

## Celebration of Ministries May 9, 2021

The Meadowlark, YWCA's domestic violence shelter and family housing center, will open for guests on May 10, 2021. The building, located at 1800 S. 3rd St. W., will hold up to 31 families and up to 13 survivors of domestic violence and their children. The facility is co-managed by Family Promise and the YWCA. Families currently in the Family Promise Program and those currently in one of the YWCA programs will be the first residents of the new facility. Future Family Promise rotations will be hosted at the Family Housing Center. First UMC's next Family Promise rotation is May 24-31.



**Hybrid in-person and online**  
**Worship Service**  
**10:30 a.m. in-person and**  
**Zoom**  
**Children's Church**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**We are now opening our worship services to 80 in-person capacity.** No RSVP required. We would love to have you attend! Please remember to wear your mask!

- ◆ We are having communion but we invite people to bring their own elements.

Church will still be via Zoom and Facebook Live as well. Check your email for the Zoom link!



May 16th will be our 2021 **Bread for the World** "offering of letters" **Sunday.**

Reducing malnutrition, especially for children, has become even more urgent as we struggle against the pandemic; malnutrition makes children and at-risk populations more susceptible to disease, including COVID-19. U.S. policies, leadership and funding for domestic as well as global nutrition programs can make a critical difference. Watch for more information in next week's announcements, and then get ready to write your letters to our Congressional delegation. For more information now, go to [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org).



**UMW News- Vespers** will be meeting at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19th at Bonner Park. They will meet at the side of the park with the bandstand. Please bring chairs and anything you would like to drink. They will meet and discuss the agenda for the rest of the year! Please contact Patsy Hodges for more information at [patsyhodges4@gmail.com](mailto:patsyhodges4@gmail.com).



May/June **Upper Rooms** have arrived in the office. Please call the office at 549-6118 to arrange to pick-up or have your copy mailed to you!

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### Green Notes: Weekly tips for reducing your carbon footprint from First UMC's Green Team:

Glass can be endlessly recycled,

and the Green Team at First United Methodist Church makes it easy for members of our congregation to do just that. For \$5 a month, you can recycle as much glass as you and your family – or your “recycling pod” – uses. Collection bins are located outside at the church, just off the alley, so are easy to reach. Recycling Works picks up our glass twice monthly; it eventually is taken to Salt Lake City for reuse in making new glass products, road aggregate and decking.

How does recycling glass reduce your carbon footprint? Using crushed glass from bottles (cullet) rather than virgin material saves up to 30 percent of the energy used in the manufacturing process. That's because the cullet's melting point is lower, so less energy is required. Recycling four bottles saves an amount of energy equivalent to that used by a refrigerator in 24 hours. Using glass cullet also reduces carbon emissions by up to 50 percent. For every ton of glass recycled, 200 kg of carbon dioxide emissions are avoided. And that's just the start: Recycling glass also saves raw materials, improves air and water quality and sends less waste to the landfill. For every 3,000 glass bottles recycled, 1,000 kg of garbage avoids the landfill.

More than 30 individuals and families in our congregation participate in our glass recycling program now. We'd like to add another 20 to that number by the summer solstice. That would allow us to drop the monthly price to \$4 – possibly less! Please join First UMC's glass recycling program today by emailing Sherry Devlin at [sherrydevlin@gmail.com](mailto:sherrydevlin@gmail.com) or calling her at 406-546-1016. Thank you!

### Tzedakah Pocket Ministry

We continue to see fewer requests for lodging this time of year as individuals and families have more interim shelter options. We also continue to see requests for assistance with rent and an occasional request for help with a security deposit for those fortunate enough to find housing. So far in May we have helped two families, each with 3 children, avoid eviction by helping them catch up on their rent. We paid a total of \$510. This is money well spent because each family is confident they will be able to handle their rent payments in future months. In addition, this is the time of year we see more requests for help with power bills and depend on the support of 549-HOPE to discuss options with these individuals and families. Your support of this ministry makes a difference. Take care of yourselves but, if you are able to support the Tzedakah Pocket ministry, either by online donation through the First UMC website or by sending a check made out to First UMC (PO Box 7646, Missoula, MT 59807) with Tzedakah Pocket in the memo line, the money will make a difference for someone in need. God bless you all and stay safe.



Please send your prayer requests in! E-mail Kathie Snodgrass at [kathiewearsgreen@yahoo.com](mailto:kathiewearsgreen@yahoo.com) with your prayer requests. You can also call the office at 549-6118.

