

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 18

9:00 am Adult Bible Study
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Coffee Hi
11:30 am Cabinet Meeting
NO Confirmation II
NO Confirmation I

Tuesday, January 20

10:00 am- noon Coffee with Pastor Katie @ The Bean

Wednesday, January 21

5:30 PM LAF
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 25

9:00 am Adult Bible Study
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Coffee HI
12:00 pm Annual Meeting
4:30 pm Confirmation II
6:00 pm Confirmation I

Worship Leaders and Church Staff

Rev. Katie Miller - Sr. Minister	Rev. Elaine Miller - Minister of Visitation
Benjamin Barth - Organist	Kari Jensen - Christian Ed Director
Gretchen Burbach - Choral Director	Taylor Ebsen - Church Administrator
Anthony Burbach - Bell Director/ Piano	Sarah Gregg - Church Financial Officer
Paul Ebsen - Media Director	Kathy Hasenbank, Linda Moe - Custodians

2025-2026 Interns

Madison Maschmann- Choir, Alto
Maleah Wright - Choir, Soprano
Sam VanGerpen - Choir, Tenor
Charlee Huska - LAF, Nursery
Tommy Gress - Organ
Lucas Thomas- Media Intern



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PRELUDE “Ein’ feste Burg ist unser Gott” Pachelbel

WELCOME
Friendship Pads
Announcements
Joys and Concerns
Please also complete a “Prayer Card” and put it in the collection plate.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT “I Come with Joy” 349, v 1
I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free. The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

CALL TO WORSHIP
Before we were brave, before we were certain, before we were ready—
God called our names.
In the middle of crowded days and aching news—
God called our names.
When the world feels heavy and hope feels fragile—
God calls us still.

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Come, all who are tired of carrying everything alone.
We come, called not because we are perfect, but because we are beloved.
Come, all who wonder if they are enough.
We come, ready to listen for the voice that calls us into light.

*HYMN “Rejoice, You Pure in Heart” 55

*INVOCATION
Holy God, You speak before we have language. You see us before we have direction. You call us before we have courage. Quiet the noise around us and within us. Open our hearts to the wonder that we are not lost in the crowd, not invisible in the chaos, and not forgotten in the heaviness of this world. Call us again into truth, into compassion, and into your unfolding work of love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 49:1–7

MUSIC TO INSPIRE “The Work of Christmas” Dan Forrest

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE John 1:29–42

MEDITATION Documenting Wonder

HYMN OF MEDITATION “Jesus Calls Us, o’er the Tumult” 172

A TIME FOR PRAYER
 Silent Prayer
 Pastoral Prayer
 Lord’s Prayer

CALL TO GENEROSITY
In a world that teaches us to cling tightly, God teaches us to open our hands.
In a culture that measures worth by success, God measures faithfulness by love.
Let us offer what we have with wonder,
trusting that God will weave it into something beautiful.

OFFERTORY “Aerith’s Theme” Nobuo Uematsu

**Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
God of calling and courage, receive these gifts as signs of our listening hearts. Bless what is offered here—our money, our time, our love, our uncertainty—and send them into the world as quiet answers to prayer. Where the world is weary, let these gifts bring rest. Where the world is wounded, let them bring care. Where the world feels heavy, let them carry hope. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” 43

*BENEDICTION
Go now into the week ahead, not waiting for perfect clarity, not waiting for perfect strength. Go knowing that you are called— in the midst of doubt, in the middle of unfinished stories, in a world still aching to be healed. May the voice that named you in love go with you, may wonder rise where fear once lived, and may your life become a gentle echo of God’s continuing call to this world. Amen.

POSTLUDE “Boléro de Concert” Lefébure-Wely

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USHERS: Reuvers Family, Andy Hill
DEACON OF THE DAY: Lydia Anderson
NURSERY: Sanderson Family
ACOLYTE: Zelda Ricker
COFFEE HI: The Ricker/ Hebert Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 25

Everyone is invited to stay after worship on **Sunday, January 25 for our Annual Meeting at 12:00 p.m.** Beginning at 11:30 a.m., the Tiospaye Student Council will be selling Indian tacos for lunch. The meeting will follow at 12:00 p.m. Church members are eligible to vote, and **at least 40 members are needed to meet quorum.** We hope you will plan to join us!

2026 COFFEE HI AND OTHER 2026 LISTS

The 2026 **Coffee HI and acolyte sign ups** are posted on the bulletin board downstairs. Thanks to those who have already signed up! We hope you will find a date that works for you to host and share some treats. The **2026 Acolyte** sign up is posted as well. You can also call the church office (605-624-3120) or email us (uccv@uccvermillion.org) with a date that works for you. On days we don't have hosts, coffee will be available.

2026 USHERS

As we look ahead to 2026, we're inviting you to join our usher team and help **make our Sunday services welcoming and meaningful** for all. We're asking for volunteers to usher just one Sunday a month—a small commitment that makes a big impact! Contact the church office for more information.

THANK YOU

UCC Congregation,

Thank you for your recent donation of \$1,500 to the Food Pantry and Welcome Table programs. Our organization relies almost exclusively on donations such as yours to carry out our mission of helping those in most need. Each month we serve over 900 people through our various programs and your gift makes a big difference in their lives.

Thank you again,
Greg Merrian,
Board President

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