

Yellowstone Currents, Christmas Edition, 2009

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But can I find Him in my heart?

- George Goodrich, Christmas, 2009

The Staff and Council of Yellowstone Presbytery prayerfully wish you a Holy and Meaningful Christmas! God be with you in love and truth and power as you preach and joyfully live the Good News of “God with us” this Christmas!

The New Vision Statement: At the Presbytery meeting in Butte on November 6, 2009, the presbytery adopted the following vision statement:

Yellowstone Presbytery – guided and sustained by Scripture, the Holy Spirit, and prayer – is a community rooted in the love of Jesus Christ.

We will...

Gather Together for God’s Glory and spiritual synergy.

Equip and Encourage disciple-making congregations and leaders for living the Gospel... intentionally becoming more like Christ; ably sharing our faith; impacting our communities; worshipping in loving response to God; mutually supporting and training leaders.

Go Out to join Christ in Christ’s mission in our communities, Montana, and the world... embodying and sharing Christ’s Good News; loving and serving, as we are commanded, in words, actions and relationships.

Please share this vision with your session. What grabs and excites you about this mission? Is this what a presbytery ought to be doing? Why? Why Not? How might the presbytery help you grow as a disciple-making congregation? How might you help others?

Calendar:

December 20 – January 1, **George and Kathy are on vacation**. The office will have limited coverage. But for serious emergencies, give George a call on his cell phone and he'll get back to you.

Committee on Ministry (CoM) meets at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 5 at First Presbyterian, Billings. Sherwood McKay, moderator (smckay@midrivers.com).

Vision Team Meeting, Thursday, January 7 and 14th, 2010, in Ric Tieman's office in Bozeman. Moderators: Ric Tieman (ric.tieman@gmail.com) and Debbie Blackburn (deb4cats@aol.com).

Team to explore small church conference with Glacier in 2011 meets by phone conference call, Thursday at 4:30 PM. This team has not been formed. Interested? Please contact George Goodrich, GHGoodrich@aol.com.

Presbytery Personnel Committee meets on Friday, January 8 in the presbytery office in Bozeman. Bill McGladdery moderates (billmcgladdery@att.net).

Montana Association of Churches Board meets on Thursday, January 14th At St. Paul's United Methodist in Helena. Our own Dan Krebill is the new Board President (dan@fpcbozeman.org).

Presbytery Council meets on Friday, January 22, at St. Andrew in Billings at 9:30 AM. Fran Babcock is moderator (jkbfab@q.com).

The Mission Committee is trying to find a date to meet on a Saturday in January. Jim Moses is moderator (klmoses@peoplepc.com).

People We Know and Love

Vicki Waddington (Waddington@midrives.com) leads her last worship service at Forsyth on December 27th before taking a full-time call with the Methodists in eastern Montana. We'll miss you, Vicki!

Lanny Rounds and the mission team from Butte leave on Saturday, January 9 and return Sunday, January 17th. Your prayers are appreciated. And a sincere thanks for the presbytery's financial support through the presbytery meeting offering and mission committee grant.

Sherwood McKay (smckay@midrivers.com) and the Congregation of First, Miles City dissolved his call, effective November 30, 2009. Please pray for Sherwood, his family and the congregation in this period of transition.

Dick Davis, (recowboydick@yahoo.com) who has been pastoring the church of the Big Hole, transferred his membership to Yellowstone Presbytery as of the presbytery meeting in Butte, November 7, 2008.

Mary Lou Hanson, wife of Stated Clerk, Ron Hanson (hanson_ron@bresnan.com) is being treated in Butte for a brain tumor. Our prayers and votes of love are much appreciated.

Phil Maxwell, (pemaxwell@bresnan.com) CLP for Deer Lodge and his wife Jody are moving to Fairfield, MT, north of Great Falls. Phil says, "Good bye" as CLP to the Deer Lodge congregation on Sunday, January , 2010.

The Springhill Congregation will likely be accepted into the Presbytery of the West, EPC, on Friday, February 5, 2010, assuming the way is clear. God of endings and beginnings, be with them in Christ's Name.