

First Quarter 2020 Montana – N.Wyoming Conference UCC Prayer Calendar

January

MT-NWy Conference	1	Rev. Marc Stewart	Conference Minister
	2	Jennifer Penfield	Conference Administrator
	3	Patty Martinson	Conference Secretary
	4	Ron LaFountain	Office Custodian
	5	Mary Kay Bjorndal	Conference Accountant
	6	Rev. Lynne Spencer-Smith	Conference Moderator, Wholiness Team
	7	Terry Goodsell	Conference Treasurer
	8	Rev. Pam Peterson	Secretary, Faith Formation Chair
	9	Rev. Amy Carter	Human Resources Chair
	10	Ann Hanson	Church and Ministry Chair
	11	Trudi Downer	Outdoor Ministries Chair
	12	Rev. Jennifer Yocum	At-large Board Member, Wholiness Team
	13	Pastor Phil Maxwell	At-large Board Member
	14	Nell Eby	At-large Board Member
	15	Rev. Sheila Naismith	At-large Board Member
	16	Gus Byrom	Previous Moderator, Wholiness Team
	17	Carol Shipley	National Global Ministries Chair, ex-officio Board Member
	18	Rev. Susan Waterson	Wholiness Team
	19	Rev. Peter Shober	Wholiness Team
	20	Leadership Coaching Team	Amy Carter, Laura Folkwein, Mike Mulberry, Pam Peterson, Cheryl Stewart, Marc Stewart, Susan Waterson, Dwight Welch, Kim Woeste, Jennifer Yocum
	21	Faith Formation Committee	Youth and Adult program coordination, mission and justice
	22	Outdoor Ministries Committee	Organizes Outdoor Ministry opportunities
	23	Human Resources Committee	Personnel policy and assessments
	24	Church and Ministry Commission	Authorizes and supports ministers and members in discernment
	25	Finance Task Force	Creates Conference budget
	26	Stewardship Task Force	Promotes stewardship
	27	Nominating Task Force	Recruits Conference leadership
	28	Churches of the Conference	26 churches, including 8 full-time clergy, 11 part-time, 6 supply

	29	Board of Directors	Meeting in Bozeman today and tomorrow
	30	CAM Task Force	Preparing for Sept 18-20 Conference Annual Meeting in Red Lodge
	31	Wholiness Team, meeting in Seattle today and tomorrow	Shared ministries conversations with Pacific NW and Central Pacific Conferences
February			
University UCC Missoula	1	A historic and progressive church, has been a vital voice for peace and justice rooted in a Christian context serving the Missoula community since 1891. Located in the University district, we are a congregation of some 700 diverse folks and endeavor to grow in our convictions and abilities to serve in the spirit of Christ.	
	2	Rev. Jennifer Yokum	Senior Minister
	3	Rev. Laura Folkwein	Associate Minister
	4	Rev. Janice Springer	Spiritual Formation
	5	Valerie Young	Children's Ministry
	6	Bill Kautz	Director of Music
	7	Karin Clark-Cassens	Youth Director
	8	Grace Cassens	Youth Leader
	9	Graham Roy	Church Administrator
	10	"The Muse is In"	Monthly Art Project group
	11	"So Many Books"	Multiple Book Studies
	12	Contemplative Prayer	Weekly Prayer group
Butte United Congregational UCC	13	United Congregational welcomes all persons seeking a welcoming faith community, and seeking to engage the issues of life from a progressive, informed, Biblical perspective.	
	14	Pastor Justin Dryden	Supply Minister
	15	"We Deliver Lunches"	Weekly lunch-making project
	16	Pasty Fundraiser	Annual Pasty making
	17	SOAR	After-school care at church
Fairfield UCC	18	We are located in Fairfield, Montana and our church was founded in 1914. We believe that "God is still speaking!"	
	19	Pastor Phil Maxwell	Licensed minister
	20	Loss of shared ministry with Power UCC	Power UCC closed in May 2019
Great Falls First Congregational UCC	21	<p>This is God's place and we like to share it and care for it respectfully.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A place for persons of all ages to grow spiritually ▪ A caring church family ▪ Inspirational worship 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The freedom to explore religious doubts and nurture Christian faith ▪ An opportunity to make a difference through Christian service ▪ An intergenerational community in which to share, to wonder, to pray, to enjoy, to love
	22	Rev. Lynne Spencer-Smith Minister
	23	Janet Koostra Christian Education Coordinator
	24	Cindy Stevens Director of Music
	25	Holly Garcia Office Manager
	26	Sara Branom Member in Discernment
	27	Family Promise Housing for homeless families
	28	Christ United Methodist Church Shares church space with Methodist congregation
	29	Shiri Choral Group Introduces new songs in worship
March		
Helena Plymouth Congregational UCC	1	Nestled on a hill overlooking the Helena Valley and Belt Mountains, Plymouth Congregational Church was founded in 1963. Over the years, its members have tenderly cared for each other and the community, with an emphasis on social justice. In the spring of 2015, the congregation voted by acclamation to become an Open & Affirming congregation, making official a policy of welcome it has practiced for years. Plymouth's Mission is to nurture our congregation and the wider community with acts of love and a vision of God's image in all things.
	2	Rev. Roger Lynn Minister
	3	Allison Rowland Office Manager
	4	Community Garden Front space devoted to garden
	5	Labyrinth Church designed, next to garden
	6	Unitarian Fellowship Hosts Unitarian congregation
	7	"Let's Talk About It" Annual Round-table conversations with community leader
Bozeman Pilgrim Congregational UCC	8	Seek, Grow, Serve... Pilgrim, a church of liberal mind and spirit, incorporates a diversity of lifestyles within our fellowship. Christ is present as the light of truth within each person. Thus, we proclaim the dignity of the individual as we support each other's spiritual pilgrimage. We seek to be a church that is intellectually honest, personally enriching, mutually supportive, and socially responsible.
	9	Rev. Glover Wagner Minister
	10	Mary Wagner Church Administrator

	11	Rev. Danielle Rogers	Christian Education Director
	12	Amy Leach	Music Coordinator, Liturgist and Hymnist
	13	Megan and Quarney Ali	Directors of Pilgrim Connect, church outreach to MSU and community
	14	Winter Solstice Concert	Hosted by Chris Cunningham for church related fundraisers
	15	Community Hosting	Constant building and room use by wider community
Stewardship and Finance Ministries	16	Our National UCC, Conference, and local churches are teaming up to better interpret and support faithful giving	
	17	"5 for 5" offerings	Our Churches Wider Ministries (OCWM), Neighbors in Need (domestic ministries), One Great Hour of Sharing (global and disaster ministries), Strengthen the Church (church vitality), Christmas Fund (support for retired clergy families)
	18	Stewardship Conversations	Quarterly, video conference call conversations to share church stewardship ideas
	19	Andrew Warner	UCC Minister for Generosity, offering workshop on Planned Giving, meeting in Red Lodge
	20	WEB stewardship resources at mnwcucc.org	Conference and National resource materials for churches
	21	All-Church stewardship seminar	Being held today at Pilgrim UCC, Bozeman
	22	Local Church Support	OCWM and Dues that support the ministries we do together as a Conference.
National UCC Leadership	23	The national setting of the UCC is similar in its organization to local church, with various Boards, committees, and teams.	
	24	Council for Conference Ministers	Conference ministers from our 36 conferences meet today in Cleveland
	25	United Church Board	The 50 members Board of Directors for the UCC meets this week in Cleveland
	26	Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer	UCC General Minister and President

	27	Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson	Associate General Minister, Wider Church Ministries and Operations
	28	Rev. Traci Blackmon	Associate General Minister of Justice and Local Church Ministries
Absarokee Community Congregational UCC	29	<p>Do not be fooled by stained glass... Sure, on the outside our church has all the hallmarks of a traditional church with its elegant stained glass and statuesque steeple, but don't rule us out as just another pretty face. Inside we are bursting with modern thought and progressive enthusiasm!</p> <p>What We Believe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We believe that God came to live among us as Jesus Christ and is always present in the Holy Spirit • We believe everyone is a unique and treasured child of God • We believe in being a force to unite people regardless of age, race, class, creed, gender identity or sexual orientation, physical or mental challenge, financial status, or any other difference • We believe in promoting peace and finding nonviolent solutions to conflict • We believe that laughter is an essential part of happiness and well-being • We believe that questioning and interpretation are the right of each individual • We believe that each person is on a unique spiritual journey and each of us is at a different stage of that journey • We believe that God continues to speak to us, and through us, and that God isn't finished with us yet 	
	30	Rev. Meg Hatch	Minister
	31	Food Bank	Community Mission
<p>2nd Quarter Prayer Calendar (April – June) will be available by mid-March</p>			