

THE WYOMING MESSENGER

June 2024



Your Trustees have been busy over the last couple of years addressing the growing needs of the church building as it ages. Some projects were improvements, some were dealing with structural and mechanical failures. These improvements and repairs would have been very difficult to successfully complete without the cooperation of the Finance, Executive and FUNdrasing teams. Some of the projects you may have noticed, some maybe not, if not done you would have noticed e.g. the water dripping on your head (smile). To list them all, the following projects have been completed:

- ADA (Americans with Disability Act) compliant electronic operating bathroom doors in the north and south wings
- Extensive roof repairs
- New flooring in the narthex
- Replacement of a damaged lamppost in the south parking lot (another damaged lamppost still needs to be addressed)
- Installation of directional signage at the front and north doors
- Beautification of our trash & recycle dumpster area currently with fencing, soon to have conifers (shrubbery) surrounding the fencing for even more curb appeal (see Page 19).

And now... we have broken ground for the new

pavilion, and no time too soon! Again, thanks to the continued donations from our ever so generous congregation; thanks also to everyone's support of the different FUNdrasing efforts and just your faithful giving throughout! The expected completion will be before our upcoming Vacation Bible School.

However, with a large facility and spacious grounds around it, there is, of course, always maintenance and projects to be worked on. The Board of Trustees has been looking at the most pressing issues and prioritized them according to their urgency. Soon, the parking lot will need to be resealed, the carpeting in the north hallway replaced with the new planking as we have in the narthex, and there are other projects just waiting in the wings after that. The Trustees have been gathering quotes and pricing from various contractors to address these issues.

As you can imagine, these jobs quite exceed the 2024 building & maintenance budget. That's why we are creating a separate line item, "church care projects", and are asking everyone to prayerfully consider one-time or ongoing contributions. We need to immediately address the downed lamppost in the south parking lot and replace it with a new one, which will cost \$7,000. The decaying threshold at the north entrance needs to be fixed, and the door itself must be made ADA compliant (electronic/mechanically assisted opening for the disabled). Your generous donations can make this happen sooner rather than later.

God bless you as we all work together in keeping His house functional and beautiful for many years to come!

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Get ready for Camp Firelight - June 17th- 21st

A Summer Camp Adventure with God! Campers will learn how to trust in God whenever they are afraid, challenged, or called to do God's work. Starting on June 2nd, register your children (age pre-K - must turn 5 by 9/1/2024 - through grade 6) here:

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We're still collecting **items for crafts** and **powdered lemonade** for snack time - visit the VBS display in the narthex to see what's needed.

We are still in need of teachers as well as adult and teen helpers.

Contact Michelle at cnmharris@gmail.com with questions.



Bulletin Board



CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECTION

You are invited to the Dover DE Women's Connection Program and Breakfast Buffet on Tuesday, June 11 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the Maple Dale Country Club in Dover * \$20 inclusive (cash or check)

Program: **House of Coffi**
 Kristi Stonesifer will help us better understand the many choices there are at a "coffi" house.

Guest Speaker: **Marilou Johnson**
 "Every Which Way But Up"

Music by: **Julia Provo, Summer Musical Selections**

Reservations and cancellations for breakfast and free child care are strongly encouraged by June 7 - RSVP to Donna ☎ (530) 921-8936 or Diane ☎ (302) 697-6020

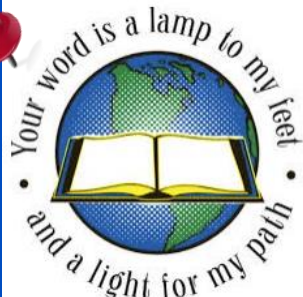



THE HISTORY OF GOSPEL

A Class taught by Deacon Patricia Malcolm, sponsored by OLLI Osher Lifelong Learning Institute & The University of Delaware

Part One: The Seeds are Sown (1700s - 1920s)
 Part Two: The Sound Takes Flight (1920s - 1960s)
 Part Three: Gospel's Enduring Legacy (1960s - now)

When: July 11, 18, 25 **Time:** 10:45AM to 12PM
Where: Wyoming UMC
Cost: \$30 per session (\$90 for all 3 sessions)
 Open enrollment May 20 through May 30.
Register at olli.udel.edu or call (302) 645-4111



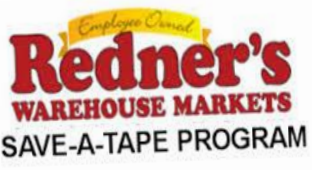
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Wednesday Ladies Bible Study will be meeting on **June 12th, July 17th, August 21st** at 9:30 AM in Rm 209. We will be studying **The Light..**

1st Session: **Light and the Bible**
 2nd Session: **Light and the Darkness**
 3rd Session: **How to be the Light**

All study materials will be provided. Please contact Donna McCartney at (302) 331-0876 so study materials can be provided prior to June 12th.

Yes, we are still collecting **Redners Receipts**, a percentage of your purchase amount will convert into cash for Wyoming Church - we received **\$302!** most recently for just 2 months' worth of receipts collected. Big thanks to all who keep contributing! Drop-off box is on the table by the welcome desk.



Redner's
 WAREHOUSE MARKETS
 SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM

Dinner & Gospel Concert
 "The Kingsmen" at Crossroad Community Church, 20684 State Forest Road, Georgetown on Friday, June 21 at 6PM.

Get tickets (\$45/person inclusive) online: DelmarvaGospel.com.

Contact Renate at the church office for group reservations at the same dinner table & car-pooling.



THE KINGSMEN

From the Pastors' Desk



Pastor Rick Wessell with children and his mom, Beth Wessell



Pastor Lindsay Wessell with children Elias, Hope and Samuel

Life is always a time of transitions - some we look forward to, some we don't; some we can experience only once, some we will go through again and again. We get to experience so many transitions together in the life of the church, and through it all, we know that God is with us.

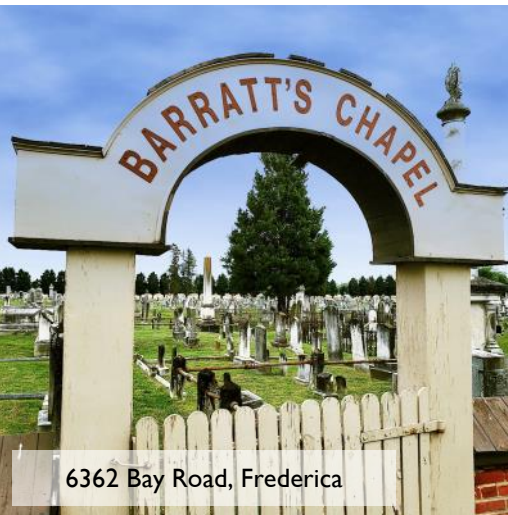
In recent weeks, we have again had to walk the road of sadness as a beloved member of our congregation left this world for the glory of his heavenly home. Death is never easy - it's a transition that we never welcome. Yet, by the grace of God and the love

and mercy of Jesus, we know that death does not have the last word. We boldly celebrated that truth at Easter just a few weeks ago, and we are reminded of that every time we gather and proclaim our belief in the resurrection of the dead.

This month, many of our young people (and a few adults, too) will celebrate the joy of graduation. For our high school graduates, this will be the transition into adulthood, and it may be the first graduation in a series of future hopes and dreams. For our post-graduate degree earners, it is another transition on the road to greater knowledge, greater opportunities, and bigger plans.

For many children in our congregation, they are about to embark on the transition from one grade to another, and from one school to another. Transition season is here, but may we always be reminded of the words of John Wesley: "Best of all, God is with us." God is *always* with us - in the ups and the downs, in the victories

and defeats, in the joy and the sorrow, and everything in between. Thanks be to God!



Barratt's Chapel will again present its Summer 6-Week Worship Series on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm.

A variety of Pastors, Churches and organizations will create different worship experiences and preaching. An offering will be collected to support the mission and ministry of Barratt's Chapel. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service in the Vestry.

June 13 Camp Pecometh will start us off as they bring together campers and staff, past and present, in a service reminiscent of the camping experience. Rev. Megan Shitama-Weston, Ordained Deacon and Pecometh Program Director, will bring us the preaching word.

June 20 Rev. Dale Brown, Senior Pastor at Community United Methodist Church in Berlin, MD.

June 27 Rev. Amy Yarnall, currently serving Wesley United Methodist Church in Dover.



Saturday, June 8

Food Collection

from 10 AM to 12 noon.

Food and other items will be collected for *Kent Interfaith*, a cooperative effort among churches in the Dover area.

Bring your donations to the front door portico of Wyoming Church where we will take it directly from your vehicle. **Monetary donations to purchase meats and other perishable items will be gladly accepted. Please make all checks payable to WUMC with Food Bank on the memo line and your giving number please if you have one!**

Most Needed: canned beans (black, kidney, navy, refried) - dried beans - dry rice - cereal - quick oats - peanut butter & jelly - canned vegetables - assorted pasta & sauce - mac'n cheese boxes - soup - hamburger helper - manwich - chef boyardee canned pasta - boxed milk - flour - butter/margarine - oil - salt & pepper - sugar

Consider Extras like: coffee (can or Keurig), tea, baby food (distant future date), toilet paper & paper towels

In the name of so many individuals and families who can eat and maintain their basic standard of living because of YOUR generous donations - THANK YOU!!

Help serve...



Once a month, Wyoming Church volunteers work with folks at Wesley UMC downtown Dover to serve a **FREE Lunch** to the local community.

On **June 15, from 10AM to 2PM**, 5 people from Wyoming Church will work with 2 people from Wesley Church to set up, serve and tear down a lunch meal at Wesley UMC downtown Dover. The actual meal is served between 12 noon and 1 p.m.

You can serve in one capacity or two or all three! And if you're not able to volunteer on site, you can still help by providing a dessert (store-bought or homemade) and/or a case of bottled water. We prepare for serving 50 guests.

Sign up in the narthex or contact Janet @ (302) 757-2998, email jkb0022@aol.com.



Please mark your calendars for our annual **Rise Against Hunger** Meal Packaging Event on **Sunday, September 22nd** at 3:00 pm at Wesley United Methodist Church in Dover.

We again are partnering with Wesley to package 20,000 meals in a couple of hours and will be meeting at Wesley this year.

More information to come...

Recycle Plastic for ...

... our 3rd Bench!

We have our second Trex bench! With undiminished efforts we move on to the next one. Keep those plastic bags, envelopes, and bubble wrap coming! Remember, **NO bottles or hard plastic.**

Thank you for keeping all that plastic out of the landfills, too!





First across the winning line - Elizabeth Fox, closely followed by Robyn Lefort & her dog Dudley - Congratulations!

Supporting one great cause & Walking Together -

Whatcoat Camden and Wyoming Churches. In the words of Whatcoat Church's Pastor Dave Hill: "Walk for Water 2024 is in the books and was a great success!! We had 60 or more participate and I'm certain the donations will exceed our expectations once again. Thanks to all for a wonderful event!!"

"Well..." this year, the participants and generous financial supporters of Wyoming Church alone brought in **\$14,000** - enough to build **4 (four!) wells** in Africa! Thank you to all the walkers and donors to this life-saving effort!



Start Collecting SCHOOL SUPPLIES NOW!

As in years past, the Outreach Team and our VBS program will be teaming up to collect school supplies for needy elementary school students in the Lake Forest, Capital, and Caesar Rodney School Districts. Everything we collect will be split evenly between the three districts. The Outreach Team has already purchased 100 backpacks for the project. VBS students may bring donations during VBS week. Congregation members will have an opportunity to also donate to the project as well during the last half of July and the first two weeks of August in the Narthex, as well as during the Food Pantry Drive on Saturday, August 10, 2024. Please note that the list of desired materials has changed somewhat from last year.

We are looking for the following materials:

- Tissues
- Disinfectant wipes
- Wide-ruled paper
- #2 pencils
- Large erasers (pink block type)
- Small boxes of 8 or 16 crayons
- Glue sticks
- Children's scissors
- Composition books
- Rulers
- Small pencil boxes

Thanks to everyone for helping local students have the materials they need to have a successful year!

Carol Abbott, Outreach Team



Summer Solstice



... is observed this year on June 20 in the Northern Hemisphere because of the Leap Year. Today, the observation isn't as popular as it was in ancient times throughout Europe, the British Isles, China, Egypt, North Africa and Scandinavia.

What does the summer solstice mean? It is the day when the sun is at its furthest point from the equator, resulting in the longest day of the year. The word "solstice" originates from the Latin word *solstitium* which means "sun-stopping." This is because, the point in the sky where the sun appears to rise and set, well it stops... then reverses direction after this day. Interesting, huh?

This just fascinated the ancients! Many celebrations took place on the summer solstice. The oldest one we know of took place in Egypt. At the Temple of Amen-Ra in Karnak back in 3700 B.C., a beam of light would illuminate a sanctuary in this temple's interior for about two or three minutes. This brightness would reach a peak and then start to subside. This spotlighting effect was so dramatic that the priests were able to calculate the length of the solar year with a high degree of accuracy.

Then we have the ever-popular Stonehenge in the Wiltshire plain of southwest England. This was built around 2800 B.C.E. by pre-Celtic people over a lengthy period. Most of us have either seen Stonehenge in person or in photos. It is made up of very large stone arches. Ancient tribes throughout Europe gathered here on the Summer Solstice. Why? If you stand in the center and face northeast along its axis, the 35-ton Heel Stone appears 256 feet away, marking the approximate place on the horizon where the sun rises on the Summer Solstice. Astronomers have recently discovered approximately two dozen other solar and lunar alignments that the ancients incorporated into the Stonehenge structure. Its actual purpose is still debated among astronomers and archeologists today.

The Chinese emperors of the past also observed the Summer Solstice. Their purpose was to stimulate the earthy, female *yin* forces. These rituals took place in The Forbidden City on the Altar of the Earth. Unlike the Round Mound (used for the Winter Solstice), this altar was square and had a staircase leading North, South, East and West. The Chinese did a human sacrifice as part of their ritual for the Summer Solstice also. The sacrificial victim was burned for the Winter Solstice. But the Summer Solstice sacrificial victim was buried. They believed by doing this, they were maintaining a healthy balance in the earth's natural rhythms.

The Winter Solstice is an occasion that is filled with hope, because the days begin to grow longer. But the Summer Solstice is just the opposite. It is filled with sadness, because the

days begin to get shorter and filled with more darkness. Ironically, it is also a time for more warmth, abundance, and fertility.

Christmas and New Years celebrations can be found in the Winter Solstice and still are observed today in some form. But the ancient Summer Solstice rites have disappeared in society today. In the United States a few "New Age" groups still observe the Summer Solstice. The largest celebration in the United States is in Belfast, Maine. The Institute for Advanced Thinking (aka The World's Oldest Think Tank) has people coming from as many as twenty different states and five countries to camp out in tents and sleeping bags and rise at dawn to greet and worship the sun with prayers and ritual chants.

So why is June the most popular month for weddings? Is it due to good weather? Not really. The ancients felt that because the Summer Solstice marked the peak of the summer season, it also marked fertility and sexuality! It was usually during this time that many participated in symbolic marriage ceremonies.

In Sweden, each village chose a Midsummer Bride, who then selected a mock bridegroom. Young men from the village also took advantage of the season to choose temporary brides. In Sardinia, the summer solstice couples were called "Sweethearts of St. John," and the celebration involved pots of sprouting wheat and barley that symbolized a link between human sexuality and the fertility of nature.

But these marriage rituals were not just play-acting. Their purpose was to make the crops grow and the flowers bloom.

Since the Summer Solstice was the point where the days were now going to get shorter and darker, many of the ancient rite intentions were to postpone the sun's decline by celebrating life and fertility, or to mourn its passing. Not only was midsummer a time for weddings, ironically it was also popular for funerals. Weddings and funerals were both seen as moments of transformation, when energy was released, and Heaven and Earth were momentarily reunited.



Get ready for the Annual WUMC Indoor Yard Sale on Saturday, August 3!

This is the same day as the highly popular Wyoming Peach Festival, so RESERVE your table NOW!

Applications are available at the Welcome Desk and on the church website www.wyomingumc.com under the HAPPENINGS tab. Just scroll down to INDOOR YARD SALE. The fee is \$25 for an 8ft table and 2 chairs. The space is approximately 9'X9'. Make checks payable to WUMC and be sure to write "Yard Sale" in the memo space. **Registration deadline is July 21, 2024** but spaces fill quickly, so complete your application today!

Set up will begin on Friday, August 2 at 4:30 p.m. (till 7:30). Doors will open at 7:30 a.m. for vendors on Saturday morning and the Yard Sale is over at 1:00 p.m. promptly. *If you have any questions or concerns, please call Alicia (Lee) at ☎ (302) 222-4363.*

**Monthly FINANCIAL REPORT
April, 2024**

Ken Banaszak, Finance Team Chair

	2024 Offering	2024 Expense
Weekly Offerings	\$ 178,907.60	
Facilities and Other	\$ 11,046.08	
Totals	\$ 189,953.68	\$ 188,523.17
Net Operating	\$ 1,430.51	



simply the right way to fundraise.

Thank you to those who purchased plastic cards during our Spring Raise Right gift card sale. We earned \$421.16 in rebates! Thank you to those buying online or on the app. That adds up! In March and April we earned \$40.40.

A special thanks to a couple who donated \$50 to our FUNdraining Team to support our efforts!

If you need gift cards before our FUNdraining Team’s next plastic card sale, just order online or directly from the user-friendly app!

Check it out at raiseright.com.



raising FUNdraining FUN gift cards.

We’re excited to tell you about the NEW program feature “**Invite Friends & Family**”! Now you can text or email invite links directly from the RaiseRight app to your personal contacts, helping to spread the word and increase the earning potential for Wyoming Church!

Anyone who enrolls in the church’s program from a participant link can start buying gift cards and earning.

Watch this 1-minute video to see how it works: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_32UwsBkwEo

Please email linda.lyon@aol.com with any questions.



It's time to clean out those closets for the Annual Wyoming Church Peach Fest Yard Sale (August 3)!!!

Donations can be dropped off in Room 213 (across from the nursery) starting on Sunday, June 23rd and ending on Thursday, August 1st . Please no furniture or large bulk items.

Yard Sale Prep will begin the week of June 23rd. Watch for info on dates and times to come help pricing items for the sale.

Any ?? contact Betsy Freidel at (302) 535-3983 or bfreidel1@yahoo.com

Susan B. Anthony



Walt Disney

Georgia O'Keefe



Amelia Earhart

General Patton



Shirley Temple



Meet "the Faces of History", admirably impersonated by 9 to 12-year-old students of the "Classical Conversations" Homeschool program, a group that met at Wyoming Church every Friday for the past three years. Striving for a well-rounded education in the humanities with a heavy focus on Christian values, students were taught American history through this past semester. For the concluding celebration, they had to submit an in-depth essay on a historical figure of their choice and present them in-person.

Congratulations!



Rosie the Riveter



Jim Henson



Statue of Liberty



Bob Ross



Frederick

June 14th is Flag Day!

Going back to the American Revolution, rebels each fought under their own individual flags (or colonies or local militia). The first real national flag was referred to as the "Grand Union Flag" and was first flown on New Year's Day in 1776 to celebrate the Continental Army's formation. It had thirteen stripes of red and white that represented the thirteen original colonies. It also had a square with crosses of St. George and St. Andrew to represent Great Britain, because some still hoped that the colonies could reconcile with England.

The Continental Congress did not adopt an official design for a national flag until June 14, 1777, approximately eleven months after the Declaration of Independence was signed. Tradition says that Betsy Ross is credited with making the original thirteen star and thirteen stripe banner. But there are several contradictory theories to this.

Some also claim that John Paul Jones (an American Naval Hero) and Francis Hopkinson (one signer of the Declaration of Independence) are attributed to our flag's creation. When Kentucky and Vermont were admitted to the Union in 1794, there were fifteen stars and stripes. But in 1818, Congress voted to restore the flag to its original thirteen stripes and just add a new star for each new state. If they had kept adding stripes for states, imagine just how large this flag would be!

In 1959, Alaska and Hawaii were the 49th and 50th states to be added.

The first Flag Day celebration didn't take place until June 14, 1861, almost 100 years after its original design was adopted. William T. Kerr (from Pittsburg, PA) is recognized as the person who created Flag Day. He began his efforts as a schoolboy and continued through adulthood. He lobbied government and did everything to bring Flag Day to the American public's attention.

President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed June 14 as "Flag Day" in 1916. President Calvin Coolidge issued a similar proclamation in



1927. But you know how SLOW the government is! Flag Day didn't really officially become a holiday until President Harry Truman said so in 1949.

Pennsylvania is the only state that observes "Flag Day" as a legal holiday. All other states acknowledge its importance by displaying flags on homes, and public places. Other ways "Flag Day" is observed is through flag raising ceremonies, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance (written by James B. Upham and Francis Bellamy in 1892), and singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" or other patriotic songs.

Many schools hold programs with the purpose of instilling American pride in the flag and in our country.

Some people resent the commercialization of our flag on products. Others don't and feel wearing a flag design displays patriotic pride in America.

It was on June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress replaced the British symbols of the Grand Union flag with the new design that featured the thirteen white stars in a circle on a field of blue and the thirteen red and white stripes. This is the flag claimed to be made by Philadelphia seamstress, Betsy Ross, but there is no real proof. The stars represent the constellation of the States rising in the West. The blue background stood for the virtues of vigilance, perseverance, and justice. The stars were in a circle to represent the perpetuity of the Union. The thirteen stripes stood for the thirteen original colonies. Red symbolized the newly formed country's defiance and daring. White symbolized purity and liberty.

The American flag is considered a symbol of patriotism and dedication to American ideals. It is one of the oldest national emblems... even older than Great Britain's Union Jack. The flag's appearance has been changed 26 times throughout history. This was

done usually to accommodate adding new states. The Easton Area Public Library in Pennsylvania claims to have the very first "Stars and Stripes" predating Betsy Ross' flag and others by a year. They say it was first displayed on July 8, 1776, during a public reading of the Declaration of Independence. It was thought to be made by a group of women from Easton (not one woman!). This flag is 8 feet long and 4 feet wide.

Flag Day is also a time to teach about flag etiquette. The flag should only be allowed to fly after sunrise and taken down before sunset. When it is raised or lowered, it must not touch the ground or the deck of a ship. The flag must be saluted by all that are present. When the flag is placed at half-mast for the dead, it must be hoisted first to the top of the staff, then lowered into place.

When the flag passes by on parade, spectators should stand if they are seated, stop if they are walking and remove hats (if wearing them) giving the flag their full attention. Nothing should ever be placed on the flag or attached to it! And the actual flag should never be used for decoration or advertising purposes.

The American flag is always placed to the left of other flags, from the viewer's perspective.

You're a Grand Old Flag



by George M. Cohan

You're a grand old flag,
You're a high-flying flag;
And forever in peace, may you wave;
You're the emblem of, the land I love,
The home of the free and the brave.

Every heart beats true,
'Neath the red, white, and blue,
Where there's never a boast or brag;
But, should auld acquaintance be forgot,
Keep your eye on the grand old flag.

Library news

June



At the Fanny Marvel Church Library, check out a book, audio book or DVD and return it when you're done. Take home (and keep!) a puzzle and/or some magazines and/or any item on display outside the library door!

Featured in June:

Books & DVD's on *Fathers Day*, and

Forgiveness (6/26 is national Forgiveness Day).

There's a host of NEW! & WONDERFUL!

Children's Books, too.

A Big THANK YOU to everyone...

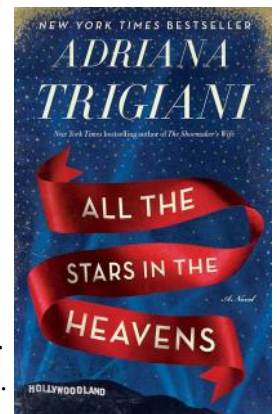
... who has contributed books & puzzles & magazines to the library. It helps to keep the flow going & creating new material for everyone.

If you know there's **pieces missing in a puzzle you donate...** please indicate it on the box and leave that puzzle on the **FREE** table outside the library.

Avid readers... check out the **WUMC Book Discussion Club!** We meet **every fourth Wednesday at 7PM.**

Read "All the Stars in the Heavens" by Andriana Trigioni, the book chosen for June (available in the library, too) and join us on **June 26** for the discussion.

Call **Kim Reed** with any questions. ☎ (302) 670-1832.



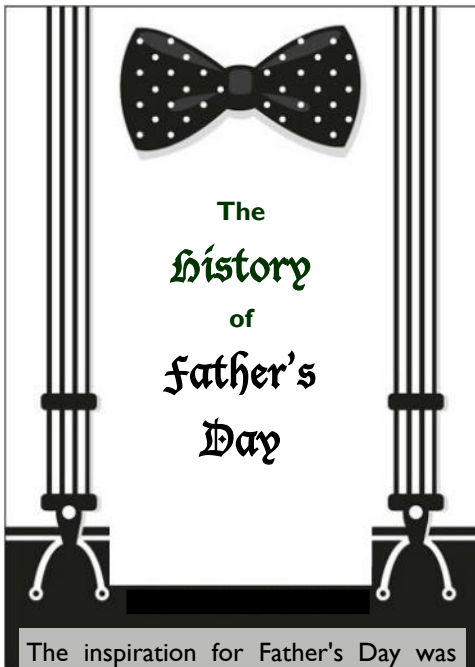
Reflections

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Danny Cooper
Coordinator/Counselor
@ Daybreak
Counseling Services



Oh how we enjoyed your scriptural insight, your humor-filled musings and your heaven-inspired, down-to-earth advice for our 'everydays'! We will surely miss your **'Reflections'**, Danny, and thank you for so many great contributions to *The Wyoming Messengers* through the years!



The inspiration for Father's Day was Mother's Day. So... if you are asked, which came first, Mother's Day or Father's Day... it's Mother's Day! Women came before men on this one.

Sonora Smart Dodd (Spokane, Washington) was listening to a Mother's Day sermon in her church and thought silently to herself that fathers needed the same sort of recognition also.

Sonora's own mother died in 1898. She was one of six children. Her father raised his children alone after his wife's death. She felt that her father deserved some recognition. She began working through Protestant churches and local groups in the Spokane area to promote this holiday. She decided that the third Sunday in June would be the day and, instead of a carnation (like Anna Jarvis proclaimed for Mother's Day), Sonora said everyone should wear a rose for

Father's Day. She circulated a petition among ministers and church organizations. The first Father's Day observance took place in churches and was like the Mother's Day celebration.

The churches also used Father's Day to promote the masculine side of Christianity and to remind men (who might become fathers) and all fathers of their obligation to look after their families' spiritual welfare.

Sonora Dodd then formed a committee to promote the new church celebration by getting political endorsements, answering questions from around the country and putting on local celebrations. Although she did a lot of work, the idea of a day for fathers did not catch on as quickly as Mother's Day did.

By 1920, Father's Day had disappeared from the American social calendar and Mrs. Dodd had moved on to other interests. After studying at the Art Institute of Chicago and working as a fashion designer in Hollywood, she came home to Spokane in the 1930's. At that time, she resumed her campaign for Father's Day. By this time, the holiday (celebrated only in churches) was 25 years old. Suddenly, there was a renewed interest and Father's Day got a little boost (at least in Eastern Washington State). The rest of the United States wasn't so enthused and took it as just another excuse for a holiday, especially when it came to the commercial issues. After all, what did men want with sentimental things like flowers, gifts, and greeting cards?

But guess who came charging to the rescue? The Associated Men's Wear Retailers of New York City took on the

challenge of getting a Father's Day in this country (not out of the goodness of their hearts, more their pocketbooks. They knew the commercial potential!)

In 1938, they set up The National Council for the Promotion of Father's Day. The council worked with florists, tobacconists, stationers, and men's clothiers across the United States to promote Father's Day. Their slogan? "Give Dad Something to Wear!"

President Calvin Coolidge had originally recommended that Father's Day become an official observance in 1924. But it took years...I mean YEARS until 1972 when President Richard Nixon signed a proclamation proclaiming the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

Unfortunately, Sonora Smart Dodd died in 1978 at the age of 96, and only lived to see her holiday celebrated for a few years. Today, the Father's Day Council estimates that this observance brings in approximately \$1 billion a year in retail sales.





DINGO & DESSERT



Sunday, June 23rd

3-5 pm St. Paul's United Methodist Church
406 Main Street Odessa, DE

(Please wrap treats individually. No nuts, please)

Sunday, September 22nd

3-5 pm Wyoming United Methodist Church FLC
216 Wyoming Mill Road Dover, DE (South Ent.)

Bring a dessert or snack to share

Learn to play a favorite card game in the Deaf Community
No competition, no charge, fun and friends. DINGO is a
great family game for players **aged 8 and older.**

Text 410-409-4976 email Deaf.Outreach16@gmail.com for
more information

July Adults Fellowship Dinner



Forthcoming
**Adult
Fellowship
Covered
Dish
Dinner (AFCCD)... For July!**

So what happened to our June Dinner? 'What happened' is as follows. Most of the folks that organize and attend to the many logistics of each of these dinners also work five days during the Vacation Bible School that occurs in late June of each year. It just so happens that this year's Vacation Bible School ends just mere days before the same good folks have to start preparing for another AFCCD. Thus, out of concern for the health and welfare of our Sexton Kitchen Team members, the decision was made to resume our **next AFCCD on Wednesday, July 31** in the Family Life Center with the doors opening at 5:00 PM and the dinner commencing at 5:30 PM.

Look for the Sign Up Sheet in the Narthex at least three weeks prior to the event.

Should you have any questions or comments, please see Carol Abbott or contact her at ceabbott123@gmail.com

Craft Show

As mentioned on
Page 12, the
Kitchen Sexton Team

was able to make the sizeable deposit of \$1,716 after the Spring Craft Show on May 11, thanks to the efforts of the Kitchen Team and donations from the congregation.

Kitchen Team members and other volunteers made 80 pounds of chicken into chicken salad, and several dozen eggs into cakes and egg salad on Friday. Saturday during the Craft Fair, Team members sold sandwiches, hot dogs, drinks and cake out of the Chef's Kitchen.

Pints of chicken salad were also sold both on Saturday and on Sunday. Thanks to the generous donations to our bake table, folks had many kinds of cakes, pies, cookies, fudge, and brownies to purchase and enjoy. Thanks to everyone that helped make the day a

*Sweet
Success !!*

Sweet Success ... be part of it!!

The **Kitchen Sexton Team** is always looking for new members. As a team we help with many church events involving food such as the Sunday Social Hour, Adult Fellowship, Church Picnics, VBS snacks, or funeral meals. Some of our members are experienced cooks. Some are learning. Others help with cleaning up and putting dishes away. We do fundraising to support projects of our choice, such as Camp Pecometh camperships, student scholarships and a VBS Staff Picnic. We are blessed with a professional Chef's Kitchen that is a joy to work out of, but we could always use more folks to help.

See Carol Abbott or Shelby Truitt during the Social Hour on Sunday if you think you would be interested in joining our fabulous Kitchen Team!

The Search



David Van Kavelaar

If you are like me, when you hear a particular oldie song, a classical piece, or jazz number that you really like and just have to get in your musical library collection, you pursue that recording to the ends of the earth. Searching for the recording “back in the day” was an arduous quest and went something like this.

In the late '60's, I heard on the TV a really cool opening musical number on the TV show “Breakfast Time.” I went to the Merchandise Mart on Wilmington's Governor Printz Boulevard and entered Poole's Appliance where the guy there (Richard) had quite a variety of records for sale. I told him I was looking for a piece I heard on TV but didn't know the title. He asked me to hum a few bars which I did. Surprisingly, he immediately recognized what was being sought. “That's the Bugler's Holiday by Leroy Anderson, I have the album right here” he stated. “Hey, thanks Richard!” He also introduced me to the Phase Four stereo recordings which literally featured movement (from right speaker to the left) so parades and bull fights came to life right in your own living room. Quadraphonic sound, don't you know.

One Saturday back in '73, I was cleaning my apartment (well, wonders never cease) and I had the classical music station (WFLN, Philadelphia) on the radio. On Saturday mornings from 11:30 to noon was a program featuring world famous marches; I loved that show and really liked the always played final march at the program's end. I called up the radio station and talked to the DJ and inquired as to the title of the closing march. “Oh, that's from an album called “Fiedler's Favorite Marches” called Strike Up the Band by George Gershwin. It is performed by the Boston Pops under the baton of maestro Arthur Fiedler.” I jotted it down and thanked him.

I began the search the following weekend. I drove into Wilmington to the Dry Goods - nada. Up on Orange Street to a record store, nope. Hmm, lets try the Tri-State Mall on Naaman's Road; no luck. The Concord Mall, a bust. The following weekend I drove up into Pennsylvania to the Granite Run Mall on Route 1 - success! I happily drove home with my precious cargo; couldn't wait to

put the LP on the stereo's turntable and have a beer. I spent a lot of time and put beaucoup miles on my Pontiac's odometer in search of that march, I was going to enjoy this listening experience.

One day at work, some guys were yammering about the song “Hot Rod Lincoln” (1972) and really enjoyed Commander Cody and His Lost Planet Airmen's rendition of the song but were mistakenly stating that that group was the originator of the number. The song was written and performed by Charlie Ryan and The Timberline Riders (1960) and I heard it in a mountain community in Martinsburg, West Virginia in '62. I couldn't find the recording in Wilmington so I ran up mom's phone bill in the successful effort of locating the 45 record on the Four Star label in the Martinsburg area record shop. Another arduous task in finding hard to locate records.

So, you get the picture. I'd pursue a particular recording until it was located and purchased. When I moved to Wyoming, I could be found browsing around the Wilmington Dry Good store's record sales located across the highway from the old Roses department store. I befriended a woman who managed that department and found out she gets a new catalog of classical music records every month. She would give me the month-old catalog so I could call her and order anything in the old listing. Things were getting somewhat easier in expediting the acquisition of sought classical albums. When I heard something new on the radio that just had to be in my collection, I had to listen to the radio guy at the musical piece's conclusion and get the title, performing orchestra, and conductor.

I've written numerous essays for our church's newsletter expressing my hesitancy in embracing technology improvements. I'll always be behind the curve in accepting those “improvements”. That dumb microwave oven was in my home for six months before I got within five feet of its gross existence. I expected anatomically attached parts to wither and fall to the floor. Thankfully, I'm still all together. Now, many years later, I grudgingly give the oven thing a little love thanks to the bag of popcorn that emanates from within in less than two minutes. The cell phones, can't stand them but I do understand their usage for emergency calls and kid tracking. I believe the cell phone, though, has done a dis-service to young people as to knowing how to communicate and how to interact with others; you know, eye ball to eye ball conversations where body language and voice inflection are

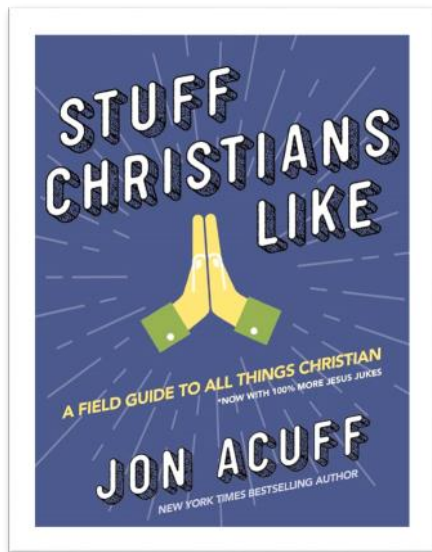
on display. We know a couple that will check your statements in dinner conversations for accuracy with “Hey Google...”. I got one for you: “Hey Google, #%^&*#@#%\$”. BJ and I would be out to dinner and see a young dating couple sitting next to each other but they might as well have been worlds apart; whatever they were doing on their phones seemed more important than speaking with each other. What's this world coming to?

Then there's the computer. I worked in a laboratory a while back and, after four o'clock, we'd perform calculations on our day's completed work. It didn't take long to understand what our calculations were telling us and they really helped in rounding out a technician. But when the computer was introduced into the system, all test sheets were turned over to one person to tabulate lab results and the techs were released from that responsibility. It came to a point where techs did not know how to do the calcs or what the significance of their testing was in the “big picture”. Ah yes, progress.

I have finally warmed up to the computer, though. There is one aspect of having a computer that I really appreciate that addresses and eliminates those days of difficulties previously noted about searching for recorded music. We have four Bose radios downstairs that are tuned into WSCL 89.5 FM (Salisbury) or WRTI 91.7 FM (Temple Radio). Now, if I hear something I like, I go to the computer and Google the radio station website and locate the day's playlist. Long story short, once the title of the number being played is known, it's ordered and Amazon sends the message that the order has been received and will be shipped within three days. In five minutes, the task is completed before the musical number on the radio is over - voilà! No more record-shop hopping and hours spent seeking new recordings. You can't beat that; what a great feature! Oh yeah, all my Christmas and clothes shopping is 95% accomplished on the computer. I used to love Christmas shopping at the malls; no more though.

In summary, it took a lot of patience and will power to locate records over a twenty-five-year period (1961-'86) when 660 LPs were acquired. From '86 to the present, the Van Kavelaar music library has expanded with the purchase of 875 CD's, thanks mainly for the ability to shop online. Quite an eclectic array of artists ranging from Beethoven to Alice Cooper, Charlie Pride to Sarah Brightman, Duane Eddy to Eddie Fisher, and so on. I guess the computer isn't all that bad!

**NEW in
The Wyoming Messenger:**



Excerpts from the book *Stuff Christians Like - A Field Guide to All Things Christian* by Jon Acuff.

Wishing you had an Easy Job Like Working at a Church

Don't you wish you worked at a church? That would be such a dream job! I've never been blessed that way but my assumption is that other than Sunday, a church job is kind of like having a really long quiet time. You probably get to read the Bible all day and take long breaks in your prayer closet and spend eight hours a day growing your own spiritual life. I'm sure the phone rings sometimes, like when someone needs a casserole of hope after a death in the family or a youth group van breaks down, but for the most part I imagine the average day is filled with a lot of "me time."

And God is your boss. How cool is that? There's no politics or infighting or gossip like at the average corporate job. It's just a collection of people, a family really, living out of the gifts God has given them. Loving on each other. (You actually work at a place where "love on" is an acceptable verb!) Everyone is all on the same page, pouring out to each other the love that God is pouring into them. Don't you want to hug this page right now just thinking about that?

I bet there's always an acoustic guitar being played somewhere in the

office. (Should we even call where people work at a church an "office"? Let's call it a "happy holy spot" instead.) And when you go to make copies on the printer, you'll hear the acoustic guitar and probably join an impromptu sing-along right there in the mailroom and make up a song.

Is it even really a full-time job? Seriously, other than maybe a few hours on a Sunday morning, what else are you doing? Praying? Worshipping? Holding car washes to raise money for mission trips? What does that take, four hours tops? How do you spend the rest of the week?

Being loved on, I bet. See, there it is again! That's the kind of thing that is constantly happening if you work at a church, but good luck trying to say that at a real job. If tomorrow in one of my meetings at work I said, "I really need to love on these third quarter budget estimates", I would immediately get "laughed on" by my coworkers. Not if you work at a church. They support each other!

Plus, they've got an entire congregation full of people that love them unconditionally. Imagine having hundreds of people that are fans of what you do and how you do it. People that are going to wholeheartedly accept what you do and never write mean e-mails, no matter if they disagree with your decisions. Me? I read negative e-mails from our customers all the time. People who work at churches? They're opening thank you notes and sunshine e-mails and gift baskets with chocolates and cookies all day long.

Someday, if they ever sunset my job (a fun sounding euphemism we're actually using now to replace the word "eliminate"), maybe I'll get a church job and get to live the sweet life.

Commentary from the editor of *The Wyoming Messenger*:

Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to go tend to the unicorns and flying pigs in the parking lot at my "happy holy spot"!

A Prayer for Inclusion

Righteous Savior,
I thank You for being an all-loving, faithful, and everlasting God. Your Word says that You do not show favoritism because You do not prefer one nation over another. I pray that You renew my mind so that I can reflect Your love to all people. I pray that I embrace diversity and do not exclude people because of prejudices I hold in my heart.

Romans 2:11

Your Word reveals to us that in Your kingdom there is an immeasurable amount of people from every nation, from all tribes and people, and from all languages. This diverse multitude includes all Your worshipers who stand before the throne and before the Lamb clothed in white robes crying out that salvation belongs to You. In heaven, there is diversity and inclusion, so let this be my mind-set here on earth too. Have Your divine way in me, Amen.

Revelation 7:9



The 2nd Annual WUMC Spring Craft Show on Saturday, May 11th, was a huge success. There were 57 crafters who filled 67 tables all throughout the Family Life Center, narthex and classrooms. Everything was handmade and looked ...

... stunning, from jewelry, gourds, crochet items, honey, cards to ceramics, wood and glass, and the list goes on! \$5,090 came in from space rentals, and the bake table and lunch foods sold from our phenomenal WUMC kitchen brought in another \$1,716. Vendors and patrons had a success— and wonderful day. Thank you to our many bakers, chefs, helpers and patrons, as without all of you this ...



... would not have been possible. BIG Thanks especially to Craft Show Chair, Kim Reed (pictured left) for all her endless efforts in planning, organizing and staffing this event and one of her 'right hands' Lee Sumpter (pictured right)! We look forward to seeing everyone back in the fall.



“Pecometh for Generations!”

Help to keep the Appeal

We are so excited to send 13 of our kids to Camp Pecometh this summer. We also have 1 member attending Adult Respite which brings our total to 14 campers! Special thanks to our Kitchen Team who donated \$3,000, and to a few members in the congregation who sent in generous donations. In addition, \$1200 toward camperships came from the Education Team’s budget. With all these donations and the funds we were able to cover 65% of the total camp cost!

Today, we’re sharing some news with you, directly from Pecometh. If you’ve ever had your child(ren) spend time in any one of their great selection of programs, or if you’ve had the opportunity to camp there yourself within Pecometh’s 78 year history, you may well want to support the current effort to revamp, repair and restore their facilities and grounds. Let’s all help **preserve Pecometh** for inspiring and uplifting experiences to be had and magnificent memories to be made **FOR GENERATIONS** to come!

“We are excited to share the launch of our new **Pecometh For Generations Capital Campaign** effort. ... Through a feasibility study conducted in 2023, Pecometh discovered two amazing things. The first was an overwhelming desire to have the summer camp washhouses replaced.

The number one complaint we receive from campers and guests is related to our washhouses’ lack of privacy and the “ick” factor. While we have taken countless steps to improve them on a limited budget, the negative feedback continues. Replacing them with single-use facilities ... will improve our camper and guest experience. Our goal is to replace two washhouses by this summer, 2024, and the remaining two by summer, 2025. Each washhouse will have:

- Six toilets and six showers with individual private rooms and exterior exits
- HVAC units to make them usable in all seasons
- On-demand hot water systems

The second blessing discovered ... was the generosity of Steve Jackson, owner of Green Diamond Builders, who wanted to get started on projects that immediately improve Pecometh. [The company] has done multiple projects at Pecometh in the past, including a concrete stair construction ... and renovating the Retreat House bathrooms & kitchens. Steve generously offered to start construction immediately on two ... washhouses while extending us interest-free financial assistance while we launch this campaign ...

As the campaign effort continues to take shape, we will inform you along the way. If you would like to make a down payment on a gift, you are welcome to do that by contacting Augie Lankford at augie@pecometh.org or 302.668.9856. For now, we invite you to pray for Pecometh, for the campers and young adults who will grow in their faith this summer, and for this shared campaign effort. Together, we will work to remove the ick factor and improve our retention rates so we can grow faith, build community, and develop leaders for God’s work in this world.

In Christ,
Sonja Brown
 Co-Campaign Chair”



Happy Camper! Carlton Passley, Summer of 2016



As in the past, **our campers would love to receive mail** from our church family. If you wish to send a note, please mail at least one full week prior to the start date of camp to:

Camper name/camp attending/camp dates
 136 Bookers Wharf Road
 Centreville, MD 21617

Carter Murphy: *Leaps of Faith* -
 June 23 to 29

Tressa Stant: *Riverside* -
 June 23 to 28

Jeff Purdy: *Respite* -
 June 30 to July 5

Blake Sandy: *Riverside* -
 July 7 to 12

Dominic Sandy: *Senior High* -
 July 7 to 12

Yuna Dela Cruz: *Riverside* -
 July 7 to 12

Merida Stant: *Day Camp 'Sunfish'* -
 July 8 to 12

Lenna Stant:
Day Camp 'Blue Crabs' -
 July 8 to 12

Wesley Mann:
Leaps of Faith -
 July 14 to 19

Kayla Harris: *Presto!* -
 July 23 to 25

Owen Beaman: *Riverside* -
 July 28 to August 2

Laurel Beaman:
Late Night with Jesus -
 July 28 to August 2

Ashlynn McDevitt:
Trail Blazers -
 July 28 to August 2

Avery Whitenight: *Riverside* -
 August 4 to 9

More information at
www.pecometh.org

Pecometh

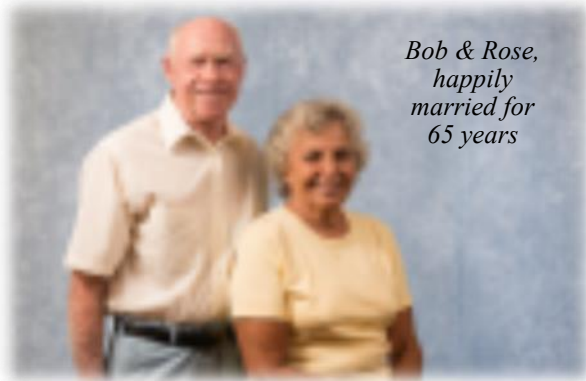
~ Our People ~

~ Deaths ~



Rev. Robert Starrett
on April 3, 2024.

Rev. Starrett was the senior pastor at Wyoming
United Methodist Church from 1979 to 1989.



Bob & Rose,
happily
married for
65 years

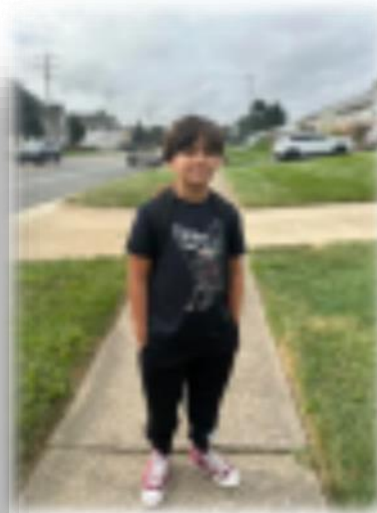
Robert 'Bob' Larimore
on April 12, 2024.



Katherine Patricia 'Pat' Miller
the sister of Linda Booher
on April 18, 2024.



A community mourns - vigil for James outside
Marbrook Elementary School in Wilmington.



James Messick
the great-great-
grandson of
Grace Passmore
was killed on the
way home from
school
on May 6, 2024.

Thank You

Rose Larimore & Family would like to thank everyone for their cards, calls, hugs and prayers at the passing of Bob, loving husband, father, poppop and great-grandfather.

Linda Booher, in turn, thanks everyone for their notes, cards, calls and prayers at the passing of her sister Pat.

I would like to thank everyone of my church family for all the prayers for my son Ian Stewart. He is now in Genesis Health Care in Milford. He has come a long way but has a long way to go for recovery. He was paralyzed and can now stand for 38 seconds. God has gotten him this far and God will get him to where he needs to be. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. Please continue to keep praying for Ian for full recovery. God bless each and everyone of you. Love you all, **Peg Mosher**

Grace Passmore thanks everyone for their continued prayers for her step-granddaughter, Shawn Moore and her extended family at the loss of her grandson James.

The caring support of this, their church family means so much to these families.



Get the mailing address of any birthday child from CCB or the church office if you'd like to send congratulations!

- 06/01** Jack Luke, Okemah Strickland
 06/03 Isabel Marlow
06/05 **Peggy Ciminera (90 years young!)**, Tamryn Coleman, Madelynn Harris, Michael Sell, Amy Spampinato
 06/07 Dennis Major
 06/08 Barbara Nichols, Howard Priestley, Emily Quiroz
 06/09 Wayne Davis, Rowan Seip
 06/10 Hope Wessell
 06/13 Pat Braun, Crystal Williamson
 06/14 June Allen
 06/15 Dan Mikkelson
 06/16 Chris Mikkelson, Linda Pape, Brody Seip
 06/17 Gary Nelson, Dave Van Kavelaar
 06/18 Art Ericson
 06/19 Jessica Flaherty, Nate Grabowski, Emma Lumia, Molly Lyon, Charlotte Pepper
 06/20 Kim Klecan, **Grace Passmore (94 years young!)**, Megan Stallings
 06/21 Noah Petro
06/22 **Dot Adams (90 years young!)**, Christopher Cattie
 06/23 Emory Davis, Arieana Marasco
 06/24 Terry Bryan, Oceanna Loffreda, Elizabeth Pruneda, Mike Quarnaccio, Nick Tullis
 06/25 Bob Moody
 06/27 Dominic Gordineer, June Papen, Riley Rhinehardt, Ann Smith, **Pastor Rick Wessell**
 06/29 Danny Cooper, Dave Killen, Joe O'Connell, Kay Schultz, **June Thompson (92 years young!)**
07/01 Tracy Boyer
 07/03 Merida Stant
 07/05 Mickey Jones, Sue Lighter
 07/06 Stone Seip
 07/07 Florence Legates
 07/08 **Pastor Eric Fontanez**

~ Our People ~

~ Birth ~



The Fontanez 'boys' at Easter - son Matthew, dad Eric, and son David holding Hezekiah.

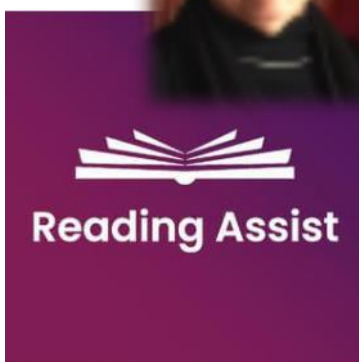
Welcome to the little princess...
Elizabeth Grace Fontanez



a little sister to Hezekiah, was born to David & Heydi Fontanez on April 12, 2024. Congratulations also to proud grandparents Pastor Eric & Sandra Fontanez!

Children are
 a Gift from
 the Lord,
 they are a
 Reward
 from Him.
 Psalm 127:3

Michael Joseph Rigby was born to Brian & Lindsey Rigby in Annapolis on March 21, 2024, a little brother to Ava (pictured) and brothers Cullen and James. Congratulations also to proud grandparents (for the 9th time) Morgan & Sue Rigby!



This school year has been amazing! I've had the privilege of volunteering as a Reading Tutor to nine students at Towne Point Elementary via AmeriCorp's Reading Assist Program. These students have struggled with their reading and the program has helped them all make good progress in their reading. And, yes, COVID was one of their challenges.

I've been invited back for summer school and for the 24-25 school year, as well. The Reading Assist/AmeriCorp program is wonderful and if you'd like info on getting involved, please feel free to reach out to me.

Eunice Alberts (203) 231-0916
homewaes1@gmail.com

The 'WUMC' acting crew who recently performed in "Seussical - the Musical Jr." at the Schwartz Center for the Arts in Dover.

Top photo, from left to right:

Mrs. Mayor (Jane Fennemore), JoJo (Austyn Lefort), Mr. Mayor (Wesley Mann), Wickersham brother (Noah Webb), Frog (Wyatt Lefort), and Bird girl (Ashlynn McDevitt)



Enroll by visiting delmarva.soccershots.com

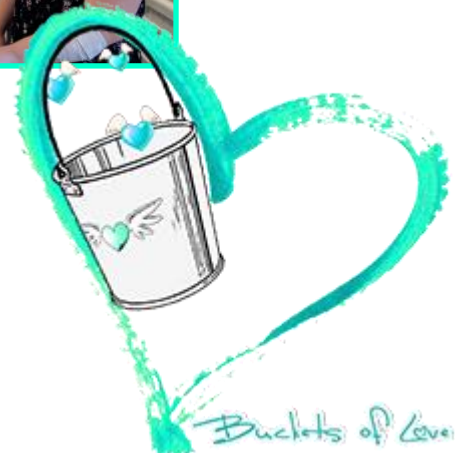


Soccer Shots, an engaging children's soccer program with a focus on character development, offers a **summer program**, from June 12 thru July 24 - Wednesdays at 5:30PM on the athletic field at the south end of Wyoming Church.

Contact: Josh Outlar joutlar@soccershots.com ☎ (302) 760-9079

Worshippers and visitors at Wyoming Church came through again big time! Thank you to all the Sunday School kids and parents for donating baked goods to the annual **Sunday School Bake Sale** on May 19th. The kids raised the sweet amount of over \$250 for "Buckets of Love"!

<https://www.bucketsoflove.us/>





Sneak Peek... **Operation Christmas Child** will 'fly' this year at Wyoming Church!

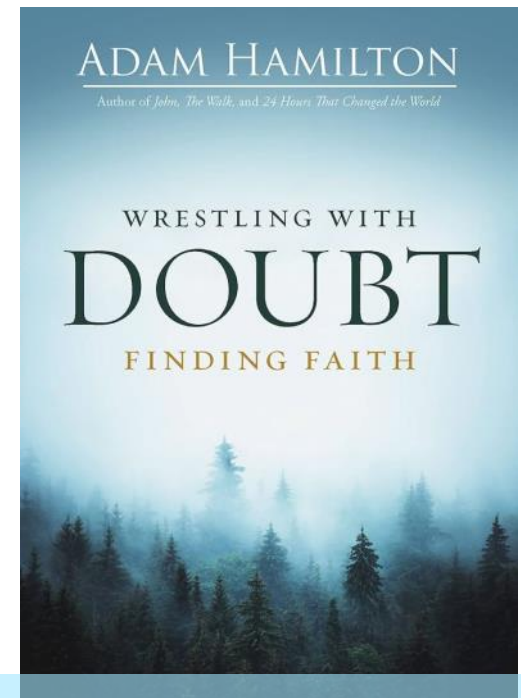
Bring in any shoeboxes you don't need... we collect them under the table by the welcome desk for now - and watch for further announcements soon!

More info : nancysammons@rocketmail.com



NEW!

Young Adult Study



This summer the Young Adult Group will be starting a new study, *Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith*. Please consider joining us for this study by best-selling author and pastor Adam Hamilton as he discusses some of our most significant sources of doubt and shows how a steady trust in God can emerge from them. We will delve into questions like: "Where is God when bad things happen?" "Does God hear our prayers?" "Is there a heaven and how can we know?" "Does God exist and how can I know?" "Is the Bible true?" "Why do prayers go unanswered?" Often we treat such questions as the enemy of faith, but uncertainty doesn't mean our belief is lacking. Doubt can be a path to a deeper, richer encounter with God. In *Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith*, we will be exploring some of our most significant sources of doubt and explore how a steady trust in God can emerge from them.

If you are between the ages of 18 and 35, perhaps the Young Adult Group that we have here at Wyoming Church is the place for you. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays evenings of every month at the church in Room 223-225 from 6:30 to 8:00 for study. In addition, about once a month the group gets together for a social outing such as a board game night, mini golf, or party. If interested, feel free to just show up. If you would like more information, you can contact Jack Freidel (the facilitator of the group but certainly no young adult) at (302) 535-3981 or jfreidel1@yahoo.com.

The Sexton Kitchen Team's

\$1,000.00
 **Scholarship for 2024!**

The members of the Sexton Kitchen Team will fund up to **TWO** \$1,000.00 College Scholarships for the 2024/25 Academic Year.

2024 High-School Graduates & active members of Wyoming United Methodist Church - get your application from Terry Higgins, Sundays from 9AM to Noon in the WUMC Coat Rm.

Sunday, June 16:

Applications are due to Mr. Higgins (9AM to Noon, Coat Room).

Sunday, June 30:

Applicants will be notified in writing of their selection status.

Sunday, July 7:

Scholarship Recipient(s) to be announced in worship.

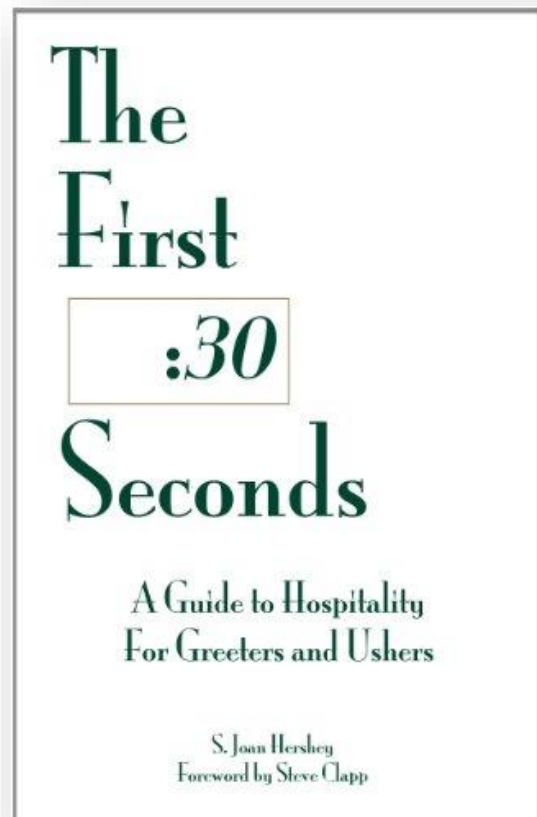
Contact Mr. Higgins (302) 363-5823 or terryhiggins38@outlook.com with questions.

Ten Commandments for Greeters

in the "Visitor Friendly" Congregation

by Ed Bontrager

1. Thou shalt be friendly and cordial.
2. In a warm climate, thou shalt stand just outside the church doors.
3. Thou shalt give a little more attention to visitors than to regulars.
4. Thou shalt develop your gift of hospitality.
5. Thou shalt link up newcomers with an usher, making sure they get bridged to the next step in their entry process.
6. Thou shalt call everyone by name.
7. Thou shalt try hard to remember the names of new people, so that you can personalize your greeting the following Sunday.
8. Thou shalt get your physical exercise by greeting children on their level.
9. Thou shalt not do church business with the regulars as people enter the church.
10. Thou shalt be acquainted with Sunday school classes in case questions arise.



Greeters and Ushers are the "first contact" with the congregation for many people who visit on Sunday morning. The number one question visitors want answered is: "Is this a friendly congregation?" They start forming their answer based in large part on how welcoming and helpful the greeters and ushers of the church are. This booklet provides clear training for these official representatives of the church, with an emphasis on hospitality. Get it from the Church Library now!



Safe Secure Sanctuary - S3 Program Prepares For July Thru December!

As this article is being prepared, other plans for the S3 Program are being integrated into the forthcoming next six month's schedule. These plans include a quicker communication time between Monitors and Stewards on call during Sunday worship.

Should you feel led, after prayerful consideration, to find out how you may be able to share your gifts & graces with the S3 Program, please **fill out the form inserted here** or contact Terry.

Safe Secure Sanctuary (S3) Program Supports Vacation Bible School!

Wyoming Church's Safe Secure Sanctuary (S3) Program is, once again, pleased to offer the services of both Monitors and Stewards during the five days of this year's Vacation Bible School of June 17 to June 21. Each of the five days of VBS consist of two time frames for volunteer service --- 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM and 10:00 AM to 12:15 PM.



The Church Grounds And Plantings Look Their Best!

Thanks to an excellent early Spring growing season coupled with the great, professional landscape services of our contracted provider the turf and foliage beds look the best they have ever looked. Seasonal pruning and trimming of many of the different plant species will occur as needed through out the growing season.

The completion of the final landscaping of the forthcoming pavilion will add an excellent visual improvement to the southeast area of the Church grounds.

The Memorial Garden Serves As A Place Of Contemplation.

Our Church's Memorial Garden, located just off the southeast corner of the Church edifice, offers a quiet place of contemplation and rest. The surrounding Memorial Grove provides an added sense of quietness to one's well-being. The Memorial Garden continues to provide an opportunity for you to place a Memorial Garden Brick that honors the memory of a loved one passed or the name of an individual that

has had a most positive impact on your life. The process of the acquisition and subsequent placement of a Memorial Garden Brick begins by taking an application form from the Memorial Garden Model that is found in the Narthex, completing the information requested and returning it to the designated person and address that is found on the



D.B.P — "Dumpster Beautification Project"

The patiently and long-awaited Dumpster Beautification Project (DBP) is, finally, on track to be completed within the next few days. If recently you have had the opportunity to be in the Church's South Parking Lot you have undoubtedly noticed the excellent metal fence now surrounding the recycle and trash dumpsters. This metallic fence designed by Bill Purdy, Trustee Chair, does an excellent job of covering the visual harshness of the dumpsters.

The final phase of the DBP will be to plant 14 Emerald Green Arborvitae around the North, East and South sides of the concrete pad that holds both dumpsters. Following the planting the immediate area will be landscaped with black mulch.

SUMMER



The *last Saturday of our three Summer months of June --- the 29th; July --- the 27th and August --- the 31st* will find folks from our Wyoming Church and the greater Dover area gathering in the Community Room of Wyoming's TRE SORELLE DOLCE for our monthly Prayer Breakfast.

Please know that you and yours will be warmly welcomed by those in attendance - whether it is your first visit or your 'umpteenth' visit! We always plan to be ready to **begin by 7:30 AM** and finish up by 8:30. We send our individualized breakfast orders over to Mike and Mel's Restaurant - across the street - where they are promptly prepared and returned to us.

We continue to appreciate the exclusive use and generous hospitality of Mike and Becky Marasco's Community Room for our Prayer Breakfast activities. Jack Freidel and Terry Higgins serve as alternating leaders in the monthly Prayer Breakfast events. Come expecting to have your spiritual life renewed and lifted up with the healing power of prayer!



June 2nd is Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day!

WUMC will have a very BERRY special treat for our Sunday School team to thank them for sharing their time and love of Jesus with our youngest worshippers!

***Thank you! to Fifer Orchards for your donation.*

Teachers / Helpers -

Pat Braun, Nikki Fox, Betsy Freidel, Michelle Harris, Tracey Jones, Amy Kellen, Diane Klecan, Robyn LeFort, Marlene Loomis, Lisa McCallister, Stacy McDevitt, Melissa Nelson, Hannah Nelson, Sandra Parker, Kim Reed, Mary Schoettinger, Joelle Rubino, Lee Sumpter, Kathi Thomas, Loretta Walls, Georgia Weimer, Sue Willison

Teen helpers -

Laurel Beaman, Georgeanna Ennis, Jane Fennemore, Sophia Gordineer, Brianna Gordineer, Maddy Harris, Carter Murphy, Brock Nelson, Makenzie Yeager

Special thanks to our

Kids Praise leaders -

Robyn LeFort and Mandy Stant (pianist)

Adult Class Teachers -

Jack Freidel and Dan Mikkelson



Mrs. Margaret Bryan,

formerly passionate and dedicated librarian and yard sale chair. With the gradual loss of her eyesight, Margaret now has to also step down from her leadership on the Altar Guild. "God knows" how much we all have cherished her tenure and untiring efforts over so many years

in all the church ministries mentioned... and behind the scenes in quite a few other areas, too!

*Thank you
MAY GOD BLESS YOU*

"Just a few more" **Special People** we honor in June!

June is a month to honor a variety of different people and workers for all their efforts produce:

- June 1st: Baby Boomers Recognition Day * Global Day of Parents * Oscar the Grouch Day * Superman's Birthday
- June 3rd: Wonder Woman Day
- June 4th: Old Maid's Day
- June 6th: Creative Educators International Day
- June 7th: Daniel Boone Day
- June 8th: National Best Friends Day
- June 9th: Donald Duck Day
- June 12th: Mechanics Day
- June 13th: National Career Nursing Assistants Day
- June 15th: Mermaid Day
- June 16th: Father's Day
- June 17th: National Garbage Man Day
- June 19th: Garfield the Cat Day
- June 20th: Tall girl Appreciation Day
- June 21st: World Humanist Day
- June 22nd: HVAC Technicians Day
- June 23rd: America's Kids Day
- June 24th: International Fairy Day
- June 26th: Harry Potter Day
- June 30th: NOW (Nat'l Org. for Women) Day



Off into summer break - the very special contingency of our custodial crew from the **John S. Charlton School** in Camden. Thank you Hayden, Aaron, Ja'Quway, and their supervisor Ms. Patrina!

Some people make the world special just by being in it.

Congratulations, Confirmation Class of '24!

Laurel Beaman, Owen Beaman, Christopher Cattie, Elaina Ditty, Georgeanna Ennis, Jane Fennemore, Brianna Gordineer, Ian Young, Sophia Gordineer, Madelynn 'Maddie' Harris, Wesley Mann, Noelle Robinson, Vianna Spampinato, Izzabella 'Izzy' West, Mackenzie Yeager



Father in Heaven,

For Jesus' sake, Empower them in their serving,
Stir up in them Give them patience in suffering,
The gift of your Holy Spirit; And bring them to
Confirm their faith, Everlasting life.
Guide their lives, **Amen.**



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Pastor Rick

Deadline for The Wyoming Messenger is the 17th of the previous month.
Note: the next newsletter will be a combined issue for July & August.
The 12 most recent issues of The Wyoming Messenger are available on www.wyomingumc.com - NEWSLETTERS.



Worshippers enjoyed a beautifully Spirit-filled performance by the **Bryce J. Duncan Memorial Children's Handbell Choir** on Pentecost Sunday!
Contact director Mandy Stant mandystant@icloud.com if your child (2nd grade and older) is interested in joining the group.

Parents of students in grades 2 through 8 - if your child is interested in assisting as an **Acolyte** in the 9 AM and/or 11 AM service, please email our new **acolyte** coordinator, Amy Kellen at kellenamy@gmail.com.



June Memory Verse

**Do not withhold your mercy from me, LORD;
may your love and faithfulness always protect me .**
[Psalm 40:11]

Photo: Wyoming Park @ Sunrise Easter morning 2024
[courtesy WUMC member (?)... Please tell us if you took this beautiful picture!]