

Our Savior’s, Gilmanton &
Montana Salem United Methodist
Churches

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Return Service Requested

Community Events

Mondovi
Sharing Table

Wednesday, September 10
4:30—6:00 pm
Central Lutheran Church

Ruby's
PANTRY

Thursday, September 18
4:00—5:30 pm
Mondovi County Shop

OUTREACH

SEPTEMBER 2025



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Dear beloved members of our church family,

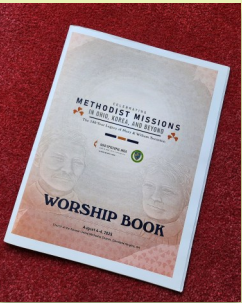
As we step into the season of early autumn, I pray that the peace of Christ fills your hearts and homes.

From August 4 to 6, I had the privilege of attending the 140th anniversary celebration of Methodist mission work in Korea, hosted by the Ohio Annual Conference, held at Savior United Methodist Church in Ohio. This event honored the legacy of Mary Scranton—the first Methodist female missionary to Korea—and her son, Dr. William Scranton. Together, they laid the foundation for the Methodist mission in Korea, and their story continues to inspire generations of faithful servants.

Mary Scranton arrived in Korea in 1885 with her son William, a physician, after losing her husband. At that time, due to Confucian customs, Korean women and girls had little to no access to education. Moved by compassion and conviction, Mary began Korea’s first educational institution for women—Ewha School for Girls—right in her own home. From its humble beginnings, Ewha grew into a place that nurtured women who would go on to make significant contributions in fields such as education, medicine, philosophy, politics, and the arts. Today, Ewha Womans University has over 20,000 students and continues to shape leaders across Korea and beyond.

William Scranton, deeply influenced by his mother’s faith and vision, graduated from Yale and New York Medical College. After running a hospital in the U.S., he joined his mother in Korea as a missionary and began medical work from their shared home.

Though Mary was later encouraged to return to the U.S., she firmly declared her desire to die in Korea. She spent the rest of her life traveling throughout the country, sharing the gospel and promoting education. She passed away on October 8, 1909, and was buried in the Yanghwajin Foreign Missionary Cemetery, in Seoul, Korea, in accordance with her final wish.



Together, the Scrantons established schools, hospitals, and churches. They raised pastors, church leaders, and even independence activists who resisted Japanese colonial rule. The churches they founded continue to influence Korean society and global mission efforts to this day. I believe that Korea’s rapid embrace of democracy and its remarkable economic growth—often called the “Miracle on the Han River”—was deeply shaped by the gospel brought by these missionaries.

Scripture reminds us again and again of the power of one person who responds to God’s call—Abraham, Moses, David, Paul, and so many others. The impact of missionaries who transformed nations and cities is profound. Even those whose names are not widely known—our spiritual ancestors, parents, friends, and neighbors who shared the gospel with us—they too were God’s Abrahams, Davids, Pauls, Marys, and Williams.

As a Korean, I give thanks to the Methodist Church in America for sending missionaries to Korea; and I thank God for calling me to serve within the United Methodist Church today.

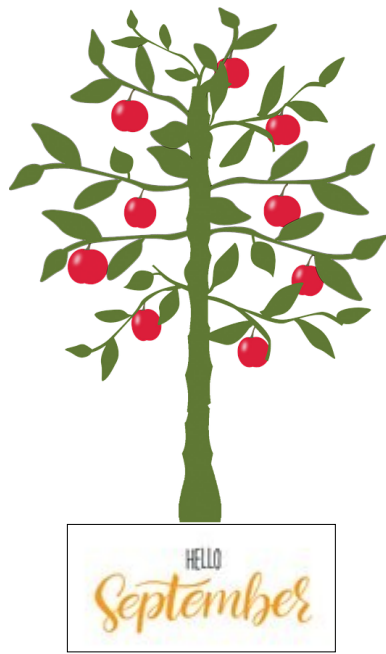
I pray that each of us may become that one person God seeks—someone who carries the good news of Jesus Christ into the world.

*“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in?
And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?
And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?
And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?
As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’” – Romans 10:14–15*

With love and gratitude,
Rev. Hyuntae Kim Ph.D.

Happy Birthday!

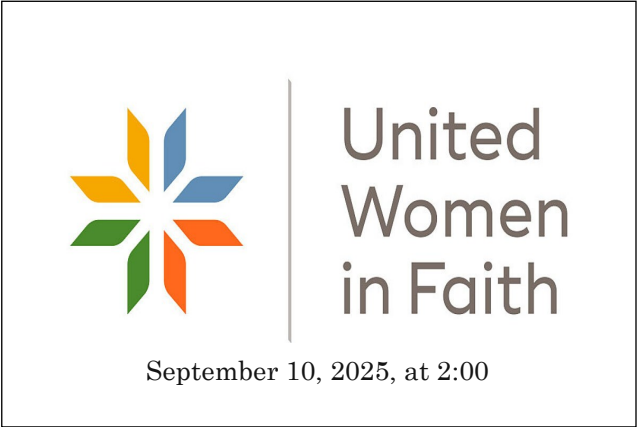
- 9/1 Kaycee Christ Pronschinske
- 9/2 Lyndsey Thompson
- 9/3 Rebecca Reidt
- 9/6 Kasey Poeschel
- 9/11 Stan Winsand
- 9/12 Becky Davis
- 9/13 Peggy Williams
- 9/14 Rachel Kent
- 9/14 Mike Stoughton
- 9/18 Carol McDonough
- 9/20 Scott Davis
- 9/21 Teresa Schofield
- 9/22 Matt Thompson
- 9/25 Daniel Schaffner
- 9/26 James Luethi
- 9/26 Santana Nelson
- 9/26 Wyatt Sandberg
- 9/29 Joel Ernst



Happy Anniversary!

- 9/2 Marty & Luanne Swanson
- 9/7 Tyler & Kristen Bishopp
- 9/16 Mike & Kim Fillmore
- 9/19 Darrin & Toni Ede
- 9/19 Ryan & Kelly Welke
- 9/21 Jaramia & Jade Jehn
- 9/22 Kyle & Tosha Bishopp
- 9/25 John & Judy Schwartz
- 9/30 Mark & Kay Johnson

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16



Keep in Prayer...

Robin Brunsch-rehabilitation.

Members who are in long-term care facilities.

Military veterans.

All firefighters, EMTs, police, and military personnel.

Brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

Another year, another “Pickle Project”

It is rewarding to see what can be accomplished when a group of kind, generous, and faithful people come together for the purpose of supporting OSUMC and the community who love pickles. Thank you for your support. We processed 452 jars, 406 of them being quarts. We gave away 30 jars to our helpers. Presales totaled \$2551 with \$1951 left to receive once these are sold at the bazaar in November. This year's total is \$4502. Thank you!!! Our helpers were mostly members or friends of OSUMC, but we had Gilmanton members and Montana members also lending their skills. We even have individuals from the community that give of their time and talent for our cause. Each year our group ages, and it is wonderful to see some younger helpers giving of their time and talents.



Faith

Worship in the Park
July 27, 2025



Family

Friends



Food

Fellowship



“Christmas...Walk Right In” Bazaar

Saturday, November 1, 2025
9am-3pm

- * Baked goods
- * Candy
- * Lefse
- * Rosettes
- * Branger Pickles
- * Craft & Quilt Items
- * Plants
- * Garden Décor
- * Garden Produce
- * Grandma's Cupboard - Antiques & Collectibles



We will be serving fancy Christmas treats, coffee and tea, for people to “walk right in and sit themselves down.”

Our Savior's United Methodist Church

210 N. Eau Claire Street, Mondovi, WI

Tour of individual homes will not be included this year.

Church Service Schedule Survey

Hard copies of surveys will be available at all three church services throughout September.

(Please complete and return by October 1, 2025)

As we adjust to our new journey as a three-church charge, we are still trying to find a service schedule that works well for all three churches. The current schedule presents a challenge for some of our Montana Salem members engaged in agriculture. After discussing this challenge, the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee has decided on two possible schedule changes. Before deciding on one, the committee would like input from the congregations. Please read the two options carefully and pick the one you would choose. Please keep in mind that the committee recognizes that neither option will be ideal for everyone, but is looking for what is felt to be the best choice. Please do not sign your name (to keep responses anonymous) but please do mark what church you belong to. Thank you.

Circle the church you are a member of:

Our Savior’s UMC (Mondovi) Gilmanton UMC Montana Salem UMC

Please circle the option you would choose.

OPTION 1

This option keeps the current times, but has Montana Salem and Mondovi Our Savior’s switching between the early time slot and the late time slot for six months at a time. The reason for keeping Gilmanton UMC in the middle time slot is to avoid Pastor Kim having to travel the greater distance from Mondovi to Montana Salem (or vice versa) in the 30 min travel time he currently has to travel between the church services.

November 1 through April 30

8:00 AM **Mondovi Our Savior’s**

9:30 AM Gilmanton UMC

11:00 AM **Montana Salem UMC**

May 1 through October 31

8:00 AM **Montana Salem UMC**

9:30 AM Gilmanton UMC

11:00 AM **Mondovi Our Savior’s**

OPTION 2

This option adds a Sunday evening service for either Mondovi Our Savior’s or Gilmanton UMC. One church would have the Sunday morning time slot and the other would have the evening time slot. The reason this option involves Mondovi and Gilmanton is to minimize travel time for Pastor Kim in the evening. Sunday evening was chosen over Saturday evening so that Pastor Kim would have the same amount of time to prepare for services that he currently has. Please note that if you are a Mondovi or Gilmanton member and choose this option you are saying that you would be in favor of the evening service when it comes time for the committee to choose which church has which time slot.

9:00 AM Montana Salem

11:00 AM Mondovi Our Savior’s or Gilmanton UMC

7:00 PM Mondovi Our Savior’s or Gilmanton UMC (whichever is not in the morning,this would stay consistent)

Additional thoughts or comments:

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7 Holy Communion 8:00 am Montana Salem Worship 9:30 am Gilmanton Worship 11:00 am Our Savior's Worship	8	9 6:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting at OS	10 2:00 UWF at OS 3:30 Bazaar Meeting	11	12	13
14 8:00 am Montana Salem Worship 9:30 am Gilmanton Worship 10:30 am OS Choir Practice 11:00 am Our Savior's Worship; Choir Sings	15	16	17 6:00 pm OS Council Meeting	18	19	20
21 8:00 am Montana Salem Worship 9:30 am Gilmanton Worship 11:00 am Our Savior's Worship	22	23 6:00 SPRC Meeting at Montana	24 6:30 pm OS Choir Practice Newsletter Deadline	25	26	27
28 8:00 am Montana Salem Worship 9:00 am Gilmanton Choir Practice 9:30 am Gilmanton Worship 11:00 am Our Savior's Worship	29	30				



Refreshments will be served before church at Our Savior’s on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month, starting at 10 am. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

September Worship Helpers at Our Savior’s			
	Greeters/Ushers	Worship Leader	Money Counters
Sep 7	Jim & Gloria Williams	Mike Bruning	Stephanie Stamm & Linda Johnston
Sep 14	Jan Bechel & Linda Johnston	Rita McDonnell	Mary Beth Pichler & Jan Bechel
Sep 21	Jay & Kolleen Branger	Mary Beth Pichler	Leah Pichler & Katie Sandberg
Sep 28	Randy & Dora Johnston	Katie Sandberg	David Saxe & Jay Branger
Camera Operators: Saul Ness, Brendan & Sarah Williams			