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# THE WYOMING MESSENGER

## July 2016

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life's a peach



Wyoming Church Youth at Dorney Park, PA



# Bulletin Board

**Wyoming Church 'Grounds Are Growing'!**  
Thanks to Wayne Davis, the 'Fire Pit' has been cleaned and prepared for another season of use. What? You didn't know that Wyoming Church had a professionally designed and Boy Scout-Eagle Project built 'Fire Pit'? Well we do! Find it on the East portion of the church rounds. If you wish to use it, please see Wayne for a brief review of the protocol for proper use of the pit. Also, watch for a notice of the forthcoming dedication and opening of the Church's new playground located on the East side of the church grounds. And last but not least, an appreciative note of thanks to the several dedicated folks who do the mowing that keeps our evolving lawns looking their best.

## A 'Most Satisfying And Exciting Fifteen Minutes'!

It is not too late to still experience a 'Most Satisfying And Exciting Fifteen Minutes'! To take advantage of this 'once in a lifetime' opportunity, all you have to do is see Lisa McCalister (8:30 Service), Gail Vella (9:45 Service), or Terry Higgins (11:00 Service) and ask about serving as a **Greeter** for 15 minutes prior to the Service that you attend once a month for a period of six months. You can determine which Sunday that you wish to serve. New 'Red Greeter Ribbons' are now in the process of being ordered and donated. Try it --- you will like it! It is a great way to get to know the good folks that attend the Service that you attend, an excellent way to make new friends, and a fantastic way to continue the Wyoming Church reputation as a 'Welcoming Church'.

We will be **serving dinner** to the residents **at Dover Interfaith Mission** for Housing **on Wednesday, July 20 at 6 pm.** If you would like to join us to serve the meal, or if you can donate a food item, please sign-up at the Outreach table in the Narthex. As always, we appreciate your assistance.

## BEAT THE HEAT AT SUMMER HYMN SING AT HERITAGE AT DOVER!

Stop flipping those burgers, drag yourself out of the pool, and join the Visitation Team, the Signing Class and the residents of Heritage at Dover for the **Summer Hymn Sing** on **Monday, July 11, 2016 at 6:45PM.** Our dynamic duo, Pastor Dave and June Papen, will help us raise our voices to the Lord. Bring your kids, your relatives and friends as everyone is welcome. **It's guaranteed to lift your spirits.**

Anyone who would like to volunteer for



on a Wednesday or Saturday, please contact Judy Field.

There will be no Apostle Build House this year but there are many others in different stages of construction and they are always looking for help.



# From the *new* Pastor's Desk

*Rick Wessell*

Greetings Wyoming Church! As I am writing this it is the middle of June and we have just moved into our home in Felton. We are surrounded by a maze of boxes and I have absolutely no idea where anything is! By the time you are reading this it will be July and many of you will have already met me. I wanted to use this space this month to introduce you to myself, my family, and our journey with the Lord.

As you might have read in my bio back in the spring, I am a native of Clayton, a 1998 graduate of Smyrna High School, a 2003 graduate of the University of

Delaware, and a 2007 graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary. That is what you can read on paper. What you might find more interesting to know is that prior to 2001 I had no intention of ever becoming a pastor. I loved Jesus and I loved church, but I had other ideas for my life. I was in school, studying psychology with the hopes of becoming a clinical counselor. On Easter Sunday of 2001

I strongly felt God leading me into ministry, and from that moment on I've never looked back.

I entered into full time ministry in 2008, serving two and a half years at St. George's UMC in Clarksville, followed by five and a half years at Gethsemane UMC in Seaford.

I cannot wait to see where the Lord will lead and direct us in our time together in this new chapter!

My wife Lindsay is a fellow ordained United Methodist pastor, currently

serving at Concord UMC

in Seaford. My son Elias is 20 months old and will most undoubtedly bowl you over with his cuteness and curiosity! We are crazy animal lovers; currently we have two Australian Shepherds, three cats, two parrots, two guinea pigs, a rabbit, and my wife has a fish tank. On the ministry side of things, my greatest passions are the preaching and teaching of the Bible - you'll find out all about that in short order. On the personal side, my passions are road cycling, working out, and the Baltimore Ravens.

I look forward to meeting you all and serving the Lord together! Please feel free to contact me so we can set up a time to chat. I pray God's blessings for you all.



## Nothing spells *Welcome* like wearing our NAME TAGS!

First Name  
Last Name



**Let's all help** Pastor Rick get to know his new congregation!

**Remember to wear** your name tags Sunday morning and every time you're in church.

**Sign up** near the welcome desk if you need a new name tag.



## Pastor Dave's Ministry Minute - July 2016

### "Vacation Bible School"

Vacation Bible School is in full swing as I write these words and I have been delighted to stop by church and pitch in for a few hours over the course of the week... I was even blessed to get in on a few of the snacks... Jesus said, "let the children come to me"... VBS week is one of the greatest weeks of the year... To see so many children and volunteers gathered together at Wyoming Church for the purpose of learning more about the love of God expressed through Jesus is a great blessing for all... I have shared on more than one occasion that VBS is one of the reasons our family came to Wyoming Church so many years ago... Our children (now ages 29 and 27) had so much fun, made new friends and learned so much we just knew that Wyoming Church would be a great place to be involved as a family... Every year we experience a wonderful transformation of our worship space with fun and colorful decorative items... Even though it seems to be a monumental task, the VBS volunteers put together an amazing program year after year... I know with all my heart the lessons that are taught and the Bible verses that are lifted up each day have an eternal impact... I met with a family during VBS and they were so impressed with all that they saw and were reminded of previous VBS experiences that they had... Positive memories of positive times at church...

God's Word affirms it all and God's word will not return void... So be it and Amen...

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6...

Pastor Dave at the  
VBS Closing Program  
on June 24th



**Save the Date!**  
**VBS 2017 will be June 19-23!**  
It's never too early to sign up to  
volunteer. Email Linda Lyon if you're  
interested!  
[linda.lyon@aol.com](mailto:linda.lyon@aol.com)





# Reflections

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### Following the Arrows

**Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.**

**Isaiah 5:20**

While many of us have fond, fun-filled memories when the topic of bowling is brought up, parents of young children often have additional light-hearted reflections due to the ever exciting experiences of birthday bowling parties. What a great venue for a party: plenty of room for all the kids and families, everyone wears a special pair of real bowling shoes (hopefully sprayed with disinfectant prior to use!), all the bowlers choose their own brightly colored bowling ball for the day, and most importantly, everyone is guaranteed to knock down a bunch of pins, no matter how good or experienced a bowler they might be. And how is this possible? Once again, for veterans of the children's bowling party circuit, the great equalizer guarantees fun for all... that's right, the "bumpers" that fill or line the gutters; those beautiful barriers of rubber or steel that simply will not allow a ball to go off course, no matter how errant or reckless the throw.

Given how easy and carefree this type of event can be, the lane itself, and the actual markings that are intended to aid in making a successful throw, can be easily overlooked; the arrows that point the way to the pins, the circles that are midway down the lane, which coincide with the arrows, both intended to provide a "line" to follow for a successful throw. You see, I am an incredibly average bowler, and once the bumpers are officially out of the gutter, without really concentrating on the guides painted on the lane, I tend to forget that the bumpers have been removed, and like the fun party times, throw my bowling ball with the same aimless exuberance as before, but this time, falling easily in the left side gutter. Just like my golf drive, it's guaranteed to go left.

When I conduct pre-marriage preparation sessions, and as I learn about the family

history of a given bride and groom, I am often reminded of the birthday bowling excursions of the past. I hear so many stories of home life and relationship dynamics that, unfortunately, give the impression of lives "without bumpers"; lives that have lacked continuity, consistency, and structure. We don't have to be a child psychologist to know that components such as these are vitally important for the overall well-being of a child's development and their subsequent relationship success. On top of this, there are so many folks embarking on marriage today who didn't have the "bumper" of

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Wow...is this really the moral rationale of our society today?"*

family faith, or the presence of Holy Scripture, to frame life's path. And when this is added to an ever changing cultural and societal landscape, folks approach marriage like a driver approaches a road with no lane markings and no guide rails.

**Enter through the narrow gate.  
For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction,  
and many enter through it.  
Matthew 7:13**

Is it any wonder couples, more than ever before, are foregoing marriage entirely or waiting much longer before saying their "I do's"? What was once considered a moral exit off the road, living together (co-habiting) is now simply common practice, and ironically, encouraged by many as a precursor or substitute to marriage, both in and out of the church. We need only to scan the television shows and movies of today to see the continual lean toward cohabitating and the passive acceptance of infidelity. It seems rather challenging to find a committed marriage and

family portrayed in the media today, much less a family rooted in, and living out, their faith. Not the recipe, most likely, for a ratings magnet! What is the message this sends to the younger generation, especially those who lack the all-important bumpers at home? In comparing the *modern social righteousness* of today with the *righteousness of the Bible*, I read an anonymous quote recently which brazenly declared, "A wrong deed is right if the majority of people declare it not to be wrong." Wow...is this really the moral rationale of our society today?

**See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.  
Colossians 2:8**

As U.S. citizens, do we realize that we are quickly approaching 50%...that almost half of the children born today are to unwed mothers? Are we concerned at all at the fact that folks who live together, and then decide to eventually take the plunge of marriage, have the highest divorce rate? If you read textbooks on the subject, there is a phenomenon called "starter marriages", which is when the bride and/or the groom pre-supposes that the first marriage will end in divorce, only to be followed by another, and maybe another, still. In this last half century, our society has grown increasingly accommodating of divorce, or in clinical terms, has *normalized* divorce in our culture. Of course, given that close to **(continued on Page 12)**





# Serve Free Meals to Kids During the Summer!

To help bridge the nutrition gap during the summer months, the Food Bank provides nutritious meals for sites that feed hungry children.

- Faith-based organizations
- Sports groups
- Summer camps
- Neighborhoods
- Nonprofits
- Apartment complexes

WUMC, sponsored by the Outreach Team, will be volunteering on

Won't you consider donating 3 hours to help us out? To sign up, contact Judy Field at 302-242-3382 or email at [warren.judy@comcast.net](mailto:warren.judy@comcast.net). Once you have indicated that you would like to help, you will be contacted with instructions for registering with the Volunteer Hub. Your participation means so much to the daily lives of hungry children. God bless!



**Outreach Outreach Outreach Outreach Outreach**



Clothes for the Homeless



At this time, the families are requesting no more donated items. The response was quite overwhelming. Praise the Lord!



Bring your donations into the church office or call 697-8400 to arrange pickup.





## YOUTH CALENDAR

July

Jr./Sr. High MYF

Sunday, 7/17/16, Pool Party, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Service Projects

Monday through Friday, 7/24 to 7/29, Youth Mission Trip

Mission Trip Study (Come each week to whatever day best meets your schedule.)

Sunday, 7/3/16, Rm. 225, 9:45 am – 11:00 am

Thursday, 7/7/16, Rm. 225, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Sunday, 7/10/16, Rm. 225, 9:45 am – 11:00 am

Thursday, 7/14/16, Rm. 225, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Sunday, 7/17/16, Rm. 225, 9:45 am – 11:00 am

Thursday, 7/21/16, Rm. 225, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Worship

Sunday, 7/31/16, Mission Trip Presentation (All three services)

Youth Council

Tuesday, 7/19/16, Rm. 221, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Bring your little ones to SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL!

For age 3 through completed Kindergarten (Room 213)

For completed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (Room 209)

Children start in the sanctuary for Worship Together! at 9:45, teachers take them to the classrooms from there.

*Faith Conversations***more mature faith in young people.**

The best conversations happen informally and include parents sharing about their own faith - not just interrogating kids about what happened at youth group.

If talking about faith at home is challenging for you, here's one way you could do it this week. Answer for yourself: **Where have I seen God show up in the last month?**

answer is, but it's just an easy way to offer your son or daughter an insight into your own life and faith.

As for checking in after youth group, maybe you could lead with what you learned about in the worship gathering or your small group first. Then ask how things went for your child.

I know this may be awkward or take some courage, but it can pay off big in the long run. I encourage you to find ways to start these conversations more and more in your day-to-day family life.



This month's look at Sticky Faith focuses on a simple, significant, and often under-utilized tool in supporting faith: talking about it.

The reality is that many families don't talk much about faith at home, for lots of reasons. It may be intimidating, or people may be too busy. For some families, faith is a source of tension and conflict.

**But research shows that having conversations about faith leads to**

Find a window in the conversation - at dinner, in the car, over breakfast - and simply say, "This may seem random, but I was thinking about where I've seen God this past month, and ..." Then tell your child what that has been for you. You may or may not ask your child what his or her own





On Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, we recognized our graduates at both the 8:30 and 11:00 services. We had scripture readings, a video about the roles faith, hope and love should play in our futures, a power point and introduction of our graduates, and words to and from our graduates.

*Our high school graduates and their post high school plans are:*

Aaron deBloois –  
University of Delaware,  
Engineering

Wes Faircloth –  
Shippensburg University,  
Business/Finance

Josh Leczner –  
Entering the Air Force

Hyacinth Finkley –  
Delaware Technical College,  
Education

## Congrats, Graduates!

Hunter Pearson –  
University of Delaware

Elizabeth Pruneda –  
University of Delaware,  
History Education/Event Planning

John Riggins –  
Wesley College,  
Nursing

Grace Servon –  
University of Delaware,  
Geology

Laura Wagner –  
Swarthmore College,  
Economics



*Our college graduates are:*

Karly Jones,  
International Studies and Business

Mike Sigfried,  
Criminal Justice Administration

Michael Tiedgen,  
Histology

Lynzi Yearick,  
Advertising



**Calling all Peach Cutters!** Come join the fun and fellowship on Wednesday night August 3rd from 6pm till 8pm. We will be cutting up peaches for the youth to make their famous Peach Fuzzy drinks during the Wyoming Peach Festival on August 6th. Any questions call Betsy Freidel at 535-3983.

Check out our **NEW Playground!** It is complete, has been inspected, has been declared safe to play on, and is open for use. It's intended for children ages 5 to 12,

so if your children are younger than 5, parents should very carefully monitor them.





Complete coverage of the "Surf Shack" 2016 VBS in the August edition of The Wyoming Messenger.

## "Your help has made me great."

### Psalm 18:35b

... was the pop-up verse on the second day of VBS as staff (117 volunteers made it all happen) and participants (133+ "Surfers") came together for fun and worship. Wyoming UMC has such talented, dedicated, and giving hearts. It was demonstrated throughout the months leading up to this year's VBS *Surf Shack* and all week long.

As Directors for the past 5 years Janna Whitenight, Kate Kleinot, and I have relied on so many to make Vacation Bible School week be as spectacular as it is. First, thank you to so many of you for the donations of dish soap, clay, brown bags, straws, Kool-Aid and all the other items on the Snack, Discovery and Craft Teams' wish lists. Your **donations** are so important as VBS is NOT a budgeted ministry.

This year's **decorations** were over the top thanks to George Pettyjohn, Shannon Ritter, Melissa Mann, Sharon Duncan, Mike Quarnanccio, Dottie Harper, Debbie Grinstead and others that helped to cut, color, and hang.

I'm always so impressed with the way our **Adult Leaders, Helpers, and Youth** guide the participants through all the activities with smiles on their faces. I heard from more than one adult how awesome their group was this year - this is what Sticky Faith is all about!

Everyone should know that our **Activity Leaders** plan, organize, order materials, and carry out all the wonderful things they do in Recreation, Bible Story, Crafts, Snacks, and Discovery. Thank you to Jack Freidel, Nikole Moore, the Kitchen Sexton Team, Robyn LeFort, Tracy Boyer, and Mary Dawn Ditty for taking leadership roles. We count on them to "take the book and run with it" and they do. Thanks to the **Adult Facilitators** in those activity areas for all your efforts. We have great support from our **Registration and Hospitality Teams**. Special thanks to the organization of Tracy Fennemore, Karen Priestly and her team. The WUMC office team of Angela and Renate always go above and beyond to help with whatever is needed! Bob is always quick to lend a hand and take care of any issues.

A few years ago, Dr. Nancy Rubino created a **Health Room** and it is frequented often. Thanks to Nancy and Barbara Towle for holding down the fort in the little kitchen (and for cleaning it too - thanks Chris Mikkelson for leading that charge!)

Finally, to **Brad Whitenight** who goes from his job at Dover High School to jumping in to any role we ask him to as Assembly Time Leader. This year he was the totally awesome dude, Skipper.

**Thanks for helping all of us experience God's amazing love,**

Linda Lyon

# Sunday School is OUT!



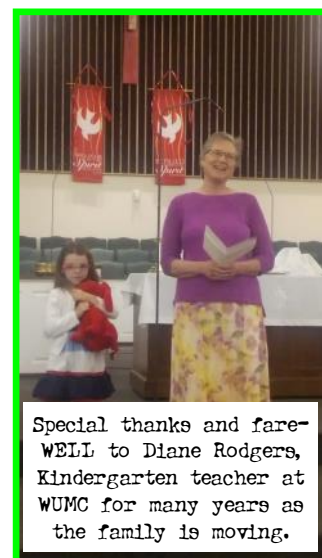
Sunday School Closing Program

THANK YOU, Teachers & Helpers!



So long, Sunday School Students - see you all in your next higher grade after Labor Day!

In the meantime... Bring your little ones to **Summer Sunday School...** see Page 8.



Special thanks and fare-WELL to Diane Rodgers, Kindergarten teacher at WUMC for many years as the family is moving.



## "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

### Welcome Desk —

**Susan & Larry**



Our volunteers at the Welcome Desk may be the first interaction for

our visitors and first-time attendees. Their helpful attitude and welcoming smiles, whether at a scheduled service or special event, insures a positive impression of Wyoming UMC and its members. Susan Gant is the coordinator for the Welcome Desk, husband Larry also helps her keep the brochures and information material on the welcome desk and in the church pews current, replenished and neat!

### Food Pantry —



**Linda**



**Carol**

A well-stocked and well-managed Food Pantry is an important outreach into the community. Maintaining this important resource for those in need has always been part of the volunteer effort at Wyoming UMC. The coordinator for the Food Pantry is Linda Pape. She is



**Angela**

assisted by Susan Gant, Carol Abbott and Angela Donastorg, our Family Emergency Relief coordinator in the office.

### SPRT —

The Staff Parish Relations Team primarily works with our paid staff establishing job descriptions, reviewing performance and keeping lines of communication open and active for the staff and the congregation. The chairperson of this team is Vicky Quirk.



**Vicky**

### Book Club —



**Kim**

The Book Club provides an opportunity to enjoy both spiritual and secular books and then enjoy an active discussion with your fellow readers. Kim Reed leads this group and meets in Room 223 at 7PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

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



**BOYS & GIRLS  
CLUB**

Laura Waltemire (left) and Sharon Gump clear out their supplies from the "little kitchen" as the Boys & Girls Club has moved into their own new beautiful building. We certainly enjoyed them as tenants during school breaks over the past few years!



## Praising God for an Amazing Journey to Recovery

In the first two years of Mike and Stacy McDevitt's courtship, Stacy would suggest every so often that he get a mole on the back of his neck checked. Jagged, raised and multi-colored, the mole was slightly larger than a pencil eraser. Once they were married in June of 2007, there were no more suggestions: she made him make an appointment immediately. "You could just look at it and say, 'That's melanoma,'" Stacy, of Magnolia, recalled on a recent Wednesday. Doctors confirmed it was stage 3 cancer, immediately throwing the new family in a whirlwind that included ushering Mike through four surgeries and delaying both buying a home and having children. Things remained stable for a while, but in 2014 the melanoma came back with a vengeance, spreading to his lungs, liver and brain. This time around, however, they think they've found a treatment to give them hope Mike can live without worrying melanoma will strike over and over.

After a year on Keytruda, the immunotherapy that gained national notoriety for shrinking President Jimmy Carter's metastatic melanoma tumors, Mike's brain scan, which previously showed a cancer cell pattern akin to snowflakes, is almost clean.

In the past, as for other types of cancer, the standard available treatments for melanoma were surgery, chemotherapy and radiation. Now, immunity-based therapies have become the "fourth pillar" of cancer treatments.

"We are in the era of immunotherapy, said Dr. Nicholas Petrelli, medical director of the Helen Graham Cancer Center and Research Institute. "It's nice to be excited about it, but we still have a long way to go."

Most recently, a phase I clinical trial from Seattle Children's Hospital found that 39 out of 42 patients who received immunotherapy for relapsed leukemia received complete remission. Though clinicians are ecstatic about the innovations, they still warn that these therapies are neither a cure nor are

*Editor's note:*  
Mike and Stacy want to let everyone know how very grateful they are for the loving and caring support they have had from their church family at Wyoming.



they without roadblocks. Therapies can cost in excess of \$100,000 a year and some patients face roadblocks with insurance, even Medicare, as new drugs continue to flood the market. "These have now really changed the landscape with melanoma," said Dr. Suzanne Topalian, with Johns Hopkins Melanoma Program. "We still have a lot of challenges ahead. But I do think this is time for patients and their families to be more hopeful than ever before." These drugs don't directly kill cancer cells like radiation or chemotherapy; instead, they activate the immune system to fight the cancer. "What this essentially does is it reawakens and enhances an immune response that was already there, but on its own was not enough," Topalian said. Doctors basically said "have a nice summer" Mike joked, and he was able to breathe easy. "You can't stop with melanoma... you fight the beast. You don't let it get to you. You have so much to live for," he said.

Here's the link to the entire article in the Delaware News Journal, edition 6/5/2016:

<http://www.delawareonline.com/story/news/health/2016/06/05/immunotherapies-hope-melanoma-patients/84488640/>

### ***("Following the Arrows", continued from Page 5)***

50% of first marriages end in divorce, and close to 70% of second marriages, can we not see the continual fragmentation of marriage and family, much of which has simply become acceptable or commonplace in our world? People and relationships have simply become disposable in our society, and sadly, we, as a people, seem accepting of this failing, or at a minimum apathetic to its reality. Where is the sacredness of marriage and family? What has happened to the marriage covenant? And, most importantly... the impact on children? Bowling without bumpers.

***For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness"; and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile." I Corinthians 3:19-20***

While my pre-marriage work may have certainly caused an element of jadedness or cynicism over the years, I do believe I witness a very small piece of a larger societal pie in the couples I visit with. It is painfully clear that so many of these young couples have such little foundation as it relates to faith and family. There is such an absence of bumpers, so to speak, that many end up approaching marriage with as much anxiety and

skepticism as the excitement we would customarily expect. I had a client recently crying in my office, having heard that her adult son had been unfaithful to his wife. My client, through her tears, said, "What can I expect of him? I can't be angry with him. I can't even offer any help. I had two broken marriages myself. This is what I taught him about marriage."

***For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. I John 2:16***

There is good news, ultimately, in this message, however. Yes, our society and



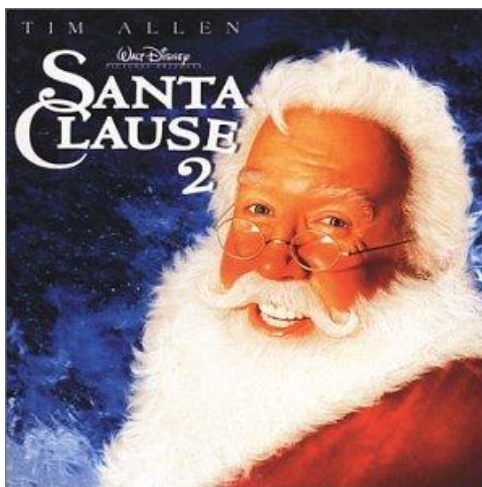
popular culture (continued next page) continue to move the bumpers further and further away from the center of the lane. And yes, even the church, in general, seems to be held captive by the prevailing winds of this world. But we, as believers, can still take heart, and still find courage, in the strength and direction we receive from God's word. God is, thankfully, the only unchanging element that we can hold on to; the only anchor that can steady us as the shifting currents swirl around us. How often have we read in the scriptures of God's people turning away from Him, losing themselves in their self-indulgence and their self-righteousness, only to have their lives come crashing down around them? And then what happens? In their pain, shame and grief, they turn back to their God, our God, who receives them once again, binding up their wounds; restoring them as heirs of the King.

Have we been lulled to sleep in our culture today? Have we allowed the world's current to pull us, subtly, further and further away from our foundation and strength in the Word, and the path carved out for us by Christ?

***"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33***

As this article comes to a close, **may the unchanging power and hope of Jesus' message buoy us; reminding us of His unfailing presence; waking us from our collective slumber; inviting us to walk in the shadow of His companionship.** Let us remember the simple truth that God is love and God loves each of us, yet because of His great love, our God will not force or compel us to live our lives for Him. It is, and will always be, our choice as to whom we will honor and serve in this brief life, as we seek after the completion of heaven. May the simple words of Joshua so long ago inspire us still today...

***But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."***



**IT'S SHOWTIME...  
...AND YOU ARE  
INVITED  
to the ARC Movie Night  
"Christmas in July"  
in the Family Life Center**

**SHOW DATE :  
Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**

**SHOW TIME : 6:30 PM**  
Come greet our guests and watch  
the show with soda and popcorn!

**MOVIE : Santa Clause 2**

Bring the family and enjoy meeting  
our guests!

\* The ARC of DE, founded in 1953, is a non-profit chapter of the ARC of the US. The ARC of DE offers programs and supports to approximately 30,000 Delaware citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Some of the areas of supports and programs are Advocacy, Self-Advocacy, Housing, Employment, and Outreach. ARC of DE [www.arcde.org](http://www.arcde.org) or 302-736-6140.



**CALLING ALL  
COOKIE  
BAKERS!**

Gather the kids and grandkids  
to make cookies for the  
5th annual WUMC Cookie  
Donation for the ARC Dance!  
**We need 85 Dozen  
Cookies!**

*We can do this!*  
We've done it for 4 years!

Bring your home-made cookies  
to the church office  
**WEDNESDAY or  
THURSDAY,**

**AUGUST  
17<sup>TH</sup> or 18<sup>TH</sup>.**

Cookies may be frozen  
ahead of time.

Call Sue Hajec (697-2697)  
with questions or to  
arrange for cookie pickup.

  
**The Arc®**

# Patti... Thanks for the Memory!

Thanks for the memory  
Of turning off the lights  
Phone calls overnight  
The jokes I've often heard  
before while greeting  
at the door  
How lovely it was!

Thanks for the memory  
Of candles that won't light  
Anthems sung by sight  
The new playground  
and making rounds  
and meetings every night

How lovely it was!  
Many's the time s  
that we feasted  
Many's the times  
we spent laughing  
Oh well, it was swell  
while it lasted  
We did have fun -



So, thanks for the memory  
Of summer VBS  
My favorite pink hooped dress  
We moved the church a mile away  
And in "Big Pink" you'll stay  
I thank you so much!

Thanks for the memory  
These dress shoes hurt my feet,  
And you showed up in jeans  
And gathering to say a prayer  
For almost anything  
How lovely it was!

We said goodbye from the carriage  
invited you all to our marriage  
But we'll never act our ages  
No tears, no fuss -  
Africa for us...

Thanks for the memory  
Of baptized baby's cries  
Sad, but fond good-byes  
The friendships and the memories  
We'll treasure through the years  
We thank you so much!

Blest Be the Tie that Binds!



So long, Farewell, Auf Wiederseh'n, Good-bye...

THANK YOU... to all the program participants at our "Celebration of 30 Years of Ministry" on June 12th. Gail Garner and her husband John, Dave Hill, Dawn Miller, John Sell, Amy Spampinato, Brad Whitenight and all the Sound of Music children who honored Patti with music; additionally all those who took part in the 'roast'.

Farewells are not easy but all of you made it fun and gave us lots of laughs.

The WUMC Staff Parish Relations Team



...Not a dry eye in the 'roast' for  
our retiring Pastor



How do I say thank you to so many people for so many things? Carl and I feel so blessed by the financial gifts that many of you gave us to help us with the expenses of our mission trip to Zimbabwe and Kenya. We are also grateful for the suitcases, the dozens of charming children's books, pens, pencils, flashcards, soccer balls, knitting supplies, and other items that we are taking with us for the deaf children and families there. These gifts will change their little lives, believe me! All of you who shared of yourselves in these ways are going with us in spirit.

I also want to thank you for such a special celebration of my 30 years in the ministry. The reception was beautiful as only you can do it, and the food was delicious as always. All of the music was outstanding! It was wonderful to have the opportunity to give and receive hugs and say goodbye in person to so many people, and we got in a few "selfies" too! Thanks to all who participated in the skits and roast and "ASL flash mob"! We loved it all! I hope everyone enjoyed the whole event as much as Carl and I did.

There is no way to thank you all enough for all you did for us these past weeks as we prepared to leave, or for that matter for all you have so generously and cheerfully done in ministry for God during my time as your pastor. May God bless you all and thank you so much one more time for everything! In Christian love,

Patti and Carl

John Sell adapted his song for a FUNdraising  
talent show many years ago to this occasion



We got Bible school; we got Soup Days,  
Ski trips, lock-ins and Kids' Praise  
We got Sunday School; we got bell ringers  
A choir filled with good singers,  
And the sound techs  
Have their special place to perch  
Mmm-mm-m... **I love this church!**

We host boy scouts; we got book talks,  
Movie nights and early bird walks  
We got softball; we got greeters  
Spaghetti dinners for the eaters,  
And the emails come so much  
Sometimes it hurts  
Mmm-mm-m... **I love this church!**

I like free time; I like the weekend  
I like to head on down to Walmart  
For some shoppin' now and then...  
But I love this church;  
It's my kind of place,  
Just walkin' through the Narthex  
Puts a big smile on my face.  
I try to get here first,  
Through the door I burst -  
Mmm-mm-m... **I love this church!**

We got Brad Whitenight  
Playing day to night  
And Janna's singin' is out a sight.  
We got guitars; we got drummers,  
Loud singers and hummers.  
And Dave Hill just might  
Dance right out of his shirt  
Mmm-mm-m... **I love this church!**

We got lots of space; a tall steeple  
An overhang for cars and people!  
We got acolytes and we got *signers*  
Old members and first timers  
And Pastor Patti's sermons  
Always quench my thirst  
Mmm-mm-m... **I love this church!**

# ~~ Our People ~~

*Greetings from Michigan!  
Barb & Chuck Nichols all moved  
into their new home.*



## ~ July Birthdays ~

07/01 Tracy Boyer, Claudine Stover  
07/02 Kamren Tinsley, Jon Leczner,  
Joseph O. Kundler  
07/03 Diana Moore  
07/05 Mickey Jones, Sue Lighter,  
Keith Campbell  
07/06 Stone Seip, Tom Wise, Jacintha Finkley  
07/07 Kris Knarr  
07/09 John Sandy  
07/10 Doug Zeiters, Alice Smith  
07/12 Gail Alexander, Michael Fennemore,  
Skylar Higgins, Scott Kapes  
07/14 Nancy Auten  
07/16 Heather Helmer  
07/17 Bob Cousens, Rylann Betterley  
07/18 Peter Geldof, Rick Short  
07/19 Elinor Brocklehurst, Debbie White,  
Aaron deBloois, Larry Kesselring  
07/20 Derek deBloois, Jerry Buckworth,  
Bill Morton  
07/21 Tom Vella, Eric Schaeffer  
07/22 John Shoemaker, Byron Edwards-  
Coope, Sig Kelsey  
07/23 Sandy Tinsley  
07/24 Geena Edmanson, Blake Sargent,  
Tabatha Anderson, Lloyd Alviset  
07/25 Bri Hosmer, Patti Andrew, Sandra Nasim  
07/26 Elliott Chase, Lana Gordineer  
07/27 Jetta Sargent, John Tinsley



07/28 Terry Higgins, Laurie Edwards,  
Steven Seip, Lucas Long  
07/29 Rich Harper, Debbie Grinstead,  
Bill Semonavick, Amy Faircloth  
07/30 Ashley Papen, Vickie Thompson  
07/31 Nancy Minor  
08/01 Mollie Reed, Amber Pearson  
08/02 Rhonda Davis, Aiden Hatcher,  
Ron Macklin  
08/03 Mike Williams, Curtis Brosius,  
Mary Beth Auten  
08/04 Denise Rothermel, Jim Cook,  
Shelly Kline  
08/05 Beth Campbell  
08/06 Alicia Beaman  
08/07 Megan Boyer, Jane Fennemore,  
Cayleigh Dotson  
08/08 Eric Mihalyi, Ian Thonpson, Patti Collett  
Ravilius, Kelly Seip, Zoe Kalinowski,  
Lisa McCalister

*Thank you to all my friends and church family for your cards  
and prayers and support following my recent knee replacement  
surgery. Your caring thoughts and prayers have made for a good  
recovery. Please know how much I appreciate all of you! Dot  
Adams*



## ~ Death ~

**Mary Joan Breault,**  
on June 5, 2016.



'Nana' Joan on a Sunday morning in  
October of 2015 with her 'adopted'  
family, Betsy Freidel, Maddie and  
Kayla Harris.

Faithful helper in the office for many,  
many years, we will miss you so!



## MAY 2016 Month End Finance Report

Michael Quarnaccio, Finance Team Chair

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

	<u>Inc/Exp to Date</u>	<u>Budget to Date</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>
Weekly Offerings – general	205,845	231,007	554,416
Other offerings	30,573	31,710	76,105
Interest Income	<u>1,722</u>	<u>2,833</u>	<u>6,800</u>
Total Offerings	238,140	265,550	637,321
Finance Team	64	2,792	6,700
Office	10,143	8,979	21,550
Personnel	75,888	75,729	181,750
Mortgage interest	36,543	36,021	86,450
Properties and equipment	<u>27,374</u>	<u>35,021</u>	<u>84,050</u>
Total Administrative Council	150,012	158,542	380,500
Nursery and Supplies	-	21	50
Benevolences (Conference)	22,760	23,465	56,316
Education & Youth	2,710	2,750	6,600
Evangelism	-	1,250	3,000
Extended Table	-	63	150
Music	1,083	833	2,000
Worship	<u>180</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>250</u>
Total Council on Ministries	26,733	28,486	68,366
Pastor Parish Relations	<u>47,204</u>	<u>50,486</u>	<u>121,167</u>
Mortgage principal liability (Reduces debt to PNC Bank)	<u>42,609</u>	<u>32,334</u>	<u>77,601**</u>
Total Expense	<u>266,557</u>	<u>269,848</u>	<u>647,634</u>
Net Income (Loss)	(28,418)		

\*\* 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 on 05/31/2016*

*2,106,698.*

Interest paid in 2016

36,543

### 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 any time.



The Dover District Strategic Leadership Team has made a five-year commitment to work with the churches of our district to create vital congregations. They will be working with Rev. Dr. John Ewart to learn new processes for church growth and vision development. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to walk with our leaders as we make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

More on the Peninsula-Delaware Conference website:  
[www.pen-del.org](http://www.pen-del.org)



Happy customer Elizabeth Fox with Debbie Grinstead at the recent sale.

**Thank you** - dedicated work crew behind the scenes, sorting and tagging clothes and books, cooking and baking and preparing and serving food, designing and printing signs and labels, setting up and taking down...

- and **thank you** to all our patrons for making the FUNdraising Team's first Clothing & Book Sale a huge **success!!** Together we raised about \$1,400 toward the mortgage reduction.

**Get ready for battle...**  
it's about to begin!

Watch for more news in subsequent issues of The Wyoming Messenger.



raising FUNdraising FUN

Time to bring in "someone else's treasures" (i.e. items you want to give away) for our big annual

## **YARD SALE on August 6.**

Drop off your items during the week (9AM to 4PM) in Room #233 (across from the office).

Rather get your own table? Get your application in the office  
or download it here:

<http://www.wyumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/FLYER-YardSaleRegistration-2016.pdf>





## Bit(e)s and Pieces

The WUMC  
Kitchen -

**NOW  
OPEN**

**for Catering, too!**

*Have you ever looked at the church's "kitchen doors"? Now you know why the Sexton Team's meals are always so delicious. We have a constant blessing over whatever we make. Truly, the Lord's Hand is in all we do!*

(Courtesy Peg Mosher)

Linda Booher would like to remind everyone that the SKT is now organized and prepared to cater special occasion events to both Wyoming Church and community groups. Please see Linda for details if you are interested. Also see Linda if you feel called to join the great folks of the SKT. As a final note Linda and all of the members of the SKT appreciate your generous support of the many facets of the 'Food Ministry Program'. Your generous support enables the SKT to provide monetary donations to a number of Wyoming Church activities including, but not limited to, Camp Pecometh Camperships, Youth and Adult Mission Trips, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, and College Scholarships.

*"Lord, Bless this Food and the Hands that have prepared it..."*

### The Sexton Kitchen Team's 'Food Ministry Program' Summer News

Following a very busy month of June culminating with the Vacation Bible School from the 20<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>, the members of your Sexton Kitchen Team (SKT) are planning for the 'kick off' of the annual sale of our 'World Famous Peach Pies'. These 9 inch delicious, hand crafted peach pies are prepared by the SKT Chefs in our Chef's Kitchen from peaches grown in the nearby Fifer's Orchards. Beginning on Sunday, July 3, you will have the opportunity to purchase your Peach Pie(s) - see article below.

And speaking of our Wyoming Church's immensely successful recent Vacation Bible School (VBS), Linda Booher, SKT Chair, would like to extend a note of sincere appreciation to the many adult and youth volunteers that aided the SKT members with the morning snacks, VBS Picnic, and closing reception in the Family Life Center. Linda would also like to extend a very special 'THANK YOU' to Fifer Orchards' Mary Fennemore for the donation of their locally grown Blueberries, Peaches, Strawberries, and Watermelon. These delicious gifts were enjoyed by the 150 dedicated and hardworking adult and youth volunteers that attended the VBS Picnic held on the Thursday of VBS.

### The Wyoming Church 'World Famous Peach Pies Are On The Way'!

Beginning of Sunday, July the 3<sup>rd</sup>, through Sunday, July the 31<sup>st</sup>, you will have the opportunity to sign up at the 'World Famous Peach Pie' Display in the Narthex. At the display you can order your Sexton Kitchen Team (SKT) Chefs' handcrafted, 9 inch Peach Pie(s) by filling out your appropriate information on the sign up sheets. These \$10.00 exquisite, gourmet Peach Pies can be paid for when you pick them up during the Church's 'Great Yard Sale' that will be in progress on Saturday, August the 6<sup>th</sup>. These events will coincide with the Annual Peach Festival. If your schedule precludes you from picking up your Peach Pie(s)

on Saturday, you can pick up and pay for your order(s) at the Chefs Kitchen in the Family Life Center after each of the Services on Sunday, August the 7<sup>th</sup>. Your patronage is very much appreciated and is most helpful in generating funds that the SKT uses to provide financial support to several vital Church activities through the SKT's Food Ministry Program.





To: You!

Off to Africa and into Retirement -  
Patti & Carl, see Page 14+15

Dawn Miller sang this Irish Blessing at the  
conclusion of Patti's farewell celebration.



### *July... Memory Verse:*

*And wherever you go this summer... Zimbabwe,  
Wyoming, the beach or your backyard...*

*May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm, warm upon your face,  
May the rain fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again, until we meet again.  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*