

Courageous Conversations

What do
I say?

What if I make
someone mad?

It's
too
hard.

These conversations are vital
for our world and our future
together.

I'm
afraid
to ask.

Be courageous!

But I don't
like conflict...

You're
wrong.

Chimes

January-February Newsletter

Join us for worship at the
corner of Willson & Olive
8:30 Traditional
10:30 Modern

bozemanumc.org

Coming Up

Worship Theme: Courageous Conversations

BUMC has two worship offerings on Sunday morning. The 8:30 am service is a traditional experience with organ and Christian ritual. The 10:30 service is a more modern take on Christian worship with a praise band and alternative rituals.

There are so many topics we find difficult to dialogue about; but if we as a church community want to engage change in people's lives, then we have to be willing to have conversations. Having the courage to be in conversation don't mean winning or losing, rather it is about engaging in the challenges of our society and our faith.

Why use a chalkboard theme? The visual image for this time is a chalkboard, which emphasizes the idea that perfection is not our goal. We don't have to engage in perfect conversation about these hard topics. We don't have to say the right things. We don't even have to have any answers.

The point is to have a conversation, to be courageous enough to dialogue about difficult topics. We hope mistakes are part of the journey of learning and won't cause us not engage with one another. Our prayer is you continue the journey, wipe the board clean, and start over again, learning along the way the path of courageous disciples.

Truer than Fact: Biblical Authority

January 6

"Truer than Fact: Biblical Authority" The bible is a beautiful text given for our lives, but it has lots of problems within it. How do we find power and authority with its many errors and problems?

"Beyond Bible Believing"

January 13

Do you take the bible literally or seriously? How do we engage this text without watering it down, and how do we view it alongside science and rationale thought?
Holy Communion will be offered.

How to Have Hard Conversations

January 20

Talking with one another in our world today seems to be more difficult than ever before. Join us to explore how we have hard, bold conversations as a community and stay at the table together.

Celebrating Bozeman UMC!

January 27

50+ year member celebration! Jim Sargent book signing BUMC has been on a journey the past several years, celebrate how 2018 ended and the goals and strategy for 2019 and beyond!

Hard Conversation about Patriarchy

February 3

Rev. Amy will share her reflections on being a woman in ministry in a system that is still very patriarchal. Join a conversation about the ways patriarchy still impact our world and how we can make it an equitable one.
Holy Communion will be offered.

Hard Conversation about Suicide

February 10

The Lockie family will share their story. Everyone is touched by suicide, come hear one family's story as they have a brave conversation about a hard topic.

Hard Conversation about Disability and Welcoming

February 17

Disability is a wide-wide-reaching word, but how can the church be a place of welcome when the world is not. We have a responsibility to throw open wide the doors for all.

Hard Conversation about Opiod Use

February 24

This week will feature guest preacher Jason Cox. Jason is the pastor at Plains/Paradise UMC and will share his personal story.

The Way Forward in 2019

March 3

Where does UMC go from here? Join the conversation about our future post General Conference 2019.
Holy Communion will be offered.

Get Connected

Parents and Hard Conversations

Rev. Eric & Rev. Amy believe in having hard conversation as a community of faith. For too long the Christian Church has swept topics we find too difficult to discuss under the rug. The result has often times made the church irrelevant. This cannot be the story of our faith community. Issues that matter outside the church are inherently issues of faith. However, as your pastors we also recognize you may want to have some prior conversations with your children or youth or choose for your younger children to opt out of topics that seem too sensitive. If needed, we can offer additional care for little ones, so please let Pastor Amy know if this would be helpful to you. If you have any questions or want to discuss these topics further, please let us know.

Introduce Yourself Again!

Well, BUMC, your new pastors have been here 6 months and it's time to introduce yourselves again. We see you in the community, but we might not know from where yet, so please take a moment and let us know your name. Also, please be keep wearing your name tag while at church. It is both helpful for your pastors and a really important and easy way to welcome guests to the community. If you need a new name tag, let Alison know at alison@bozemanumc.org.

General Conference 2019

During the end of February, delegates will meet in St. Louis to be in holy conversations about the future of The United Methodist Church and human sexuality. I invite you to watch the UMC.org page for details and updates and we will send information as it is finalized. On March 3, we will share the results and what the future looks like for Bozeman UMC and the denomination. As you have questions please see either pastor for conversation.

Music Groups

BUMC is a musical church with many groups actively creating music for worship and celebration. See Alison Massey if you have questions about any of these groups and she can get you connected.

Glory Ringers

The bells rehearse every Wednesday at 5:30pm and share their gift of music on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Morning Sounds

This traditional choir will rehearse at 7pm on the last Wednesday of the month and sing in church the first Sunday of the month.

Gospel Train

A spirituals-based choir rehearses the hour before the 10:30 Worship service on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Adult Small Groups

Parents' Morning out

Starting at 10am every Friday at the church. See Rev. Amy for questions and information.

Community News

BUMC 101

Are you new to Bozeman United Methodist Church?

Sunday, February 3
9:30 AM

Please join Pastors Amy and Eric and some of our staff as we share a bit about our church community, get you connected to others, and answer any questions you may have. Those that are interested, can join the church the following Sunday.

Please call the church office if you're interested in this gathering but are not available on this Sunday.

BUMC After Hours

Sunday, February 3
11:30 AM

Have you been attending church for while, maybe you're even a member, but don't feel like you know very many people? Wish you had an opportunity to talk to folks at church more than just during Passing the Peace? Here's your chance.

BUMC Day at Bozeman Bowl! The only agenda item is getting to know other better!

Create an Account on Breeze!

Our church is using Breeze Church Management Software. We are inviting you to create a Member Access account. [Click here for a member tutorial video to help guide you through Breeze.](#)

There are a few ways that you can create an account.

You may have gone straight to our church website bozemanumc.org or through the church breeze webpage bozemanumc.breezechms.com and opted to create an account from there, or gotten an email invitation, or perhaps through Online Giving.

- If you go to the church website, you'll enter your name and email. If your information matches a record in the database, you'll receive an email to create an account.
- If you received an invitation to set up an account, you won't need to enter your name or email.
- Either way, once you receive the email to "Create An Account," click on the link and from there you'll set up a username and password. That's it! You're all set.
- Contact Jeneffer with questions at 586-5413

Have More Questions?

Jeneffer will be available before and after church to set up Breeze on your mobile device on January 6th and January 13th.

Education News

Adult Studies

This is a great time to join. All classes begin new studies!

Chapel Class

Sundays 9:30 a.m.
Chapel

CREED by Adam Hamilton

In the new year, our Chapel adult class will study CREED: What Christians Believe and Why, which explores the Apostles Creed. Is the Apostles Creed meaningful to you? Do you believe its tenants? Do you even know what the Apostles Creed is? We'll have in class videos and a take home book (but homework is never required).

Discussion Class

Sundays 9:30 a.m.
Garden Room
(2nd Story)

We Make the Road by Walking by Brain McLaren

"Wanderer, your footsteps are the road, and nothing more; wanderer, there is no road, the road is made by walking."

Originally coined by Spanish poet Antonio Machado, then used by civil rights leader Myles Horton and Brazil revolution leader, Paulo Freire, We Make the Road by Walking, is now the title of a new book. If you're seeking a fresh way to experience and practice your faith, if you're a long-term Christian seeking new vitality, or if you feel out of place in traditional church circles, this book will inspire and activate you in your spiritual journey.

Men's Group

Fridays 7am
IHOP

Making Sense of the Bible by Adam Hamilton

Do you struggle with parts of the Bible but really don't think we should just throw them out? Do you struggle to talk to others, or even in your own mind, about passages that seem to say things you don't believe is God's will? Spend a few weeks exploring how different Biblical interpretations might help.

Family News

The BUMC Family Ministry team has been busy this Advent season! During the snowstorm over the Thanksgiving weekend, a

small group bravely ventured up Little Bear Canyon in search of the perfect trees for outside the church and a large tree for our sanctuary.



On the first Sunday of Advent the group hosted the Advent Event. The afternoon included a delicious dinner, an advent reading by Violet and Rachel Hurd, and a wonderful variety of crafts for the children. Thanks to the family ministry team for their hard work and to the youth and adults who volunteered at the craft stations!

Mission News

Get on the Bus 2019!

We begin with a bus trip to Helena with the Montana Association of Christians on Monday, January 21. Then, each Wednesday in February, join us for dinner in the Friendship Room at 5:15pm followed by learning/discussion opportunities at 6pm focusing on four critical issues facing many people in the Gallatin Valley. Discover how we at BUMC can proactively make a change for good. Everyone is invited!

**Monday
January
21st**

Get on the Bus kicks off with a bus trip to Helena with the Montana Association of Christians (MAC). Meet our legislators and be a voice of justice and compassion for vulnerable people: children, death row prisoners, the mentally ill, the poor and immigrants. Lunch and workshop are free of charge. For more information or to sign up to ride the bus, contact Jen in BUMC office, or Valerie Webster at vwebster587@gmail.com.

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

*feat. Sharon Navas
Former Principal
Meadowlark School, Past
Board Chairwoman of
Haven*

February 6

Why do people hurt the ones they love? How can Christians support victims? What should be the response to the offender?

Suicide Prevention

*feat. Tracy Rassley, Secretary
of the Executive Board of the
American Foundation for
Suicide Prevention*

February 13

Montana annually ranks in the top tier of suicide rates. Join us as we learn why this issue is so intractable in Montana. What are the contributing factors? How can Christians advocate for increased mental health services? How can the church reach out to those in need of hope, and to the families of those facing the loss of a loved one by suicide?

Developmental Disabilities

*feat. Shawna Heiser, M.S.,
BCBA. Senior Lecturer
in Behavioral and
Applied Psychology at
MSU. Director of Special
Learning
Sarah Dean: Parent of an
autistic son and Advocate
for Children with Autism*

February 20

As the valley population grows so do the number of families loving and raising special needs children. Focusing on children with autism and other developmental disabilities, come learn the issues facing these children and their families. Does the church openly welcome these children and provide a place of acceptance and refuge for their parents/siblings?

Opiod Epidemic

*feat. Commander Ryan
Stratman of Missouri River
Drug Task Force
Rick Gale, Montana
Chairman of the Elks Drug
Awareness Program*

February 27

The devastating effects of opioid addiction is a national health crisis. How is it affecting the Gallatin Valley? Does the church have a role in ministering to those suffering from addiction? How can we support the families?

More Missions

BUMC's own Jim Robison-Cox, just returned from disaster relief work in Puerto Rico, will be leading a workshop on how you can be a UMVIM volunteer in disaster areas. If you would like to be ready to help in disaster areas, be watching for Jim's presentation on his work in Puerto Rico in November, and upcoming training for others.

Shower Ministry: We need volunteers to help with shower ministry on January 5th, January 19th, and February 2nd.

LOVE INC: will be sharing the personal care pantry every Thursday between 10am and 12pm. If you want to volunteer to help those vulnerable in the world please see Rev. Amy.

Local and Global Community

Fork and Spoon Volunteers

**Help
Wanted!**

As we turn the calendar to the new year, BUMC is continuing our commitment to serving at the Fork & Spoon

Community Cafe. Ten volunteers are needed on the second Monday of every month from 4:30-7:30 pm. Upcoming dates are January 14th, February 11th, and March 11th.

We have some faithful regular volunteers, but would like to recruit several more, especially during these cold winter

months. All volunteers must be at least 14 years old and able to be on their feet for three hours, including clean-up after food service ends at 7:00. There are no sedentary jobs. As a volunteer, you are welcome to eat a free meal during your shift or you may take it to go. Serving at Fork & Spoon or taking your family to enjoy a meal there are simple ways to help those in our community who are down on their luck. To volunteer, please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Lauri Taylor (302) 593-7214 or LHT927@comcast.net.

El Salvador 2019

July 6-13

If you would like to learn more about how you can experience the excitement and joy of serving on mission with our ministry partners in San Salvador, El Salvador, drop by the Fireside Room after each service in January! Or contact Vickie Wilkinson at vwilkinson@aol.com. We need teachers, artists, construction help, musicians, and anyone else who wants to show the love of Christ to our neighbors south of the border!

Nurture News

Stephen Ministry Training 2019

January 6

The day that the next group of Stephen Ministers at BUMC begin their training for a life-changing ministry – providing high-quality, confidential, one-on-one, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

**How You
Can Help Us**

Please pray for both those who are being trained as well as the Stephen Leaders who are training them. Ask God to give them faith, wisdom, courage, strength and perseverance so that they may fulfill their calling.

March 10

The day that you and your family have the opportunity to witness and participate in the commissioning of these dedicated individuals as Stephen Ministers.

**How We Can
Help You**

Do you know someone experiencing grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or some other life crisis? Stephen Ministers are here to help. Call Kim Broden, Nurture Care Coordinator at 406-551-7208 and share what is on your heart.

Peace After Divorce Workshop

Are you or someone you know hurting from divorce? Get support and practical faith-based help. The Peace after Divorce Workshop is a positive, dynamic educational program intended for people who are ready to move their lives beyond the impact of divorce.

Get practical help and peer support in a loving Christian environment. Peace after Divorce groups are open to those

who are divorced or currently going through divorce.

Join us for this 8-week life-giving, Christ-centered divorce recovery group that starts Sunday, February 10th, 4-6pm. Contact Kim; (406) 551-7208 or kim@bozemanumc.org to register. There is a \$25.00 fee that includes the book and childcare, if needed. Scholarships are available, please do not hesitate to attend if finances are an issue.

Youth News

What We've Been Up to...

In November, we finished up our discussions on Paul and ended the month with a night of service. Half the group braved a cold walk to Salvation Army and spent their time making 180 sandwiches and lunches that are handed out to our homeless Bozeman residents. The group also sorted bags and bags of clothes for the thrift store. The other half of the youth group stayed back at church, deep cleaning the Friendship Room and the preschool toys.



What We're Looking Forward to!

Ski Trip

February 2-3

Mark your calendars! The annual SKI RETREAT will be Feb 2-3. Don't miss this spectacular opportunity to ski at Discovery, soak and Fairmont Hot Springs, and play Romans and Christians at Aldersgate UMC in Butte. All with your youth group pals!

CONVO

February 15-18

CONVO is a conference-wide retreat for all high schoolers. It will be held at BUMC from Friday evening, Feb 15, through noon on Monday (Presidents Day), Feb 18. The theme this year is, Courageous Conversations. This is an incredible opportunity to learn, play and meet some really cool Methodists from all over Montana!

Calendar at a Glance:

January 2 and 9:
No youth group

January 16: youth
group resumes

February 2-3: ski
retreat

February 15-18:
CONVO

Kids News

Sunday School

All grades will be digging into "How the Bible Came to Be" with Janna and Vicki in January. Each week will focus on a different activity to help our K-2nd Grades and 3rd-5th Grades learn more about what the Bible is and how it was written.

In February our classes will dig a little deeper and examine the helpful books of the Bible that we can turn to when we are stressed out, worried, sad, lonely, joyful and celebrating! We hope to have you with us Sundays in January and February at 9:30am.



Sunday School Small Group Leaders needed for Winter/Spring 2019

We want to provide diverse learning experiences for our teens at BUMC but we need your help. We are seeking 2-3 parents, grandparents or friends of the church who love listening to and learning with teenagers! In the past we have had two small groups of Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers learning together on Sunday mornings. But we need your help coordinating a volunteer each Sunday to facilitate discussion and help guide teens through a Youth Study Book. No experience required – all curriculum, books and support will be provided. Contact Janna@bozemanumc.org or call 551-7209 and leave a message.

Heads up!

There will be no Sunday School Classes on March 10th or March 17th for Spring Break.

Sunday Mornings for Youth

We are listening to your wants and needs but we still need feedback on what style or styles of Sunday learning you might enjoy. Are you interested in serving as a Youth Intern at Sunday School serving as a leader for a small group of preschool – 5th graders at 9:30am? Or are you more interested in a small group with your peers learning from a youth-focused curriculum? Please contact Janna for more information and let her know how you want to get connected on Sundays. Janna@bozemanumc.org or call 551-7209 and leave a message.

WOW H.U.G.S. Tree

Thank you to all who donated hats, underwear, gloves, socks and scarves to our WOW Tree this winter. We were able to donate 2 large boxes to Family Promise to distribute to families in their program and 2 large boxes to Love INC which were quickly donated to kids in need throughout the Gallatin Valley. We are so blessed by the ABUNDANCE in this church and we are so grateful to be able to let our love overflow into the community through our gifts.



WOW Team Annual Love 2 You Tea Party



The WOW Team invites all church members, grandparents and great-grandparents that are 70 years old or older to join us in celebrating L-O-V-E on February 13th from 4pm – 5pm. This year we will be sharing photos, videos, songs as well as cookies and tea in the Friendship room. Our theme this year is L-O-V-E and we are excited to share the afternoon with the

octogenarians in our community. *WOW Kids and Past Alumni are encouraged to participate in our Tea Party practice the week before and plan to arrive Wednesday February 13th before 4pm to help greet and welcome guests. **WOW Parents: please provide a plate of cookies, bars or brownies (please no nuts) on that Wednesday.**

WOW Toy Sale Coming in April

The 2019 Toy Sale is Saturday April 6th from 9am-12pm

Each year the WOW kids collect, clean & organize donated used toys, sporting equipment, bicycles, ride-on toys, gently used baby gear (please no car seats), stuffed animals, games, books, puzzles, movies and costumes for our annual Toy Sale.

The goal is to help older toys get a new life AND also to use the money we earn from the sale to help children in our community and all over the world. Last year we were able to

donate over \$1000 to charities that serve children and families in El Salvador and East Angola. As your kids or grandkids start to out grow toys or get new ones for Christmas and Birthdays, please consider putting a few loveable items aside until the collection date. Starting Sunday March 16th we will start accepting gently used toy donations in the east end of the Friendship Room.



Vacation Bible School 2019

June 17th-21st 2019

We will be opening registration March 1st on the Bozeman UMC Website – emails will go out to past participants. *We are looking to hire a .25/quarter time VBS worker to help with organizing and coordinating duties starting in January thru the end of June. Increased hours possible June 3-21. Must be at least 18 years old. Experience with Excel, Word, PowerPoint is a must – will make phone calls and send emails to volunteers as well. Please contact Janna@bozemanumc.org if you are interested in more info or would like to apply.*

Campus News



Our BUMC campus ministry, which we call TNT, for Thursday Nights Together, has been full and active this fall! The group meets each week at the Christus Collegium, for food, fun and fellowship. At our final meeting of the semester we celebrated Christmas, with games, a homemade turkey dinner, and finals-care-packages, filled with homemade cookies that were baked by our loving, church family! In addition to our weekly meetings, the group gets together for social events and retreats, and works monthly

at the Fork and Spoon. Over their spring break in March, we will also travel to San Francisco to volunteer at a variety of social agencies. In January and February, students participating in the San Francisco mission trip will make espresso drinks between services for donations to raise money for the trip. They will also sell Krispy Kreme donuts on February 10. Forms for pre-orders will be available at Bozemanumc.org or at the Welcome Center. Thank you for supporting this vital ministry!

All-girl Scout Troop 619 Chartered by BUMC

It is an exciting time to be a Scout! Many of us may be aware that in 2018, Boy Scouts of America officially changed their policy regarding female participation in Scout programs. What many of us may not know is that in September, BUMC's Cub Scout Pack 3670 became a family pack and welcomed girls aged K – 5th grade to participate in the program.

Beginning in February 2019, BSA will allow girls to join Scout troops for youth in 6th – 12th grade. BSA has dictated that troops are to be single-gender, which means girls who graduate from the Cub Scout program will be looking for an all-female troop to continue their Scouting adventure. Enter BUMC!

On November 26, the BUMC Administrative Council unanimously approved chartering Troop 619, the first and so far only female Scout troop in the valley. Such a vote affirms BUMC's commitment to inclusion and opportunities for all, and nicely rounds out the Scouting programs supported by our congregation: family Pack 3670, boy Troop 676, and girl Troop 619. Thank you BUMC!

Katie Daughenbaugh
Scoutmaster, Troop 619