

THE WYOMING MESSENGER

November 2016

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...and he makes all these cute pumpkins grow!

November

MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR

Parents' Night Out:

Saturday,
 November 12

Advent Dinner:

Sunday,
 November 27

Breakfast with Santa:

Saturday,
 December 3

Memory Verse

Operation Christmas Child,
 and more from CIA ...
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Bulletin Board

Lost and Found



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



The FUNdraising Team would like to thank everyone who helped out with this year's Dinner Auction, another hugely successful event. The tireless efforts of our Team made it one unforgettable 'cruise'! Thank YOU for all your donations and your patronage!
See you all at the Lip Sync Battle on November 5!
(Details Back Cover)

NEW in Greeting Cards:

Evie Wilson's watercolor cards, every one of them a unique original! Just \$2.50/each, entirely supporting the mortgage reduction. Check them out and all the other special occasion greeting cards (Christmas cards will be up soon) in the church's vending area.



We will be **servicing dinner** to the residents at the **Dover Interfaith Mission** for Housing **on Wednesday, November 16 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!

SAVE THE DATE - IT'S NOT TOO LATE... rhyiming, too :-)

Annual Ladies Retreat May 21 - 22, 2017.

@ Pecometh Riverview Retreat Center

Complete details in the January Messenger. You don't want to miss this joy filled event.

Still needed - a few women to help with the details of organizing. Contact Barbara Shaw ☎ 538-6772

From the Pastor's Desk

Rick Wessell

The election season is nearly over (or already over depending on when you read this). This has been arguably one of the most ugly, vitriolic, and unsettling election years in the history of our nation. The "mudslinging" has been intense and the political ads on TV have been non-stop. My Facebook feed for the last several months has been nothing but my friends and family posting political memes, political cartoons, political news articles, and personal political commentaries. When it is all said and done, we will wake up on November 9th with a new President-elect and many new and returning public servants in our national and local offices. Some people will be happy, some will be angry, and many will have a sense of dread regardless of who wins and who loses.

What is the proper Christian response to all of this? What can we do? In effect, there

are two key things Christians need to do. **First, you must pray for our new leaders.** In I Timothy 2:1-3, the Apostle Paul instructs us to pray for our leaders and those in positions of earthly authority "that we all may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." You might not like your leaders, but you have to pray for them, otherwise you are part of the problem and not part of the solution. These men and women are under more scrutiny and their jobs are more complex and difficult than you or I can imagine. They need our prayers.

Second, remember that regardless of who wins, Jesus is still Lord and King. I am a proud and patriotic American, but I am a faithful follower of Jesus first and foremost. Personally, I'm going to wake up on November 9th and do the same things I always do. I'm going to go on a run with my dogs, come home and make a pot of coffee, do



my morning devotions, hug my wife and son, and continue to praise God and do ministry in Jesus' name. I will continue to love and serve God regardless of who wins the presidency, regardless of what happens in Congress, and regardless of what happens in the future with the Supreme Court because I know the One that is truly in control and the One that holds the future in his hands. Hopefully you feel the same way.

Jesus Christ is alive, his truth is unchanging, his power is matchless, and because of that we can live in confidence and security.

Boy Scout Troop 24, chartered through Wyoming Church, has had

an active few months. In July, the boys went to summer camp in Resica Falls, PA for a week. In August, the troop watched a game of soccer at the Philadelphia Union stadium and slept over on the field. In September, they camped at Lums Pond and enjoyed some canoeing.

Regular troop meetings are Monday nights at 7 in the FLC.

Troop 24 has an average attendance of 25 boys.

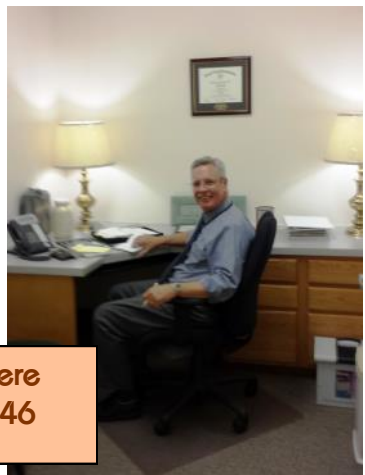




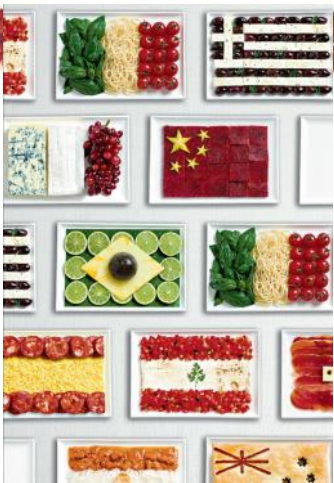
Pastor Dave's Ministry Minute - November 2016

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Some of the greatest moments in all of life happen when we are gathered around the dinner table enjoying a meal with the people we love the most... Thanksgiving is not the only time we do this but it seems to be one of those moments that are especially meaningful... In our family we spend days preparing a feast with more than enough to go around and there are always plenty of leftovers... When I think of leftovers I'm always reminded of the miraculous feeding of the 5000 where Jesus fed them all with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fishes and after everyone had eaten their fill the disciples collected 12 baskets of leftovers (Matthew 14)... God always provides more than we need... Even out of God's rich bounty he provides for the poor (Psalm 68)... Sometimes the Lord calls the church to assist in providing for those in need... (Acts 3, James 1, Matthew 6)... This year we have a special opportunity at Wyoming Church to join the E.S.L. Class in an "International Feast"... The class has invited us to join them on November 16th at 11:30 in the Family Life Center for a meal featuring foods from their native countries... We have been asked to bring a dish that represents our cultural heritage... I can't wait to see what kinds of covered dishes we bring to share... Please let me know if you are able to attend so we can provide enough seating for all to enjoy... I trust that the Lord will look down on our gathering and be blessed...



"...They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people...." Acts 2:46



Recap from Pastor Dave's Article:

International Feast... our sisters and brothers from the ESL class invite **EVERYONE** to join them in the Family Life Center on **Wednesday, November 16 at 11:30 AM.** Bring a covered dish representative of **YOUR HERITAGE.** Sign up in the narthex so we'll have enough seats around the international table!

Despite the efforts of our
MEMBERSHIP CONTACT

Team, we have not been able to touch base with the following people over the past three years.

Unless someone can tell us how to contact them, they will be removed from the membership rolls through action of the Charge Conference on November 21, 2016.

If you have information on any of these persons, please let the office know. 697-8400 or office@wyomingumc.com.

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What's Missing?

UR!

- Alysha Conley
- Marissa Cooper
- Macy Cooper
- Heather & Larry Delgado
- Eric & Erin Dotson
- Harvey Gore
- Chris Hall
- Jeffrey Hall
- Delea Helwig
- Deb Kerner

- Shelly Kline
- Lisa Kuerner
- Sarah Lancaster
- George Latham
- Michael &
- Danielle LeNoir
- Ron Macklin
- Suzanne Martin
- Melanie McKee
- Eric & Shannon Mihaly

- Felicia Pearson
- Eric & Meghan Rhinehardt
- Irv Rothenberg
- Eric & Melinda Schaeffer
- Marion Thurlow
- Chip Wilt
- Marlou Woodward
- Nancy Zimmerman

Reflections

Reflections

Arches

“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. But everyone who hears these sayings of mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

Matthew 7:24-27

In last month’s article, we focused our attention on the image and example of a natural arch, and in particular, the importance of not allowing disconnect to build in our relationships, especially that of marriage. While beautiful to see in nature, these great expanses ultimately suffer and wear; distance brings weakness over time. For this month’s article, we’ll shift our consideration in a slightly different direction, toward the architectural use of arches, which burst on the scene, in earnest, during the heyday of Roman sovereignty. If we were to scan the array of Roman structures still standing today, some more than 2,000 years old, the arch is so easy to find it could easily be overlooked... the Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Aqueduct, to name a few; making the arch a ubiquitous feature of the Roman era architectural scene.

While having absolutely no engineering skills or innate knowledge of the topic, a little research can certainly go a long way! In extreme layman’s terms, the arch works like this... the arch itself holds weight from above, distributing the load, or “compression force”, down either side of the archway. The more weight coming down, the more “thrust” that occurs, which is the natural push outward at the base of the arch. The more weight that comes down, the greater potential there is for the arch’s base to extend outward

Danny Cooper
Coordinator/Counselor
Daybreak Counseling Services

from side to side. The moral of the story is fairly simple... *for the arch to handle the stress from above, the base needs to be solid below.*

As in last month’s article, reflecting on the varied couples I see in the counseling office, not only are there stresses from above that can potentially add to marital disconnect, but many couples are struggling at the foundation level of their relationship; what they stand for; what they value; what their relationship is truly based on. The base is like a platform, more or less, made up of specific relational pieces or components, which allows two individual people, sometimes very different from one another, to stand together in one relationship. Stresses come and go in life. There really isn’t a choice in the matter; to live is to experi-

... what a “Christ-like” base (of a marriage) resembles, scriptural components such as: honesty, humility, respect, trust ...

ence stress. But the base, the foundation of a relationship, is a choice. When I see couples that come in for marital counseling, it’s ironically less about the stress that brings them in, but more in fact, what is lacking in their base.

In pre-marital counseling, we carefully highlight what a “Christ-like” base resembles, scriptural components such as: **honesty**... *Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Ephesians 4:25, humility*... Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. *Ephesians 4:2, respect*... *Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Romans 12:10, trust*... *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6, consideration*... We who

are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. *Romans 15:1, and love*, of course... *And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:14. Is there anything stronger than a Christ-like base? I think we know the answer.*

... and love, of course.

Ironically, in the process of writing this article, I received a phone call for pre-marital counseling. In talking with the young lady over the phone, she said that a date for the wedding had not been set; that they were not at that point in their relationship yet. She said that they were seeking the counseling to simply understand their relationship better; that if marriage was to be in their future, they wanted to make sure that they were on the same page as a couple. How refreshing... how thoughtful! The possibility for this young couple to establish a Christ-like base for the journey ahead? I sure think so.

I invite you, as this brief article draws to a close, to reflect on your most important relationships... your marriage, with your parents or your children, your friends, and ask yourself if they are built on the characteristics of Christ. Because we know, when a relationship is built on Christ, on the rock, it has the strength to withstand the storms that will invariably blow in; it is indeed built to last! Amen



"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

TLC

For our members who are experiencing needs after hospitalizations, accidents or other concerns TLC is a group of individuals who will provide meals. This can be for a short period or, in some cases, an extended period of time and enables the member to heal or recuperate more easily. This **Tender Loving Care** is coordinated by Donna McCartney.



Donna

Kid's Praise

Our younger worshippers have the opportunity to celebrate birthdays, learn great songs and prepare



Robyn

Mindy



for Sunday School in Kid's Praise every Sunday at 9:45. We enjoy the musical presentations they provide each month as

well as programs at Christmas & Easter. Leaders for Kid's Praise are Robyn Lefort and Mindy Anthony.

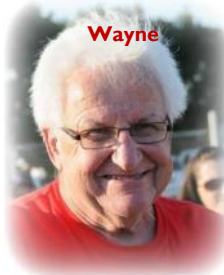
Men's Breakfast

This group meets periodically on a Saturday morning at Hall's Restaurant. Their meetings are

Josh



announced in the bulletin and usually revolve around a special project for the church. Josh Turner, Wayne Davis and



Wayne

Terry



Terry Higgins help to shepherd this group.

Outreach Team

Members of the Outreach Team are always looking for ways in which we may extend our care to the community, whether that is in Habitat building, school supplies, meals, warm coats or Christmas gifts. They are an active,

caring team who truly appreciate all the help offered in supporting these many worthwhile projects. The chairperson of the Outreach Team is Judy Field.

Judy



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





As you may recall, the Wyoming Messenger has carried a variety of short articles relative to the actions underway to rejuvenate the front church lawn back to the excellent condition in which Mike and Becky

Marasco's 'Lawns Plus' company had it. Relative to this process, I would like to take the liberty of sharing with you the contents of the following email that Dave Yencer recently sent to my attention.

In the Spring of 2015, a Church family asked what it would take to make the church lawn look nice again. I told them that it needed to be seeded, fertilized, and maintained on a yearly program. They asked what it would cost. So we measured up the church's front yard (from the front of the church to the road and from the north entrance to the south entrance) and came up with 80,000 square feet of lawn. They said they would pay for the seed and starter fertilizer if we had someone to do the work. Well, the Church Maintenance Team jumped on the opportunity to do the work. After receiving unanimous support from the Board of Trustees we started making plans. In May of 2016 we contacted Lori Graham of 'Grahams Lawn Care Service' to spray the lawn for weed control. As a result of that treatment our tremendous crop of dandelions disappeared. At the end of September the Maintenance Team and other church members got together on a Saturday and edged and cleaned all the

sidewalks, islands, and curbs in preparation for seeding (see the October issue of the Wyoming Messenger, page 7, for the names of those folks who helped with this phase of the project).

In early October, members of the Maintenance Team hand-seeded all of those lawn areas that are near the sidewalks, islands and curbs. The subsequent week, aided by five inches of rain, the entire open front lawn was seeded by Kevin Yencer of Yencer Builders, Inc. using a company tractor and seeder. As a result of all of this work, we should begin to see new grass emerging in the latter half of October. Grahams Lawn Service will be caring for our new lawn in 2017 and for years to come.

A very special note of thanks and appreciation to the anonymous family for paying for the initiation of this vitally important project and to all the volunteers for their hard labor. Kevin Yencer deserves much positive recognition for the donation of his time and equipment services. Wyoming Church is truly blessed to have such a group of eager volunteers to help with our projects.

Since the formal announcement of the **Memorial Garden Phase I** Project on

Wednesday, September 7, some additional gifts and pledges have been received which, in addition to the very first faith grants that totaled almost \$4,000.00, have propelled the project to an approximate total of \$12,000.

This approximated total includes a \$500.00 grant from the Adult Fellowship Covered Dish Dinner Group and a \$5,000.00 grant from the Sexton Kitchen Team's Food Ministry Program. Please see the Phase I Scale Model in the Narthex, pick up a description of the Memorial Garden and, if you feel so led, an envelope in which you can place a donation.

Questions/Info: Dave Yencer or Terry Higgins.



YOUTH CALENDAR *November*

Jr./Sr. High MYF

- Sunday, 11/6/16, Nerf War, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Sunday, 11/13/16, Mystery Dinner, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Sunday, 11/20/16, Pre-Youth Rally Event, 4:30 pm – 9:00 pm
- Sunday, 11/27/16, Advent Dinner/Program, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Service

Saturday, 11/12/16, Parents' Night Out, 5:45 pm – 8:15 pm. Babysitting for parents of our church so that they can have a break for dinner or shopping or just to relax at home.

Study

Sunday school lessons are a part of MYF in the evening.
 Wednesday, 11/2/16, Intergenerational Bible Study: *When Christians Get It Wrong*, Session 3, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, Rm. 225
 Wednesday, 11/16/16, Intergenerational Bible Study: *When Christians Get It Wrong*, Session 4, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, Rm. 225

Worship

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

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



Sticky Faith

Over the last year and a half, many of you have heard me speak and seen me write about a problem facing churches and the Christian faith in America today. The problem is that young people are leaving the churches in droves, many to never return. On average, half of the youth who are active in a church will no longer be attending by the time they finish college. Half of those will never return.

Research identified *relationships and best practices that can set children and teenagers on a trajectory of lifelong faith and service.*

One is for **the church to emphasize a grace-based gospel as opposed to a behavior based one.** A second one is for **parents to get deeply involved in the spiritual development of their children.** Don't be a "dry-cleaner" parent who drops the kids off at Sunday

school and/or youth group and expect the church volunteers and staff to take care of the rest of the children's and youth's spiritual development. A third one is to **move from a "two-table church" to "one family table"**. In other words, that the youth and children are not separated from the adults all or most of the time, and that the youth and children have significant interaction with adults in the congregation. We are not talking about just youth leaders, parents, and grandparents here but with the adult population in general.

Our Sticky Faith Launch Team came up with nine ideas to institute to try and develop a more "sticky faith" among our children and youth. They were to have more lessons in the youth groups that emphasize grace versus works, three sharing time presentations on the grace based gospel (already accomplished), a return to presentation of Bible to the 2nd graders each year, an intergenerational Bible study, quarterly youth events where the parents will be encouraged to take part, a kickoff meeting with the parents each year, a mentoring program, college care packages, and mixed mission and service projects.

I want to take a moment here to focus on the

mentoring program.

I am in the midst of trying to get it off the ground. What we are trying to accomplish is to get each youth from 6th grade and up matched up with an adult in the congregation (not a relative) who will take a special interest in that youth. Guidelines and forms have been developed. Now I need to seek out adults who are willing to be mentors and for parents to extend their permission for their youth to be in the relationship. If you are willing to mentor, please see me, and I will go over the guidelines and expectations with you. If you are a parent, please let me know if I have your permission to involve your son or daughter in a mentoring relationship. Parents, you can also serve as a mentor for one of the other youth in our church.

In closing, I believe the most important relationship of your son or daughter is with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the universal church community. I want to work with you in helping this relationship grow.

We really have fun...

at the Jr. & Sr. High MYF Sunday evening events. Grade 6 through High School Sundays at 6 p.m. - check Sunday's bulletin for specials...



... or get on Mr. Freidel's email and/or text list for weekly updates!

JFreidel@WyomingUMC.com

MYF Methodist Youth Fellowship MYF

As hard as it may be to believe, another Christmas is drawing near us. The first Sunday of Advent is in November this year falling on the 27th. To help us prepare for the coming of the Christ child, there will be a 4 week study, **BECAUSE OF BETHLEHEM**, beginning on **Monday, November 28th**.

This study, developed by Max Lucado, addresses such Christmas questions such as: What's the big deal about the baby in the manger? Who was he? What does his birth have to do with me? Of all the responses to these questions, there is one that stands out from the rest: **BECAUSE OF BETHLEHEM**, God knows what it is like to be a human. When we talk to God about our challenges, our struggles, and our

tough times, he understands, because he's been there. He's been here.
BECAUSE OF BETHLEHEM, we have a friend in heaven. We have a Savior in heaven. Christmas begins what Easter celebrates. The child in the cradle became the king on the cross. Because he did, there are no marks on our record, just grace. **BECAUSE OF BETHLEHEM**, we have the promise God is always near us. Always for us. Always in us. We may forget him, but he never

forgets us.
 Sessions include: **God Has a Face** (chapters 2, 4) **Worship Works Wonders** (chapters 5, 6) **God Guides the Wise** (chapters 7, 8) **Every Heart Is a Manger** (chapters 11, 12)

The study will meet on Monday evenings, 11/28 through 12/19, from **7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**. Cost for the study is \$10.00 which covers the price of the book. All are welcome.



SEPTEMBER 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	365,516	416,379	555,172
Other offerings	51,122	57,079	76,105
Interest Income	4,003	5,100	6,800
Total Offerings	<u>420,641</u>	<u>478,558</u>	<u>638,077</u>
Finance Team	6,671	5,025	6,700
Office	15,736	16,163	21,550
Personnel	134,419	136,313	181,750
Mortgage interest	65,248	64,838	86,450
Properties and equipment	57,414	63,036	84,050
Total Administrative Council	<u>279,488</u>	<u>285,375</u>	<u>380,500</u>
Nursery and Supplies	27	38	50
Benevolences (Conference)	41,719	42,237	56,316
Education & Youth	4,195	4,950	6,600
Evangelism	1,950	2,250	3,000
Extended Table	-	112	150
Music	1,483	1,500	2,000
Worship	180	188	250
Total Council on Ministries	<u>49,554</u>	<u>51,275</u>	<u>68,366</u>
Pastor Parish Relations	<u>88,281</u>	<u>90,875</u>	<u>121,167</u>
Mortgage principal liability (Reduces debt to PNC Bank)	<u>68,585**</u>	<u>58,201</u>	<u>77,601**</u>
Total Expense	<u>485,908</u>	<u>485,726</u>	<u>647,634</u>
Net Income (Loss)	(65,267)		

** 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 09/30/2016

\$ 2,072,082.

Interest paid in 2016

\$ 65,248

Principal paid in 2016.

\$ 68,585**

****\$8,639.04 Principal paid by Fundraising Income for Debt is not included in "Principal Paid" listed above.**

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.



Monday, November 21, 2016 - 5:30 PM
in the Sanctuary.

After a brief Church Council meeting, Dover District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Kyung Hee Sa will lead us in our annual Charge Conference and celebrate communion with us, too. Everyone is welcome!

The Special Gifts Team ...

... would like to make our church family aware of some changes that will be taking place for "special gift giving opportunities". Members and friends of Wyoming Church are welcome to make special gifts - in addition to their regular giving - to mark milestones on their life's journey and to further the mission of our growing church. Special Gifts are given To Celebrate, To Honor, To Remember and To the Glory of God.

There will be a "clothesline" type of a display which will feature items which various teams and ministries within our church have requested. The approximate dollar amount to provide the item will also be included.

Anyone interested in providing that item would remove the tag from the clothesline and submit the

tag with the money to the church office. As in the past all "special gifts" will be acknowledged on the plaques and in the books displayed in the Memorial Room. The actual purchase of the item will be made by a member of the Special Gifts Team along with the Team or ministry member making the request.

We felt that with this increased awareness to the congregation of "needs" within our ministries, more individuals would desire to be a part of doing God's work here at Wyoming Church.



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in honor
in memory
in celebration
to the glory
of God
Gift
in honor
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Special events!

for the whole family



Parents' Night Out!

Saturday, November 12 - 6 to 8PM.

Parents enjoy a quiet dinner, shopping or just get some rest!!

We'll provide fun activities for ages 1 through grade 5.

Free event sponsored by the Jr. & Sr. High MYF



ADVENT DINNER :

Sunday, November 27th - 5:30 PM.

Another of Wyoming Church's special holiday season events is just around the corner!

The Kitchen Sexton Team will provide plates, utensils and drinks. Please bring a food item of your choice with you. The program will feature a performance by the **Puppets of Praise**.

This year's puppet presentation is the musical **Christmas Through the Years**. So save that date and come join our Wyoming Church family for an evening of food and fun.



...and Mrs. Claus, too!

Saturday, December 3rd,
serving from 8 AM till 10:15 AM.

All you can eat pancakes, sausage, applesauce.
Cost: \$6/age 10 to adult, kids \$3 (ages 3 to 9 years).
Ages 2 and younger free.

All proceeds toward the youth summer mission trip



Oh Come, All Ye Faithful ... to

The Giving Tree

The Outreach Team will once again sponsor our *Giving Tree*, providing WUMC worshippers the opportunity to help needy families with gifts for their Christmas morning! Tags will be available on the tree in the Narthex on Sunday, **November 27th** and Sunday, **December 4th**. All gifts should be placed **under the tree by Sunday, December 18th**.

The Outreach Team will host a *Wrapping Party* on **Tuesday, December 20th**!

All are invited to join us in the Narthex to prepare the gifts for delivery to the families. We are **not** limiting the number of tags you can take this year since we have more than enough to go around. Please do not wrap your gifts, however, we **do** respectfully ask that you place your gifts in boxes suitable for wrapping or in gift bags to assist the wrappers!

Outreach Outreach Outreach Outreach Outreach

It's that time again ...

As winter approaches, it seems that there is a greater need in our surrounding community for food and services. Every November for many years, Wyoming UMC has participated with the **Kent Ecumenical Food and Crisis Fund** in sponsoring a food drive at the **Camden-Wyoming Market** (formerly: Witt Brothers' Market) in Camden.

Witt Brothers' Market has been extremely generous in permitting us to conduct our food drive in front of their store for all those years.

The **Kent Ecumenical Food and Crisis Fund** is a non-profit organization that provides disaster relief and food for the hungry. They rely heavily on community support. This year's food drive will be on

Friday, November 18th and **Saturday, November 19th** from **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** We need volunteers to hand out flyers listing the types of food we are collecting to shoppers entering the store and then communicate our thanks to those who generously donated to the boxes of groceries.

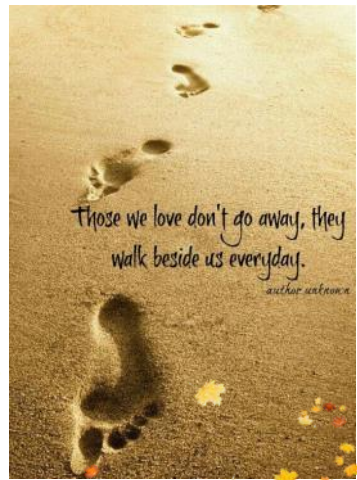
Each shift will be for one hour. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex on the first two Sundays in November. If you sign up, you can bring a friend or family member(s). We have had whole families participate in the past.

If you have any questions or wish to sign up by phone or email, please contact Judy Field at 284-4059 or warren.judy@comcast.net.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me" ... Matthew 25:35



~ Our People ~



Carole Ward
passed away
on October 2,
2016.

- 11/01 Michelle Harris
- 11/02 Gregg Marker, Barbara McCleaff
- 11/03 Rose Krokenberger, Dave Yencer, Arlene Megget, Seth Flaherty, Timothy Higgins, Greg Papen, Shirley McDonald
- 11/04 Dick Gabler, Reid Singleton, Tanya Williams
- 11/05 Alicia Porter
- 11/06 Ron Auten, Eileen Kling, Laurel Beaman, Johannah Petro
- 11/07 Linda Booher, Bethany Dejesus, Howard Taylor
- 11/08 Eve Kalinowski, Linda Newsome
- 11/09 Charley Wilt, Sr., Kathy Chalmers, Charlie Weller, Jessie Prillaman, Ron Leczner
- 11/10 Loraine Morton
- 11/13 Helen Goyette, Kate Kleinot, Joe Anello
- 11/14 Alice Carrico, Margaret Bryan, Sam Rodgers, Noel Majka
- 11/15 Harriette Hall
- 11/16 Kristie Failing, Selby Hughes, Arron Brown
- 11/17 Ruth Ann Leister, Pamela Betterley
- 11/18 Stephanie Wagner, Kaylee Dukes, Eric Mann
- 11/19 Brian Klecan, Barbara Pettyjohn, Lucia Spampinato, Charles Spiering
- 11/20 Bobbie Yencer, Sandy Hendrickson
- 11/21 Martha Higgins, Stephanie Rodgers, Sam Tappan, Dakota Hoyme
- 11/22 Susan Mateja,

- Jesse Spampinato,
- Savana Clements, Eugene Moore
- 11/24 Frank King
- 11/26 Tracy Fennemore, Jake Rankin
- 11/27 Erika Zeiters, Donna Shoemaker, Becca Haber
- 11/28 Owen Beaman
- 11/29 Lee Gabler, Melanie Hagen, Jacintha Finkley
- 11/30 Stacy McDevitt, Jessica Leczner, Patti Thompson

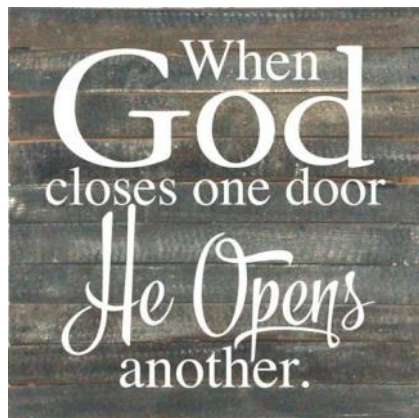
- 12/01 Pat Brown, Noelle Robinson, Theresa McGee
- 12/02 Joel Brosius
- 12/03 Betsy Freidel, Kathy DeLong
- 12/04 Jack Freidel, Olivia Chase, Stephanie Nichols
- 12/05 Lois Seyler
- 12/06 Bill McMahan, Angela Donastorg
- 12/07 James Lauffer, Danielle Malone, Amelia Houtz
- 12/08 Louise Berry, Carole Pearce



Thank you, Janna Whitenight and John Sell.

Good food, good weather, good music... good times galore at the recent Church Picnic at Fifer Orchards.





Final Food Pantry News

As of October 31, 2016, the Emergency 3-day Food Pantry will be closing its doors. Over the past couple of years, requests for food have been in steep decline. Looking into the possible cause

of this decline, we have found that there are now more organizations running food pantries and food banks, while more people qualify for food stamps. Additionally, the elementary schools have a backpack program supplied by the Delaware Food Bank in Milford. This backpack program explains the lack of food pantry calls on Friday afternoons. For a while, we partnered with the State Service Center's food voucher program, trying to help more people receive food. Still, there was no increase in the number of people requesting food.

Although this door is closing, the Lord can and will open other doors in different areas of ministry to serve the people of our community.

Instead of having food expire, we will be donating the food currently in the Food Pantry to either Calvary Assembly of God Church Food Pantry or the Milford Food Bank. There are some infant and children's food items which will be donated to Mom's House or the Shepherd Place shelter in Dover. The

current food pantry space will be used by the Sexton Kitchen Team for their ministry. The SKT events are increasing and blessing our church with financial support through catered events. The freezer and refrigerator currently in the food pantry will be relocated to the little kitchen in the Family Life Center for use by the Code Purple ministry. Additionally, Code Purple is welcome to any of the food or FER paper products they would like. The moving of the appliances will be completed with Facilities Management and under the expert guidance of Dave Yencer for any electrical or construction jobs that may be necessary.

Again, we would like to thank the entire Wyoming Church family for your support, contributions, and love you have shown us through the years!



Lee Gabler who led the Ladies' Fellowship starting up the WUMC Food Pantry in 2001, pictured in February 2008 after the pantry's move from the Faldan House on Broad Street to its spacious new digs on Wyoming Mill Road.

Wyoming's Code Purple Shelter "A Safe Sanctuary"

As this sign depicts, our Code Purple shelter for homeless men provides a safe sanctuary for all those living out in the cold. Dave Hill shared this Welcome Sign with me from his sermon on October 16th. It really says it all...*all are welcome to come in out of the cold for a hot meal and a warm place to sleep!*

Our Code Purple Shelter will open on December 1st or the first day that temps drop to 32° or below.

Please consider signing up to volunteer in some way! The general sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Once you have demonstrated your willingness to help, you will be contacted with further information.

If you volunteer to chaperone a shift, you will be asked to come to a training session which will last about an hour.



This is vitally important as you will learn all about the Shelter and what takes place during the time we are open. We will contact all volunteers once we have this scheduled sometime in November.

We are so fortunate to have a space to house these men as our guests. Won't you help out in some way? If you have questions, please contact Judy Field, (302) 242-3382, warren.judy@comcast.net; Lynn Ditty, (302) 883-3037, lditty2@gmail.com; or Amy Faircloth, (302) 745-8648, asfaircloth@gmail.com.

God bless!



CIA Couples In Action has adopted **Operation Christmas Child** as a Christmas project this year. If you'd like to contribute to the presents for needy children around the globe, please take a wish list at the donation box in the Narthex. Items will be collected **through November 20.** CIA will then pack the boxes and get them to their destination.

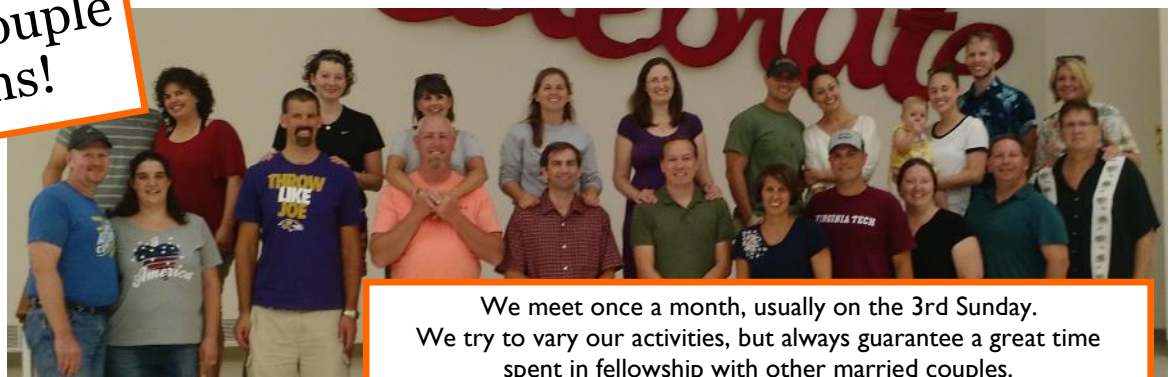
Couples In Action (CIA) has had a fun couple of months!

We are so grateful to see how God is blessing our marriages and building his kingdom as we build our relationships with Christ, each other, and those around us.

In September, we met for a lovely dinner out at Vincenzo's in Dover.

For October, we put our creativity to the test and tried out our pumpkin carving skills. As you can see, we have some very talented carvers!

November is a time of giving thanks and reaching out to help others. We will be doing 2 service projects at our meeting this month on **November 20th: Packing brown bag meals for the Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing *and* Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project.** Watch the



We meet once a month, usually on the 3rd Sunday. We try to vary our activities, but always guarantee a great time spent in fellowship with other married couples.

narthex for more information on how you can help with our outreach projects.

If you'd like more information on our group or to participate, please contact Janna, Tracy or the church office.



There's always care for our little ones... unless they're part of the event anyway.



Twas the Night Before Christmas



Books for Advent and Christmas from The Church Library

Abingdon's Christmas Drama
Advent and Lent Activities for Children
 Advent Arts and Christmas crafts
Advent Journey
 Alabaster's Song:
 Christmas through eyes of angel
As We saw It
 Baby is born in a stable
Balthazar, the Black and The Shining Prince
 Before and After Christmas -
 Advent, Epiphany
Best Christmas Pageant Ever
 Bible Christmas Puzzles
Celebrating Holidays
 Celebrating the Advent/ Christmas
Charlie the chimney sweep
 Charlie's Christmas project
Christ in Christmas
 Christmas
Christmas Craft for Everyone
 Christmas Crafts
Christmas Child
 Christmas Pageant
Christmas program builder
 Christmas programs for children
Christmas shoes
 Christmas Story
Christmas to remember
 Christmas touch; making
 Christlike Connections...
Christmas, a pictorial pilgrimage
 City that forget Christmas
Corrie's Christmas Memories
 Creative ideas for Advent
Donkey Daniel in Bethlehem
 Drummer Boy
Electric Christmas
 Farm Journal's Christmas
First Christmas
 Four dramas for Christmas
God gave us Heaven
 Happy Birthday Jesus
How the Littlest Cherub was Late For Christmas
 How to make Christmas ornaments
It looks a lot like Christmas
 Jacob's Gift book with DVD

Bates
 Kielly
 Heiberg
 Kalajainen
 Lucado
 Colina, Tessa
 Kramer, Janice
 Ben Moring
 O'Neal
 Robinson, Barbara
 Schlegel
 Weaver
 Rupp
 Peardon, Bruce
 Dobson, James
 Haugan
 Conskey
 Meyer, Carolyn
 Lucado, Max
 Rogers
 Miller
 Fittro
 Van Liere
 Werner
 Kinkade
 Mains, David
 Benoit, Pierre
 tenBoom
 Davidson
 Kramer, Janice
 Decker
 Steele, Nancy
 Maier, Paul
 Ramquist
 Bergren
 Mee, Charles
 Johnson, Minton
 Hendricks
 Augustine
 Lucado

Jesse Tree
 Jesse Tree Devotions
Journey to Bethlehem
 Let's Make a Jesse Tree
Little Angel
 Little Book for Christmas
Little Engine That Could
 Littlest Magi
Marta and the Manger Straw
 Mary had a little Lamb
Mary had a Little Baby
 Meaning of Christmas
Mole Family's Christmas
 Nativity story
Night Before Christmas
 Night Before Christmas In Texas
Norman Rockwell's Christmas
 Old Testament in the fine arts
Ordinary Baby
 Pine Tree Parable
Quiet Little Woman
 Red boots for Christmas
Santa and Pete
 Santa Mouse
Savior is born
 Small One
St. Nicholas book
 Star Of Christmas
Star of Bethelhem
 Story of the Nativity
Story of the Other Wise Man
 Tiniest Christmas Star
Toy that saved Christmas
 Treasury of Christmas miracles
Twas the flight before Christmas
 We interrupt this program
Welcome stranger
 What can we learn from the Christ Child
When Jesus was born
 Why Christmas trees aren't perfect
When Joy Came
 Why the Chimes Rang
Wildlife's Christmas Treasury

Anderson
 Breckenridge
 Kageyama
 James
 Tazewell
 Brady, Cyrus
 Piper
 Auer
 Kroll, Virgiana
 Murphy
 Hobe
 Hogan, Lillian
 Moore, Clement
 Harris
 Maus
 Gaither
 Higgs
 Alcott, Louisa
 Vision Video
 Moore, Christopher
 Brown, Michael
 Video tape
 Walsh, Alex
 Grief, Martin
 Big Idea
 Video tape
 Van Dyke
 Kasuya
 Veggie Tales
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 McGee
 Randolph, John
 Moore
 Dotts
 Moore
 Meek
 Alden
 Wildlife

4. Enjoy!
 1. Select a book (or DVD) 2. Sign the card in the back of the book 3. Place card in box on library desk

The Church Library is self service.



Soup Day!

Wednesday, November 9, from 11:30 AM to 1 PM in the Family Life Center, featuring your choice of *Ham and Bean* or *Vegetarian Soup*, bread, beverage, and dessert all for \$4. 'Tastes Like Seconds' option \$3. Questions/info: *Linda Booher*



Soup Day Pastry Chefs - Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

You outdid yourselves on WUMC's opening Soup Day. The Bake Table took in over \$220.00. Keep those ovens on as we'll need your wonderful delights again on **Wednesday, November 9**. Don't forget to mark what your items are, ie, sugar free, gluten free, wheat bread, chocolate chip cooks with nuts. etc. That way our "buyers" will have a better idea if they will be able to enjoy what you've made. Again, thank you so much for your

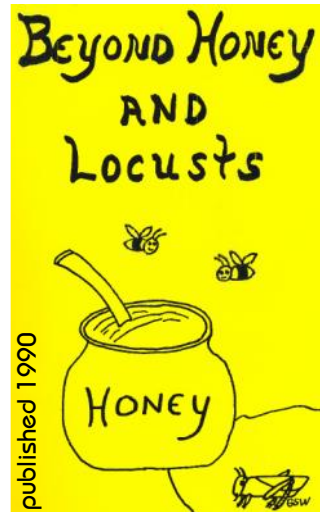


November's Wyoming Church's Men's Prayer Breakfast

Wyoming United Men's Prayer Breakfast on **Saturday, November 26, from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM**, will be in the 'Backroom' at Hall's Restaurant. An inspiring mini-message of faith, the power of prayer, good food, and great table fellowship await all who attend. Questions/info: *Josh, Wayne, or Terry*

From the Church Cookbook

Wyoming United Methodist Church published a total of 5 cookbooks over the past 65 years. Every month, we will present a recipe that has been a cherished part of the great Methodist tradition of food & fellowship!



One Pan Meatloaf Dinner

Ingredients:

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| 1 lb. ground round | Parsley flakes |
| 1 (5 oz.) can evaporated milk | Potato slices |
| 1/4 cup ketchup | Onion slices |
| 1/3 cup bread crumbs | Julienne carrots |
| Salt & Pepper to taste | |

Place meatloaf on foil in a 13x9x2 inch pan and around it place slices of potato, onion, and julienne carrot. Sprinkle parsley flakes over all. Salt and pepper vegetables. Tightly wrap in foil and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Fold back foil 15 minutes for browning if desired.



Order Take Out

Sign up in the Narthex (through Sunday, November 27) for the **'Take Out' Chicken 'N Dumpling Dinner**. Pick up and pay for your dinner(s) on Saturday, December 3, anytime between 2 PM and 5 PM at the Chef's Kitchen in the Family Life Center. Questions/Info: *Linda Booher or Shelby Truitt*.

Get Ready For A 'Mouth Watering' Fall, Winter, And Spring Menu From Your Sexton Kitchen Team!

This coming Fall, Winter, and Spring Sexton Kitchen Team's (SKT) Schedule is shaping up to be extremely busy and productive. Let's begin with Soup Days. Our first Soup Day of the Season, Wednesday, October 12, set a record for the number of meals serviced. Specifically, our previous record was 184 served Soup Day meals set about two years ago. Thanks to all of you who attended and enjoyed great food and great fellowship, the hard working folks on your SKT served well over 200 delicious meals. Our **next Soup Day** will be held on **Wednesday, November 9**, from 11:30 AM to 1 PM in the Family Life Center. Linda Booher, SKT Chair, and her fellow chefs will be serving ham and bean soup as well as a vegetarian soup. When you finish your Soup Day luncheon meal, please take the time to stop at the Bake Table and consider purchasing one or more of the delicious baked goods that have been prepared by our Congregational Master Chefs.

Our **Adult Fellowship Covered Dish Dinner** Schedule will continue in **November on Wednesday, the 2nd**. This month's dinner will begin in the Family Life Center at 6:00 PM with the seasonal theme of a 'Thanksgiving Dinner With All Of The Trimmings'. All you

need to do is bring one of your favorite prepared culinary dishes that provides 8 servings, your own place settings, and the expectation that you will experience a very nice event. The SKT Chefs will prepare the entrée and the beverages. As is true at all of our Adult Fellowship Covered Dish Dinners, the opportunity to donate to a 'Love Offering' for the entrée will be available for those who feel so led.

The Thanksgiving Holiday Season will be here before we know it. As part of our Wyoming Church's traditional Thanksgiving celebration, you will, once again, have the opportunity to order the SKT's Chef's '**World Famous Pumpkin Pies**'. These hand crafted, 9 inch, \$10.00 pies are prepared by the Team's Chefs in our Wyoming Church's Chef's Kitchen. You can **order** your pie(s) by signing up at the display in the Narthex **through Sunday, November, the 20th**. Your pie(s) can be paid for and **picked up on Wednesday, November the 23rd, any time between 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon** at the Chef's Kitchen in the Family Life Center.

December the 3rd will see the return of our Wyoming Church's regionally acclaimed '**Take Out/Take Home Chicken 'N Dumpling Dinner**'. Just in time after a busy day of shopping you can enjoy a

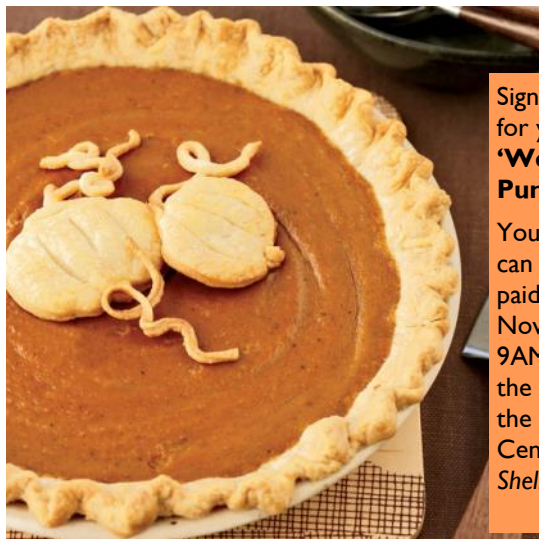
hearty meal of Chicken, Dumplings, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Green Vegetable, Cole Slaw, Cranberry Garnish, and Cake for \$10.00 per dinner. **Sign up** for your dinner order(s) at the display in the Narthex **through Sunday, November the 27th** and plan to pick up and pay for your dinner(s) any time between 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM on Saturday, December the 3rd at the Chef's Kitchen in the Family Life Center.

Adhering to the great Methodist tradition of food and faith, your SKT Chefs are planning a **Lasagna Dinner in January**, and a twin event of a '**St. Pat's Ham And Cabbage Dinner**' as well as the traditional '**World Famous Cherry Pie**' Sale in the month of **March, 2017**. So... 'Stay Tuned'!

All of these SKT activities that you so faithfully support generate funds that the members of your SKT grant to various Church and community programs and projects that directly aid children, youth, families, adults and seniors through our team's Food Ministry Program. If you feel led to join our Church's SKT, please do not hesitate to contact Linda Booher.

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PUMPKIN PIE- Oh my!



Sign up in the Narthex for your Thanksgiving's '**World Famous Pumpkin Pie(s)**'.

Your 9 inch, \$10 pie(s) can be picked up and paid for on Wednesday, November 23, from 9AM to 12 Noon at the Chef's Kitchen in the Family Life Center. *Questions/info: Shelby or Linda.*

Plan to attend the *Adult Fellowship 'Thanksgiving Themed' Covered Dish Dinner* on **Wednesday, November 2, at 6:00 PM** in the Family Life Center.

Bring your own table settings and a favorite prepared food (8 servings). Your SKT Chefs will prepare the entrée and beverages.

Questions/Info: George Pettyjohn.





To: You!



A NEW Seasonal Highlight - don't miss it!
Saturday, November 5 at 7 PM.



ALL AGES and GROUPS

For a lack of participation... the Lip Sync Battle had to be CANCELED.

will be represented!

So let's see who



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

