

# THE WYOMING MESSENGER

## March 2017



Christ behind me,  
 Christ in me,  
 Christ beneath me,  
 Christ above me,  
 Christ on my right,  
 Christ on my left,  
 Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit,  
 Christ when I stand,  
 Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
 Christ in the mouth of everyone who  
 speaks of me,  
 Christ in every eye that sees me,  
 Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen.

Irish Prayer, attributed to St. Patrick

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### "People Praying."

On Wednesday, February 8, 2017, at 5 PM, a group of people gathered at the altar of WUMC to pray for our church. This was the first gathering of "People Praying," which will now continue to meet every Wednesday evening at 5 PM in the Sanctuary.

This came to be through the work of the Holy Spirit calling a few folks to pray for WUMC. So they shared their call for a group to pray for WUMC with Pastor Rick. He promptly announced the initial gathering for prayer from the pulpit the next Sunday! Seven people gathered on that first Wednesday evening to pray.

The purpose of this time of prayer is to have an opportunity for folks to come together to devote time to pray for

WUMC as in the Acts 2 church: "They devoted themselves to...prayer." (Acts 2:42) We intend to pray as led by the Spirit, for unity, strength and discernment to follow God's Will in all our decisions, missions, ministries, events, activities, and service in and through WUMC. Another aspect of our focus will be praying for the pastors, staff and volunteers to be strong vessels used and guided by the Holy Spirit for God's purposes for WUMC. The third aspect of the focus of our prayers is for all the needs and concerns of the people who walk through our doors and for those who have been brought to our attention.

We will gather around the altar to pray in whatever posture is comfortable (sitting in a chair or on the floor or kneeling) bringing our concerns and

requests to Jesus and leaving them there, trusting in Him for answers and direction. Times of silence will happen as we wait and listen for God and the leading of the Holy Spirit as our spirits join in agreement.

Come! Spend some time at the feet of Jesus... with your brothers and sisters in Christ from WUMC... quietly listening... meditating... praying... as the Spirit leads you!

**"Every Wednesday evening in the Sanctuary from 5 to 6 PM. Led by the Holy Spirit."**

# Bulletin Board



Spring is in the air...

... if you can help mow the church lawn this season, please let our facilities manager Bob know! ☎ 228-9143.

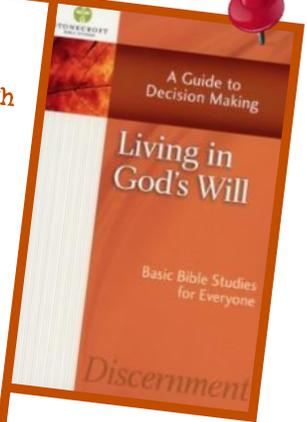
March 'Wyoming Church Grounds Spruce Up Day on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9AM to Noon.

You will have a 'once in a lifetime' opportunity to spend some quality time with like minded folks who want to use their 'green thumbs' to trim, edge, weed and otherwise prepare our WUMC grounds for Spring and Summer. Wear your 'grubbies' and dress for the weather. Bring whatever gardening and/or landscaping tools you feel comfortable using and be prepared for a great time of fellowship. And, to make the event even more attractive, Linda Booher of the Kitchen Team will provide a luncheon of 'subs', beverages, and dessert for all who participate. If you feel led to join us please let Terry Higgins know. [tmhiggins59@hotmail.com](mailto:tmhiggins59@hotmail.com) or ☎ 492-3354 (H) or ☎ 363-5823 (C).

A whole palette of watercolor greeting cards for any occasion, hand-painted by Evie Wilson ☐ Check in the vending area (north wing). Hand-crafted cards from the Old-to-New Cardmakers available, too!



A 7 week Bible study "Living in God's Will" will begin on Monday, March 13th at 1:00 PM at the home of Sharon Duncan. This is a Stonecroft study of the book of Ruth. Each lesson on this study works to build your freedom and confidence in God's guidance. Please notify Sharon at 698-1904 to order a book. These Bible studies are very "user" friendly and no prior knowledge of the Bible is necessary.



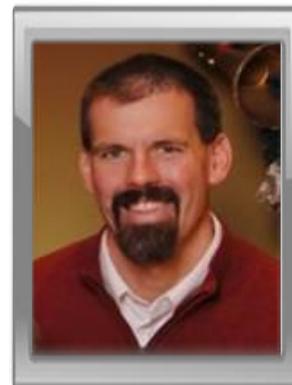
Our WUMC chartered Boy Scout Troop 24 has been very active this last quarter. The troop has had 3 new Eagle scouts, new boys will be moving over from Packs in February. The troop has a roster of about 30 boys and new leadership begins in February.

Activities included a camp-out at Dover Air Force Base, the annual Klondike Derby at Camp Henson and a hiking trip in February.



Alex Chapin, Hunter Pearson, Dylan Pearson, Nick Gillock, Josh Scybert, Aiden O'Connor, Zai Cook, and Jake Nichols, all from BSA Troop 24.

# From the Pastor's Desk *Rick Wessell*



## The Greatest Show on Earth?

In the middle of January the news broke that after more than 100 years in operation, the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus would be shutting down their operation. I never went to the circus when I was a kid, but I know that it was a major form of entertainment for many families in years gone by. Cecil B. DeMille's classic film *The Greatest Show on Earth* captures the excitement and the spectacle of the circus, and I have loved that film for many years. However, as the world has changed and our demand for entertainment has changed, the classic circus saw dwindling ticket sales and dropping attendance, leaving them with no option but to

close. Sadly, the circus is now but a relic of a time gone by.

The Church of Jesus Christ should pay close attention to this story. Many of our local churches are finding themselves in the same position Ringling Bros. did and are facing the same difficult decision about closing their doors. They have dwindling attendance, mounting bills without any means to pay them, and little presence in the culture that surrounds them. They are but relics of a time gone by, a time when the Church automatically commanded great power and authority in the local community, when most everyone went to church, and when people were unwilling or unable to drive to a church that was further away.

What can the church do to reverse this trend? There are a few key things that must be done.

**First, the church MUST evangelize.** People need to hear the good news of Jesus proclaimed not just on Sunday, but by the church membership throughout the week.

**Second, the church MUST be active in local missions.** Younger generations in particular will pay no attention to a church that preaches a good word but fails to put it into action. They want to know their time and effort will make an impact in someone's life.

**Third, the church MUST offer worship that engages with people of all ages.** We will never be more entertaining than the stuff we see on TV, and our music will never be better than the stuff we hear on the radio, but if we are too far out of step with what people are seeking for entertainment, they will drive by our doors until they find a church that meets their needs. As the great theologian Karl Barth has said, the church must always be reforming - must always be seeking ways to serve Christ and the world better.



Ready to make Wyoming Church YOUR home? Pastor Rick will guide you through a 90-minute **new member class on Sunday, March 12 at 12 noon...**



... and you will be received into membership on a Sunday following the class.

**God is still working and the gospel of Jesus Christ is still making an impact. I pray that Wyoming Church will continue to be faithful in its mission to be the church at the heart of it all.**



### Pastor Dave's Ministry Minute - March 2017

#### "Wyoming Water Walkers"

Did you know that the lack of clean water is a serious issue in many parts of the world?... Even though three-quarters of the surface of the earth is covered with water, a mere 1 percent is fit for consumption... Over one billion people do not have access to a safe water supply which can lead to serious health issues and even death... Many people have to travel several miles to fetch water to meet their needs... Now you have an opportunity to do something about these life threatening concerns... Wyoming Church will be partnering with World Vision, and other churches in our community, by sponsoring a 6K walk to bring attention to this issue and generate funding to provide water to those in need... 6 kilometers (3.72 miles) is the average distance that people (mostly women and children) walk to get water for their day, every day... Many of them carry several gallons which could weigh 40 pounds or more... We plan to kick off the registration period for the 6K walk on Ash Wednesday and will continue to register participants through Easter Sunday as an act of self-sacrifice during the Lenten season... The walk will take place on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00, p.m. beginning and ending at Wyoming Church... The walk should take about two hours and we will end with a time of fellowship and refreshments... The registration and donation to World Vision is all done online with all of the proceeds going to this wonderful cause... Please prayerfully consider becoming a Wyoming Water Walker and make a difference... If you have any questions about how you can get involved see me or check it out on the church website...

**'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?**

**'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine,**

**you did for me.'** (Matthew 25:37, 40)

(see Outreach, Page 17)

### **"People Praying."**

Here at Wyoming Church our pastors have been calling us and even urging us to become more committed to praying for the church and its ministries. Your reaction might be:

"I pray daily."

"I have a regular personal prayer time."

"Our family prays together daily."

"We pray in church."

"We pray in Sunday School and Bible study."

What more can I do?

Have you ever experienced being a part of a group that gathers for the specific purpose of intercessory prayer (praying for others) together? There are opportunities for that here at Wyoming.

One new opportunity will be on Wednesday evenings at 5PM in the sanctuary that began February 8 (see cover page).

There is also already what you see listed in the bulletin each week as "Friday

Morning Prayer Group" meeting from 9 to 10 AM in our church's conference room in the north wing.

Let me tell you a little about what happens there each week to take the "mystery" away!

About 10 to 12 women come together each week. We begin by informally sharing the concerns of ourselves, our families, our friends and our churches. We share and give thanks for reports of how our previous prayers are being answered! After about 20 to 30 minutes, someone will say "Let's pray".

The method of prayer is simple. It is called "conversational prayer", a term gained from author Rosalind Rinker's book "Prayer - Conversing With God". We do NOT go around the circle and expect each person to pray in a formal manner! After a quiet few minutes, someone will pray aloud a concern of theirs or something that has been mentioned. Again there is silence until someone else speaks and the prayers just continue coming from anyone led to speak. Some persons may never speak aloud and that is OK. Just

being there means you are in corporate prayer. This quiet time is sometimes added to by someone reading a scripture that ties in with a prayer. Usually, around 10 AM as prayers have paused, someone will offer a benediction or even begin a song!

If you are available on Friday mornings, please consider coming. There is no "joining" or "membership". We have only one rule – CONFIDENTIALITY! We do not talk of these prayer concerns outside of that gathering. God hears every word and there is no need it be repeated elsewhere.

The invitation is open and ongoing plus if you wish to stay another hour, a Bible study follows.

**"Every Friday  
morning  
in Room 207  
from 9 to 10."**

# Reflections

## Reflections

### The Journey

*How much better to get wisdom than gold,  
to choose understanding rather than silver! The  
highway of the upright avoids evil;  
he who guards his way guards his life.  
Proverbs 16: 16-17*

From the uncanny survival skills of the marooned Robinson Crusoe, to the meandering journey home of King Odysseus to his beloved Penelope, as far back as the 8<sup>th</sup> century B.C., literature has captivated readers with the exploits and adventures of the traveler. Most often in danger, almost universally against the odds, the fictional traveler has been a consistent theme of lore and legend for as far back as stories are recorded. It's no great mystery, of course, that Hollywood has drilled deep into this well over the years, bringing voyages and ventures of all varieties to the big screen. We simply can't get enough... popcorn anyone? While many of us have some familiarity with the *Father of Psychoanalysis*, Dr. Sigmund Freud, fewer of us have likely heard of one of his most prominent contemporaries and colleagues, Dr. Carl Jung (pronounced *Young*). It was Jung who gave birth to the concept of a "collective unconscious", which in layman's terms is the premise that we all, as humans, are, to a degree, interconnected in our unconscious minds. Jung also coined the term "archetype", which is an image or behavior that would be common and understood by all, regardless of age or culture or time, given the existence of the collective unconscious. For example, the image of a caregiving mother, or a rebel who struggles against oppressive authority, or the solemn, stately presence of the wise elder; each are an example of imagery (an archetype) that we intuitively understand and can connect with, according to Dr. Jung. What would a Disney movie be after all without the crafty, scheming villain, or the vulnerable damsel in distress, or the noble hero who swoops in at the last possible moment to save the day?

In taking the liberty of borrowing from Dr. Jung's work, there seems to be a spiritual archetype at play when it comes to the image of a journey, being on a trip, being on the move, etc. Deep inside us, somewhere within, in our core, in the very essence of our being, we understand the journey we are on



Danny Cooper Coordinator/Counselor @ Daybreak Counseling Services

in this life; the utter transience of this experience of living and dying. It's all a continuation, a flow, that is likely impossible to fully comprehend in our conscious thoughts and experience. Maybe this is why we connect so easily with the adventure stories we love so much. Interestingly, even though we seem hard-wired for tales of travel and discovery, in the trappings of our humanity, we can easily struggle for permanence in this life, wanting to hold on to the elements of our life experience; for this life to work out as we think it should, or how we dream it could be. What a conflict this could be for us... designed to be in motion, to willingly be in transit through this life experience, yet if not aware, attempting to drop anchor along the way; to transform a temporary experience into one that continues on and on. Jesus understood this temporary life. From the extra time spent at the temple in his youth, to the 40 days of temptation alone in the desert, to the travels from town to town in His wandering ministry, Jesus was in motion; Jesus traveled light; Jesus invited others along the way as He carved out a path through the wilderness of this human experience.

As mentioned in a previous article, in years past, I had the opportunity to visit the beautiful Arches National Park in sunny southern Utah. Like many of us who love trails of any kind, I was especially excited to experience the 7-mile Primitive Trail at Devils Garden. Sounds

a bit ominous just writing about it, and it was a challenging trail to be sure, yet while incredible views abounded, what I actually remember most were the warning signs at the trailhead, such as: ...carry plenty of water due to risk of dehydration in the dry heat... use sunscreen and wear sunglasses... wear proper hiking footwear due to rocky surfaces... dangerous terrain and heights; stay on the trail at all times. There may have even been more, but trust me, the message was crystal clear... have a great time and enjoy the sights, but first, take these appropriate steps if you want to make it back. While a rough trail in places, there thankfully was a discernable path, and trust me, I kept to it. And while I could have used a bit more sunscreen, and even though my water was gone by the mid-way point, I kept to the trail and the trail led me back safely.

Not unlike a favorite or memorable trail we've enjoyed while visiting a park, our Lord has set a course for us to follow through this life experience we have each been granted. And while there are plenty of potential dangers and trappings strewn along the way, we have the assurance of God's protection and companionship as we journey with Him.

May we each embrace the gift of our life passage, resisting the desire to anchor ourselves in this world, or the temptations to exit off the path entirely, but instead, consciously move with our Lord as He lovingly accompanies us until our journey's end.

# ~ Our People ~

## ~ March Birthdays ~

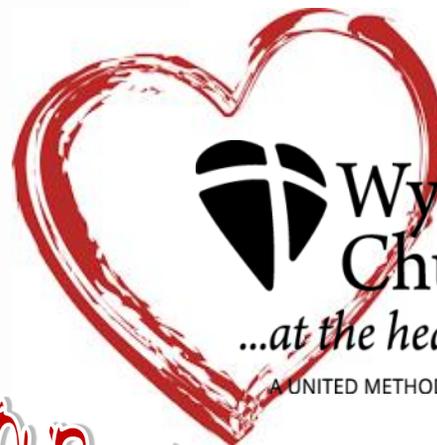


- 3/1 Bryce Piazza, Linda Lyon
- 3/2 Carol Abbott, Shannon Ritter
- 3/3 Joe Hajec, Renate Purdy, Connie Hagen, Sheila Snyder
- 3/4 Evelyn Voshell, Richard Stockslager, Cindy Pearson, Jack Kling, Elaina Ditty
- 3/5 Melissa Piazza, Frank Sumpter, Jeff Williams
- 3/6 Jeffrey Purdy, Elayna Simpson
- 3/7 Joyce Stockslager
- 3/8 Sharon Burge, Gloria Barker, Rod Thompson
- 3/9 Tim Freidel, Carleigh Campbell, Gwen Robinson
- 3/10 Joan Davis
- 3/11 Karen Priestley, Susan Higgins
- 3/12 Jordan Summers, Dana Sharpe, Gail Vella

- 3/13 Dwight Meyer, Linda Taylor, Norma Van Etten
- 3/14 Linda Marker
- 3/15 Betty Pazder, John Riggins
- 3/16 Colleen Robinson, Brian Tinsley
- 3/18 Dylan Pearson, Chloe Malone
- 3/19 Kathy Hoyme
- 3/20 Walt Ramstedt
- 3/21 Shannon Papen, Joan Randolph, Heather Martino
- 3/22 Dick Seyler, Blake Fennemore
- 3/23 Chris Harris, Hank Baker
- 3/24 Lauren Massey
- 3/25 Bill Carnivale
- 3/26 Hillary Martino, Sherry Semonavick
- 3/27 Louise Webb, Wayne Gordineer

- 3/28 Carlton Passley
- 3/29 Mary Wilcutts, Donna McCartney
- 3/30 Nancy Shively
- 3/31 Stephanie Lighter, Charlotte Martinson, Kaylee Gorgoretti, Joann Makdad
- 4/01 Maddie Mastriana
- 4/02 Matthew Dotson, Irene Gillette, Hannah Cote
- 4/03 Ross Lancaster
- 4/04 Doris Taylor, Cort Massey, Matt Sandy, Ian Pearson, Tyler Heffington
- 4/05 Kathy Deckard, Margaret Jones, Reileigh Gray
- 4/06 Chris Scott, Rachel Edwards, Jim Klecan, Noah Delgado

A FAMILY  
 is made of LOVE and tears,  
 LAUGHTER and years.  
 IT GROWS STRONGER  
 WITH THE PASSING OF TIME.  
 MORE PRECIOUS  
 WITH THE MAKING OF MEMORIES.  
 SOMETIMES a FAMILY is made of ONES  
 YOU DON'T LIKE FOR a WHILE...  
 BUT YOU LOVE FOR a LIFETIME.  
 IT'S a GIFT WHOSE VALUE is FOUND  
 NOT IN NUMBERS BUT IN ITS CAPACITY  
 TO LOVE.  
 IT'S THE PLACE YOU FIND  
 SOMEONE TO ENCOURAGE YOU,  
 BELIEVE IN YOU,  
 CELEBRATE WITH YOU AND COMFORT YOU.  
 A FAMILY is where your HEART  
 FEELS MOST AT HOME because YOU'RE  
 ALWAYS WANTED, ALWAYS WELCOMED,  
 ALWAYS NEEDED,  
 ALWAYS LOVED.



**Wyoming Church**

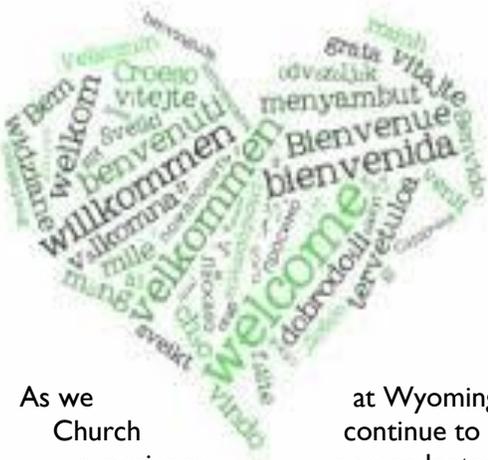
...at the heart of it all.

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

YOUR Church Family

# ~ Our People ~

## ~ Death ~



As we at Wyoming Church continue to experience unprecedented increases in attendance, it becomes readily apparent that we need more Greeters to continue to be the warm and welcoming Church for which we are known.

If, after prayerful consideration, you feel so led to serve as a Greeter for a 'quick' 15 minutes prior to the Worship Service of your choice, please see the respective Greeter Coordinators:

**Lisa McCalister 8:30 Service, Gail Vella 9:45 Service, or Terry Higgins 11:00 Service.**

Greeters usually sign up for 6 months at a time to Greet on a schedule that suits their calendar demands with the understanding that unexpected changes or events may preclude you being able to serve on a specific Sunday.

Being a Sunday Morning Greeter is fun, satisfying, and a great way to meet many of the fantastic folks that attend our Wyoming Church.

### Karen Troutman

on January 27, 2017.  
The widow of a Methodist pastor serving in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference for many years, Karen was an active member of WUMC whose life was a witness to all of us of God's love, grace and faithfulness.



Thanks to the sacrificial giving of a growing number of folks, the faith partners of the Special Gifts Team, and two very generous, anonymous pledges, Dave Yencer and Terry Higgins feel confident that the estimated remaining \$2,000.00 of the \$30,000.00 Memorial Garden project cost will be achieved in the very near future. In fact, we believe that it is possible that we could begin construction this Spring!

If you have not had the time to look at Dave Yencer's beautifully constructed scale model, located in the Narthex, please take the time to do so at your earliest opportunity.

As soon as we 'top' the \$30,000.00 goal we will then be ready to accept reservations for inscribed Memorial Bricks as well as the options for the placing of a portion of cremation remains.

Upon the completion of the Memorial Garden construction fund drive Terry Higgins will have available at the scale model display in the Narthex reservation forms for the placing of inscribed Memorial Bricks.

Questions/Information ---  
Dave Yencer ☎ 284-9989  
Terry Higgins ☎ 492-3354.

We need you!

**WELCOME**  
WE'RE GLAD YOU JOINED US

# YOUTH CALENDAR

# March

### Jr/Sr. High MYF

- Friday, Saturday, 3/3/17, 3/4/17 – Planet Wisdom (Jr. High only), 4:30 pm (Fri.) – 8:00 pm (Sat)
- Sunday, 3/5/17 – By the Seat of Your pants Volleyball, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Sunday, 3/12/17 – Mind Reading Games/Are You a Werewolf, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Sunday, 3/19/17 – Criminal Clue Hunt, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Sunday, 3/26/17 – Pickle Ball/9 Square in the Air, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

### Service

Saturday, 3/11/17 – Spaghetti Dinner Mission Trip Fundraiser, 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm

### Study

A study is a part of MYF on Sunday evenings

Thursday, 3/2/17 – Synago, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Thursday, 3/9/17 – Synago, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Thursday, 3/16/17 – Synago, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Thursday, 3/23/17 – Synago, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm



# Wyoming Church Youth...

# ...and their Mentors

By Jack Freidel

Our mentoring ministry to the youth has finally had liftoff. We have 17 youth who are matched up with mentors from our church. Thank you to all those adults who volunteered to be mentors. We actually had a few more volunteers to be mentors than we had youth who agreed to have one, so my apologies to those I did not provide a match for.

On Sunday evening, 1/29, we had a get together of the youth and their mentors. I opened the evening by stressing that I was not expecting the mentors to be in the roles of parents, but to be a friend or brother or sister to the youth, albeit older ones. Then we played the group game fruit basket mix-up which provided an opportunity for the entire group to mix and get to know just a little bit about each other. After that, the mentors and mentees paired off and went through a list of discussion questions to help them to get to know each other better and to share some of their faith story. We ended the evening with getting into groups of 4 to 6



to play card games and have refreshments. The feedback I received from the experience was positive. Some of the mentors want to meet like this more often than the once a year I requested. Some are planning to have the youth join them for an activity outside of the church.

The experience was so well received that I have had a couple of additional requests by youth who did not opt for a mentor to now have one. I will work on accommodating their requests.

In conclusion, thank you again to the mentors for stepping forward. Hopefully it will help our youth to feel a stronger



connection to this family of faith and this will help lead our youth to continue to grow in their faith through their teenage and young adult years.





## Sticky Faith

### FINDING WAYS TO **Serve Together** AS A FAMILY

I imagine that if I asked you whether or not it's important to serve others, you'd instantly say yes. Here's one reason it matters that you may not have heard: **Families who serve others together tend to grow in faith together.** Whether it's joining a church-sponsored opportunity or finding your family's own way to reach out to those in need, serving can open up all kinds of doors for growth.

Over the next month, I'd like to invite you to **find at least one way your family can start serving together.** If you need some ideas to get started, try these:

- ◆ Serve at the spaghetti dinner mission trip fundraiser.
- ◆ See if the local mission can use you as a meal server.
- ◆ Collect extra stuff around your house, and then make a family trip to donate those items, or hold a garage sale and let your kids decide where to donate the proceeds.
- ◆ Join the greeting team at church, or help with set up or tear down for an event.
- ◆ As a family, talk together about someone you know who may need encouragement. Create a gift - cookies, a card, maybe a meal - and deliver it to them.
- ◆ Join the youth on their mission trip this summer.

If you get stumped, send me an email! I'd love to help you find a place to serve others.

[jfreidel@wyomingumc.com](mailto:jfreidel@wyomingumc.com)



... to everyone who supported our Super Bowl Sub Sale!  
We raised over \$550 to help support Jan Marie Macon through  
Compassion International Program for the next year.  
Jr and Sr High MYF

## It's Time to "BRANCH OUT"!

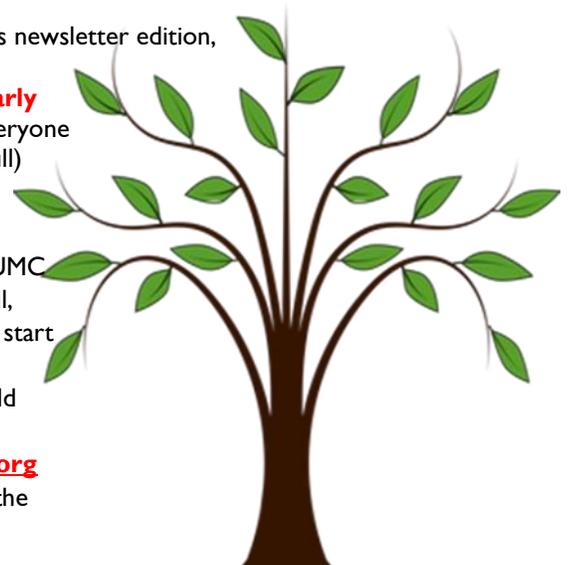
It's not even quite **Spring** yet... but it's never too early to start thinking about **Summer** (camp)! Camp Pecometh's theme this year is "Branch Out".

It's a tight deadline for this newsletter edition, but may you know that Pecometh grants a **5% early booking discount** to everyone who books (and pays in full) their camper's week **by March 1.**

Don't forget, Wyoming UMC offers camperships, as well, so forget the excuses and start planning which camp your son, daughter or grandchild might like to attend.

Go to [www.pecometh.org](http://www.pecometh.org) for more information on the various camps offered.

# SUMMER CAMP!



# JANUARY 2017 Month End Finance Report

Michael Quarnaccio, Finance Team Chair

The following report includes current year to date financials and the 2017 budget approved at the meeting of Church Council held on January 23, 2017.

	<u>Inc/Exp to Date</u>	<u>Budget to Date</u>	<u>2017 Budget</u>
Weekly Offerings –Operating	50,228	48,802	585,622
Other offerings	1,745	6,528	78,335
Interest Income	120	417	5,000
Total Offerings	<u>52,093</u>	<u>55,747</u>	<u>668,957</u>
Finance Team		558	6,700
Office	2,428	1,773	21,275
Personnel	15,005	14,120	169,438
Mortgage interest	7,012	6,373	76,475
Properties and equipment	10,399	8,136	97,626
Total Administrative Council	<u>34,844</u>	<u>30,960</u>	<u>371,514</u>
Nursery and Supplies		4	50
Benevolences (Conference)	5,158	5,158	61,896
Education & Youth	2,140	588	7,050
Extended Table	-	12	150
Music		167	2,000
Worship		21	250
Total Council on Ministries	<u>7,298</u>	<u>5,950</u>	<u>71,396</u>
Pastor Parish Relations	<u>10,579</u>	<u>10,832</u>	<u>129,980</u>
Mortgage principal liability (Reduces debt to PNC Bank)	<u>8,878</u>	<u>8,005</u>	<u>96,067</u>
Total Expense	<u>61,599</u>	<u>55,747</u>	<u>668,957</u>
Net Income (Loss)	(9,506)		

*Balance of Mortgage on 01/31/2017 \$ 2,036,989.47.*

Interest paid in 2017: \$7,012.01  
Principal paid in 2017: \$8,818.24

**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.



Check out the *Wish Line* In the narthex! Items on this *Wish Line* are needed for the many ministries of Wyoming Church. To support **Wyoming Church**, feel free to pick one or more of the items on the

 *Wish Line.*

## "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 with in 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!

As a reminder of how busy and involved we are here at Wyoming UMC here is a list of groups we've covered - *Greeters, Youth Leaders, Dover Place Team, Trustees, Special Gifts, Liturgists, FUNdraising Team, Library, Church Council, Ushers, Bible Study Leaders, Kitchen Sexton Team, Puppets of Praise, Children's Message, Women's Retreat, Praise Band, Membership/Visitation, Acolytes, Nursery, Birthday Brigade, Vacation Bible School, Audio/Visual Team, Lawn Mowers, Office Helpers, SET (Sunday Event Team), Welcome Desk, Food Pantry, SPRT (Staff Parish Relations Team), Book Club, Chancel Choir, Sunday School Teachers, Moppettes, Finance, Education Team, Praise Singers, Craft Fair Team, Soup Day, Bell Choir, Knitting to Nurture, Friday Prayer Group, Code Purple, Worship Leaders*

and Communion Stewards, *TLC, Kid's Praise, Men's Breakfast, Outreach Team, Altar Guild, Sanctuary Decorating and Bake Table Bakers.*

**WHEW!!** That's quite a list!

Some of these groups have changed or been replaced over this time, but the need for support and involvement is always present.

**We want to continue to offer opportunities for everyone to find a place where they can truly contribute to the good works and fellowship we can find together through Christ. Read through that list again and consider how you might make a difference.**



## Recently @ Wyoming Church Sunday School...

The 2nd/3rd grade Sunday school class worked on a month long project to fill bags for the men who come to WUMC Code Purple shelter. Students collected items, filled bags, made cards, and learned about helping others.





**Do good! Seek peace  
and go after it!**  
**Psalm 34:14b**

This is the HERO VERSE that volunteers and kids will hear throughout the week of this year's Vacation Bible School!

Please consider helping out at this amazing event where we host to about 150 children from Pre-K - 6th Grade. Onsite child care is available for volunteers with children too young to participate.

*Hero Central* will take kids on an awesome adventure alongside some of their favorite Bible heroes and discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God. There will be epic music, spectacular science, crafty crafts, heroic recreations, and fantastic Bible stories to help kids (and leaders too) discover their strength in God!

**Will you be a HERO and help  
out at Wyoming UMC's  
Vacation Bible School June 19-23  
from 8:15-12:30?**

Please email Linda Lyon at [linda.lyon@aol.com](mailto:linda.lyon@aol.com) or call 335-4281 so she can match your superpowers with the right position!

## STOP HUNGER NOW

is coming back to Wyoming Church on Saturday, April 8th.

Last year we had over 50 volunteers young and old who came out to help package 10,000 meals! The meals packaged will be sent to provide meals to the poor all around the world.

This event is being

sponsored by the Jr and Sr High MYF and our WUMC Outreach Team. The cost to host this event is \$2900. That is only .29 cents a meal! Please prayerfully consider joining us on April 8th to help package the meals. There will be a special offering prior to the event to help fund the cost.



**STOP HUNGER NOW.**

# Entering the Season of Lent...

On **Ash Wednesday - March 1st**, join us for a **time of prayer and reflection with the imposition of ashes** at **12 noon**.

## Holy Week...

**Maundy Thursday, April 13**

**6:00 PM** Supper & Communion in the Family Life Center  
*(sign up for crockpots of soup coming mid-March)*

**Good Friday, April 14**

**7 to 7 -** Prayer & Meditation in the Sanctuary

**Easter Sunday, April 16**

**6:15 AM** Community Son-Rise Service at Wyoming Park

Wyoming Church will once again partner with 7 local Christian churches to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on this glorious Easter morning! Join us for a hearty breakfast in the Family Life Center after the service.

**8:30 AM, 9:45 AM, 11 AM** Festive Easter Worship

JOHN 3:16



THE *joy* OF THE Lord  
IS YOUR strength.

Jeremiah 8:10b

**WHAT?**

Annual Ladies Retreat  
**“CHOOSE JOY!”**

**RETREAT LEADERS:**

Tracy Fennemore (bottom picture, left) and Janna Whitenight (top picture, right)

You don't want to miss what promises to be an inspiring, uplifting, fun retreat planned and led by two of our younger generation church leaders.



**WHO?**

All ladies of the church... bring a friend!

**WHEN?**

Sunday, May 21st and Monday, May 22nd

**WHERE?**

Riverview Retreat Center at Pecometh, Centreville, MD. Each room includes two queen beds and bathroom in this four-year-old Methodist center on the banks of the Chester River on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Handicap rooms available.

**HOW?**

Fill out a registration form and leave it in the envelope provided at the welcome desk.

**WHY?**

An opportunity to fellowship in a Christian atmosphere as we sing, pray, eat, laugh, enjoy the beauty of God's creation, share in a comfortable setting, listen to each other and connect in a special way.

**COST...**

includes three meals and is dependent on the number of guests in a room. **Payment deadline: May 7th.**

**QUESTIONS / INFORMATION...**

Barbara Shaw 538-6772.

**Registration Form in this Newsletter or at the Welcome Desk at Church.**



# Wyoming Church FUNdraising proudly presents:

 **FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY**  
PRESENTS:

# FINDING FAVOUR

WHAT WE HAVE  
IS NOW TOUR



WITH

**GRAYSON  
REED**

Saturday

April 8

7 PM

## Tickets:

General Admission \$18.50 // V.I.P. (with meet & greet, special seating) \$25.00

Tickets on sale in the church office and Sunday morning starting 3/5/2017

This year's **Adult Mission Trip** to the **Red Bird Mission** in Kentucky

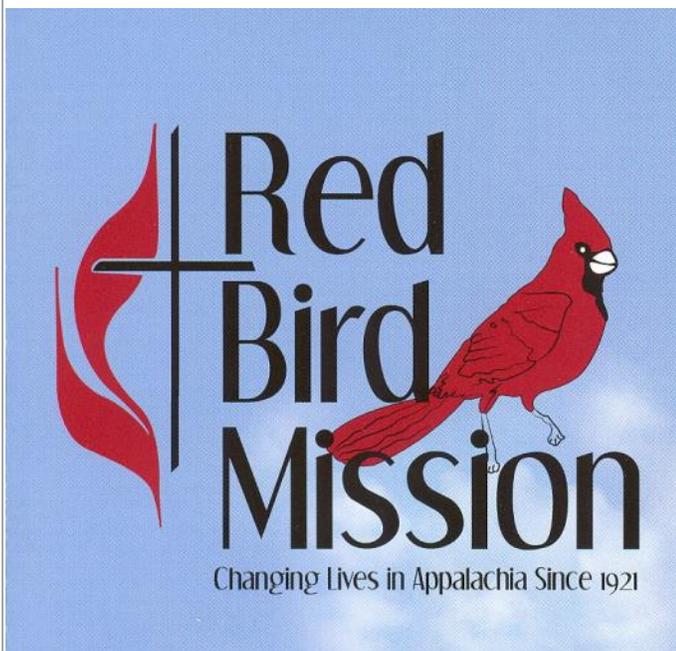
will take place during the month of **October** from the 14th through the 20th.

Wayne Gordineer will be this year's point of contact. Wayne can be reached by cell phone, voice or text @ (302) 370-8470, or via email at lgordineer01@comcast.net.

All who are interested are asked to please contact Wayne as soon as possible so the 2017 Work Camp application can be processed.

The fee per person is \$375.00.

A meeting will be scheduled within the next few weeks to discuss the details and preparation of this trip.



## Sewing Day of Service

On **Saturday, April 1** from 9AM to 2PM, Helping Hands Quilt Guild members will join with sewers and helpers of Wyoming Church in a day of sewing service. Projects worked on will be colorful pillow cases for children who are battling cancer, school bags (for UMCOR school kits), and receiving blankets (for UMCOR layette kits). The materials will be provided.

If you can join us, you will need to bring your sewing machine, long extension cord, thread, and other needed sewing supplies. Last year, we enjoyed the help of people who do not sew, but who ironed for the sewers and who helped in other ways with assembly of these projects. Bring your own bag lunch, too.

If anyone has a serger, it will be helpful to serge the flannel edges of the receiving blankets.

This is a joint project of the Helping Hands Quilt Guild and Wyoming's Outreach Team.

We would love to have you! Please, join others in a fun day of service and creating projects that will be of use to others.

### Questions:

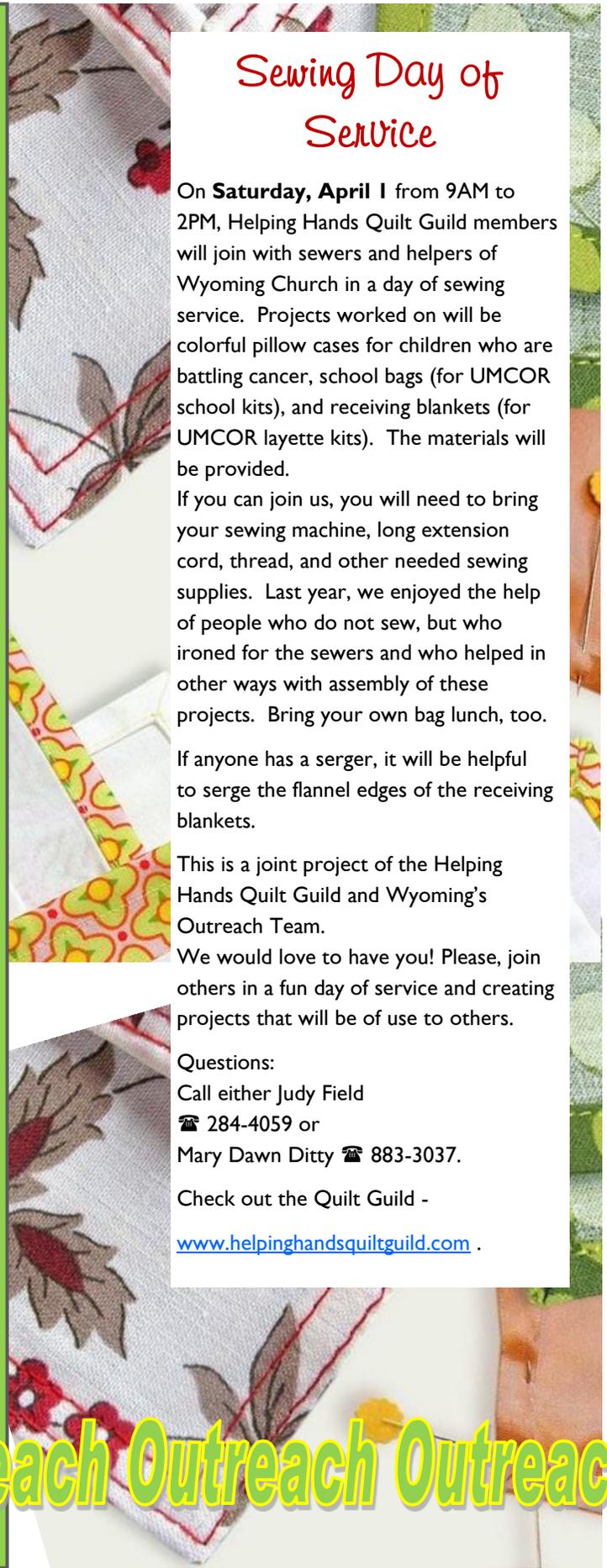
Call either Judy Field

☎ 284-4059 or

Mary Dawn Ditty ☎ 883-3037.

Check out the Quilt Guild -

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



Outreach Outreach Outreach Outreach Outreach

Watch for details on World Vision's Global 6K for Water on May 6th and how you can join the **Wyoming United Methodist Water Walkers** to provide clean water for children who walk 6 km (=3.72 miles) to get water each day.

**Join Us!**  
**May 6, 2017**

**May 6, 2017**

World Vision **GLOBAL 6K FOR WATER**



... Walking  
... sponsoring  
a friend ...

**May 6, 2017**

offering hospitality ... as part of the road crew ... (see Pastor Dave's Article Page 3)

# Outreach Outreach Outreach Outreach Outreach

## Food First ...

Realizing that there is still a need for food for the hungry within our community, the Outreach Team will be sponsoring "**Food First Sunday**", which will occur on the first Sunday of each month. People will be encouraged to bring in food items to be delivered to the Kent Ecumenical Food & Crisis Fund Food Pantries.

The two food pantries who are part of KEFCF are Holy Cross and First Baptist Church. We will alternate each month with our deliveries and will get a list of needed foods which will appear in the bulletin a week prior to the collection. Many times, KEFCF has to go to the Food Bank of Delaware to purchase needed food items to stock its pantry. Perhaps, we can make a difference by supplementing their food items.

We know there are people who faithfully donated to our Food Pantry and who miss that opportunity to contribute. This is your chance to pick up where you left off. We covet your donations to KEFCF and are grateful for your past support. Look for the "**Food First**" cart in the Narthex where you can place your food.

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*"Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness."*

2 Corinthians 9:10



# Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Youth

The annual "All You Can Eat" Spaghetti Dinner will be held on **Saturday, March 11th**. The youth will be serving Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Dessert and Drinks from 4:30 till 6:30 pm. All proceeds will benefit the 2017 youth summer mission trip to Pittsburgh. Cost \$9 adults/\$5 age 4 to 12. Kids under 4 FREE. *Tickets and Take-out will be available at the door.*



**Adult Fellowship Covered Dish Dinner on Ash Wednesday, March 1st at 6PM.** Bring your own place settings and your favorite food - 8 servings. The entrée (roasted chicken) and beverages will be provided. George Pettyjohn ☎736-1236. Love offering taken to cover the entrée cost.

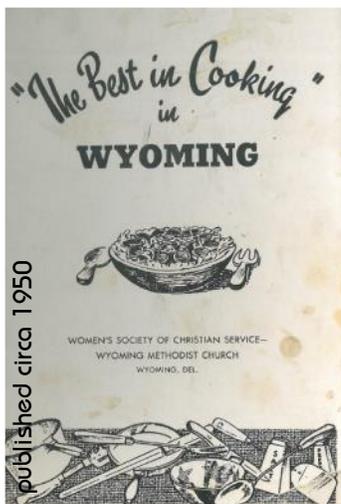
All men of all ages are invited to join our Wyoming United Men's Group for our monthly Prayer Breakfast on **Saturday, March 25, from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM** in the Backroom at Hall's Restaurant. Ordering from the menu, we will enjoy a mini-message of faith, good food, and great table fellowship.

Information/Questions — Josh Turner 678-9818.



## 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!



### LAST OF ALL PICKLE

Mrs. Quincy M. Bickling

- |                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1/4 pk. green tomatoes    | 1 pt. vinegar            |
| 7 large onions            | 2 c. sugar               |
| 1/4 c. salt               | 2 Tbsp. prepared mustard |
| 6 yellow or green peppers | Pinch turmeric           |
| 6 red peppers             | 1/3 c. flour             |
|                           | 1/2 c. water             |

Grind the tomatoes and onions, using a coarse knife. Sprinkle with half the salt. Put ground peppers in separate dish with the rest of salt. Let stand overnight. Let drain well. Mix and add chopped celery, cook a little, vinegar, sugar, mustard and turmeric. Simmer 15 minutes. Stir in flour and water made as a paste. Cook 15 or 20 minutes. Seal in hot jars.

Sexton Kitchen  
Team's March

## Food, Faith & Family

Your Sexton Kitchen Team's (SKT) Food Ministry Program of 'Food, Faith, And Family' continues to provide effective ministry to the children, youth, families, adults, and seniors of our growing Wyoming Church congregation. Your response to the Team's February activities of Soup Day, Adult Fellowship Dinner, and World Famous Cherry Pies continues to be gratifying in terms of attendance and financial support. In the Team's just completed Cherry Pie Sale, the event was completely sold out, even though the Chefs made extra pies (they always prepare extra) knowing that the reputation of the Chefs quality products is now well established. In mid-February the members of your SKT spent the better part of one day giving the Chefs' Kitchen complex one of its thorough 'top to bottom' periodic cleanings.

Your SKT members are now planning for a very busy March and April that will also include a number of events and activities that culminate with the Holy Days of Easter. On **Ash Wednesday, March the 1<sup>st</sup>**, the SKT Chefs will prepare the entrée for the **Adult Fellowship Covered Dish Dinner** that begins at 6PM in the FLC. You are invited to attend this great activity that is very ably organized and directed by George and Barbara Pettyjohn (see page 18).

**March Soup Day**, the **final** one this season, is on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. **You won't want to miss it!** (See green box on the right.)

In the early days of March you will have the opportunity to order your **St. Patrick's Day Ham 'N Cabbage Dinner** at the SKT Kiosk

in the

Narthex. Each dinner will have ample portions of ham, cabbage, boiled potato, cooked carrots, corn bread, and cake for you to take home to enjoy. **The dinners are \$12.00 each and can be paid for and picked up at the Chefs' Kitchen on Friday, March 17, 2017 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Family Life Center.** Just remember that on St. Patrick's Day "every one is just a little bit Irish!"

As the members of your SKT look beyond March into April, plans are now being made for events that are traditionally associated with Easter including the Maundy Thursday Meal on the 13<sup>th</sup> and the 'Sunrise Breakfast' on Easter Sunday Morning for those who attend the Sunrise Service at Wyoming Park on the 16<sup>th</sup>. These activities are in addition to April's Adult Fellowship Covered Dish Dinner on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Interwoven in all of these activities are some additional events that your SKT will host for a growing number of Church and Community groups that are taking advantage of the Team's great reputation of providing excellent catered food and service in a variety of settings within the Family Life Center. The monies generated from a variety of SKT Food Ministry Program activities provides funds for programs that benefit children, youth, families, adults, and seniors that would either be underfunded or not funded at all, including, for example the SKT \$1,000.00 Academic College Scholarship given annually to one of our Church youth.

Remember that all of the proceeds from the Soup Day's Bake Table continue to be donated to the Church's Mortgage



# FINAL

## The Day of the Soup...

**Wednesday, March 8 -  
11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.**

## The Soups of the Day...

### Chicken Noodle or Vegetarian Vegetable

Get a generous helping of your choice soup, roll or bread, dessert, and beverage.

'Taste Like Seconds' option for an additional \$3.00.

Don't forget to check out the culinary delights at the Bake Table.

The funds generated from the Soup Days are donated to the Church's Outreach Ministry.

### *Calling All Of The Great Bakers Of Wyoming Church!*

The Bake Table at the forthcoming Soup Day needs you to prepare one or more of your most favorite desserts for display and sale. Please bring them to the Family Life Center by 10:30 AM so that they can be properly priced and displayed.

Questions/Information —  
Susan Gant ☎ 734-8622.

*If you would like to know  
more about the SKT,  
Linda Booher, our very  
effective Chair, would be  
delighted to talk with  
you!*



To: You!



## Sexton Kitchen Team's \$1,000.00 College Academic Scholarship

The members of the Sexton Kitchen Team are pleased to announce the availability of the Team's College Scholarship Program. The \$1,000.00 Academic Scholarship will be awarded to a member of the 2017 High School Graduating Class who has been a long standing, active participant in the life of the Wyoming United Methodist Church.

Applications are available beginning on Wednesday, March the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 from Terry Higgins at ☎492-3354 or ☎363-5823. The application due date is to be postmarked no later than on Wednesday, May the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, or hand delivered to Terry Higgins by that same date. The announcement of the recipient will be made thereafter and the Scholarship subsequently awarded for the 2017 – 2018 Academic Year.

# PROGRESSIVE DINNER



Mark your calendars for **Friday March 31st!** This year's theme is **German!**

**Sign up at the 'Bavarian' table in the narthex.**

Sharon Duncan ☎698-1904  
or Sue Hajec ☎697-2697.

### **Our Hosts:**

**Appetizers:**

Dan & Chris Mikkelson

**Entree:**

Bill & Renate Purdy

**Dessert:**

George & Barbara Pettyjohn