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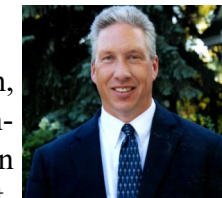


2019



Pastor's Pen

"What Makes You Hungry?"



So, what is it that makes you hungry? Grocery shopping on an empty stomach, walking the midway at Montana Fair, or the smell of French fries as you pass by McDonalds? All of these things do it for me, but what about your spiritual hunger? In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gives this promise, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" (Matthew 5:6).

One of my deep longings and hopes for each of you is that we together develop a deeper hunger for the Lord. This can manifest itself in many ways, namely: a deep desire to study, learn, and grow in your faith; a desire to develop a deep prayer life; a desire to serve God and others through our actions; a desire to worship and know God in a more personal way.

During the season of Lent, the 40 days preceding Easter, I pray that you will have a deeper hunger for God. It is easy to become complacent in our faith and to allow other things to creep into the corners of our spiritual lives. It is easy to let down our guard and to allow the forces of complacency and convenience to take over. It is easy to believe that what we do with the Lord really doesn't have any value and to try to replace Him with other things.

The season of Lent will begin on Wednesday, March 6 with our Ash Wednesday service at 7 PM in the sanctuary. I invite you to join us and to make an intentional effort during this season to draw closer to God. Use this time to join a Sunday school class, Bible study group, or help in ways around the church. Use this time to take an active part in worship on Sundays or to try to find a way to serve those in our community or beyond. I invite you to join us for our annual Lenten Lunch & Learn series on "Barriers to Forgiveness" which will begin on Tuesday, March 12 at 12noon in the Fireside Room and continue through April 9.

When we draw into a deeper relationship with the Lord, we are given a promise in the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus says, "We will be satisfied." Another translation is, "We will be made full." Isn't that a great goal...to be satisfied and filled up? Instead of trying to fill our lives on things that will leave us empty and looking for more, when we fill our lives with Christ, he will provide completion and fulfillment like nothing else.

I look forward to journeying with you during this season of Lent. Through an upcoming sermon series, "Looking Up" and other opportunities, I hope you will draw closer to God and find in Him your strength and salvation. And remember, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be made full" (Matthew 5:6).

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

Coming Attractions:

Stephen Ministry Commissioning during worship on Sunday, March 3
reFUEL group continues on Sunday evenings from 6-7 PM
Ash Wednesday worship service on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00 PM
Yellowstone Presbytery meets at our church March 8 & 9
Lenten Lunch & Learn Series on forgiveness begins on Tuesday, March 12 at 12noon
Annual Youth Basket Auction: Sunday, April 7 following worship

Memory Joggers for March 2019

March 3rd

Greeters
Phyllis Brown
Ron Sperry
Ushers
Gary & Judy Lohnbakken
Kurt & Mary Grabow
Worship Assistant
Meghan Ascherman
Sound Booth
David Bauer
Communion
Niki Youngbear
Rhonda Stenerson
Marv & Janet Brown
Sandi Schoenberger
Dottie Hilger

March 6th Ash Wednesday

Greeters
Bob & Linda Fedric
Ushers
Marv & Janet Brown
Sara Thompson
Erin Thompson
Liturgist
Robert Culbertson
Communion
Bill & Coleen Lorentz
Russ & Janet Kline
Marlene Spencer

The 10th

Greeters
Carl & Vicki Johnson
Ushers
Jim & Biff Hogue
Sandi Schoenberger
Jo Albin
Worship Assistant
Cherrie McRae
Sound Booth
Chuck Leggate
Flower Delivery
Chris Eriksen

The 17th

Greeters
George & Heather Rosenfeld
Ushers
Jerry Koch
Bob White
Bob Fedric
John Reed
Worship Assistant
Dick Bailey
Sound Booth
Jeff Gruizenga
Flower Delivery
Jack & Karla Mahan

The 24th

Greeters
Thelma Riggs
Dottie Hilger
Ushers
Marlene Spencer
Sharon Brady
Betty Ann Nesmith
Linda Luse
Worship Assistant
Marv Brown
Sound Booth
Robert Culbertson
Flower Delivery
Chuck & Cindy Leggate

The 31st

Greeters
Jim & Louise Graff
Ushers
John & Susan Stewart
Ken & Barbara Eichenberger
Worship Assistant
Jenice Fugere
Sound Booth
David Bauer
Flower Delivery
Sharon Lincoln

April 7th

Greeters
Fred Reinhardt
Marge Myhra
Ushers
Robert & Cathy Culbertson
Earl & Sharon Henderson
Worship Assistant
Charlie Reed
Sound Booth
David Bauer

Communion
Beth Morrow
Vicki Thompson
Gary & Judy Lohnbakken
Carla Bracken
Teena Bracken

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www.fpcbillings.org
Sunday School @ 9:15 AM
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 2020

David Bauer
Carla Bracken
Ken Eichenberger
Sharon Lincoln

Class of 2021

Janet Brown
Jim Hummel
Bud Leuthold
Sandi Schoenberger

Class of 2019

Dick Bailey
Kristy Catlin
Heather McLean
Bruce Phillips

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 this Sunday, March 3. Thanks to all who brought food last month!

Session Notes: New elders Dick Bailey, Kristy Catlin, and Bruce Phillips were introduced at the meeting of the session on Tuesday, February 12. Heather McLean was welcomed back to begin her second term.

During the meeting elders voted to approve the 2019 General Fund budget and to allow Pastor Dave to take vacation time from April 28 to May 1.

The Christian Education Committee reported that its members are presently in the process of interviewing an individual who has applied to fill the position of Youth director for our church.

The following committee assignments were announced: Christian Ed: David Bauer & Heather McLean; Fellowship: Sandi Schoenberger; Finance: Jim Hummel & Sharon Lincoln; Foundation Rep.: Bud Leuthold; Mission: Ken Eichenberger, Carla Bracken, & Dick Bailey; Nominating: Sharon Lincoln; Personnel: Janet Brown; Property: Sandi Schoenberger, Bruce Phillips, & Bud Leuthold; Worship: Carla Bracken, and Kristy Catlin.

Financial snapshot

2019	Income	Expense	Net
February	\$ 31,869	\$ 34,576	\$ (2,707)
YTD	\$ 60,475	\$ 78,560	\$(18,085)

FEBRUARY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	2019
3rd	163
10th	159
17th	151
24th	147
February Average Attendance	155

Sermons available on-line

Did you know that 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. Stay connected even when you are away. Sermon for the past twelve weeks are archived on our church’s website.

Church Mice:

It takes a whole congregation to keep a church running smoothly. We are very fortunate to have many members willing to share their talents and time with us.

Many, many thanks to those who have helped Pastor Dave in the job of clearing the side walks at the church. Bill White has been a tremendous help with his 4 wheeler and snow plow. We also appreciate the help of Kent Fellingham and his family, Marv Brown, John Thompson, Chuck Leggate, and Bruce Phillips. Is anyone looking forward to spring?



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 Sunday to sponsor the flowers either in honor or memory of someone or a special event such as an anniversary, birthday, etc. We now provide one bouquet of flowers each Sunday for a suggested donation is \$25.

Special thanks to those who donated flowers in February. They were Don Harr and family in memory of his wife, Shirley Harr; Bud & Joanne Leuthold in memory of family and friends; Suzanne Braun in memory of her dad, The Rev. Melious Repka; and Dottie Hilger in memory of her parents. Following worship each Sunday, the flowers are distributed to church members and friends in the hospital, nursing homes, or those who are unable to attend church.

Special Lent opportunities to be offered

Ash Wednesday worship will be observed on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00 PM. Join us for a special time as the season of Lent begins. Lent is a time for spiritual growth, challenge, and reflection during the six weeks leading up to Easter. Come and join us for this special service where communion and ashes will be given.

Lenten Lunch & Learn Series will begin on Tuesday, March 12 from 12-1 PM in the Fireside Room. Join Pastor Dave for this five week series titled, “Barriers to Forgiveness.” Pastor Dave will challenge us to see how God provides forgiveness to us and how we are to extend this gift to others, even when it is extremely difficult. Lunch will be free and this class is open to all.

Free Lenten devotionals will be available

We have ordered a number of Lenten devotionals which will be available to you for free in the gallery, beginning this Sunday, March 3. Please be sure to pick up, *For God So Loved the World* which includes a daily scripture verse, devotional, and prayer. These are made available through our church’s worship committee.

Stephen Ministry Update



Eleven of our newest Stephen Ministry trainees just completed their training and their commissioning will take place during worship on Sunday, March 3. Each will be assigned a care receiver with whom they provide one-on-one skills of listening, encouragement, and spiritual help. Our new Stephen Ministers are Lynne Bailey, Jane Brewington, Linda Broderson, Juli Dufresne, Dan Ehlang, Karla Hoffman, Michelle Cormier-Lee, Bill & Colleen Lorentz, Sandi Schoenberger, and Rhonda Stennerson. Special thanks to Doris Backus, Shirley Shirley, JoAnn Jones, and Pastor Dave for providing the training for this class.

Stephen Ministry supervision is scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 PM and includes time for continuing education and support. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 26 at 6 PM.

Our Church’s Leadership Team

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

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)

Class of 2022

Dick Bailey
Christy Katlin
Heather McLean (2)
Bruce Phillips

Deacons:

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

Class of 2022

Peggy Cluff (2)
Pam Harr
Len & Bonnie Richards
Janice Ward (2)

(2) denotes a second consecutive term 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 church’s Grief Support Group meets the first Wednesday and the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room 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 in the Conference Room. 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.



On a Personal Note:

Congratulations to Janie and Jonathan Sutton on the birth of their daughter, Vivian Esther. She was born on Friday, February 1 weighing 6 lbs. 3 oz.
 Ken Eichenberger has been hospitalized at St. V's and hopes to return home soon.
 Ruth Drummond was hospitalized last month with heart issues and suffered a slight stroke.
 Carla Bracken has returned home after being hospitalized several times last month.
 We extend our condolences to Ruth Ewen and her family upon the death of her son Roger Gipson. Roger passed away after a long battle with cancer. Ruth sends "a sincere thank-you to my church family for the many thoughts and prayers for Roger and our family over the last three years of his cancer battle. God bless each of you."
 Bob Shirley has recently moved to Langamo Cottage on the campus of St. John's.
 Jeanne Hekkel has returned home after being hospitalized recently with blood clots.
 Gary Lohnbakken has returned home after being hospitalized with heart concerns several times over the past month.
 Bo Bronson, infant grandson of Judy Cuff, is awaiting a liver transplant in Minneapolis when he reaches 22 lbs.
 Peggy Cluff's sister, Sharon Dickerson, died unexpectedly last month while on vacation in Florida. Sharon's funeral was held in our church on Monday, February 25.
 The Presbyterian Woman's Board would like to thank the ladies who helped sort and set up to the book sale. They are Betty Nesmith, Pat Hastings, Heather Rosenfeld, Edna Stauber, Sharon Brady, Sandi Schoenberger, Linda Franson, Marlene Spencer, and Linda Luse. Also a very big thank you to all of you who are buying the books and making the sale a big success.



Presbyterian Women



The PW organization in our church has five different groups which meet monthly for study, fellowship. Groups 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 13 at 9:30 AM in the Fireside Room. PW groups will meet on Wednesday, March 20 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.
 Please note in April that the PW schedule will be altered. The PW Board will meet on the first Wednesday (April 3) at 9:30 AM in the Fireside Room. The circle groups will meet the second Wednesday (April 10) throughout the day and we will host the annual Praise Luncheon on Wednesday, April 17 at 12noon in the Fellowship Hall. For more information about the Praise Luncheon you can talk to Sandi Schoenberger.

Sunday school classes for all ages



Classes for Kids:

Kindergarten through 5th grade: This class meets at 9:15 AM.
 Middle School and High School: Youth meet in the downstairs youth coffee room with Russ and Heidi.
 Sunday school during our worship service continues each week after the children's sermon. Our student interns are leading this class for children ages kindergarten through the 5th grade.

Classes for Adults:

"The Hidden Books": Join Pastor Dave for a new Sunday school series titled, "The Hidden Books of the Bible." This class will begin this Sunday, March 3 at 9:15 AM and will be exploring some of the lesser known books in the New Testament and the lessons they provide. This class will be in the Fireside Room.

Church and Society Class Schedule for March:

Our church and society class is held on Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM in the Church & Society Room. A different guest presents every week. Here is the lineup for March:

March 3: Jeff Ewelt, Executive Director, ZooMontana, "A State of the Zoo." Among the 100 Bible verses about caring for animals is Proverbs 12:10, 'The righteous care for the needs of their animals.' Zoos help provide a sanctuary and safety for some animals injured or imprinted by humans. Jeff will explain why the zoo needs to and social humanitarian responsibilities, and government control will we exist and where their animals are from. He will also discuss what lies ahead for ZooMontana.

March 10: Shelby Jo Long-Hammond, Associate Professor of Communication Studies and Director of Forensics, Rocky Mountain College, "The Refugee Crisis—A World Wide Problem." Several students will join Shelby Jo in discussing various refugee crises, including Venezuela and Syria. The overriding themes of government responsibilities, citizenship, international aid throughout the presentation. How does religion play into the international tensions?

March 17: Melanie Johnson Dyce, Recently Diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, "Multiple Sclerosis or Many Stumbles." Learning to live with the condition and some days I get the better of it and some days it gets the better of me. Melanie will also discuss how her faith has helped her through her diagnosis and aftermath.

March 24: Dee Holley, Founder and Volunteer with NAMI Billings (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Mary Karen Marek, Board VP and Program Director. Throughout the Bible there are verses expressing comfort, help and hope for people with mental illness. Join us to learn about symptoms of the major mental illnesses and a description of NAMI Billings. Dee and Mary Karen will also share their personal stories.

March 31: Georgia Cady, Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking Program Director (Founder), Tumbleweed. Psalm 82:4 is one of several Bible verses addressing human trafficking: 'Rescue the weak and the needy: deliver them from the hand of the wicked'. Homeless youth are extremely vulnerable and easily susceptible to labor and sex trafficking. Tumbleweed has served about 90 youth-victims in the last three years. Georgia will educate us about this problem and make suggestions of how we as a church can help.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 9-1 Preschool Church Office Closed	2 10 Gluten Intolerance Group meets downstairs
3 Food Bank Sun. 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship Communion 11 West Park 6 reFUEL group	4 9-1 Preschool 6 Billings Child Care Meeting in the Fellowship Hall	5 9:30 Women's Bible Study 12 Property Committee Meeting	6 9 BSF Leaders 9-1 Preschool 10 Grief Support 7 Choir Rehearsal 6 Youth Group 7 Ash Wednesday worship	7 9 Bible Study Fellowship 1 Mission Committee Meeting 6 Preaching seminar 7 CE Committee Meeting	8 9-1 Preschool Yellowstone Presbytery meeting at our church begins at 12noon	9 Yellowstone Presbytery meeting at our church concludes at 12noon
10 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship 11:00 West Park Worship 6 reFUEL group	11 No Preschool 10 Worship Committee Meeting 12 Men's Bible Study Group	12 9:30 Women's Bible Study 10 Area pastors 12 Lenten Lunch & Learn in Fireside 12 Finance Mtg 7 Session Meeting	13 9 BSF Leaders 9-1 Preschool 9:30 PW Board 10 RLI Group 12noon BLT 6 Youth Group 7 Choir Rehearsal	14 9-11 Bible Study Fellowship 10 Presbytery committee meets in Fireside 2 PEO Group to use C & S Room	15 9-1 Preschool 12 Preschool Lunch in Fellowship Hall Church Office Closed	16 10 Brunch Bunch to meet at Western Emporium
17 9:15 Sun Sch. 10:30 Worship 11:00 West Park 	18 9-1 Preschool	19 9:30 Women's Bible Study 10 Grief Support Group 12 Lenten Lunch & Learn in Fireside	20 9 BSF Leaders 9-1 Preschool PW Circles 12noon BLT 6 Youth Group 7 Choir Rehearsal	21 9-11 Bible Study Fellowship 12 Congregational Care Team	22 9-1 Preschool Church Office Closed	23
24 9:15 Sun Sch. 10:30 Worship 11 West Park Worship	25 12 Men's Bible Study Group 4 Deacons Meeting in the Fireside Room	26 9:30 Women's Bible Study 12 Lenten Lunch & Learn in Fireside 6 Stephen Ministry Supervision	27 9- BSF Leaders 9-1 Preschool 12noon BLT 6 Youth Group 7 College group 7 Choir Rehearsal	28 9-11 Bible Study Fellowship 2 PEO Group to use C & S Room	29 9-1 Preschool Church Office Closed	30
31 9:15 Sun Sch. 10:30 Worship 11 West Park						

Youth News:

Our middle and high school youth group meets every Wednesday for dinner, games, worship, and Bible learning. We always welcome friends and others to join us each week to a safe place where we nurture kids to grow in their faith toward God.

We appreciate those who provided our meals during the month of February. They were Rhonda Stennerson, Michelle Lee, Gary & Jean Schneider, Heidi Duncan, and Jeff & Kerry Gruizenga.

The youth participate in a monthly service project and in February they sent care packages out to our college students filled with special treats, school supplies, and goodies.

Our annual ski retreat was held from February 22-24. A nice group from our church joined up with nearly 40 participants from around Yellowstone Presbytery as we stayed at the First Presbyterian Church in Butte. We had a great time drawing closer to God, sharing meals, and skiing at Discovery Basin. Special thanks to the chaperones who helped lead the retreat: Kristin Kochner, Sara Thompson, Jim Irwin, and Pastor Dave.

We rely upon a great group of volunteers to keep the youth activities going and we continue to search for a full time person to work in this area. It's been great having Heather McLean back as a volunteer with our youth program following a stroke last fall.



PRESCHOOL



Better Together Preschool registration is underway

Preschool registration for new families for the 2019-2020 school year will begin March 1, 2019. For more information and registration materials, please contact either Karen Norsworthy at 690-8481 or Karen Morrow at 281-0280. The preschool offers classes Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 9 AM—1 PM.

Brunch Bunch group to meet on Saturday, March 16

Our church's Brunch Bunch will be meeting on Saturday, March 16 at 10:00 AM at the Western Emporium Restaurant, located at 3141 King Avenue West. All are invited to join this group which meets monthly for food and fellowship. Questions about this group can be directed toward Tom Erskine or Phyllis Brown.

Men's group

Our men's group meets 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 Sermon on the Mount which Jesus gives in Matthew 5-7. For more information about this group, please talk with Pastor Dave. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 11 at 12noon. All men are invited to join us.

Upcoming Committee Meetings in November

(All meetings are in the Fireside Room)

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

Come and reFUEL on Sunday evenings



Do you have a desire to get to know people in the church in a more personal way? Do you wish to study the Bible and see how God's word applies to your life? Join us for reFUEL (Fellowship, Understanding, and Encouragement in the Lord) on Sunday evenings from 6-7 PM in the Fireside Room for an eight week study on 1 John. Co-led by Bruce Hoffman and Pastor Dave, this series will include time of sharing, study, and prayer. This series will continue through Sunday, March 10.

We are hoping to continue this group and perhaps add a few more groups to the mix. If you have a desire to lead a group like this in either your home or at the church, we will provide the curriculum for discussions. Many have found this group helpful to deepen relationships with God and others in the church. For more questions, please talk with Pastor Dave.

March Birthdays

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| 1 Owen Norsworthy | 17 Barbara Eichenberger | 29 Cindy Leggate |
| 2 Jase Norsworthy | Gordon Cox | C.J. Morgan |
| 4 Hayden Gall | 18 Bill Ballard | |
| Sonya Bennett | 19 Joanne Corning | |
| 5 Linda Haden | Peg Ostlund | |
| Len Richards | 20 Aaron TenHarmsel | |
| 9 Bob Fedric | Lynda Adkins | |
| Judy Lohnbakken | 21 Ray Noble | |
| 10 Meghan Ascherman | 22 Will White | |
| 12 Mary Lou Jacobson | 24 Cory Grabow | |
| 13 Laura Sterup | 25 Guy Keenum | |
| 14 John Dyce | 26 Josh Culbertson | |
| 17 Ken Chase | Julie Janiak | |
| Tom Drummond | 27 Kathy Baskett | |
| | 29 Sharon Mathews | |

March Anniversaries

- 21 Bill & Colleen Lorentz



Mission News

The Mission Committee has some exciting news. We are expanding the "Pay It Forward" program that we do every fall when we hand out \$10 to everyone in the congregation. We are starting a grant program through our local mission committee. We have set aside \$5,000 for the purpose of helping you help others. If you have an idea and need the funds to make it work, you will simply be asked to fill out a short form and return it to Pastor Dave or Carol Harr. They will bring your proposal to the Mission Committee for consideration. You can ask for any amount of funds up to \$1,000 and we invite you to be creative in thinking about ways to use these funds to make the greatest impact to help others. They can be used to start a tutoring program, feed the hungry, help the homeless, provide clothing to the needy, or something else to help others.

With the recent cold weather, the question often comes up, "Are the needs of Billing's homeless population being met?" Through the HUB, the Billings community has done a wonderful job of keeping these folks warm. The HUB is a drop-in center serving both the homeless and the at-risk of becoming homeless adults in Billings. Our friends at the HUB have asked for hygiene products as well as gloves, socks, and hats. They need small bottles of shampoo, lotions, and similar products such as soap. They need regular sized deodorant, razors, and feminine hygiene products. They were thrilled with the products that we took them recently. Donations can be returned to the church office during the month of March.

We also are sending a check to the HUB for \$500 to fill their hygiene needs. The HUB serves about 100 people a day. About 1/3 or them are women and 2/3 men. Their ages are from 18 to about 80. It has been said that one of the challenges of advocating for the older folks who may have mental illnesses and developmental delays, is that they aren't as endearing as teens or babies, but are just as much in need.

Please bring what you can. There is a box in the cupboard in the fellowship hall for such things. The Mission Committee will keep up to date on which local organizations are in need and take them to those places.

Bill Lorentz talked the mission committee in February about the West Park Worship Ministry. They are in need of worship leaders. If you enjoy talking about the Lord and/or are comfortable in leading music, please seriously consider helping in the important ministry. This group meets at 11:00 each Sunday morning at West Park Village and provides a service for about 45 minutes. You are welcome to lead worship with a friend. The responsibilities would be to prepare a bulletin, preach or talk for about 15 minutes, lead music, and have a prayer. It can be very similar to our Sunday morning worship service. You are welcome to use the lectionary, but you don't have to. If you are interested, please talk to Bill or Pastor Dave.

A group from the church served the noon meal to the work crew on the Habitat for Humanity home in the Heights on Saturday, February 16. If anyone would like to help provide a meal to this important ministry, please talk with Pastor Dave and he can get you connected with the volunteer coordinator with Habitat.

"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act." —Proverbs 3:27

