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One Lesson of Easter: Listen To The Women

Easter is the most important holiday in the Christian calendar. It has ancient roots, is layered up with many symbolic meanings, and of course is based on the most important stories of the New Testament. Today I'd like you to consider just one lesson of Easter, and that is: listen to the women.

Throughout Jesus' ministry he went against cultural norms of power and privilege, choosing to associate with outcasts, and to elevate people in his community that would have been marginalized in the broader social world of the ancient near east. He frequently conversed with, listened to, and showed respect for women. Women were among his closest followers and supporters, but their role in his ministry is particularly dramatic around the events of Easter.

At his crucifixion we often

say that Jesus was abandoned by his disciples, but this is only true of his male disciples. The women were reported as walking with him all the way to Calvary, and lingering at the foot of the cross until his lifeless body was brought down and he was sealed into his tomb. 36 hours later it was Mary Magdalene and other women who went to Jesus' tomb to anoint his body and they were the first to bear witness to his resurrection. Jesus instructs Mary to return bearing the good news of his resurrection, making her the very first evangelist - the first to preach the good news of our faith.

Women were the last at the cross and the first at the tomb. Easter is their holiday. Put simply: if we don't trust and believe women we shall have no gospel and no faith at all.

Submission by Reverend Aric Clark

"I believe having gone through 2020 has given us a faith in the ultimate strength each of us has and, possibly a new lens through which to view and to think about the world around us" - Lynelle Eck

Lynelle Eck



Lynelle Eck passed away on February 19, 2023 at her home in Beaverton, Or. from natural causes.

Lynelle Marie (Johnson) Eck was born in Glasgow, Mt. Apr. 9, 1945. Parents were Gaid & Marie Johnson & she had one brother, Craig Johnson & one sister, Anita Virts & both are still living in Montana. Lynn graduated from Glasgow High School in May of 1963 & then graduated, with an Education degree, from Eastern Montana College (now MSU-Billings) in June 1968. Right after graduating from college she started her career at Absarokee Mt. High School teaching English, French & Speech. She also taught at Columbus Mt. Middle School before retiring from the education system.



In August of 1968 she married Raymond (Ray) Eck in Glasgow, Mt. Son Randy Eck (Tammy) was born on January 25, 1970 & daughter Rachel Magnuson (Trent) was born on August

20, 1972. She had three grandchildren - Dylan, Carter & Ryder from her son's family & two grandchildren - Alexa & Trey from her daughter's family.

August of 1976 the family moved from Absarokee to Aloha, Or. & soon after she started a new career working for Intel Corp. She retired after twenty eight years doing work in planning, training & Corporate matters. Lynn loved her many pets being around thru the years, her church, love to travel to different places including the US, Canada, Mexico & Europe plus Israel & Egypt, crafting, knitting, Mahjong. Although not an avid sports fan, she attended as many sporting events as she could in which her children & then her grandchildren participated. She shared avid care giving duties of family members in need of help.

She will be greatly missed by family, relatives, friends & co-workers. A Celebration of Life is scheduled in early April.

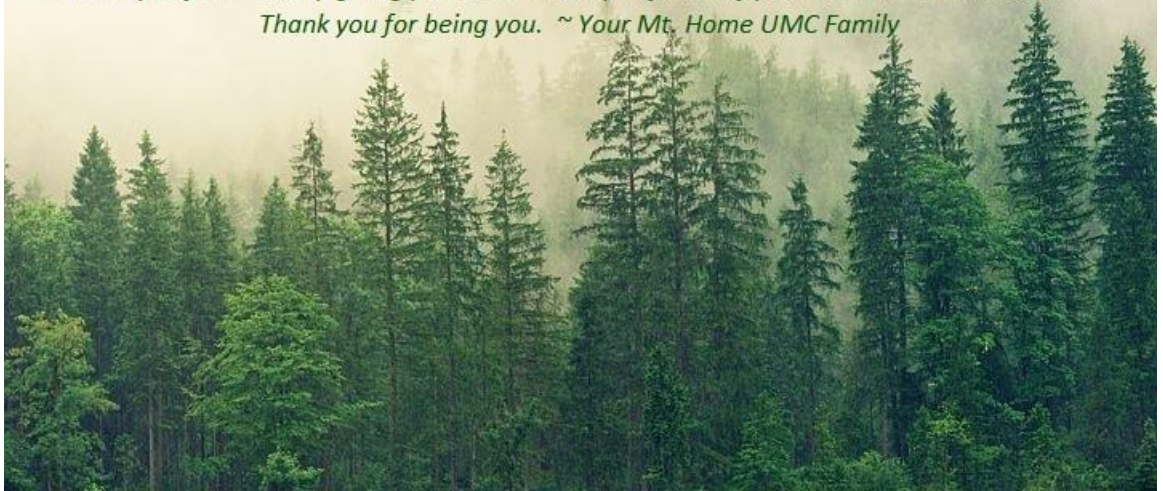
Submission by Ray Eck

Reprint from December 2021

Lynelle ~ As you finish out your tenure as Church Council Chair, we offer our heartfelt thanks for a job well done. Your calm and even leadership has enabled us to navigate our way through day-to-day business and complex issues. All along the way, your goal has been to create and nurture a thriving Mt. Home UMC – a congregation spreading God’s love in the world.

Oh, and did we mention the part about the pandemic?

Thank you for tirelessly giving you time. Thank you for all of your behind-the-scenes work. Thank you for being you. ~ Your Mt. Home UMC Family



April Birthdays & Anniversaries



*Unclouded may your birthday be, and round you day by day.
May God enfold His wings of love and bless you on your way.*

Date	Name
9	Lynelle Eck
29	Connie Jacot
30	Marvin Walker
30	Alice Hendricks

If you wish to send a cards or more, please, use the Mountain Home UMC Church Directory for the addresses. If you need a directory contact Diane Peters.

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16 *Worship 11:00 AM Church Council after service	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Wor-ship 11:00 AM 30 *Worship 11:00 AM	24	25	26	27	28	29



Holiday Bazaar

OK gals. We will be having our first zoom (or in person maybe) meeting for the bazaar committee later this month. Please let Carol now if you would like to be part of this project

that brings our church together and does so much good for those around us. Blessings.

Submission by Carol McComis

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Sunday, April 16 Church Council following Worship Service

Sunday, April 23 Native American Ministries Sunday

Send prayer requests to Cheryl for inclusion in our weekly dispatch:

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where past Sunday Worship Services can be found.

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