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THE WYOMING MESSENGER

April 2016



"I believe
the Bible is
the best gift
God has ever
given to man.

All the good
from The
Savior of the
world is
communicated
to us through
this Book."

Abraham
Lincoln



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from the Good Book...Back Cover



Kim and daughter Danielle touched by the
'G-Force' at Vacation Bible School 2015.

Care to share a good book? Join the
Club!

The group meets January through November on the fourth
Wednesday of the month, at seven p.m. The current reading list is posted
in the church library or is available either from leader Kim Reed
(kmreed711@outlook.com) or Doris (dorisktaylor@verizon.net).

Bulletin Board

The April CIA (Couples in Action) get together will be **Sunday, 4/17 at 5:00** in the Family Life Center. There will be a **presentation** on developing a **Sticky Faith** in your children followed by a **9 Square** in the **Air game**.

SOLD OUT!! The Beautiful Offering Tour' featuring Big Daddy Weave, Plumb and Jordan Feliz on April 30. We trust that everyone got their tickets in time and **THANK YOU** for your support! We look forward to one great concert!

Are you ready to catch the wave of God's amazing love? Help us out at the 'Surf Shack' **June 20-24 from 8:30-12:15!** Surf Shack is the theme for Wyoming UMC's Vacation Bible School and we need lots of energetic and friendly volunteers to make this event memorable for all the "surfers" who register to come! Volunteer spots are filling up, but many more adults and youth helpers (7th Grade and up) are needed. Please contact Linda Lyon via email at linda.lyon@aol.com or call 335-4281 for more information or to volunteer. There is a staff Nursery and staff Pre-K available each day for volunteers. Online registration for participants (ages Pre-K through 6th Grade) will open in a few months.



We will be serving **dinner** at the **Interfaith Mission for Housing** on **April 20th at 6 pm**. If you are interested in helping serve dinner or would like to contribute a food item, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex Sunday, April 10 and Sunday, April 17.

From our sister church
Whatcoat UMC in Camden:

Do you long to experience God in a way that you never have before?
Do you desire to go deeper in your relationship with God?
Do you wish there was something more in your walk with God?

Come and share an intimate time with a God who loves you and wants you to know He is near. All are welcome to encounter God's presence as we passionately pursue His Spirit through music, Scripture and prayer.

ENCOUNTER WORSHIP EXPERIENCE April 15, 2016 7 to 8:30 PM
Simpson Community Center (Old Sewing Center), North Main Street in Camden
Parking available next door at Whatcoat Church
Info: (302) 670-2191 Visit/Like us at: www.facebook.com/EncounterMusicMinistry



Cheryl (left) 242-9263 and Theresa getting ready in the Interfaith Mission Kitchen



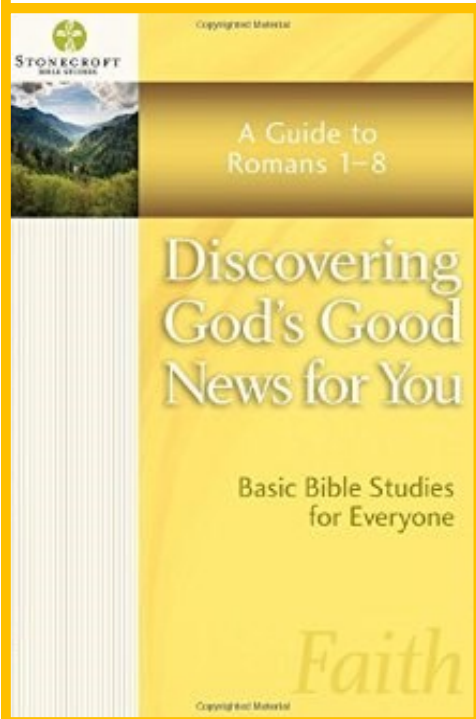
Pastor Dave's Ministry Minute - April 2016

He Is Risen Indeed!!

... Those are the words that we use to begin the "Son-Rise" Service that is held every year at the Wyoming Park on the edge of the Wyoming Mill Pond... This annual community event brings upwards of 200 faithful followers of Jesus Christ from various churches around the neighborhood together for an ecumenical time of worship and fellowship that we don't ordinarily enjoy... God has blessed me with the privilege of coordinating this event for the past 5 years which is a source of great joy... I trust that the Lord is in the midst of this work and the discussions that I have with the other church leaders because there is a spirit of cooperation and unity in it all... Each year you see women and men of various and diverse denominations and ethnic backgrounds joined together by the Spirit of God in a unified attitude of praise and worship... In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus prayed that we would be one as he and the father are one and three days later following the Lord's glorious resurrection we see his prayer answered... Seven churches come together to worship the risen Savior giving him honor and glory which I'm sure is a blessing to God... I'm certain of it because God's word tells us, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1)... Let us join the Lord in his prayer so that we would be one just as Jesus and the father are one until the day when we all see his face together... So be it and amen...

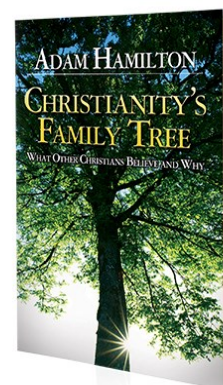


A 5 week Bible study entitled "Discovering God's Good News for You" will begin on Monday, April 18th at 1:00 PM at the home of Sharon Duncan. This study will help us to explore the Book of Romans. This is one of the most influential letters ever written to people who asked the question, "What is Truth?" - "Is it a personal option or are there absolute standards?" The last session of this study will be on Monday, May 23rd (we will not meet on Monday, May 16th). Any questions call Sharon at 698-1904. Since books must be ordered, please sign up by April 11th.



WHAT OTHER CHRISTIANS BELIEVE ...AND WHY

The Adult Sunday School class meeting in room 101 at 9:45 has begun an Adam Hamilton Study on **Christianity's Family Tree**. With the use of videos and a book we will take a look at other Christian denominations and faith traditions. With each of these denominations Hamilton gives a brief history, outlines their major beliefs and describes some things we can learn from that tradition to strengthen our own Christian Faith.



From the Pastor's Desk

As you may know already, Carl and I are going with a group of United Methodists on a mission trip to Zimbabwe and Kenya from June 19 to July 10. We're going there to support deaf children and their teachers and families in schools and churches where the United Methodist Church has been working for many years to improve the education of deaf children.

There are eleven of us going and each of us is taking a suitcase full of items to leave with these children. Books are especially appreciated. We are limited to 50 pounds so I'm figuring Carl and I can probably take about 100 books.

On these pages, you see books that are age and culturally appropriate. We can get many of these books "used" from Amazon.com for a penny plus the price of postage, which is usually about \$4 if ordering just one at a time.

Here's how you can help if you'd like to:

If you happen to have any of these books in reasonably good used condition and you'd like to "repurpose" them, please bring them and put them in the box provided in the narthex.

If you'd like to order and buy one of these books from Amazon.com yourself, please go ahead and do so, and again, bring the book to church and put it in the box in the narthex.

If you'd like to pay postage (\$4) for a book, please give your donation to the Outreach Team volunteer at the narthex table during the month of April.

If you happen to have a full sized suitcase that you'd be willing for us to use to carry these items to Africa and NOT RETURN, we're looking for two. Before you bring one in, please call the office. We only need 2 (smile).

Many thanks to you all for keeping us in your prayers.

God bless,

Carl
and
Patti



Patti Collett Ravillions

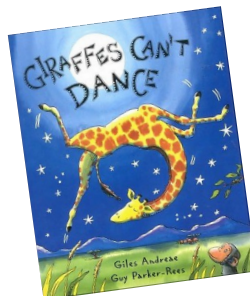
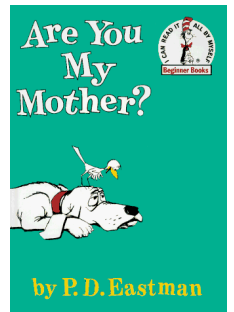


The Rainbow Fish Marcus Pfister

The award-winning book about a beautiful fish who finds friendship and happiness when he learns to share is now available in a board book edition for the youngest child.

Are You My Mother? P. D. Eastman

A baby bird goes in search of his mother in this hilarious Beginner Book edited by Dr. Seuss. When a mother bird's egg starts to jump, she hurries off to make sure she has something for her little one to eat. But as soon as she's gone, out pops the baby bird. He immediately sets off to find his mother, but not knowing what she looks like makes it a challenge. The little hatchling is determined to find his mother, even after meeting a kitten, a hen, a dog, and a Snort. The timeless message of the bond between mother and child make P. D. Eastman's *Are You My Mother?* a must for baby showers, beginning readers, and Mother's Day. Originally created by Dr. Seuss, Beginner Books encourage children to read all by themselves, with simple words and illustrations that give clues to their meaning.

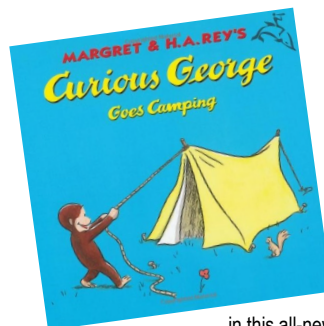
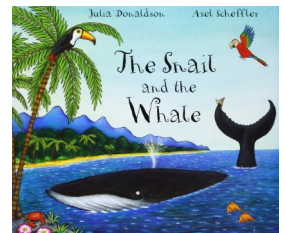


Giraffes Can't Dance Giles Andreae

Number One bestseller *Giraffes Can't Dance* from author Giles Andreae has been delighting children for over 15 years. Gerald the tall giraffe would love to join in with the other animals at the Jungle Dance, but everyone knows that giraffes can't dance ...or can they? A funny, touching and triumphant story about a giraffe who finds his own tune and confidence too, with joyful illustrations from Guy Parker Rees...wonderfully funny. - Independent A fantastically funny and wonderfully colourful romp of a picture book. All toddlers should grow up reading this or hearing their parents read it aloud to them. - Daily Telegraph A joyful read about an outsider who finds acceptance on his own terms...there's also a simple moral about tolerance and daring to be different. - Junior

The Snail and the Whale Julia Donaldson

When a tiny snail meets a humpback whale, the two travel together to far-off lands. It's a dream come true for the snail, who has never left home before. But when the whale swims too close to shore, will the snail be able to save her new friend?



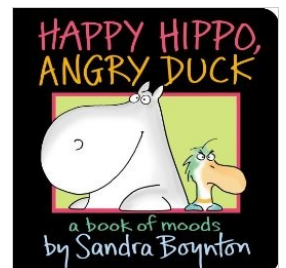
Curious George Goes Camping Margret Rey

Curious George Goes Camping is an entertaining story of the Great Outdoors based on H. A. and Margret Rey's popular primate and painted in the original watercolor and charcoal style. George tries to be helpful, but he of course just ends up upsetting a nearby camper. As he's hiding in the woods, he meets a forest creature who catapults the mischievous monkey into a chain of even more outrageous events!

Happy Hippo, Angry Duck: A Book of Moods

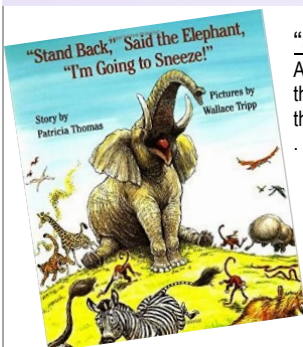
Sandra Boynton

Bestselling author Sandra Boynton is back in this all-new board book about moods. Boynton's clever animals exemplify a wide range of emotions in this hilarious story about different feelings. Young readers are sure to giggle as interactive text asks them if they are "grumpy as a moose or excited as a dog?" Maybe they're "worried as a rabbit or contented as a frog?" This new Boynton board book covers the first concept of moods with her charming, trademark sense of humor.



Little Blue Truck Alice Schertle

Beep! Beep! Beep! Meet Blue. A muddy country road is no match for this little pick-up—that is, until he gets stuck while pushing a dump truck out of the muck. Luckily, Blue has made a pack of farm animal friends along his route. And they're willing to whatever it takes to get their pal back on the road. Filled with truck sounds and animals noises, here is a rollicking homage to the power of friendship and the rewards of helping others.



"Stand Back," Said the Elephant, "I'm Going to Sneeze!" Patricia Thomas

All the animals are in a panic. The elephant's sneeze would blow the monkeys out of the trees, the feathers off the birds, the stripes off the zebra. Even the fish and the fly, the crocodile and the kangaroo, know what a catastrophe that sneeze would be. "Please don't sneeze!" they beg. . . newly illustrated in full color to delight a new generation of fans.

National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Animals

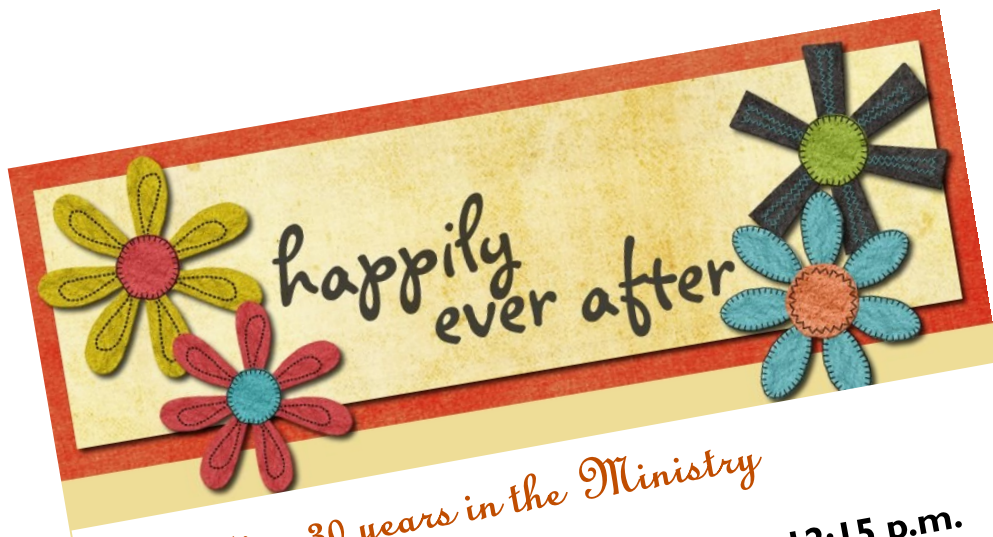
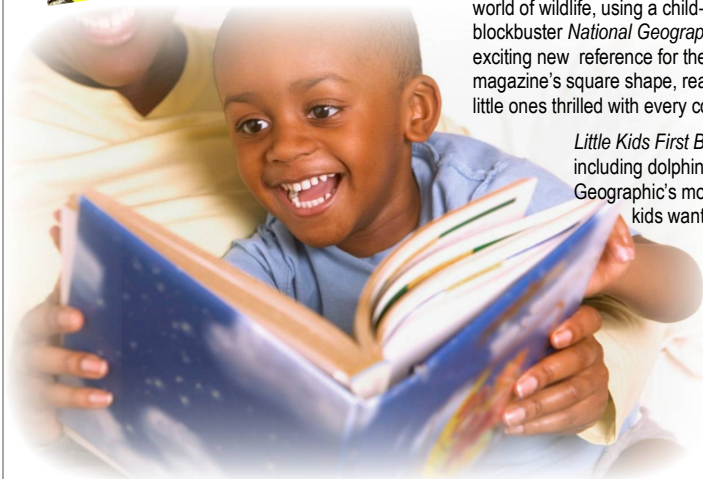
Catherine D. Hughes

The *National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Animals* is an adorable animal reference sure to be welcomed by parents and librarians alike. Filled with fluffy and scaly creatures big and small, this appealing book introduces the youngest explorers to the world of wildlife, using a child-friendly format inspired by the blockbuster *National Geographic Little Kids* magazine. This exciting new reference for the very young mirrors the magazine's square shape, readable fonts, and fun content, to keep little ones thrilled with every colorful page.



Little Kids First Big Book of Animals devotes four pages each to 32 high-interest creatures, including dolphins, tigers, butterflies, frogs, penguins, wolves, and pandas. More than 150 of National Geographic's most charming animal photos illustrate the profiles, which feature just the kind of facts that little kids want to know - the creature's size, diet, home, and more.

Child-friendly text explains how animal parents take care of their young, how baby animals change as they grow, and how they learn to hunt and eat. The brief text, large type, and appealing profiles are perfect for young readers to enjoy on their own, or for parents and other caregivers to read aloud. These animal tales will quickly become favorites at storytime, bedtime, and any other time.



Celebrating 30 years in the Ministry

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday June 12th at 12:15 p.m.
in the Family Life Center.

Lunch and FUN as our church family joins together
to celebrate *Patti's retirement* and *'happily ever after'* life
with Carl!



Reflections

Reflections

Appearance

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." I Samuel 16:7

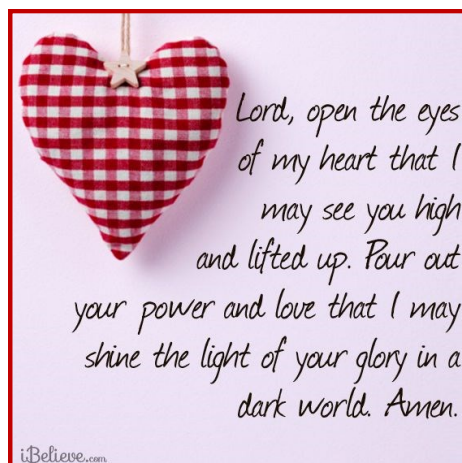
Not long ago, I worked briefly with a client who had recently moved to Delaware from New Jersey. In the course of her describing the challenges that come with such a move, which I have heard from many others over the years, there was one particular complaint that was certainly a new one for me. Laughingly, she said, "...and I blame HGTV for much of my difficulty in selling my house. If it weren't for those house shows, people wouldn't be so caught up in the minor cosmetic details. While I had to spend on repairs to the essentials that needed fixing, like the heating and air, it was the surface points that I had to invest in to make the house attractive for potential buyers. I was told that if the house didn't show well, it wouldn't sell."

While a humorous tale to hear in many ways, (easy for me to find the humor, given it was not me struggling to break even on a house sale!), the house story caused me to think a bit broader about the importance of appearance, especially in our society today. How something appears on the surface matters. Being able to catch the attention of others seems to be a common quest of many today. The means of accomplishing this, or at least attempting to, is beyond easy, even for the least technology savvy amongst us. It's impossible for me to check my email, it seems, without seeing a scrolling stream of pictures, featuring the supposedly available singles in my geographic area. I can't access my network homepage without having to encounter the latest round of amateur video options of folks who obviously have their phones at the ready, looking for, well, something eye catching; something that will generate a stir, maybe something that will get picked up by one of the networks; who really knows. What are we really looking for in how we appear to others; what we are presenting on the surface? There is always a reason why we do what we do, although those reasons are often hidden, to some degree, beneath, in some emotional closet within us. What are we longing to feel... is it attractive or important, is it smart or sophisticated, or any

Danny Cooper
Coordinator/Counselor
Daybreak Counseling Services

number of other possibilities; emotional hunger areas that are hidden away, but play out unconsciously, and increasingly, on the surface areas of life.

I had a session recently with a young married couple. The young man came to the session dressed rather fashionably, spoke in a very subdued, cultured tone... overall, presented quite well. And, as the session unfolded, the truth of why this couple needed counseling eventually rose to the surface.... the



husband had been unfaithful to his wife. Once again, presentation doesn't match the truth, and while others who don't know the truth of this situation, and see this young man and his pristine presentation, are going to likely draw their own surface based conclusions, but they won't be based on reality, but rather, on appearance. The sad thing in this particular case, was that there was so little shame or remorse demonstrated. This young man appeared as if floating on the surface of a pool, light and buoyant through his façade of competence and sincerity, but unattached to the anchor of truth, which is grounded in reality and accountability. How easy it is to be adrift on life's waters when we are unconnected to our anchor in Christ.

In our humanity, given that God gave us our eyes to see, we are in fact vulnerable to see what we want to see; to see what the surface presents, and unfortunately, stopping there. Even the Scriptures tell of stories that bear this out, as we read about the "beautiful" Rachel or Queen Esther, or the "handsome" Joseph, of the Old Testament, or young David. But our very same Scriptures, in various spots within the sacred text, challenge us to ...have

the eyes to see, and ears to hear. And what exactly does this mean to us? Quite simply, the ability, spiritually, to go beyond what we see and hear, or more accurately, to go below; to the inner part of the person, where the truth and heart of that person can be found.

As many of you may already know, in the Gospels, the four separate accounts of Jesus' life and ministry on this earth, there is no surface description used that gives us a sense, a true image, of what our Lord actually looked like. And while we have likely seen numerous artistic renderings of Jesus with all manner of eye color, hair color, facial characteristics, and the like, these impressions are solely based on human creativity and imagination. What we do know of Jesus from the Gospels are mere glimpses into the inner self of our Savior, aspects that don't simply lie along the surface for display, but are treasures of depth, riches that are searched out through spirit-filled connection... *And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.* Luke 2:40 Not the most exciting or noteworthy of descriptions, but, in fact, the simple, unassuming ingredients of our Savior; no bright lights or fireworks required.

Jesus encouraged us, even challenged us, maybe, to not fall prey to the allure of appearance, lest we be no better than... *whitewashed tombs, or overly concerned with... the outside of the cup and dish, while the inside is full of greed and self-indulgence.* Matthew 23:27; 25. We have eyes... yes. But, do we need the blindness of Saul to compel us to use them as God desires of us? The more we draw near to our Lord in this life, the less likely we are to get snagged by the surface diversions that beckon us at seemingly every turn in the road.

Dear God,
help us not to settle for the trivial
distractions that the world
persistently produces, which can
obscure our vision and occupy our
thoughts. But let our eyes
continually hunger for the face of
Christ; searching beyond the hollow
fanfare and fantasy of this life, to
the truth and depth of His
never failing love.



FEBRUARY 2016 Month-End Finance Report

Michael Quarnaccio, Finance Team Chair

The following report includes current year to date financials and the 2016 budget approved at the 2016 Church Council.

	<u>Inc/Exp to Date</u>	<u>Budget to Date</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>
Weekly Offerings – general	80,858.	92,403	564,416
Other offerings	10,104	12,684	76,105
Interest Income	<u>1,570</u>	<u>1,333</u>	<u>6,800</u>
Total Offerings	92,532	106,220	647,634
Finance Team	-	1,117	6,700
Office	4,377	3,592	21,550
Personnel	29,688	30,292	181,750
Mortgage interest	14,704	14,408	86,450
Properties and equipment	<u>10,747</u>	<u>14,008</u>	<u>84,050</u>
Total Administrative Council	59,516	63,417	380,500
Nursery and Supplies	-	8	50
Benevolences (Conference)	9,106	9,386	56,316
Education & Youth	3,351	1,100	6,600
Evangelism	-	500	3,000
Extended Table	-	25	150
Music	-	333	2,000
Worship	<u>180 -</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>250</u>
Total Council on Ministries	12,637	11,394	66,684
Pastor Parish Relations	<u>18,961</u>	<u>20,195</u>	<u>122,849</u>
Mortgage principal liability (Reduces debt to PNC Bank)	<u>16,956</u>	<u>12,933</u>	<u>77,601**</u>
Total Expense	<u>108,070</u>	<u>107,939</u>	<u>647,634</u>
Net Income (Loss)	(15,538)		

** Three Mortgage Principal Payments will be paid from Fundraising Income. Many thanks go to the Fundraising Team and the other teams that raise money throughout the year for debt reduction. Please continue to support their efforts.

Balance of Mortgage 02/29/2016

2,132,350

Interest paid in 2016

14,704

Notes: Any excess designated funds unused within one year will be reallocated to the general fund. In our efforts to reduce operating costs, the Finance Team has decided to only send Giving Statements via mail at year end. The church utilizes CCB software which will allow you to view your account at anytime.



United Methodist Youth

Be a Part of the Flame

By Jack Freidel,
Family Ministry Director

One of our youth ministries here at Wyoming Church is **MYF** (Methodist Youth Fellowship).

MYF currently meets three times a month. The junior high (6th-8th grades) meets once, the senior high (9th-12th grades) meets once, and one time the two groups meet together.

Our purpose for **MYF** is to provide a time of fellowship together, to nurture one another and have some fun. A typical session begins with a devotional time, then we go over upcoming events in the youth ministry, have a recreational activity, and finish with a snack.

APRIL YOUTH CALENDAR

Jr/Sr. High MYF:

Saturday, 4/23/16, Capel Henlopen State Park Trip, 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Jr. High MYF

Sunday, 4/17/16, Floor Hockey, 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Sr. High MYF

Friday and Saturday, 4/8/16 and 4/9/16, Spring Lock-in, 7:00 pm - 9:30 am

Service Projects

Saturday, 4/2/16, Nursing Home Visitation, 9:45 am – 11:30 am

Synago

Friday, 4/22/16, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm in the youth room

Worship

Sunday, 4/3/16, Attending the worship service in place of Sunday school

Meeting

Tuesday, 4/19, Youth Council, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Some of our recent **MYF** sessions featured Bowling Pin Dodgeball, Mystery Clue Hunt, and a movie day. Bowling Pin Dodgeball is a fast-paced game in which the group is divided into two teams. A team wins a round either by knocking down all the other team's bowling pins or knocking everyone on the other team out following the rules of regular dodgeball. We do play with gator skin and nerf balls to avoid injuries and damage to the FLC. Wes Faircloth was probably the MVP of the game as he showed off a strong arm probably developed from all those years playing baseball and softball and from last summer's basic training. (Wes will be full time in the army at the end of this school year.) Dave Schoettinger was doing security watch and enjoyed watching the game so much that we had him join us for a few rounds.

Another recent **MYF** session was Mystery Clue Hunt. In this game, the participants were

divided into teams of about 5 each. Clues were scattered around the different rooms of the church. Each clue gave a hint as to either who did something, what was done, how it was done, where it was done, or to whom it was done. Ms. Betsy came up with the mystery and clues. The youth were divided into 4 groups, while the remaining adults (Jeff, Tracey, and myself) were a fifth group. Despite a couple minutes head start as the youth got their teams organized, the adults were the last group finished. Must be those sharp eyes of those young people as we took a long time to find some of the clues.

In closing, I want to offer a special thanks to Mindy Anthony for stepping in to help me with the Jr. High MYF movie day. I had to leave early to go down to a Chrysalis closing, and she graciously came in and stayed with the group.

I have been sharing with you about the Sticky Faith movement and what it means for the students God has entrusted to Wyoming Church. I've shared a bit about their first major theme in the past two newsletters: a Sticky Gospel that focuses on grace rather than behaviors.

Today I'd like to share about the next theme: **intergenerational relationships.**

Research shows that intergenerational worship and relationships are linked with faith that sticks. That is, the more students join in worship side by side with people who are older and younger than them, the better. And the more students know and are known by adults, the better. But that only happens when students are connected to the rest of the church.

The problem is that many of our students don't know the church well; they are only strongly connected with the youth group or their Sunday school class.

Sometimes youth ministry can feel a bit like an adults' table and a kids' table at a family gathering. The adults have

From a Two-Table Church to One Family Table

By Jack Freidel,
Family Ministry Director

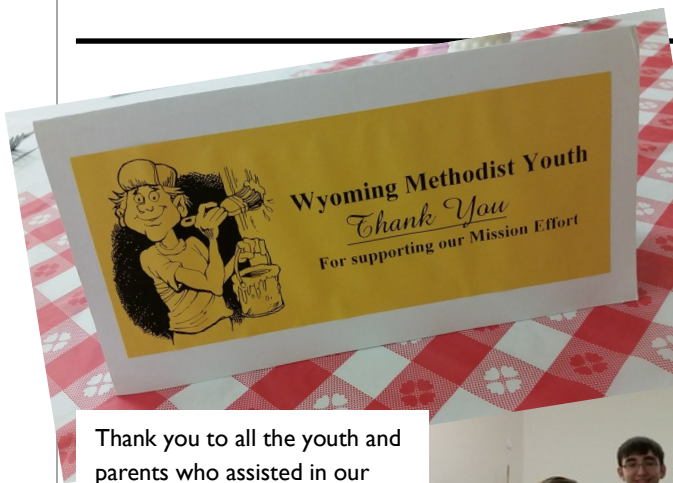
the "real meal" in one place while the kids are put in a separate location altogether, holding separate conversations and unaware of anything the adults say (and vice-versa).

Of course we are not calling for an end to youth ministry (I love my job!), but a faithful response to the research requires the whole church to find more ways to come around one table as a faith family. **Ideally each young person will be surrounded by a team of five adults that consistently support and walk with that young person.** (I'll share more about that in the next newsletter.)

The Sticky Faith Launch Team has come up with a plan to improve the intergenerational connections at Wyoming Church. For now, I'd love for you to consider new ways our church could invite more young people to be part of what's happening around our

community. I'd really love to hear your ideas, so could you let me know about where you could see more connections potentially develop between adults and teenagers?

Thanks for taking the time to read this, and thanks in advance for sharing your ideas with me!



Thank you to all the youth and parents who assisted in our annual spaghetti dinner, we served over 140 and raised over \$900 for the youth summer mission trip fund. Special thanks to our church family, friends and the community who came to support us.



Ready for more Spaghetti? ... we'll see you next year!



United Methodist Committee On Relief

Urgent Need for Cleaning Buckets

Mission Central shipped out 1,944 Buckets to UMCOR Sagar Brown, Baldwin, LA.

UMCOR is responding to the recent flooding of the North Louisiana and South Texas area. UMCOR has called

for all buckets in the system and anticipates the need for more.

Mission Central will begin production of new buckets with our current supplies, but we are putting out the call for Cleaning Bucket Production and supplies to be brought to Mission Central as soon as possible. Our supply of buckets has been depleted and UMCOR may call for more, plus we need to replenish for the future!

Wyoming UMC will be collecting items for the

cleaning buckets during the month of April. You may pick up a slip of paper listing items needed to fill the buckets in the Narthex. Once we have filled our buckets, we will take them to the HUB in Christiana and then on to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, PA. **Please consider helping in this disaster area right in the US.**



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Outreach Sewing Service Day a Huge Success!!

On Saturday, March 19th, the Outreach Team sponsored a Sewing Service Day at WUMC. The congregation was invited to come and work on two projects... pillowcases for children in the hospital and UMCOR school bags. Many brought their sewing machines and others came to help cut, iron and assist in putting the school bags together. At final count, there were more than 50 brightly colored pillowcases and over 20 school bags. It was a fun day and we were able to accomplish much for others!! Thanks to all those who came to support our first sewing service day at WUMC!!





Dover District
presents:
**Strategic
Planning
Training
Workshop**

**Saturday, April 30th
9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
Calvary UMC
Milford, Delaware**

Our Dover District plans to offer the first workshop on Strategic Planning

with Dr. John Ewart (see below). Open to all clergy and laity. Please consider attending! It is **FREE** of charge. Leave this workshop **ready and equipped for strategic visioning!**

Vision



**About
Dr. John H.
Ewart**

... Native of Oklahoma, graduate of Baylor University, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

... Serves as the Associate Vice President for Global Theological Initiatives, the Director of the Center for Pastoral Leadership and Preaching, and Associate Professor of Missions and Pastoral Leadership at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina. He oversees the administration of the Center for Great Commission Studies, the Center for Pastoral Leadership and Preaching, the North American EQUIP Network, Hispanic Leadership Development and all

international and North American partnerships and special projects. He also teaches missions, evangelism, administration, church revitalization and leadership courses. He formerly served as the Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program and prior to his employment, a trustee for Southeastern.

... Served as the Associate Vice President of Distance Education and Innovative Learning and Associate Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. President of R.E.A.C.H. Worldwide Ministries and the author/ creator of R.E.A.C.H. (Reaching Every Available Community Household), a prayer, outreach, and discipleship strategy implemented through the open small group ministry in local churches.

... Served as the Senior Vice President and a senior church growth consultant for The Rainer Group and continues to serve as a church and denominational consultant through R.E.A.C.H. Worldwide Ministries. Serves as a Board Member and instructor for church consultant training conferences for the Society of Church Consulting. Has consulted with hundreds of churches and denominational entities in North America and around the world.

... Has traveled and conducted missions, education and

or consulting projects in over 50 nations around the world. Served with the International Mission Board as a Missionary Journeyman to the Philippines for two years. Has participated in over a dozen church starts both on the international and North American mission fields. Served in full time pastoral ministry for over twenty years in local churches in Texas, the Philippines, Oklahoma, Arizona, and Kentucky. More than one of these churches was recognized for strong conversion growth and revitalization experiences and featured in various research and writings.

... Has written for various church health/consultation/missions publications and blogs, written chapters for various books.

Most importantly, though not raised in church, Jesus used a friend to draw John to salvation in a locker room and then blessed him graciously by leading him to marry Tresa, his best friend, hero and the strongest follower of Christ he has ever met. She is also from the same area of Oklahoma and has served as an elementary school teacher for many years and was the greatest pastor's wife to ever serve. They have three incredible children: Joshua, Rachel, and Josiah, a beautiful daughter-in-law, Stephanie, one granddaughter, Elizabeth Grace and one grandson, Jonathan Vincent.

A Special Tribute to Elton

When our **Code Purple** season began last December, Elton assured me that whenever we were open, he would be there!! To my knowledge, he lived up to that promise and was there each of the 24 nights our Wyoming **Code Purple** Sanctuary was open. We sheltered a total of 439 men with an average of 18 men per night.

Elton was an amazing volunteer and many nights stayed all night at the shelter which gave us one more person to rely on, in addition to our 2 volunteers assigned to be there.

In the beginning, Amy and I cautioned Elton that he was spoiling our volunteers, but he just smiled and said **"It's no problem. I'm glad to do it."**

I am sure he got tired of lugging the inflatable beds out each night and pumping them up

when they lost air. He took care of the bed linens and blankets and pillows and made sure everything got bagged up to go to the laundry. He then helped put everything away and cleaned the restrooms. Elton didn't get paid to do this work; he did it out of the goodness of his heart and because he wanted to help others.

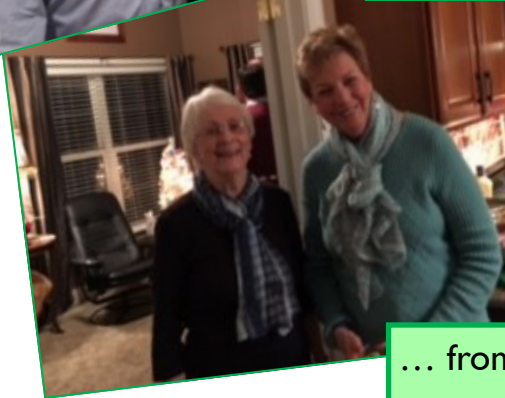
We keep a log for the volunteers to fill out with any needs or suggestions they may have at the conclusion of their shift. Many of the comments in the log were: **"Elton is amazing! Made our job so much easier! ... Elton is a huge help! ... Elton is a BIG help! ... As usual, Elton is a fantastic help!"**

What a joy it has been working with Elton during this **Code Purple** season. How fortunate we are to have such a dedicated volunteer as part of Wyoming's **Code Purple** Sanctuary!! God bless you, Elton Pumphrey!

With much gratitude and Christian love,
**Judy Field, Amy Faircloth and Lynn Ditty
and all the Code Purple Volunteers**



A Taste of Irish...



... from appetizer through dessert at the Progressive Dinner!

**Bless us with Good Food, the Gift of Gab and Hearty Laughter.
May the Love and Joy we share be with us ever after. Amen.**

... and a jolly good time at the ARC Dance at Wyoming Church!



ANNUAL LADIES RETREAT**'Jesus Is A Girl's Best Friend'****Sunday, May 15th and
Monday, May 16th**

at the beautiful Riverview Retreat Center at Pecometh, Centreville, MD. Each room includes two queen beds and bathroom in a three year old Methodist center on the banks of the Chester River on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Handicapped rooms available.

We have over 20 ladies registered to attend this years retreat – but there is still room for you and your friends.

Registration deadline:

Sunday April 24th. This is an opportunity to fellowship in a Christian atmosphere as we sing, pray, eat, laugh, share in a comfortable setting, listen to each other and connect in a special way while learning how Jesus is our best friend from Janna Whitenight and Tracy Fennemore.

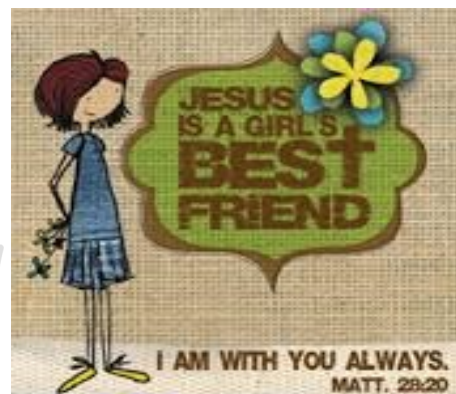
Fill out a registration form (available at the welcome desk) which will explain cost and travel details and return to Louise Webb. **Payment deadline: May 1st**

For additional information or answers to your questions call Barbara Shaw 538-6772 or email: hshaw111@aol.com

"I am with you always"
Matthew 28:20



*Ladies...
High time to...
Register!*



**Wyoming United Methodist Church
Annual Ladies Retreat
May 15 - 16, 2016
Riverview Retreat Center at Pecometh**

We will leave from church at 4:00 PM on Sunday afternoon and return approximately 3:30 PM on Monday. All ladies of the church are welcome. Invite a friend! Transportation will be car pools. Cost includes room and 3 full meals and the use of all facilities. You can view this handicapped accessible facility on their website: www.pecometh.org

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Roommate Arrangement: _____

Each room is furnished with two queen beds.

_____ 1 to a room \$ 181.00 per person

_____ 2 to a room \$ 113.00 per person

_____ 3 to a room \$ 98.00 per person

_____ 4 to a room \$ 86.00 per person

Registration: Return registrations to Louise Webb 1124 Market St, Denton MD. 21629 or leave it at the Welcome Desk: attention ladies retreat.

Payment Deadline: Sunday May 1st. Checks should be made out to WUMC with the notation "ladies retreat"; amount depending on choice of room accommodations. Mail payments to Louise. (To facilitate our record keeping please do not leave payments or registration at church office or place in offering plate). Call Barbara Shaw 538-6772 or email HShaw111@aol.com with any questions.

Are you willing to drive? _____ How many passengers? _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: name, relationship, number (required)

Dietary Restrictions: _____

New charity project for "Knitting to Nurture"

This spring season we will be making sweaters for children from an easy to knit or crochet pattern for a "T-shaped" sweater in sizes 2-10. These sweaters will be distributed by "World Vision International" to children in need both in the US and abroad, even some going to children of the refugee families from Syria. Please join us in this project. Patterns for both knit and crochet versions plus the yarn are available on the display table in front of the office window.



A big THANK YOU to all of you who made hats for Code Purple. They were much needed in this cold winter.

Our group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday from September through May 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM (after the Women's Bible Study). We meet in Room 219. Please join us!

RECENTLY SPOTTED ON CARING FEET THROUGHOUT OUR CONGREGATION...



ROCK YOUR SOCKS

MARCH 21, 2016

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY



On Monday, March 21st, The Down Syndrome Association of Delaware will be joining other organizations around the world to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day. Together we will create a single global voice for advocating for the rights, inclusion and well being of people with Down syndrome in our schools, community and around the world.

We look forward to seeing how YOU rock your socks.



The date for World Down Syndrome Day, being the 21st day of the 3rd month, was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which leads to Down syndrome.

On March 21st wear bold, brightly colored mismatched socks!

Visit www.dsadelaware.org for more information.

The Food Pantry Program is Continuing!

By Carol Abbott

On February 26, 2016, members of the Food Pantry Team and Food Pantry Volunteers met to discuss options for the Food Pantry after the death of leader Kathy Swift. Many possibilities were discussed including ending the food pantry. That option was unanimously defeated! However, it was noted that we have not been serving as many hungry families over the last year as we have in the past. While Food Pantry Volunteers have continued to be on call for an entire month, in the past year they rarely have had more than one or two calls for food for the month. Angela Donastorg explained to the group that the church hadn't been getting as many calls for assistance since Social Services started moving to a voucher program. They screen families for need and give qualifying families and individuals a voucher detailing where they can go for emergency food assistance. Angela explained that the churches and food pantry organizations in the area that choose to help with the voucher program can specify how many families

they wish to serve as well as select what days and hours they will be available to collect vouchers and distribute food.

That means that the screening will be done for us, we can specify exactly what days and hours we will distribute food, and we can decide in advance how many families we would like to help. That takes the burden of screening off our office staff, limits our volunteers' time commitment to a manageable few hours on two days of the month, and increases the number of families served. Our group decided that serving **more** people **more** efficiently would be a great idea for everyone concerned.

We decided to start by helping two families of 1 to 4 individuals on both the second and fourth Thursday of the month (four families total) between the hours of 2:00 to 3:00 PM. [Note: If families are large, Social Services could give the big family both vouchers for the one day.] Two volunteers will work together to receive the vouchers and distribute the food each time at a table in the Family Life Center. Substitutes can be called if volunteers for the month cannot be present. We hope to get this new system going in April.

While many of our Food Pantry Volunteers are continuing to take their



Linda,
new
Food
Pantry
Coordinator

turn giving out groceries, we have some months still needing volunteers to take vouchers and distribute groceries. Volunteers will only be needed on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. In addition to the one hour sitting in the Family Life Center twice a month, they will need to buy the fresh items (which can be charged at the Camden-Wyoming Grocery to the Food Pantry budget) and select the dry goods from the Food Pantry shelves. Substitutes are also needed. If you are interested in volunteering for this program, please call Linda Pape at 270-0210.

God didn't add
another day in your
life because you
need it.

He gave it because
someone out there
needs you.

Lifetime Wells for Ghana

We take our water source for granted in this country but there are many in African countries who do not have clean water to drink. Ken Wood, of Lifetime Wells in Denton, MD came to Wyoming last year to tell us about his mission to drill new wells in Ghana and Tanzania so people could have clean water. Ken is still traveling to Africa several times a year to drill more wells so the Outreach Team will be donating \$500 to Lifetime Wells for Ghana to go towards the drilling of one well which costs about \$1,000. Won't you consider personally donating to this worthwhile cause on Sunday, April 3rd. Please make your checks payable to Wyoming UMC with "Wells for Ghana" on the memo line. Your donation will be greatly appreciated!



"2,4,6,8... Who Do We Appreciate !!"

At Wyoming UMC we are very fortunate to have many wonderful volunteers who, by their participation, allow us to extend our ministries within and beyond the walls of our building. To recognize these groups and/or individuals we will be highlighting selected groups each month throughout the year as a regular article in The Wyoming Messenger. One of these might be a good fit for YOU!

This month we want to say

"Thank you" to...

Children's Message

Presenters — These men and women provide a short, but meaningful message each week to our younger worshipers at the beginning of the 8:30 and 11 AM services. The coordinators for this ministry are Karen Priestley (8:30) and Dottie Harper (11).

Women's Retreat

Each year in May the ladies of the church set aside time for a wonderful overnight retreat at the River-view Retreat Center located at Camp Pecometh. This year's date is May 15 & 16 and the leaders are Janna Whitenight and Tracy Fennemore.

Praise Band &

Singers — A truly talented group of musicians who volunteer to provide great music for our

8:30 AM Praise Service and the beginning of the 9:45 service.

Pictured below: Eric Jones, Eugene Moore, Joe Anello, Tom Cole, Carol Abbott, Renate Purdy, Jill Cole, Janna Whitenight.

Not pictured, but no less treasured (!):

On guitars: Sean Anthony, Chris Boyer, Jeff Boyer, Bill Downing, Dave Joiner, Pete Thompson, on percussion: Tom Liston, Mike Smith, at the keyboard: Chuck Sapp, Brad Whitenight. Coordinating it all beautifully week after week is Pastor Dave Hill.

These team members keep track of attendance and reach out to members who might need home visits. Leading these teams are Margaret Bryan and Sig Kelsey.

We are so very thankful for these volunteers and ask that you include them in your prayers and support their efforts wherever possible.

Membership Contact/ Visitation Teams



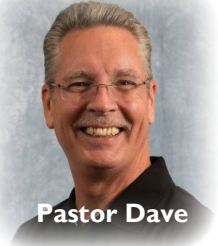
Karen



Margaret



Sig



Pastor Dave



Dottie



Tracy



Janna





If you want to get involved at church ...

... but don't have the time to commit to

also happy to have people help us out with specific events throughout the year. So, if you are interested in helping with a concert or the Yard Sale or any

monthly meetings then the FUNdraising Team may have the answer for you. We are always looking for new people with fresh ideas to join our team but, we are

of the other many events we do throughout a year please call Debbie at (302) 423-4733 or let a member of the FUNdraising Team know what you are interested in and we will be in touch. Every little bit helps us accomplish our goals in paying down the mortgage of our beautiful church.

We are currently looking for help with the April 30th concert, if you have not already signed up and want to help see how a concert comes together here at WUMC please sign up in the Narthex before April 15th. We have a need for people to Load In the trailers in the morning and/or Load Out after the show. If you are over 18 and can lift up to 50 lbs please let us know ASAG(odly)P.

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You've probably heard...

... the **'Beautiful Offering Tour' Concert**

featuring Big Daddy Weave, Plumb and Jordan Feliz is all

Sold Out!

We are looking forward to one great concert - and certainly many of you helping behind the scenes as mentioned under the pugs' photo above.

Saturday, April 30, 2016 - 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

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The FUNdraising Team has decided that since our Book and Clothing Sales are so successful why not combine them and have one BIG Clothing/Book Sale???

So join us on

Saturday, June 4

for our first

Clothing & Book Sale.

More information will be provided as we get closer. However, in order to make these sales as great as they have been in the past, we need your donations. So, if you are in the process of cleaning out your closet and getting rid of the spring/summer items that you didn't wear last year or the winter items that you are tired of looking at, we would really appreciate it, if you would please drop

them off in the CLOTHING DONATION BOX in the Narthex.

If you are Spring cleaning the house and want to get rid of those books that you have already read and are just sitting around collecting dust, they can be

placed in the BOOK DONATION BOX, also located in the Narthex. All donations are tax-deductible and go a long way in helping to make our sales successful. Thank you in advance for your donations.



NEW TO YOU SALE

Benefitting the MOPS Ministry

APRIL 16TH 8AM- NOON

Buy & Sell your Used Children's and mom Items in the FLC

Personal Tables \$10 Vendor Tables \$25

Email: newtoyouale@yahoo.com



The Mothers of Preschoolers Ministry is looking for Christian women to serve the Lord and His moms for the next school year. MOPS is a group of moms looking to strengthen relationships, grow their relationship with Christ, and serve the world and community together. Please pray about serving in one of these areas:

Coordinator: As the Coordinator, you set the tone by preparing your leaders, planning your meetings and welcoming moms. You help develop your MOPS groups' story and want every mom's story to include knowing Jesus. Take a look around and find lots of ideas to build yourself, your team and your group.

Mentor Moms (usually women who have children older than preschool): Because you walk a few steps ahead of the moms in the group, you bring perspective on mothering,

womanhood and relationships. You have the opportunity to invest in the lives of young women, cheer them on as they try new things and lead the celebration of all they do!

MOPPETS: You are a MOPPETS leader, Kids are some of your favorite people and you believe that the best lessons involve play dough and finger paint. Letting kids know that God loves them makes your day. You will be the contact person for all our wonderful MOPPETS and help plan lessons for our older children.

If you feel called to serve this ministry please contact a member of the current steering team or Sandy Robinson at moebli@aol.com



So start tuning up your vocal cords and join the Visitation Team, the WUMC Signing Class and the residents at Heritage at Dover on **Monday, April 11, 2016 at 6:45 pm.**

Join us even if you don't sing as our Lord said, "Make A Joyful Noise" and don't forget to bring a relative, a friend and especially the children. It will make you totally forget the crazy winter weather!

Consider This... a study conducted in Finland found that after 10 weeks of coaching by a singing teacher patients under the age of 80 showed improvements in memory, thinking skills, mood and the ability to find their way around. The conclusion - **Singing can improve brain function!** With such exciting news, we hope **YOU** will find **YOUR** way to the Chancel Choir room and join us on Thursday nights at 7:30 PM.



**WUMC
Chancel Choir**

THE DELAWARE CHORAL SOCIETY AND
DR. JAMES WILSON, DIRECTOR

DELAWARE YOUTH CHORALE PRESENT
HEATHER SWARTZENTRUBER, DIRECTOR

JOHANNES BRAHMS
REQUIEM
(ABRIDGED)

FEATURING
JESSICA BEEBE, SOPRANO
JONATHAN LASCH, BARITONE

Experience one of the most profound and powerful pieces in the history of sacred music, performed by the Delaware Choral Society at Wyoming Church on **April 17th at 4PM.**

Together with the Delaware Youth Chorale the choir will also present music by Aaron Copeland, John Rutter, and, as a special highlight, the piece that won the competition at the recent **Collegiate Choral Composers Competition.**

Hear the old masters and the next generation of choral composers!

**Get your tickets at the
church office.**

Discounted prices for
students and seniors.

**Most certainly a
classical highlight you
don't want to miss!**

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2016 4:00PM
WYOMING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FOR TICKETS, CALL 302.222.6039 OR
VISIT WWW.DELAWARECHORALSOCIETY.ORG



THIS PROGRAM IS SUPPORTED IN PART BY A GRANT FROM THE DELAWARE DIVISION OF THE ARTS, A STATE AGENCY, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS.



~~ Our People ~~

~ Births ~

*Two Little Blessings, sent from above.
Twice the smiles, twice the love... to*
grandparents Sue and Joe Hajec!



Abraham Stone Hajec was born to Brittany & Charlie Hajec of Littleton, CO on February 21, 2016, a little brother to Nora and Grant.

Grant Joel Radunzel was born to Jill & Joel Radunzel on March 7, 2016, a little brother to Arthur (1), Sarah (5) and Robert (3). Congratulations also to proud grandparents Sue and Joe Hajec!



'Abram', here with mommy Brittany and daddy Charlie, sister Nora and brother Grant.



Grant and his mommy, Jill Hajec Radunzel

Second Little Blessing, sent from above ... to Robyn and Aaron Lefort and grandparents Dottie & Rich Harper and Dana & Wayne Lefort!

Wyatt Jackson Lefort was born to on February 24, 2016, a little brother to Austyn.

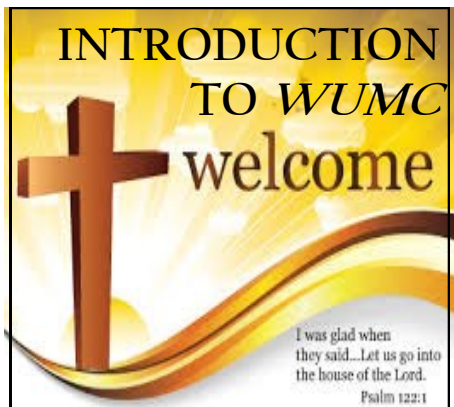
~ April Birthdays ~

4/01 Maddie Mastriana
4/02 Matthew Dotson, Irene Gillette,
Hannah Cote
4/03 Ross Lancaster
4/04 Doris Taylor, Cort Massey, Matt
Sandy, Ian Pearson, Tyler Heffington,
Ian Pearson
4/05 Kathy Deckard, Margaret Jones
4/06 Jim Klecan, Noah Delgado,
Chris Scott, Rachel Edwards
4/07 Rebecca Hughes, Marty Downing
4/09 Josh Turner, Josh Leczner,
James Piazza, Garrison Eaby
4/10 Heidi Piazza, Colby Lyon
4/11 Derek Leister, Alexandra LeNoir
4/14 Pat Farina, Ryder Witherell,
Lois Murray
4/15 Doni Purdy, Michael Davis,
Wendy Witherell, Becky Schultz
4/16 Katie Heffington
4/17 Ana Edmanson

04/18 John Pearson, Gavin Hughes,
Michelle Thompson
04/19 Susan Cook, Jeremy Piazza
04/20 Cheryl Weil, Alexa Rogge,
Justin Anthony, Lauren Forbes,
Christopher Scott
04/21 Janet Wooley
04/22 Logan Pearson
04/23 Colleen Papen, Cole Bergeron,
Jeremy Lee
04/25 Tim Lyon, Logan Heffington,
Carol Dolsay
04/26 Jim Papen, Roger Kelsey,
Mia Edmanson, Valerie Riggins
04/27 Mary Dawn Ditty, Simone Pleines
04/28 Jennifer Scott, Nicholas White,

Jacob Williams, Lauren Tinsley,
Dan Hoyme
04/30 Pat Lawson, Jason Fennemore,
Lissa Franklin
05/01 Trish Rodriguez, Dave Salmon,
Patsy Schweppe, Karen Tiedgen,
Dani LeNoir, Karly Jones,
Grace Wilt, Tiffany Long
05/02 Juliet Klecan, Deborah Kerner
05/03 Norma Lee French
05/04 Judi Leczner, Eric Jones,
Bryce Sargent
05/05 Sherry Kijowski, Janet Meyer,
Emily Dejesus
05/06 Pat Sholtes
05/08 Michelle Sell, Frank Sutton

"I will send down
showers in season;
there will be
showers of
blessings."
Ezekiel 34:26



Anyone interested in becoming a church member is invited to an *INTRODUCTION to WUMC* for prospective new members on

**Sunday, April 24th, 2016
at 11:00 AM.**

This is an opportunity to hear from some of our church leaders about our ministries, get to know Patti and ask any questions you might have about church membership answered.

You may have recently started attending or perhaps you have been attending regularly for sometime - all are welcome.

We will meet in room 101 (south end of the narthex near the Family Life Center). A light lunch will be provided.

Please call the church office 697-8400 or email to office@wyomingumc.com if you plan to attend.

For questions, call Barbara Shaw 538-6772.



Sincere thanks to all our friends at church for your cards and prayers at the passing of my mom, Clyde Robinson on February 11, 2016.

There is much comfort in your caring thoughts!

Suzanne Sutton

My heart-felt thanks to my church family for your prayers, phone-calls and cards through my recent surgery. Special thank you to the fabulous cooks who provided yummy dinners to me! I appreciate you so!

Pauline Liston



~~ Our People ~~

~ Deaths ~

Betty Johnson, the mother of Patti Sudler, on March 5, 2016.

Margie Pruett, the wife of Rev. Dale Pruett, senior pastor at Wyoming Church from 1966 to 1972, on March 19, 2016.



Dale & Margie

The Food Ministry Program Is 'Still Going Strong'!

The good folks that constitute the membership of your Sexton Kitchen Team continue to provide outstanding quality and service to the Brothers and Sisters of our growing congregation as well as the members of our surrounding communities through our Food Ministry Program. Recent activities include the hosting of the March Adult Fellowship Covered Dish Dinner, the March Soup Day Event, the Maundy Thursday Meal, and the 'Sonrise Breakfast' that followed the Sunrise Service at the Wyoming Pond on Easter Morning.

At the same time that all of the demanding preparations for the above listed events were occurring, the Team, under the able leadership of Linda Booher, continued their planning for the forthcoming Adult Fellowship Covered Dish Dinners on May 4 and June 1. Additional

plans are 'in the works' for the preparation and serving of food for the forthcoming TOPS State Recognition Day Luncheon on April 2, the Introduction To Wyoming UMC and a 'Special Thank You Reception' in the Narthex both on April 24, a Delmarva Council Boy Scouts Of America Dinner on April 28th, and the 'Beautiful Offerings Tour' Concert on April 30.

In addition to all of these listed activities, please be reminded that there is a good possibility that the Sexton Kitchen Team will come forward with an announcement of a 'Chicken Salad And Soup' take out sale later this month; so 'stay tuned' and watch for the specific information in forthcoming Sunday bulletins. This will be one of those 'Not To Be Missed' events!

Recently the members of the Sexton Kitchen Team revised their policy on the preparation of catered meals. If you, members of your family, or members of your professional groups

should need to meet and enjoy a catered meal that would be prepared and served by the members of the Sexton Kitchen Team, you may want to discuss the possibilities and options with Linda Booher. The current, ongoing, demanding schedule of the Sexton Kitchen Team would limit the numbers of such catered events that the Team would be able to accept.

The Sexton Kitchen Team members are most appreciative of your continued support of the Team's many faceted Food Ministry Program. All of the proceeds from each of our events are used to support a variety of activities that directly benefit the folks that comprise our growing Wyoming Church congregation.

If you feel called to consider joining the members of this great Team, please do not hesitate to talk with Linda (632-7765) at your earliest convenience.



My Favorite Recipes

Share your favorite recipe with us - we'll publish one every month.

Spinach & Strawberry Salad

Courtesy: Sharon Duncan



Dressing:

1/2 c sugar
1/2 c oil
1/4 c white vinegar
1/4 c wine vinegar
1 T poppy seed
1 T sesame seed
1 1/2 t minced onion

Combine and pour over salad right before serving.

Salad Ingredients:

1 bag spinach, quart strawberries sliced
1 small pkg of slivered almonds



Bite(s) and Pieces

Sexton Kitchen Team College Scholarship

The members of the Sexton Kitchen Team are pleased to announce the availability of the **\$1,000.00 Academic 2016 - 2017 College Scholarship**. This scholarship will be awarded to a member of the 2016 High School Graduating Class who has been a long term, active participant in the life of the Wyoming United Methodist Church. Applications are available from Terry Higgins at 492-3354. The completed application due date is to be postmarked no later than **Wednesday, April 20, 2016** followed by the announcement of the recipient.

Adult Fellowship

To further celebrate the arrival of the 'Spring Season', George Pettyjohn would like to remind everyone that you are all truly welcome and urged to attend the forthcoming 'Adult Fellowship Covered Dish Dinner' on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 beginning at 6:00 PM in the Family Life Center. Just remember to bring your own place settings, and one of your favorite culinary creations that will yield 8 servings. The entrée will be prepared by the Chefs of the Sexton Kitchen Team. Be prepared to enjoy outstanding food and fellowship.



THAT MOMENT AFTER
YOUR FIRST BITE...

WHEN YOU REALIZE
YOU HAVEN'T PRAYED

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

to our wonderful Pastry Chefs for the delightful, delicious treats you contributed for the Soup Day-Bake Table. BUT, don't forget, Soup Day starts again in October and we look forward to your delectable contributions again. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

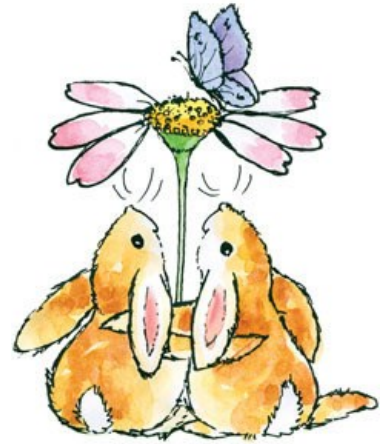
Sue Gant and Sig Kelsey

BAKE SALE



Men's Breakfast

On Saturday, April 30, all of the men are invited to meet in the 'Backroom' at Hall's Restaurant from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM for great table fellowship and great food in a very informal, relaxed setting. Following a brief devotional, we will order from the menu and enjoy a great meal.



To: You!



THANK YOU to all who participated in our **Stop Hunger NOW** project and making our **HUB Health Kits**. We had wonderful participation and we appreciate all of the support this congregation gives to our Outreach and Youth events.

APRIL **MEMORY VERSE:**
"A friend loves at all times."
Proverbs 17:17



And finally...

Thank you, Peg Mosher, for whiling away your time in Florida folding two-hundred and thirty (as in 230) palm leaves into crosses for just as many of your church friends in Wyoming!