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PASTOR'S PEN

"Life's Ups and Downs"



Our son John texted me several weeks ago simply stating, "The garage door is broken." I responded by asking, "What's wrong with it?" He replied, "idk." For those unfamiliar with text talk, that means "I don't know." After work I got home to assess the issue with the garage door. I quickly realized the problem: a broken garage door spring. For those of you who have dealt with a broken spring on a garage door, you will realize that without both springs functioning properly it is almost impossible to lift a 16' x 8' garage door by yourself. How do I know this? Because I tried lifting the door and my back will attest to the fact it is nearly impossible. I called our garage door repairman and he came out the next day and installed a new spring. My back is happy to report that the door is working properly once again!

How often do we go through life trying to lift heavy garage doors with broken springs? How many times have we said, "I can do it myself"? How many times do we pass by the council of God and try to do it our own way? The very basis of the Christian faith is acknowledging our need for someone greater than us to help us and save us. I am grateful for our God who is with us and who gives us courage and strength with life's daily ups and downs. I am appreciative of the One I can call upon who will provide me a different perspective in dealing with family, friends, and strangers.

During the month of March we will be preparing ourselves for the great celebration that will come on Easter Sunday, April 1. In these days leading up to Easter, this season of Lent, we use this time to remember who we are and whose we are. During Holy Week we will journey with Jesus from the Palm Sunday high, to his Maundy Thursday arrest, to the Good Friday crucifixion, and then to the Easter Sunday celebration. I hope you will journey with us through the emotions of this special week, for it is in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ where we find the One who can help, support, and sustain us both for this life and eternal life that is to come.

Our Maundy Thursday worship service will be held on Thursday, March 29 at 7 PM with communion provided. Two services on Easter Sunday (Sunday, April 1) will be provided at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM, with breakfast provided by the youth group at 9:00 AM.

Please realize that we are never alone in our journey and we have One more powerful than us to sustain us along life's path. In it all and through it all, God is faithful and just and will provide his perfect peace to redeem us. The next time life throws an obstacle in your way, like a broken spring on a garage door, call on the Lord and he will provide his help. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

May the Lord bless you and your families!
Pastor Dave

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 11– Turn clocks forward an hour
"Get Your Irish On" Party after worship on Sunday, March 18– bring a side dish
Session retreat on Saturday, March 24 from 9-11:30 AM
Presbyterian Women's Praise Luncheon held here on Wednesday, March 28 at 12noon
Maundy Thursday worship on Thursday, March 29 at 7 PM
Easter Sunday celebration on Sunday, April 1 at 8:30 ad 10:30 AM
Youth Basket Auction coming on Sunday, April 15 after worship

MEMORY JOGGERS FOR MARCH

<u>The 4th</u>	<u>The 11th</u>	<u>The 18th</u>	<u>The 25th</u>	<u>The 29th</u> <u>Maundy</u> <u>Thursday</u>	<u>April 1</u>
Preaching Dave Thompson Greeters Gary & Jean Schneider Ushers Janet Brown Edna Carlson Greg & Deb Wiens Liturgist Don Harr Sound Booth David Bauer	Preaching Dave Thompson Key Elder Heather McLean Greeters Carl & Vicki Johnson Ushers Cindy Leggate Megan Lorentz Bud & Joanne Leuthold Liturgist Martha Davidson Sound Booth Chuck Leggate Flower Delivery Chris Eriksen	Preaching Dave Thompson Greeters Bob & Norma Thiesen Ushers Jerry Koch Bob Fedric Bill White John Reed Liturgist Vicki Thompson Sound Booth Jeff Gruizenga Flower Delivery Jack & Karla Mahan	Preaching Dave Thompson Greeters Shirley & Bob Shirley Ushers Marlene Spencer Sharon Brady Marian Shehein Betty Ann Nesmith Liturgist Dick Bailey Sound Booth Bob Culbertson Flower Delivery Chuck & Cindy Leggate	Preaching Dave Thompson Key Elder Carla Bracken Greeters Marge Myhra Betty Ann Nesmith Ushers Carla Bracken Teena Bracken Sandi Schoenberger Chris Eriksen Liturgist Charlie Reed Sound Booth	Preaching Dave Thompson Greeters Peggy Wilson Ushers Earl & Sharon Henderson Bob & Cathy Culbertson Liturgist Megan Lorentz Sound Booth David Bauer
Communion Russ & Janet Kline Jo Albin Sharon Brady				Communion Chuck & Cindy Leggate Gary & Judy Lohnbakken Linda Luse	

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Worship @ 10:30 AM

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

SESSION MEMBERS

Clerk of Session: Marlene
Spencer

Class of 2019

Chris Eriksen
Jenice Fugere
Chuck Leggate
Heather McLean

Class of 2020

David Bauer
Carla Bracken
Ken Eichenberger
Sharon Lincoln

Class of 2021

Janet Brown
Jim Hummel
Bud Leuthold
Sandi Schoenberger

Session Notes:

At our session meeting on Tuesday, February 13 Bud Leuthold and Jim Hummel were welcomed as new members of the session. Janet Brown is one our new session members, but she was unable to attend the meeting due to being out of town.

The annual church budget for 2018 of \$397,832 was approved.

Chris Eriksen and Carla Bracken were elected as commissioners to represent First Presbyterian at the Presbytery meeting at St. Andrew Church on March 2nd and 3rd. Pastor Dave will also attend.

Saturday, March 24 was set as the date for the annual session retreat which will be held at the church from 9-11:30 AM.

Financial snapshot

2018	Income	Expense	Net
February	\$ 32,710	\$ 33,378	\$ (668)
YTD	\$ 62,242	\$ 79,612	\$(17,370)

Per-capita for 2018 is \$52 per member. We invite each member to pay their own per capita as a way to contribute to the ministry and mission of our church. Per-capita goes to support the work of our presbytery, synod, and General Assembly.

FEBRUARY	2018
4TH	103
11TH	171
18TH	123
25TH	229
2018 FEB- RUARY AVERAGE	157

Sermons available on-line

You can listen to sermons on-line at our website at www.fpcbillings.org? Just click the “Listen to Sermons” tab on the upper right front of our church’s homepage. The past 12 weeks are archived on our church’s website.

Church Mice:

Quiet as a mouse is a phrase many of us have heard and used often. Joanne and Bud Leuthold are two people who come to mind for this phrase. They go about their work quietly and unassumingly. Both Joanne and Bud are active in our church activities. Joanne participates in a church circle and is always busy bringing cookies for fellowship and funerals as well as working. Bud can be seen working on the landscape at church and is a new session member. It is a pleasure to see their smiling faces when they usher. Thanks to both of you for your contributions to the life of our church.



FOOD BANK SUNDAY

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 Sunday, March 4. Thanks to all who brought food last month!

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 \$30. Special thanks to those who donated flowers during the month of February. They are Suzanne Braun in memory of her father, the Rev. Milous Repka; Sharon Lincoln, in memory of Lynette Lincoln; and Jody Mercer Wallace in memory of her parents, Chris and Vic Crumbaker.

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.

“Come Get Your Irish On!”

Be sure to join us for a St. Patrick’s Day party after worship on Sunday, March 18. We’ll provide games, songs, prizes, and the corned beef (cooked to perfection by Barb and Ken Eichenberger). All you need to do is provide a side dish and bring your fun self. This event is being planned by our church’s fellowship committee. Any questions about this event can be directed to Sandi Schoenberger.

Bus service continues on Sunday mornings

Our church offers free bus transportation on Sunday mornings to and from worship with pick ups at St. John’s/Mission Ridge (9:40 AM) and West Park Village (10:00 AM). To get on the bus schedule please contact David Sanderson (591-4250) who serves as our bus driver. We are happy to provide this bus service weekly to anyone in the church or community.

Singles group to meet on Saturday, March 17

Our church’s singles group will be meeting on Saturday, March 17 at 10 AM at a location to be determined. Our singles group meets monthly for various activities. For more information about this group, please contact either Tom Erskine or Phyllis Brown. Watch the Sunday bulletins and weekly E-News for more info.

Israel trip plans continue forward

Our church trip to the Holy Land from June 11-22 is drawing near. The cost will be \$4,109 per person. Trip fees will need to be paid by March 16 to Gate 1 Travel. Sights of interest will include Jerusalem, Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes, the Sea of Galilee, Masada, the Dead Sea, and Jericho. We have one more spot available for a female traveler at this time. Let Pastor Dave know if you are interested. Our next trip meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 20 at 6:00 PM in the Fireside Room.

Our Church’s Leadership Team

Moderator of Session: Pastor Dave Thompson

Clerk of Session: Marlene Spencer

Class of 2019

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

Class of 2020

David Bauer (2)
Carla Bracken
Ken Eichenberger (2)
Sharon Lincoln (2)

Class of 2021

Janet Brown
Jim Hummel
Bud Leuthold
Sandi Schoenberger (2)

Deacons:

Class of 2019

Peggy Cluff
Dodie Cox (2)
Bob Fedric
Janice Ward

Class of 2020

Kathy Ramage (2)
Lorrie Rimpe
Paige Spalding (2)
Marjorie Stewart (2)

Class of 2021

Jo Ausk
Sharon Brady
Charlie Pinnick (2)
Jean Schneider

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

Support groups continue to meet monthly

Two support groups meet at our church on a monthly basis. They are:

1. Our Grief Support Group meets the first Wednesday and the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM and provides help, hope, and healing to those dealing with grief and loss.

2. Our RLI Group deals with “Real Life Issues” and meets the second Wednesday of every month at 10:00 AM This group meets to discuss issues pertaining to end of life, death and dying, and spiritual questions.

Both groups are open to anyone in the church and community and maintain a high level of confidentiality. Both of these groups meet in our new conference room.

For questions about any of these support groups, please talk with Dr. Don Harr or Pastor Dave. Dr. Harr is a retired psychiatrist with a lot of years of experience in helping people cope and grow through their loss. We are especially grateful for Dr. Harr and giving of his time and expertise to these groups and helping people cope with many issues.



On a Personal Note



Shirley Harr’s passed away on February 3. Her funeral was held at our church on February 9. Don and his family have appreciated all of your prayers and well wishes during this time of loss.

A memorial service for Ralph Myhre was held at our church on February 23. Jane wishes to thank the congregation for your continued support during this time.

George Schuman died on February 24 and funeral arrangements are pending at this time. We extend our sympathies to his wife Maxine and daughter Teri Pattee and her family.

Gary Bracken, Carla’s husband, was hospitalized last month at St. V’s with some health concerns. He now is receiving further rehabilitation at St. John’s

Chris Eriksen continues with physical therapy following knee replacement surgery on February 5.

Susan McCarthy continues to seek medical treatment in California for mercury poisoning.

C.J. Johnson has returned home after having recent knee replacement surgery on February 5.

Susan Stewart continues to recovering at home after having knee replacement surgery in January.

Sharon Klovstad continues to recover at home following recent back surgery.

Carol Harr has returned home after being hospitalized recently at the Billings Clinic.

Jan Taylor has returned home after having back surgery last month at St. V’s.

The First Presbyterian Church in Miles City would like to thank our congregation for opening our church on Sunday, January 7 for Garrett Mostowski to preach in our church as part of their interview process with him. They look forward to the next steps of the process of Garrett coming to their church on a permanent basis.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 9-11 BSF 1 Mission Committee Meeting 7 Christian Ed Meeting	2 9-1 Preschool Presbyter meeting at St. Andrew Presbyterian begins at 1 PM	3 Presbytery meeting concludes at 12noon
4 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship 11:00 West Park worship	5 9-1 Preschool 6 Billings Child Care Assn (BCCA)	6 9:30 Women's Bible Study 12 Lunch & Learn 12 Property Committee Meeting 6:30 Holy Yoga	7 9 BSF Leader 9-1 Preschool 9:30 PW Board 10 Grief Support 12noon BLT 6 Youth Group 7 Choir Rehearsal	8 9 Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) 4:30 Special Olympics nin the gym	9 9-1 Preschool 12noon Preschool pizza party in the fellowship hall	10 10 Gluten Intolerant Group (GIG) meets downstairs
11 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship Communion 11:00 West Park Worship	12 9-1 Preschool 12 Men's Group meets in the Fireside Room	13 9:30 Women's Bible Study 12 Lunch & Learn 6:30 Holy Yoga 7 Session Mtg.	14 9 BSF Leaders 9-1 Preschool PW Circles Meet 10 RLI Group 12noon BLT 6 Youth Group 7 Choir Rehearsal	15 9 BSF 12 Congregational Care Team 4:30 Special Olympics in the gym	16 9-1 Preschool	17 10 Singles group meets at a location to be determined
18 9:15 Sun Sch 10:30 Worship 11:00 West Park Worship St. Patrick's Party/ lunch after worship	19 9 Preschool 11:30 Stephen's Min Leaders Mtg	20 9:30 WBS 10 Grief Support 12 Lunch & Learn 6 Stephen Ministry Supervision 6 Israel Trip Mtg	21 9 Preschool 12noon BLT 6 Youth Group 7Choir Rehearsal	22 9 BSF 4:30 Special Olympics in the gym Newsletter Deadline	23 9-1 Preschool	24 Session Retreat at the church from 9-11:30 AM
25 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11 West Park Worship	26 9 Preschool 12 Men's Group 4 Deacons Meeting in the Fireside Room	27 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Holy Yoga	28 9 Preschool 12noon PW Praise Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall 12noon BLT No Youth Group 7 Choir Rehearsal	29 4:30 Special Olympics in the gym 7 PM Maundy Thursday worship with communion	30 No Preschool 7 PM Good Friday community service at St. Stephen's Episcopal	31

Presbyterian Women



The PW organization in our church has five different groups which meet monthly for study, fellowship, and often food. We offer groups that meet in the mornings, afternoons, and evenings. Consider joining one of our groups to grow in your faith in God and one another. For more information about the PW organization in our church, please talk with either Sandi Schoenberger or Marlene Spencer.

The PW board will meet on Wednesday, March 14 at 9:30 AM in the Fireside Room. PW groups will meet on Wednesday, March 21 with two groups meeting in the morning, two groups meeting in the afternoon, and a group that meets in the evening. Talk to Marlene Spencer about meeting times and locations.

The annual Presbyterian Women’s Praise Luncheon will be held at our church on Wednesday, March 28 at 12noon in the fellowship hall. All women are invited to join us for this special lunch with other ladies from area churches.

Sunday school classes continue

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



Classes for Kids:

Middle School and High School: Youth meet in the downstairs youth coffee room with Russ and Heidi.

Sunday school for children grades K-5 is held during our worship service continues for children ages kindergarten through the 5th grade.

Adult Education Classes

Join the CIA! Be a part of a special class titled Christians in Action (CIA) on Sundays at 9:15 AM in the Fireside Room. Taught by Pastor Dave this five week series is taking a closer look at the book of James from the New Testament and learning how we can put our Christian beliefs into action. This class will continue each Sunday morning through March 25.

Church and Society Class Schedule for March

MARCH 4: Dwight Welch, United Campus Ministry pastor at MSUB. He will talk about “Crossing the Religious Divide at MSUB and Beyond.” The Rev. Dwight Welch is the new campus minister for United Campus Ministry at Montana State University Billings and is ordained in the United Church of Christ. He recently moved from Oklahoma where he taught religion and philosophy at Oklahoma City Community College. A Montana native, he is married and has two cats. After two decades he is glad to be back in the Big Sky state!

MARCH 11: Jim Gransbery, Retired Agricultural and Political Reporter for the Billings Gazette. He will talk about “Making Time for Prayer in a Frenzied World.” Jim is a popular and frequent speaker with this class.

MARCH 18: Carolyn Sevier, Montana Audubon Center Director. She will talk about “Children and Nature.” Nature is one of God’s beautiful creations. Through nature, God is able to teach us, speak to us, and provide for us. Spending time in the outdoors is an important part of childhood. It’s good for the kids and good for the community. But as screens and schedules take over more and more of our time, fewer of us have access and opportunity for unstructured time in nature. At the Montana Audubon Center, we create spaces to help kids, and everyone, connect with the natural world.

MARCH 25: Rhonda Stennerson, Licensed Addiction Counselor and member of our congregation. She will address, “How is Billings Dealing with our Drug Problem”? It has become evident that drugs have become a serious problem in our country. Rhonda will discuss one of the ways Billings is addressing this issue through her work at Passages, a women’s correctional facility. Learn about the programs offered, the strategies used for overcoming addictions, and the challenges these women face. Rhonda is raising her grandchildren, who also attend Sunday mornings. Most Bible verses relating to addictions speak of encouragement, including James 4:7: “Submit yourselves then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

Youth News:

48 youth and adults from around our Presbytery came to our church the weekend of February 23-25 for or annual winter ski retreat. We had a great weekend of learning, worship, small group times, playing, eating, and skiing in Red Lodge. Many thanks to those from around our Presbytery who helped with this great weekend. George Goodrich (Executive Presbyter), Pastor Dave, and Heather McLean were the primary organizers of the program. Russ & Janet Kline, Lee & Amanda Webber, and Jody Ferestad handled all of the meals and snacks for the group. Special thanks to our college chaperones (Kristin Kochner, Jake Schoenberger, Hunter Skov, and Sara Thompson) who also assisted with the retreat. This retreat is a way for youth from one of the 25 churches in Yellowstone Presbytery a way to join with others for a fantastic weekend of activities.

Youth group at our church continues on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 PM. Our group continues to grow with a lot of kids bringing friends with them on Wednesday nights. We gather each week for a full meal, games, worship, and learning. Special thanks to all who provided meals for our youth group in the month of February. They included Gary & Jean Schneider, Jim & Biff Hogue and Heidi Duncan. We have several more meal slots to fill to round out our spring semester. See the sign-up sheet located near Pastor Dave’s office.



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 currently studying the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy which addresses the history of Moses and the people of God. For more information about this group, please talk with Pastor Dave. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 12 at 12noon. All men are invited.

Upcoming Committee Meetings in March

(All meetings are in the Fireside Room)

Property Committee	Tuesday, March 6 at 12noon
Mission Committee	Thursday, March 1 at 1:00 PM
Christian Education	Thursday, March 1 at 7:00 PM
Worship Committee	Monday, March 12 at 10:00 AM
Session Meeting	Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00 PM
PW Board Meeting	Wednesday, March 14 at 9:30am
Congregational Care Team	Thursday, March 15 at 12noon
Deacons Meeting	Monday, March 26 at 4:00 PM
Fellowship Committee	Not until Thurs, April 26 at 11 AM

Mission News

Greetings from the Mission Committee. As always we are very thankful for our wonderful congregation. Your generosity is overwhelming. The noisy offering for Global Village totaled \$592.82. The mission committee matched those funds to make a total of \$1,185.64. Souper Bowl Sunday was a great success, as you donated a total of 1,156 food items for the Family Service Food Bank, surpassing our goal of 1,000 food items. Family Service was very pleased with our donations!

We have recently learned about Jim & Biff Hogue’s sister-in-law who is a missionary with the Presbyterian World Mission in Thailand. We look forward to learning more about her work and how we can help.

Gateway House is in need of bedding, especially sheets. We have authorized Betty Ann Nesmith to purchase what is needed up to \$500. Betty Ann will deliver the items to Gateway House.

The mission committee also agreed to donate \$2,500 to the Salvation Army of Billings.

Twelve members of our congregation attended the Family Promise Annual Beach Blizzard Party dinner on Saturday, February 3 at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center. Our church is one of 13 host churches for Family Promise which houses homeless families form the Billings area. Our next rotation is from June 10-16. Look for the sign up bulletin board near the Fireside Room to help with set up, meals, overnight hosting, and cleanup duties. Talk to Chris Eriksen or Marv or Janet Brown, our Family Promise coordinators, if you would like to help with this local mission.



“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” —2 Corinthians 9:7

March Birthdays

1 Owen Norsworthy	17 Ken Chase	27 Kathleen Baskett
2 Jase Norsworthy	Tom Drummond	29 Sharon Mathews
4 Hayden Gall	Barbara Eichenberger	Cindy Leggate
Sonja Bennett	Gordon Cox	C.J. Johnson
5 Linda Haden	18 Bill Ballard	
Len Richards	Maxine Schuman	
8 Leslie Carse	19 Jane Corning	
9 Bob Fedric	Peg Ostlund	
Judy Lohnbakken	20 Aaron TenHarmsel	
10 Meghan Ascheman	21 Ray Noble	
12 Mary Lou Jacobson	22 Will White	
13 Laura Sterup	24 Cory Grabow	
	25 Guy Keenum	



Stephen Ministry Update

We have an active group of Stephen Ministers who are working to help others in our church and community. Each of our church’s Stephen Ministers are assigned a care receiver with whom they provide one-on-one skills of listening, encouragement, and spiritual help. Stephen Ministry supervision is scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM and includes time for continuing education and support. More information about Stephen Ministry is available through one of our church Stephen Ministry leaders who are JoAnn Jones, Doris Backus, Shirley Shirley, or Pastor Dave.

United Campus Ministry welcomes new College Chaplain

United Campus Ministry at MSUB is pleased to announce that the Reverend Dwight Welch is our new campus minister. Rev. Welch grew up in Miles City and is fulfilling his dream of returning to his home state and serving in campus ministry. After graduating from the University of Montana, he obtained master's degrees in religion and philosophy at United Theological Seminary and Southern Illinois University. Ordained in the United Church of Christ, he has served congregations in Sheridan, WY, and Norman, OK, and campus ministries at the University of Kansas and Southern Illinois University. He also has taught philosophy in community colleges, helped start a Christian radio show, and plays in music ensembles. We are so grateful to the Rev. Stacey Siebrasse who served as our interim minister and exemplified her love of campus ministry, the students, and embracing our core values of exploring faith, working for justice, connecting spiritually, and enjoying religious community. She has moved to be closer to her family and we extend to her our blessings. Having just celebrated our Golden Anniversary of 50 years at MSUB we welcome Rev. Welch to carry us into our next 50 years!

I want to express appreciation for the warm welcome I have received as I settle into the position as the new campus minister at UCM. Spring semester is underway with a semester full of activities at United Campus Ministry at MSUB. Tuesdays at the SUB's Yellowstone Room we meet at 3pm for a communion service. Every Wednesday at the SUB’s Bridger Room we gather at 6:30pm for Table Talk where we discuss faith topics. Every Thursday at the Diversity Center of the SUB we meet at 4pm for fellowship and conversation. For Spring Break we have planned 2 day trips. On Monday March 5th we will visit the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman and help with the local Food Bank.. On Wednesday March 7th we will help with Lunch Together soup kitchen in Sheridan WY. If you wish to donate the base cost is \$20 with checks made to United Campus Ministry, 1500 University Drive, 59101. Scholarships and more info can be obtained by contacting Rev. Dwight Welch at [307-763-7990](tel:307-763-7990) or at dwelch@msubillings.edu. I'm also always open for coffee and conversation with students and church members.

Lunch & Learn Series continues on Tuesdays at 12noon

Our annual Lenten Lunch & Learn series continues on Tuesdays from 12-1 PM in the Fireside Room. Pastor Dave is leading a series titled, “Destination Heaven: The Last Best Place.” With nearly 500 references to heaven in the Bible, Dave is help us better learn about God's promise of this special place. Lunch is free and this class is open to all. This series will continue through Tuesday, March 20.