

**Harlowton Administrative Commission – Interim Report to Yellowstone Presbytery May 21-22, 2021**

**The Administrative Commission:** Lloyd Mandeville, Moderator; Jim Bell, Jim Tarr, George Goodrich, *ex officio*.

**The Task:** The Administrative Commission was tasked by Presbytery to work with the Big Sky Conference of the United Methodist Church to assume ownership and management of the building of the Federated Church in Harlowton; and to sell the building to a suitable buyer, or give it to an appropriate non-profit entity.

**The Update:**

- A. An agreement is being drawn by legal counsel for the Presbytery between Yellowstone Presbytery and the Big Sky Conference to sell the building and split the profit equally after incurred expenses have been paid.
- B. A buyer who hopes to turn the church building into a low-income hostel for travelers had agreed to purchase the building for \$100,000. When it was determined that radon mitigation was needed and costs determined, the buyer offered to pay \$95,000 and assume the costs for radon mitigation. Our Ac and the UMC team agreed.
- C. No settlement date has been established, but hopefully the sale will happen this month after some title clarification is completed.
- D. Julie Woodard, our relator in Harlowton, has been excellent.