

THE MESSENGER
MARCH AND APRIL 2022

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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PASTOR RON SAMPLE

Our mission statement: Passion for Christ, Compassion for all.



Pastor's Note

Greetings,

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, March 2nd, and we will have worship at 7:00 pm on that day. The significance of the name "Ash Wednesday" is found in the medieval custom of penitents coming to the church on this day in sackcloth and with naked feet. After finishing their prayers, they threw ashes made from palms blessed the previous Palm Sunday, over their heads. With this piece of history in mind we begin the six weeks of Lent in recognition of the forty days of our Lord's temptation. Lent is a time of special spiritual opportunity to think about the passion of Christ as an incentive for self-examination, repentance, and growth in faith and grace. Together, I pray we will have a blessed season of Lent, all the while anticipating the resurrection of our Lord.

Pastor Ron

The Historical nature of my brief note comes from "The Lutheran Litery" by Luther D. Reed

*Follow 10am Worship Services at
KASL 1240 AM*

*OR watch a replay of the service on our
website fumcnewcastle.com*

Also on YouTube

Office hours:

M-Th.

8 am—12 pm

We have lifted the face mask mandate.

e-mail: fumc@fumcnewcastle.com

Web: www.fumcnewcastle.com

Facebook: [@FUMCNewcastleWY](https://www.facebook.com/FUMCNewcastleWY)

WELCOME

FUMC has two very important openings and opportunities to serve your church!

Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committee Job Description

GOAL:

Work with the lead pastor and other staff to fulfill responsibilities of each paid position.

SKILLS NEEDED:

Wisdom, administration, and leadership; experience in personnel management and communications; ability to listen well to both staff and members of the congregation, while maintaining confidentiality.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHAIRPERSON:

Maintain direct communication with the district superintendent regarding the appointed leadership of the congregation.

Prepare meeting agendas, lead meetings, and follow up on actions by assigning responsibility for implementation.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE:

Encourage, strengthen, support, and respects the pastor(s), staff and their families; including healthy life-work balance.

Communicate openly with the pastor(s), staff, and congregation.

Recommend needed staff positions; develop written job descriptions.

Recommend compensation, travel, housing, and other financial matters to the church council through the finance committee.

Maintain a written statement of procedures for hiring, evaluating, retiring, and dismissing staff members not subject to episcopal appointment.

Conduct proper screening (including background checks) for lay employees and volunteer staff.

Conduct an annual evaluation of the pastor(s) and other staff.

Develop a church profile that reflects the needs and characteristics of the congregation, which is consistent with the church's statement of purpose; review annually.

Lay Leader Job Description

GOAL:

Work with the pastor to fulfill the mission and vision of the congregation.

Qualifications:

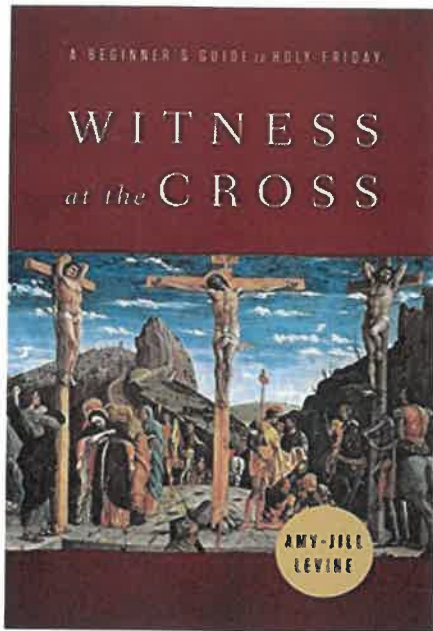
Be a growing Christian disciple who understands that everyone has spiritual gifts.
Have compassion, discernment, faith, leadership, and servanthood.
Be a living example of one who "loves God and neighbor."
Listen well and communicate with people of all ages, both clergy and laity, and with various teams and task groups.
Keep a broad view of the separate parts of the congregation and work with the pastor to help align ministry toward the mission of the church.

Responsibilities of the Position:

Represent the congregation in working with the pastor for the mission and vision of the church.
Engage in spiritual practices that build a relationship to God's will and direction.
Serve as a role model of Christian discipleship for the congregation.
Work with the pastor and other leaders to strengthen ministries that build discipleship.
Assist in advising the church council about opportunities available for effective lay ministry of the church in the community.
Celebrate the ministry of laypeople on Laity Sunday.
Meet regularly with the pastor to discuss activities and opportunities for ministry.
Develop a growing understanding of the church's varied types of ministry.
Inform the laity of training opportunities provided by the conference.

Other Considerations:

Lay leaders are encouraged to become certified lay servants.
Lay leaders serve as a member of the charge conference, the church council, the pastor-staff-parish relations committee, the finance committee, and the nominations/leadership development committee.
Lay leaders are voting members of all the aforementioned committees. The lay leader represents the laity and serves as an interpreter of the actions and programs of the annual conference; therefore, it is recommended that the lay leader be a lay member of annual conference.



Adult Sunday School

Witness at the Cross by Amy Jill Levine

Place yourself as a witness of the cross and determine what your own testimony will be!

Experience Holy Friday from the perspective of those who watched Jesus die: Mary his mother; the Beloved Disciple from the Gospel of John; Mary Magdalene and the other women from Galilee; the two men, usually identified as thieves, crucified with Jesus; the centurion and the soldiers; Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Jews and Romans, friends and strangers, the powerful and the powerless, the hopeful and the despairing.

Date: Sundays | March 6-March 10

Time: 8:45am

Place: FUMC Parlor

Mountain Sky Annual Conference 2022

This year, Annual Conference Sessions will happen in two parts. The first part will be an in-person (or online) gathering in Helena, Montana, June 16-18. There will also be an online-only part two of annual conference on October 21-22. Registration will be open in early March.

Details will be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex and on the church web site - www.fumcnewcastle.

THANK YOU

The finance committee wishes to express it's heartfelt thanks to Carol Nicholls for her review and completion of the annual church audit. She performs this work in a conscientious manner with the best interests of FUMC at heart. Thank you Carol!



COMMUNITY

GiGi's Closet wishes to thank all our volunteers for their hard work reorganizing and for serving the community. The Closet continues to be open the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. 9:00am-1:00pm. We thank all for your clothing donations. We will accept donations preferably on those Wednesdays we are open.

COMMUNITY / UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 2: UMW meeting, 9:30 am**
- Ash Wednesday service, 7 pm**
- 4: World Day of Prayer**
- 6: 1st Sunday in Lent**
- 7: Trustees meeting, 6 pm**
- 9: GiGi's Closet open, 9 am—1 pm**
- 13: Daylight Savings Time begin**
- 21: Ad Council meeting, 6 pm**
- 23: GiGi's Closet open, 9 am—1 pm**
- 27: UMCOR Sunday, special offering**

APRIL

- 4: Trustees meeting, 6 pm**
- 6: UMW meeting, 9:30 AM**
- 10: Palm Sunday**
- 13: GiGi's Closet open, 9 am—1 pm**
- 15: Good Friday**
 - Stations of The Cross**
- 17: Easter Sunday**
- 18: Ad Council, 6 pm**
- 27: GiGi's Closet open, 9 am—1 pm**
- 29: Spring Benefit Luncheon,
11 am—1 pm**

*TOPS meets every Tuesday at 4 pm

Winter fun in the Black Hills

Spearfish

- Snowmobiling
- Snowshoeing

Lead & Deadwood

- Downhill Skiing & Snowboarding

Cheyenne Crossing

- Cross-Country Skiing

Near Custer

- Black Elk Peak Hike



Suggestions, ideas, events for the FUMC Web Site and Facebook,
contact Elaine Wilcomb.

COMMUNITY / UPCOMING EVENTS



MARCH 2:
NORMA SHELTON
CATHY ALDRICH

MARCH 3:
KELLY WOOD

MARCH 6
GABE HOOVER

MARCH 7:
JOANN FASSBENDER

MARCH 11:
LISA DARLINGTON

MARCH 15
LOUISE PARSONS

MARCH 17:
MARY RAGLAND
FRANCES VAN BUREN

MARCH 18
GLEN RIGGS

MARCH 21:
LYNDA RUSSELL

MARCH 23:
*HARVEY & KATHY DUMMER

MARCH 24:
JEANE SACK
STEVE NICHOLLS

APRIL 1:
DANA TYSDAL

APRIL 3:
MINNIE QUICK
ISABEL PARSONS

APRIL 4
TODD HOOVER

APRIL 5:
DAN DECKER

APRIL 9:
PAM BERTSCH

APRIL 12:
ANITA OTTEMA

APRIL 13:
CAROL NICHOLLS
ERIN DARLINGTON

APRIL 16:
DEB SMITH
BILLIE JO MCFARLIN
*JAKE & SANDI SHOOK

APRIL 18:
LAINEY HYATT

APRIL 22:
JANICE DUMMER

APRIL 23
BROOKLYN MCFARLIN

APRIL 24
STEVE ENGLE

APRIL 25:
*WILBER & NORMA LEASE

*denotes anniversary

Office Hours

Jess is in the office to help you:

Monday-Thursday

8:00 am-noon

jess@fumcnewcastle.com

All Manor &
Mondell
Residents

God 
Answers
Prayers



"40 for Lent" Campaign

Wondering what to give up for Lent?

For each day of Lent, "give up" a non-perishable item to benefit the B.R.E.A.D. office.

One item each day for forty days = 40 items!

All individuals, groups/organizations, and churches are encouraged to participate in this campaign.



Non-perishable items: canned goods, pasta, crackers, soup, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, breakfast bars, cake/cookie mixes, dish soap, laundry soap, etc.
Personal items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, combs, hair brushes, shampoo, tissues, toilet paper, women's personal hygiene products, etc.



Put donated items in the collection box at the church narthex or take to the B.R.E.A.D. office located at 627 Pine Street.

B.R.E.A.D. hours: 9:30 am—1:00 pm, Monday-Thursday.

Mail financial donations to PO Box 384, Newcastle, WY 82701

Contact B.R.E.A.D. at 746-3542 to donate food and/or volunteer.



You are invited to a

SPRING BENEFIT LUNCHEON



for the



WESTON COUNTY HELPING HANDS FOUNDATION

Friday, April 29, 2022

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

23 N. Seneca

11 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

(Cost: free-will donation)



Food donated by local churches.

Mother-Child Project



UMW (United Methodist Women) is sponsoring the Mother-Child Project, which benefits infants and toddlers who receive services from the Weston County Public Health Office. UMW encourages all church members to provide the much-needed supplies for this Mother-Child Project. Donations of the following supplies can be placed on the designated table in the fellowship hall; financial donations can be sent to Vanita Epperson at PO Box 831 by May 1.

- Baby lotion
- Baby hair brush
- Bath toy
- Rattle
- Teething ring
- Plate w/spoon
- Age-appropriate book
- Childproofing kit
- Baby oil
- Baby wipes
- Bath temp toy
- Ring toy
- Sippy cup
- Stacking cups
- Unbreakable mirror
- Small stuffed animal
- Bath/hair wash
- Booties
- Medicine dropper
- Finger toothbrush
- Bib
- Stacking blocks
- Digital thermometer
- Security blanket