



MOLT CHURCH NEWS

Molt Congregational Church

2nd Summer Newsletter
June 27, 2022

Pastor's Corner

Yesterday, Val's daughter Carin and grand kid, Marco visited the church of San Xavier Del Bac in South Tucson which was built in the late 1600's by Jesuit and later Franciscan priests at what is now the Tohono O' odham Nation. It's a small church that has been restored to the simple beauty found in carvings in many churches in the Southwest. Sitting in a pew inside the Chapel, I wondered at the amazing carvings and statues that decorated the Alter and Chancel area.

The members of the congregation, along with federal and local help had restored the inside and outer fascia of this very old building. Looking up at the paintings, frescos and carvings continually restored by those who loved that Church, I realized the time, labor, patience, sweat, tears, and faith it must have taken to build and rebuild the simple beauty of that little church at least three times in its history. The faith of those Mexican Americans, Native Americans and Anglos like you and me made it happen ~ with God's help. It's that faith and determination that give birth to churches and keeps them alive. It's also that same energy which drives us to work to keep Molt Church alive and doing what God has called us to do. As I looked at that creation by God and his people, I found myself saying quietly, "We can do that too."

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Jim and Val



Prayers:



- For neighbors, family and friends hit hard by the flooding in Stillwater, Park, Sweetgrass Counties.
- For those in area small towns whose livelihood is threatened by the closing of northern Yellowstone Park. The tourism income is what many live on the entire year.
- For Pastor Jim as he continues to heal.
- Prayers for healing and reconciliation as this nation wades through the aftermath of the Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision.
- For the Molt, Broadview, and Rapelje School Boards as they work toward the 2022-23 school term and try to fill vacant positions.
- Praises that Sheila Erfle is back home.
- For Karen Kelsey as she faces surgery on Tuesday.
- Prayers for safe travel and a transformational camp experience as Blade, Jason, Axel and Alex attend camp in July.
- Praises for the wonderful experience that Axel Blodgett and Ahna Eisenbraun had on their Beartooth Electric trip to Washington DC this past week.
- Praises for Alan and Nikki Downer as Nikki's cancer is in remission after intense treatment.
- For Deb Flynn and family as they seek the best care for Deb's mom Ruth.
- For friends and neighbors as they face surgery, medical treatment, recovery time and for those who have lost loved ones and are dealing with grief.
- For Jim's and Val's friends whom we are still holding in prayer.
- For Sharon Allison as she fights cancer and an Alzheimer's diagnosis
- Michelle and Michaela and their family as they work through health concerns and family issues.
- Trudi and Axel and the Committee for Outdoor Ministry as they work on having a meaningful and successful 2022 Camp season.
- For Trudi as she leads You & Me Camp. The Camp is sponsored by Molt Church and Sunday School.
- Praises for much needed moisture. Prayers for safe conditions to complete haying and other summer work..
- For the people of the Ukraine as they face Russian Invasion. For World Peace.

Continued Prayers:

- Prayers of reconciliation and healing of strained family relationships.
- Derry Eastlick, Jan McFarland, Jean McFarland and Agnes Nordahl .
- Molt Church as we try to meet challenges and do mission of faith.
- MNWCUC as we enter a time of discernment and visioning
(Please call Trudi to update or activate the Prayer Chain.)

Pictures from Jim and Val's Trip



**Church of San Xavier Del Bac
South Tucson**



LET'S GO TO CAMP!!!!

It's summer! There's no better experience than to go to Camp! There are camp opportunities for all ages and scholarships are available to help with registration! Won't you join Jason, Alex, Blade, Axel and Trudi at Camp?

Montana Northern Wyoming Conference UCC 2022 Outdoor Ministry Adventures

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July 5-8 You & Me Adventure \$275
Intergeneration family experience – several generations can enjoy outdoor time and space together.

Early Registration Date: May 15/Final Registration Date: June 14
<https://www.mnwcucc.org/youme>

July 10-16 Youth Adventure \$450
All Grade groups will meet during this week.
Grouped according to the grade completed in May 2022.

Early Registration Date: May 15/Final Registration Date: June 14
Grades 3-5
Grades 6-8
Grades 9-12
<https://www.mnwcucc.org/youth>

Sept. 2-5 Bob & Nancy Staigmiller Memorial

Family Adventure \$275
A family retreat over the Labor Day Weekend honoring longtime Outdoor Ministry supporters.

Early Registration Date: July 1/Final Registration Date: August 1
<https://www.mnwcucc.org/family>

Christikon Adventures

June 27-29 Bill Hawk Memorial Seasoned Adults Adventure \$225
Seasoned Adults will enjoy a special time of reflection and fellowship in a beautiful handicap accessible Retreat Center with bathrooms next to rooms.

Early Registration Date: May 15/Final Registration Date: June 14
<https://www.mnwcucc.org/hawk>

August 21-27 The Great Escape Adult Adventures Varies
Design your Adventure by the experiences you wish to try.
Fly Fishing, Hiking, Water Ecology Demo,
Yoga, Weaving, Alcohol Ink,
Zentangles, Creative Writing, Games, Fellowship.
(Full description online and in brochure.)

Early Registration Date: July 1/Final Registration Date: August 1
2 nights \$225
3 nights \$275
5 nights \$450
<https://www.mnwcucc.org/adults>

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Registration/Scholarship Information:

<https://www.mnwcucc.org/camps>
<https://www.mnwcucc.org/scholarship>



In the Boulder River Valley

Mission Project excerpt from You & Me Camp Letter:

“The only money you will need at camp will be for a special mission offering at our closing worship. This special offering will go to help our neighbors who have been impacted by recent flooding. Our special mission project will be collecting cleaning supplies for disaster buckets to aide in clean up. If you would like to help in this mission, bring cleaning supplies for the buckets. We will collect the supplies, create the buckets, and I will deliver them to the Conference Office for distribution. We will also collect gas cards or donations for gas cards to assist with volunteer travel expenses as they assist in clean up. I have included a list of items for the bucket. We will assemble what we gather, and Molt Church will arrange to complete the project.”

Molt Church and You & Me Camp campers invite you to help with this project. Enclosed is an explanation and a list of items which are needed for the Clean-up buckets.

Here is the list for building a Disaster Clean-up Bucket. Trudi will begin the project as she leads You & Me Camp July 5-8. She will arrange to have buckets at Molt and Rapelje for folks who wish to contribute items on the list from this week until July 18. She will then make the number of buckets she can get from the items collected and fill in missing items. The buckets will be taken to the Conference Office for distribution. A special offering will be taken at Camp for purchase of gas cards to help with travel expenses for volunteers and for those helping with clean up as well as for folks who have added travel due to road closures, etc. As needs become clear, another fundraiser will be held to help with further needs. Trudi will collect donations for the gas cards from anyone interested in helping out. Donations may be sent to Molt Church c/o Trudi Downer PO Box 81, Molt MT 59057. If you have questions or would like items picked up, call or email Trudi. ((406)647-2924 or kdtd48@itstriangle.com).

Just use the list of items to create the buckets; we will collect donations and distribute the buckets and donations in our area rather than sending everything through CWS.



CLEANUP BUCKET LIST

Hurricanes, floods and other disasters are happening more frequently. When our neighbors around the world experience these unforeseen circumstances, you can make the road to recovery easier with CWS Cleanup Buckets. These buckets are full of essential home recovery supplies that are needed after a disaster strikes. **NEW for 2022: CWS is requesting that you add an air freshener to each bucket. Several of the liquid items have updated ounce ranges to make it easier for you to find the cleaning supplies.**

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If reused, please scrub clean. Do not use a bucket that has held chemicals of any kind. No screw lid. Advertisement on the outside acceptable.)
- NEW** - One 4-8oz. pump spray air freshener
- Five scouring pads (No stainless steel or pads with soap in them. Remove from packaging.)
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush (With or without handle.)
- 18 reusable, lightweight multipurpose dry cleaning towels (No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels. Remove from packaging.)
- One 32-64oz. or two 25oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-34oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-40oz. bottle of liquid concentrate household cleaner that can be mixed with water (No spray bottles.)
- One package of 36-50 clothespins
- One 50-100ft. clothesline (Cotton or plastic line.)
- Five dust masks (N95 particulate respirator dust masks preferred; No surgical masks.)
- Two pairs of heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (Latex-free, non-surgical. Durable for multiple-use. Remove from packaging.)
- One pair of work gloves (Cotton with leather palm or all leather.)
- 20-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll (Remove from packaging.)
- One 6-9oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent (Pump spray bottles must have protective covers. Packs of 10-20 insect repellent wipes also acceptable.)

All cleaning items must be new and all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape.

Please do not enclose cash or checks inside of the kits or the boxes. Please send all monetary donations to: CWS, PO Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515 or pay your shipping online at cwskits.org/shipping.



VALUE: \$75 PROCESSING FEE: \$3 per bucket

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Molt area friends and family impacted:

Blodgett's cabin at Cooke City—the businesses in Cooke City and Silvergate where the kids are working for the summer

Schneidt's and Leuthold's cabins on the Stillwater River

Absarokee Church Pastor Meg and members living at Fishtail, Nye, etc. lost homes, buildings, livestock, roads and livelihood

Stillwater Mine employees

Red Lodge Church, Pastor Pam and all the residents and businesses victim to Rock Creek Flooding

Fromberg residents on the east side flooding along the Clarks Fork River

Laurel folks along the Yellowstone River

And many, many, more!

Howdy YBA members!

This is your weekly TGIF and YBA music update. May I first apologize for the lack of a Music News last week? I was at Montana Fiddle Camp up in the glorious Little Belt mountains near Monarch, Montana. I was busy in the kitchen and without cell service while there. It was wonderful! Needless to say, I was unable to call or send email. So this update might be lengthy. A few of the YBA board members, YBA members and YBA officers were also at camp. It is a great opportunity for musicians of any age and any ability level to take a class with World Class instructors/musicians to focus on becoming a better musician. If this sounds interesting to you, start following Montana Fiddle Camp on the web and Facebook NOW and be one of the first to sign up for camp next year. Please be aware tho, Week 1 filled up within a few days of opening the registration line this year. So act fast.



Speaking of fiddle camp, as you know we sent a young fiddler, Odessa Coyle from Ennis, to the 2nd week of fiddle camp. I got to meet Odie (as her friends called her) and her parents and younger brother. What an enthusiastic, musically talented and fun family. Below is a photo that I took of Odessa during the student performances. She won an award in the Silly Fiddle contest where she had to play a song while lying on the floor. That little gal rocked it! What a pleasure to watch her play.

Many of you attended Archie Bott's 90th birthday bash this past weekend. It was an honor to be there and be in the huge jam circle with Archie. I think he thoroughly enjoyed himself while surrounded by many of his friends and family. Here's a pic of him playing his good ol' Martin.



Hey, if you are looking for something fun to do tomorrow, there's a big celebration at the **Huntley Project Museum's 50th Birthday Bash**. Several of your fellow YBA members will be playing music on the outdoor stage near the museum. The festivities start at **10 am and finish up at about 5 pm**. Several of your Friday night Jam mates put together a band called "The Quarantines". They play at high noon. Also, fellow YBA member, Almeda Bradshaw, will be playing on stage at 2 pm. The Quarantines consist of: Paul Dextras, Wade Steinmetz, Dennis Anderson, Larry and LaLonnie Larson, Joe Buczek, Scott and Paddy Moore. Come on down for a great day of family entertainment!

One little bit of business... We did some purging of email addresses of members who had not renewed for a while this week. If you are receiving this Music News thingy then you are in pretty good standing and in good company, too. I did send a reminder to just a small handful of members who were still dragging their feet on renewing, and they know who they are. Here's the link to renew or purchase a YBA membership: yellowstonebluegrass.com. Click on **membership** in the menu.

Yellowstone Bluegrass Association

So let's get on with the fun music events coming up!

Friday (June 24, TONIGHT):

• **6-8 pm, YBA Jam at the Elk's lodge. Look for the sign directing you to the jam space. Come on down and jam with your Bluegrass music loving friends. It's guaranteed to be fun!**

Saturday (June 25):

• **10 am - 5 pm, Huntley Project Museum's 50th Birthday Bash. 770 Railroad Highway, Huntley, MT.** Bash Dash 5K at 10am, craft show, food trucks, duck races, cornhole, carnival games and live music on stage. *Did I mention that The Quarantines play from 12 noon to 2 pm? Almeda Bradshaw at 2 pm.*

• **8 pm, Strings and Things on your radio dial, 91.7 fm, YPR. Hosted by Ed Pierson.** *Ed has been busy keeping the water on in the City of Billings, but has made time to put together another fine show for us. Tune in and see what he came up with. I'll see you on the radio!*

Looking ahead:

- **July 10, Sunday, YBA annual PICKnic and Jam, Lake Elmo State Park pavilion, 12:30-6:30 pm. Potluck, burgers and brats. Pray for a cooler day than last year!**

2022 Bluegrass Festivals in our area:

- **June 24, 25, 26: 41st Annual Black Hills Bluegrass Festival, Rush No More Resort & Campground near Sturgis, SD. Five Bands:** Cedar Hill, High Plains Tradition, The Bluestems, Lori King & Junction 63, Lochwood Bluegrass Band. Camping, food and beverages. For more info: blackhillsbluegrass.com
- **July 22, 23 and 24: Hardtimes Bluegrass Festival, South of Hamilton, Montana, new location, same front porch styled stage.** Band line-up: Phyllis & Helen, Woolly Buggers, 93 North, Ladd Canyon Ramblers, Lochwood, Song Dog Serenade, Kentucky Sky, Montana Standard, Dry Buck, Darby Sirens, Pinegrass and Mike & Tari Conroy. Camping, food trucks, festival souvenirs, band CDs and fun! More info: hardtimesbluegrass.com
- **August 12, 13, 14, Jimmie Bales 3rd annual Bluegrass Music Festival.** Wild Willow Campground, 5 miles North of Riverton. Contact Jimmie at 307-851-0051.
- **August 19-20: Pepsi Wyoming State BBQ Championship & Bluegrass Festival, Worland, Wyoming.** Band line-up: Special Consensus, HillBilly Fever and Montana Standard. More info: wyobbqandbluegrass.com
- **September 16, 17 and 18: Miles City Bluegrass Festival, Eastern Montana Fairgrounds, Miles City, Montana.** Band line-up: High Plains Tradition, Edgar Loudermilk Band, Song Dog Serenade, The Blue Stems and Cottonwood. More info: miles-city-websites.com

Bluegrass jams in Montana *:

- **Bozeman, every other Tues, Pub 317, starting around 7:30 pm.** Call Pub 317 to confirm before you go, [406-582-8898](tel:406-582-8898).
- **Missoula/Bitterroot area, check the Montana Rockies Bluegrass Association website** for dates and locations: mtbluegrass.com. *You can also read their quarterly newsletter for free where you'll find all of the information on events in that area and interesting tidbits, too. They have jams out the kazoo in the western part of the state. It's worth checking it out!*

Bluegrass Jams in Wyoming *:

- **Buffalo, Thursday nights, Occidental Hotel Saloon, 7 pm.** Check their website for more info and call before you drive down. www.occidentalwyoming.com *Do check their website, I've noticed that they have some great jams and nice surprise guest artists now and then.*
- **Lander, Saturday's 10 am to 12 noon. Lander Art Center, 258 E. Main.** (across Main St. from the Lander Bakeshop). *All ability levels, all ages, all music and all kinds of people are welcome.* For more info call or text [307-349-0204](tel:307-349-0204), Dick.
- **Riverton Acoustic Music Jams Wednesday nights at the Holiday Inn convention center, 6:30 to 8:30 pm.** *They have changed their location to the back room. They provide a sound system and a jam facilitator. Please note: June 29 this jam will be at the Riverton Senior Citizens Center.*
- **Thermopolis, 1st and 3rd Friday nights at 5:30, Kirby Creek Mercantile on Broadway** back at their indoor location! *Kirby Merc has good food along with the good music. Go on down and have yourself some fun! Let us know how you liked it, make us jealous.*
- **Fremont County's summer community concert series, 6 weekly performances in Riverton and Lander, Monday nights.** June 27, Lander: Prairie Wildfire, July 11, Riverton: Lights Along the Shore, July 18, Lander: WyoJazz with Jeff Troxel, July 25, Riverton: Buffalo Bill Boycott & Dr. Jo, August 11, Lander: Drones Over Yellowstone More info on Facebook.

In addition, here's another event coming up this summer down Wyoming way:

- **July 10, 11 am - 4 pm, South Pass City Gold Rush Days** - Instead of a straight jam format, they alternate with a hootenanny format. The Hootenanny basically is a rotation of bands to show off their stuff. Not a jam but groups of 2 or more. All participants will be entered into drawings for cash!!! Les Hamilton from Packing The Mail (Dan Seeley's band) will be handling sound. Contact Steve Beazley at 307-237-4085 or sbeazley@wyorealtors.com.

***Please note:** *Call ahead before you venture out to any of the jams mentioned above. Sometimes the location and time changes.*

That's all I know for now. I just might see you at the jam tonight!

Paddy Moore, PR Gal and President