



“THE MESSENGER”

Pastor Vicky Martinez

April 2026

Pine Bluffs United Methodist Church



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PRAYERS

Holy God, please lift up all these individuals and families with your comfort and love, healing all of their hearts and bodies. Amen!

Family of the Jolly's (*in the passing of their sister*)

Dick Fornstrom

Mary Cushing (*upcoming surgery*)

Our Countries Leaders

Our Church Family

Alice Theobald

Rick & Wanda Carpenter

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Honoring our 30 and 40 Year Members

It is with great pride, and thanks to our Heavenly Father that we honor the following 30 and 40 year members:

Matthew Waterman (30 years), Lacy Shandera (30 years), Larissa Sabin (30 years), Christina Gorman Patterson (30 years), Kraig Baker (30 years), Judy Wilson (30 years), Linda Coffman (30 years), Kurt Baker (31 years), Sally Brelsford (33 years), Kendra Roeder (33 years), Shannon Shain (33 years), William Shain (33 years), Sue Maxted (33 years), Brenda Armstrong (36 years), Dana Ostrander (36 years), Ann Lansden (37 years), Dale Lansden (37 years), Julie Shandera (37 years), Jane Baker (38 years), Brett Reher (41 years), Ruth Tipsword (42 years), Pam Sayers (45 years), Pam Gardner Wiggam (45 years), Roxie Anderson (46 years), Dick Fornstrom (47 years), Michael Sayers (48 years), Donald Herman (48 years), Janice Christensen (48 years), Helen Werner (49 years)

Congratulations to all of you and may we have many more years with you worshipping with your Church.

APRIL MINISTRIES

Date:	4/2/2026 - Maundy Thursday, 7:00p.m.
Ministry:	Pastor Vicky
Sermon:	“Eat & Run”
Scripture:	<u>1 Corinthians 11:23-26 / John 13:1-17, 31b-35</u>
Date:	4/3/2026 - Good Friday, 7:00 p.m.
Ministry:	Pastor Vicky
Sermon:	“Reaching Our Destination”
Scripture:	<u>John 18:1-19:42/Isaiah 52:13-53:12/Psalm 22</u>
Date:	4/5/2026
Ministry:	Pastor Vicky
Sermon:	“A New Start”
Scripture:	<u>Acts 10:34-43</u>
Date:	4/12/2026
Ministry:	Lloyd Sisson
Sermon:	“Unless I See”
Scripture:	<u>John 20:19-31 - Doubting Thomas</u>
Date:	4/19/2026
Ministry:	Pastor Vicky
Sermon:	“Astounded Us”
Scripture:	<u>Luke 24:13-25</u>
Date:	4/26/2026
Ministry:	Lisa Heinert
Sermon:	“Knowing that Voice”
Scripture:	<u>John 10:1-10</u>

BECAUSE EVERYONE NEEDS TID-BITS

Fellowship Times:

8:15am every Sunday

Worship Times:

9:00 every Sunday

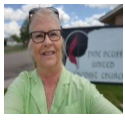
Sunday School Times

9:15am every Sunday, unless otherwise posted.



Think of someone you know who's lonely...this would be a good time to call them on the phone just to chat.





PASTOR PONDERINGS

Dear Church Family,

“But now hath Christ been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of them that are asleep.” – 1 Corinthians 15:20 (ASV)

Can you believe it? Easter is only a few days away! And Easter is not merely about an event to remember—it is about a source from which we draw life. Paul calls Christ the “firstfruits.” In Scripture, firstfruits represented the beginning of a greater harvest to come. The resurrection was not only His victory—it guarantees ours.

“He is not here; for he is risen, even as he said.” – Matthew 28:6 (ASV)

Friday brought suffering.

Saturday brought silence.

But Sunday brought victory.

Those three days must have tested the disciples beyond measure. Their expectations collapsed. Their courage wavered. Heaven seemed quiet. Yet God was keeping His promise.

I’m looking forward to the Resurrection Celebration we have planned for you and the friends you’ll bring with you this year. The message, “A New Start,” means that God has created us for a better life! Here are some specific things that you can do as we prepare to celebrate Easter this coming weekend:

Invite your friends! - It’s always amazed me that although I know many of my friends are **LOOKING** for a church to attend on Easter, I still feel nervous when inviting them. Maybe it’s the fact that we all feel a bit nervous when talking about things that are important to us. The truth is, when you invite a friend to join you for church on Easter they very often will come, and even if they cannot, they’ll appreciate the fact that you thought of them.

Hopefully, you will reach out to your friends. The website has the time of the Easter service – which is listed for you at the end of this letter.

Help out in any way that you can. If you see **ANYTHING** that needs to be done – a piece of paper that needs to be picked up, a person who needs a question answered, a restroom that needs to be cleaned – I encourage you to “just do it.” Another of the great things about Easter at Grace is the way that we all pull together to meet whatever is needed.

Personally celebrate the good news of Easter starting today.

Just think of it: because of Easter our past is forgiven, our life is worth living and we have a future in heaven! [Romans 3:22](#) says, “*We are made right in God’s sight when we trust in Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, no matter who we are or what we have done.*” (NLT)

Worship at Pine Bluffs UMC is at 9 a.m.

Worship at Grace UMC is at 11 a.m.

Peace and grace in this Easter Season.



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Church Calendar

(A) - Anniversary (B) - Birthday (L) - Library

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12pm Lent Study 5:30pm Trustees April Fool's Day	2 7pm Maundy Thurs. Worship	3 9am Women's Prayer Group - (L) 7pm Good Friday Worship	4 (B) Mary Cushing (B) Brett Reher
5 5:15am Fellowship 9am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 	6 (B) Hannah Heinert Pastor Vicky on vacation.	7 Pastor Vicky on vacation.	8 4:30pm Missions Pastor Vicky on vacation.	9 Pastor Vicky on vacation.	10 9am Women's Prayer Group - (L) Pastor Vicky on vacation.	11 Pastor Vicky on vacation.
12 8:15am Fellowship 9am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:15 UWIF Pastor Vicky on vacation.	13 Pastor Vicky on vacation.	14 Pastor Vicky on vacation.	15 5:30pm Finance 6:30pm Church Council Pastor Vicky on vacation.	16 Pastor Vicky on vacation.	17 9am Women's Prayer Group - (L) (B) David Heinert	18 Pastor Vicky on vacation.
19 8:15am Fellowship 9am Worship 9:15am Sunday School	20 Pastor Vicky on vacation.	21 Pastor Vicky on vacation.	22 12pm Lent Study • Earth Day • Administrative Professional Assistant Day	23 Pastor Vicky on vacation.	24 9am Women's Prayer Group - (L) (A) Mr. & Mrs. Bill Baker	25 Pastor Vicky on vacation.
26 8:15am Fellowship 9am Worship 9:15am Sunday School	27 (B) Sharon Sayers	28 Pastor Vicky on vacation.	29 Pastor Vicky on vacation.	30 Pastor Vicky on vacation.		

<p><u>United Women in Faith</u></p>	<p><u>Finance/ Church Council</u></p>
<p>We will meet at 10:15 am on Sunday, April 12th after Worship, in the Library.</p> <p>Discussions will include the upcoming calendar project.</p> <p>UWIF will be serving a funeral reception for the Brown family on May 2nd.</p>	<p>Finance will meet again on April 15, 2026 at 5:30pm in the Library.</p> <p>Church Council will hold its first regular meeting of the year on April 15, 2026 at 6:30 in the Library. Some agenda items including adopting resolutions on records retention, W9 collection process and amending our articles of incorporation to update the name of our district from Rocky Mountain to Mountain Sky.</p>
<p><u>Trustees</u></p>	<p><u>Missions</u></p>
<p>Trustees will meet on April 1st at 5:30pm in the Library. Information on this meeting will be in the May Messenger.</p>	<p>In April, the Lenten Coin Calendar project will wrap up. Please return your donations to the little white church by the bulletin board at church, or mail them to PBUMC, PO Box 662, Pine Bluffs, WY 82082. Please designate your donations to '<i>Lenten Coin Calendar project.</i>' All money raised will be used for local mission projects. The next meeting is April 8, 2026 at 4:30 pm in the church library to discuss future mission projects.</p>
<p><u>Education</u></p>	<p><u>Memorial</u></p>
<p>A new television will be purchased and added to the Sunday School room in the basement. Sue Maxted is making arrangements to have the youth area in the basement painted.</p>	<p>Memorial donations were accepted at the Celebration of Life for Jack Harrison on February 3, 2026 in the amount of \$1,090.00. These funds were not restrictive in nature and will be designated as Church discretion for a future need of the Church in Jack's memory.</p>
<p><u>Worship</u></p>	<p><u>Membership</u></p>
<p>No updates for this edition.</p>	<p>Sue Maxted has been organizing our membership records and is currently adding records and information to an electronic database. Sue and Helen Werner have been organizing the new records room (old pastor office). Progress is moving along nicely. Please come and see Pastor Vicky's new digs (the old office next to the Library).</p>
<p><u>Foundation</u></p>	<p><u>SPRC</u></p>
<p>Foundation met and new leadership was voted on. Lloyd Sisson stepped in as President.</p>	<p>SPRC held its first regular meeting of the year on March 25, 2026. The SPRC Book of Discipline information was provided to each member. It was discussed adding the Easter Sunday sunrise service for next year and a Thanksgiving service for this year back into worship services.</p>
<p><u>Lay Leadership</u></p>	
<p>No updates for this edition.</p>	

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Coins for Lent Giving Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 A coin for every cross in your home.	2 A coin for every prayer you say today.	3 A coin for every story of Jesus you can tell.	4 A coin for every person in your family.
5 <u>Pray Today</u> Thank God for Jesus and for the many ways we can gather and worship God. Pray for those who will receive the coins collected that they would see God's presence through them.	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



Just for Laughs

Church Bulletin Board Bloopers - Part 1: by Helen Werner, unknown author.

- The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang "I Will Not Pass This Way Again", giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing "Break Forth Into Joy".
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm - prayer and medication to follow.



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APRIL 2026 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>
April 2 nd	“Eat and Run”	1 Corinthians 11:23-26 / John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Pastor Vicky
April 3 rd	“Reaching Our Destination:	John 18:1-19:42 / Isaiah 52:13-53:12 / Psalm 22	Pastor Vicky
April 5 th	“A New Start”	Acts 10:34-43	Pastor Vicky
April 12 th	“Unless I See”	John 20:19-31 - Doubting Thomas	Lloyd Sisson
April 19 th	“Astounded Us”	Luke 24:13-35	Pastor Vicky
April 26 th	“Knowing that Voice”	John 10:1-10	Lisa Heinert