



**The Herald**  
February 2019

Dear Friends,

Since joining you as your pastor, I have been praying over three very important questions:

1. How can our vision statements become a reality for the lives of the people of Silverton (SUMC's vision is "Answering God's call, growing in faith, and spreading God's love" and TLC's vision is "Spreading the love of Christ")?
2. How can what I say from the pulpit help inspire this vision?
3. What ways can we work together as two congregations who still very much see ourselves as separate rather than partners in ministry?

Last week I had the privilege of attending the Byberg Preaching Workshop. It was a fabulous event, and the lead speaker was Rev. Dr. Barbara Lundblad, the Joe R. Engle Professor of Preaching Emerita at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. She was inspiring and talked about how pastors can really inspire the vision of grace and unconditional love from the pulpit – and help folks know that faith isn't static. Jesus teaches us how to be in relationship with others and with God. Why do people need Christ? Because Jesus teaches us to celebrate God's love and grace by mending the world's brokenness. We all are the hands and feet of Jesus Christ for our hurting world. The work of the church helps us accomplish far more together than we ever could individually.

Think of all the things that both our churches accomplish already! Worship, Saturday Lunches, Snack packs for SACA, Sarah Circle, Quilts that have been sent throughout the world, and relief money through Lutheran World Relief and United Methodist Committee on Relief when disasters strike!

But I also wonder, if we put our efforts together, if we combined our efforts, how much more we would be able to accomplish? I invite you to email me or put in my box at church some answers to these questions:

1. To whom does our church belong?
2. Why do people need this particular church?
3. How can we live out our mission statement?
4. In what ways can we partner as a SUMC/TLC "Silverton Parish"?

See you in worship!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Laura Ann Beville". The signature is written in a cursive style.



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*The Mission of the United Methodist Church is to  
"Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World"*



Are you interested in caring for our congregation members through a Meals Ministry for people who are homebound, sick, just been in the hospital, or experienced a death in the family? See Marge Kemper for more details! We are currently looking for someone who might be interested in taking the lead, and several more people willing to be on the list so we might be able to start this new ministry!



Thank you to all who helped with mom's funeral. The men who helped with the programs. The women in the kitchen that helped in so many ways. Thank you, Marge for taking leadership. Donna and Nancy for clearing up Indoor Park toys...but...mostly, thank you for your support in a most difficult time.

In appreciation, Barbara Dettwyler and Family

**OCTOBER GIVING SUMMARY**

DATE	SUNDAY			YEAR-TO-DATE		
	OFFERING RECEIVED	OFFERING BUDGETED	OVER (UNDER)	OFFERING RECEIVED	OFFERING BUDGETED	OVER (UNDER)
	01/06/19	2,965	2,385	580	2,965	2,385
01/13/19	2,337	2,385	(48)	5,302	4,770	532
01/20/19	1,510	2,385	(875)	6,812	7,155	(343)
01/27/19	3,288	2,385	903	10,100	9,540	560
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,100</b>	<b>9,540</b>	<b>560</b>			

February 2019 Calendar

- Friday Feb. 2...7:00pm First Friday Concert Series
- Sunday Feb.3...9:30 Worship
- Monday Feb. 4...10:30 Bible Study
- Thursday Feb. 7.....9:30 Snack Sack, 6:30 Choir
- Saturday Feb. 9...10:00 Book Club
- Sunday Feb. 10...9:30 Worship Service
- Monday Feb. 11...10:30 Bible Study
- Thursday Feb.14...9:30 Snack Sack, 6:30 Choir
- Sunday Feb. 17...9:30 Worship Service
- Monday Feb. 18... 10:30 am Bible Study
- Tuesday Feb. 19...Sara Circle
- Thursday Feb. 21...9:30 Snack Sack, 6:30 Choir
- Sunday Feb. 24...9:30 Worship Service
- Monday Feb. 25...6:30 pm Ad Council
- Thursday Feb. 28... 9:30 Snack Sack, 6:30 Choir



Happy February Birthday to:

- Bobbi McCormick 2-2      Scott Ostlund...2-2      Jodi Peterson...2-1
- Barbara Dettwyler 2-18      Joann Blessman 2-22

**Continued prayers for:**  
 Donna Liechty, Arlene Fleck,  
 Martha Wertz, Barbara Dettwyler  
 and her family, MaryAnn Miles,  
 Bill and Ruth Rockwell,  
 Jody Debacon and her family

# POWER of PRAYER



**Messy CHURCH**

**FEB 9**  
4-6 pm

Silverton United  
Methodist Church  
203 W Main Street



**Our next meeting** is scheduled on Saturday, February 9th, at 10AM in the Fireside Room. We will be discussing "The Woman Who Smashed Codes" by Jason Fagone. We will also discuss about having a tea party for our March meeting.

Here is the list of books for our future reads:

- **February Read** – Nickel and Dimed by Barbara Ehrenreich
- **March Read** - Loving Lindsey: Raising a Daughter with Special Needs by Linda Atwell

Happy Reading! Hope to see you at our February meeting. All are welcome!

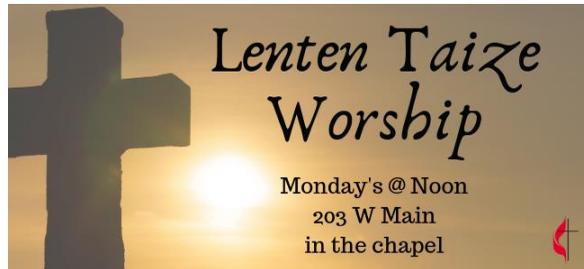


**Ash Wednesday**

March 6  
@ noon  
203 W Main Street  
in the chapel

Beginning each Monday in March 11 @ noon and going through Monday April 15 there will be a Lenten Taize Worship Service in the Chapel. All are invited to attend.

Also: This service will be held @ TLC beginning Wednesday March 13, 7:00 pm and going through Wednesday April 17. All are invited to attend.



**Lenten Taize Worship**

Monday's @ Noon  
203 W Main  
in the chapel



Silverton UMC Presents...

# 5TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

A Fundraising Bene"fat" for Silverton ASAP

(After School Activities Program)

**MARCH 5, 2019**

**5-7 PM**

**203 W MAIN STREET  
SILVERTON**

Who will win best Chili this year??

- Silverton High Culinary Arts Program (2018 1st place winner)
- Silverton Fire District (2018 2nd place winner)
- Silverton Lions Club
- After School Activities Program

Join us for an evening of fun, chili, baked potato, drink, and dessert!

**Suggested Donation:**

\$10 - Adults

\$5 - Kids

\$20 - Families

We will be asking for helpers later in the month for welcoming our guests, working in the kitchen, clearing tables, and providing desserts. It looks like we have enough Bingo prizes left for this year.

Would you be interested in participating in our **Micro-grant Community Garden** team? Please let Pastor Laura or Charlie Flanagan know as soon as possible.



## Special General Conference 2019

If you would like to “live stream” the General Conference sessions beginning February 23, 7:00 a.m. PST you can find it at:

<http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/general-conference-2019-live-video-stream-english>

### Q&A: 2019 Special Session of the General Conference

*(A General Conference 2019 Resource from UM Communications)*

**What is General Conference?** Every four years, United Methodists from around the world assemble as the General Conference and connect in worship, prayer, Communion, fellowship – and the legislative work that shapes our shared life. General Conference delegates confer and vote on proposals for resourcing and regulating the life and work of The United Methodist Church. General Conference sets the rules and establishes procedures for virtually every aspect of the church’s life. It also communicates the denomination’s official position on a variety of issues and cultural challenges. General Conference makes binding decisions related to the connectional and missional life of The United Methodist Church. It is the only body authorized to speak for or as The United Methodist Church.

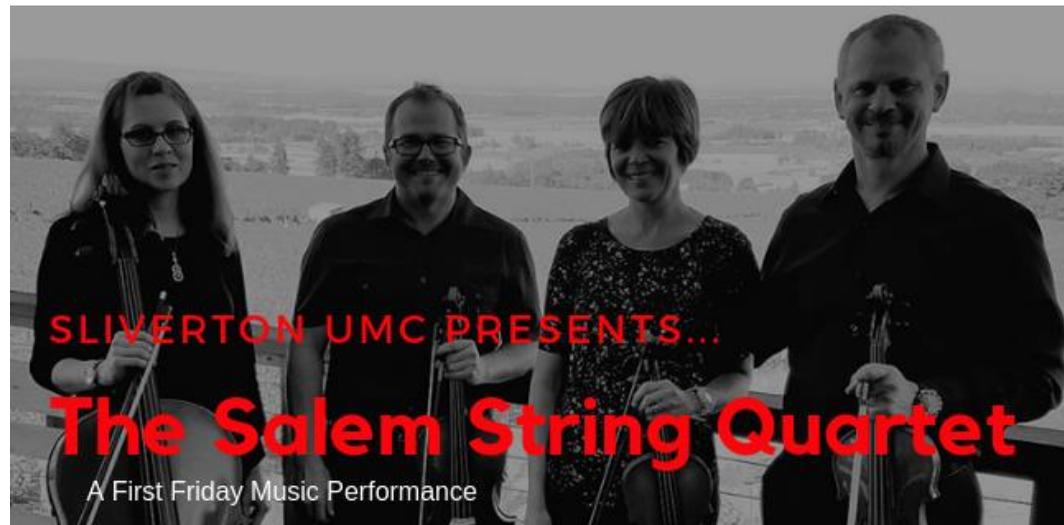
**Who decides to have a special session of General Conference?** The constitution of The United Methodist Church provides that the Council of Bishops (all active and retired bishops) may call a special session of General Conference as can the General Conference itself. Any call must state the purpose of the special session. (§14, The Book of Discipline 2016).

**Why was this special session called?** The special session in February 2019 is to focus on the issue of human sexuality and church unity with the goals of ending distracting and mission-compromising disagreement about how to be in ministry with LGBTQI people. The hope is that decisions made will allow the 2020 General Conference to focus on mission and the next steps for the church’s unified global witness.

**When and where?** Feb. 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri, USA at The Dome

**Who will make decisions during General Conference?** The delegates. For a special session, the delegates are those elected to the preceding quadrennial General Conference or their successors – unless an annual conference prefers to elect a new slate. *(In our Annual Conference, Oregon-Idaho, we have two delegates – one clergy and one layperson. Our Lay Delegate is Jan Nelson, and our Clergy Delegate is Wendy Woodworth.)*

For more information see the full article: <http://www.umcom.org/news/q-a-2019-special-session-of-the-general-conference>



**All are welcome to attend the fabulous First Friday presentation of the Salem String Quartet. It is Friday Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!**



**And then on Friday March 1...Ensemble Aalto, featuring Aage Nielsen on historical and modern wind instruments. Concerts take place in the Sanctuary, and donations are welcome but not required.**