b>Preaching</b> Dave Thompson	<b>Preaching</b> Marcia Muir	<b>Preaching</b> Dave Thompson	<b>Preaching</b> Dave Thompson	<b>Preaching</b> Confirmation/Youth Sunday	<b>USHERS</b> Pat Clark Kay Doss Chris Eriksen Tom & Ginny Helmer Earl & Sharon Henderson Biff Hogue Diane Noddings Charlie Reed Don Reed John Thompson
<b>Key Elder</b> David Bauer	<b>Key Elder</b> Sharon Lincoln	<b>Key Elder</b> Sandi Schoenberger	<b>Key Elder</b> Jenice Fugere	<b>Key Elder</b> Chris Eriksen	<b>GREETERS</b> Kay Doss Tom & Ruth Drummond Bob & Linda Fedric Tom & Ginny Helmer Earl & Sharon Henderson Biff Hogue Bob & Barb Muir Marge Myhra Betty Ann Nesmith Charlie Reed Bob & Shirley Shirley Lucile Weisbeck
<b>Greeters</b> Carl & Vickie Johnson	<b>Greeters</b> Eleanor Reinecke Phyllis Brown Ron Sperry	<b>Greeters</b> Bob & Norma Theisen Thelma Riggs	<b>Greeters</b> Bob & Barbara Muir Chris Eriksen	<b>Greeters</b> Tom & Ruth Drummond	
Judy Nusbaum	<b>Ushers</b> Ken & Barb Eichenberger	<b>Ushers</b> Marlene Spencer Sharon Brady Marian Shehein	<b>Ushers</b> Diane Noddings Peg Ostlund Kurt & Mary Grabow	Megan Lorentz	
<b>Ushers</b> Bob & Cathy Culbertson	<b>Van Driver</b> Don Harr	<b>Van Driver</b> Don Harr	<b>Liturgist</b> Kay Doss	<b>Ushers</b> Greg & Deb Weins Janet Brown Jo Albin	
Earl & Sharon Henderson	<b>Sound Booth</b> Jeff Gruizenga	<b>Sound Booth</b> Chuck Leggate	<b>Sound Booth</b> Bob Culbertson Chris Eriksen	<b>Liturgist</b> Shari Dayton	
<b>Liturgist</b> Vicki Thompson	<b>Flower Delivery</b> Tom & Ginny Helmer	<b>Flower Delivery</b> Edna Carlson		<b>Van Driver</b> Charles Leggate	
<b>Van Driver</b> Chuck Leggate				<b>Sound Booth</b> David Bauer	
<b>Sound Booth</b> David Bauer				<b>Communion</b> Kathy Baskett Heidi Duncan Sharon Lincoln Sharon Mathews Kathleen Butler	
<b>Communion</b> Paige Spalding Jim Hummel Carla Bracken Sandi Schoenberger Jo Albin					

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Sunday School @ 9:15 AM  
Worship Celebration @ 10:30

**STAFF**

**Pastor:** Dave Thompson  
**Office Manager:** Jeanne Thompson-Raney  
**Accompanist:** Sandi Rabas  
**Choir Director:** Janie Sutton  
**Custodian:** Kent Fellingham

**SESSION MEMBERS**

**Clerk of Session:**  
Marlene Spencer

**Class of 2017**  
David Bauer  
Ken Eichenberger  
Sharon Lincoln  
Sharon Mathews

**Class of 2018**  
Kathy Baskett  
Marv Brown  
Jeff Gruizenga  
Sandi Schoenberger

**Class of 2019**  
Chris Eriksen  
Jenice Fugere  
Chuck Leggate  
Heather McLean

**Session Notes:**

At the March meeting of the session, Pastor Dave reported that four students from the confirmation class will attend the April meeting. They will read their statements of faith and answer questions. The students will then be presented to the congregation on May 1.

Approval was given for the property committee to purchase new round tables for Fellowship Hall.

Each month session notes informing the congregation of the highlights of that month’s meeting are published in the church newsletter. Complete minutes of the meeting are posted on the bulletin board outside of the pastor’s office after they have been approved by the session at its next meeting.

**Financial snapshot**

2016	Income	Expense	Net
March	\$ 30,996	\$ 26,190	\$ 4,806
YTD	\$ 104,025	\$ 120,397	\$ (16,373)

**Per-Capita is being received for 2016. Our church pays \$45 per member to the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly of the PC(USA) for its annual dues. If you would like to pay your share of the per-capita that would be appreciated. You can write a check to the church and indicate on the memo line “Per-Capita.” We appreciate your giving to help off-set this fund. Thank you!**

MARCH	2016
6TH	187
13TH	181
20TH	217
27TH EASTER	392
2016 MARCH AVERAGE	244
2015 MARCH AVERAGE	225

**Library book donations from Dr. Ashcraft**

Dr. Jimmie Ashcraft has donated the three books he has written to our church library. He spoke to our Church & Society class and will be speaking again on Sunday, April 10. The books are: “Reflections of a Country Doctor,” “The Next Prescription,” and “Side Effects: Another Dose of Stories from a Country Doctor.” They are available for you to check out.

**Church Mice:**

The church mice have noticed a group of people who meet monthly to talk about special needs of people in our church family. The Congregational Care Team was assembled last summer to provide another level of care and concern to our church members. Team members include Kathy Baskett (chair), Diane Noddings, Janet Brown, Ruth Kaufman, Judy Nusbaum, Marjorie Stewart, and Chris Eriksen. They meet the 3rd Thursday of each month with Pastor Dave at 12noon in the Fireside Room. This group works along side of the Deacons and Stephen Ministers to ensure that the pastoral care ministry arm of the church well serves those in our congregation.



**FLOWER SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Our flower sign-up sheet is located on the back table in the narthex. We invite you to sign up for a particular Sunday to sponsor the flowers either in honor or memory of someone or a special event such as an anniversary, birthday, etc. Suggested donation is \$25. Special thanks to those who donated flowers during the month of March. They are Jody Mercer Wallace, Marge Stewart, and Marlene Spencer. Following worship each Sunday, the flowers are distributed to church members and friends in the hospital, nursing homes, or among those who are unable to attend church. Thanks to all who donated Easter lilies. A complete list is found as an insert in this newsletter.

**House rebuild is nearing completion**

You might have seen the recent articles in the Billings Gazette of the Melvin and Bonnie Willis family whose house was destroyed in a fire last November. Their home is located at 1124 23rd Street West in Billings. Our church has set aside \$5,000 in matching funds to help this family rebuild. Community members are asking to help with this effort as all funds will be used to rebuild their home. Many donated hours of time by contractors, plumbers, and electricians have been working on this project. If you would like to make a special donation to this project, you can simply write a check to our church and indicate on the memo line, “Fire Fund.” Melvin and Bonnie are hoping are back in their house. Thanks much!

**Volunteer help is needed**

Your help is needed with two upcoming community service projects. They are:  
Habitat for Humanity house build will take place on Saturday, April 23 from 8:30 AM—3:30 PM. We are looking for volunteers who are at least 18 years of age willing to work on building the house. The house is located on Dorothy Lane in the Heights.  
Friendship House— Friday, May 20 from 4-6 PM. We need volunteers to help cook, serve, and clean up for the annual Friendship House block party. Friendship House is a ministry to families living on the Southside of Billings and they provide after school programs, adult education, and ministry.

**Our Church’s Leadership Team**

Elders:

Moderator of Session: Pastor Dave Thompson  
Clerk of Session: Marlene Spencer

Class of 2017

David Bauer  
Ken Eichenberger  
Sharon Lincoln  
Sharon Mathews

Class of 2018

Kathy Baskett (2)  
Marv Brown (2)  
Jeff Gruizenga (2)  
Sandi Schoenberger

Class of 2019

Chris Eriksen (2)  
Jenice Fugere (2)  
Chuck Leggate  
Heather McLean

Deacons:

Class of 2017

Diane Noddings (2)  
Kathy Ramage  
Paige Spalding  
Marjorie Stewart

Class of 2018

Janet Brown (2)  
Pam Gore (2)  
Ruth Kaufman  
Charlie Pinnick

Class of 2019

Peggy Cluff  
Dodie Cox (2)  
Bob Fedric  
Janice Ward

(2) denotes a second consecutive terms that is currently being served.

**Prayer Garden library is open and ready**

Our new outside library, located in our Prayer Garden, is open and ready to be used. This newly refurbished “garden” is located near the downstairs doors, to the right of the main entry door. Sharon Brady recently placed some books inside the library deposit box for people to use. You can take a book and leave a book at your discretion. We invite you to use the prayer garden as a place of prayer, study, and quiet reflection. Several benches are in the garden for your use.

**Stephen Ministry Update**

We are pleased to welcome our newest group of Stephen Ministers. They were commissioned during worship on Sunday, March 20. The group includes Yvonne Bohlman, Barbara Eichenberger, Pam Harr, Nina LaSeur, Joyce Liptac, and Amanda Webber. Each of these individuals will be assigned a care receiver to whom they will provide skills of listening, encouragement, and spiritual help. Stephen Ministry supervision is now scheduled for the last Tuesday of each month at 6 PM. More information about Stephen Ministry is available through JoAnn Jones, Doris Backus, Jack Bell, Shirley Shirley, or Pastor Dave.

**FOOD BANK SUN-DAY**

Our church was one of the first churches in Billings to designate a monthly Food Bank Sunday. We invite you to bring some non-perishable food items with you on the first Sunday of each month as we help local people in need. Our next Food Bank Sunday will be held on April 3. Thanks to all who brought food last month!

**On a Personal Note**

Barbara Rice's funeral was held in our church on Thursday, March 10. She died while living at Liggette Cottage on the campus of St. John's.  
 John Urbaska's funeral was held in our church on Friday, March 18. John died of Sunday, March 6 under hospice care in his home.  
 Juanita Stovall continues to recover from back surgery.  
 Bob Shirley has returned home where he is recovering from recent surgery.  
 Jean Embley has returned home after recently falling and breaking her pelvis.  
 Juli Dufresne was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and is seeking treatment options.  
 Emily Harris, one of our recent high school graduates, is in Fort Sill, Oklahoma where she is training in the National Guard. She would love to get a note of encouragement from you. Her address is PV2 Harris, Emily; C BTRY 1/79 FA; 2nd Platoon Death Dealers; 6007 Rothwell Street; Fort Sill, Oklahoma 73503



**New Members' Class to begin on Sunday, May 1**

A class for new members will be held on Sundays, May 1 and 8 at 9:15 AM in the Fireside Room. This class, titled "So What's a Presbyterian?" would be appropriate for anyone wishing to learn more about our denomination, background, and mission. This class will be taught by Pastor Dave. New members will be welcomed during worship on Sunday, May 15 with a potluck lunch for all from the church to welcome our newest group of members.

**Presbyterian Women**



The Presbyterian Women's Praise Luncheon was celebrated on Wednesday, March 23 with over 120 women in attendance. Women from about 20 different churches gathered for this special luncheon. Special thanks to all the women from our church who hosted this special lunch.  
 A meeting of the Presbyterian Women of Yellowstone Presbytery will be held on Saturday, April 5 in our church. For more information, talk with Marlene Spencer.  
 The PW Board will be meeting on Wednesday, April 13 at 9:30 AM in the Fireside Room.

**Sunday school classes that are currently offered**

Sunday school for all ages continues on Sunday morning for children, youth, and adults. Lots of great classes are provided for all ages! Hope you all with join us!



**Classes for Kids:**

Kindergarten through 5th grade: This class meets at 9:15 AM with Leah Wright  
 Middle School and High School: Youth meet in the downstairs youth coffee room with Russ and Heidi

Sunday school during our worship service is held every week after the children's sermon. A variety of teachers lead this class for children ages kindergarten through the 5th grade.

**Special Class for Adults:**

Pastor Dave and Bob Culbertson will begin a new four week Sunday school class on Sunday, April 3, titled, "Who Moved the Stone?" This class, held in the Fireside Room, will be based on the best-selling book by Frank Morison with the same title. This class will explore the evidence surrounding the resurrection of Jesus Christ and explore the Biblical, archeological, social, and spiritual evidence of the resurrection of Christ. All are invited to join us for this special class that will continue each Sunday through April.

**Church and Society** guests for the month of April will be:

April 3: Our guest will be Bill Mercer, a partner at Holland & Hart Law Firm of Billings. He will present, "Reflections of a Former Prosecutor on Jon Krakauer's Missoula: Rape and the Justice System in a College Town." Mr. Mercer, a former federal prosecutor and Department of Justice official, will discuss the cases discussed in the book, the author's conclusions, the purposes of sentencing and the criminal justice system in general (and whether they are observed in the cases described by the author). He will also discuss the challenges facing colleges to address sexual assault when the alleged assailant is a student.

April 10: Our guest will be Dr. Jimmie Ashcraft, Country Doctor. Back by popular demand, Dr. Ashcraft will discuss hope, faith, and miracles through the eyes of some of his patients in his 40 years practicing medicine. The stories will be drawn from his books, "Reflections of a Country Doctor," "The Next Prescription," and "Side Effects."

April 17: Our guest will be Donna Smith, NAMI-Billings Volunteer. She will be talking about "Destigmatizing Mental Illness." NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization. As a board member and NAMI teacher totaling 18 years, Donna will share her expertise in understanding signs of mental illness, the importance of early diagnosis, and erasing the stigma. One in 4 suffer from mental illness, a condition that impacts a person's thinking, feeling, or mood. Donna will share how her faith has helped her in dealings with those suffering from mental illness

April 24: Our guest will be Sally Bisch, Retired Regional Advisor for Nursing and Women's Health for WHO (World Health Organization). She will present "Cultural and Religious Influences on Health Care in SE Asian Countries." With 7000 people working in 150 country offices, WHO's primary role is to direct and co-ordinate international health within the United Nation's system. Sally will discuss her experiences in organizing nursing programs for women's health and development programs in these Asian countries.

*Special thanks to Shari Dayton for coordinating this class. If you have a suggestion for a speaker please talk with Shari as she is always looking for guest speakers.*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>2016</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 8:45 PW Women Meeting downstairs
<b>3</b> Food Bank Sunday 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship Communion 11:00 West Park worship	<b>4</b> 12noon BLT 6 Billings Child Care Assn Meeting in Fellowship Hall	<b>5</b> 9:30 Staff Meeting 9:30 Women's Bible Study 1 Property Committee	<b>6</b> 9-11 BSF Lead 10 Grief Group 6 Youth Group 7 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 Young Adults Dave in San Diego	<b>7</b> 9-11 Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) 1 Mission Comm 7 College Group 7 CE Meeting Dave in San Diego	<b>8</b> Dave at a conference in San Diego  Church Office Closed	<b>9</b> Dave at a conference in San Diego
<b>10</b> Dave San Diego 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship Marcia Muir Preaching 11:00 West Park	<b>11</b> Dave Back 10 Worship Comm 12noon BLT 12noon Men's Group	<b>12</b> 9:30 Staff Meeting 9:30 Women's Bible Study 7 Session Meeting	<b>13</b> 9-11 BSF Lead 9:30 PW Board 6 Youth Group 7 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 Young Adults	<b>14</b> 9-11 Bible Study Fellowship 12 Congregational Care Team 7 College Group	<b>15</b> Church Office Closed	<b>16</b> 8-12 PEO Group
<b>17</b> 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship Appreciation Luncheon 11:00 WP Worship	<b>18</b> 12noon BLT	<b>19</b> 9:30 Staff Meeting 9:30 Women's Bible Study	<b>20</b> PW Circles Meet 9-11 BSF Lead 6 Youth Group 7Choir Rehears 7:30 Young Adults	<b>21</b> 9-11 Bible Study Fellowship 12 Congregational Care Team 7 College Group	<b>22</b> Church Office Closed <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>23</b> Habitat for Humanity House Build 8:30-3:30 volunteers
<b>24</b> 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship 11 West Park Worship	<b>25</b> 12noon BLT 12noon Men's Group 4 Deacons Meeting in the Fireside Room	<b>26</b> 9:30 Staff Meeting 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6 Stephen Ministry Supervision	<b>27</b> 9-11 BSF Lead 6 Youth Group 7Choir Rehears 7:30 Young Adults	<b>28</b> 9-11 Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)  7 College Group	<b>29</b> Church Office Closed	<b>30</b>

**Youth News:**

Thanks to all the youth who helped serve Easter brunch and organized the Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, March 27.

The youth group will be hosting a free meal for the congregation following worship on Sunday, April 17 as a way for them to express their appreciation to the church. Join us for this special luncheon.

Youth group continues on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 PM for all middle and high school students. Join us for a full dinner, games, music, and learning. We have a great time every Wednesday evening and would love to add more youth to our group. We need a few more volunteers willing to provide meals on Wednesday evenings. If you would like to sign up, please talk with either Jody Ferestad or Pastor Dave.

Triennium Youth Conference is coming July 18-25. If you are ages 15-19, you won't want to miss this excellent experience to Purdue University in Indiana. We will be driving to the conference where we will be meeting up with about 6,000 other youth from around the world for an action packed week of activities. If you have an interest, please talk with Pastor Dave as soon as possible. We would like to get our group registered early for the best chance of having an air conditioned dorm— a real plus when you are staying in Indiana in July. Don't miss this awesome experience!



**Pastor Dave as a BPD Police Chaplain**

Some of you have been asking Pastor Dave about his work as a Police Chaplain for the Billings Police Department. He is among 11 clergy in Billings who serve as volunteers in this capacity. Last month while Dave was on call, he was called out to two situations where a chaplain was needed. One was an overdose/suicide death, whereby the parents found their adult daughter in her apartment. He was asked to provide counsel to the family as they dealt with her unexpected death. The second situation involved an elderly man who was hit by a car and no family members were able to be located. He worked with the department to notify his family and then met them at the hospital where he was a patient. Duties of the chaplains entail being on-call several days a month, making themselves available if a police office requests the assistance of a chaplain. Most often requests come at the time of a tragic accident, suicide, or other death related incident. Dave sees this as another way that we, as a church family, can connect with our local community. When Dave is on call he will be driving the BPD Chaplain's car which is commonly mistaken for a patrol car.

**Men's group**

Our men's group is meeting the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 12noon in the Fireside Room. Join other men for a time of encouragement, fellowship, prayer, and study. This group is studying the New Testament book of 2 Peter which talks about living as people of faith. For more information about this group, please talk with Pastor Dave. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 11 at 12noon. All men are invited.

**Upcoming Committee Meetings in March**  
(All meetings are in the Fireside Room)

Property Committee	Tuesday, April 5 at 12noon
Mission Committee	Thursday, April 7 at 1:00 PM
Christian Education	Thursday, April 7 at 7:00 PM
Worship Committee	Monday, April 11 at 10:00 AM
Session Meeting	Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 PM
PW Board Meeting	Wednesday, April 13 at 9:30 AM
Fellowship Committee	Thursday, April 14 at 11:00 AM
Congregational Care Team	Thursday, April 21 at 12noon
Deacons Meeting	Monday, April 25 at 4:00 PM

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP CONTINUES EVERY MONTH**

A grief support group within our church continues to meet the first Wednesday of each month from 10-11. This group is open to anyone in the church or community who is experiencing grief. Facilitated by Dr. Don Harr, this group provide support, encouragement, and help to those facing grief, loss, or transitions in life. All are invited to join this special group. The next group meets on Wednesday, April 6 at 10:00 AM at the church in the conference room.



**April Birthdays**

- 1 Denise Hash
- 7 Judy Nusbaum
- 8 Kyle Erickson
- Bobbie Koch
- Jean Embley
- 10 Albert Hessler
- Chuck Maris
- 10 Brielle Rossol Goffena
- Joanne Leuthold
- 14 Trina White
- 17 Dodie Cox
- Charleene Hayes
- 18 Sharon Brady

- 18 Marlene Spencer
- 19 David Culbertson
- 21 Sarah Repka
- 24 Sharon Henderson
- 27 Kevin Nagel
- 28 Mary Carey
- 29 Betty Nelson

**Anniversaries**

- 6 John & Carol Limbach
- 9 Kurt & Mary Grabow
- 17 Scott & Greta Murray



**Mission News**

The Mission Committee is asking many questions. An important questions is "if First Presbyterian Church is a community that is taking care God's children, then how can we best help them in Billings, Montana, and throughout the world."

To answer this question, we are carefully looking at each of the organizations and charities that we, as a church, support through mission.

In Matthew 25, Jesus is very clear that we are to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, invite the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit those in prison.

To that end, here are few things we are doing this month. We designated \$500 to buy pots and pans for Gateway House. Betty Nesmith will do the shopping and deliver them.

Sue Bentley took a check for \$3,000 to Tumbleweed so they can continue to serve homeless and at risk youth. At the Presbytery meeting, Dave Thompson, Karla Mahan, and Sue Bentley spoke about Tumbleweed and their offering of \$725 went to Tumbleweed.

The mission committee is reviewing ways in which we as a church can continue to support God's children through the best uses of our time, talent, and resources. We are very thankful for your prayers.

We are pleased to introduce our new mission partner who our church will be supporting. Kristi Van Nostran is a Presbyterian missionary working in El Salvador. She is working as a Companionship Facilitator with the Joining Hands network in El Salvador, an initiative of the Presbyterian Hunger Program. She is working with a group of people to provide sustainable agriculture practices, reduce hunger, and strengthen rural economies. Her profile card is available on the table in the gallery as way to get to know Kristi. Please keep her in your prayers as she carries out God's work. We are hoping that Kristin will be able to come to Billings in the near future as we work to build this new relationship with her.



**United Campus Ministry fundraiser coming June 3**

United Campus Ministry invites you to its fundraising dinner on Friday, June 3, at the Hilands Golf Club. We are featuring Surf and Turf and a live auction. Tickets of \$50 each can be purchased from Bob Culbertson or Shari Dayton. United Campus Ministry is a joint effort of a number of Christian denominations that work to support the campus ministry effort at MSU-B. The Rev. Rob Kerby serves as a chaplain for the ministry program. Celebrate our ministry with us!