

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Polson, Montana
PUMC Weekly Newsletter May 3, 2024

**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
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024 ~ 11:30 a.m.
Peggy Milner, Lay Leader



Order of Worship

Gathering the People

Welcome and Celebrations ~ *Peggy Milner, Lay Leader*

***Hymn of Celebration** ~ **"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**
~ **UMH #400**

***Call to Worship** ~ *Janice Donovan, Liturgist*

Leader: *It is not difficult to be God's beloved child.*

People: **If we love God, obeying God's commandments will flow naturally.**

Leader: *The ways which God ordains are ways of peace and hope.*

People: The love of God shall overcome the world.

Leader: *Rejoice, O people of God, for God and God's ways are near!*

People: Praise God, the name of love, peace, and joy.

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 ~ *Peggy Milner*

The Lord's Prayer

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

Proclaiming the Word

Easter Acts Reading: **Acts 10:44-48 (NRSV)** ~ *Janice Donovan, Liturgist*

New Testament Reading: **1 John 5:1-6 (NRSV)** ~ *Janice Donovan, Liturgist*

***Hymn of Preparation** ~ **"In Christ There Is No East or West"**
~ **UMH #548**

***Gospel Reading:** **John 15:9-17 (NRSV)** ~ *Janice Donovan, Liturgist*

Message ~ *Peggy Milner*

***Hymn of Commitment** ~ **"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"** ~ **UMH #557**

Sending Forth

***Benediction** ~ *Peggy Milner*

***Response** ~ **"Bind Us Together"** ~ **TFWS #2226**

Announcements

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Sunday, May 5th ~ 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 9th ~ UMW meets at 12:30PM in the Coffee Parlor

HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP!

Sunday, May 12th ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day

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

11:30AM Sunday Worship Service

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

Saturday, May 18th ~ Spring Clean-up at PUMC

Sunday, May 19th ~ "Fermented in Faith" at Ronan Cooperative Brewery

SAVE THE DATES!

Wednesday, June 5th ~ Board of Directors meeting at 4PM

Saturday, June 8th ~ [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.

If you need to contact Pastor Jon, his email is: jon.umbdenstock@gmail.com.

His telephone number is: 512.635.7439

Pastor Jon's Availability

Week of 5.05.24-05.11.24

*(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. He will be available by phone or email remotely on Saturday, May 11.

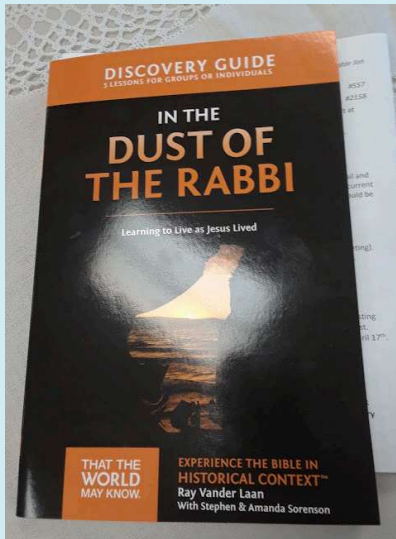
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Small Groups / Bible Study

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 15th!

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



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Helping Hands of the Mission Valley.

Please [click this link](#) for the April 29th newsletter from *Helping Hands*

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

Please [click this link](#) for the April 15th 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, pastor@polsonumc.org or 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 May 2024

May 5th ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 981;

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

May 9th ~ Ascension of the Lord

**Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47 or Psalm 93*

Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

May 12th ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day

Psalm 1; Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

1 John 5:9-13 ; John 17:6-19

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