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THE WYOMING MESSENGER

November 2024

Something for everyone at the annual



Fall Craft SHOW

Saturday, November 9 (9 to 2)

65+ vendors, lunch foods, bake sale... you don't want to miss it!

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← Meet Sam - one happy customer at the bake sale.

Calling all Bakers!

Saturday, November 9 during the Fall Craft Show, the Kitchen Team is holding a **Bake Sale** from 9 AM to 2 PM. All bakers are welcome to bring their cookies, pies, breads, cakes, and candies to help us raise funds for things like future scholarships, camperships, and other kitchen projects. It helps if items are packaged ready to sell: cookies in baggies and larger items wrapped with plastic wrap or containers that work for you. Donations can be dropped off Friday, November 8, in the Chef's Kitchen between 8:30 and 11:30 AM or Saturday morning, November 9 at the Bake Table in the Narthex between 8:30 and 9:30 AM. Thanks so much for your help!



Annual Stewardship Campaign

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Bulletin Board

Proverbs 3:13-15

"Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her".

Bring in your unwanted items of silver and gold - broken or not - and help FUNdraising turn them into FREE money towards church projects!

Drop off in a Ziploc bag Sunday morning or during office hours. Tax receipts available, too.



WANTED:
for a church member's friend -
old & used, but affordable & reliable
VEHICLE.
Please contact the church office
(302) 697-8400 or
office@wyomingumc.com
if you may be able to offer.



IF BIKING IS YOUR PASTIME, WHY NOT JOIN THIS FUN GROUP (PICTURED HERE AT THE AMISH BIKE EVENT IN SEPTEMBER) ON OCCASIONAL OUTINGS? CONTACT KIM KMREED11@OUTLOOK.COM OR JEFF & TRACEY GAGAW6@AOL.COM.

A new season of vital mission and ministry in the United Methodist Church - the new **Baltimore-Washington and Peninsula-Delaware Area!** The episcopal area, created this summer by the Northeastern Jurisdiction, unites our two conferences and their 1,000 churches under the leadership of Bishop LaTrelle Easterling. Sharing resources, opportunities and a profound hope for the future, the Area will inspire and equip congregations to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. In our connection, we will save souls, transform lives and bring revived hope to communities. A new day is dawning in The United Methodist Church. Come, let us worship the Lord!

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!



From the Pastors' Desk

I (PR, although most of this applies to Pastor Lindsay as well - smile) absolutely love the season of fall. It is amazing to watch the leaves change into their brilliant colors of red, yellow, and brown. The mums are in bloom in purple, red, gold, and white, and the sun itself takes on a softer shade of yellow as we get deeper into the season. The crisp temperatures, the delicious pumpkin goodies, the apple cider - all of it is, personally, wonderful.

The changing of the seasons is a great reminder of the eternal nature of our God. God gives us this word of promise in Genesis 8:22: *"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."* The cycle of the year is itself a promise of God's blessing and presence with us.

The cold of winter gives way to the warmth and rebirth of spring. The joys of spring are replaced by the heat of the summer, which then yields to the coming of fall, and then the cold of winter takes its place again. The cycle continues year after year, generation after generation, and all of it is a testament to the grace and love of Almighty God.

In this season of thanksgiving, let us continually give thanks for all the ways God has sustained us through another year. Let us rejoice at God's goodness and grace, and let us thank Him for His constant presence and care. As we prepare for the holiday season that is to come, let us rejoice at the chance to see family and friends and to celebrate with them. As we prepare for 2025, may we be grateful for God's provisions in our lives and in the life of



our church, and may we pray for His continued faithfulness in the year ahead. May we be reminded, as the words of the old hymn say, that *"all good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above; then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love."* Have a great month!

Family Prayer

God be with our family,

From the youngest to the oldest,

Lighting up our relationships,

Sowing grace into our troubles.

God be with our family,

Weaving love into our work,

Our rest, and our play. Amen.

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Saturday, November 9

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 NORTH door 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 **November 16, 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.



Knitting to Nurture - Busy needles in our congregation and beyond!



As our baby project ended, blankets, hoodies, hats and hand-made toys we packaged together making 30! sets to be distributed to Bayhealth, DAPI, and the New Day Pregnancy Care Center. Thanks to all who participated with such beautiful items going to needy mothers and babies!

Our next project is HATS, HATS, HATS! Hats for school children to be paired with coats from the church coat drive, hats to go to school nurses to be distributed as needed and hats for men and women in homeless shelters in our area.

Please check the display by the office window for yarn and patterns or use your own. Donations of washable yarn of hat weight would be appreciated.

Questions - Karen Priestley hapkrp@gmail.com



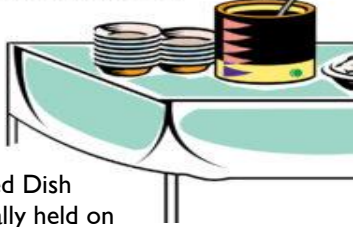
Next Adult Fellowship Dinner

As you well know, our Church's popular and beloved Adult Fellowship Covered Dish Dinners, traditionally held on the last Wednesday of the month in the Family Life Center at 5:30 PM have been a consistently successful part of our Wyoming Church experience. In fact, even if you are the newest person to call Wyoming Church your 'church home' I am certain that by now you are well aware of all of the many and varied activities that occur 'month in, month out' here, including these dinners.

Here-in lies the challenge! Every once in a while, we find that our forthcoming schedule of activities has outgrown the number of available venue spaces and/or that other calendar activities take precedent over what we would have normally planned to do. This is now the case we find ourselves in relative to our end-of-year Adult Fellowship Dinners for the months of November and December. November's dinner date falls on the 27th (Thanksgiving is the 28th) while the December dinner date falls on the 25th of the month.

Therefore, the next scheduled Adult Fellowship Covered Dish Dinner will be on Wednesday, January the 29th, 2025 in the Family Life Center, with doors opening at 5 PM and the dinner beginning at 5:30 PM. The theme will be 'A Celebration Of The New Year!' Look for the display and sign-up sheet after New Year's.

Questions and/or comments see/contact **Carol** at ceabbott123@gmail.com or (302) 943-8706.



Interested in Joining the Kitchen Sexton Team?

Do you love working in a kitchen and helping others? The Kitchen Sexton Team has lots of opportunities for you to do both! We help with many events throughout the year including organizing the Adult Fellowship and Family Fellowship meals, raising money for various projects with various Pie Fundraisers, Kitchen Sales and Bake Table events during our Craft Fairs and Book Sales, and helping do the weekly Social Hour every Sunday among other things on the Church calendar. We have room for helpers in many ways. Some folks help out with donations for specific events. Some join in a few times a year to make pies or help with another activity. Some folks wish to join the team and attend our meetings to organize events throughout the year. Let us know if you are interested and how you would like to be involved. Many hands make light work and we welcome your help!



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Tasty Treats for Thanksgiving - Pumpkin Pies, made from scratch!

Would you like to help with making homemade pumpkin pies? Beginners are welcome. Remember to wear closed toe shoes and cover your hair or use firm hold hair spray. Show up - in the Chef's Kitchen - at the activities that interest you:

Dough Making: Friday November 22 at 8:30 AM

Dough Rolling: Monday November 25 at 8:00 AM

Pumpkin Roasting and Puree Making: Tuesday November 26 at 8:00 AM

Pie Making: Wednesday November 27 at 8:00 AM

If eating a pie is more your style, don't forget to sign up to buy your homemade pumpkin pie on the list in the Narthex! We are only making 60 pies and there is a limit of two per family.

*Pick-up will be **Wednesday, November 27 from 1:00 to 4:00.***

See Carolyn O'Connor if you have any questions.



Some Thoughts... by Jack Freidel

Train children in the way they should go; when they grow old, they won't depart from it. - Proverbs 22:6

I have a few thoughts to share with our readers today. The verse above from Proverbs is one I will focus on, but I will return to it later in the article.

First, I want to update the church on what is happening concerning my position as liaison for our church to the Conference Creation Care Team. Over the last two months, I have not received any communications from the conference team. However, there are two items related to creation care that are about to take place as of this writing on October 15th. On the morning of Saturday, October 19th, members of the church will be picking up trash on Wyoming Mill Road as part of our church's participation in Delaware's Adopt-a-Highway program helping to beautify a small part of God's creation. I will report back on the clean-up in the next newsletter. Also the Solar Power Task Force here at Wyoming Church will be meeting soon to consider plans for a solar power array here at the church. Watch for more details on that in a future newsletter.

Now as to the quote from Proverbs. This verse is about the spiritual and moral education of our children. A question I raise is, how are we doing with raising our children in the understanding of The Lord's ways for their lives? Are we leading them in the path of discipleship of our Lord Jesus Christ? Are there devotional and prayer times in the home? Are our children and youth encouraged to read *The Bible*? The 2nd graders have just been presented by the church with their own Bibles, an event that happens annually at our church. Do we discuss our faith

with our children? Is getting the kids to Sunday school and youth group a priority in the lives of our families? I see in my wife the diligence and effort that is put into preparing for the Sunday school lessons each week and know other teachers are doing the same. How are our families doing with taking advantage of this effort? As stated in Proverbs, we are called to attend to the spiritual development of our children.

In conclusion, please join me in taking care of and restoring this beautiful world The Lord has given us, and I encourage all of us to make Christian education at home and in the church a priority in our lives.



Pastor Rick presenting the 2nd graders with the NIV Adventure Bible. L to R - Oceanna Loffreda, Kenny Harris, Axel Murphy, Jensen Pritchett. Missing from photo: Amelia Rigby

Train Children in the Way they should go...

The Young Adults recently enjoyed a night of Mini Golf and Ice Cream. The group meets for Bible Study the First and Third Wednesday each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in Room 223/225.

All young adults are welcome!



Monthly FINANCIAL REPORT
September, 2024

Ken Banaszak, Finance Team Chair

	2024 Offering	2024 Expense
Weekly Offerings	\$ 402,380.60	
Facilities and Other	\$ 27,090.66	
Totals	\$ 429,471.26	\$ 410,858.06
Net Operating	18,613.20	

On Consecration Sunday, October 27, many of you brought your financial pledges to the altar for your support of Wyoming United Methodist Church for the year 2025 and beyond! Thank You!

We are so grateful to those who have been able to commit to giving their time, talent, presence, and service as well as financial support for the upcoming year. Your support enables us to expand the many ministries of the Church and continue to spread the love of Jesus in our community and around the world. If you missed Consecration Sunday we have pledge cards available to accept your pledge and help us complete the Stewardship Campaign. **We are counting on you to be one of the ...**

2 CORINTHIANS
 9:7: "EACH ONE
 MUST GIVE AS HE
 HAS DECIDED IN HIS
 HEART ..."



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A Win-Win for our Church

Did you know? Your next grocery bill, gas tank fill-up, restaurant check, coffee run, and online purchase can help our church raise money?

Join our RaiseRight program so you can buy gift cards to use as payment for everyday expenses and shop online through RaiseRight. Every gift card purchase and online purchase earns up to 20% back—and it adds up fast! Plus, with a mobile app (download at www.raiseright.com) available and instant access to your eGift card and reload purchases, you can buy gift cards and shop online through RaiseRight anytime, anywhere.

If you don't like eGift cards our FUNdraising Team offers the **opportunity to purchase plastic cards** a couple times per year. The next ordering opportunity will be **November 10th and November 17th**. Order forms will be available at the Welcome Desk. **Cards will be delivered on November 24th** - just in time for holiday shopping/gift giving.

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



The WUMC 2024



The Christmas Season is approaching fast - it is just about 10 weeks away. Soon, the smell of pine trees, baked pies and Christmas cookies will fill the air. Every radio station will be playing Christmas music and every store will be filled with Christmas decorations and toys.

It is time to start thinking about the **WUMC Giving Tree** which has become a cherished Christmas Tradition for many years here at the church because we love to bring smiles to many faces on Christmas morning, as young and old(er) folks and friends with disAbilities find presents under their Christmas tree. This year we will be sponsoring 60 children and 16 special needs adults.

The **Giving Tree** will be in the Narthex (with tags) from Sunday, November 24th to Friday, December 6th. All gifts must be brought to the church and placed under the tree by Sunday, December 8th. You

do not have to wait until December 8th to bring your gifts, you can bring them any time and place them under the tree.

From there, the church elves will take over and make sure that all the gifts will go to all the right families.

Each ARC special needs person will receive two gifts, which our elves will wrap and place in a nice bag for them.

Each of our children will receive three gifts. One item will be some type of clothing or pajamas and the other two items will be toys or books.

Each tag will be for a female (pink) or a male (blue) and will have their age, clothing size and one wish item gift that the child or special needs adult would like. If you choose to purchase for a special needs adult, "ARC" will be noted on the code line. Please remember that if you have an ARC person and it says size 10 pants, that would be an adult size 10.

Please purchase just what is requested or as close as you can get to the item that is asked for. We all like to do more, but if it says "an outfit", please limit it to one outfit and not two or three. It is important that each sibling gets the same number of gifts. You can take as many tags as you like from the tree.

Please **do not** wrap the gifts. When you place a gift under the tree, **make sure that you tape the tag or secure it somehow to the gift.** We need to know which family this gift goes to.

If you would like to add a gift box or bag with the gift, that will be greatly appreciated.

Each family will receive the gifts along with wrapping paper, tape, bows, and tags so that the parents or caregivers can take an active part by wrapping their children's or dependents' gifts.

Remember that Christmas is a joyful time of giving, and those who are less fortunate are ever so grateful.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Alicia ☎ (302) 222-4363 or Betty ☎ (302) 697-6617.



Outreach Team is holding a **Coat Drive for elementary school students** that began October 13, 2024 and will end on **November 17**. New winter coats for boys and girls in sizes 6 through 16 can be placed in the blue tub in the Narthex. Donations received will be divided evenly between in the Lake Forest, Caesar Rodney, and Capital School Districts. If you have any questions, contact Carol Abbott. Thanks for helping students in our area stay warm this winter!



Library news

November



"A classic is a book that has never finished saying what it has to say."
Italo Calvino

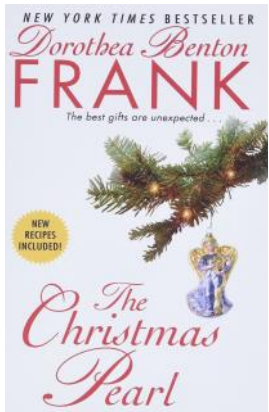
At the Fanny Marvel Church Library, check out a book, audio book or DVD and return it when you're done. Take home (and keep!) a puzzle and/or some magazines and/or any item on display outside the library door!



Books & DVDs to think of *Stress Awareness*

(commemorated on November 2nd) and **World Hello Day!**
(celebrated on November 21st)

World Hello Day is a secular holiday observed annually on November 21, to express that conflicts should be resolved through communication rather than the use of force. Participants verbally greet ten people or more on that day as an expression of the importance of personal communication in preserving peace.



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

Read "The Christmas Pearl" by Dorothea Benton, the book chosen November (available in the library, too) and join us on **November 20 (3rd Wednesday!)** for the discussion.

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

The FUNraising Team was happy to provide new decorations and one large dry erase board for the three Sunday School rooms. Thanks to Tim, Linda, and Molly Lyon for putting everything up to brighten the spaces.



We had a very successful meal packaging event, partnering with Wesley UMC on Sunday, September 22nd. There were approximately 90 volunteers and we were able to package 20,000 meals in 2 hours! Our donations met our goal of \$4,050 and we are truly grateful for this generous, giving church! To God be the Glory!!



In and all around the new Pavilion - the ARC September Outdoor Fun & Games event.



"The Kent-Sussex Social & Recreation Committee extends its heartfelt thanks to the Village of Hope Group Home for their generous sponsorship of our Outdoor September Dance. These tireless volunteers provided and served an amazing variety of foods for over 350 enthusiastic ARC friends and family members. ... As always, thank you to Wyoming United Methodist Church, Renate, and Dominic, and to EVERY volunteer who helped make this Family Affair possible!"



The Wonders of Autumn

David Van Kavelaar

My favorite season is the Fall where God shows off by providing for us a spectacular display of colors as the leaves of trees around us transition from green to a mixture of red, purple, orange, and yellow. How awe inspiring!

I used to go camping in the Autumn in the mountains north of Elk Grove, PA. One of the highlights of the camping trip was witnessing the unbelievable changing of the coloring of leaves. The attempt to describe the breath-taking coloring of the tree's leaves is beyond the capability of this writer.

It should be mentioned that weather affects the color intensity of leaves. Temperature, light, and water supply have an influence on the degree and duration of Fall colors. Low temperatures above freezing will form anthocyanin which produces bright reds in maples. However, early frost will weaken the brilliant red coloring. Rainy and overcast days tend to increase the intensity of Fall colors. The best time to enjoy the autumn display would be on a clear, dry, and cool day.

The change in colors of leaves is the result of chemical processes that occur in the tree as the seasons change from Summer to Winter. During the Spring and Summer, the leaves have served as factories where most of the food necessary for the tree's growth are manufactured. This food making process takes place in the leaf in numerous cells containing chlorophyll which makes the leaf green. This extraordinary chemical absorbs from sunlight the energy that is used in transforming carbon dioxide and water (our old friend photosynthesis) to sugars and starch.

Along with the green pigment are yellow to orange pigments, carotenes and xanthophyll pigments which, for example, gives the orange color to a carrot.

But in the Fall, because of the change in the length of daylight and decreasing temperatures, the leaves stop their food making process. The chlorophyll breaks down, the green color disappears, and the yellow to orange colors become visible and give the leaves part of their autumnal splendor.

At the same time, other chemical changes may occur which form additional colors through the development of red anthocyanin pigments. Some mixtures give rise to

reddish and purplish fall colors of trees such as dogwoods and sumacs while others give the sugar maple its brilliant orange.

Autumn foliage of some trees show only yellow colors. Others, like many oaks, display mostly browns. The dead brown leaves of oaks may stay on the tree until growth starts again in the Spring. The two oaks in the field past the church's south parking lot are examples of this dead leaf retention. I run my Doberman in that field and always wondered why those brown oak leaves stayed attached to the tree thru winter; now I know.

Autumn leaves in vibrant hues are a beautiful part of the season but those leaves are also a vital part of keeping trees alive. Trees that have leaves that change colors in fall are deciduous and usually have broad leaves. Evergreen trees with needles which stay green to continue the photosynthesis process through Winter, are coniferous. The color palette for Autumn is awe inspiring. Leaves of oaks range from red to brown to russet; of hickories, golden bronze; of aspens, golden yellow; of dogwoods, purplish red; of beech, light tan; and of sourwood, crimson. Differing maples range from brilliant scarlet to orange red to glowing yellow.

Friends, take some time to enjoy the show God provides for us as Autumn settles in. Get a cup of coffee and take a drive along Route 9, free of the Route 13 hustle and bustle, where things are much calmer, serene, and visually stimulating. Enjoy the beauty of the change taking place before you but don't wait too long. The Wonders of Autumn last for a brief period.

Here are some comments about Autumn that are wonderful insights; what do you think?

Autumn teaches us the ending is as beautiful as the beginning.

The sheer bliss of Autumn is the delight of watching leaves in their final dance.

Fall is the ending of one book but it always has a spectacular sequel.

Autumn isn't about falling into Winter. It's about dancing in the wind.

Autumn is a sweet ending that brings hope and joy for a new bright beginning.

I never think of Fall as an ending. It's a tree's colorful joyous dance into a new beginning.

Fall is God's last gift before a dormant Winter and the anticipated rebirth in Spring.

Bette and I just came back from Ohio where my beloved sister Carol was laid to rest. I'm certain God welcomed Carol to her heavenly reward as her life on earth was geared toward raising seven children and helping others in a kind and loving way as a nurse and hospital chaplain.

Driving home from Ohio yesterday on I-70 through the mountains around Wheeling WV, God's colorful artwork that was splashed across the mountain sides fortified my belief that each of our lives travel the path parallel to that of the four seasons; that is, our journey from birth to death begins with the promises of Spring and ends in the dark and dreary Winter, but that rebirth in the new Spring in God's realm is what we all seek. Amen.



November is...



Gratitude is more than simply saying “thank you.” Gratitude’s amazing powers can shift us from focusing on the negative to appreciating what is positive in our lives. Practicing daily gratitude gives us a deeper connection to ourselves, the world around us, and to our Creator.

Everything in our lives can improve when we are grateful. Research has shown that gratitude can enhance our moods, decrease stress, and drastically improve our overall level of health and wellbeing. On average, grateful people tend to have fewer stress-related illnesses and experience less depression and lowered blood pressure, they are more physically fit, they are happier, have a higher income, more satisfying personal and professional relationships, and will be better liked. Grateful kids are even more likely to do well in school.

If everyone practiced daily gratitude, we could change ourselves *and* the planet for the better. Everyone would be much happier. Love would grow and hate would decrease. And the world would know true peace.

November Memory Verse



Thanking our Pastors, Lindsay & Rick Wessell, for another year of uplifting messages, insightful studies and faithful service on Pastor Appreciation Sunday in October.

And thank you, Staff Parish Relations Team, who arranged for this wonderful spread of goodies!

November 2nd is Cookie Monster's Birthday!

Cookie Monster is a voracious monster and one of the main characters on Sesame Street. Covered with blue fur and possessing a pair of googly eyes, Cookie Monster has an insatiable appetite. As his name implies, his primary craving is cookies, but he can (and often does) consume anything and everything, from apples and pie to letters, flatware, and hubcaps. When Cookie Monster eats something, he makes a very distinct, loud munching sound that is often interpreted as "OMM-nom-nom-nom..."

What a great day to try

Giant Monster Cookies!

Ingredients:

2 cups creamy peanut butter
2/3 cup butter, softened
1-1/3 cups sugar
1-1/3 cups packed brown sugar
4 large eggs, room temperature
2-1/2 teaspoons baking soda
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon light corn syrup
6 cups old-fashioned oats
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
1 cup milk chocolate M&M's

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, cream peanut butter, butter, sugar, and brown sugar until light and fluffy.
2. Beat in eggs, baking soda, vanilla, and corn syrup.
3. Add oats and mix well.
4. Stir in Chocolate Chips and M&M's.
5. Cover and refrigerate for about 1 hour.
6. Preheat oven to 350°.
7. Drop by 1/4 cup onto ungreased baking sheets, 3 inches apart
8. Bake 14 – 18 minutes until the edges are lightly browned.

9. Cool 5 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely
10. Store in an airtight Container
11. Enjoy!!



November 17th is Homemade Bread Day!

What a great day to try

Italian Style Quick Bread

Ingredients:

3 C all-purpose flour
3 T sugar
1 T baking powder
1/2 t salt
1 T Oregano
2 T basil
1/4 C grated Parmesan Cheese
1 egg
1 C milk
1/3 C canola oil

Step 1: Mix Up the Batter

Start by combining your flour, sugar, baking powder and salt together in a large bowl. In another dish, whisk together your wet ingredients: egg, milk and oil. Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients and mix until just moistened. Don't overwork this quick bread batter!

When the batter is complete, transfer into a 9 x 5-inch loaf pan coated with cooking spray.

Step 2: Bake

To bake this bread, just pop it into a 350°F oven for 40 to 50 minutes. The bread is done when a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

When the bread is baked, let it cool in its pan for 10 minutes. Then turn over and remove from the pan and let it finish cooling on a wire rack. Once cooled, slice and serve alongside soup, salad, or any dinner.

How to Customize This Recipe

You can switch up the baking vessel for this yeast-free bread. You can bake in an eight-inch cast-iron skillet at 350°F for 45 to 50 minutes or prepare this bread as muffins. Just spoon into a greased muffin tin and bake at 350°F for 25 to 30 minutes - until a toothpick comes clean.

What's Homemade Bread without Homemade Butter? November 17th is also Homemade Butter Day!

Ingredients:

1 C Heavy Cream
Cold Water

Mixer Instructions:

1. Pour cream into the bowl of a stand mixer using the whisk attachment, or use a mixing bowl and hand mixer. Begin beating

the cream on a low speed, and gradually increase the speed as the mixture thickens. 2. After several minutes, whipped cream will form. Continue mixing. The whipped cream will start to yellow. After several minutes more the fat solids will separate from the liquids and you'll see clumps of butter fat quickly form, leaving the sloshing liquid buttermilk in the bottom of the bowl.

Mason Jar Instructions:

1. Pour heavy cream into the mason jar, filling it half-way full. Do not overfill past the half-way mark. Screw the lid on tightly so there are no leaks.
2. Shake the mason jar for approximately 5-7 minutes. After a few minutes, whipped cream will form. Keep shaking until you hear that a lump has formed inside, then shake an additional 30-60 seconds after that. You should clearly see that the fat solids have separated from the liquids. The amount of time it takes will depend on how vigorously you are able to shake the jar.

Rinsing, Flavoring, and Storing:

1. Strain the fat solids from the buttermilk using a fine mesh strainer or cheesecloth. You can reserve the buttermilk and save it for later use in recipes.
2. Pour cold water over the butter. Discard water and repeat rinsing 2 times more. Shape into a ball or any other shape (you can purchase butter molds for interesting designs).
3. At this point you have butter. You can add in things like salt, honey, and herbs to create flavored butters, or serve in its pure form as is.

And finally... if you're interested in baking with Sourdough,

get your starter and simple directions from Renate at the church office.



Safe Secure Sanctuary Schedule Continues!

As you can well imagine the need to continually maintain the presence of an effective Safe Secure Sanctuary (S3) Program at our Wyoming Church is a very high priority. To this end I would ask that you give prayerful consideration to the 2-sided form that you will find in either this current issue of the WYOMING MESSENGER or in a Sunday Bulletin.

You will have the opportunity to serve as a volunteer Monitor, Usher, Greeter and/or Steward once a month during the forthcoming January through June first six months of 2025. You can select your preferred monthly Sunday to serve as well as the 9 AM or the 11 AM Service.

If after prayerful consideration you feel called to serve please fill out both sides of the form and return to Terry Higgins at your earliest convenience - preferably by Sunday, December 8.

Should you need more information please see Terry on Sundays at both Services or contact him (info below).

Grounds Turf And Mowed Meadow 'Put To Bed'.

All of us are aware of the extremely challenging growing conditions that our gardens and lawns were subjected to during this past Summer and early Fall Seasons. Yet despite these record temperatures and long periods of near drought our Church's managed turf and mowed meadows were kept in very good condition by Jerry Wallace, our contracted landscape professional.

Memorial Garden Bricks Receive Perpetual Care.

Some folks may not know that when the Memorial Garden was established a number of years ago, provision was made to establish a self-funded Memorial Garden Perpetual Care Fund. The financial mechanism is quite simple. Every time a Memorial Garden Brick is ordered and paid, a portion of that payment is placed in a special church account set aside just for the sole care of the Memorial Garden.

To my knowledge this Perpetual Care Fund has never been tapped. Lately during routine inspections of the Memorial Garden, I have noticed that a few - not all - of the Memorial Garden Bricks contain lettering that is not as sharp and distinct as it once was. A subsequent conversation with the Stone Mason resulted in a plan to meet onsite and rectify the situation.

Please continue to remember that the placing of a Memorial Brick in the Memorial Garden is an excellent way to honor the memory of a loved one or the memory of some one who has had a most positive impact on your life. Order forms for Memorial Garden Bricks can be found on the Memorial Garden Model Display in the Narthex. Questions or comments can be directed to Terry.



You are cordially invited to attend the forthcoming

**Saturday, November 23
Wyoming Church Prayer**

Breakfast in the Community Room at Tre Sorelle Dolce in the town of Wyoming. We will use the nurturing and healing power of prayer to pray for all of our prayer requests and to explore the opportunities to build our congregation from our adjoining communities. There is no cost to attend except to pay for the cost of the breakfast items that you order.

Alternating leadership at each of these monthly events is shared between Terry Higgins and Jack Freidel with Jack taking the lead on November the 23rd. Upon arrival at Tre Sorelle Dolce we will place our Breakfast orders with Mike And Mel's Restuarant - across the street - where they will be prepared and returned for our enjoyment.

As a result of the generosity of Mike and Becky Marasco, Tre Sorelle Dolce owners, we will have the private, uninterrupted use of their Community Room for our Prayer Breakfast events. We will convene at 7:30 AM and plan to be finished no later than 8:45 AM.





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

- 11/01 Michelle Harris
- 11/02 Garrett Caldwell, Chloe Coleman, Gregg Marker, Barbara McCleat
- 11/03 Seth Flaherty, Timothy Higgins
- 11/04 Dick Gabler would have celebrated his 92nd birthday today.
- 11/04 Zoey Snyder, Tanya Williams
- 11/05 Alicia Porter, **Samuel Wessell**
- 11/06 Ron Auten, Laurel Beaman, Ralph Denemoustier, Eileen Kling, Johanna Petro
- 11/07 Linda Booher, Bethany (Dejesus) Ellerbe, Izabela Marasco, June Stevens
- 11/08 Linda Newsome, Jacob Tullis
- 11/09 Kathy Chalmers, Ron Leczner, Charlie Weller, Charley Wilt, Sr.
- 11/13 Kate Kleiot
- 11/14 Margaret Bryan
- 11/15 Harriette Hall
- 11/16 Kris Failing
- 11/17 Eunice Alberts, Ruth Ann Leister
- 11/18 Kaylee Dukes, Michael Kurtyka, Eric Mann, Stephanie Wagner
- 11/19 Barbara Pettyjohn, Lucia Spampinato, Charles Spiering
- 11/21 Martha Higgins, Vicki Stockslager, Sam Tappan
- 11/22 Savana Clements, Jesse Spampinato
- 11/23 Kev Brown, Erin Schutt
- 11/24 Betty Brown
- 11/25 Jon McDowell
- 11/26 Tracy Fennemore
- 11/27 Donna Shoemaker
- 11/28 Owen Beaman, Connor Sinclair
- 11/29 Lee Gabler
- 11/30 Jessica Leczner, Stacy McDevitt

- 12/01 Pat Brown, Theresa McGee, Bill Rhodes, Sandy Rhodes, Noelle Robinson
- 12/03 Betsy Freidel, Darlene Seip
- 12/04 Jack Freidel, Stephanie Nichols
- 12/06 Dakota deBernard, Bill McMahan

~ Our People ~



I am most appreciative of all of the prayers, messages and calls that I have received and am continuing to receive relative to my surgery and the related six weeks recovery period which should be completed, hopefully, by the middle of November. I must confess that I am not a very 'patient patient'! However, I am doing my very best to listen and follow the good advice of my perpetual, long term home health care giver, Martha!

Please know that I am amazed and overwhelmed with the healing power of your collective prayers. I am convinced without a doubt of the uniqueness of our Wyoming United Methodist Church's community of Christian Brothers and Sisters.

Terry Higgins.

~ Births ~

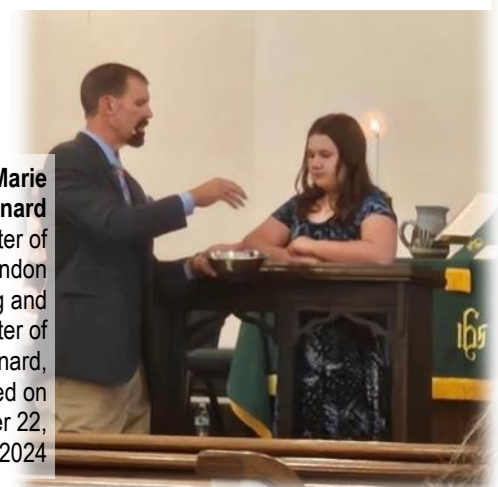
Mackenzie Nicole Maahs was born to Ken & Kristin Maahs, a little sister to Evelyn, Allison and Olivia on June 19, 2024.



Amelia Maria Thornton was born to Nick & Valaree Thornton (Tucson, AZ) on October 21, 2024. Congratulations also to proud grandmom Sarah Thornton and great-grandparents Frank & Nancy Roberts (Nick is their grandson)!

~ Baptism ~

Dakota Marie deBernard the daughter of Jennifer & Brandon Berg and grand-daughter of Carolyn deBernard, was baptized on September 22, 2024



Dot Ziegler sends her Thanks to everyone for their cards and Happy 100th Birthday wishes. She received well over 100 cards from family, friends and her Bensalem Presbyterian and Wyoming United Methodist Church families.

~ Our People ~

~ Deaths ~



John Spindler
the father of Linda Lyon
passed away on September 29, 2024



Richard 'Dick' Gabler
passed away
on September 20, 2024



Regis William Wagner
the father of Mike Wagner
passed away on October 22, 2024

The Rev. Dale Ross Pruett
senior pastor at Wyoming
United Methodist Church
from 1966 to 1972 and
for another 3 months in 1995,
passed away on
September 15, 2024



Carol Van Kavelaar Nordmeyer
the sister of Dave Van Kavelaar
passed away on October 6, 2024



Family: 1: a social group made up of parents and their children. **2:** a group of people who come from the same ancestor "You resemble your mother's side of the family." **3:** a group of people living together: household. **4:** a group of things sharing certain characteristics a family of languages.

Family

This month, we are focusing on families. Our families, of all shapes, sizes and colors are our safe harbor. They are the start of all things in our lives, and the place we return in times of joy and of trouble. There are large, small, and blended families as well as work families and church families. In all, if we are lucky, the family becomes the loving and supportive beginning and end to our lives.

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, many of us will be reconnecting with family members and many of us will listen as grandma and grandpa talk about "the good old days". All the stories that get passed around this time of year give us a great opportunity to learn about our heritage. This is why November is *National Family Stories Month*.

We all know that families have some wonderful stories to tell. National Family Stories Month is not just about collecting family stories, it's also about keeping family traditions alive. Traditions make us feel connected to something bigger than ourselves. They help us achieve a sense of self-definition, establish our sense of belonging, and give us a healthy perspective of our place in the world. With all of this in mind, here are a few tips on how to explore and record your family's unique story together.

Create a Lifebook

Many parents have found that creating Lifebooks for their children helps validate children and their stories. Every child likes to hear stories about the silly things they did as a baby. Little stories like, "When you started crawling, you wouldn't crawl forward. You'd scoot backward till you bumped your booty on the wall." These books are not only a great way to tell your child's story, they also make great keepsakes your child can keep for a lifetime.

Talk About Your Traditions

Explain the traditions your family keeps today. Why are they important? Do you say a prayer of thanksgiving before the big meal? Do you put up a Christmas tree every year? Maybe even try reviving a tradition your family kept when you were growing up. Did you go and pick out a live Christmas tree, but now you have an artificial tree? Consider taking your family out to a tree farm this year. Consider writing down your traditions. The written word tends to be more permanent than the spoken. Write your traditions down in a journal or consider making a scrapbook. Your children will be able to save these things and show them to their children one day.

Start a Family Cookbook

Cooking and eating family meals together are some of the best ways to bond as a family. Our need for security, nourishment, and relationships are all tied together in food, and many families have special recipes that they only use for certain occasions. Why not collect all those beloved recipes like Grandma's Buttermilk Biscuits, Aunt Shirley's Apple Pie, or Uncle Johnny's Turkey Dressing? Put these recipes in a cookbook right next to your own recipes and your family's favorite dishes.

Your Child's Story

The last thing to remember is that your child's story belongs to him and he should have control over it. Let your child tell his/her story in his/her own way; maybe draw pictures, act out a play for your family, or create a collage with pictures.

Don't Forget About Your Church Family

This is a good time to reminisce on the good times spent with your church family. Think about and share stories about shared meals, Kid's Praise, Puppets of Praise, Men's Breakfasts, Adult Fellowship, Bible studies, and so much more. As you work through your reminiscing, consider sharing your memories: send an email, text a message or write a card or letter to let others in your church family know you are thinking about them.



Military Family Appreciation Month is a time set aside to recognize you, the military family. Military families know what it means to serve. Every day, they get up and support their service member, standing by during long trainings and deployments. They know the risks, but they accept this life of service anyway. They know service is an honor. They are the backbone of our military. They are the quiet, but steady fuel at home that keeps the fire burning. They keep track of military pay, benefits, and news, because they know they make a daily difference in the life of their military family member. And when the time of actively serving comes to an end, they support their veteran. Serving is just what they do.

“To all of the and every one of Corps, “oorah”!

veterans in our church family, may I be the first to wish each you a heart-felt Happy Veteran’s Day and, as we say in the Serving this nation, to me, was an honor and privilege and has left me with memories, good and bad, that can never be erased or forgotten. Also, on the upcoming November 10th, we celebrate the 249th birthday of the United States Marine Corps. And, don’t you know, the Corps was founded in a bar at Philadelphia’s Tun Tavern; doesn’t that tell you a lot? The marines take a lot of flak from the other branches but that’s OK, our shoulders are broad. So, to all sailors, soldiers, airmen, marines, and the Coast Guard, have a special Happy Veteran’s Day! “

Dave Van Kavelaar

La Familia Fontaney...

Danny, Eric, David, Heydi holding Baby Grace, Jenny, cousin Domi, and Eric’s wife Sandra hugging little Hezekiah



... says “**Gracias!**” to the Wyoming Church congregation for a generous donation toward the restoration of Pastor Eric & Sandra’s home that had been severely damaged and many items ruined in a water pipe break months ago. They were now finally able to move back into their home. “Dios os bendiga - may God bless you!”

Family Emergency Relief

Day after day, week after week, month after month, YOU, as you contribute funds to our **Family Emergency Relief** account within the WUMC Outreach Team have been assisting families and individuals as they saw themselves stuck in life’s hardship with seemingly no way out. Wyoming Church would pay a portion of their rent to keep them from being evicted, security deposit to move them from the streets into permanent housing, utilities to keep life connected, and sometimes temporary motel stays to keep them off the street for one more night, giving them gift cards to local grocery stores as needed, consulting with local helping agencies and other churches bound in the Kent Interfaith Alliance, and applying as much financial and moral discernment as 22 years of experience in the field make heavenly possible.

Through recent months, Wyoming Church has been able to assist an average of five cases each month, much as our hearts might break for many more families that call us for assistance and we have to tell them that we’re “out of funding”.

The FER buckets are welcoming your contributions at the church doors on the last Sunday of every month, and you can certainly also designate a portion of your weekly/monthly/annual giving to ‘FER’.

Thanking you for being quite literally a life-saver for so many of God’s children in our local community, here is one example:

“Dear Ms. Renate,
I would like to thank you for your contribution to my rent. I am very grateful for your churches help. God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Charmaine 🍷 [single mom with 2 toddlers]



Today's Employee Spotlight

SPIERING WANDA



Wanda is a resilient woman who consistently demonstrates compassion through her actions. Her strength and empathy inspire everyone around her to want and strive for the best.

www.destatehousing.com



Family

Meet Wanda Spiering!
Resources from 2009

Wanda served as the Director of Human Resources from 2009 to 2020 here at DSHA. She retired and returned to DSHA as the Chief Operating Officer-Administration, where she manages and supervises the daily operations of human resources, accounting, and housing management functions just to name a few. Wanda creates systems to ensure efficient service delivery for employees, business partners, and constituents.

Wanda can be seen assisting the Director in overseeing overall operations of DSHA. She formulates policies, rules, and regulations, makes revisions and recommendations, and incorporates the implementation of the same. A solution-based team leader with years of experience, Wanda brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to her role. But there's more to Wanda than just her professional acumen. She is a caring, kind-hearted person who enjoys the simple things in life. Her warm, compassionate nature makes her beloved by all who grow to know her. Whether she's lending a listening ear, passing by in the hallway to say hello, or offering a helping hand, Wanda's genuine kindness shines through in everything that she does.

Wanda, we thank you for being you in all that you do and will do at DSHA!

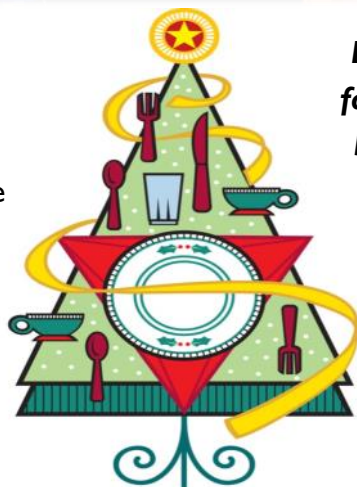


Always welcome entertainment - the Puppets of Praise at their complimentary performance of the summer presentation "I will follow Him" at the Dover Place Senior Center.

Pssst... Christmas Sneak Peek!

Are you looking to add a little more CHRIST into this Christmas season?

Meat and beverages provided, bring a side dish or dessert to share.



Advent Dinner

Bring your family, and bring your friends, too!

Well, then come on out to Wyoming Church's annual Advent Dinner and Program in the FLC on the **first Sunday of Advent, December 1st**. There will be a potluck dinner beginning at 5:30 followed by a performance by the Puppets of Praise Team. This year's show is *Christmas Through the Years*, a comedy and musical wrapped into one with the message of the coming of the baby Jesus at its heart.



Church Office Hours :
Monday-Thursday 9AM - 1PM
call & text for appointments:
☎ (302) 399-3898 Renate Purdy

To: You!

**Our Pastors are available
by appointment.**

Call or text

☎ (302) 423-3911

Pastor Lindsay

☎ (302) 423-4237

Pastor Rick

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

**The 12 most recent issues of The Wyoming Messenger are available on www.wyomingumc.com -
NEWSLETTERS.**



**Calling *all*
Creative
Hands & Hearts**

*... and not only for
Christmas!*

As in years past, we will decorate God's House for the Advent & Christmas Season on the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 29. We start at 9 AM, setting up the Christmas Tree in the Sanctuary and the Giving Tree in the Narthex, hanging the garland behind the altar and wreaths on the lanterns by the front doors, decorating the outdoor planters and creating several nativity sets throughout the church. Anyone's help will be really appreciated!

And if you enjoy putting that seasonal touch on God's House throughout the year, we would certainly welcome your talents and time!

Call Sharon ☎ (302) 698-1904 or the office ☎ (302) 697-8400.

Read Dave Van Kavelaar's take on
The Wonders of Autumn on Page 12



Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 3, 2024