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Bedrock Scripture:

But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

John 4:4-15 (NRSV)

Mississippi in October?

Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Katrina Recovery Team from BUMC, would like to extend an invitation to anyone interested in joining them for a working trip to Waveland, Mississippi, October 7 – 20.

The goal is to assist Hurricane Katrina survivors in reconstructing their homes. Contact Glenn (586-5757) for details!

The Babbling Brook by Pastor Morie

We have finally come to the major milestone of beginning weekly worship, and it is very exciting! Starting on September 9th, 2007, Living Waters United Methodist Church will open its doors to anyone seeking a new faith community. There will be two worship services offered every Sunday, and they are described in our brochure as:

10:00-11:00 AM—

A more typical worship service, with a mixture of music styles, relevant preaching, spiritual experience, and lots of energy. Children learn worship through participation as they are included in every way. Adults and children are invited back in the evening for education related to the morning worship.

6:00-7:30 PM—

This service is split in half, including 45 minutes of worship and 45 minutes of education time for both adults and children. Worship is still full of music, dynamic preaching, spiritual experience, and energy. People are encouraged to stay for education time, but can leave after worship if necessary.

Come to one or come to both, and bring a relative, friend, neighbor, co-worker, and acquaintance. This is a place where everyone is *welcomed authentically* so they may experience *transformation* and *empowerment* through *relationships* and *service*.

I look forward to seeing you September 9th!

Pastor Morie

Exciting Education Plans

The Children's Education Team for LWUMC has kicked off it's 2007-2008 term with recent fellowship and planning. The team of seven will oversee the programming for children ages 0-18; nursery, Sunday School, a mid-week LOGOS program, and any other program fitting for these age groups' needs. Beginning on September 22nd, the curriculum, "Seasons of the Spirit" will be used during the 6:45- 7:30 pm time frame, following the Sunday evening worship service. LOGOS, a mid-week program currently designed for children ages nursery through 5th grade, will run for 8 weeks; October 2nd through December 5th, with both Oct. 31st and Nov. 21st off. LOGOS will take place on Wednesday evenings from 5-7 and will focus on prayer for the first four weeks and the Journey to Bethlehem for the last four weeks. Registrations will be available soon! Please contact Jeneffer Smith, LOGOS Director, with any inquiries (539-4055).

The Children's Education Team for LWUMC is eager to find individuals willing to commit to teaching Sunday School on Sunday mornings; ages 4 and up. The curriculum, "Seasons of the Spirit" is a comprehensive curriculum with teaching tools available and very user-friendly. Please contact Jessica Amende, education chair, if you are interested in reviewing the curriculum and/or teaching Sunday School to our children on Sunday mornings. We currently have one adult willing to lead S.S for the middle age group on Sunday mornings (ages 7 -9). However, we honor the "rule of two" and cannot proceed with Sunday morning education for all ages until we a total of 6 adults each Sunday morning. Please call!

The education team is also currently preparing the physical space for children's programming; bringing in tables and chairs, making and decorating bulletin boards, building and installing coat racks, organizing craft and supply space, creating an inventory list of supplies and needs, etc. We welcome helpers!

* — **Keep posted to the website for more details**

Greetings from the Mission Team,

Beginning July 14th, **Living Waters partnered up with the Gallatin Valley Food Bank** on a Saturday perishable food products distribution. The hours of distribution are 10:30-1:00.

- All food is donated by Albertson's stores (Belgrade & Bozeman), and Lee & Dads.
- Over the last seven weeks we have distributed over 2900 pounds of food to almost 200 people in need.
- All food left after the distribution is donated to the Belgrade Senior Center.
- This program is open to all families regardless of income.
- A big thank you to everyone who has made this dream a reality: Dean and Rhonda Richardson for having taken the ServSafe course and are now certified to pick up the produce every Saturday, John Worley, Pat Godward and Jim Godward for filling in many weekends and who will all be missed when they follow the sunshine south this fall.
- If you can volunteer a few hours on a Saturday, by helping set out the produce, or by being a driver and picking up the produce the Mission Team would greatly appreciate the help. This is a wonderful family mission project; even the littlest ones can help out!

The Mission team will also be gearing up for the annual **Crop Walk** on October 21. So get your walking shoes broke in and be ready to walk for our local food bank, and Church World Services.

Contact the church office (388-1265) for more information about becoming involved in LWUMC Missions.

Needed: Nursery Caregivers

- Hours ranging from 5-10 per week
(could increase once all groups/committees have organized).
- Need to have a flexible schedule: mainly evenings, plus Sunday mornings.
- Caregivers are welcomed to bring their own children along to play.

Please contact Sarah McKim @ 599-6331 if interested.



CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS
Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:00-11:00 a.m.

Pastor Morie holds these Office hours for your convenience. Please call or stop by to take care of business or just say "hello".

We're On the Web!
www.living-waters-umc.org

LOGOS IS COMING!

Teach Us To Pray - October 3-October 24

Prayer is talking with God. There are many ways to talk with God and many different kinds of prayers. Jesus taught his disciples to pray and gave them an example that we still use today. We call this example the Lord's Prayer.

Journey to Bethlehem - November 7, 14, 28 & December 5

People in Bible times waited with anticipation for the coming of the Savior. During Advent, we wait and prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This is the gift of Christmas, something we can remember and celebrate all year.

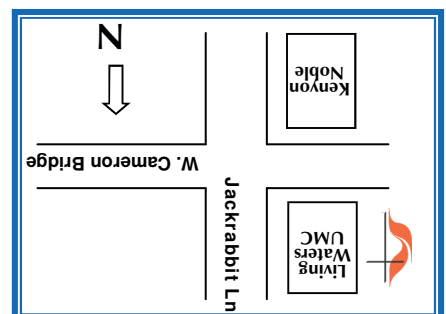
What is LOGOS? LOGOS is an 8-week children's ministry program that puts children into an enriching environment. Within this environment, the children learn about faith, worship, non-competitive play, table manners, and relationships.

Registration: Registration begins September 9th and concludes September 30th.

Cost? There are two ways we are asking families to contribute to the growth of our children and the well-being of the program: time and money. **Time:** Each family is asked to pair up with one other family for one week's session. The responsibilities include preparing, serving, and cleaning-up the dinner. This allows us to meet new people and be involved in the program for the sake of the children. **Money:** To cover the costs for dinners we are asking families to contribute a minimal amount for the 8-weeks: \$20—first child*, \$15—second child*, \$5—third, fourth, fifth...child*

*Money will never turn a child away—pay the amount that fits your budget.

Worship Services @ 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Kids Church @ 6:45 p.m.



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