

# THE WYOMING MESSENGER

## September & October 2024



### IN THIS (CHURCH) FAMILY, WE...

**...WORK HARD**

*Colossians 3:28*

**...KEEP OUR PROMISES**

*Numbers 30:1-2*

**...TELL THE TRUTH**

*Proverbs 12:22*

**...COUNT OUR BLESSINGS**

*Psalms 34:1-3*

**...LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

*1 Peter 1:22*

**...HAVE FUN!**

*Proverbs 15:13*

How many of us "full members" of Wyoming United Methodist Church, remember the day we joined this church family? And the moment we said "I do" on the Pastor's question:

**"Do you promise to support Wyoming United Methodist Church with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?"**

As we gear up again for all the great Busyness of our many church ministries, as our beautiful church building will be bustling with people of virtually all ages heading into group meetings, vocal & hand-bell & band music and puppet practices, Bible studies and Sunday School classes, as various outreach projects take shape on local and (inter) national levels, let us remember that promise, each one of us, and see what we can contribute to the manifold and meaningful work of Wyoming United Methodist Church, to the Glory of God!

Study the following 19 pages, brimming with opportunities to do service - in big, medium and small, yet always significant ways. Chances are there's at least one ministry or task that catches your interest. Contact the person in charge and then - **JUST DO IT.**

Not least because **"in this family, we keep our promises"**!

Inspired by Rev. Laura Martin's message on August 18. See it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v86swBanpTg>

We encourage you to read and re-read the scripture below often through the next two months.

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### Let's call it the "Autumn Memory Passage"

**Romans 12:1-2** So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life - your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life - and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

**Romans 12:6-8** If you preach, just preach God's Message, nothing else; if you help, just help, don't take over; if you teach, stick to your teaching; if you give encouraging guidance, be careful that you don't get bossy; if you're put in charge, don't manipulate; if you're called to give aid to people in distress, keep your eyes open and be quick to respond; if you work with the disadvantaged, don't let yourself get irritated with them or depressed by them. Keep a smile



on your face.  
 The Message (MSG)

# Bulletin Board



**CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECTION**

You are invited to the Dover DE Women's Connection Program and Breakfast Buffet on Tuesday, October 8 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the Maple Dale Country Club in Dover \* \$22 inclusive (cash or check)

Program:  
**Brow and Beauty Bar** - A permanent make-up clinic

Guest Speaker: **Irene Pace**  
 "Come Rain or Shine, It's a Wonderful Life" - One Woman's Journey from Trial to Triumph


Music by: **Amy Spampinato**

Reservations and cancellations for breakfast and free child care are strongly encouraged by October 4 - RSVP to Donna ☎ (530) 921-8936 or Diane ☎ (302) 697-6020



**Operation Christmas Child** will 'fly' this year at Wyoming Church! Bring in any shoeboxes you don't need (no flip tops, please). We collect them under the table by the welcome desk. See Sundays' bulletins for more info!

Yes, we are still collecting **Redners Receipts**, a percentage of your purchase amount will convert into cash for Wyoming Church - most recently another **\$285!** for two 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**

**Adopt-A-Highway Road Clean-up October 19th!**

Have you ever taken note of the signs on Wyoming Mill Road listing our church as sponsors of the road as part of the DelDOT Adopt-A-Highway Program? As participants in the program our church has committed to picking up litter on the roadside a few times a year. Our next clean-up is scheduled for **Saturday morning, October 19th from 10:00 to 12:00** (rain date 10/26). This is an open invitation to anyone in the church who would like to come out that Saturday to help make our God-given world look a little nicer. Just be at the church at 10:00 that Saturday morning. Safety vests and trash bags will be provided along with safety instructions.



**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY**



**Rise AGAINST HUNGER**

Meal Packing Event 9/22 3PM @ Wesley UMC Dover - Details Page 11.

**Sing high, sing low - We want to encourage you to Sing out loud with Joy and Praise!**

Come join us as a member of the Chancel Choir for the 11 AM service. Rehearsals resume September 12 and are held on Thursday night at 7:30 in the Choir Room.



**Kid's Handbells!**

The Bryce J. Duncan Memorial Children's Handbell Choir will resume rehearsals on September 22nd. We practice Sundays at 10 AM in the Bell Choir Room. Children 2nd grade and older - check it out!

Info: Mandy Stant  
 mandystant@icloud.com

# From the Pastors' Desk

As the old song says, "Summertime and the livin' is easy, the fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high" (although in our area it would be the corn is high, but I digress). We have had a great summer at Wyoming Church, from the joy of the youth mission trip, to the excitement of the Peach Festival, and many other projects and worship services in between. As the calendar turns to September and October, and the temperature (hopefully) begins to drop, our church springs to life with lots of opportunities for study and service, and we hope you'll join us!

Our children's Sunday school resumes on September 8<sup>th</sup> with a full lineup of classes and fun, engaging lessons. Youth Group returns that evening for grades 6-12 and we're looking forward to a great year of crazy games and deep conversations. Adult Sunday school resumes in September, and many new Bible studies are beginning that meet all through the week, giving us many opportunities for fellowship, learning, and prayer. We will partner with our friends from Wesley UMC to pack meals for Rise Against Hunger on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our handbell choirs and chancel choir

will again bless us with beautiful music and they are ALWAYS looking for new members! There are many, many opportunities for fellowship, service, study, and fun!

Wyoming Church strives to honor Jesus and to be the church "at the heart of it all" and we pray that you and your families continue to experience God's love and grace as you worship and fellowship with us.

**Happy Fall!**



The Wessell Family - Pastors Lindsay & Rick, Baby Hope, Samuel, Elias

## We celebrate



SPRT will host a **Pastors Appreciation Reception** of special treats in between the services on **October 13**. We encourage the congregation to bring cards for the Pastors.

**We appreciate you, Pastor Lindsay & Pastor Rick, all around the year!**

Mark your calendars for

**Sunday, September 15!**

Come to a

**Combined Worship Service at 10AM**

- with Sunday School classes for children only,

and stay for our **annual Church Picnic!**



Meats and beverages provided, sign up in the narthex with your favorite side dish to share.

**We will have an inflatable obstacle course for the kids, too!**



# Saturdays, Sept. 14 & October 12

from 10 AM to 12 noon.

## Food Collection

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...

**FREE**  
*Community*  
**Lunch**

All are welcome to come!



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

On **September 21 & October 19, 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](mailto:jkb0022@aol.com).

## Recycle Plastic for ... ... our 3rd Trex Bench!

Over recent months, we collected over 1,000 lbs of plastic, in other words: we have two Trex benches! 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!



*Many Thanks from the Outreach Team... and many, many elementary school kids, too!!*

Thanks to all who donated school supplies during VBS and during July and August. In late August Carol Abbott was able to deliver 34 backpacks along with two large boxes and two grocery bags full of school supplies to each of three districts in our area: Lake Forest, Capital, and Caesar Rodney. Your generosity helps many students and their families have the materials they need for a great school year.

# Mark your calendars!



## DINGO & DESSERT



**Sunday, September 22nd**

3:00 pm — 5:00 pm

Wyoming United Methodist Church FLC

**Bring a dessert or snack to share**

Learn to play a favorite card game in the Deaf Community

No competition, no charge, lots of fun and friends.

**DINGO** is a great family game for players aged 8 and older.

Sponsored by the WUMC Deaf Ministry and Committee on Diversity

**Peach Pies & Cookies & Cup Cakes & Breads & even Sourdough Starter...** the Kitchen Team's incredible efforts and your generous contributions to the Bake Table during the Wyoming Peach Fest Yard Sale on August 3 reeled in proceeds in the amount of \$2,100!! **Special thanks to Fifer Orchards for their donation of delicious peaches!**



# September & October Adult Fellowship Dinner



Believe it or not we are fast approaching the beginning of our Fall Season here on the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula. Proof of that statement can be found with the announcements of the next two forthcoming

**Adult Fellowship Covered Dish Dinners - on September 25 & October 30.**



Our **September Dinner** is built around the celebration of **Labor Day** with hot dogs and all the 'trimmings'

### LABOR DAY Food Ideas



while the **October Dinner** is a positive celebration of **Halloween** centered around Redner's Chicken.



So please plan to attend with all the adult members of your family and bring your favorite dish to compliment the respective dinner theme.

Remember doors to the Family Life Center open at 5:00 PM with the dinner beginning at 5:30 PM.

At the beginning of both September and October please look for the Sign Up Display in the Narthex for the respective months of September and October.

Questions and/or comments for **September's Dinner** please see/contact **Terry** at [terryhiggins38@outlook.com](mailto:terryhiggins38@outlook.com) or (302) 363-5823.

Questions and/or comments for **October's Dinner** please see/contact **Carol Abbott** at [ceabbott123@gmail.com](mailto:ceabbott123@gmail.com) or (302) 943-8706.



## September 27 - 6:30 pm

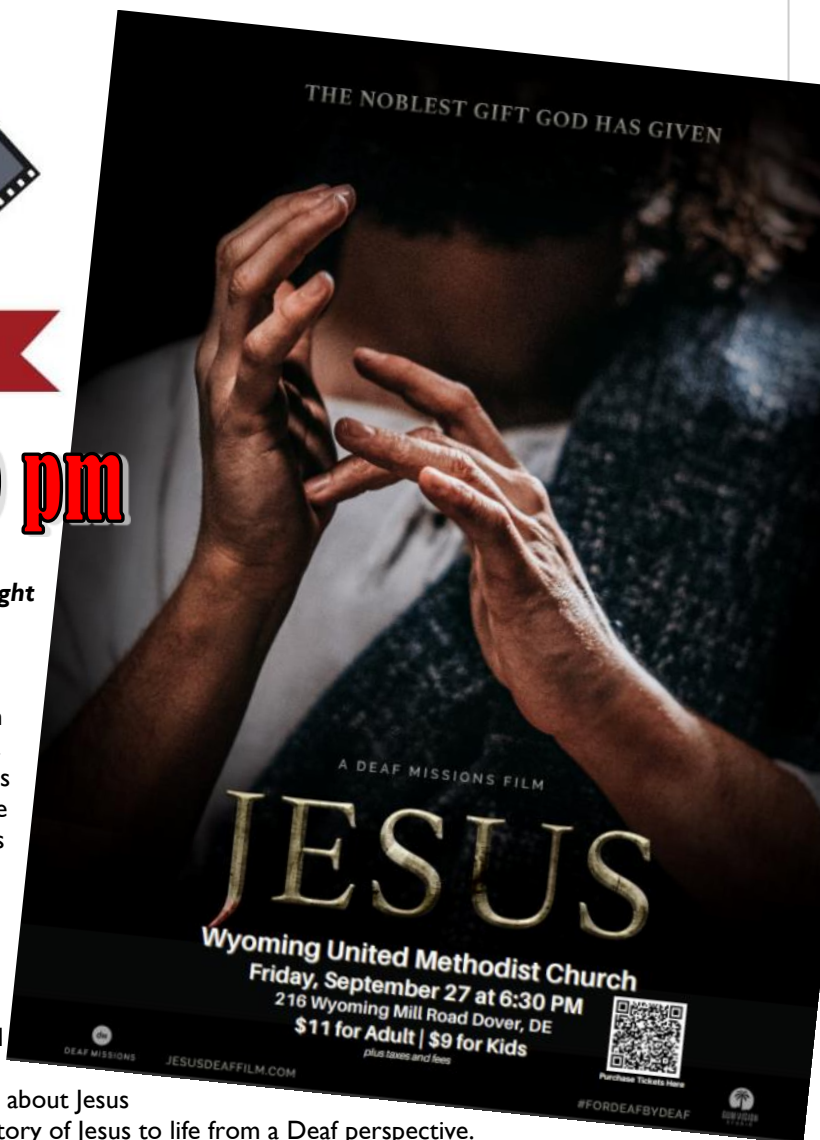
We are excited to host a *Deaf Awareness church movie night* on Friday, September 27 at 6:30 pm showing **JESUS: A Deaf Missions Film**. For the first time in history, an audience will have the unique opportunity to experience the story of Jesus presented as a feature film entirely in American Sign Language. JESUS: A Deaf Missions Film will take you on a journey with Jesus and His disciples. Witness His miracles, His transformative power, and His challenges to the religious elite in a time of high tension under Roman rule in Judea. The Jews were anticipating a Messiah, but Jesus was not what they expected. What the religious leaders orchestrated to be Jesus' end instead changed the world forever. Immerse yourself in Jesus' love as He offers hope, forgiveness, and eternal life.

This historic film is produced, staffed, crewed, and performed by Deaf producers, creators, actors, and production crew members. JESUS: A Deaf Missions Film is the first feature film about Jesus in American Sign Language, using native signers to bring the story of Jesus to life from a Deaf perspective.

The film includes a musical soundtrack and English subtitles.

All are welcome, Deaf and hearing, aged 13 (with parental supervision) and older. Tickets cost \$11 plus a ticket processing fee (\$12.55 total) and are available at the link below or use the QR Code on the flier.

<https://brushfire.com/faithcontentnetwork/jesus-adeafmissionsfilm/580762>



October was first designated as Down Syndrome Awareness Month in the 1980s and has been recognized every October since. It is a time to celebrate people with Down syndrome and make others aware of their abilities and accomplishments.

## Monthly FINANCIAL REPORT July, 2024

Ken Banaszak, Finance Team Chair

	2024 Offering	2024 Expense
Weekly Offerings	\$ 320,893.48	
Facilities and Other	\$ 15,042.50	
Totals	\$ 335,935.98	\$ 322,975.02
Net Operating	12,960.96	

**Consecration Sunday**  
is **October 27.**  
We're excited to present  
this year's theme to you -  
check the back cover!

The FUNdraising Team would like to extend their appreciation to **ALL** who rented a table, shopped, set up, or worked at the yard sale. A special thanks to Lee Sumpter for her work on the table rentals, to Betsy Freidel for heading the Church Yard Sale, and to Tracey Jones and Kim Reed for their work at the Food Sale. Thanks to the following people who lent a hand behind the scenes and/or the day ...

Successful vendors, happy customers throughout again at the annual Wyoming Peach Festival Indoor Yard Sale on August 3rd.

**raising FUNdraising FUN!**



... of the BIG event: Barbara Pettyjohn, Melissa Nelson, Hannah Nelson, Brock Nelson, Dawn Valladeres, Joan Davis, Barb Sheppardson, Carole Pearce, Chris Mikkelson Sandra Parker, Sue Rigby, Mary Dawn Ditty, Linda Pape, Kathy Deckard, Betty Brown, Kade Seip, Dan Deckard, Wayne Davis, Lynn Ditty, Dennis Major, Kenny Harris, Ian Young, Brianna Gordineer, Sophia Gordineer, Dominic Gordineer, Rhonda Davis, Judy Field, Warren Field, Rick Beaman, Owen Beaman, and Bev Cannon. I apologize if we left anyone out. We appreciate all of the support! The Team raised a whopping **\$3,200** at this annual event.  
FUNdraising Chair *Linda Lyon*

**Any time you need a gift card this fall ...**

... simply order online or directly from the user-friendly app! Check it out at **raiserright.com**.

FUNdraising Team will sell plastic gift cards again in November. Please email [linda.lyon@aol.com](mailto:linda.lyon@aol.com) with any questions.



The Sunday School kids enjoyed filling bags with love and special items. The bags will be donated to the **Buckets of Love** program and distributed to kids in need.

The money was raised through the May Bake Sale. Thank you to everyone who baked and bought goodies to support this charity!

One great summer experience... these are some of our **Pecometh Campers!** Thank you again to the Kitchen and Education teams, and those in our congregation who generously donated to the scholarship fund.



**Thank you helpers! Thank you patrons! Thank you Fifer Orchards! The Peach Fuzzy sale on August 3rd netted a Peachy \$1,800 toward the youth mission trip '25.**

The Outreach Team will be doing the **School Coat Drive** from **October 15 to November 15**. Coats should be new parka-type coats suitable for playing on the playground or waiting at the bus stop in cold weather. We will be collecting coats for both boys and girls in sizes 6, through 16. Donations will be divided evenly between the Lake Forest, Caesar Rodney and Capital School Districts. Many thanks in advance for your help keeping students warm this year!





# Library news

## September+October



*"October is the best time to visit your church library. You will find a variety of resources for Bible Study, Research, and Pleasure reading. You might find a literary treasure, or an old favorite to read on a frosty autumn evening. Don't forget the children, either. The church library is for everyone!"*



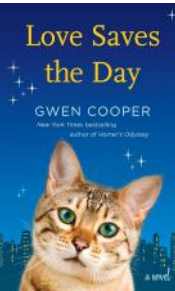
At the Fanny Marvel Church Library, check out a book, audio book or DVD and return it when you're done. Take home (and keep!) a puzzle and/or some magazines and/or any item on display outside the library door!



Books to celebrate **grandparents, dogs and cats!**

Attention Fans of author **Karen Kingsbury** - the library has received a generous donation of her books. For those who like **audio books** - check out a great selection!

Rather than follow a court order to return Brandon to his troubled, drug-addicted mother, the eight-year-old's grandparents "kidnap" him and assume new identities in a turbulent Southern town-until an unexpected chain of events shakes his new community to its core and throws Brandon back into a precarious life with his mother. *Slow Way Home* is a tender yet completely un sentimental tale of survival and redemption. Readers will be gripped by its pitch-perfect evocation of the South in the 1970s, when the gains of the civil rights movement were still tested at every turn.



Humans best understand the truth of things if they come at it indirectly. Like how sometimes the best way to catch a mouse that's right in front of you is to back up before you pounce. So notes Prudence, the irresistible brown tabby at the center of Gwen Cooper's tender, joyful, utterly unforgettable novel, which is mostly told through the eyes of this curious (and occasionally cranky) feline.

### National Grandparents' Day - September 8

### National Cat Day - October 29

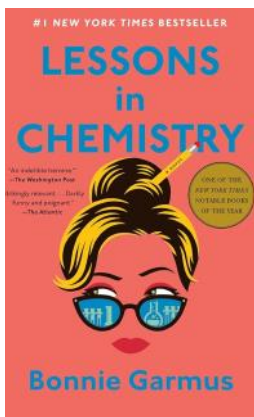
### National Make-A-Dog's Day - October 22

*The author says:* Perfect Pace gives you all of the details of the powerful surrender lesson that God revealed to me during a walk with our dog, Shane. The day God showed me the parallels between a walk with Shane and my walk with Him was life-changing. Since that day, I have not been able to look at either walk in the same way. Every one of us is offered the opportunity to walk with God at His perfect pace in perfect peace.



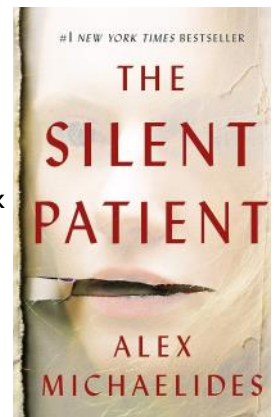
*'Our own' church member, Kim Bryan, leads an online study "Pearls on Pages" every Tuesday at 11AM and 7PM. If you'd like to check it out, please email your email address to [kimbryanbr@gmail.com](mailto:kimbryanbr@gmail.com) for a personal invite.*

**A Big THANK YOU** to everyone who has contributed books & puzzles & magazines to the library. **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 "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus, the book chosen for September (available in the library, too) and join us on **September 25** for the discussion.



Read "The Silent Patient" by Alex Michaelides, the book chosen for October (available in the library, too) and join us on **October 23** for the discussion.

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

# SEPTEMBER is DEAF AWARENESS Month

The Deaf Ministry at Wyoming Church has several interesting Deaf Awareness activities to join this year.

**Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> is our fall DINGO & Dessert party** (poster on Page 5). Bring a dessert or snack to share and enjoy some social time while learning a fun and easy game cherished by the Deaf community. Open to everyone, aged 8 and older, who can stay focused on the playing of the game, with a bit of snacking here and there!

**Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** we'll present a **very special Movie Night @ Wyoming Church** (poster on Page 6). Showing **"Jesus: A Deaf Missions Film" at 6:30 pm.**

**Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> is International Deaf Awareness Sunday.** During the 11:00 am service, members of the various ASL groups sponsored by Wyoming UMC will be signing a hymn which will be sung by members of WUMC's Choir. This is your opportunity to both hear and see a church hymn!

**NEW! Beginners' Conversational ASL Group**  
 If you have always wanted to learn ASL, if you want to be able to carry on a conversation with Deaf church members, if you are willing to commit to an hour of in-class time and some practice time every week, then you are ready to join this group! We will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 pm beginning October 1, 2024 in rooms 223/225. The class is open to anyone aged 12 or older who is seriously interested in learning. Classes are \$2.00 per session, pay as you attend. The more you attend, the more you will learn! For additional information, or to register for the class, contact Gail Garner at [ggarner58@hotmail.com](mailto:ggarner58@hotmail.com) with "ASL Class" in the message line, or call 410-409-4976.

## A Deaf Perspective

In Mark 7: 32 – 37a, the townspeople bring a deaf man to Jesus to be saved. They want to see the miracle for themselves. This man, because he is deaf, in the times that he is living cannot own property, cannot earn money, and cannot strive for the life that is common at that time. Jesus did not heal the man in public, nor did he want the healing to be announced. Jesus took the man aside, away from the eyes of those who had brought him. He ends the man's deafness, in private, so that he can claim his rightful place in society. As he does so, he shouts, "Ephphatha!" which means, "Be opened!" The interpretation of this passage by hearing people is that Jesus has commanded the man's ears to be opened so that he can hear. But, Jesus did not want the hearing people to see, and he did not want the story of his actions to be shared.



The interpretation of worshipers who are Deaf is quite different. They see the message being given instead to the hearing crowd that brought this deaf man, probably against his will, to be healed by Jesus. Perhaps, despite helping the man to hear, Jesus was admonishing the crowd to, "Be open!" to the differences in people, and to cherish those differences as God's creations, just as we cherish those who are just like us. The message was, and is, to all those who work, and worship with members of community who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. The message of "Ephphatha" is "Be Open." Be open and accepting of those in our midst who are differently abled, whether visible or not. Do not seek to amplify their challenges, but rather help them resolve their challenges. God's gifts are for everyone, if we are willing to "Be Open" and welcome them into our midst.



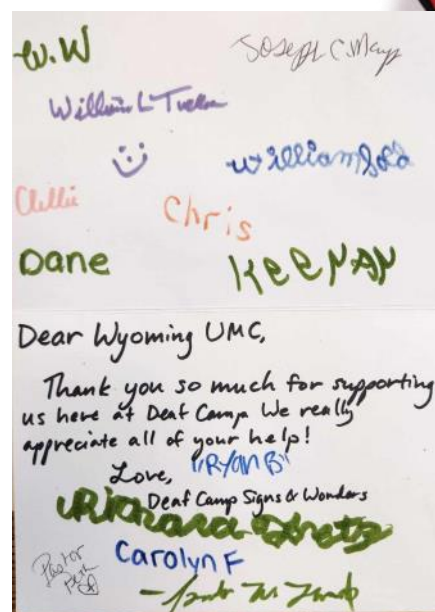
## Beginner's Conversational ASL



**Tuesdays starting  
 October 1, 2024  
 6:30—7:30 pm  
 \$2.00 per session  
 Room 223/225**

 **Wyoming Church**  
 ...at the heart of it all.  
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[wyomingumc.com](http://wyomingumc.com)

Interpreted Church Services Every Sunday



**One lovely Thank You note...**

...from campers at **Deaf Camp: Signs & Wonders 2024** for the \$500 donation from the WUMC MultiCultural & Diversity Team



## Join the Movement!

### Lend a Hand to People Facing *Hunger* Across the Globe

About 733 million people worldwide do not receive enough nutrition to lead an active, healthy life or provide for themselves and their families.

A Rise Against Hunger Experience Event provides a lasting, real-life impact as our group works together for a start-to-finish meal assembly experience to combine rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a packet of 20 vitamins and minerals into life-changing meal packages.

The food stores easily, transports quickly and has a long shelf-life to help meet the immediate nutritional needs of people facing food insecurity, paving the way toward resilient and bright futures!

Won't you consider joining us at our Meal Packaging Event on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>** at 3:00 pm at **WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** in Dover.

We have joined efforts with Wesley so that we can package 20,000 meals in 2 hours...twice as much as we have done before! But we need YOU to come and help us reach that goal. There are jobs for all ages so don't think you are too old to participate or too young.

And, of course, there is a cost involved so we are endeavoring to raise \$4,000 to provide for 10,000 meals and Wesley will also donate \$4,000. There will be envelopes provided during the first part of September for your donations.

If you have never participated in this fun event, now is your time to join with others to help eradicate worldwide food insecurity! The Outreach Team is counting on you and you have always been a wonderful, faithful supporter of all of our mission projects.

To God be the Glory,  
**Judy Field, Outreach Team**

Do you like to knit/crochet? Check out the latest project of **Knitting to Nurture** at the display table by the office window. Take a pattern and some yarn, too. Info: Karen hapkrp@gmail.com.

**Prayer Shawls** are available (in the narthex, 'around the bend' from the welcome desk)! Please feel free to take one to someone you know who is in need of a reminder of God's love for them. There is no charge for shawls as this is a ministry of WUMC.



'Rookie' Seamstress Regina (top) works on a dress for her granddaughter, Samara (below) puts finishing touches on a blouse.



### Sewing Classes

with Sharon Burge resume in September, Wednesday nights from 5 to 7, and every third Saturday from 12 to 2 pm (for adults) and from 2 to 4 pm (for youth).

**Contact:**  
**Sharon Burge**  
**(302)359-4958**  
**sleeburge@gmail.com**

## The Master of Melody

David Van Kavelaar



Just as there are arguments about who is the best baseball player, movie actor, singer etc., the argument can also be found in the world of composers. When I was in my teens, I learned the lesson when engaging in the debate on just who was the best baseball player, Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays, Hammerin' Hank Aaron, or Ted Williams. Arguments can be made for each of these guys and others. The learned lesson was not to argue about who was the best, but to pick your favorite player, root for him, and be happy. Me? Somewhere in the attic is a box full of Mickey Mantle memorabilia. Kids today know nothing about the Mick.

As for composers, who's the best? Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, Brahms, Schumann, the list goes on. I couldn't say who the greatest is, but I can tell you who my favorite is. We have ninety CD's and ten LP's of his compositions upstairs in my music room (Mancave # 1 according to BJ) and boy do I crank up the volume when listening to his music.

But first, check out what some of his critics had to say. One critic states he is "...surely no ordinary talent, but rather, an inflated one, obsessed with posturing as a man of genius, and lacking all discrimination and taste." In general, said one Vienna critic, his music "...scorns logic, wallows in torpor and, time and again, collapses in dissonant convulsions." Another negative criticism pertaining to one much-loved work, *Romeo and Juliet*, was said to feature music that "sounds rather like scratching a glass plate with a sharp knife." Another slam. His music "...sounds like nothing so much as a horde of demons struggling in a torrent of brandy, the music growing drunker and drunker." That review pertained to the 4<sup>th</sup> movement of his *Symphony # 5* (my favorite), a wonderful thunderous finale in true Romantic Era fashion. The last time I saw this symphony performed it was ...

On a cold January evening a few years ago, we went to Verizon Hall in Philadelphia with some friends for a performance of his *Symphony # 5* by the Philadelphia Orchestra. After the conclusion of the symphony, we were walking down the crowded staircase that led folks to the parking garage and Broad Street. In front of us was a young guy (an athlete would be my guess) talking to his girlfriend who probably had to drag him to the performance in the first place. He was amazed at what he heard. "Boy, you talk about team work!" he kept repeating. Ninety musicians hitting their notes seamlessly on the symphony's rousing conclusion of the fourth movement was something to audibly behold; I think the Philadelphia Orchestra won over at least one new fan that evening.

OK, I now reveal my favorite composer, (bugle trill, please!) "May I present to you the Master of Melody, **Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (7 May 1840 – 6 Nov 1893)**. He was a Russian composer during the Romantic period (1820-1900) and was the first Russian composer whose music would make a lasting impression internationally. (Choke on that, you critics!) He wrote some of the most popular concert and theatrical music in the current classical repertoire including the ballets *Swan Lake* and *The Nutcracker*, the *1812 Overture*, *First Piano Concerto*, *Violin Concerto*, *The Romeo and Juliet Overture-Fantasy*, six symphonies, and the opera *Eugene Onegin*.

Pertaining to the solo part in the *Violin Concerto*, critic Eduard Hanslick wrote "...the violin is no longer played, it is yanked about, it is torn asunder, it is beaten black and blue." His grand conclusion: "Tchaikovsky's *Violin Concerto* confronts us for the first time with the hideous idea that there may be musical compositions whose stink one can hear."

I believe my liking of Tchaikovsky began when I was a little kid. Mom and Dad would have the classical station on the old Philco radio. Dad wanted complete silence when *The Nutcracker* was on the ancient tubed radio. Well, I listened, and that planted the seed in me that would flourish throughout my life. Long story short, our classical music library consists of over four hundred CD's and one hundred LP's.

Strange to say, Tchaikovsky, as a composer, is much more fully understood and appreciated by the masses of music lovers than he is by the musical sophisticates of the world. The latter tend to exaggerate his faults, which admittedly are many, by emphasizing

Tchaikovsky's lack of subtlety, his hysteria, and his self-pity. In doing this, they minimize or overlook the very great virtues and talents that the composer possessed – his honesty, his directness, his wonderful melodic gift, and his extraordinary sense of climax. These are not small gifts, and the greatest music of any period possesses them.

While listening to the classical/jazz station WRTI awhile back, the DJ asked the audience what we thought was Tchaikovsky's own favorite written score. We had time to ponder because he'd give the answer at the hour's end. But we were informed, and I was really surprised, when he offered that Tchaikovsky's least favorite composition was his own *1812 Overture* (now an international favorite). It pained him deeply each time he penned a note to the score, go figure. Well as to the upcoming answer, I played some Tchaikovsky music in my head and finally (correctly) guessed *The Serenade for Strings*. I had some reservations on my selection because Tchaikovsky was a traditional Romantic period composer who loved full orchestration and was free to employ every instrument of the orchestra for the upcoming musical fireworks at finale time. Bombastic was a term associated with him. But the *Serenade for Strings* was performed by just a small string section (five or six musicians.)

This Spring, WRTI conducted the Spirit of 76 Countdown. Listeners were asked to submit the names of their favorite classical pieces and, at the contest's end, a list of the top 76 favorite classical pieces was established. Tchaikovsky had five pieces selected and his *5<sup>th</sup> Symphony* was his highest rated composition at number 36. FYI, number 4 was Beethoven's *Symphony 5*, number 3 was Beethoven's *Symphony 7*, number 2 was Dvorak's *Symphony 9*, *The New World Symphony*, and number 1 was Beethoven's *Symphony 9*. If you're interested in the Spirit of 76 results, Google "Spirit of 76 countdown results."

What a wonderful art, music. You can't see it, hold it, or touch it. Sculptors and painters must be extremely envious of music composers. A piece of paper with notes on it. But the power of music is unmistakable. Proud occasions such as coronations and weddings employ music for the event; men would march to war to their nation's hymns and battle cries. A wonderful osmosis of sorts occurs when you "really get into the music" while it, in turn, gets into you as it permeates your soul.

Without question, the music of Tchaikovsky has attracted more novices to

music as an art than that of any other composer. Indeed, it is the impassioned love of his music by the novice that probably causes the violent reaction against Tchaikovsky by the more musically mature. The fine qualities in the composer's music are possessed to a very high degree, its rich orchestration, its logical music development, and its eloquent and natural emotional expression.

We've introduced our sons and others to *The Nutcracker* at Christmas time (I still go every year mainly for the loud music). Many young kids get exposure to his music due to their participation in the ballet as mice, gum drops, snowflakes, and soldiers. How many times have you heard the *1812 Overture* performed by the Boston Pops at the July 4th Celebration on the Charles River in Boston? At Fager's Island in Ocean City, MD, management plays the *1812 Overture* every day and times its playing to coincide with the cannon blasts of the music's conclusion to a breath-taking, dazzling sunset.

According to a survey by Bachtrack, Tchaikovsky came in at number 7 in their list of most-often-performed composers for 2018. With 214 recordings listed for his *Piano Concerto No. 1* at ArkivMusic.com as well as 180 each for the *Violin Concerto* and *Romeo and Juliet*, it would seem that Tchaikovsky has had the last laugh, although the laughter may have been through a few tears.

Upstairs in the Mancave #1 are framed photos of Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, Ludwig van Beethoven, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Robert and Clara Schumann, Franz Liszt, Richard Wagner, and David Zinman (Baltimore Symphony Orchestra), and a good sounding stereo system I might add. Just like the photos of the great baseball, football, and ice hockey stars on the wall across from the Composers Wall upstairs, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, the Master of Melody, has certainly met my requirements to attain super-star status and most valuable composer recognition.



Lloyd Douglas, the famous author, one day happened into the studio of a friend, an elderly violin teacher. This man had a plain and simple wisdom that was always refreshing.

"What's the good word today?" Douglas inquired. The old man laid down his violin and struck the tuning fork that hung from a silken cord. "That, my friend, is 'A'. It was 'A' yesterday; it will be 'A' tomorrow, and it will be 'A' until the end of time. The soprano upstairs may warble off key; the tenor next door may be flat on his high notes; and the piano in the next room may be out of tune, but that, my friend, is 'A'."

When an orchestra is preparing to give a concert, every instrument must be tuned. Generally the pianist strikes 'A' and everyone tunes to that. After playing each main selection, the musicians carefully retune. If they neglect to do this, their music becomes discordant and unpleasant to hear.

Jesus was not in tune with the people of His day. He did not live and believe as so many of them did because He was attuned to the will of His Father. One day He told His disciples: "My food is to do the will of Him who sent me." (John 4:34).

This is the reason so many of His teachings seemed different and revolutionary. He taught that we should love our enemies; and that is not easy, because it is more natural to love our friends and hate our enemies. He also said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

(Acts 20:35). Most of us are more in tune with our human nature, which is inclined to be selfish rather than generous.

If we would be His faithful and obedient disciples, His perfect example is the 'A' to which we should tune our attitudes and actions. What a different word ours would be if everyone were tuned to the 'A' of our Lord's teaching and example.

(from "34 Two-Minute Talks for Youth and Adults" by Stanley P. Cornils)

Lloyd Douglas: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lloyd\\_C.\\_Douglas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lloyd_C._Douglas)

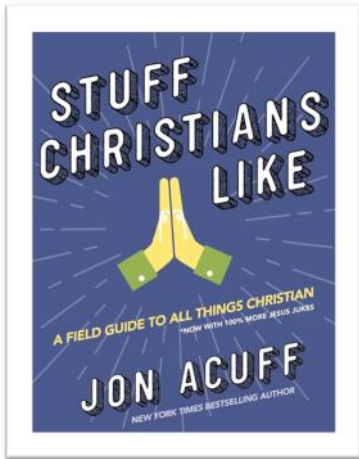


## Do you have the gift of embracing technology?

Do you have an ear for worship-filled sound? Are you savvy with a computer space bar? Then the technology team at WUMC is a place for you! We are in desperate need of some bodies to help support our Sunday morning worship services! If you can spare a 9:00 or 11:00 slot a few Sundays a year to help serve, please reach out to the church office, Pastor Rick, or myself to join the team. A simple training session will take place very soon... time and date TBD. Please do not be intimidated by the equipment! We would love anybody and everybody to help spread God's word and promise, both visually and audibly! Thank you for considering!!

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**Just 4 Fun!**



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

**Crock-Pots, A Love Letter**

Dear Crock-Pot,

Is there anything your circle of goodness can't deliver? Any bounty of deliciousness you are incapable of providing? Any warm embrace of bubbly food delightfulness you are unwilling to share?

I say no, but you don't come around as often as you used to. We're all trying to live a little healthier. We're eating fewer dishes that look like macaroni, cheese, and beef got into a street fight. When I go to potlucks, I can't find you

among the plates of organically grown seaweed burgers.

I look—oh, I promise you I look—but you remain elusive. No miniature hot dogs swimming in mysterious red sauce, no unidentifiable stew that is the color of Burnt Sienna crayons.

Somewhere you sit alone in a cabinet, instead of in your rightful place of honor.

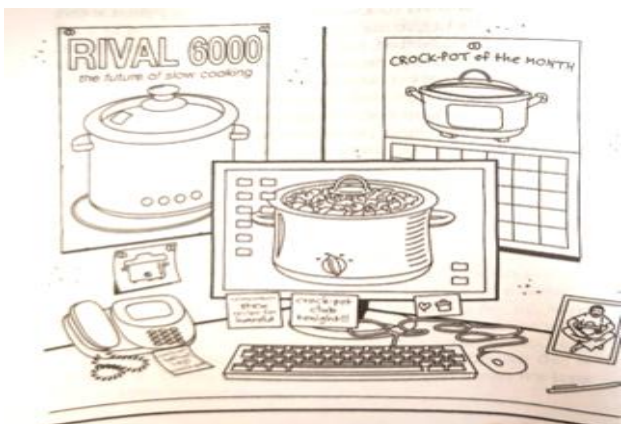
You're so forgiving, too. We can just throw something in you and completely forget about cooking all day. Even if that meal spends an hour too long in your hot belly, it's okay. You won't burn it. You won't hurt it. Your love is tender. You always give, you never take away.

If there were a Dish Hall of Fame, I would nominate you. If there were an NCAA-type tournament for cookware, I would pick you to win my bracket. If Mount Rushmore had room for an additional American hero, your rotund face would sing from the mountains.

I love you, Crock-Pot.

Forever yours,  
Jonathan

**85 dozen or so... Cookies (!!)** brought in by our own congregational bakers @ the **August "Hawaiian" ARC Dance**, and hot dogs & chips and beverages provided by our own fabulous WUMC kitchen crew. Thank you all, and



And here is ARC's Ms. Vanessa, taking a bite out of her hot dog, the first person ever to do that sitting on the brand-new picnic bench in the brand-new church pavilion! Come share the incredible experience at the **Church Picnic on September 15!**

in the "National Chili Month" of October... on October 20th,  
join us! for this fun fundraising event sponsored by the Multi-Cultural & Diversity Team!

**Do you have a chili recipe that is beyond compare? Is your cornbread recipe everyone's favorite?  
Are your cookies to-die-for?**

Now is your chance to find out for sure. The Committee on Diversity, in celebration of National Chili Month, will be hosting Wyoming's Second Annual Chili and Cornbread Cookoff. This event will take place on Sunday, October 20th from 3 to 5 PM.

Dust off your recipe and gather your ingredients! You can compete individually or as a team in one or both areas. Fill out the registration form and get ready to compete!

**Have you always wanted to be a judge on one of those food competitions?**

Now is your chance! But we don't just want a panel of 4 or 5 judges to have all the fun! For just \$5 per person, it is a fundraiser after all, you will get to taste and judge all the Chili and Cornbread. Let your vote count!

WUMC 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili & Corn Bread Cook-Off:  
Sunday, October 20th...with a new competition category!

# Wyoming United Methodist Church Committee on Diversity Presents Second Annual Chili, Cornbread, & Cookie Cookoff

Competing \_\_\_\_\_ Individually \_\_\_\_\_ as a Team

Main Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Competing in:

\_\_\_\_\_ Chili (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Cornbread (\$10.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Cookies (\$10.00)  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2 Categories (\$15.00) \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Categories (\$20.00)

Chili Categories:

Spiciest \_\_\_\_\_  
Meatiest \_\_\_\_\_  
Best Veggie \_\_\_\_\_

Cornbread Categories:

Best Sweet \_\_\_\_\_  
Best Savory \_\_\_\_\_  
Corniest \_\_\_\_\_

Cookie Categories:

Best Bar \_\_\_\_\_  
Best Drop \_\_\_\_\_  
Best Decorated \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to enter more than one area of competition, each additional area after the initial \$10 will be \$5 more (see above). Registration and payment must be received by Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>; make checks payable to WUMC with Diversity in the Memo line. Late registrations will not be accepted as supplies are purchased and prepared based upon the number of entries\*. Cookie competitors must be under the age of 18 (17 or younger).

Registration may be returned to the church office or to Gail Garner.  
More details will be provided upon registration.

\*Organizers reserve the right to limit the number of competitors.





~ Our People ~

~ Weddings ~

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

- 09/01 Dana Tappan
- 09/03 Sharon Duncan,  
**Pastor Lindsay Wessell**
- 09/04 Dennis Klecan, Lucas Nichols,  
George Pettyjohn, Russ Riggins
- 09/06 Jonathan Abbott, Nancy  
Hughes, Michael McDevitt,  
Kendall Metz, Konner Metz,  
Sam Tullis, **Dot Ziegler (100!)**
- 09/07 Anne Elise Miller, Joe Seip
- 09/08 Elizabeth Fox,  
Kennedy Thompson
- 09/10 Zachary Petro, Laura Wagner
- 09/11 Colton Stallings, Noah Webb
- 09/13 Larry Towle
- 09/15 Jim Rogge
- 09/16 Janet Banaszak
- 09/19 Ryan Flaherty
- 09/20 Kim Holston, John St. Jean
- 09/22 Olivia Maahs
- 09/23 Grayson Cousens
- 09/24 Barbara Towle,  
Nicholas Williams
- 09/25 Mindy Anthony, Sarah Cattie,  
Don Quillen, Bristol Raughley,  
Andrea Snyder, Chase Stallings
- 09/27 Bill Purdy, Andrew Quiroz,  
Alyssa Snyder, Denise Tappan
- 09/28 Mike Wagner, Judy Weiner
- 09/29 Jeannie Major, Tiffany Tullis

- 10/29 **Dominic Cousens,**  
Ashlynn McDevitt,  
Suzanne Sutton
- 10/30 Al Stockslager
- 10/31 Matt Tappan,  
Vicki Ward
- 11/01 Michelle Harris**
- 11/02 Garrett Caldwell,  
Chloe Coleman,  
Gregg Marker,  
Barbara McCleafe
- 11/03 Seth Flaherty,  
Timothy Higgins
- 11/04 Dick Gabler,  
Zoey Snyder,  
Tanya Williams
- 11/05 Alicia Porter,  
Samuel Wessell
- 11/06 Ron Auten,  
Laurel Beaman,  
Ralph Denemoustier,  
Eileen Kling,  
Johannah Petro



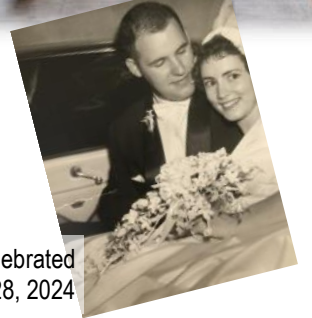
**Bryan & Emily Roscoe** were married on June 30, 2024 in Nashville, TN



**Brady & Ryan (Tisher) Klecan** were married on August 24, 2024



**Eric & Daisy Jones** were married on August 9, 2024



**Howard & Karen Priestley** celebrated 65 years of marriage on August 28, 2024

**Dot Ziegler**, Betsy Freidel's mom, will be 100 years young on September 6th - we'll send well wishes & congratulations to:

**67 W. Inner Circle  
Dover, DE 19904**



- 10/01** Kathi Thomas
- 10/03 Avery Whitenight
- 10/04 John deBloois, Braydon Flynn
- 10/05 Brianna Ditty, Dottie Harper,  
Danielle Paugh
- 10/6 Gwen Pritchett
- 10/07 Melissa Nelson
- 10/08 Kim Reed
- 10/11 Beau Lord, Jim Murray,  
Janice Watkins
- 10/13 Elias Wessell
- 10/15 Evan Fennemore
- 10/17 Vicki Buckworth, Wesley Mann
- 10/18 Eddie Eichholz
- 10/19 Mike Kijowski
- 10/20 Sylvia Bongers, Adam Jones
- 10/21 Connie Quarnaccio
- 10/23 Reagan Raughley
- 10/26 James Moore,  
Vianna Spampinato
- 10/27 Sherry Blake, Bill Forbes,  
Dena Lumia
- 10/28 Debbie Watson







Evan Fennemore (photo left) and Brody Seip (photo right) are each presented a \$1,000.00 Wyoming United Methodist Church Academic Scholarship by Nikole Moore, Chair of the Church's Sexton Kitchen Team. As announced in the July+August edition of *The Wyoming Messenger*, Brody will be attending York College majoring in Electrical Engineering, and Evan will study Computer Science at the University Of Delaware.



*Dear WUMC Church family,  
Thank you for the Dorothy Brown and Kitchen Sexton Team scholarships. I truly appreciate all of the ways that God has directed my path and am excited to see where He leads me. Thank you to all of those that have invested their time, gifts and talents that have shaped my early years, and thank you for the continued prayers and support as I start this next chapter.  
Sincerely, Evan Fennemore*

*To my WUMC family,  
Thank you for honoring me with the Sexton Team scholarship! I feel blessed to have been born and grown up in the WUMC family. Your love and support have allowed me to grow in my faith and I look forward to continuing my journey with Jesus thru my college years. Your generous gift will assist me to continue my journey to become an electrical engineer and give back my talents.  
Thanks again! Brody*

Thank You



**October 6.** The first Sunday in October is designated as **World Communion Sunday**, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. One is not to go hungry while another is drunk! (1 Cor. 11:21). This is scandalous behavior opposed to the Way of Christ. We take this time to recognize that not all believers have the freedom to worship openly in peace. As you accept your Communion this day, consider what you can do to help make sure that everyone has a place at Christ’s table.

~ Deaths ~



**Diane Rodgers,**  
beloved Sunday School teacher and youth leader at Wyoming Church for many years, passed away on July 9, 2024

See the obituary here:  
<https://everloved.com/life-of/diane-roddgers/obituary/>

When great souls die,  
the air around us becomes light, rare, sterile.  
We breathe, briefly. Our eyes, briefly,  
see with a hurtful clarity.  
Our memory, suddenly sharpened, examines,  
gnaws on kind words unsaid,  
promised walks never taken. ...

And when great souls die,  
after a period peace blooms,  
slowly and always  
irregularly. Spaces fill  
with a kind of  
soothing electric vibration.  
Our senses, restored, never  
to be the same, whisper to us  
They existed. They existed.  
We can be. Be and be better. For they existed.

From the poem 'When Great Trees Fall' by Maya Angelou



**Nathan Barilla,**  
the son of Alicia Sumpter passed away on July 13, 2024

### The Safe Secure Sanctuary Program Receives An Important Upgrade!

Our WUMC **Safe Secure Sanctuary** (S3) Program has put in place a promised upgrade that dramatically shortens the response time for requests for assistance from medical and civil authorities. As each of our current volunteer Monitors arrive 15 minutes prior to their scheduled appointment, Terry Higgins will provide a one-on-one tutorial on the use of the 'three step three second' access to local medical and civil authorities.

As always, Terry would like to express his continuing appreciation for all of those good and gracious volunteers who continue to serve in the S3 Program as volunteer Monitors, Ushers, Greeters and Stewards.

### Our Wyoming Church Setting Is Outstanding!

Our Wyoming Church's approximately 9.2 acres of combined turf and mowed meadow continue to look great despite record heat and humidity. Jerry Wallace, our Church's professional landscaper, continues to do an excellent job in maintaining both the managed turf and mowed meadow portions of the grounds.

Jerry's attention to detail is excellent and coupled with his outstanding work ethic we, the attendees at Wyoming Church, are the beneficiaries of his very successful efforts. From time to time and in conjunction with Jerry, this writer will undertake some individual mini-projects that will enhance the appearance of individual plantings such as the fig shrub at the East end of the Building and at the plantings that grace the electronic marquee highway signage.

### Wyoming Church's Memorial Garden Is Always Open!

Our Memorial Garden, located on the East side of our Church property and surrounded by the Memorial Grove, is situated so as to catch the first rays of the morning Sun. The Memorial Garden is designed so that it easily, efficiently and permanently displays the messages that are inscribed on the various Memorial Garden Bricks that have been placed in the Garden over the last several years.

The opportunity to place Memorial Garden Bricks in the Garden is open to all at any time of the year. To begin the simple process you can start by picking up a Memorial Garden application form that can be found on the Memorial Garden Model located in the Narthex.

Fill out the one page application and return it to Terry Higgins or leave it with Renate in the Church Office. Upon the submission of your completed application, Terry will work with you to bring the process to completion and subsequent placement of the Memorial Garden Brick in the Garden.

### "A Swale Of A Tale!"

Over the past few months, I have received some occasional queries regarding the large, well-vegetated depression that is located between the eastern edge of the Church's mowed meadow and the railroad tracks. These questions usually come about in discussions about how nice the meadow looks and how verdant the un-mowed depression looks.

Technically the un-mowed area in question is referred to as a swale and is a vital part of our Wyoming Church's Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP). The primary function of our SWMP's swale is to serve as a temporary receiving/holding basin for catastrophic amounts of precipitation received over short periods of time.

The sides and contour of the swale's basin are constructed so that it will hold large amounts of precipitation to be released over a long period of time versus all at once. This slower release is accomplished by the raised lip at the southern end of the swale.

One of the Church's environmental responsibilities is to maintain a viable



**You are invited!**  
**on Saturdays,**  
**September 28 &**  
**October 26.**

Our monthly Prayer Breakfasts are held on the last Saturday of the month in the *Community Event Room* at TRE SORELLE DOLCE in Wyoming beginning at 7:30 AM.

Thanks to the generous support of owners Mike and Becky Marasco, we have the exclusive use of their *Community Event Room*. We plan to be finished no later than 8:45 AM.

At the beginning of each of our Prayer Breakfasts we select and submit our Breakfast orders using menus from Mike And Mel's Restaurant --- across the street from Tre Sorelle Dolce --- where they will be filled and returned for our enjoyment as we continue with our prayers and discussions.

Terry Higgins will be our leader on September 28 and Jack Freidel on October 26.

**Come With Your Prayer Needs And Plan To Be Uplifted In Prayer!**

swale as part of its SWMP. To this end we must have the basin of the swale mowed ('bush-hogged') twice a year. We are most fortunate to have Dwight Meyer continue to volunteer to perform this very valuable service that enables our Wyoming Church to continue to be a responsible environmental neighbor. In fact, the next time you see Dwight in Church take a moment to thank him for his good service.

# and Life BIBLE LESSONS FOR ALL AGES!

Come Expand your Bible Knowledge, Strengthen your Faith, and Enrich your Life!

Our Fall **Sunday School session for kids ages 3 to 5th grade** will begin on **September 8th**.

Bring your children to the 9AM worship service. After Pastor's children's message kids age 3 (by September 1st) through 5th grade will follow the teachers to the choir room for **Kids Praise and Sunday School**.

Parent pick up after the service:

Room 213 - age 3 through 1st grade; Room 231 - 2nd and 3rd graders; Room 229 - 4th and 5th graders

**The nursery is open for all during the 9 AM worship service.** For any questions or concerns please contact Sunday School Coordinator Betsy Freidel at [bfreidel1@yahoo.com](mailto:bfreidel1@yahoo.com) or ☎ (302) 535-3983.

**Adult Sunday School classes will resume on September 8 - from 10 AM to 10:55 AM**

**Adult 1 - meeting in Room 209** (by the north entrance) will resume with Chapter One of the book "Simon Peter: Flawed But Faithful Disciple" (Discussion and Video by Adam Hamilton). If you do not have a copy of the book, or if you are new to the class, we will get you a copy. All returning and new participants are welcome. We look forward to another season of sharing the gospel and fellowship.  
Leader: Dan Mikkelson ☎ (302) 670-5761 [dan@mikkelson.info](mailto:dan@mikkelson.info).

**Adult 2 - meeting in Room 223+225** (in the north wing) will continue the streaming TV series 'The Chosen' to delve into the stories and context of the people and events of the gospels and exploring what it means to "be chosen." All are welcome!  
Leader: Jack Freidel ☎ (302) 535-3981 [jfreidel1@yahoo.com](mailto:jfreidel1@yahoo.com).

Starting on September 8, the **YOUTH GROUP** (grades 9 to 12) will be meeting with Pastor Rick again **SUNDAY EVENINGS FROM 6 TO 8**. In the Family Life Center.

**Pastor Lindsay will be teaching "The Epic of Eden: Psalms"**

**on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM starting September 25th.**

Books cost \$15.

To register, please email [pastorlindsay@gmail.com](mailto:pastorlindsay@gmail.com).

**Pastor Rick will be teaching "One Book—Daniel 1-6"**

**on Tuesdays at 10 AM starting September 17<sup>th</sup>.**

From the author: *"Dr. Matlock shows students how they can also survive, even thrive, in exile and under pressure—without compromising. Join Dr. Matlock on an exciting journey through stories of courage under fire, grace under pressure, and promotion in spite of rivalry—and learn how you can be victorious too."*

This is a 12 week study and the books are \$15. To register, please email Pastor Rick: [therevfdw@gmail.com](mailto:therevfdw@gmail.com)

**Resuming September 9th.** As we enter fall, the **BYO Bible study group** wants to extend an invitation to anyone interested in a discussion-oriented small group to join us. We meet **Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:45** from September until mid-November and January through April. The group will continue using the streaming video series *The Chosen* to delve into the stories and context of the people and events of the gospels and exploring what it means to "be chosen." Newcomers are welcome! Please consider joining our friendly, accepting group. If you would like more information, contact Jack Freidel at (302) 535-3981 or just stop in on a Monday evening.

**Resuming September 4th.** The **Young Adult Group** meets from 6:30 to 8 pm the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays** in Room 223-225. This fall the group will be finishing the Adam Hamilton study, **Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith** in which we've been tackling topics that have caused Christians to sometimes question their faith. At the completion of this study we will be returning to our study of the video series *The Chosen* where we explore what it means to be disciples of Christ. The group also gets together once a month for a social gathering or outing. If you'd like more information, contact Jack Freidel at (302) 535-3981 or just stop in on a Wednesday evening.



## **Ladies' Wednesday Bible Study**

resumes on September 18. We meet on the first and third Wednesday in Room 209 in the North Wing from 9:30 to 11 AM, and this fall, we'll be studying 'the Enemy'! Look for details in Sunday's bulletin.

Questions: Donna McCartney [donnasandbillj@icloud.com](mailto:donnasandbillj@icloud.com).

**"Pearls on Pages"** is a longstanding online Bible study led by church member, Kim Bryan, every Tuesday at 11AM and 7PM. If you'd like to check it out, please email your email address to [kimbryanbrg@gmail.com](mailto:kimbryanbrg@gmail.com) for a personal invitation.

(Kim's book "Perfect Pace" is featured in the Church Library this month - Page 9)



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To: You!

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**Deadline for The Wyoming Messenger is the 17th of the previous month, for the November issue that will be Thursday, October 17th.**

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**Annual Stewardship Campaign 2025**



Greetings Wyoming Church!

Another wonderful summer season is coming to a close, and as the new church year is slowly taking shape, I'm hoping the phrase above, **"Many Hearts Beating as One,"** will become one you will remember through the month of October and beyond. It is the theme for our 2024 Stewardship Campaign!

**Many Hearts** – that's all of us here at Wyoming working together, as we always do, to support the church in a huge variety of ministries throughout the year. Regardless of how long you've been here at Wyoming - as a member or just in attendance, you have seen and heard, from the pulpit, the bulletin, the newsletter, on the website or social media pages how busy this church is supporting local, nation-wide and international groups and projects.

As you can imagine, providing support to so many, while still maintaining our elegant worship space and various rooms for music, learning, and Bible study, takes **Many Hearts Beating as One!**

**You** can make the difference, as actually we cannot do it without you, all of you!

Very soon you'll receive a letter and card to kick off this effort for 2025. Each week following and leading up to **Consecration Sunday, October 27th**, I will email reminders to you, highlighting the manifold and wonderful ministries here at Wyoming Church that are worthy of your support. I'm sure you will see an event that you took part in or a project you showed up to help with. Or maybe you'll feel inspired to try out and join one of these ministries. Either way, this is *your* chance to show *your* support to *your* church.

Follow your Heart and pray about what *you* can do to financially support *your* church through the upcoming year. Filling out the pledge card, even with a guesstimate, will help my team as we work to prepare a budget for 2025.

I hope and pray that **YOU** will be part of the **Many Hearts Beating as One!**

Sincerely,  
Ken Banaszak  
*Finance Team Chair*