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# THE WYOMING MESSENGER

## September 2016



Back to... expensive new sneakers?... new responsibilities in church ministries?... hard exams?... overwhelming heating bills?... staying popular?... facing the bullies?... falling leaves and long dark nights?...



### Take Heart!

God is in control.  
Find that reassurance throughout His Word - visit these passages in Scripture often and

**Take heart!**

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**33 Verses of Encouragement**



**Lost  
and  
found**



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



A Guide to 1 John

God's Love  
Through  
You

Basic Bible Studies  
for Everyone

Love

A Stonecroft Bible study called "God's Love Through You" will start Monday September 19th at 1 PM at the home of Sharon Duncan. This 9 week study is of 1 John which begins and ends talking about a fulfilling, meaningful life. Stonecroft studies are very "user friendly" and no prior knowledge of the Bible is necessary. Would love to have you join us! Please call Sharon at 698-1904 by 9/11 so books can be ordered.

Pastor Rick has kindly agreed to attend the Wyoming Men's Breakfast on Saturday, **September 24** in the 'Backroom' at **Hall's Restaurant**. Meeting at **7:30 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.

# Bulletin Board



We will be **serving dinner** to the residents at **Dover Interfaith Mission** for Housing **on Wednesday, September 21 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 --- 'Give A Squirt!'**

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.

## From the Pastor's Desk

*Rick Wessell*

If you attend either the 9:45 or 11:00 worship services, you might have noticed that we have used several readings from the book of Psalms. I have found that people have a love/hate relationship with the Psalms.

Many people list Psalms as their favorite book of the Bible; they identify with the shepherd of Psalm 23, they cling to the path laid out by the Lord in Psalm 103, and they love the power and imagery of the book on the whole. Others find the Psalms trite and even silly. The Psalms are, after all, poems, and if you hated studying poetry back in your high school English class, then you might not altogether enjoy the Psalms now.

While Psalms is not necessarily

ly my favorite book of the Bible, I do believe it is one of the most powerful and useful books that we can study. Why is that?

First, the Psalms teach us a great deal about prayer and faith. The psalmists show us how to rejoice in the Lord when life is going great, how to cry out to God in times of crisis or trouble, how to celebrate God's goodness and mercy, and even how to be brutally honest and let the Lord know that we are upset with Him and are begging for answers. Read the Psalms for a few weeks and see if your prayer life isn't radically changed.

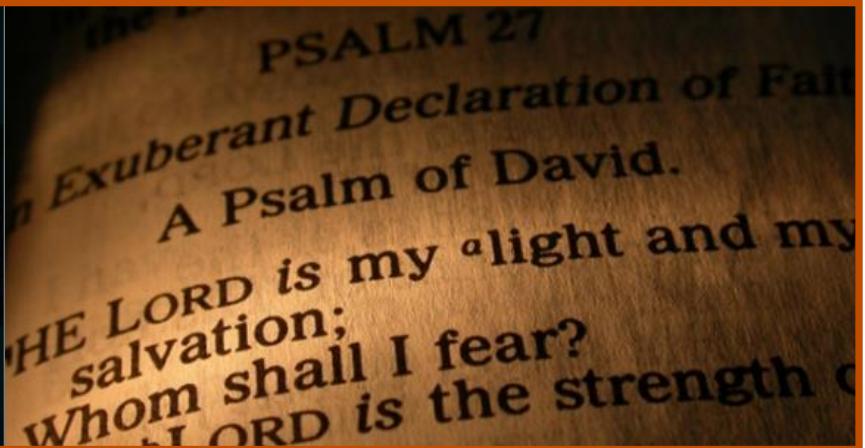
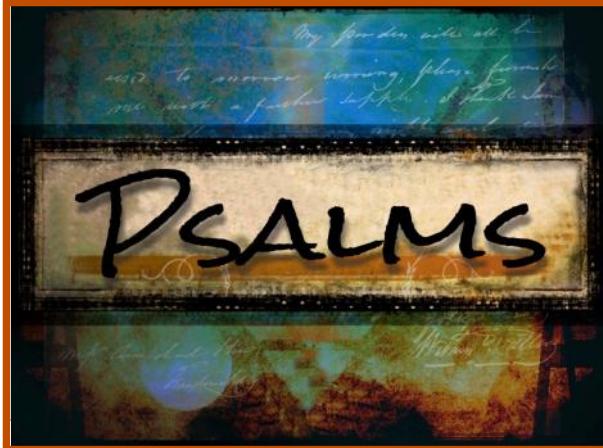
Second, the Psalms are songs, and because of that they have been used for centuries to teach us the truths of the

faith. How often have you been in the



car and you hear a song and then you find yourself still singing it hours later? That's how our ancestors in the faith utilized these songs. They could be memorized and sung at home while you were making dinner or playing with the kids, or while you were on the road traveling, or while you were at work. Psalms show us the power of faith in action and the difference that God's truth makes in our lives.

As September begins, try reading through the Psalms. These ancient words will come alive and transform your life.





## Pastor Dave's Ministry Minute - September 2016

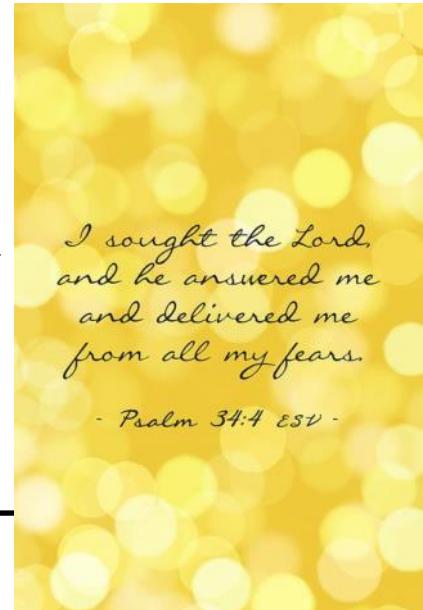
### "There's a Wealth of Knowledge in Education"

Back to school time has taken on new meaning for our family this year... Over the past 16 years, Pam would be preparing her classroom for the new school year with a new roster of second graders... Pam retired in June and is looking forward to a less hectic lifestyle... Elaina is preparing for her new school year as a residence hall director at Southern New Hampshire University and Mark will begin student teaching at Fifer Middle School as he completes his Master's Degree in Special Education but things are still very different for us at Hill House... The cycles or rhythms of life change for all of us from time to time as we follow the path of our life's journey... Pam and I are settling in to a new routine and I must say we are still finding ourselves rather busy... In addition to my day to day work at the radio station and my responsibilities at church, I am enrolled in three classes which have been very good and Pam is finding things to fill her days... Whether we are in school or out of school the Bible provides many insights on learning and training... Paul's second letter to his young protégé Timothy tells us that all scripture is God breathed and useful for teaching among other things... Stick with your study of the Bible and know the truths that God has provided for us all and you too will be equipped for every good work... So be it and amen...

**"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."**

2 Timothy 3:16-17

We need a few women willing to work together as the leadership team for our 2017 retreat. Primary responsibility is deciding on dates and signing a contract, publicity, registrar, planning with the staff the final details and payments. If you are interested or have questions about the details of the responsibilities call Barbara Shaw at 538-6772 or email [kshaw11@aol.com](mailto:kshaw11@aol.com). In filling this role you will be rewarded and blessed with a sense of accomplishment as our retreats continue to grow and minister to us. Bonus; you get to work with fun people!



## Another Eagle in the ranks of the "WUMC Scouts"

Cory Cook received his Eagle Scout award in a beautiful ceremony at Wyoming Church (pictured with John Pearson here).



If you know anyone who is 11 or older and is interested in joining Scouts, BSA Troop 24 meets Monday nights at 7:00 at the church.

# Reflections

## Reflections

### The Pathfinder



Jesus answered,  
“I am the way  
and the truth  
and the life. No  
one comes to the  
Father  
except through  
me.”  
John 14:6

Like many school aged boys, when I was growing up, especially in my teen years, I was an avid lover of sports, both as a participant, and as a spectator. And while professional athletes are all excellent at their particular sport, the truly great don't even need their full names to be recognized. A first name is sufficient for the truly noteworthy (Kareem, Wilt, or Pele'), yet even more unique, is the unforgettable, one of a kind nickname. Baseball, maybe more than any other sport, is notorious for the immortalized nickname. Even the casual baseball fan, young or old, has heard of *The Babe*, or *Hammerin' Hank*, or *Yogi Berra*. As a kid, everyone seemed to know who high-flying Dr. J. was on the basketball hardwood, or the gridiron giant *Refrigerator Perry* of the Super Bowl champion Chicago Bears, or the homerun hitting Mr. October of the storied New York Yankees. Nicknames are memorable. Nicknames symbolize greatness. Only a select few ever become memorialized by a nickname.

As a lover of history, like the world of sports, nicknames abound. Let's take an impromptu quiz, shall we, to test your American history nickname knowledge. Are you ready? 1. Honest Abe 2. Buffalo Bill 3. Satchmo 4. Stonewall. So how'd you do? I'm sure you did great!

How about we change the format of the game for a second. Let me give you the historical figure's name and let's see if you can come up with the nickname. The name... John C. Fremont. O.K. ... how'd you do? Any nickname come to mind? Well, for those who are wondering who

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

this Mr. Fremont is...he was a Major in the U.S. Army during the Mexican-American War, he was appointed commander of the west by President Lincoln during the Civil War, he was Governor of the Arizona Territory, a Senator from California, and he even ran, unsuccessfully, for the Presidency in 1856 against James Buchanan. But what really set Mr. Fremont apart, what made him most remarkable and worth remembering, was his pivotal role in opening up the west, the “wild west” of the mid-nineteenth century, for eventual settlement. Arguably, aside from the household names of explorers Lewis and Clark, it could be said that no one person made more of an indelible impact on westward expansion, the fabled “Manifest Destiny” of our textbooks, than did John C. Fremont. And during his lifetime, while in the midst of his dime novel adventures and growing renown, Mr. Fremont simply became known as *The Pathfinder*.

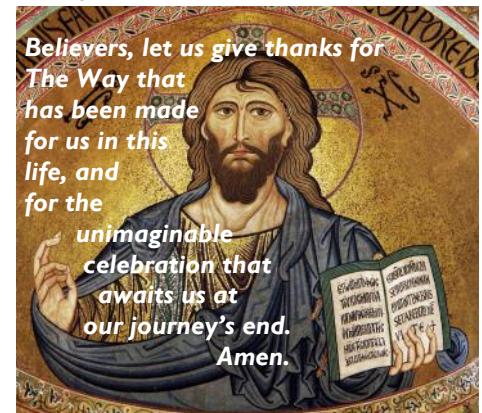
Wow....now that's a nickname! I can only speak for myself, obviously, but there is something in the imagery of a pathfinder; opening up what was once closed, making a way where there is no way, forging ahead, even in the face of resistance and unknowns. What courage. What tenacity. What a journey!

While I can't totally embrace the person of John C. Fremont as I reflect on the history of that era, I can't help but admire such a nickname, very much, actually, like the name given to the early believers of Christ...*The Way*. Jesus declared himself as...*the way, the truth, and the life*, and His followers, before being described as Christians, were first referred to as followers of *The Way*. And while I take major liberties with drawing any parallels between the two, we can loosely see some connection between the *Pathfinder* of the West and *The Way* of the early church...maybe even followers of *The Way* in the church of today. Not unlike the early church in the first century, *The Way* is not always an easy path to see, not always a comfortable path to follow, and is certainly not a crowded path amidst the many alternate trails offered by the world

around us. The real dangerous job for us as believers, the forging of the path where no path existed, has been done, once and for all, by Christ himself. Our job, in many respects, is relatively easy, in the grand scheme...we are to simply follow. Many of us have some familiarity with the legendary Oregon Trail, and to this day, if you visit some spots out west where the trail passed through, you can still see the grooves in certain rocky areas where wagon after wagon rolled their way toward a new home in the west. According to the historical accounts, wise settlers traveled in groups, they carried only the essentials, lest they get weighed down along the way, they had folks who knew the way out in front, and, quite simply, they kept to the trail.

As believers, our checklist for our journey home, to eternity, is not all that different. We hopefully are walking in the fellowship of other brothers and sisters of faith. We hopefully are not carrying too much along the way, which may weigh us down and distract our attention. We hopefully are following folks who have their heart set on our heavenly destination. And above all, we hopefully are following the map of Scripture to guide our steps...keeping us on the trail.

To be a *Pathfinder* or to be on *The Way*, gives the impression, accurately so, of movement. You can't explore new lands by staying at home. You can't be on the move with your faith without action. Our time on this earth is a brief one; a temporary experience...simply a journey toward home. For us, spiritually, Jesus was the ultimate *Pathfinder*, securing the route through this life with His own, accompanying us every step of our passage through the quiet strength of His Spirit. How blessed we are!



## “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

## Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir provides a “joyful noise unto the Lord” at the 11AM service from September into June. They rehearse for one hour on Thursday evenings at 7:30PM. They perform under the very capable leadership of Brad Whitenight and are always on the lookout for new members to join this fun and spiritually uplifting group.

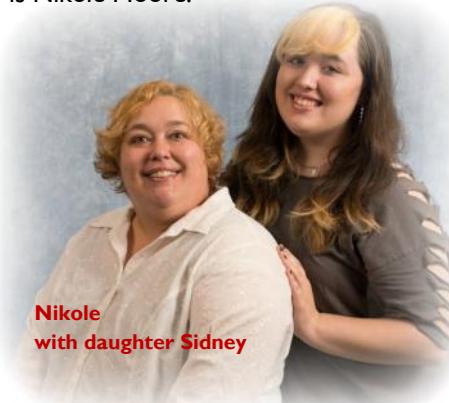
Brad &amp; Janna



## Craft Show Group

The Craft Show Group works very diligently to coordinate and set up our Holiday Craft Show. This activity provides opportunities for members to share talents and for the community to enjoy a unique shopping experience

before the holidays. Leading this effort is Nikole Moore.

Nikole  
with daughter Sidney

## Soup Day...

is that delicious program provided on the second Wednesday of the month October through March (December excepted) by our incredibly dedicated Kitchen Sextons. We welcome the community to come in fellowship together and to enjoy a wonderful meal. Soup Day Volunteers play an important role in setup, serving and clean up on these special days. Linda Booher keeps everything running smoothly.

Linda,  
Nikole's  
mom

## Worship Leaders...

assist the pastor during the Sunday services. They usually open the service with a Welcome and Time of Greeting sometimes followed by a Call to Worship. They lead the congregation in prayer and accept the Tithes and Offerings. They are an important part of our worship and a great help to the pastor.

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





**WHEN:** Sunday, September 18  
**WHERE:** Fifer Orchards  
**WHO:** Entire Church Family  
...any Guests who want to join us!

Come one, come all to our annual church picnic. A good time is sure to be had by all. There will be food, fellowship, and games in abundance. Dinner, which will be served from 1:15 to 2:00, will feature Redner's chicken as our main entrée.

Besides the chicken, drinks and utensils will be provided. Please sign up in the narthex to bring a side dish or dessert. A love offering will be taken to cover the cost of the chicken.

No need to bring tables, but we recommend that you bring chairs with you.

Games and activities will be provided for all ages. Enjoy corn hole and 9 Square in the Air.

There will be group games provided for the kids. Of course, you can just relax and share conversation with your church family.

The picnic will be held in and around Mary and Mike Fennenmore's house. Fifers does request that we stay away from the Corn Maze Fun Park for our safety.

**We hope to see as many of you as possible! Remember to save the date: September 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:30 pm.**

As far as parking is concerned, we ask everyone else to park in the west side grass lot where we parked last year.

*In case of rain, we will hold our picnic in the Family Life Center.*

You did it again! 5 years in a row!  
You put smiles on 280 faces at the ARC Dance  
as they chose their favorite **Cookies!**



From the WUMC A.C.C.E.S.S. Team to all the bakers of those 85 dozen delicious, *smile-producing, love-filled, homemade Cookies* -

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!**



### My Favorite Recipes

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

### Caramel Apple Pie

Courtesy: Linda Booher

#### Ingredients:

12 oz pk. Scalloped apples

6 oz cream cheese

1 egg

1 1/2 tsp vanilla

2 tbsp. sugar

1 tbsp. flour

1 graham cracker crust

1/3 cup caramel topping

1/2 tsp cinnamon

Beat till smooth:

cream cheese,

egg, vanilla,

sugar, flour. Spread in crust. Blend apples, caramel topping and cinnamon. Spoon over cream cheese. Bake at 350 degrees F for 40 to 45 minutes or until apples are bubbling.



## YOUTH CALENDAR

### Jr/Sr. High MYF

Sunday, 9/11/16, Fall Season Kickoff!  
 Sunday, 9/25/16, Activity TBA, 6 – 8 pm

### Study

**Sunday school lessons will be a part of MYF in the evening.**

Wednesday, 9/21/16,  
 Intergenerational Bible Study:  
*When Christians Get It Wrong,*  
 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, Rm. 225

### Worship

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

Here at Wyoming Church we've been exploring the research themes together for nearly two years now. I've passed along the three major research themes that came from their Sticky Faith project (a grace-based gospel, intergenerational worship and relationships, and ministry partnership between the church and the home), but there are also some other aspects of their research that can be helpful for us. So over the next few months, I want to share those with you.

As you were growing up, you probably had certain milestones that were significant to your journey. Perhaps it was when you were allowed to stay home alone or when you got your driver's license. Or they might have been public milestones like graduating from high school or college. If you were raised in a church, perhaps you experienced milestones like being baptized, "confirmed," or were presented a Bible at a certain age.

These rites of passage do a lot of things for us as we grow up. They teach us about character, like the way learning to drive can teach responsibility. They also shape our identities; we are who we are in part because of our experiences. Take Communion, or the Lord's Supper, for example. Each time we participate in it,

# September

... painting the high spots in a house in Ohio on the recent youth mission trip.



## Celebrating Milestones

we are shaped to be part of the people of God, connected to all Christ followers for the past 2,000 years.

Our children need milestones and rites of passage to help them form their faith identity. So we want to celebrate together in the lives of our children. Let's make a big deal out of baptisms, confirmation, and the presentation of Bibles to our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.. Let's recognize high school and college graduates. Let's take part in those special ministries

related to the seasons of Lent and Christmas. Let's join together in Holy Communion on a regular basis.

As it says in **Hebrews 10:24-25,** *Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another.*



## 2016 Wyoming UMC Youth Mission Trip

On Sunday, July 24, eighteen youth and adults departed Wyoming UMC for Mansfield, Ohio .... while Chuck and Barb Nichols departed Michigan heading towards Mansfield. We arrived at Light and Life Christian Camp, home of Blue Rose Mission, which was our home away from home. It was a small camp with bunk-houses where we stayed and there were also small cottages some of which were owned and some that were rented out. There was a dining hall, which also served as our game room at night.

We woke up bright and early on Monday, and after breakfast and devotions we headed out to our work sites. During our week, we worked on four different houses. Miss Nellie's house was a large brick house. The woodwork on the front and back porches and windows was in need of scraping and painting because the wood was starting to deteriorate. The second house was Miss Beverly's house. There we cleaned, power washed, and fixed her door. The third house was the Franklins where we did yard work,

painted, fixed the gutters and pulled up and replaced the kitchen floor. The fourth house was Miss Rose's, where we painted the living room, hallway and kitchen and cleaned out her garage.

Mansfield is home to the Ohio Reformatory Prison, which is now a museum. It was a prison until 1990. The movie *Shawshank Redemption* was shot there as well as scenes from *Air Force One* and *Tango and Cash*. We enjoyed sitting under the trees eating our brown bag lunches there. It was a beautiful building.

After our workday, we headed back to the camp for showers, dinner and then some fun and fellowship. We really enjoyed game time and were quite competitive from corn hole to board games to spoons... there was lots of laughter going on. It is so great to see everyone having fun with no TV or cell phones around.

On Wednesday, we had a free day and headed out to the Columbus Zoo, home of Jack Hannah (I tried to explain who he was to the kids but I must be older than I think). Columbus Zoo was wonderful with lots of animals and an aquarium. After the zoo, we headed to Genoa Baptist Church for a fellowship

dinner and Bible study. Genoa is where Chuck Nichol's daughter attends, and we were able to meet her. While having dinner the youth pastor came and introduced himself and invited the youth to their youth service. Pastor Matt Page was excited to see us and that we were from Delaware. Pastor Matt used to live in Delaware and was the youth pastor at Bayshore Community Church in Milton and Rehoboth. It's a small world and God surely places people in our lives.

After a busy week, Friday came quickly. We packed up and headed for home. When we arrived, family was there with a welcome home dinner.

This year's mission trip team was: Stone Seip, Graham, Katlin and Danny Cooper, Hannah Cote, Colby and Molly Lyons, Lynsy Gruwell, Jacintha Hinkley, Grace Servon, Taylor Klecan, Amber Pearson, Eric and Karly Jones, Justin Anthony, Michael and Rhonda Davis, Barb and Chuck Nichols and Jack Freidel. We want to thank you, our church family, for your continued prayers and support.

As I write this, we just had the Wyoming Peach Festival where we raised \$2,500 towards next year's mission trip. We would like to thank ... (see bottom page)





**“Everything  
NOT in the  
books...”  
you’ll find in  
our fabulous,  
neatly  
organized  
Sunday  
School  
supply  
closet.  
Let’s keep  
it that way!**



## Ready, Set, Learn

### SUNDAY SCHOOL RESTART

It's September, the start of a new school year, and that also means the beginning of a new Sunday School year for **ALL AGES**. As in the past, Sunday School will be held from 9:45 to 10:45 every Sunday morning from September 11<sup>th</sup> through the closing program in early June.

Ages 3 through grade 5 will meet in the Family Life Center from 9:45 to 10:00 for **Kids Praise** before heading to their individual classrooms.

6<sup>th</sup> grade through high school will have a lesson as part of their MYF (Methodist Youth

Fellowship) on Sunday evening.

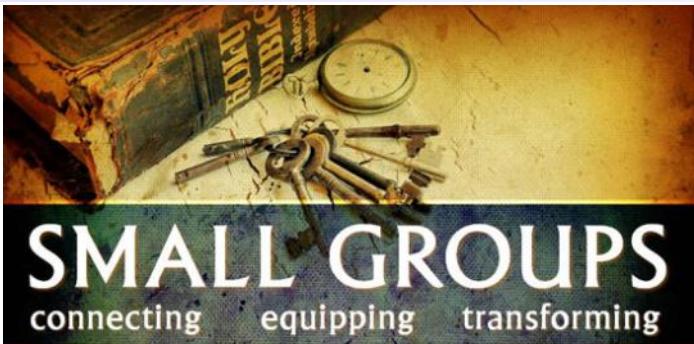
The adult classes gather at 9:45 in their respective classrooms.

There is also an adult class offered at 11:00 on Sunday mornings. We'll be studying Adam Hamilton's "Making Sense of the Bible".

**Please come join us for what should be a year of good times and growing in the Lord!**

It's September, and that means the Monday evening Bible study, BYOBible, will be restarting. The group meets on Monday evenings from 7:15 to 8:45 and is a discussion centered group. The first meeting will be September 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be starting off the fall season with the study *John: the gospel of Light and Life* written by the well-known Methodist minister, Adam Hamilton. We also take time each week to share joys and concerns and to support each other in prayer. Please consider joining us as we continue to strive to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ and in our love and concern for each other.

**B.Y.O.Bible**



## SMALL STUDY GROUP OFFERINGS

*All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training for righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17

**Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.** Psalm 1: 1-2

Even though January 1st is the official start of the new year, September is the start or restart of many happenings in our church. Sunday school, chancel and bell choirs, and Adult Fellowship are among those ministries that get going again. Among the ministries starting anew or even beginning for the first time are small study groups. The scriptures quoted above are just two of many in the Bible that encourage us to make study and learning a part of our spiritual discipline.

With this in mind, I want to share with you the small study groups that are available through our church starting this fall.

### Children

**Sunday School** meets every Sunday from September through May from age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade from 9:45 to 10:45. They will be using Cokesbury's Deep Blue curriculum.

**I to 5 Alive** for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders meets the second and fourth Wednesday evening of each month from 6:00 to 7:30. This time features a Bible lesson, some kind of physical activity, and a snack and Christian video.

### Youth

**MYF** meets most Sunday evenings for grades 6 through 12 from 6:00 to 8:00. The first 45 minutes will feature a Bible lesson from the Bible lessons for Youth series. The remainder of the time will be dedicated to games and a snack.

**Intergenerational Bible Study** will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday evening of each month from 7:00 to 8:30. This study is for both youth and adults as part of our Sticky Faith initiative. The first study topic will be the Adam Hamilton series, *When Christians Get It Wrong*.

**Young Adults** Our young adults are invited to join any of the youth and adult ministries listed.

### Adult

**Adult 1** meets every Sunday morning from September to May from 9:45 to 10:45 in Rm. 209 next to the north parking lot entrance.. Topics vary. Starting a new study on September 11: *Jesus. Man, Messiah, or More*. This is a 16-part DVD-based series with *Mart De Haan and the Institute for Biblical Research Jesus Study Group*. Each DVD presentation will be followed by in-class discussion. All adults are welcome! Bring your Bible, your open mind, and your desire to strengthen your faith during this time of exploration and fellowship.

**Adult 2** meets every Sunday morning from September to May from 9:45 to 10:45 in Rm. 101 by the 'coffee pot'. Topics vary. They will be starting the year with the study *Invitation to Romans* published by Abingdon Press. All are welcome!

**11:00 Sunday School Class** meets every Sunday morning from September to May in Rm. 101 by the 'coffee pot'. Topics vary.

**BYOBible** meets Monday evenings from September through the middle of November and again from January to the end of April from 7:15 to 8:45 in Rm. 225. They will be starting the year off with *John: The Gospel of Light and Life* by Adam Hamilton.

**Disciple 1** will be meeting on Tuesday beginning in September. This 34 week series takes you through the Bible from start to finish covering about 80% of the Bible by the time the study is finished. Pastor Rick will be leading this study on Tuesday evenings. The sessions last 2 hours. There will also possibly be a daytime session. Watch for times and meeting rooms.

**Pearls on Pages** meets on Tuesday mornings from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. In this study, Kim Bryan takes you through various Biblical passages sharing nuggets of wisdom that have been revealed to her.

**Ladies' Bible Study** meets the first and third Wednesday of each month from September to May from 9:30 to 11:30. The group uses the weekly Upper Room lesson for study and discussion. For more info: Donna McCartney at 331-0876.

**Book Discussion Group** offers a book of the month and meets every fourth Wednesday evening at 7:00 at church to discuss it with fellow readers. Different leaders.

**As you can see, we do have quite a few discipleship groups to choose from, and are open to starting new groups. My hope and prayer is that you find a study group that suits your schedule and needs, and that you will continue to strive to grow in the Lord.**

*Jack Freidel, Family Ministry Director*

Peachy fuzzies on Wyoming Mill Road and Broad Street, and lots of happy customers in between!



Thanks again to everyone who assisted in our Peach Fuzzy Sale to raise funds for the 2017 youth summer mission trip.

We raised over \$2600 .... an all time record!!! This year we had 2 booths at the Peach Festival and were invited to come to Fifer Orchard Customer Appreciation Day on August 13th. A few facts, we cut up 30 crates of peaches...used 14 coolers of ice...made over 1,200 Fuzzy drinks....We could not of done this without the help of our church family who came to cut peaches on 3 different nights, our youth and their parents who worked in the fuzzy stands and the community who support us each year by purchasing a fuzzy drink!

Special thanks to Fifer Orchard who graciously donated the peaches, Burger King for donating the ice and Joyce and Richard Stockslager who provide our booth space with electricity, water, and whatever else we needed!



...selling it all way before the end of the day - our ladies at the bake table.

## Peachy Update

Many hands make quick work... a record number of helpers, equipped with their favorite knives, cut twenty cases of peaches one week and then again ten cases the following Wednesday in no time flat. Thanks to all who came out to help!



... cutting even more peaches in the Kitchen, for one hundred and fifteen pies!



(See  
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provide 40 to 50 brown bag lunches for the homeless!! There are still some

What a great response to Outreach Team's challenge for small groups to

groups exploring the idea but as of this date, we have 12+ groups who have signed up for one day in the next 12 months. This will give more people participation in our Outreach program, touching the lives and, more importantly, the stomachs of hungry people.

The Outreach Team will be kicking this project off in September on the third Tuesday. If your small group would like to be a part of this great endeavor, please contact Judy Field at 284-4059 or email at [warren.judy@comcast.net](mailto:warren.judy@comcast.net). It is never too late to sign up!!

### Winter Coats for Kids!

As we endure 100° temperatures this summer, it is hard to imagine that soon we will be feeling the cold once again. Winters in DE are unpredictable but you can bet we will experience some cold weather. As we approach that time, children everywhere will be ready to bundle up in their warm coats, especially if they walk or ride a bike to school. Unfortunately, students may not have a heavy coat to wear when the tempera-

tures drop below freezing.

The Outreach Team will again be holding a winter coat drive during the month of September for needy elementary school students. 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). Coats collected will be evenly divided between the Capital, Caesar Rodney,

and Lake Forest School Districts.



**As always,  
Outreach  
Team thanks you  
for your support  
of our projects. We couldn't do it  
without each one of you!!!**

## Outreach Outreach Outreach Outreach

Close to our s!

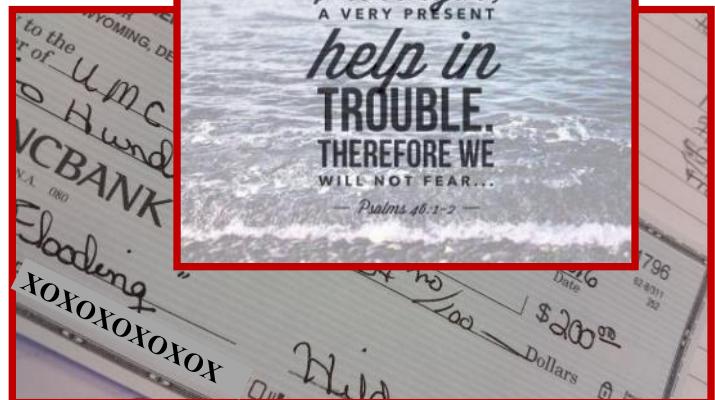
Recently, this gentleman brought in his check for UMCOR in relief of the recent horrific flooding in Louisiana. He told us that the region was very close to his heart as it is where his wife grew up.



- warming stories like these show just how much our church family extends far beyond our church and

## Outreach Outreach

*God is our  
REFUGE  
& strength,  
A VERY PRESENT  
help in  
TROUBLE.  
THEREFORE WE  
WILL NOT FEAR...*  
*Psalms 46:1-2*



community and state limits. As you are supporting our numerous Outreach projects and UMCOR relief efforts, please know what a tremendous blessing you bring into the lives of many!



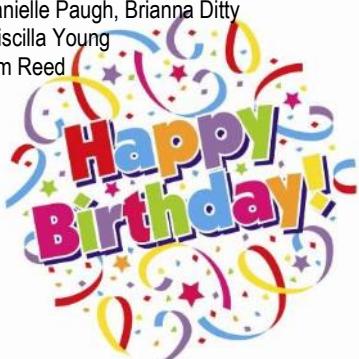
**Wyoming Church**  
*...at the heart of it all.*

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# ~~ Our People ~~

## ~ Birthdays ~

- 09/01 Bob Maris, Dana Tappan  
 09/02 Melanie McKee, Ann Sumpter,  
 Evelyn McCormick  
 09/03 Sharon Duncan, Lindsay Wessell  
 09/04 Dennis Klecan, Michael Sandy, Lucas  
 Nichols, George Pettyjohn, Russ Riggins  
 09/06 Nancy Hughes, Michael McDevitt,  
 Jonathan Abbott, Tom Cole, Seth Scheas,  
 Kendall Metz, Kenner Metz  
 09/07 Elaine Kesselring, Anne Elise Miller  
 09/08 Mark Hill, Pauline Liston, Elizabeth Fox,  
 Kennedy Thompson  
 09/10 Laura Wagner, Zachary Petro  
 09/11 Rachel Dukes, Ed Young, Kelly Tinsley,  
 Colton Stallings  
 09/12 Bobbie DeLaviada  
 09/13 Larry Towle  
 09/14 Joseph Mastriana  
 09/15 Jim Rogge , Betsy Jones, Dan Major,  
 Shannon Mihalyi  
 09/16 Mason LeNoir  
 09/17 Mollie Moore, Morgan Hoyme  
 09/19 Alice Riley, Ryan Flaherty, David Ulman  
 09/20 Chet Wilt, Kim Holston, Carolyn Schwalb  
 09/21 Hunter Rhinehardt  
 09/22 Derrick DiNuova , Felicia Pearson  
 09/23 Bob Larimore  
 09/24 Barbara Towle, Stephanie Snyder,  
 Brady Klecan, Tori Higgins,  
 Nicholas Williams  
 09/25 Don Quillen, Andrea Snyder,  
 Mindy Anthony, Chase Stallings  
 09/26 Irv Rothenberg, Ella Kalinowski,  
 Johanna McCormick  
 09/27 Denise Tappan, Alyssa Snyder,  
 Tonya Williams, Bill Purdy  
 09/28 Judy Weiner, Mike Wagner,  
 Christopher Helwig  
 09/29 Tiffany Tullis, Jeannie Major,  
 Sean Anthony, Phoenix Baker, Eli Ulman  
 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



## ~ Anniversary ~

A group of church family visited the Wilts and celebrated their 61st anniversary along with their family on July 23. We enjoyed reminiscing with them and looking at their lovely wedding album.

Photos courtesy of Valerie Riggins

## ~ Deaths ~

**Jimmy Orendorf**,  
 the brother of Ruth Leister,  
 on July 28, 2016.

**Joanne Purdy**,  
 the mother of Bill Purdy,  
 on August 9, 2016.

**Harvey L. Johnson**,  
 the former husband  
 of Jodie Johnson,  
 on August 19, 2016.

Even though I walk  
 through the darkest valley,  
 I will fear no evil,  
 for you are with me;  
 your rod and your staff,  
 they comfort me.

Psalm 23:4

## JULY 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	279,835	323,409	554,416
Other offerings	41,209	44,395	76,105
Interest Income	3,796	3,967	6,800
Total Offerings	<u>324,840</u>	<u>371,771</u>	<u>637,321</u>
Finance Team	1,376	3,908	6,700
Office	11,739	12,571	21,550
Personnel	104,732	106,021	181,750
Mortgage interest	50,955	50,429	86,450
Properties and equipment	41,231	49,029	84,050
Total Administrative Council	<u>210,033</u>	<u>221,958</u>	<u>380,500</u>
Nursery and Supplies	27	29	50
Benevolences (Conference)	32,239	32,851	56,316
Education & Youth	2,929	3,850	6,600
Evangelism	1,950	1,750	3,000
Extended Table	-	88	150
Music	1,283	1,167	2,000
Worship	180	146	250
Total Council on Ministries	<u>38,608</u>	<u>39,881</u>	<u>68,366</u>
Pastor Parish Relations	<u>69,295</u>	<u>70,681</u>	<u>121,167</u>
Mortgage principal liability (Reduces debt to PNC Bank)	<u>59,857</u>	<u>45,267</u>	<u>77,601**</u>
Total Expense	<u>377,793</u>	<u>377,787</u>	<u>647,634</u>
Net Income (Loss)	(52,953)		

\*\* 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*

\$ 2,089,449.

Interest paid in 2016

\$50,955

Principal paid in 2016.

\$59,857

### 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 any time.

**The FUNdraising Team is pleased to announce that they paid the mortgage principal payment for July 2016.**

Enjoy a night of clean, family friendly comedy & music... and don't forget to save room for dessert!

**Sweet Life!**  
DESSERT COMEDY THEATRE  
Featuring Scott Davis

**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](http://wyomingumc.com) for more information.

**INFO:** 302-697-8400 | [www.wyomingumc.com](http://www.wyomingumc.com)

[www.ScottDavis.com](http://www.ScottDavis.com)

FUNdraising FUNdraising FUNdraising

## 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.



# Come Cruise With Us

On Saturday, October 22,  
come cruise the annual Wyoming UMC  
Dinner Auction!

Tickets will go on sale Sunday, September 25 in the Narthex. The FUNdraising Team is currently taking donations for this years' 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!!!



## ...resuming September 7th at 6 PM

It has been my pleasure to lead the Adult Fellowship monthly dinner meetings for about six years.

I must admit that every year I consider resigning as chairman (or whatever you call the job) but after praying on it, I keep coming back. Having heard Pastor Dave's sermon this past week, Sunday August 7, I know now that I have chosen or been chosen to lead the Adult Fellowship in the name of Jesus. What a wonderful blessing for me. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve God in a small but hopefully, meaningful way.

# ~~Senior Adult~~ Fellowship

Adult Fellowship is not intended for Seniors only. You do not have to be on Social Security, or retired to participate. Unfortunately, I believe many Wyoming Church members think of it as an "old-timers" activity.

**We encourage adults of all ages to attend; and you do not have to accompany a spouse to be eligible for a good meal and Christian Fellowship. We welcome "singles" as well.**

**We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 PM, September through June. Meetings are not scheduled in July and August. Unless we have a "special" program we are usually finished by 7:10 PM.**

Still early enough to see prime time TV shows.

The main meat course, desserts and beverage are provided. Those attending bring a "covered dish" that will feed about 8 to 10 people and your own place settings please. We also ask for a "love offering" to pay for the costs of the meat, bread, etc.

At the September dinner, Terry Higgins and Dave Yencer will present a program describing and explaining what the Memorial Garden is all about. I know there are some of you who are interested. Call me at 302-222-3008 if you have questions or would like to propose a program or entertainment for future meetings. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you on September 7.

God Bless all,  
George Pettyjohn

STUFF!! throughout the church... (almost) all gone after another very successful WUMC indoor yard sale. (gross: \$2,000)

Now... start a new pile in your garage or basement and come back next year!

**YARD SALE**

**SOLD**

Definitely the most frequently tested piece of furniture for sale...

# Amazing Days @ the Food Bank

A total of 24 adults and children volunteered at the Food Bank of Delaware on Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> in Milford. What an amazing experience to realize that we are participating in one of the area's greatest hunger relief efforts. Volunteers are the heart and soul of this relief effort by sorting and packing food donations and creating meal boxes for families and seniors. On the first day at the Food Bank, we sorted and packed 65 boxes of food for families, cleaned 79 coolers, packed 1003 containers of milk in coolers for the summer nutrition program and bagged 800 lbs. of ice. On the second day, we cleaned 114 coolers for winter storage, sorted approximately 1,000 lbs. of food and bagged another 800 lbs. of ice.



## Did you know?

The Food Bank has a 14-week program for culinary arts for unemployed, underemployed, ex-offenders, individuals with disabilities and those in career transition, culminating with a 2-week paid internship.

As of July 17<sup>th</sup> this year, 27,243 meals were distributed through the Summer Nutrition Program.

Last year the Food Bank distributed 1,690,289 pounds of food just in Kent County. They do such an amazing job and include partners such as food closets, soup kitchens, shelters, daycares, children's nutrition sites, schools and other nonprofits that provide free food assistance to those in need.

If you are looking for an activity where you can make a difference, the Food Bank of Delaware is always looking for volunteers throughout the year. Check them out on [www.fbd.org](http://www.fbd.org).

Those of us who participated this summer worked hard (and it was hot!) but we had a wonderful time of fellowship with each other. It was an amazing experience!! Thanks to all who so graciously participated!

Judy Field



## Your Sexton Kitchen Team's (SKT) Active August yields to a **Super** **September!**

The first portion of August was a whirlwind of activity for the members of your Sexton Kitchen Team (SKT) as they prepared for the Wyoming Peach Festival and the 'World Famous Peach Pie' sales event. Thanks to the outstanding efforts of SKT Chefs Carol Abbott, Linda Booher, Kathy Chalmers, Larry Gant, Susan Gant, Nancy Hughes, Sig Kelsey, Tina Klecan, Ruth Leister, Loraine Morton, Peg Mosher, Nancy Sammons, Shelby Truitt, Gail Vella, Mary Wilcutts, and Vonnie Williams --- the writer apologizes for any name inadvertently left out --- 103 large peach pies and 12 smaller pies/cobblers were ordered, prepared, and sold. Several of the aforementioned folks also did 'double duty' at the SKT Bake Table that was held at our Wyoming Church's Peach Festival 'Great

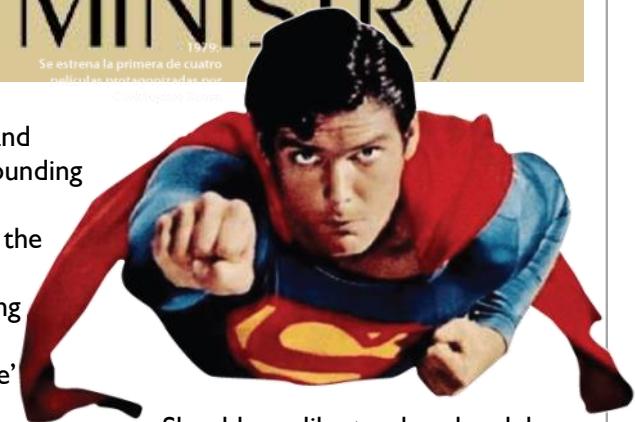
Wyoming Church folks and members from our surrounding communities a total of \$1,500.00 was raised for the SKT's Food Ministry Program. The outstanding success of our August 'World Famous Peach Pie' project was due, in large part, to the very generous donation of peaches from Fifer Orchards. The good folks at Fifer's have been, over the years, most supportive of many of our WUMC activities including our SKT's Food Ministry Program.

Many thanks to all of the great Wyoming chefs that prepared and donated the wide variety of exquisite culinary creations for the SKT Bake Table at the Yard Sale!

The latter portion of August was spent preparing the logistics for the forthcoming 2016 --- 2017 SKT program of the Annual Church Covered Dish Picnic at Fifer Orchards, Adult Fellowship Covered Dish Dinners, Soup Days, World Famous Pumpkin and Cherry Pie Sales, 2017 Vacation Bible School, as well as several forth-coming catered events. Our Annual Church Picnic at Fifer's will occur on Sunday, September 18 (separate announcement on Page 10).

Our **Adult Fellowship Covered Dish Dinners** will be on the first Wednesday of the months of September through June beginning at 6 PM in the FLC.

American  
Yard Sale'.  
Thanks to the  
generosity of  
our good



Should you like to plan ahead, here are the dates:

September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7 of 2016, and January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7 for 2017.

(More details on Page 17)

The **Soup Days** will occur on the second Wednesday of the following months from 11:30 AM to 1 PM in the FLC: October 12, November 9 in 2016 and January 11, February 8, March 8 in 2017.

Your SKT members, under the able leadership of Linda Booher, continue to be extremely appreciative of the ongoing support you and everyone in this great family we call Wyoming Church extend to the SKT's projects and activities. Your loyal financial response to our SKT's program enables the team members to provide critical financial support to a variety of very important church activities that children, youth, adults, and families. Your SKT is delighted to officially welcome Beth Barlett to the Team. Should you feel led to learn more about membership in the SKT, Linda Booher will be pleased to talk with you.





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Fun for Five... grandchildren of Larry and Barbara Towle on the church playground.

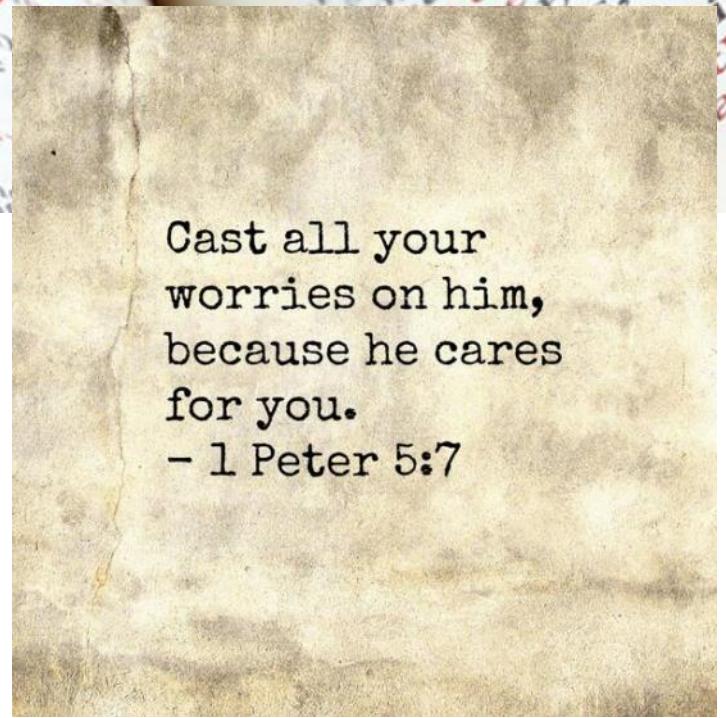
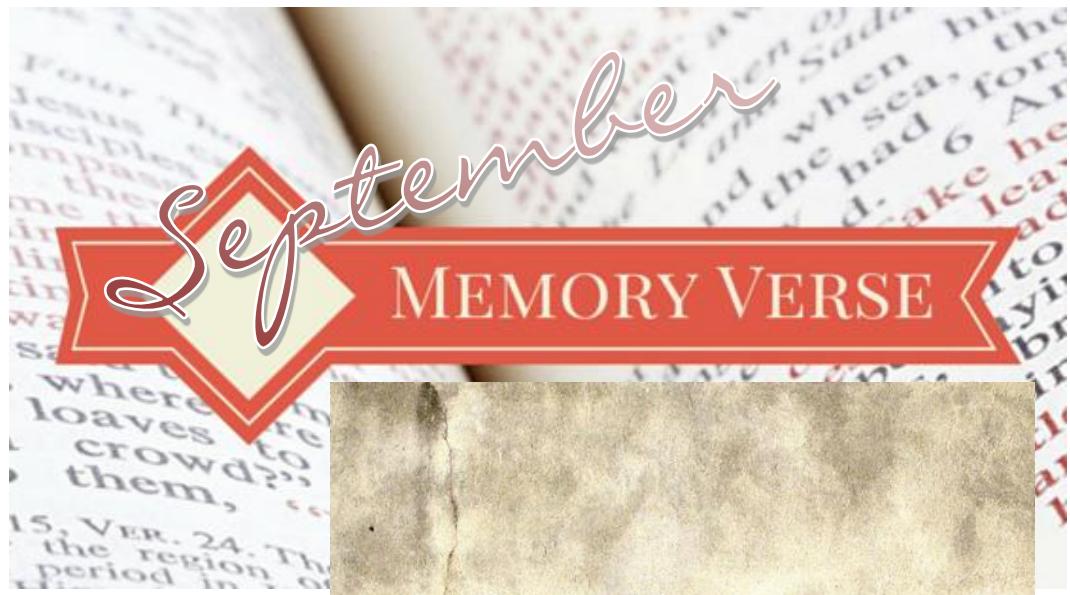


To: You!



I'll be on vacation from December 27 though 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. Thank you for considering!

Renate Purdy,



Cast all your worries on him, because he cares for you.  
- 1 Peter 5:7