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FLATHEAD LAKE UNITED METHODIST CAMP



On the shores where water meets the Spirit



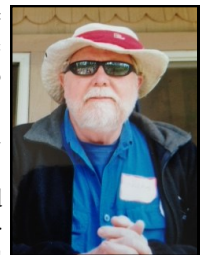
MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR, CHRIS HAGAR

The Flathead Lake United Methodist Camp continues to grow and develop. This is due to the many individuals who donate their time, talent and resources to help bring God's influence into the lives of youth and other persons. Here is a brief peak at some of the dedicated individuals who work behind the scenes to meet the operations and other challenges of our camp.

The Board of Trustees oversees the work of the camp manager. Those 15 individuals meet two times each year, spring this past weekend we met at the camp with Karen Davison, Camp Manager, to plan for the upcoming season, review other longer range proposals, and develop policy guidance. We heard proposals to construct a spiritual labyrinth and install a drinking fountain at the baseball field. We developed a policy to govern the use of the golf cart and finalized the budget for the next year. The trustees come from many places across the state, from Stevensville to Shelby to Plains and serve in a variety of oversight and supportive capacities. Trustees serve for a three year term and may be renewed for up to three terms.

John Weida from Helena is leaving the board. John has served two different periods on the board, once for nine years and most recently for an additional three years. During his most current service he led the board as the chairman of the board for two years from 2013 to 2015. His wife of 50 years, Vicki, continues to serve as a camp dean.

Rick Trembath from Bigfork is leaving the board. Rick has been the chair of the Facilities Committee and has overseen numerous facility overhauls and modernizations. He has coordinated the remodeling of Havre, Shelby, Vista, Hi-Line, Kootenai cabins, and the west bath house as well as several other projects. He planned, coordinated and assisted in the complete reconstruction of the camp water system and the relocation and burying of many electrical power lines. He is currently working on the planning of a new cabin to replace two cabins, (Bigfork Lodge and Kalispell,) that are not cost effective to modernize.



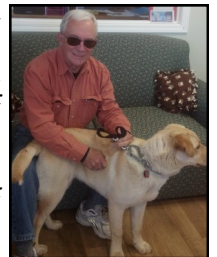
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Other trustees who have left the board recently are Nan Smalley, Jeffery Waniata and Janna Lauver. Their commitment, participation and service are sincerely appreciated.

Another individual who has volunteered a great deal of time, but is not a member of the board is Jay Davison, Karen's spouse. He operates the camp's entire water system. This demanding job requires careful observation and analysis of the many aspects of this complex system. He also takes care of the grounds and landscaping of the camp as well as a wide variety of other tasks.



Bob Sapp left the Board three years ago, but has put in many hours of labor on camp projects since then. Bob has stripped and stained boards for wainscoting in multiple cabins, sat by the slash piles with a hose ready at hand to put out any embers that flew, and recently provided the remaining funding (along with Epworth and Great Falls Churches) for an additional convection oven for the commercial kitchen. Enjoy Smore's? Try them on the new patio fire pit on the west side of the retreat center and dining hall.



These are just a few of the dedicated individuals who help to make Flathead Lake Camp the special place that allows individuals to grow in their spiritual journeys. However, we always need the help of more individuals whether as a camp trustee, a weekend volunteer or camp dean, Come and join us in making Flathead Lake United Methodist Camp a place where we can all be free to grow and be a part of God's work in the world.

FLUMC's Preserving and Conserving Our Camp

Many buildings at the camp on Flathead Lake are pieces of the history of our camp. On the one hand, some of them have outlived their life and are no longer economically feasible to renovate and modernize such as the Bigfork Lodge and the Kalispell cabin. Those structures will eventually be replaced by construction of a NEW CABIN.



BIGFORK LODGE

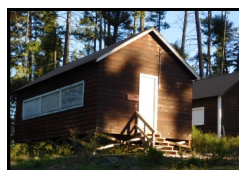
On the other hand, the Cedar classroom, which was in danger of being damaged through lakeshore erosion, has been moved up adjacent to the other classrooms and will continue to be used during Methodist camps and the Senior High Band camp.

Late in last month, a local firm, Kalispell Structural Moving, Inc. jacked up the building, put it on a wheeled carrier and then using an excavator moving it up the slope to a safe location where it can continue to be used.



Moving Cedar classroom

In the location where the classroom stood, we are installing a spiritual and prayer labyrinth thanks to the support of Ms. Shirley Folkwein. Thus, we have added another opportunity for spiritual growth and at the same time preserved another piece of the history of our camp.



Cedar Classroom moved

Better Together: A Report From The Outdoor Ministries Connection by Theresa McDonald-Lees

"What can we do better together?" This the question that is being answered by the annual meeting of the Outdoor Ministry Connection (OMC). Representatives from American Baptist Camps, Episcopal Camps and Conference Centers (ECCC), Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (LOM), Outdoor Ministry Association – Church of the Brethren (OMA-CoB), Outdoor Ministry Association – United Church of Christ (OMA-UCC), Presbyterian Church Camp and Conference Association (PCCCA), and the **United Methodist Camp and Retreat Ministries (UMCRM) Association** gathered together for three days of meetings at Pilgrim Center in Ripon, Wisconsin.



EASTER Morning 2016 FLUMC

Over the last four years this 'association of associations' has been meeting to learn about the ministry of each organization and to discern if there are ways we can share together to strengthen the work being done at the individual sites across the continent. Several important initiatives have begun that will benefit our associations as well as the sites that we serve.

The largest project is a once-in-a-lifetime shared conference planned for November of 2019. Imagine a conference with over six hundred participants, top keynotes, amazing workshops, inspiring worship, and opportunities to connect with the best outdoor ministry practitioners from the mainline denominations across the continent. Planning is already underway!

Many other projects are also in progress, spearheaded by task forces within the OMC. The OMC has recognized that research is an area

where it would be meaningful to have the participation of all mainline denominations. Research will help us all to tell the story of outdoor ministry and its impact. In a similar vein, an evaluation project is in the pilot phase, developing a common way for camps to measure their effectiveness. A third initiative, Interim Director Training, is being developed to increase and expand the network of qualified interim directors who could serve across denominational lines, directing sites in pivotal moments of transition. Collegial consulting is another area of shared interest across the denominations, and conversations continue about how to form and resource a network of consultants to meet the needs of our centers and ministries.

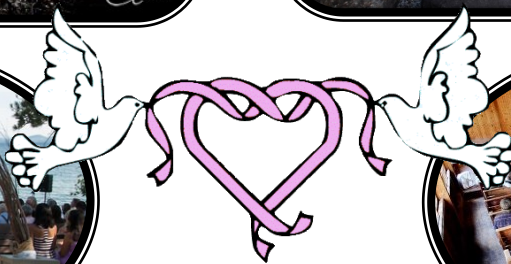
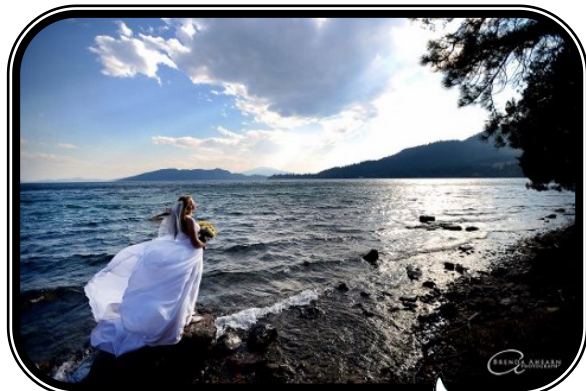
All of our sites have unique gifts to share, our associations have incredible resources to offer, and together we are able to strengthen the body of Christ. We are **better together!**
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FLUMC NEEDS LIST

- A BIG SCREEN TV
- MOVIE THEATER POPCORN POPPER FOR CAMPER SNACKS
- ATV 4- WHEELER or GATOR REPLACEMENT
- BUILDING MATERIALS—INSULATION, NAILS, LUMBER (2X6 or 2X8), and PLYWOOD, CARPENTRY TOOLS
- APPOPRIATE PICTURES and WALLHANGINGS and FURNITURE and ROCKING CHAIRS and END TABLES for the Cabins
- PORCH FURNITURE for cabins with covered porches
- NATIVE PLANTS AND LARCH SEEDLINGS AND HANGING FLOWER POTS with flowers
- A NEW DIRECTIONAL SIGN AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CAMP—REQUESTS TO PAINTERS AND WOODCARVERS
- A FLOATING SWIMMING DOCK FOR THE WATERFRONT

WEDDINGS at FLUMC

The simplicity of the 1930's camp became a stunning location that captured two Brides special wedding moments.



FLUMC MISSION STATEMENT:

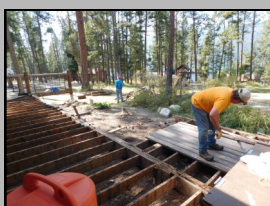
Flathead Lake United Methodist Camp provides a safe, inclusive, and hospitable environment for education and reflection along one's faith journey.

FLUMC VISION STATEMENT:

Grounded in the United Methodist tradition, Flathead Lake United Methodist Camp will provide outdoor settings and educational opportunities for participants to experience the presence of God in their lives and larger world. We are dedicated to creating, sustaining and developing accessible facilities and building on our rich heritage.

FLUMC has its historical roots and foundation in the Yellowstone Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. While not funded by the Yellowstone Annual Conference, we work together to bring the best church camping experience possible to western Montana and beyond. FLUMC is supported by individuals, churches, and registrations fees.

THANK YOU: BOB SAPP, VOLUNTEER, AND DOUG ADAMS WITH LANDSCAPE PERFECTIONS WEST, INC.



De-constructing the rotted wood



Laying the foundation



Constructing the Fire Pit



Bob and Doug

CAMP'S NEW
DINING HALL
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AND
CAMPFIRE
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Work Weekend 2016

New Cabin Goals & Objectives by Rick Trembath

Flathead Lake United Methodist Camp Trustees decided at their spring Board Meeting, to go ahead with the project of building a new cabin that will replace the existing Bigfork Lodge and the Kalispell Cabin. During the next four months, there will be an effort to utilize the combined expertise and experience of the various Methodist Church congregational members, to develop a building design and plan for implementation, which the Board of Trustees can accept and authorize at their fall meeting in September. Anyone interested in being involved with the project development or review should contact Rick Trembath (837-6298).

New Cabin Goals & Objectives

- Use the same general location as the existing Bigfork Lodge
- Insulated for use all year (utilize passive solar heat pump to lower heating costs)
- Handicapped accessible bathrooms and bedrooms on ground level
- Upstairs additional bunking capacity mostly for children
- Maintain the rustic “Camp” décor with the new construction – feature wood
- Construction to be well built for long term use & minimal maintenance
- Feature Flathead Lake views from the Cabin gathering room & bedrooms
- Provide a gathering room with fireplace for camp ambiance / feeling
- Provide opportunities for audio / visual presentations in gathering room
- 2 Bathrooms (Girls & Boys side) with toilet, sink, and shower – ADA compliant
- Kitchenette with small refrigerator, stove, microwave, sink, and counter space
- Sleeping facilities for from 28 to 30 with a combination of bunks & full size beds
- Provide road access & drop off at near the main floor level entrance – no steps

The CAMP NEEDS YOUR HELP

CAMPER FEES PAY FOR CAMP MAINTENANCE BUT

PROJECT FUNDING COMES FROM YOU!

Project emphasis items:

- Do not lose the ability to accommodate campers June – August
- Minimize disruption to Camping programs during May – September
- Utilize possible donated materials and volunteer labor whenever possible
- Be as cost effective as possible
- Comply with all electrical, plumbing, and building codes – Safe building

Desired timeframe for this project:

Project initiation from the Camp Board of Trustees “Vote for Implementation” at the 2016 Spring Board Meeting – April 23rd. Overall target completion could be by the start of camping season June 1, 2017 or June 1, 2018 dependent on specific agreed to timeframes for the following:

- Discovery phase – to agree on and approve the project objectives & goals
- Site survey needed for proper planning and architecture – exact sewer location
- Design phase – to develop architectural drawings of building design and size
- Permitting process – to obtain the necessary permits from oversight agencies
- Financial support – to solicit for and find necessary project funding
- Site preparation – to tear down existing Lodge & prepare the site Kalispell Cabin would remain standing for use until cabin completed
- Building construction phase-foundation, walls, roof, floor, plumbing , electrical
- Building finishing phase – interior finishing & furnishings
- Landscaping, a driving & walking access deck / patio

Thrivent Action Teams

Thrivent's financial services and charitable programs has unused Action Team funds that can be accessed by the public by becoming an associate member (see below).. This Lutheran affiliated nonprofit organization distributes its net revenues through an innovative “Direct Choice Dollar” pre-loaded card. Members receive 1 - 2 \$250 Community Impact cards each year they can use to support qualifying charitable causes.

Bring together a volunteer team of friends, family and people in your community to have a bigger impact. It's not a gift or a grant. It's seed money, and it's an investment to help get your project started or gain awareness for your cause, rather than directly giving the money to (granting) or purchasing items for (gifting) your cause. Multiple members cannot apply to receive a Thrivent Action Kit to be used toward the exact same project.'

You can become an associate member for \$19.95 per year; you will be able to apply electronically for a \$250 “Direct Choice Dollar” pre-loaded credit card to support certain charitable activities (online application requires billing info & checking or credit card info). If you want further help, contact Donna Maughlin, FLUMC Trustee & member of Plains UMC at djmaughlin@msn.com or the direct link to their website is <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership-and-benefits/#associate>

WORK WEEKEND 2016



The CROSS by the Chapel was lifted up by Rick Trembath before work weekend even began. On Friday, 11 volunteers arrived at camp, followed by another 60+ the next day. Some stayed all weekend, some just for the day. But all gave their service and love to FLUMC.



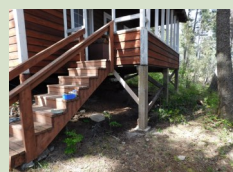
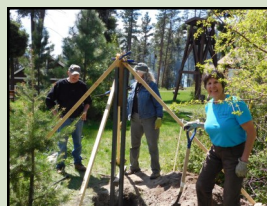
Aprons, curtains, tablecloths, dishcloths, and dish towels in so many different colors and patterns were beautifully sewn by volunteer seamstresses directed by Jean Harman.



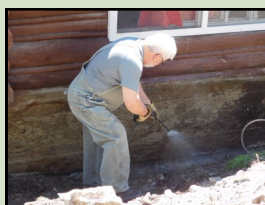
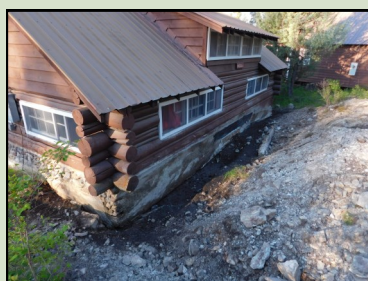
The Retreat Center Kitchen needed spring cleaning. Vicki Weida and her crew organized, sorted, washed, and labeled. Everything can be found and is waiting to be used.



New paths were created and stacks of firewood were split and stacked.



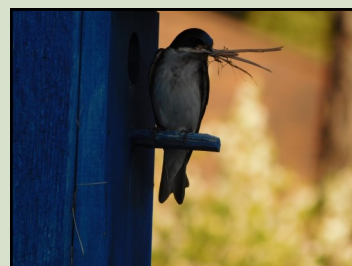
Polson Cabin received new deck supports. The Native Plant Garden in the commons area became the home for the camp flag



Missoula Cabin's dormitory bedroom wall leaked and was repaired

While volunteers prepared FLUMC for summer campers, the swallows prepared their new homes given to them by the campers of Intermountain Camp.

Thanks to ALL who volunteered their hard work and cheerful spirits!



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ON THE SHORES WHERE WATER
MEETS THE SPIRIT



Return Service Requested

2016 FLUMC CAMP CALENDAR



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| May 12-15 JVC Camp | June 28-July 1 UM Middler Camp | Aug. 12-15 Bumpke Reunion |
| May 16-June 2 UM NOMADS | July 1-5 UM Intergenerational Camp | Aug. 12-15 Intermountain Youth Camp |
| May 26-30 Weida Wedding Anniversary | July 6-9 UM Tween Camp | Aug. 15-18 Camp To Remember |
| June 1-9 MCT/US Navy Camp | July 2- Lowell Family Celebration | Aug. 19-21 Helena Soccer Camp |
| May 3-5 LW Dream Group | July 10-16 Sr. High Band Camp | Aug. 21-27 Wilderness One Dance Camp |
| June 5 -9 Wang Retreat | July 15-21 Orndorff Reunion | Aug. 28 BigFork CUMC Picnic |
| June 6-10 Mt. WWAMI | July 17-23 Jr. High Band Camp | Sept. 1-5 Gilliam Wedding |
| June 10-12 Western MT Returned Peace Corps Volunteers | July 24-29 Sr. High Methodist Camp | Sept. 2-5 Weida Reunion |
| June 12-16 American Indian Camp | July 29-31 RM Bleeding Disorder | Sept. 9-11 Bear Hug Camp |
| June 12-17 Camp Farthest Out | July 31-Aug. 10 Missoula Children's Theater Camp | Sept. 16-17 Fall Trustee Meeting |
| June 16-19 Finkey, Eve, & Schuman Family reunions | Aug. 10-15 College Reunion | Sept. 23-26 CRU Retreat |
| June 21-26 Alpine Weavers & Spinners Guild | Aug. 10-13 Burkland/Hunter | Sept. 27-30 Great Falls Women |
| June 25-July 8 Curtis Reunion | | Oct. 1-2 Flathead Paddlers |
| | | Nov. 4-6 Tamarack Family Camp |

Make YOUR Reservations NOW for the 2016-2017 FALL & WINTER Camping Season.