



The Spark



Newsletter of the Choteau-Brady-Dutton UMC Parish

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Worship
WITH US

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM - Brady 1st & 3rd week

9:15 AM - Dutton 2nd & 4th week

11:00 AM - Choteau

Seeking and Empowering Disciples of Jesus Christ to Love, Witness and Serve

Give Thanks

I give thanks for all those whose lives don't look saintly
but whose inner struggles are heroic.

I give thanks for all those who don't accomplish great things
but whose prayers hold the world together.

I give thanks for those who aren't especially virtuous
but would be a lot worse if not for
how hard they try to be decent people.

I give thanks for those who seem pretty ordinary
but have had to overcome great trauma to get there.

Secretly, maybe we are all saints.

Shine with the light you are given!

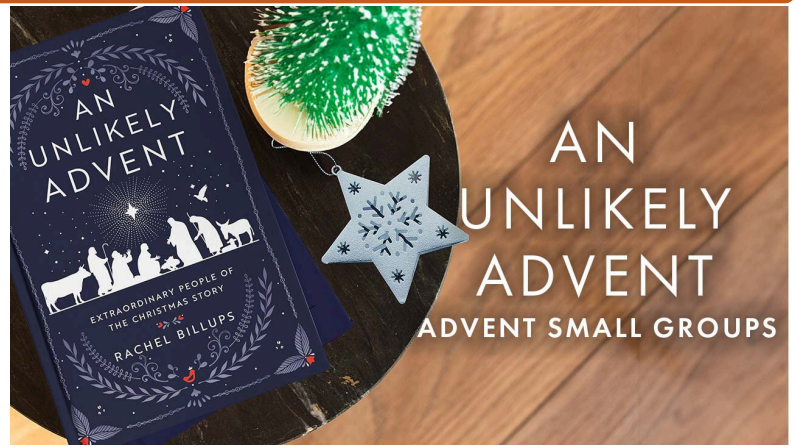


--submitted by Terry Dunn

Pastor's Page

Expect the unexpected this Christmas.

Please join us for a 4 week Advent study at Choteau UMC. We will be using the book "An Unlikely Advent: Extraordinary People of the Christmas Story" by Rachel Billups.



This four-week Advent study focuses on the experiences of four sets of often overlooked characters in the Nativity story. During this Advent season, Rachel Billups guides readers through the themes of hope, love, joy, and peace by sharing the stories of Elizabeth and Zechariah, Herod, the Magi, and the shepherds. Each set of unexpected characters has something to teach about living faithfully on the journey to Christmas.

We will meet in the back of the Sanctuary on Tuesdays at 2PM

December 2nd

December 9th

December 16th

December 23rd

Email Rev. Kaitlin at revkaitlin@gmail.com for more information and to sign up to order a book. Please let Rev. Kaitlin or the church office know if you would like a book by **Monday, November 17th** so that we can get them in time. **Books are \$10 each.**

Blessings to you as we enter a time of gratitude and anticipation in the upcoming months.

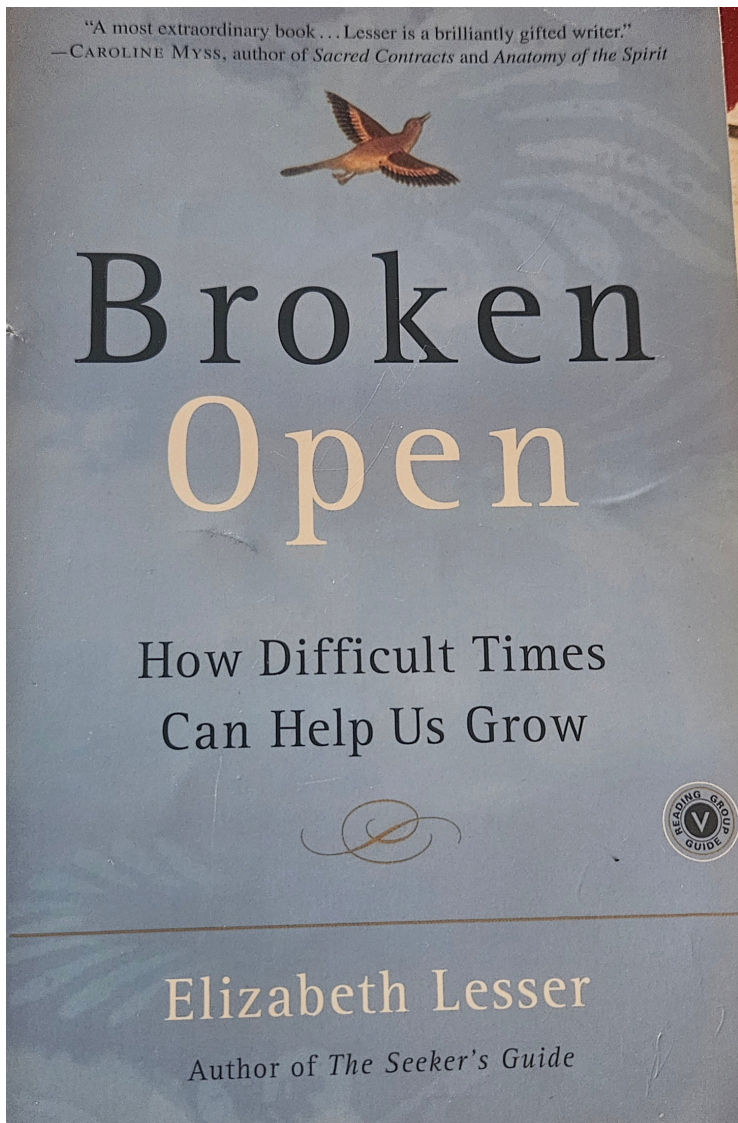
Grace and Peace,

Rev. Kaitlin





Parishioners' Pick



Broken Open by Elizabeth Lesser provides *"a beautifully crafted blend of moving stories, humorous insights, practical guidance and personal memoir."* The author offers the reader a choice: to be broken or transformed by loss. Full of grace and connection and not one smack of toxic positivity...the author reminds us we are not alone in loss, and there is a path through.



NOVEMBER

birthdays & anniversaries

- 7 Helen Shafer
- Ellie Zwerneman
- 9 Brodie Gollehon
- 10 Collette Yeager
- 12 ♥ Dave & Crystal Carlson
- Alexandria Kostelnik Young
- 15 Heather McCartney-Duty
- 16 Rev. Kaitlin Elmore
- Vera Goodmundson
- 17 ♥ Darrel & Vera Goodmundson
- 21 Barb Coffman
- 22 Diane Bingham
- Chuck Gameon
- Greg Yeager
- 23 Steve Mellinger
- Bob Milewski
- 27 Dora Jermunson
- ♥ Greg & Kim Yeager
- 28 Scott Inbody
- Alois Kostelnik
- 30 Will Rasmussen



to the families and friends of
Clint Spinder
Death – October 7, 2025
Memorial Service on
Saturday, November 15 ~ 11:00 a.m.
at Frontier Funeral Home
Choteau, MT



Bible Readings for the Month

November 2 ~ All Saints Sunday

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalms 119:137-144

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

November 9

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

November 16

Isaiah 65:17-25

Isaiah 12 or Psalm 118

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

November 23

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Luke 1:68-79

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

November 30 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Skyline Lodge Bible Study



Join us for Bible Study
1st & 3rd Wednesdays
11:00 AM
on the 2nd floor open
space at Skyline Lodge



PRE-K—6TH

DROP OFF—5:00 PM

PICK UP 6:00 PM

DINNER & DEVOTIONS—ALL AGES

Meal on November 5 will be at Choteau UMC

No CONNECT on November 26

What is life?

Life is a sexually
transmitted condition
with a
terminal prognosis.



**Dutton Community
Ecumenical
Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, November 23
2:00 PM**

at Bethany Lutheran Church

Rev. Kaitlin Elmore will be offering
the message. A light lunch will be
provided before the service.

The time for lunch is
yet to be determined.

All are invited!

GOOD GRIEF LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Together, we find strength and comfort

2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 2PM
Choteau United Methodist Church
12 1st Ave NW

SUPPORT / SHARE

Loss includes death of a loved one or a pet, loss of independence, divorce, miscarriage, and so much more. If you are experiencing ANY kind of loss, you are welcome here.

Contact Rev. Kaitlin Elmore at
revkaitlin@gmail.com
for more information



Support the Local Food Pantry

by attending the Community Pancake
Dinner & Bake Sale

Tuesday, November 4
at Choteau LDS Church
5 - 7 p.m.

Free-will offering (donations, canned
goods, non-perishable food items).
All proceeds go to the Food Pantry.

Methodist Church Family,

*The Junior High would like to thank you
for all your school supply donations. They
are greatly appreciated. Your kindness is
truly a blessing to many of us students.*

*Thanks again,
Choteau Junior High & Shellie Mellinger*

Conrad/Brady Christmas Giving Tree 2025

It is time to prepare for the Conrad/Brady
Christmas Giving Tree.

The Conrad/Brady Christmas Giving Tree not only
relies on the generous giving of the community but
also the dedication of the volunteers. Each church's
participation centers around willing volunteers to
distribute the tags describing requested gifts to
parishioners, collect the wrapped gifts, and deliver
them the the Giving Tree by Saturday December 13.

The families come to the CENTROL Crop
Consulting shop located on Front Street behind the
Branding Iron on Sunday, December 14 at 1:30 pm
to pick up their gifts.

**2025 Conrad/Brady
Christmas
Giving Tree**

**Registration
Mon. Oct. 20
to Wed. Nov. 12**

Families and individuals
living in the Conrad and
Brady communities in
need of Christmas gifts
may register by calling:

406-450-1529
406-788-4880
406-627-2433
406-627-2465

Late registrations and
referrals not accepted

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Remembering our Saints

Those members and friends
who have died in the past year
(since November 2024)



**On All Saints Sunday, November 2, 2025
we will remember and celebrate our saints during worship service.
*We remember ~***

Dave Robles—10/30/24
(Choteau)

Randy Erickson—06/25
(Choteau/California)

Bud Olson—11/02/24
(Choteau)

Frank Bemis—07/02/25
(Choteau/Billings)

John Nauck—11/15/24
(Choteau)

Justin Brownell—08/04/25
(Pendroy)

Donna Alzheimer—12/24/25
(Choteau)

Walter Coffman—08/08/25
(Dutton)

Peggy Kimmet—02/09/25
(Choteau)

Lenore Rogers—08/31/25
(Choteau)

Jenny Barhaugh—03/01/25
(Choteau)

Rev. Terry Dunn - 09/14/25
(Choteau)

Syd Clark—03/01/25
(Choteau)

Tucker Rice—09/21/25
(Choteau/Pendroy/Moore)

Chuck Allen—03/13/25
(Choteau)

Robert Dauwalder—09/28/25
(Dutton)

Alvin Guse—04/15/25

Clint Spinder—10/07/25
(Choteau)



YOUR MONETARY GIFTS AT WORK

The ministries of Choteau United Methodist church are made possible by your on-going financial contributions. Our congregation is 100% self-funded; we receive no outside funding.

Your gifts enable us to provide weekly worship, pastoral care, educational opportunities, youth group, Sunday school for children and adults, mission opportunities, the opportunity for us to provide responsible charitable contributions to help those in need, etc. Please consider making a financial contribution to Choteau UMC to support our life-transforming mission. To make a tax-deductible donation, you can send a check to our church office or contribute on Sunday during the offering. Financial statements are available upon request at the church office.

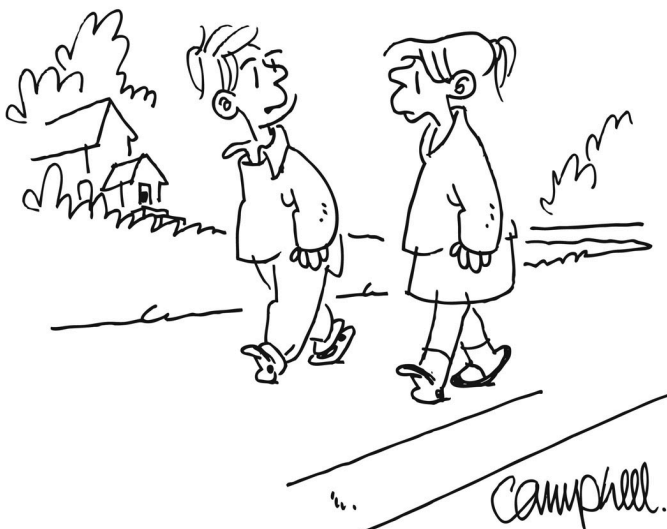
VITAL STATISTICS – Choteau UMC

2025 Budget for Choteau	\$ 44,444
<i>(This budget figure for Aug. – Dec. 31, 2025)</i>	
Needed to meet budget – October	\$ 26,666
Received through October 26	\$ 25,249
Thank you for your on-going support!	



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Remember to set your clocks
BACK one hour before you retire
to bed on Saturday, November 1.



"We're going to my Grandma's on Thursday
to pig out ... and also be thankful."



Sustaining and Empowering Disciples of Jesus Christ to Love, Witness and Serve
CHOTEAU - BRADY - DUTTON
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BUSINESS HOURS
CHOTEAU OFFICE HOURS
Mon - Thur 9am - 12pm

Website address: www.umchoteau.net

Bookmark the address above to your own computer (add it to your "favorites" list) so you can quickly click on it and stay connected! Use the website to check what's going on and what's coming up in the life of our parish.

Check out the new additions to the website:
• Sermons—video

And don't forget our email address:

umc@3rivers.net

Like us on Facebook.com/Choteau UMC

CHOTEAU, BRADY, DUTTON UMC PARISH

Tuesday, November 4
4:00 PM
at Choteau UMC



CHARGE CONFERENCE

ALL parishioners (newer and long-time are encouraged to attend our Annual All-Church Charge Conference. District Superintendent, Karen McRae, will facilitate us as we celebrate this past year and look ahead to where God is calling us as a parish and conference in 2026.

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Lila Dunn, Admin. Assist.

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**This month's newsletter is sponsored
by Larry & Cheryl Maurer
In appreciation and honor of UMCOR**

**Please continue to consider sponsoring an issue of The Spark for \$40,
and your sponsorship will be noted in the newsletter.**

**What a nice recognition in honor or memory of someone, or as a gift!
Submit your sponsor information to the parish office.**

Happy Thanksgiving

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 am - Brady 1st & 3rd week 9:15 am - Dutton 2nd & 4th week 11:00 am - Choteau						1 
2 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY  Holy Communion Daylight Saving Time Ends	3	4 Parish Charge Conference 4:00 pm @ Choteau UMC	5 11:00 AM Skyline Bible Study 5-6 PM CONNECT meal @ Choteau UMC	6	7	8
9  Come Worship with us	10	11 Veteran's Day REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS 	12 2:00 PM Grief/Loss Support 5-6 PM CONNECT	13	14	15 Clint Spinder Memorial 11am @ Frontier Funeral Home
16  Invite a Friend	17	18	19 11:00 AM Skyline Bible Study 5-6 PM CONNECT	20	21	22
23 Christ the King Sunday Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service @ Dutton Bethany Lutheran 2pm Service	24	25	26 2:00 PM Grief/Loss Support NO CONNECT	27 Office Closed  HAPPY Thanksgiving!	28	29
30 1st Sunday of Advent 		Office Hours: Mon - Thurs 9am - Noon (406) 466-2641 umc@3rivers.net www.umchoteau.net Facebook.com/Choteau UMC				