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THE WYOMING MESSENGER

August 2016



Saturday, August 6
 Wyoming Peach Festival

Annual WUMC
 Indoor **Yard Sale** from 8AM to
 1PM

We will have many vendors with lots of treasures to browse through, plus while you are here, pick up a treat at the **Bake Sale Table** and get **lunch** from the grill and be sure to taste a refreshing...



just peachy

... **Peach Fuzzy**

Order your PEACH PIE(S) NOW!
 Pick up during the yard sale or
 Sunday, 8/7 after church.

on sale by our youth (at two locations - Broad Street in front of the old church and at the new church). The youth will be selling peach fuzzies again on August 13 at Fifer Orchards' Customer Appreciation in support of the annual mission trip.



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Special Insert:

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Pick up these items during office hours 9AM to 4PM or Sunday morning.



"Thank you" to all who came out and supported our missionaries, Larry and Jane Kies, from Mutare, Zimbabwe, Africa. It was a wonderful evening and most informative for those who came to learn about what the Kies are doing at Africa University.



We will be **servicing dinner** to the residents at **Dover Interfaith Mission** for Housing **on Wednesday, August 17 at 6 p.m.** 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. We appreciate it!

Grounds are Greening and Growing!
The various shrubs, flowering trees, and shade trees that have been donated over the last few years by an ever increasing list of folks and families seem to be doing well despite the extreme ranges of temperature, humidity, and precipitation to which they are subjected. It is now time to give the front shrubbery/flower beds their annual 'Mid-Summer's Weeding'. Therefore, if you would like to join in on this 'thrilling and exciting' event see either Martha or Terry Higgins for details. Don't forget --- the Fire Pit and the Playground are available for use!

From the Pastor's Desk

Rick Wessell

There is a line to an old hymn that says, "Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, unuttered or expressed; the motion of a hidden fire that trembles in the breast." The author, James Montgomery, evidently found prayer to be a relatively easy thing, as simple as breathing as he would later in the song say that prayer "is the Christian's native air." If that is the case then why do so many of us sometimes struggle with our prayer lives? Over the years I have had many people come to me to express that they were really struggling with prayer—they couldn't find the time to pray, they never remembered to pray, they couldn't find the words to say when they prayed, they weren't sure if God was listening...and the list could go on and on. If prayer is so simple, how can it be so hard and frustrating at the same time?

I take heart in the fact that Jesus' disciples struggled with prayer as well. All these men were brought up in

the Jewish faith and we active in their local synagogues. They had spent their entire lives praying, and yet after joining with Jesus and spending time with him they felt like their prayer were lacking. So in Luke 11, one of them steps forward and says to Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray." Jesus responded by giving them the words of what we now call the Lord's Prayer.

At those times when we feel like our prayer life is lacking, here are a few things that can help.

First, take the time to pray every day. Set an alarm on your phone if you have to, but make sure you make the time every day.

Second, remember that prayer is nothing more than a conversation with God. If you can talk to your spouse or a friend, you can talk to God—there is no special language or magic formula. God just



wants to hear from you!

Third, when you can't think of what to pray, start with the Lord's Prayer and add in your own words. Jesus' words help us find a way to say thank you to God, to ask for forgiveness, to praise the Lord, and to ask for things we need from God.

God loves to hear your voice - make sure you pray every day!

Our Father,

*Who art in heaven Hallowed be Thy Name;
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,*

on earth as it is in heaven.

*Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

Amen.



Pastor Dave's Ministry Minute - August 2016

"Sabbath Rest"

Summer time brings with it a slower pace... Time spent with family and friends... Travel to exotic places on vacation or perhaps good times in your own backyard... However you choose to relax, it is God's plan that each of us take time to rest and reflect on the goodness of the Lord... God gave the commands to Moses that included taking time for a Sabbath days rest... One of the more memorable sermons I heard many years ago gave the exhortation to take time to rest and reflect on the goodness of God however the preacher did not suggest that there was a specific day on which we should rest... There are many who like to adhere to a Sunday Sabbath and others who take the Sabbath on Saturday... The preacher who delivered this memorable message suggested that each of us discern which day of the week we are able to be still and seek the Lord... This can even take place when we're on vacation... In fact, it should take place when we're on vacation... God is always alert and attentive to all of who call on the name of the Lord... The writer of Hebrews tells us to not forsake the assembly (that's church) but I know that with all of my Sunday activities it's sometimes a challenge to find the time to reflect on the goodness of the Lord... So regardless of which day of the week you are able to seek the Lord and whether you are home or away, be sure to take the time for your Sabbath days rest and may you find rest for your soul...

AND HE SAID UNTO THEM, THE SABBATH WAS MADE FOR MAN, AND NOT MAN FOR THE SABBATH.

- Mark 2:27

JarOfQuotes.com



the week. Coming up later this month is our planning meeting. It is during this meeting that the boys of the troop will map out their trips and activities for the upcoming year.

As always, if you know anyone who is 11 or older and is interested in joining Scouts, we meet Monday nights at 7:00 at the church.

News from the "WUMC Scouts"

By Vincent Haass

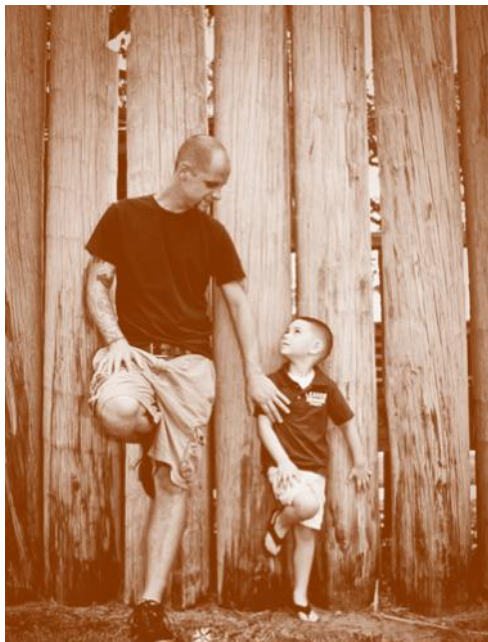
Troop 24 (the boy scout troop chartered through Wyoming Church) has been very busy over the past few months. In June, we went on a backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail. Our younger scouts had a great time learning how to use the different trail equipment.

Also, in the first week of July, we went to Resica Falls Scout Reservation in Pennsylvania. Over 60 merit badges were earned over



Reflections

Reflections



Struggles

²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. . . .

³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared. ³¹ The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip. Genesis 32

At one of our monthly lunches, a counseling colleague of mine was discussing marital counseling, concluding his varied thoughts by saying, "You know, couples need to disagree some; the struggle keeps them working together; it keeps them as partners in their relationship." I couldn't agree more. And while struggle may not be desired, in our humanness, the "struggle" allows the two people a chance to keep the relationship in balance, not tilting too far in one direction or the other.

I thought further about the struggle theme, seeing how this plays out so naturally in the parent/child relationship. It caused me to remember many years ago when our daughter was only three or four. My wife

Danny Cooper
Coordinator/Counselor
Daybreak Counseling Services

and I were sitting in on the adult Sunday school class one Sunday morning, only to have our daughter wander into our group, obviously upset and on the verge of tears. Looking for consolation, she hurried over to my wife, received a pat on the head and a word of encouragement, and as swiftly as she had appeared, she disappeared just as quickly back to her classroom, problem solved. My friend next to me, the father of two teenagers, said laughing, "Enjoy it while it lasts... now that my boys are teens, I've come to realize that I'm really not that smart anymore!"

The parenting journey can be a struggle at times, more for some than others, and more intensely at certain ages than others. Much like an anonymous quote I read recently, "Adolescence is a period of rapid changes. Between the ages of 12 and 17, for example, a parent ages as much as 20 years." A bit of humor and truth in those few words! A child is going to struggle with their parents in an effort, typically, to gain a greater sense of independence; to differentiate themselves; to establish themselves apart from their family unit and/or the family dynamics. The degree of this process varies depending on the personality of the child and the health of the home environment, but in actuality, this is a necessary process, so that the child can continue to grow and develop as a person. Unfortunately, this earthly process often takes place with our heavenly Father, as well.

Unlike our human attachments, our attachment to God is not meant to be a struggle or a spiritual tug of war, although it can easily become just that. Like Jacob from our lead scripture, we can wrestle with God, wanting life our way, only to walk away from the struggle with a limp.

Like Martha when she shortsightedly challenged Jesus as he approached Bethany, how can we fully understand the Lord and His workings? How can we know what God is trying to accomplish through our lives and our life circumstances? How easily we can push for what

makes sense to us. How easy it is to struggle with God.

As a father of teenagers now, I feel as though I have watched most of the Disney movies ever made. I remember a scene from a movie called *Cars II*, where a lovable, rust-covered tow truck named Mater is preparing to be repainted for an important mission at the movie's climax. When an attempt was made to repair the dents and scars along his frame prior to painting, he quickly objected, saying that the dents and imperfections reminded him of the adventures he had with his best friend Lightning McQueen, the hero of the movie. He didn't want to forget the adventures.



While we may not have Mater's rust colored dents or dings, or walk with a noticeable limp like Jacob, if we have a heart for the Lord and have attempted to walk with Him while making our way through this imperfect world, we probably have other "scars" to speak of that we have collected over time; reminders of our struggles with God; our wrestling matches with God to have life our own way, and on our own terms. It can be so easy to forget that our lives are simply on loan from God, not an arrangement of permanence, but a very temporary gift that we've been provided.

May we continually trade the anxieties and expectations of this world for the peace that comes when we choose to live our lives for God, awaiting our ultimate completion in Him when our

**"THE STRUGGLE IS REAL,
BUT SO IS GOD."**

(Iman, widow of David Bowie)



CALLING ALL SMALL GROUPS...

The Outreach Team has recently been advised of a local

community movement to ensure that the homeless have at least one meal a day. There are many efforts throughout our area that assist in this project, such as the Salvation Army, various churches, Dover Mission for Housing, the Dover Interfaith Resource Center, etc.

However, you will all agree that one meal a day is really not enough. For this reason, faith communities throughout our area are being asked to prepare "brown bag" lunches that might be distributed at the Dover Interfaith Resource Center where many homeless people go each day.

Ideally, if 30 faith communities committed to preparing a number of brown bags one day a month, we could keep our community from going hungry.

HERE IS THE CHALLENGE, WYOMING CHURCH:

.If just **12 small groups** within our church committed to preparing 40-50 brown bag lunches one day a month, we could involve a lot of people and help to feed the hungry. **JUST THINK???**

Each group would only have to prepare one day a year if we have 12 groups participating.

Who are our small groups??

Knitting to Nurture, Ladies' Bible Study, Choir, SS classes, Book Group, Visitation Team, Liturgists, ACCESS Team, Nurses' Christian Fellowship, Friday morning Bible Study group, ASL group, Youth Groups, Kitchen Sexton Team, etc. These are just ones that I thought of....there are so many more!!

Since this article went out over email, I have had several groups step up to the plate...**Couples in Action, Visitation Team, a local 4-H group,**

MOPS and perhaps, ASL class. We are almost halfway there!! Won't your group consider taking on one day a year??

We encourage you to discuss this with your groups and pick your month. The day of the month has not been determined at this time, but if your group is interested in participating, contact Judy Field at (302) 242-3382 or by email at warren.judy@comcast.net. Once groups have committed, we can come up with a schedule and a list of suggestions for lunches will be shared with the group. We only have to prepare and deliver to the Resource Center in Dover, next to the Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing.

WHAT A GREAT WAY FOR EVERYBODY TO GET INVOLVED WITH OUR OUTREACH MINISTRY!!!

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STILL COLLECTING...

Every fall it is truly a blessing to be able to deliver a car full of school supplies and book bags to the Caesar Rodney, Capital and Lake Forest School Districts. These supplies go to children whose families otherwise might have to choose between buying the needed materials for school or paying the rent.

There's still time to help fill the about 100 backpacks the Outreach Team has purchased. They will be divided between the three school districts.



The following supplies for needy elementary school students (in order of importance) are:

Wide-ruled notebook paper

#2 pencils

Large erasers (pink block type)

Small boxes of 16 crayons

Small pencil boxes or zipper pouches

Children's scissors

Composition books

Glue sticks

Paper pocket folders

Highlighters

Rulers

The collection bin is in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Carol Abbott. Thanks to your support, needy students are able to have the supplies they need to do their work. Your donations make a big difference in the lives of children right here in Kent County!

Our hope is that children receiving those adorable hats and sweaters will be just as happy as our little toy friend in the pictures!

"Artistry" for Charity

Members of the church knitting group are shown sorting and packing the most recent items created by the group and many others from our congregation. This ongoing ministry reaches our local community as well as other states and countries. The latest items 20 baby blankets, 36 baby hats, 3 baby sweaters and 9 "lapghans" (small blankets for persons in bed or wheelchairs) are going to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky with our missionaries, and to KGH for newborns and young patients. The 16 striped sweaters will be added to and sent in September to the World Vision organization that distributes internationally. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from September thru May 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM in Room 219.

Kay Schultz and Janice Watkins taking care of freshly popped supplies...



Santa Claus himself would have had a 'cool' time at the ARC Movie Night 'Christmas in July' at Wyoming Church. Our friends of the ARC of Delaware certainly did!



... ARC president Bill Seufert, supervising the operation



YOUTH CALENDAR

August

Jr/Sr. High MYF

Sunday, 8/21/16, Hangout Evening, Location TBA, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Service Projects

Saturday, 8/6/16, Peach Fuzzy Mission Trip Fundraiser at Peach Festival, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

Saturday, 8/13/16, Peach Fuzzy Mission Trip Fundraiser at Fifer Orchards as part of their Customer Appreciation Day, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm.

Ms. Betsy will be in touch for specific day and shift times.

Study

Study groups will resume in September as part of MYF and with an intergenerational study on Wednesday evenings.

Worship

Saturday, 8/27/16, Mini Youth Rally at Whatcoat UMC in Dover, Time TBA

Every Sunday, Services at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00

Change...Change...Change...Change...Change...Change...Cha

BIG CHANGES A-COMING

How many of us are familiar with our church's mission statement? It reads as follows:

Jesus Christ is the center of every program. Our work is to present His life and message in a variety of ways. Our aim is to lead each member into expressing his or her faith through regular worship, Christian studies and nurture, daily witness and service to others, in all that we do to try to make known the saving love of Jesus Christ and to commend Him Lord of All!

Did you catch that middle part about regular worship and study? Unfortunately, for our members that are youth, many of you were not involved in regular worship and study. You would be either in Sunday school or church at 9:45 missing one in order to attend the other. That is not in line with our mission statement.

So after various discussions culminating with our Youth Council meeting on July 19th, a decision was made concerning youth in grades 6 through 12. Sunday school classes will no longer be held for 6th through 12th grades at 9:45. Instead, MYF will meet regularly on Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 with 45 minutes

of that time given over to study. (The remaining time will be for fun activities, snacking, and socializing.) This way, more youth will have an opportunity to participate in Sunday worship on a regular basis. Also it will see MYF being held at a regular time and on a regular day making it easier to keep track of when we will be meeting.

Another change concerns Synago. We will be replacing Synago with an intergenerational Bible study that will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings of each month from 7:00 to 8:30.

This study will begin on September 21st. The fall study is *When Christians Get It Wrong*, authored by Adam Hamilton. This study looks at why young people are leaving the church and how we can address it. The study is 6 sessions long.

So to sum up, Sunday morning Sunday school for 6th through 12th graders will no longer be offered. MYF will be held regularly on Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 and will feature a study time as a part of it. There will be an intergenerational Bible study on the first and third Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30.



Sharing Your Spiritual Journey

One of the great traditions of the church throughout time has been to share our personal stories with one another. Whether we call that our story, testimony, or spiritual journey, we tell each other about how we have (and at times have not) seen God working.

Sharing these stories encourages other people, helping them to articulate things about their

own lives or to know that they are not alone in their experience.

The same is true with your kids. They need to hear about your spiritual journey even, and perhaps especially, if it has been challenging. Hearing this from a parent can be particularly powerful for a young person.

Do your kids know your testimony of how you became a follower of Jesus? Do they know why you still follow Jesus today? Knowing that narrative can strengthen your kids' own

narrative of faith. Even if you aren't sure about your own relationship with Jesus right now, being honest with your son or daughter can open doors to explore faith together.

This week, I want to invite you to share more about your faith with your child. If you don't know where to start, maybe on the next car ride together you could just finish this sentence with them: "Have I ever told you how I decided to follow Jesus?" Then tell them.



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.

Thank you, Wyoming Church, who contributed so generously to our summer camp at Pecometh! We had a super time during Leaps of Faith and the Respite for Adults with Disabilities. You are the best!!



Carlton Passley & Jeff Purdy



CALLING ALL COOKIE BAKERS!

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

**AUGUST
17TH or 18TH.**

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!

Cookies may be frozen ahead of time.

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



My Favorite Recipes

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

Carrot Surprise

Courtesy: Lois Klinger

...one of Pastor Rick's family favorites, too!

Ever since Pastor Rick's first sermon at Wyoming Church on July 3rd, we've been waiting for the disclosure of this secret, most delightful dish - here it is, from the Wyoming Church Cookbook

Pour into the large bowl with the first half of mixture. Blend well. Spoon mixture into buttered glass pan.

Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until center is firm. You may garnish cooked top with pecans or other nuts of choice.

Recipes to Remember (2005) - enjoy!

Ingredients:

- 2 pounds large carrots
- 2 sticks margarine
- 6 eggs
- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tbsp. baking powder
- 6 tbsp. flour
- 3 tsp. vanilla extract

Butter large (13 x 9 x 1 1/2 inch) glass baking pan. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Peel and slice carrots. Cook in boiling water until tender. Remove from heat and drain.

Place half of the carrots in a food processor and add 1 stick margarine. Process until smooth. Add 3 eggs, 3/4 cup sugar, 1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder, 3 tablespoons flour, and 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla. Process again until well blended. Set aside in a large bowl.

Repeat the same process for the other half of carrots, margarine, eggs, sugar, baking powder, flour, and vanilla.



“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

Sunday School Teachers

– The men and women who help guide and inform, at all levels -- toddler through adult classes -- those who are seeking to know and love the Lord. They discuss, encourage, demonstrate and get involved, sometimes to the point of paste (!), with minds and hearts, young and old, eager to grow spiritually.

Moppettes

– This wonderful group of ladies provide childcare for the little ones Monday morning twice a month in the school year during MOPS (Mothers Of PreSchoolers) meetings. They allow young moms to have worry-free opportunities to interact, work on projects and grow in knowledge and friendship. The Coordinator is Sandy Robinson.

Finance Team

– The Finance Team meets monthly to monitor and manage the many important aspects of the financial concerns of the church to include the

budget, mortgage and stewardship. The Chair of the Finance Team is Mike Quarnaccio.

Education Team

– The Education Team oversees many program areas within the church such as Sunday School, Kid’s Praise, Camp Pecometh and VBS. Education Team Co-chairs are Michelle Harris and Patti Moore.



Michelle, with daughters Kayla and Maddie



Patti



Sunday School teacher for many years and most recently Superintendent Barb Nichols and Betsy Freidel, Sunday School teacher for...ever (!) with their class in 2014.

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



Sandy, with daughters Noelle (4) and Gwen (1)



Mike



~~ Our People ~~

~ August Birthdays ~

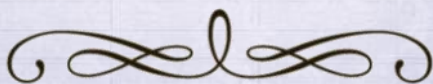
- 08/01 Mollie Reed, Amber Pearson
- 08/02 Julie Muldrow, Nancy Roberts, Rhonda Davis, Aiden Hatcher, Ron Macklin
- 08/03 Mike Williams, Curtis Brosius, Mary Beth Auten
- 08/04 Jim Cook, Denise Rothermel, Shelly Kline, Dodie Houtz
- 08/05 Beth Campbell
- 08/06 Alicia Beaman
- 08/07 Megan Boyer, Jane Fennemore, Cayleigh Dotson
- 08/08 Zoe Kalinowski, Eric Mihalyi, Kelly Seip, Patti Collett Raviliious, Ian Thompson, Lisa McCalister, Angel Ethan Williams turning 15 in heaven
- 08/09 Sharon Quillen
- 08/10 Rick Beaman, Kate Witherell
- 08/11 Kathleen Torbert, Sheridan Bryan, Alyssa Kline
- 08/12 Liz Clements, Madison Bergeron
- 08/13 Graham Cooper
- 08/14 Susan Gant
- 08/15 Jerry Moore
- 08/16 Payton Porter
- 08/17 Alan Grinstead, Ava Rose Mihalyi
- 08/18 Robyn Lefort, Jason Stallings
- 08/19 Kate Brower
- 08/20 Gail Mathues, Kathy Klecan, Kasper Milton, Greg Long
- 08/21 Patti Sudler, Chris Boyer
- 08/22 Beth Barlett
- 08/23 Grace Servon, Kayla Harris
- 08/24 Chip Wilt, Linda Bailey, Ron Dolsay
- 08/25 Patti Moore, Jim Harvey, W.G. Edmanson
- 08/26 Tim Shepperson, Andrea Andrews
- 08/27 Betty Inge, Emily Mateja
- 08/28 Dotty Failing, Nathan Williams, Andrew Edington

- 08/29 Dave Schoettinger, Dave Failing, Owen Kleinot
- 08/30 Shelby Truitt, Peggy Mosher, Johnathan Hamblin, Silas Mann
- 08/31 Tracey Jones, Ed Norcross
- 09/01 Bob Maris, Dana Tappan
- 09/02 Melanie McKee, Ann Sumpter, Evelyn McCormick
- 09/03 Sharon Duncan, Lindsay Wessell
- 09/04 Dennis Klecan, Lucas Nichols, George Pettyjohn, Michael Sandy, Russ Riggins
- 09/06 Tom Cole, Nancy Hughes, Michael McDevitt, Jonathan Abbott, Seth Scheas, Kenner Metz, Kendall Metz,
- 09/07 Elaine Kesselring, Anne Elise Miller



THE SIMPLE LIFE

missing somebody.....call
 wanna meet up.....invite
 wanna be understood....explain
 have questions.....ask
 don't like something....say it nicely
 like something.....declare it
 want something.....ask for it
 stressed.....let go
 love someone.....say it



We want to thank all for your cards, calls and prayers during Barbara,s recent illness. Thank you Dave (and Patti) for visiting and praying with her at the hospital. We know we can always count on Wyoming Church's presence during a time of need.

*God Bless All,
 Barbara and George Pettyjohn*

~ Death ~

Kathryn Bush,
 Member of Wyoming
 Church since 1965,
 on May 14, 2016.



JUNE 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 – Operating	242,745	277,208	554,416
Other offerings	36,350	38,052	76,105
Interest Income	1,762	3,400	6,800
Total Offerings	<u>280,587</u>	<u>318,661</u>	<u>637,321</u>
Finance Team	1,376	3,350	6,700
Office	12,082	10,775	21,550
Personnel	90,261	90,875	181,750
Mortgage interest	43,763	43,225	86,450
Properties and equipment	37,517	42,025	84,050
Total Administrative Council	<u>184,999</u>	<u>190,250</u>	<u>380,500</u>
Nursery and Supplies	12	25	50
Benevolences (Conference)	27,500	28,158	56,316
Education & Youth	2,863	3,300	6,600
Evangelism	-	1,500	3,000
Extended Table	-	75	150
Music	1,283	1,000	2,000
Worship	180	125	250
Total Council on Ministries	<u>31,838</u>	<u>34,183</u>	<u>68,366</u>
Pastor Parish Relations	<u>56,619</u>	<u>60,584</u>	<u>121,167</u>
Mortgage principal liability (Reduces debt to PNC Bank)	<u>51,218</u>	<u>38,801</u>	<u>77,601**</u>
Total Expense	<u>324,674</u>	<u>323,818</u>	<u>647,634</u>
Net Income (Loss)	(44,087)		

** 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 06/30/2016

2,098,088.

Interest paid in 2016

43,763.

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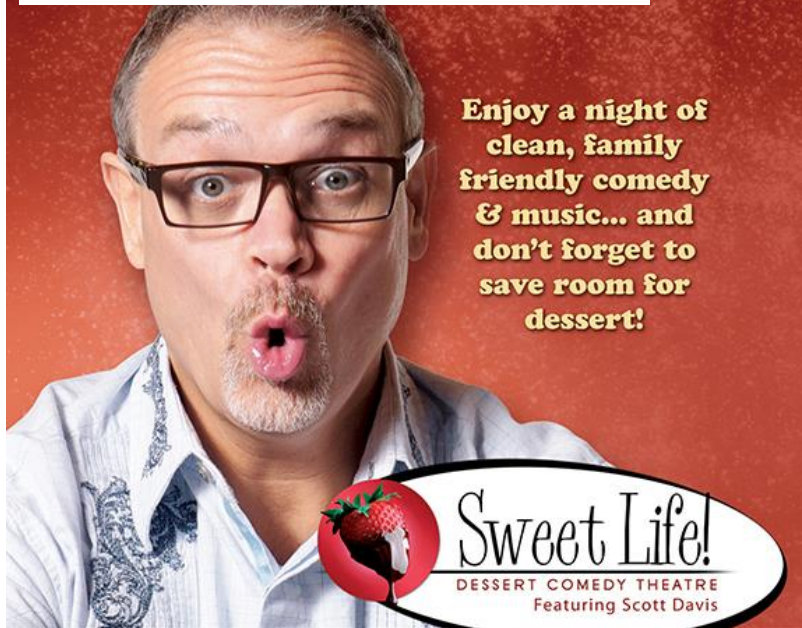
In our efforts to reduce operating costs, the Finance Team has decided to only send Giving Statements via mail at year end. The church utilizes CCB software which will allow you to view your account at any time.

DID YOU KNOW...? You can make a gift of stock to Wyoming UMC. By transferring ownership of some of your stock investments, especially those that have increased significantly in value, you can help support your church and also receive a tax break. Ask your financial advisor if this is a viable option for you. If so – contact the Church Treasurer, Carole Pearce, at 734-5766 or through the Church Office at 697-8400.

\$47,345 : **FUN**draising
account balance
as per June, 2016.

Thank you!

Tickets will go on sale on **August 21.**



Saturday, September 24 • 7:00 PM
Wyoming UMC

216 Wyoming Mill Road • Dover, DE 19904

TICKETS: Adults: \$15 in advance | \$20 at the door
Kids: 12 years and younger: \$10

Doors open at 6:00 PM • Event begins at 7:00 PM
Childcare is available for a nominal fee and advance reservation is required.
Space is limited. Please visit wyomingumc.com for more information.

INFO: 302-697-8400 | www.wyomingumc.com

www.ScottDavis.com

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The Battle is getting closer...

... November is right around the corner ...time to start picking a song (keep it clean, please) and working on your winning moves.

Don't forget to tell your friends ... the more the merrier!

Keep an eye out for sign-up info.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Debbie at (302) 423-4733.



September's Adult Fellowship Covered Dish Dinner Is 'On Its Way'

George and Barbara Pettyjohn would like to remind everyone that the first Adult Fellowship Covered Dish Dinner of the 2016 --- 2017 Season will be held in the Family Life Center beginning at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, September 7, 2016.

Just remember to bring your own place settings and one of your most favorite dishes that will provide 8 servings.



The entrée and beverages will be provided by the Sexton Kitchen Team Chefs. George has asked Dave Yencer and Terry Higgins to provide a brief update on the proposed memorial garden. Come and enjoy great food and great fellowship in a relaxed, informal setting.

Questions --- See George.

Kitchen MINISTRY

The Sexton Kitchen Team's Food Ministry Program Begins To 'Heat Up'!

Your Sexton Kitchen Team's (SKT) multi faceted Food Ministry Program continues to plan for a busy August and an even busier Fall Season. But first, some great, but not unexpected, **Good News!** The Chef's Kitchen, located in the Family Life Center, underwent its annual health and safety inspection by an official from Delaware's Department Of Public Health and passed with 'flying colors'! Prior to the inspection several members of your SKT spent a full day doing a 'take apart, move everything, top to bottom' cleaning of the entire Chef's Kitchen complex including the walk-in freezer. Those good folks that contributed their time, energy, and expertise to the project included Beth Barlett, Linda Booher, Kathy Chalmers, Larry Gant, Tina Klecan, Ruth Ann Lister, Nikole Moore, Peg Mosher, Frank Roberts, Nancy Sammons, Shelby Truitt, Gail Vella, and Terry Higgins.

Linda Booher, SKT's very effective Chair, and Shelby Truitt are now extremely busy with the preparation and subsequent sales of the Team's 'World

Famous Peach Pies' event on Saturday, August the 6th. Peach Pie orders are now being taken at the 'Sign Up' display in the Narthex. The SKT's Team's much anticipated Peach Pie event is held in conjunction with the August 6th Fundraising Team's 'Great Yard Sale' during the Town Of Wyoming's Annual Peach Festival. And as you have come to expect, you will find a magnificent, tempting display of baked goods for sale by the SKT and its supporting chefs. Our Wyoming Church is blessed to have many excellent chefs who will prepare and donate a selection of their culinary creations in the form of pastries, breads, and rolls for the 'Bake Tables' in the Narthex during the 'Great Yard Sale'. Those folks feeling led to prepare an item(s) for the Bake Tables can indicate their intentions at the Bake Table sign up display in the Narthex.

The SKT's 'World Famous Peach Pies' will be prepared and baked to perfection in the Chef's Kitchen early in the morning of August the 6th and will be ready for pick up in the Family Life Center's Chef's Kitchen during the 'Great Yard Sale'. Additional peach pies will also be available at the 'Bake Tables' on the 6th. Those folks who ordered peach pies but are unable to

pick them up on the 6th can pick up their Pie(s) after each Church Service on Sunday, the 7th, at the Chef's Kitchen.

Your ongoing support of the SKT's events including the forthcoming Adult Fellowship Dinner on Wednesday, September the 7th at 6:00 PM in the Family Life Center and the first Soup Day of the Fall Season on Wednesday, October the 12th from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in the Family Life Center is crucial to the Team's successful Food Ministry Program. Funds that are raised through the various events sponsored by the SKT are used to financially support a number of critical Wyoming Church activities that benefit our Church's children, youth, adults and families.

Linda Booher would like to remind everyone that the SKT is now available to serve catered meals, prepared in the Chef's Kitchen, to both Church groups as well as community groups. Should you be interested, contact Angela in the church office who will work with Linda and the members of the SKT to prepare and serve your event to perfection. Finally, if you feel so led, why not consider talking with Linda about becoming a member of the SKT where there is 'never a dull moment'!

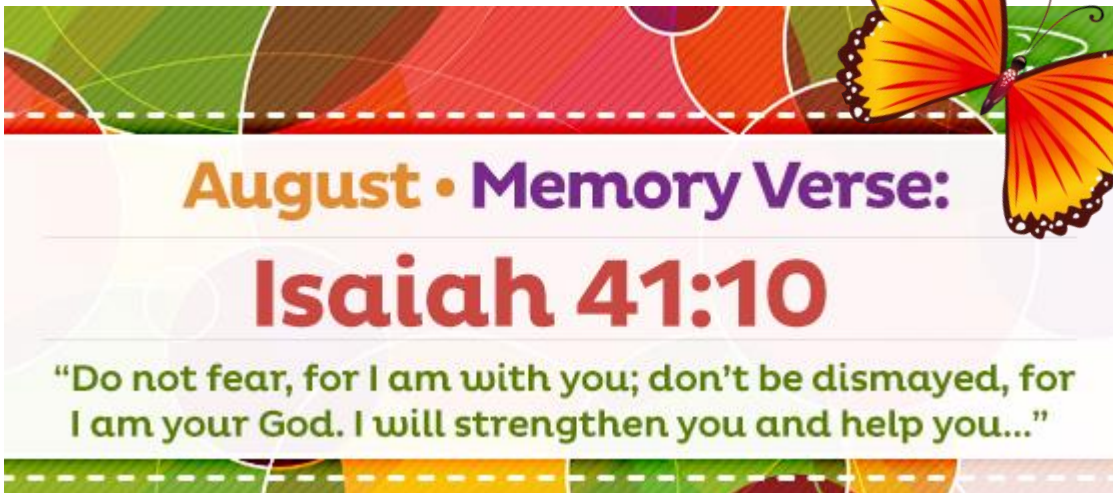


Pastor Rick has kindly agreed to attend the Wyoming Men's Breakfast on Saturday, September 24, 2016 in the 'Backroom' at Hall's Restaurant. Meeting from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM, we will begin with Pastor Rick's 'Brief Devotional' then order from the menu and enjoy great food and great fellowship. All men 'young and young at heart' are welcome!

Questions --- See Josh, Wayne, or Terry.



To: You!



August • Memory Verse:
Isaiah 41:10
“Do not fear, for I am with you; don’t be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you...”

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a series of events strung together
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forever changing &
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-MICHEL T. COE