



The **CORNERSTONE**
Columbus Community Congregational Church
Ephesians 2:20

January 2025 Issue
Worship “plus”

- 1) Sunday Worship 10:30am *in person* and also on <https://www.facebook.com/Columbus-Community-Congregational-United-Church-of-Christ-109813516270/>
- 2) Pastor Kelly has met with Worship team Jan. 2 & 8. His schedule, beginning Jan. 15:
Wed. Worship team 10am, Discussion group 1pm;
Fri. in office 9:30am-1pm, starting with Coffee w/ Kelly 10am; **Friday** afternoon & **Saturday** making calls in the community - businesses, school, etc. He is available to meet with folks on **Wed., Fri., Sat.** by appointment and at other times for special needs, hospital visits, etc. as needed.

Meet Pastor Kelly Addy

Thank you for calling me to serve as your pastor. I am grateful for the opportunity to preach, share, and do my part to share the word with each other and with our community.



I look forward to getting to know you and your community. I hope we can share our hopes and our dreams and our stories with each other.

I grew up in Shelby, where Jack Kenyon was a paper customer of mine. I went to Montana State University (Go, Cats!) and Georgetown Law Center in Washington, D.C. before I entered the Army for a four-year tour as an Army lawyer, in Alabama then Korea.

I could not wait to get back to Montana and am grateful that I have been able to spend my life here. I have been an attorney in private practice in Billings and a deputy City Attorney for the City of Billings for civil matters. I served four terms in the Montana House of Representatives, and was a colleague, first, of Vern Saunders, and later, of Vern Keller. [Editor’s note - Jack Kenyon and these two Verns have Columbus connections.]

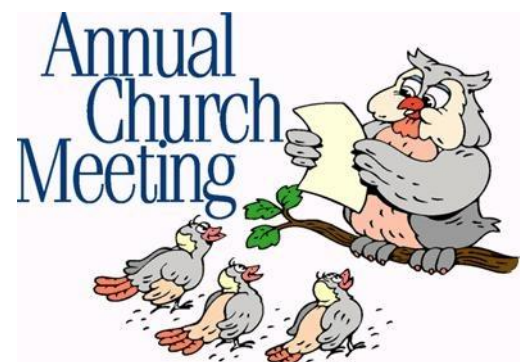
I heard the call to the ministry in 2000 and completed the Course of Study to become a Licensed Local Pastor at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. I served as the pastor at Huntley United Methodist Church for 14 years and at Bigfork Community United Methodist Church for 6 years. I served Evangelical United Methodist Church in Billings in 2024 until I accepted your call.

I bring those experiences and whatever gifts I can share to our church. We have much to do, and I look forward to being with you in that work. Note my schedule above (to left). The best way to reach me is by phone: call or text me at 406-591-6777. My email address is KellyAddy406@gmail.com – if you need an answer right away, text me to say, “check your email.”

Again, many thanks for calling me to serve as your pastor. Onward and upward, Kelly

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Mark your Calendar:



Sunday, January 19 right after worship
All church potluck, followed by our
annual meeting.

Come even if you can’t bring a dish –
this church always has plenty of food.

Moderator Musings

Beginnings. Or, maybe beginning again. Or maybe continuing in a new direction. Whatever/however we call it we are there again. My best experience at the Conference Annual Meeting was meeting with the Red Lodge folks and learning about their new process of having congregants provide the lesson. I enjoy hearing from our folks.

Dot's presentation on her bison experience was informative and enjoyable. Based on the number of folks who viewed it on Facebook, it was enjoyed by several there as well. This is a good time to remember that we are the church. What we do and how we do is up to us.

Following the Red Lodge lead we formed a worship team to plan the worship experience. Everyone is welcome at these meetings. We really need your feedback. What do/did you think of the experience? The recent example is the Christmas Eve service. The plan was to hear the Christmas story and sing the appropriate carols as the story progressed. Some comments were we need to sing more than the first verse. Got it. Easy to do. We sang more verses of carols the next Sunday. One person reported missing the lighting of candles during "Silent Night." We will discuss that further.

Regardless – share your thoughts and ideas. If you like it – Great. If you don't like it – that's great too. Let us know. Be part of creating the future.

Best wishes for a joyful 2025, Maurie



To God's people at Columbus Congregational:

Paul to the Galatians, "So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith."

(Gal 6:10)

When I was retired from my call at St. James, I felt lost, what was I going to do? Being a pastor was my dream, serving people I loved was fulfilling, now I was nothing. But before my last day was too close, I received a call asking if I would fill in at your church when my friend Kate left for Tennessee.

It was just the opportunity I didn't know I was looking for, but I was filled with thankfulness. I have loved the people at the Congregational church for years, having worked with Pastors John and Tracy. Sharing VBS, Lenten Services, and the occasional Sunday service. I wasn't disappointed.

Yours is such a welcoming and giving congregation, following God's command to love one another, to feed the hungry and to care for those in need. Your mission work is active, real, and continuous. Your ability to care for each other witnesses to your love of God. Your hospitality is visible from the moment one walks into the Nave or into the Fellowship Hall. From the friendly greeting from the first person you meet and continuing with the motto, "Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here." This call is lived out daily by the people of this church and is never forgotten by those who walk through the door.

Those who serve here, do so because it is who they are. They love, they care, they share their gifts, their talents, their time, their energy, their money, their hearts to be Church – within the walls of the building and without. They share God's love in the community, supporting various ministries, showing appreciation to those who serve our children, our elderly, and all in need.

As I was in the midst of a transition, people of this church stepped up to help me fit in, to face my unknown future, to help me move, to encourage and support me as I faced my future. My time with you was a special time I will never forget. I feel like I left Columbus on a high note – (one Kate only can hit).


Thank you for this grand opportunity. May God bless you individually and as a church. May your service touch the hearts of those to whom you minister. As Paul wrote to the Philippians, I say to you, "Every time I think of you, I thank God for you. I have joy in my heart every time I ask God to help you. I thank God for the joy we share in telling the good news from the very first day until now." (Phil 1:3-5)
Pastor Tonia

Baroque Music Montana concert Saturday! January 11, 2:30 pm in our church sanctuary.

The program, *Fabulous Fanny*, features a string quartet of Carrie Krause and Davina Clarke on baroque violins, Maureen Murchie on viola, and Michael Unterman on cello. These artists will explore Fanny Mendelssohn's musical world in Berlin and the influences of her family and social position on her dramatic String Quartet in E-flat.

All are welcome to attend the program, which will be followed by a reception. Donations for the musicians are requested. This music group is fantastic.

God is still speaking

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pastor Kelly's additional schedule (if not shown on individual calendar days), starting January 15: Friday afternoon & Saturday making calls in the community - businesses, school, etc. He is available to meet with folks on Wed., Fri., Sat. by appointment and at other times for special needs, hospital visits, etc. as needed.			1 	2 Worship team 10am Co-ed Yoga LSC 5:45 pm	3	4
Epiphany Sunday 5 Worship 10:30	6	7	8 Worship team 10am	9 Co-ed Yoga LSC 5:45 pm	10 Undecorate sanctuary 10am	2:30 pm 11 <i>Baroque Music Montana</i>
12 Diaconate mtg 9:30 Worship 10:30 Trustee mtg after	13	14	15 Worship team 10am Discussion group 1pm	16 No Yoga	17 Pastor in office 9:30 am – 1 pm <i>Coffee w/Kelly 10</i>	18
19 Worship 10:30 POTLUCK & ANNUAL meeting after worship	20 <i>Martin Luther King Jr Day</i>	21	22 Worship team 10am Discussion group 1pm	23 No Yoga	24 Pastor in office 9:30 am – 1 pm <i>Coffee w/Kelly 10</i>	25
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Serving Schedule						
January 5		January 12		January 19		January 26
Jerry, Joan, Maurie (substituted due to road conditions)		Maurie Petterson		All church POTLUCK		Curt & Roger



Pastor Kelly with Zoe, his blond German Shephard



Epiphany Sunday when we voted to "call" Pastor Kelly