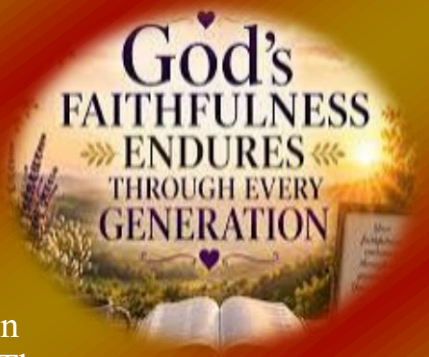
The Good News of United Spirit Community Church

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October 18, 2026
Worship Service
10:00 A.M.



Worship Leader:
Pastor Laura Ymker

Lay Reader: Dale Dallmann
Ushers: Nancy Dallmann, Susan Thomas
Accompanist/Music Director: Melissa Gilbert
Acolyte: Angel Cortez, Aalayah Dunn
Nursery: May Harris, Erin Borland
No Sunday School- Children in Church
Fellowship: Terry Roemmich, Bill Tiskus
Treats: Carol Davidson, Janet Koostra
A/V Tech: Dave Neagle
UCC Tellers: Paul Haffeman, Ed Venetz
Christ UMC Tellers: Rosemary Neilsen, Jeanne Nobbs

The service will be live-streamed on both church Facebook pages and a recording of the livestream will be available on YouTube later in the day and on the United Spirit website.

Update for All Women

Women in Faith will be going to the Baatz Building this Thursday for a tour. Come join us to see just how we are supporting the hope for the homeless. **We will start at the church and set up ride sharing so come please meet before 12:45 P.M. to help us get there on time**.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

† Our sympathy to Rev. Lynne Spencer-Smith and family in the death of her mom, Marilynn, who died on October 10, 2026 in Utah.
† Paul Holland was back in the hospital with kidney-related issues.



Nurture What God Has Planted

Dear Members and Friends of United Spirit Community Church,

Our 2027 pledge drive is upon us and your Stewardship Board would like to thank everyone who has turned in their pledge card and Opportunities to Serve form. With your financial commitment and willingness to be a part of our ministries, you are showing your support for United Spirit Community Church to do God's work, at home and abroad. **If you haven't yet done so, please return your pledge card or bring it to church with you this Sunday, October 18**. This will give our Finance Board time to prayerfully prepare our budget for next year. Thank you!



From the Pastor

This past Sunday we considered that the result of the knowledge of good and evil is that we begin to judge ourselves and others yet **Jesus commands us not to judge others because we ourselves will be judged in the same way we judge**. **We are invited by Jesus to stand in a place of non-judgment as we love even our enemies**. We can eat from the tree of life; perhaps the fruit of this tree is unqualified love for all. ***You can watch the service here***.

This coming Sunday we will be pondering what it means to be born **"for such a time as this."** What does it mean to serve God's purpose in our own generation? **We are here**. **It is now**. **How do we serve?** The Stewardship Board is also asking that we bring our pledge cards to church with us.

Today and always, may you eat from the tree of life, always giving the fruit of life to all around you. May you receive unqualified love from others and God, and give this good gift to all.

Pastor Laura

Heartfelt Appeal for Food Pantry Donations

Some children at West Elementary face days when their cupboards are bare. The school's food pantry becomes quite a lifeline- a place where a child can find something nourishing without questions and without going hungry. **Good-quality, kid-friendly foods offer more than calories**. They offer comfort, stability, and the reassurance that something will be waiting at home. **If you're able, please consider donating sturdy, nutritious, long-lasting foods such as:**

> **Chef Boyardee meals** (pop-top), **canned tuna or chicken**, **canned stew or chili**, **mac & cheese**, **pasta & sauce**, **rice**, **cereal**, **jelly**, **peanut-free snacks**, **manual can openers**.

Every can, every box, every thought choice lifts a child's burden. Thank you for helping our students feel seen, supported, and cared for. ***Your Christian Service Board***



Youth Event will be A-Maze-ing!

The Youth Group is taking a little road trip down I-15 to the Applestem Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch on Wednesday, October 21. Meet at United Spirit Community Church at 5:30 P.M. The group will hit the road at 6:00 P.M. so don't be late. **Through a generous donation, entrance fees will be covered. However, kids will have to bring their own money for snacks and drinks**. And maybe most important: **ALL youth group members AND any guests MUST HAVE A SIGNED PERMISSION FORM to attend**. Plan now to come! Bring a friend! It will be A-Maze-ing fun!



Christian Education News

This program year, Sunday School children will attend worship once a month with their families. Sunday, October 18, will be that Sunday this month! **Children ages 5 and older will attend worship with their families**. Resources will be ready for kids in the Christ's Kids Bags, new books near the bag's stand, and things to do at the Pray Ground. **Nursery care will be provided for children up to age 5**.

Sunday School will resume on October 25.

Music in the News

You can quickly find October 18's music on YouTube:

- **"Here I Am, Lord" in the *United Methodist Hymnal* #593 verses 1-2**
- **"For Beauty of the Earth" in the *New Century Hymnal* #28 verses 1, 3-4**
- **"Spirit of the Living God" in the *United Methodist Hymnal* #393**
- **The doxology will be Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow, two versions.**
- **"Bind Us Together" by Isaac Wardell, words on the screen.**
- **"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" in the *New Century Hymnal* #77 vs. 1**

Coming Back from CAM (the UCC Conference Annual Meeting)

When the people of the United Church of Christ Montana-Northern Wyoming Conference gather I am always struck by the collegiality of the group. We **listen**, **discuss**, and **ponder** what God is calling us to do as **individuals**, **local churches** and as a **Conference**. I am especially grateful for the decision to continue to support at a generous level the work of the national United Church of Christ reflecting the gospel of Christ in these times of division. ***Rev. Sara MacGilvra Branom***

Still Fishing for Volunteers

Hey all you FISH volunteers! **United Spirit Community Church's next turn to work together at the FISH Food Pantry is October 19-23 from 9:00-11:00 A.M.** If you'd like to volunteer and distribute food to families in need, **please call Carol Davidson at (406) 836-1862**. Thank you so much if you can help!

Care Team Recruitment

If you are interested in joining a Care Team for the church, please let Pastor Laura know or call the church office. **This will expand beyond prior visitation teams and will be in addition to Pastor Laura's visits**.

All Saints' Sunday

On **November 1**, the worship service will include communion and a time of remembrance for those who have died this past year. **Their names will be read, followed by the sound of a chime and silence**. There will also be a time to come forward and light a candle. **To have a loved one acknowledged, please let Holly know their relationship by October 26**. Thank you.





Gracious Space- The Faith of Gen Z

At 7:00 P.M. on October 15, we will be getting together in the Fellowship Hall to discuss the faith of Generation Z, (people currently between the ages of 15 and 29). How do young people interact with spirituality differently now than they did 50 or 100 years ago? How can we better communicate with the young people in our families and those walking through our doors? How do we honor their faith and appreciate how the diversity in our faiths can strengthen us all? **Might there be anything we could change in our Sunday service or in our activities throughout the week to help Gen Z feel more comfortable in our space?**

All these questions and more on the 15th! If you can, before coming listen to "Episode 66: Angela Patterson - The Faith of Gen Z" on the Bible for Normal People podcast. You can find it on Spotify, the Apple podcast app, or on this link. Otherwise, a handout will be provided with an outline of the interview with Angela Patterson.

Zimbabwe

The mission of Christian Care in Zimbabwe, part of the Zimbabwe Council of Churches, is to partner with local communities to address poverty and vulnerability through humanitarian relief and long-term development. Grounded in dignity and life preservation, its core programs include clean water and sanitation, conservation agriculture, nutrition, climate resilience, and emergency disaster response. In some districts, the organization has helped rehabilitate wetlands, build dams, install boreholes, promote kitchen gardens, fruit orchards, and beekeeping, strengthening food security and helping people adapt to climate change. Across Zimbabwe, it operates through regional offices to reach remote populations, always emphasizing community participation, gender and disability inclusion, and sustainable livelihoods.



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Churches Mobilize after Deadly Floods

Following devastating floods and landslides along the Nepal-Tibet border in late August, UMCOR supported emergency relief through their partner organization United Mission Nepal (UMN). United Methodist mission partners also mobilized to respond to the disaster. UMCOR called for prayer for those affected by the flooding, especially families of those who have died or remained missing and people who have lost homes and livelihoods. On August 28, UMCOR said it was finalizing a solidarity grant to support United Mission Nepal as it assists affected communities with emergency food and non-food items.

Coming Up

Thursday, October 15
Happy Birthday Pastor Laura!
8:00 A.M. Pray with the Pastor, Sanctuary
9-10 A.M. Pastor Laura Office Hours
12:45 P.M. Women In Faith, Meeting at the church to carpool to the Baatz Building
7:00 P.M. Gracious Space, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 18
9:15 A.M. Choir Rehearsal
10:00 A.M. Worship Service
11:00 A.M. Coffee Fellowship

Monday, October 19
5:30 P.M. Pray with the Pastor, Sanctuary
6:00 P.M. Finance Board, Zoom
6:30 P.M. Church Council, Zoom

Wednesday, October 21
10:00 A.M. Bible Study, Parlor
10:00 A.M. Bridge Players, SS Wing
12:30 P.M. Pray with the Pastor, Sanctuary
1-2 P.M. Pastor Laura Office Hours
1:30 P.M. Pinochle, Fellowship Hall
5:30 P.M. Youth Group Corn Maze, meet at the church to caravan
6:00 P.M. Handbells
7:15 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 22
8:00 A.M. Pray with the Pastor, Sanctuary
9-10 A.M. Pastor Laura Office Hours

Holly will be out of the office October 15-19

