

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Polson, Montana**  
**PUMC Weekly Newsletter April 26, 2024**

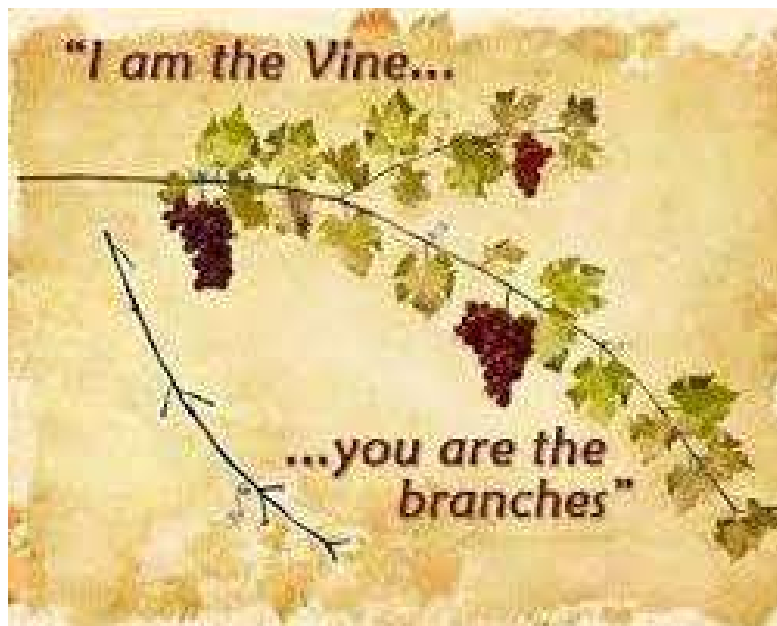
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**Mission Statement of**  
**First United Methodist Church of Polson, Montana**

We are people of faith who love God and love people,  
living into the transformative love of Jesus the Christ.

- Creating an open and loving faith community.
  - Transforming lives through acts of love, justice, mercy and compassion.
  - Worshiping God through authentic, holistic, passionate, and relational experiences
  - Sharing our faith, hope and dreams through words and actions.
  - Serving the needs of the community through mission and ministry.
  - Living relationally through mutual giving, receiving on a local, regional, national and global level.
  - Creating an environment that meets people where they are
  - Creating safe space to explore, ask questions, learn, and grow.
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**Sunday Morning Worship Service**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 28, 2024 ~ 11:30 a.m.**  
**Rev. Jon Umbdenstock**



**Order of Worship**

**Gathering the People**

**Welcome and Celebrations ~ Pastor Jon**

**\*Hymn of Celebration ~ ["Gather Us In"](#) ~ TFWS #2236**

**\*Call to Worship ~ Peggy Milner, Liturgist**

**Leader: Come to the vineyard of God.**

**People: We seek Christ, the vine of great love.**

**Leader:** *Drink from the waters of life.*

**People: We live in the light of God's grace.**

**Leader:** *Come to the vineyard of God.*

**People: All are welcome here.**

## **Offering Our Gifts**

### **Offertory Anthem**

#### ***Doxology***

### **\*Offering Prayer Response**

Wellspring of life, help us to use these offerings to make peace in our community.

Set us free from fear, hoarding, and hostility, and renew in us  
the desire to become open-handed and open-hearted.

Teach us to know what is enough so that all may not just survive, but thrive. Amen.

## **Time of Prayer**

### **Prayers of the People**

**Prayer** ~ *Pastor Jon*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Unison Prayer Response** ~ **"Surely the Presence of the Lord"**  
~ **UMH #328**

## **Proclaiming the Word**

**Easter Acts Reading:** **Acts 8:26-40 (NRSV)** ~ *Peggy Milner, Liturgist*

**New Testament Reading:** **1 John 4:7-21 (NRSV)** ~ *Peggy Milner, Liturgist*

**\*Hymn of Preparation** ~ **"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"**  
~ **UMH #121**

**\*Gospel Reading:** **John 15:1-8 (NRSV)** ~ *Peggy Milner, Liturgist*

**Message** ~ *Pastor Jon*

**\*Hymn of Commitment** ~ **"Abide with Me"** ~ **UMH #700**

## **Sending Forth**

**\*Benediction** ~ *Pastor Jon*

**\*Response** ~ **"Make Me a Servant"** ~ **TFWS #2176**

## **Announcements**

## **HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

### **Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> ~ *Fifth Sunday of Easter***

10:30AM Adult Sunday School/Book Study "*In the Dust of the Rabbi*" at Polson UMC

11:30AM Sunday Worship Service

## **HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP!**

### **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> ~ *Sixth Sunday of Easter***

10:30AM Adult Sunday School/Book Study "*In the Dust of the Rabbi*" at Polson UMC

11:30AM Sunday Worship Service at Polson UMC

**"First Sunday" Potluck follows worship. Please bring a dish to share.**

Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> ~ *UMW* meets at 12:30PM in the Coffee Parlor

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> ~ *Mother's Day*

Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> ~ 11AM-Noon Sermon Discussion at *Dobson Creek/Stella's*

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Spring Clean-up at *PUMC*

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> ~ "*Fermented in Faith*" at *Ronan Cooperative Brewery*

Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Board of Directors meeting at 4PM

Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> ~ [PUMC Vendor/Craft Fair & Garage Sale](#) 9AM - 2PM

### **Contact Information**

Please update your address, phone numbers, and email with the church office.

You may email the information to: [pumc@polsonumc.org](mailto:pumc@polsonumc.org).

If you need to contact Pastor Jon, his email is: [jon.umbdenstock@gmail.com](mailto:jon.umbdenstock@gmail.com).

His telephone number is: 512.635.7439

## **Pastor Jon's Availability**

**Weeks of 04.29.24-05.04.24 & 05.05.24-05.10.24**

\*(per Pastor Jon) Any day not off I am available to meet and chat. Call, text, or email and we can set something up. Otherwise, I'm doing research, preparing for sermons, current and future lessons, etc. The specific times listed are when I'll be in a set place. I could be longer in those places, but those are the committed times. I am generally more productive when I move settings frequently.

\*\*Pastor Jon will be away for a Continuing Ed conference followed by clergy leave Monday, April 29 - Friday, May 10.

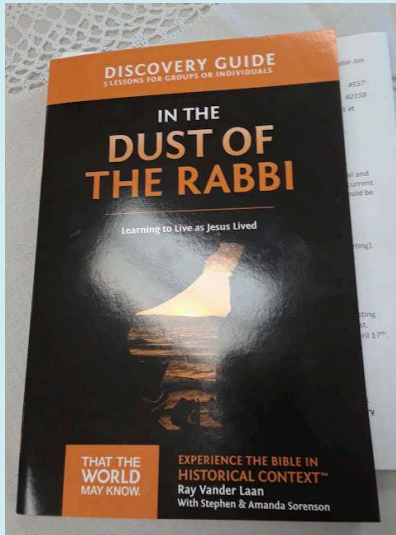
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## **Small Groups / Bible Study**

**Messages from Pastor Jon:**

Adult Sunday School/Bible/Book Study on "*In the Dust of the Rabbi*" starts at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. Contact Kris Murphy for more information.



**Coming up:** On the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 11am - 12, I'll be hosting a group for going over the sermons, questions, and/or basically anything of interest. This will be at Dobson Creek/Stella's and open to both MVUMC and PUMC. Next group May 15<sup>th</sup>!

**Soon:** Once Polson completes the study Kris Murphy is leading (likely middle of May), I'll start the "What is the Bible?" book study that will meet likely 1-2x's per month.

**[Vendor/Craft Fair & Garage Sale ~ June 8 2024](#)**

**CONNECTING Our COMMUNITY**

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
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301 16TH AVE. E. - POLSON

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8**

*3rd Annual*  
**VENDOR/  
CRAFT FAIR &  
GARAGE SALE**  
*9am - 2pm*

HOT DOG LUNCH \$2  
AVAILABLE 11:30-1:30PM

**VENDOR BOOTHS AVAILABLE \$15**

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## **Helping Hands of the Mission Valley**

Please [click this link](#) for the April 22<sup>nd</sup> newsletter from *Helping Hands*

Please [click this link](#) for the April 15<sup>th</sup> newsletter from *Helping Hands*

Please [click this link](#) for the April 8<sup>th</sup> newsletter from *Helping Hands*

## **Please Pray For:**

Prayers for: All those who are ill. The hungry, homeless, and the lost.

Prayers of healing for all who are suffering with COVID-19,  
and all those who are affected by the virus.

Prayer Requests ~ Those who have prayer requests should email them to:  
[jon.umbdenstock@gmail.com](mailto:jon.umbdenstock@gmail.com), [pastor@polsonumc.org](mailto:pastor@polsonumc.org) or [info@polsonumc.org](mailto:info@polsonumc.org).

## **Personal Care Bag Project**

**PUMC is collecting items for the Personal Care Bag Project.** Please remember to bring to the church your donations of personal hygiene items. They may be left in the brown box near the front door by the office.

**The Transitional Living Center is requesting the following items:**

1. Full and twin sheet sets
2. Bath towels, hand towels

3. Used 2 panel curtain sets 48" to 60" long
4. Twin and full size blankets
5. Throw rugs

## **Giving**

PUMC now provides several secure online giving points:

1. On our [FUMC website](#)
2. Text "Give" to: 406.295.6900.
3. Mail your check to the church at: 301 16th Avenue East, Polson, Montana 59860

## **Lectionary Scripture for April/May 2024**

### **April 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*Psalm 22:25-31; Acts 8:26-40*

*1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8*

### **May 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 981;*

*John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17*

## **Leadership Team**

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Rev. Lynn W. Miller Jackson ~ MT West District Superintendent

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