

# THE WYOMING MESSENGER

## Pastor Appreciation Month of **October 2016**

### *A Harvest of Hearts for the Lord*

This is our theme for this year's Stewardship Campaign. Jesus teaches us to love one another and to extend His love from here at Wyoming United Methodist Church out into our community and beyond. We are to give our heart in service and support of His Kingdom and to encourage others to join in our efforts as we grow our ministries and follow His lead. In Christ's name our doors are always open allowing a safe and welcoming place for members to gather as friends to worship, pray and celebrate. We extend ourselves to our community to provide comfortable and accessible meeting places for our neighbors.

We encourage and support our youth in local and far-reaching efforts to spread the Word. We build our membership by attracting new worshipers to join us as we dedicate ourselves to grow in the teachings of Jesus and in His vision of the Church.

**CONSECRATION SUNDAY** is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than the need of the church to receive. Our hearts overflow with praise and thanksgiving for all the Lord has provided. We know that you will want to participate in the financial support of your church during the coming year and encourage you to prayerfully seek God's guidance in making your decision.

Plan now to celebrate **CONSECRATION SUNDAY** on October 30<sup>th</sup>. During the month of October the sermon series, *In Step With The Spirit*, will continue and Fellow-worshipers will share brief witness moments of faith at each service. As part of our preparation Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, will be a Day of Prayer from 7AM until 7PM.

On Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, Pledge Cards will be collected and each service will be followed by a Celebratory "Stand-Up" Brunch in the Narthex.

Thank you in advance for your joyful



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*Not the bride & groom, but no less photogenic...*



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participation in the **CONSECRATION SUNDAY** events. **PRAYERFULLY** consider what God is calling you to give in thanksgiving for all the blessings He has provided.

*Dottie Harper*

and *Carole Pearce*

Co-Chairs, Stewardship Campaign Team

# Bulletin Board

Lost and Found



Is it yours? Pick it up during office hours 9AM to 4PM or Sunday morning.

**PUMPKINS, HAY RIDES, SCARY COSTUMES AND MUMS...**  
All signs of Fall so you have to join the Visitation Team and the residents of Dover Place (formerly Heritage of Dover) for the Hymn Sing scheduled Monday, October 11 at 6:45PM. Come one, come all and raise your voices in praise of the Lord lead by Pastor Dave Hill, accompanied by June Papan. It's a heart warming time!

A very special **Thank You** and **God Bless You** for all who came out and helped with the edging, weed eating and general clean up. You all did a super job and it looks great. Big thanks to Jack Freidel and Sue Hajec for their help and the Kitchen staff, Linda, Shelby and Kathy for a delicious lunch. WUMC is truly blessed...  
Dave Yencer

The FUNdraising Team would like to thank everyone who helped out with the **Sweet Life Comedy Night**. Much fun was had by all. We couldn't have done it without all of our WUMC bakers and the Sexton Team who really helped us make it such a successful evening. Thank You!



5 minutes to curtain call - Great job, FUNdraising helpers!

We will be **servicing dinner** to the residents at the **Dover Interfaith Mission** for Housing **on Wednesday, October 19 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!

From the Board of Trustees on the **Status of our old church (on Broad Street in Wyoming) -**  
The church has not yet been sold, however, there is a church interested in purchasing it but we have not yet received a firm offer. When we have a signed contract we will be very happy to share that good news with the congregation.  
Hugh Shaw, President of the Trustees



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# From the Pastor's Desk

*Rick Wessell*



I don't know about you, but I LOVE fall! I love everything about fall: the crisp temperatures, the changing colors, the falling leaves, Starbucks Pumpkin Spice Lattes - everything! Fall is such a beautiful season, especially coming on the heels of the summer we just had. Fall is a perfect chance to look around, take in the beauty of creation, and offer our praise and thanksgiving to the Lord.

One of my absolute favorite Scriptures is Psalm 19. In this psalm David is feeling a lot like I am in this season of beauty and change. Remember that David started his life as a shepherd. He spent a countless number of days and nights out in the open country with his flocks. David saw hundreds of sunrises and sunsets, watched the stars come out every

evening, and witnessed the changing of the seasons. As he reflected on all he had seen, all he could do was marvel in God's goodness and mercy. This is how Psalm 19 opens: **"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge."**

David knew what it was to take time to just sit and reflect on how awesome our God is. We should take that same opportunity. Too often in our day and age we are too busy and we race through life too fast to notice the beauty around us. We rip up and down the highway at 65+ miles per hour and never even hardly notice all that is going on around us. God's invitation to us is always to slow down, take a deep

breath, and remember that He is present with us and that He surrounds us with blessings each and every day. Take the time in this season to marvel in just how awesome our God is and to thank Him for the beauty we are surrounded by each day.

**True thanksgiving doesn't have to wait until November.**



*... your appreciation for Pastor Rick during this Pastor Appreciation Month of October! Drop your (thank you/thinking of you/gift/...) cards in the boxes provided at the Welcome Desk.*

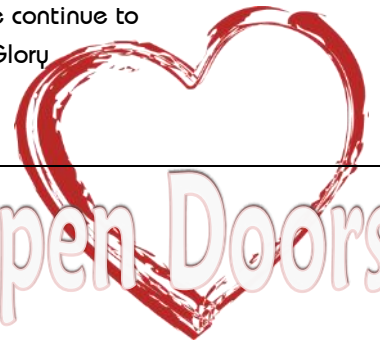


Pastor Dave's Ministry Minute - October 2016

"The Openness of The Kingdom"

Things are in full swing at Wyoming Church as we enter this fall season... We are getting busy about church work and the work of the church (there is a difference)... God has given us a great gift in our facilities and one need only take a brief look at the church calendar and you'll see that getting busy is an understatement... Not only do we have ministry activities that have been part and parcel to Wyoming Church for as long as I can remember but we're adding activities right and left... Then on top of the activities of the church we have various and sundry groups that are using the church for activities that extend beyond the church and into the community... We are so blessed to have the opportunity to share the love of God with one another as well as those who we share our space with who may not be a part of our faith community... I'm seeing high levels of excitement among our membership as the spirit of God is opening the doors and pathways to Wyoming Church for new friends to come in and find the love, joy and peace found in a relationship with Jesus... Wyoming Church is a warm and inviting place for all to share in the welcoming fellowship among the community of believers... The slogan of The United Methodist Church is "Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors" which is lived out by our members and friends every single day... May we continue to be vessels of God's amazing Grace in all we say and do to the Glory of God now and always... So be it and amen.

**"What he opens no one can shut..." Revelations 3:7**



# Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors



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## Annual Ladies' Retreat

**Sunday May 21st and  
Monday May 22nd, 2017**

**Pecometh Riverview Retreat Center**

**Still needed:** a few women willing to work together as the **leadership team**. Primary responsibilities include publicity, registrations, coordinating with our retreat leaders and planning the final details with the Pecometh staff.

Call Barbara Shaw 538-6772 or email [hshaw111@aol.com](mailto:hshaw111@aol.com); she will be happy to encourage you to participate in this important outreach by answering your questions and concerns.



# Reflections

## Reflections

### Arches

*So do not fear, for I am with you, do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10*

In this celebratory year of the U. S. National Park Service, I thought I would take the opportunity to highlight one of my personal favorites, a park that ironically has been on my mind recently while meeting with couples in my counseling work. The park is Arches National Park, located in Moab, Utah. And as the name suggests, this red-rock, arid region of south-eastern Utah is home to the most concentrated array of natural arch formations in the world. With the incredible variety of sizes and shapes, amidst the other-worldly landscape of snow-capped mountains and peculiar rock formations, Arches is truly a spectacle without comparison.

If you happen to be unfamiliar with Arches, or National Parks in general, not unlike visiting a big city like New York or Chicago, there are certain “must-sees” that a visitor is highly

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recommended to experience. At Arches, one such “must-see” is Landscape Arch. Spanning an astounding 290 feet from point to point, Landscape Arch is the Statue of Liberty, or the Navy Pier, of Arches. Sadly, because of its incredible expanse, the arch is slowly thinning away at its center, with large sections having broken free over the past 20 to 30 years, making tours around the arch off-limits. At some point, the arch is expected to simply give way due to the wear and tear over time; such weight to support, such stress, and with the constant battering of the natural elements, the arch is destined to eventually fall.

In this article, I'd like to focus on the image of Landscape Arch... battered, stressed, distant from point to point, and fragile, unfortunately, like many of the struggling couples who come into the counseling office. What can we actually learn from this natural wonder? What can this arch teach us about connection in relationships?

In pre-marriage counseling, whether with a group of couples or individually, an early and

**Danny Cooper**  
Coordinator/Counselor  
Daybreak Counseling Services

distinct message is given to the soon-to-be newlyweds... *how you deal with stress, as a couple, will determine how connected you are in your marriage.* This is a very challenging concept for the young couple to understand, when optimism and possibility run at such a fevered pitch. It is so hard for the dating, unmarried couple to realize that the “connectedness” they feel, at present, is not altogether authentic, meaning it is laced with the novelty, hope, and anxiousness for the marital bliss and happiness so desired. I'm reminded, as I write this, of the character Yoda from the Star Wars movies. Wow, what a strange combination... Landscape Arch and Yoda! Well, hopefully this all comes together.

For those unfamiliar, Yoda is the aged, wise Jedi who is able to both see the truth in circumstances, and speak, albeit rather uniquely, about the truth in a concise, insightful fashion. In one memorable scene, Yoda and the council of fellow Jedi masters are interviewing young Anakin Skywalker for acceptance into the hallowed order. During this brief interview, after a few short questions are asked, one in particular about Anakin's fear of losing his mother, Yoda sagely surmises, “Fear is the path to the dark side. Fear leads to anger. Anger leads to hatred. Hatred leads to suffering. I sense much fear in you.” Can anyone say Darth Vader? How very far young Skywalker ultimately drifted because of his fear.

Yoda's words reverberate through my office when I bounce between working with pre-married and married couples; couples who don't see (or want to see) the stressors of life and relationship, and the couples who are polarized because of them. Marriage can be such a challenge in today's culture... countless still desire to be married, but the image of marriage many have to work with, either from their parents' example, or by the trends of society, engender much fear and uncertainty surrounding the institution. Because of this, as most of us are aware, couples more than ever before in history are foregoing marriage entirely, consciously choosing to remain separate, disconnected at their core, and why? Marriage has become less a certainty and more of a gamble in recent decades. There is so much fear; so much uncertainty. Many would rather play it safe, not have to go through the potential pain of divorce, which innumerable young adults experienced in their own childhood. The rationale appears almost sound... *I won't have to go*

*through that kind of hurt again if I don't get married.* The disconnect is literally built into the relationship.

And let's not be naïve, having children in an unmarried relationship, which is at an all-time high as well, does nothing to add permanence to a couple's future. It only thickens the veil that conceals the hard truth... the existence of a disconnected relationship. And as we discuss in the counseling room, disconnect begets disconnect; in other words, if we are not working together, as a committed team, we are, unknowingly at first, but increasingly clear over time, working against one another. This is when the bliss of pre-marriage is subtly replaced by the adversarial nature of a married couple in distress... disconnected, or as some describe, increasingly strangers within the same marriage. This is the evolution toward suffering, which is so painful to see, that Yoda alludes to. So few actually work through this suffering, confronting this sad reality as partners, to reclaim a marriage. Yes, instead, this is the point that many rationalize ending a marriage or dating relationship; the more this occurs, the more acceptable it becomes in the eyes of society. The path toward dissolution has become a slippery slope, indeed.

The most important point of this first article on arches is to highlight the danger in allowing disconnect in marriage, especially a growing detachment that eventually feels like the great expanse of Landscape Arch, and conversely, to challenge ourselves to have a small arch, in so many words, due to our commitment and investment in our relationship. This type of bond has much more strength

**... two clasped hands that fit better together, over time, due to weathering the storms blown in by life.**

and resilience in the face of life's stresses; stresses that ironically only strengthen the connection of the two persons over time. In other words, two clasped hands that fit ...

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# “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

## Bell Choir

The Bell Choir provides another opportunity for musical praise to our Lord. They meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30PM and share their talents in presentations for the congregation once a month, September through May, at the 9:45 and 11AM worship services. Their leader is Brad Whitenight.

## Knitting to Nurture

Busy hands of the knitting group provide babies with warm hats and sweaters knit with love and for some of their older



Karen (center) with fellow-knitters Gail and Vonnie

Recipients special prayer blankets or shawls are also knit with a caring touch. They meet as a group to enjoy one another’s company, to assist one another and to come up with new projects, but obviously much of their work is done on their own time. The leader of the group is Karen Priestley and they meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 10:30 AM at the church.

Karen



## Friday Prayer Group

– One of our longest standing groups is the Friday Morning Prayer Group. Women from WUMC and other local churches meet at the church on Friday mornings at 9:00AM (prayer 9 to 10, study 10 to 11) and lift up the many concerns of our caring congregation and community. They are truly Prayer Warriors for us all. (?? Karen Priestley)

## Code Purple

– Code Purple is a relatively new group working within the local Dover area to provide shelter for our homeless brethren during the coldest nights of the winter months. This group needs the help of volunteers who can commit to overnight hours, but also has opportunities for other types of service involving meals and prep work.

Contact Judy Field, Lynn Ditty or Amy Faircloth for more information.

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

Judy



Amy



Lynn



## Our Wyoming Church Grounds Receive A ‘Blessed Makeover’!

On Saturday morning, September the 17<sup>th</sup>, a group of very dedicated, high energy folks arrived at our Church Campus with an impressive collection of hand and power landscaping tools ready to do ‘battle’ with wire grass, crab grass, weeds, and out-of-place wildflowers. After several hours of weeding, trimming, mowing, shoveling, sweeping, edging, and blowing, our sidewalks, traffic islands, and parking lots looked as good as the day our congregational brothers and sisters moved into our beautiful Church. This activity, sparked by Dave Yencer, included the great efforts of Wayne Davis, Drew Edington, Jack Freidel, Sue Hajec, Rich Harper, Jim Klecan, Bill McMahan, Shelby Truitt, Dawn Williams, Dave Yencer, and Terry Higgins. Linda Booher and Kathy Chalmers, Sexton Kitchen Team Chefs, prepared and provided a much appreciated luncheon for all involved in this great project.



### Grounds --- ‘Give A Squirt!’

(this time the article in full length... our apologies for omitting the second paragraph last month)

In mid-August on an extremely hot, hazy, and humid morning several hardy souls, specifically Gloria Barker, Bernice Ericson, Martha Higgins, Sig Kelsey, and Terry Higgins gathered to weed the full width of the Wyoming Church front. In addition, Bernice donated a large number of freshly dug ground cover Pachysandra plants which were then transplanted by Bernice and Gloria in areas near the North and South entrances with the hope that this species will quickly establish viable colonies. A Purple Butterfly Bush, courtesy of Sig Kelsey, was also planted in the mulched portion of the front flower bed.

So --- What’s with the title phrase ‘Give A Squirt’? In order for a majority of the Pachysandra plants to survive the transplanting process and the stressful August weather conditions, they will need to be watered several times a week. Thus, a fully charged water hose is now to be found at each of the two Pachysandra beds. So when ever you are entering or leaving Wyoming Church via either the North or South entrance and you feel that you have the time, just pick up a hose, turn it on, and ‘squirt away to your heart’s content. The Pachysandra will be most appreciative!



### The Memorial Garden --- ‘Unveiled And On the Way’!

At the Wednesday, September 7 Adult Fellowship Dinner, Dave Yencer and Terry Higgins unveiled a scale model of the Memorial Garden Phase I. This very well constructed model and the accompanying drawing that indicates the exact location of the Memorial Garden are now located in the Narthex.

The projected cost of Phase I is \$30,000.00. The decision has been made that we will have ‘in hand’ the full cost of Phase I prior to the beginning of construction. An informational handout sheet that explains the cost of a Memorial Brick and its respective perpetual care is available at the display in the Narthex as are envelopes for those folks who feel so led to make a donation. Should you have any questions and/or need more information please see either Dave or Terry.

**YOUTH CALENDAR**

*October*

See all youth events at the NEW! Bulletin board, too!

Jr./Sr. High MYF

- Sunday, 10/2/16, Road Rally, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Sunday, 10/9/16, Late Night, 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm
- Sunday, 10/16/16, Minute to Win It Games, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Sunday, 10/23/16, Nine Square in the Air, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Sunday, 10/30/16, Pen-Del Bonfire, 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Service

- Saturday, 10/8/16, Wagon Jockeying at Fifer Orchards, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm. People will be split into three 2 ½ hour shifts. This is our way of saying thank you to Fifer Orchards for all the peaches they donated to us for our Peach Fuzzy fundraiser.
- Sunday, 10/30/16, Harvest Festival, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm, FLC

Study

- Sunday school lessons are a part of MYF in the evening.
- Wednesday, 10/5/16, Intergenerational Bible Study: *When Christians Get It Wrong*, Session 2, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, Rm. 225
- Wednesday, 10/19/16, Intergenerational Bible Study: *When Christians Get It Wrong*, Session 3, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, Rm. 225

Worship

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

**Here it is October**, and our 2016-17 youth ministry offerings are in full swing. Some things are the same, such as our monthly service projects, and some are different. For example, an intergenerational Bible study has replaced Synago, and MYF is meeting regularly on Sunday evenings.

Speaking of MYF, quite often I get the question, “What is MYF?” MYF stands for Methodist Youth Fellowship, and as stated in the August newsletter, it consists of a 45 minute study time, followed by games and other activities, and finishing off with a snack.

The first MYF session of the new school year took place on Sunday, 9/11. We began our time together as separate junior and senior high classes in the education wing. Both classes used their imaginations to develop a flag, laws, and anthem for an ideal country. There was an ensuing discussion on what the ideal leader would look like. Then we read in Isaiah 11 a description of what the ideal leader would be like. Of course the scripture was referring to Jesus.

After that it was to the Family Life Center where it was time for pool

noodle games. I think I should call it noodle mania! We played Noodle Balance, Noodle Joust, and Noodle Hockey. The youth also spent a fair amount of time pounding on the floor with curled up noodles. I never realized that noodles could make so much noise. It sounded at times like a bad thunderstorm in the room. It drove me a little crazy, but the youth had fun!

Following the pool noodle games the youth had a snack graciously provided by Sharon Duncan in honor of her granddaughter’s Elizabeth’s birthday.

This was immediately followed by a meeting with both the parents and youth. Information forms for the year were filled out. Volunteers were solicited for providing snacks and transportation if needed. I took the opportunity to go over why we were moving the Sunday school lessons into Sunday evenings along with MYF.

The reasons again are:

1. It will allow and encourage the youth to be in regular worship on Sunday



mornings (as per our mission statement).

2. It will get the youth into more contact with the general congregation (think *Sticky Faith*).
3. It moves our youth fellowship into a time that conflicts least with weekend sports and arts groups that keep so many of our youth from attending Sunday school, worship, and MYF.
4. Having MYF at a regular time and on a regular day will make it easier to keep track of when we are meeting.

I hope to regularly see all of our youth at MYF on Sunday evenings. I believe you will find the time enjoyable and will also find yourself growing in your relationship with Christ.

*Jack Freidel, Family Ministry Director*



# “Wow, Pow, Holy Cow!” or... Simple Family Rituals That Build Faith

Hello Parents!

Earlier we talked about the importance of celebrating big moments in our children's lives. But beyond recognizing milestones, simple rituals can also have big significance in the life of a teen.

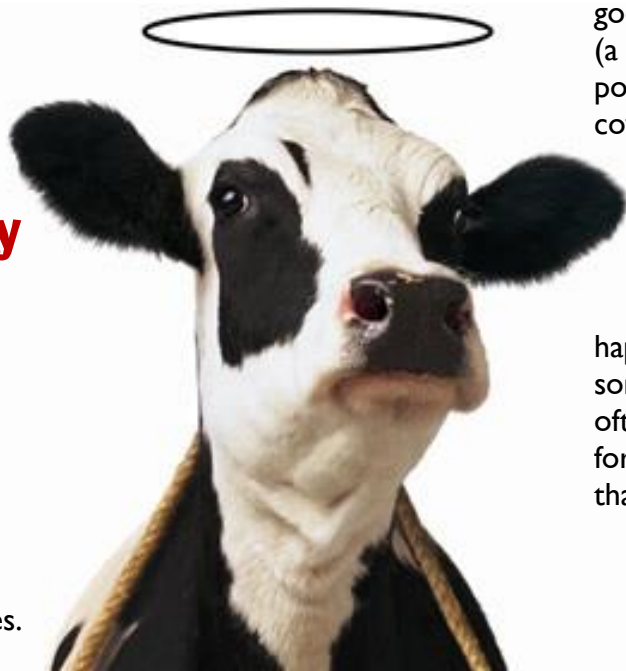
The Sticky Faith research shows that the little ways a family engages faith together have major impact. For example:

*You could share a consistent meal* together. If not daily, perhaps there's one dinner a week that can be set aside as a family time.

*During any meals that you are* together, ask questions. Simply asking about daily activities strengthens communication and relationships for other times when the conversation might plunge even deeper.

*Start conversations in the car.* Many families have shared that the car offers the single best place for them to talk about faith together.

*Talk about how faith is connected* to a current event. You might say, “Have you heard about X?” Your kid might say yes or no, depending on the event. Ask an open-ended question or two



good (a wow), something bad (a pow), and something that pointed you to God (a “holy cow” experience).

Small traditions like this can create regular margin in which your family can engage faith together. It doesn't have to happen every single day, and some weeks are just crazy, but often the rituals create the space for conversation to happen more than it would otherwise.

**Does your family have any simple traditions? Would you mind emailing to tell me about one?**

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such as, “What do you think about that?” or, “I wonder what the people in that community are feeling ...” Then, if appropriate, you might share your own reflections. For example, “It's just interesting to me as a Christian ...” or, “It makes me wonder ...”

”It's not the time for a sermon, but it could start great dialogue about faith and life.

*Create traditions in addition to* worshipping at church. Maybe you get ice cream on a particular evening, eat at a certain restaurant for lunch, or watch a Movie or TV show together.

*One family I know has a tradition* called “Wow, Pow, Holy Cow.” Each person shares something



**Noodle Mania  
at the recent  
MYF Kickoff.**

# AUGUST 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 Charge Conference.

	<u>Inc/Exp to Date</u>	<u>Budget to Date</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>
Weekly Offerings –Operating	326,622	369,611	554,416
Other offerings	45,893	50,737	76,105
Interest Income	3,903	4,533	6,800
Total Offerings	376,418	424,881	637,321
Finance Team	1,376	4,466	6,700
Office	13,901	14,367	21,550
Personnel	118,979	121,167	181,750
Mortgage interest	58,117	57,633	86,450
Properties and equipment	48,745	56,034	84,050
Total Administrative Council	241,118	253,667	380,500
Nursery and Supplies	27	33	50
Benevolences (Conference)	36,979	37,544	56,316
Education & Youth	3,273	4,400	6,600
Evangelism	1,950	2,000	3,000
Extended Table	-	100	150
Music	1,483	1,333	2,000
Worship	180	167	250
Total Council on Ministries	43,892	45,577	68,366
Pastor Parish Relations	78,863	80,778	121,167
Mortgage principal liability (Reduces debt to PNC Bank)	59,857**	51,734	77,601**
Total Expense	423,730	431,756	647,634
Net Income (Loss)	(47,312)		

\*\* Three Mortgage Principal Payments will be paid from Fundraising Income. The Principal Payment of \$8,639.04 for the month of July was paid from Fundraising Income. The Fundraising Team and other teams raise money throughout the year for debt reduction. Please continue to support their efforts.

*Balance of Mortgage on 07/31/2016*

**\$ 2,080,780.**

Interest paid in 2016

\$58,117

Principal paid in 2016.

\$68,526\*\*

**Notes:** 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.

**\*\*\$8,668.65 was paid by Fundraising Income for Debt.**

October

Memory Verse

BUT GOD  
DEMONSTRATES HIS  
OWN LOVE for us in this:  
WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS,  
CHRIST DIED for us  
ROMANS 5:8



## 2016 DAY OF PRAYER

in support of

## CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Saturday, October 29

Sanctuary Open 7am to 7pm

Pray in the Sanctuary or at Home  
Scripture suggestions will be available in the Narthex

**"IN ALL THINGS PRAY."**



At the recent Franklin Graham Prayer Rally  
"Decision America 2016" downtown Dover.



## WINTER

# IS FAST APPROACHING...

As the temperatures begin to cool down, our thoughts turn towards winter and **Code Purple**. Our church will once again serve as a safe sanctuary for **Code Purple** nights when the temperature reaches 32° and below.

This is a **HUGE** endeavor and we want to be ready when it happens. We will be housing homeless men again this year because it is the biggest need within our community. **Code Purple** shelters will open on December 1<sup>st</sup> or on the first night past that date when the temperatures drop to 32°. The **Code Purple** organization has purchased a bus that is painted purple and DART has loaned a second bus which Wyoming will be able to use to transport men from downtown Dover to Wyoming on **Code Purple** nights. **We will need volunteer drivers** who would drive the bus to Dover at 5:00 p.m. and pick up passengers and deliver them to Wyoming. The next morning, the driver would pick up the men at 7:00 a.m. and deliver them back to Dover, probably to the Library. **We are also looking for a person who can schedule bus drivers.**

**VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS... ARE NEEDED!!!** If you can help host our guests, prepare a meal, serve dinner or breakfast, stay overnight with the guests, or - **NEW!** this year: **drive the Code Purple bus** between the Dover Public Library and Wyoming Church - **WE NEED YOU!!**

We also need to collect items for the homeless. Listed below are many needs for the **Code Purple** program and for our shelter sanctuary. Please consider donating some of these items all



through the winter months. We will limit our **clothing** collection to **men's items ONLY**.

SOCKS – Men's  
HATS, SCARVES, GLOVES – Men's  
HOODED SWEATSHIRTS – Men's  
LONG UNDERWEAR – Men's  
BOOTS – Men's – Sizes 7-13

BACKPACKS, HAND & FOOT WARMERS, small toiletries, such as provided in a hotel, *toothpaste*, toothbrushes, *combs*, First Aid items.

FOOD ITEMS FOR SURVIVAL PACKS – Water, *Packs of Hot Chocolate Mix*, small flip-top cans of food, *cracker packs*, fruit cups – **see our Poster in the Narthex.**

We also need **supplies for our safe sanctuary** such as *coffee*, creamer, *sugar*, cold brew tea bags, *cereal*, paper products, including *plates*, cups, *napkins*, paper towels, *juices* and juice mixes, HE laundry detergent and *dryer sheets* to be donated to the Code Purple House where all the laundry of bedding is done for us.

To volunteer to prepare meals and provide fresh fruit: **Judy Field**, [warren.judy@comcast.net](mailto:warren.judy@comcast.net) or ☎ (302) 242-3382,

To volunteer to (wo)man one of the shifts: **Lynn Ditty**, [lditty2@gmail.com](mailto:lditty2@gmail.com) or ☎ (302) 883-3037,

For questions or to volunteer in any way: Amy **Faircloth**, [asfaircloth@gmail.com](mailto:asfaircloth@gmail.com) or ☎ (302) 745-8648.

**WUMC can touch many lives by reaching out to our homeless population. Won't you consider being a part of this wonderful outreach?? We covet your prayers that HEARTS will be touched and LIVES will be saved through this very worthwhile program.**



From Master Quilter Bonnie Hunter's blog after a quilting workshop held in the Family Life Center on September 26 and 27:

"We had a marvelous day yesterday!

Fall is definitely in the air in Delaware. [and I didn't intend for that to rhyme, but whatever, go with it!]

We gathered together with machines and fabric, rulers and cutters, and all that goes with it for a day of sewing the blocks from Talkin' Turkey, found in my book String Fling.

**What a beautiful fellowship hall at the Wyoming Methodist Church in Wyoming, Delaware! Large, clean, bright and airy, and the lighting was fabulous, just made for quilters!**



©Bonnie K Hunter @Quiltville.blogspot.com

I was very excited to have so many in attendance. Several guests joined us from neighboring states such as Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, and from as far away as California, and even one special guest, Petra, who came all the way from Germany as a special birthday bucket list trip.

I haven't taught Talkin' Turkey in a while, and

When a guild opens up their workshops to outsiders, quilters from neighboring guilds or even way outside the area, something wonderful happens. We are making new friends, the energy level increases. It blossoms into this wonderful experience that ends up being MORE about each other, and less about the quilt we came to make. The sewing is the icing on the cake, but connectivity with each other IS the cake."

See our Family Life Center in "sew much" action here: [https://youtu.be/6\\_T7DuFD4IA](https://youtu.be/6_T7DuFD4IA)

*"Do all the good you can  
By all the means you can  
In all the ways you can  
In all the places you can  
At all the times you can  
To all the people you can  
As long as ever you can"*

*Often quoted by John Wesley*

*"I had to take a picture of this, as my mom has instilled this in me from as far back as I can remember. I really believe the world would be such a much better place if we ALL took this to heart and put it into practice."*

spending the day with string piecing and a whole lot of flying geese in the afternoon was just so much fun.



# Outreach Outreach Outreach Outreach Outreach



**Still collecting winter coats** for needy elementary school students through this month. We are looking for both boys' and girls' coats in children's sizes 6 to 16. (Sizes 8 and 10 in both sexes are in especially high demand.) Winter coats should be new or gently used (clean and in good condition). A big THANK YOU from your Outreach Team, on behalf of many parents worrying about their little ones!

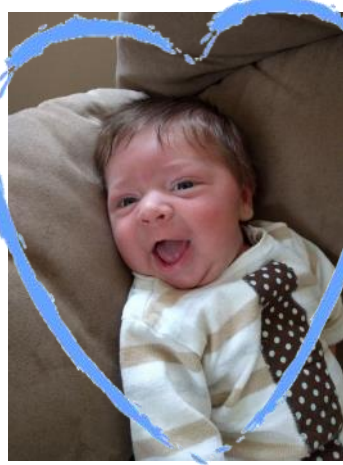
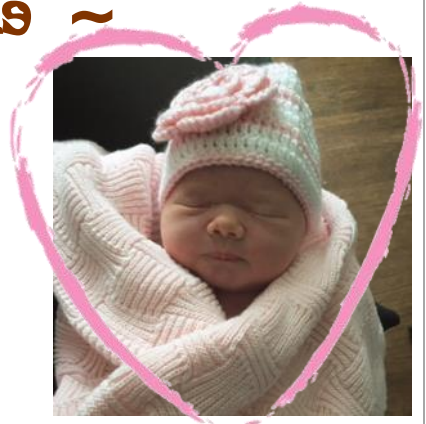
# ~~ Our People ~~

## ~ Birthdays ~

- 10/01 Jessica Mastriana
- 10/03 Brad Eaby, Avery Whitenight, Amelia Short
- 10/04 John deBloois
- 10/05 Lynn Farina, Dottie Harper, Danielle Paugh, Brianna Ditty
- 10/06 Priscilla Young
- 10/08 Kim Reed
- 10/10 Emily Cook, Michael Stover
- 10/11 Jim Murray, Seth Brosius, Brenda Zeiters, Janice Watkins
- 10/12 Lisa Wilt, Melissa Long
- 10/13 Elias Wessell (2)
- 10/15 Evan Fennemore
- 10/16 Well Inge, Chloe Schaeffer
- 10/17 Vicki Buckworth, Wesley Mann
- 10/18 Gertie Brittingham, Michael LeNoir, Brandon Smith
- 10/19 Mike Kijowski
- 10/20 Adam Jones
- 10/21 Connie Quarnaccio
- 10/22 Jerry White
- 10/25 Carol Pearson
- 10/26 James Moore, Vianna Spampinato
- 10/27 Bill Forbes, Jack Mitchell, Bella Ritter
- 10/28 Debbie Watson, Wesley McCormick
- 10/29 Suzanne Sutton, Eric Dotson, Ashlynn McDevitt, Dominic Cousens
- 10/30 Kathy Maris
- 10/31 Matt Tappan, Deborah Statler, Makayla Lauffer, Jonathan Moore
- 11/01 Michelle (Freidel) Harris
- 11/02 Gregg Marker, Barbara McCleaff
- 11/03 Rose Krokenberger, Dave Yencer, Timothy Higgins, Greg Papen, Seth Flaherty, Arlene Meggett, Shirley McDonald
- 11/04 Dick Gabler, Tanya Williams, Reid Singleton
- 11/05 Alicia Porter
- 11/06 Ron Auten, Eileen Kling, Laurel Beaman, Johannah Petro
- 11/07 Bethany Dejesus, Linda Booher, Howard Taylor
- 11/08 Eve Kalinowski, Linda Newsome

## ~ Births ~

**Kate Elizabeth Jeffries** was born to Emily and Ryan Jeffries on August 31, 2016, a little sister to Nolan (3 1/2 years). Congratulations also to proud grandparents Larry & Barbara Towle.



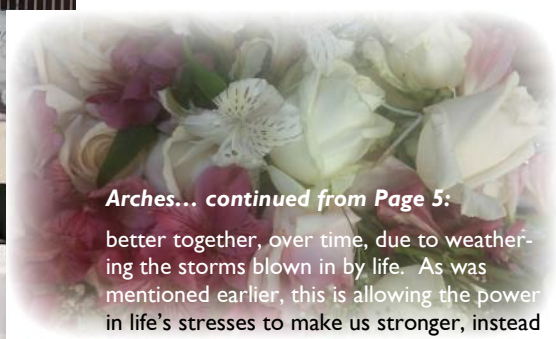
**Mark Patrick Studebaker** was born to Brooke (Cool) and Dave Studebaker on August 5th, a little brother to Drew (3 years). Congratulations also to proud grandparents Doug and Diana Cool and great-grandmother Arlene Matulonis.

## ~ Baptism ~

**Wyatt Jackson Lefort**, the son of Aaron and Robyn Lefort, was baptized on September 11, 2016.



**Barbara McCleaff & Kevin McCormick** were married in Wyoming Church on Sunday, September 25, 2016.



*Arches... continued from Page 5:*

better together, over time, due to weathering the storms blown in by life. As was mentioned earlier, this is allowing the power in life's stresses to make us stronger, instead of allowing them to push us further apart. When the Lord is at the center, and we continually reach toward Him with our lives, what force is strong enough to separate us?

In next month's article, we will once again look at arches, but unlike the natural world, we will focus on the architectural use of arches, which means that we will revisit the Romans and their engineering genius that set the standard for generations to come.

Until then... may we renew our connections with others, especially our spouses, by first renewing our relationship with our Lord. When our connection with Him is sound, all other relationships will be that much better. **Thank you, God! Amen.**



# See you at the Dinner Auction!

# Come Cruise With Us

This year our annual Dinner Auction will take you to different ports of call. So if you are looking for a relaxing and fun evening please join us on Saturday, October 22 at 5:30 p.m. We are pleased to have The Georgia House catering our event this year.

Tickets (\$28/pp) will go on sale Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Narthex.

Tickets also available during the week in the office.

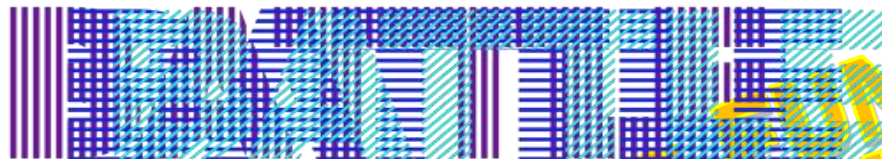
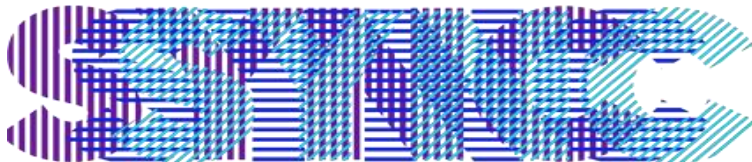
The FUNdraising Team is currently taking donations for this year's Dinner Auction. If you have an item and/or service that you would like to donate please get in touch with a FUNdraising Team member or call Debbie at (302)423-4733.

All donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE!!!



Have you always thought that you sounded like Adele, Maroon Five or Frank Sinatra???? Well, now you will sound like them by joining us on **Saturday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m.** for our first LIP SYNC BATTLE. If you want to have a great time and show off your inner star, all you have to do is pick a song and fill out a LIP SYNC BATTLE registration form (this will reserve your song choice) at the Welcome Desk and drop it off in the Sign-Up Box located in the Narthex.

ALL AGES and/or GROUPS WELCOME!!! We will be in touch for practice times (if you need it). So let's see if you have what it takes to win the first WUMC Golden Microphone ever given... and maybe the last!!! If you have any questions, please call Debbie at 302-423-4733.



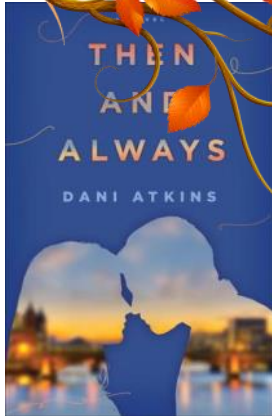
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**THEN AND ALWAYS: DANI ATKINS**

Rachel Wiltshire has everything she's ever wanted: a close group of friends, a handsome boyfriend, and acceptance to the journalism program at her top-choice college. But one fateful evening, tragedy tears her world apart.

Five years later, Rachel returns home for the first time to celebrate her best friend's wedding. Still coping with her grief, she can't stop thinking about

the bright future she almost had, if only that one night had gone differently. But when a sudden fall lands her in the hospital, Rachel wakes to find that her life has completely changed. Now the people she loves most are not the way she remembers them. Unable to trust her own recollections, Rachel tries to piece together what really happened, and not even she can predict the astonishing truth.

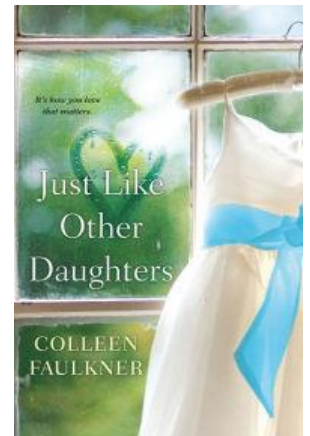


Curl Up with a Good Book

# Find it at your Church Library!

**JUST LIKE OTHER DAUGHTERS: COLLEEN FAULKNER**

Alicia Richards loved her daughter from her very first breath. Days later, when tests confirmed what Alicia already knew—that Chloe had Down syndrome—she didn't falter. Her ex-husband wanted a child who would grow to be a scholar. For Alicia, it's enough that Chloe just is. Now twenty-five, Chloe is sweet, funny, and content. Alicia brings her to adult day-care while she teaches at a local college. One day Chloe arrives home thrumming with excitement, and says the words Alicia never anticipated. She has met someone—a young man named Thomas. Within days, Chloe and Thomas, also mentally challenged, declare themselves in love. Alicia strives to see past her misgivings to the new possibilities opening up for her daughter. Shouldn't Chloe have the same right to love as anyone else? But there is no way to prepare for the relationship unfolding, or for the moments of heartbreak and joy ahead...



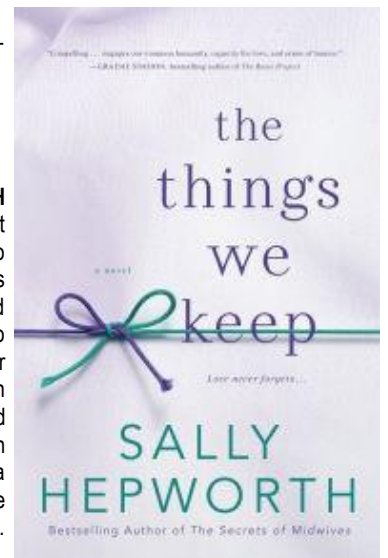
**NOAH'S WIFE: LINDSAY STARCK**

It's been raining for years in this isolated town, once renowned for its zoo and its hospitality. Many have moved away, but a few stalwarts remain, refusing to evacuate the drowning village even at the urging of the weatherman. Noah is assigned to the town's church after the previous minister commits suicide, but he suffers his own crisis of faith, while his photographer wife lives to serve others but lacks her own identity. The townspeople gave up on praying long ago and don't want sermons urging patience and endurance. Suddenly, the zoo floods and they unite to save and house animals, from snakes to penguins. Carolina Quarterly editor in chief Starck populates her first novel with memorable characters, of which Noah and his never-named wife are the least

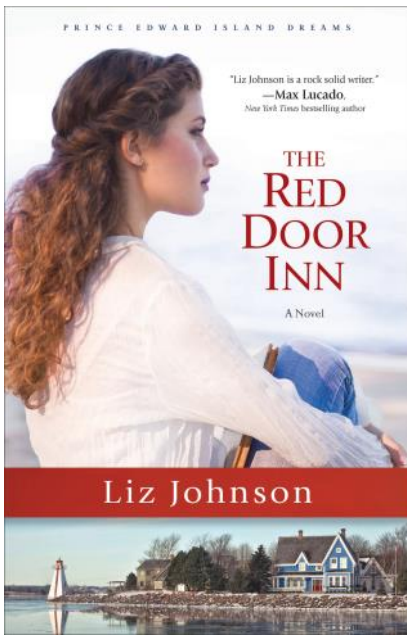
interesting. These include an outspoken councilwoman who "keeps the place afloat"; the devoted zookeeper and his long-suffering fiancée, who yearns to leave town; and a cardiac surgeon who worries about her widowed amateur magician father. VERDICT Starck does more telling than showing, slowing the pace of the action and hobbling character development. Themes of grief, loyalty, and illusion resound, but devotion to the allegory at the novel's core ultimately feels con-

**THE THINGS WE KEEP: SALLY HEPWORTH**

Anna Forster is only thirty-eight years old, but her mind is slowly slipping away from her. Armed only with her keen wit and sharp-eyed determination, she knows that her family is doing what they believe to be best when they take her to Rosalind House, an assisted living facility. But Anna has a secret: she does not plan on staying. She also knows there's just one another resident who is her age, Luke. What she does not expect is the love that blossoms between her and Luke even as she resists her new life. As her disease steals more and more of her memory, Anna fights to hold on to what she knows, including her relationship with Luke. Eve Bennett, suddenly thrust into the role of single mother to her bright and vivacious seven-year-old daughter, finds herself putting her culinary training to use at Rosalind house. When she meets Anna and Luke, she is moved by the bond the pair has forged. But when a tragic incident leads Anna's and Luke's families to separate them, Eve finds herself questioning what she is willing to risk to help them. Eve has her own secrets, and her own desperate circumstances that raise the stakes even higher. With huge heart, humor, and a compassionate understanding of human nature, Sally Hepworth delivers a page-turning novel about the power of love to grow and endure even when faced with the most devastating of obstacles. You won't forget this book.







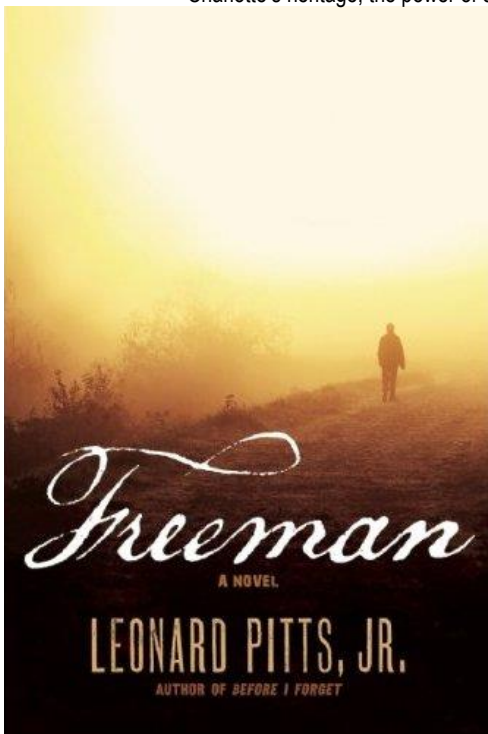
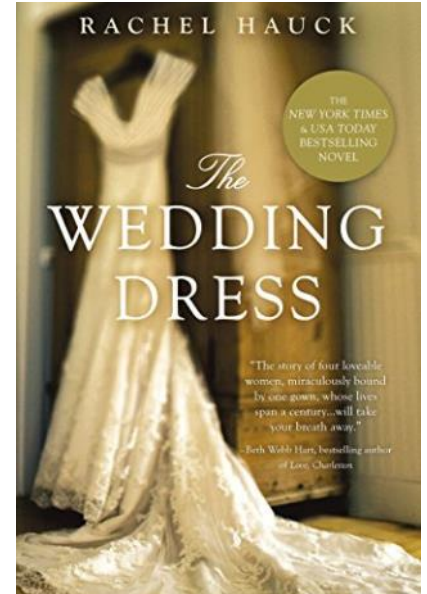
**THE RED DOOR INN: LIZ JOHNSON**

Marie Carrington is running from a host of bad memories. Broke and desperate, she's hoping to find safety and sanctuary on Prince Edward Island, where she reluctantly agrees to help decorate a renovated bed-and-breakfast before it opens for prime tourist season. Seth Sloane didn't move three thousand miles to work on his uncle's B&B so he could babysit a woman with a taste for expensive antiques and a bewildering habit of jumping every time he brushes past her. He came to help restore the old Victorian—and to forget about the fiancée who broke his heart. The only thing Marie and Seth agree on is that getting the Red Door Inn ready to open in just two months will take everything they've got. Can these two wounded souls find hope, healing, and perhaps a bit of romance on this beautiful island?

Step into the Red Door Inn, a lovely home away from home tucked along the north shore of fabled Prince Edward Island. It's a place where the wounded come to heal, the broken find forgiveness, and the lonely find a family. Won't you stay for the season?

**THE WEDDING DRESS: RACHEL HAUCK**

Charlotte owns a chic Birmingham bridal boutique. Dressing brides for their big day is her gift . . . and her passion. But with her own wedding day approaching, why can't she find the perfect dress... or feel certain she should marry Tim? Then Charlotte discovers a vintage dress in a battered trunk at an estate sale. It looks brand-new - shimmering with pearls and satin, hand-stitched and timeless in its design. But where did it come from? Who wore it? Who welded the lock shut and tucked the dog tags in that little satchet? Who left it in the basement for a ten-year-old girl? And what about the mysterious man in the purple vest who insists the dress had been "redeemed." Charlotte's search for the gown's history—and its new bride—begins as a distraction from her sputtering love life. But it takes on a life of its own as she comes to know the women who have worn the dress. Emily from 1912. Mary Grace from 1939. Hillary from 1968. Each with her own story of promise, pain, and destiny. And each with something unique to share. For woven within the threads of the beautiful hundred-year-old gown is the truth about Charlotte's heritage, the power of courage and faith, and the timeless beauty of finding true love.

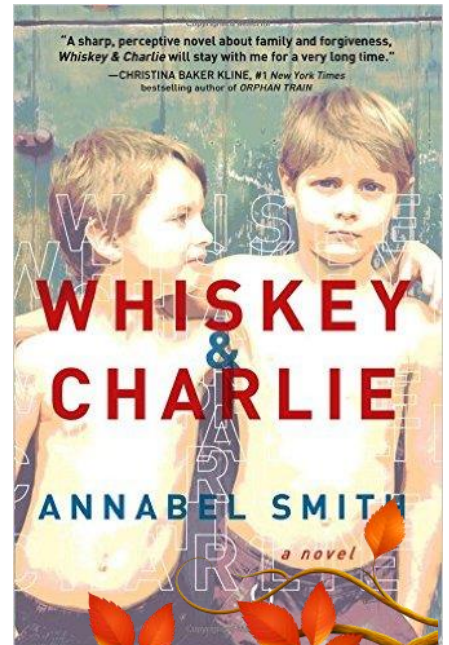


**FREEMAN: LEONARD PITTS, JR.**

*Freeman*, the new novel by Leonard Pitts, Jr., takes place in the first few months following the Confederate surrender and the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Upon learning of Lee's surrender, Sam - a runaway slave who once worked for the Union Army - decides to leave his safe haven in Philadelphia and set out on foot to return to the war-torn South. What compels him on this almost-suicidal course is the desire to find his wife, the mother of his only child, whom he and their son left behind 15 years earlier on the Mississippi farm to which they all "belonged."

**WHISKEY CHARLIE: ANNABEL SMITH**

Whisky and Charlie are identical twins, but everything about them is polar opposite. Their relationship reaches a point where Charlie can't even bear to talk to his brother anymore, until a freak accident steals Whisky from his family. Filled with suspense and family drama, this novel follows Charlie as he copes with the fact he may never speak to his brother again.



You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book. Dr. Szuss



## October Soup Day --- The First in the 2016 -2017 Soup Day Season!

The members of your Sexton Kitchen Team are delighted to announce that the first event of the 2016 – 2017 Soup Day Season will occur on **Wednesday, October 12, 2016** in the Family Life Center **from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM**. For a donation of \$4.00 you will receive a generous helping of your choice of either Vegetable Beef or Cream Of Potato Soup, roll or bread, dessert, and beverage. And, if your appetite should not be sated by the first bowl of soup you can elect to take advantage of the 'Taste Like Seconds' option which enables you, for an additional \$3.00, to select and enjoy a second bowl of soup from those listed on the menu. Don't forget to check out the culinary delights that are to be found at the Soup Day Bake Table. The funds that are generated from the Soup Days are donated to the Church's Outreach Team Ministry.



### My Favorite Recipes

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

## Clam Stiffle

Courtesy: Mrs. Maude L. Knight

**Ingredients:**

1 qt. clams, about 20 - 1/2 lb. salt pork - 4 potatoes - 3 medium onions

### CLAM STIFFLE (Continued)

Grind clams and strain liquid. Grease casserole with bacon fat. Put 2 or 3 slices thin pork on bottom, then a thin layer of potatoes, thin layer of onions and a layer of clams. Continue until dish is filled with potatoes on top. Fill dish half full with clam broth and bake in oven for 2 hours. Last half hour, remove cover from casserole. Oven 350 deg.



## Pastry Chefs of WUMC, Heat Up Those Ovens

Soup Day will be here before you know it and we need your specialties for the Bake Table. First Soup Day is **Wednesday, October 12**. We'd appreciate it if you could have them at the **Bake Table by 10:00 AM**. We can't wait to see your creations!

Susan Gant and Sig Kelsey



## October's Wyoming Church's Men's Prayer Breakfast

All men from the youngest to those experienced with many years are invited to gather in the Backroom of Hall's Restaurant **from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM on Saturday, October 29, 2016** for the October Prayer Breakfast. Come expecting to be spiritually fed as well as physically nourished from the good food that we order from the menu. Questions/Information see Josh Turner, Wayne Davis, or Terry Higgins.



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## The Sexton Kitchen Team's Food Ministry Program 'Is Off And Running' For The 2016 -2017 Season!

Following a very busy month of September, the members of your Sexton Kitchen Team (SKT) are looking forward to an intensely active month of October. This 10<sup>th</sup> month of the year finds the SKT members planning for the **Adult Covered Dish Dinner on Wednesday, October the 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Family Life Center.** If you have not taken the



opportunity to attend heretofore, you owe it to yourself to attend and enjoy an evening of excellent food and great fellowship in a relaxed, informal venue. All you need to do is bring your appetite, your own place settings, and one of your best culinary creations that will provide 10 serving portions. The SKT Chef's will prepare the entrée and the beverages. The Adult Fellowship Dinners truly represent the time honored Methodist tradition of shared food and shared table fellowship. George and Barbara Pettyjohn will serve as our friendly and congenial hosts promising to have the event concluded no later than 7:30 PM.



# Kitchen MINISTRY

Wednesday, October the 12<sup>th</sup> will find the members of your SKT busy putting the 'finishing touches' on our first Soup Day of the season. The Family Life Center will be transformed into the October Soup Day Event beginning at 11:30 AM and concluding at 1PM. For a donation of \$4.00 you will be served a generous portion of



your choice of vegetable beef or cream of potato soup, roll or bread, dessert, and beverage. You can also take advantage of the 'Tastes Like Seconds' option and for an additional \$3.00 donation you can enjoy another bowl of either soup listed on the menu. Before you leave you would do well to consider browsing the culinary creations provided by a number of our great congregational Wyoming Chefs at the Soup Day Bake Table. You will be certain to find some freshly prepared food item(s) that would compliment your menu at home.

The members of your SKT will continue to be very busy with a number of events during the latter days of October including provided vital support for the Annual Dinner Auction to be held in the Family Life Center on Saturday, October 22 and the Consecration Service with its accompanying reception on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to the SKT's next several months' forthcoming Adult Fellowship



Covered Dish Dinners and Soup Days, plan to attend and support our hand-crafted **'World Famous Pumpkin Pies' sale on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**, just in time for your Thanksgiving Dinner on the 24<sup>th</sup>, and our **'Chicken 'N Dumpling 'Take Out/Take Home Dinner' on Saturday, December the 10<sup>th</sup>**, just what you will need after a busy day of shopping. And if these activities are not enough to 'whet your appetite' consider the SKT's planned **Lasagna Dinner in January** and **'St Pat's' Ham And Cabbage Dinner** as well as the SKT's Chefs **'World Famous Cherry Pies'** both in **March** of next year.

The hard working professionals of your SKT do appreciate your attendance and support of all of our activities. The monies accrued as a result of your generous financial support enable your SKT through our Food Ministry Program to provide much needed funds to several facets of our Wyoming Church program that directly benefits children, youth, adults, and families. Specifically the funds generated from our Soup Days are donated to the Church's Outreach Team and the income from the Soup Day Bake Tables are earmarked for the Church's Mortgage Reduction Project.

*Should you feel led to consider becoming a member of our very friendly and welcoming SKT, our very able leader, Linda Booher, would be delighted to talk with you.*

★ YES WE CATER ★



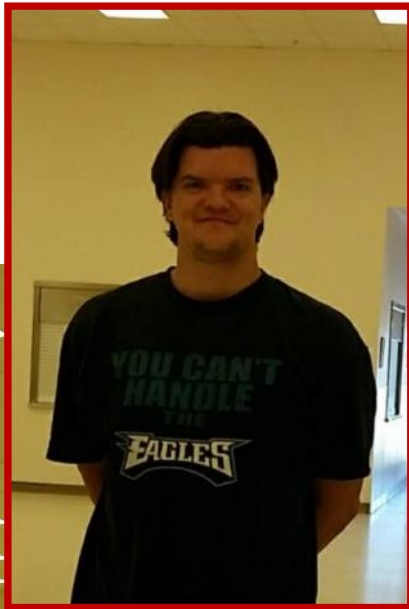
To: You!

I'll be on vacation from December 27 through January 7. Could YOU spend some time in the office, answering phones and helping walk-ins? One person would be in the office when Angela is there, two persons during the times she's not in the office. A detailed schedule will be available soon.

Beyond vacation, I'd appreciate your availability to come into the office on an occasional single day when I cannot be there, as well.

Thank you for considering!

*Renate Purdy,*  
Office Manager



Have you met our new staff members yet? Dominic Cousens is the polite and quiet young man working hard behind the scenes in maintenance and security, and Marian Hudson is our new bookkeeper. You can see her smiling face in the church office typically on a Tuesday evening and other varying weeknights as needed. Marian and Dominic - Welcome to our team!

Read more in November's edition of The Wyoming Messenger.

