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THE WYOMING MESSENGER

April 2017

HOLY WEEK AT WYOMING

Good Friday,
April 14

7 to 7 -
Prayer & Meditation:
Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday, April 13

6:00 PM Supper & Communion:
Family Life Center (see Page 16)

Easter Sunday, April 16

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

Easter Sunday, April 16

**6:15 AM Community Son-Rise
Celebration
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.

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Redbird Mission (destination of our adult mission trip in October 2017) **is coming to Asbury UMC in Smyrna with an 'Appalachian Craft Fair' on Saturday, April 29 from 9AM to 2PM.**

Browse beautiful handcrafted items and support Redbird Mission!

If you're interested in joining our mission team at Red Bird from October 14 to 20, please let Wayne Gordineer know soon. ☎ 270-8470 cell & text.



Now is the time to send greetings to a friend - cards for any occasion, hand-painted originals, too, and NEW: Easter cards for sale in the vending area (north



Thanks to everyone who supported our **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**. We raised over \$900 toward this summer's trip to The Pittsburgh Project. Special thanks to all the youth and parents who helped serving and in the kitchen. *Betsy Freidel*



Greening Of The Grounds

On Saturday, March 18, eleven hardy souls worked very efficiently to remove sod, trim and shape shrubs and trees, and apply a generous layer of hard wood mulch to all the plantings that adorn the front of the Church landscape. The excess sod was stockpiled on the concrete pad at the southeast corner of the Church. This sod will be removed during the construction of the Memorial Garden (see Memorial Garden article on page 6). At the conclusion of the work session, SKT Chair Linda Booher provided subs, beverage, and dessert for all. Should you feel so led, you are welcome to join us for 'Round 2' of our 'Spring Clean Up' on **Saturday, April 1** (no foolin') from 9 to Noon for a time of good works, good fellowship, and good food. The next time that you see the following folks thank them for their outstanding efforts - Gloria Barker, Dottie and Rich Harper, Jeff Hastings, Stan Leczner, Bill McMahan, Ed Palmer, Barbara Pettyjohn, Josh Turner, and Dave Yencer.

During Saturday's work session, Margaret Bryan dropped off some donated **lily tubers** for planting later this Spring. Margaret stated that she has many additional tubers that she would be happy to give to whomever would like some, so see her and they will be yours for the asking! Questions/Info/Volunteering --- See Terry Higgins ☎ 492-3354.

Our annual CPR/FIRST AID TRAINING

session is being offered this spring. This year, however, due to requests, first aid training is an additional component. The church's own Lana Gordineer will be providing the training. The specifics of this training event are:

Date: Saturday, April 29th

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 am

Location: Family Life Center

Cost: \$10 (If you would like to purchase the book it is \$15.50 extra)

For those who have done the training previously, remember that your certification card is only good for two years.

*If interested in taking part in the training, please contact Jack Freidel by emailing him at jfreidel@wyomingumc.com or calling or texting him at (302) 535-3981.

From the Pastor's Desk *Rick Wessell*



The day of Resurrection!

Earth tell it out abroad

The passover of gladness,
the passover of God.

From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,

Our Christ hath
brought us over,
With Hymns of
Victory.

From the time

I was very young, ...

... Easter has been my favorite
holiday on the church calendar.

There is a magic and anticipation in
the air as you approach worship on
Easter Sunday. The altar is covered
with lilies and spring flowers that fill
the sanctuary with their heavenly
scent. The hymns and praise songs
of Easter have a certain power to
them that speak to the importance
of the celebration. Everyone is just

a bit happier, just a bit more upbeat.
Many families will later mark the day
with gatherings and large meals.
Easter is truly just a special time.

For us as Christians, there is

nothing more important to our faith
than the truth of Easter. Paul would
write in I Corinthians 15:12-20 that
if Jesus is not raised from the dead,
then no one is raised from the dead,
“and if Christ has not been raised,
your faith is futile; you are still in
your sins (I Cor. 15:17).
He continues in verse 19 to say, “If it

is only for this life we have hope in Christ, we
are of all people most to be pitied.”

Without Easter Sunday and the

empty tomb, there is no heaven; no
afterlife; no eternal hope. However, because
the tomb was empty on that first Easter when
the women arrived there, and because it still
stands empty now, we know with certainty that
Christ is raised from the dead. Because we
worship a risen and living Lord, we
have that same hope—that one day
we will celebrate the gift of eternal
life in heaven.

Easter makes all the difference for us. It is a

day to truly celebrate, and also a day to invite
others to share in the good news of the gospel.
I can't wait to celebrate my first Easter with
you here at Wyoming Church - to Christ
alone be the glory!





Pastor Dave's Ministry Minute - April 2017

"Hymns, Songs, and Spiritual Songs"

In his recently published book, *"10,000 Reasons"*, Matt Redman writes about how great worship music comes out of moments in our lives; moments of pain and sorrow, as well as moments of joy and elation. He has written some very popular worship music over the past 20 plus years and says that when he is looking for inspiration or finds himself in need of spiritual refreshment he reads the hymns. One of his favorite hymn writers is Charles Wesley who is said to have written over 6500 hymns over the course of his life. Wesley is said to have written no less than 17 hymns in the midst of an earthquake as he describes in musical prose about the fragility of the earth and the temporal nature of our world. The hymns are of great value and need to continue to be a part of our worship services. With the advent of the contemporary worship movement in the 1960's I'm sure there were many people who thought the hymns would soon become a thing of the past but yet here we are some 50 odd years later singing hymns that have been a part of the Christian Church for hundreds of years. I have a deep appreciation for all genres of music and especially worship music, both contemporary and traditional. As I've reflected on Redman's book I am convinced that what gives any religious song staying power is the truth that is contained in its lyrics. The truth is the truth is the truth says a friend of mine. When a song speaks to the truth of God I trust it will stand the test of time.

"Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:19-20

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY PRESENTS:

FINDING FAVOUR

WHAT WE HAVE IS NOW TOUR

WITH **GRAYSON REED**

**Saturday
April 8
7 PM**

Remaining Tickets: church office and Sunday morning!
General Admission \$18.50 // V.I.P. (with meet & greet, special seating) \$25.00

Reflections

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The Word on Parenting

*Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will
not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6*

Having grown up in the shadow of Washington D.C., I have been a long term reader of the Washington Post. While primarily interested in the Sports page, especially the goings-on of the local teams, given the perpetual



*Lord God, we thank
you for the incredible
power and hope that
comes from your
Word. May we allow
your Word to more
fully guide our travels
in this life, and help us,
Lord, to instill your
truth into the minds
and hearts of the
children you have
placed in our care.
In Christ's name
we pray...Amen*

"There is more to surviving in this world beyond our own cleverness, or street smarts, or how savvy we are with our I-phones."

woes of my beloved Redskins, I actually spend more time it seems on the front page, scanning the current happenings, both nationally and around the world. A year or so ago, I couldn't help but notice an article head-lined..."Free Range Parenting". While somewhat familiar with the concept of free range farming, this reference to parenting was a new one. Not unlike "free range chicken" that roam and wander their days away on the farm, the parenting model is not that dissimilar. According to the article, parents in Silver Spring, MD, a community in Montgomery County that is about six miles north of Washington, allowed their two elementary aged children to walk home from a park unattend-

debate or condemnation, but as a point of awareness, as a reminder of the importance of our role as parents and grandparents, to our own children, and the younger generation around us. As believers, without the substance of Scripture and spiritual truth, what is the foundation of our kids to be based on in today's world, or in our society in general? Are we subtly and unintentionally becoming "free range" in our basic approach to life?

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during

God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:1-5

While we certainly can't walk every step with our children as they make their way through this life, we can, with God's help, equip them for the journey. May we remember the gift and obligation we have to spiritually fortify our young ones for the travels ahead. As Paul described in Ephesians 6:13-17... Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be

"Yet we have the Word; the Word that is forever our ally and strength; the Word that was, is, and will always be."

ed, a roughly one mile trek. The site of two small kids walking alone in this urban setting resulted in the police being notified by a passerby, and ultimately, in charges of neglect resulting for the children's parents. Long story short, all charges were ultimately dropped in the "free range parenting" case, amidst, according to one particular article on the matter, an outpouring of support from the masses who saw the actions of the police, etc. as an overreaction and unnecessary. "Free Range Parenting", according to its literature, is a method of parenting counter to the "helicopter", over-indulgent, microscopic care of obsessive parents, which is viewed as limiting, unimaginative, and a potential hindrance to the growth and development of children, according to Free Range advocates. I highlight this topic not as an opportunity for

those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written..." Luke 4:1-4

There is more, after all, to surviving in this world beyond our own cleverness, or street smarts, or how savvy we are with our I-phones. Temptations abound in this world, as Jesus and every one of us must face, and in our humanness, we can be vulnerable and naïve to the trap-pings of this sinful world. Yet we have the Word; the Word that is forever our ally and strength; the Word that was, is, and will always be.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was

able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. The Word is indeed a.....sword of the Spirit. May we invest ourselves anew in the training up of our children with the strength and assurance that comes from the Word; the unquenchable fire that both protects us from the elements of this life, and which lights a path for our feet to follow. (Prayer: top right of page)

~ Our People ~

~ April Birthdays ~

04/01 Maddie Mastriana
 04/02 Matthew Dotson, Irene Gillette,
 Hannah Cote
 04/03 Ross Lancaster
 04/04 Doris Taylor, Tyler Heffington,
 Cort Massey, Ian Pearson
 04/05 Kathy Deckard, Margaret Jones,
 Reileigh Gray
 04/06 Jim Klecan, Noah Delgado,
 Chris Scott, Rachel Edwards
 04/07 Rebecca Hughes, Marty
 Downing
 04/09 Josh Turner, Josh Leczner,
 James Piazza, Garrison Eaby,
 Lauren DeLong
 04/10 Heidi Piazza, Colby Lyon
 04/11 Derek Leister
 04/12 Dave DeLong
 04/13 Casey Houtz
 04/14 Pat Farina, Ryder Witherell,
 Lois Murray
 04/15 Doni Purdy, Michael Davis,
 Wendy Witherell, Becky Shultz

04/16 Katie Heffington
 04/17 Ana Edmanson
 04/18 John Pearson, Gavin Hughes,
 Michelle Thompson
 04/19 Susan Cook, Jeremy Piazza
 04/20 Cheryl Weil, Alexa Rogge,
 Justin Anthony, Lauren Forbes,
 Christopher Scott
 04/21 Janet Wooley
 04/22 Logan Pearson
 04/23 Colleen Papen, Cole Bergeron
 04/25 Tim Lyon, Logan Heffington,
 Carol Dolsay
 04/26 Jim Papen, Roger Kelsey,
 Mia Edmanson, Valerie Riggins
 04/27 Mary Dawn Ditty
 04/28 Jennifer Scott, Nicholas White,
 Jacob Williams, Lauren Tinsley,
 Dan Hoyme
 04/30 Pat Lawson, Jason Fennemore,
 Lissa Franklin
 05/01 Trish Rodriguez, Dave Salmon,



Patsy Schweppe, Karen Tiedgen,
 Karly Jones, Grace Wilt,
 Tiffany Long
 05/02 Juliet Klecan
 05/03 Norma Lee French
 05/04 Judi Leczner, Eric Jones,
 Bryce Sargent
 05/05 Sherry Kijowski, Janet Meyer,
 Emily Dejesus
 05/06 Pat Sholtes
 05/08 Michelle Sell, Frank Sutton

"I leave you peace, my peace
 I give unto you not give to you as
 the world gives not your heart be
 troubled, neither let it be afraid."

(John 14:27)

~ Deaths ~

**Sarah Gooden
 Hastings,**
 the mother of
 Jeff Hastings,
 on March 6,
 2017.

Jane Kirk,
 the daughter of Pat Maggart,
 on March 20, 2017.

Memorial Garden

'Are We There Yet?'

Dave Yencer and Terry Higgins are pleased to report that we are awaiting a requested up to date accounting from the Church's Bookkeeper as to the actual amount of funds that have been donated on behalf of the \$30,000.00 construction cost of the Wyoming Church Memorial Garden. Every indication that Dave and Terry have is that we are very close to reaching our goal if, in fact, we are not already there.

As soon as our 'hunch' is confirmed we will plan a ground

breaking event. Upon the advent of construction the application forms for Memorial Bricks and related Cremation Remains will be made available to all those who feel led to participate. The cost of each inscribed Memorial Brick will include monies for the perpetual care of the Memorial Garden and a Memorial Brick alphabetical location listing system record that will be kept in the Church's Memorial Room.

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

New in the Library



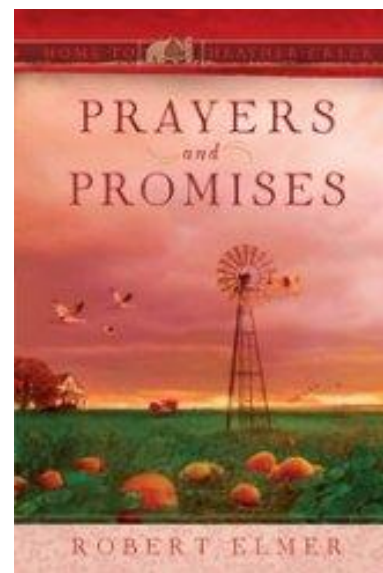
Beginning again is not the same as starting over...The summer days are winding down and Charlotte's grandchildren are heading back to school, but she is feeling unsettled. Charlotte knows she should be glad for peaceful autumn days, but she can't stop wondering what it will be like when the kids grow up and leave for good. What will she do with herself? She has always been interested in nursing and decides to volunteer to help out at the local home. Her surprising friendship with one of the residents teaches her more about second chances than she ever expected.

*The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.*

Dr. Seuss

October brings cooler weather, pumpkins, the harvest...and unexpected challenges for the Stevensons. Emily's class project leads to all kinds of questions about her grandparents' wedding so many years ago, and Sam is doing everything he can to put off thinking about his college applications; Christopher is investigating suspicious tire tracks by the old windmill and finds himself in the middle of a debate about the future of the farm. And when Charlotte and Bob are asked to speak at a seminar for young married

couples, they're forced to take a closer look at their own relationship and their influence on others. Can Charlotte convince Bob to overcome his fear of public speaking and offer his wisdom to the people who need it most? Pete has marriage on his mind a lot these days, too. Could he really be thinking about settling down? With wedding bells on the horizon, Charlotte tries to help them all remember the importance of prayers and the significance of promises.



The Next Wyoming Church

'Gathering'!

If you and your family are relatively new attendees to our welcoming and friendly Wyoming Church and wish to know

more about all of the great programs, services, and opportunities for personal and spiritual growth that are available to you then you owe it to yourself and yours to consider attending the next

Gathering scheduled for
Sunday, April 30th,
from 12 Noon to 1 PM
in the Family Life Center.

Pastor Rick and company will be delighted to answer your questions in a relaxed, informal, and friendly environment that will be further enhanced by a light complimentary luncheon prepared by the Sexton Kitchen Chefs.

If you feel so led and your schedule permits you to attend, please indicate your intentions to Renate in the Church Office at ☎697-8400.



Wyoming
Church

...at the heart of it all.

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

YOUTH CALENDAR

April

Jr/Sr. High MYF

Sunday, 4/2/17 – Body Snatchers, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Sunday, 4/9/17 – Grog, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Sunday, 4/23/17 – Food Games, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Sunday, 4/30/17 – Cape Henlopen Trip, 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Service

Saturday, 4/8/17 – Stop Hunger Now, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Study

A study is a part of MYF on Sunday evenings.

Thursday, 4/6/17 – Synago, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Thursday, 4/13/17 – Synago, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Thursday, 4/20/17 – Synago, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Thursday, 4/27/17 – Synago, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm



The beginning of March saw the Junior High MYF blast off for *Planet Wisdom*!

“Where is that?” you may ask.

It is not a where, but a what.

Planet Wisdom is a two-day regional conference that’s designed to challenge middle school and high school students to dig deeper into the Bible and see their world from God’s perspective. Since 2001 *Planet Wisdom* has been impacting the lives of teens across the country. The event is put together by Youth Specialties, one of the foremost youth ministry organizations in the country. *Planet Wisdom* takes place every year in various cities around the country. One of those cities, and the closest to us, is Washington, DC.

Planet Wisdom features a worship

band, nationally known speakers, and a comedy sketch team.

This year’s theme was fear. Fears – we all have them. We’ve all felt it. We all know what it’s like. So the question isn’t: “How can I never be afraid again?” because that’s not how life works. The question is: “Are you ready to name and face your fears?”

The six sessions dealt with topics such as recognizing our fears, coping with

our fears, sharing our fears, and the “fear of the Lord”. The teaching was led by Heather Flies, who is recognized as one of the top (if not the top) junior high youth leaders in the country. The band For All Seasons led worship at each session. The Slap Happy Comedy Team provided the laughs.

The Junior High youth who went came back gushing about the event and are pushing to go again next year.



Sticky Faith: Busy, Busy, Busy!

I recently read that the University of Phoenix conducted a poll that found that the average teen has 3.5 hours of homework a night. That is on top of the 7 hours a day that a student is in school. That's 10.5 hours a day. That's crazy! Add to this sport practices and fine art troupes, Boy Scouts and after school jobs, friends and hobbies...and perhaps it is a wonder if we ever see any youth at the church. Sometimes I feel frustrated, when week after week youth are forced to choose between participating in our church ministries or all the fore-mentioned activities. So what can we do?

For me, I will try to be more understanding. I know how expensive college has become. I know that car insurance is expensive. Thus, the need for part time jobs, advanced courses, and sports and academic scholarships. I also know the need for some downtime to let off some stress. Even though I may feel frustrated when youth do not take part in our ministries due to homework, sports, or other reasons, I will be there waiting for them when they can come. I will also continue to create events during winter and spring breaks and during the summer when there is more time available.

Is 10.5 hours a day on average really being spent on school work? If this sounds like your child, perhaps it is time to contact the teacher, school or a school board member to ask for a homework policy that limits the amount.

Parents, help teach your youth time management. Model setting goals, being on time and working in a logical progression. Work together to set up a schedule for projects and avoid doing most or all of it at the last minute.

Consider limiting how many extra curricula activities you are involved in. Try to have a little bit of downtime.

Finally, prioritize. Is God really of utmost importance in your life? Then demonstrate it. Youth, spend less time playing that favorite video game or watching your favorite movie for the umpteenth time and instead join us for youth group, a service project, or Synago. Parents, remember that you are generally still the most influential people in your child's life. Model for them regular worship, study, and service to others. What you say and do does leave its mark on your children. You know that old saying, "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree."

In conclusion, life today seems to move at a faster pace than ever. This is true for both parents and children. This causes stress and makes it difficult to find the time for being in relationship with the Lord. I want you to know I understand, and will be thrilled whenever I see the youth at any of our ministry events. However, I urge you to try to prioritize your relationship with God. After all, that relationship is of eternal value.

It's Camp Pecometh Time!

There are over 20 different camps available for kids and youth from Kindergarten through 11th grade.

You can rock out while worshipping God.



cook up something delish!



or make a

SPLASH



**in one of several camps that
have you out on the beautiful
Chester River.**

Still not sure Camp Pecometh is the right fit?

Then mark your calendars for **Pecometh Day on April 29**. Bring the whole family and enjoy free activities including open house tours, games, music, hayrides, food, and exhibits. Wyoming UMC offers financial assistance so that anyone who wants to go to Pecometh, can go. Please see Mindy Anthony (msanthony@verizon.net or 698-7729) for more information and check out Pecometh's website (www.pecometh.org) for more information on all of the summer camp options.

FEBRUARY 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	91,711	97,604	585,622
Other offerings	6,720	13,056	78,335
Interest Income	246	833	5,000
Total Offerings	<u>98,677</u>	<u>111,493</u>	<u>668,957</u>
Finance Team		1,117	6,700
Office	3,861	3,546	21,275
Personnel	29,098	28,240	169,438
Mortgage interest	13,994	12,746	76,475
Properties and equipment	<u>16,940</u>	<u>16,271</u>	<u>97,626</u>
Total Administrative Council	63,893	61,920	371,514
Nursery and Supplies		8	50
Benevolences (Conference)	10,316	10,316	61,896
Education & Youth	986	1,175	7,050
Extended Table	-	25	150
Music		333	2,000
Worship	<u>180</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>250</u>
Total Council on Ministries	11,482	11,899	71,396
Pastor Parish Relations	<u>21,042</u>	<u>21,663</u>	<u>129,980</u>
Mortgage principal liability (Reduces debt to PNC Bank)	<u>17,667</u>	<u>16,011</u>	<u>96,067</u>
Total Expense	<u>114,084</u>	<u>111,493</u>	<u>668,957</u>
Net Income (Loss)	(15,407)		

Balance of Mortgage on 01/31/2017

\$ 2,028,141.01

Interest paid in 2017 \$13,993.79

Principal paid in 2017 \$17,666.80



Check out the *Wish Line* In the narthex! Items on this *Wish Line* are needed for the many ministries of Wyoming Church. At this time, your financial donations are most needed for Books for the Church Library, Laptops for the ESL Classes, a Laminator for the Office, Landscaping on the South End of the Church... *Thank You!*



A Glimpse into the Month of May...

WUMC FUNdraising Presents:

Mother's Day Tea

Saturday,
May 13, 2017
at 2 PM

Bring Your Own Tea Cup...

Tickets on sale soon...

Dessert & Sandwiches
provided...

...more
Information
coming soon!



Mother's Day Tribute to infants

The Outreach Team is gathering items to be put into UMCOR Layette Kits for infants. Beginning in April, look for our display in the Narthex. You will have the opportunity to donate the cost of an item or items to be put into a layette kit **in honor of** or **in memory of** your mother or a special lady in your life. There are specific items that can go into the kits which is dictated by UMCOR, so although we would love clothing donations, we have purchased the majority of the items for 24 kits; each kit with a value of \$45.00. Your monetary donations will help to defray the cost to the Outreach Team.

Envelopes will be available at our display table for your donations and your tribute.

We are pleased to note that the Knitting to Nurture group is knitting baby sweaters for our kits which will be a wonderful addition.

On Mother's Day, we will dedicate the Layette Kits at our Sunday services and post a list of the mothers who were honored with a donation.

A Word From Knitting to Nurture:

PLEASE BRING IN FINISHED SWEATERS BY APRIL 17th !

The Outreach Team will be assembling the baby kits for UMCOR on that date but please keep knitting and crocheting - those that come in later will still be sent to local charities needing them.

World Vision's **Global 6K for Water** is on May 6th. 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.

When we go to our kitchen faucets for a cold glass of sparkling clear water, do we ever think of those who do not have such a luxury? We take clean water for granted in the USA.

In many parts of the world, women and children must walk an average of 3.72 miles or 6 kilometers each day to bring back polluted water for their families. There is no such thing as clean water in many villages in Africa.

That is why Wyoming UMC has decided to help in the effort to bring clean water to those families by taking part in **World Vision's Global 6K for Water** on **May 6th at 2:30 p.m.**

We will be departing from the church and following a route that equals the distance that those less fortunate must travel to carry water to their homes.

To register, please go to www.wyomingumc.com and click on the link for **Global 6K for Water**. There you will be able to register to walk with our team. The cost is \$50 to register and \$25 for children under age 15. Once you have registered, you will receive a T-shirt and a bib to wear with the picture of a World Vision child which you are sponsoring in the 6K walk.

So, you are reading this and saying to yourself, "I can't walk that far but I want to help." You can still donate to the cause or you can pay for someone else to walk in your place. There are many families who would welcome some assistance with the cost to participate.

And we will need volunteers to help that day with check-in, resting stations throughout the route, handing out water and snacks along the way and drivers who patrol the route to assist anyone who can't complete the whole 3.72 miles.

We are hoping to encourage other churches to join our team and anyone is welcome to register who wants to help with this worthwhile project. **Please sign up now!!** Check us out at the **Global 6K for Water** Display in the Narthex every Sunday between services.

Click on the link at wyomingumc.com and

Join Us!



Dear **Wyoming Church**,

For Samarah Joacchim, a 7th-grader in Haiti, school means life and hope for a future. But not just because of the education she will get there. For Samarah and millions of children around the world, attending school also means she will eat that day.

"Without food I would be starving and my grades would be lower. Most of us rely on the food served at school to survive; this is the only meal we get for the day. I hope the feeding program will continue."

More than 40 percent of Stop Hunger's meals are distributed to school feeding programs around the world. Those meals encourage school attendance and help put these children and their families on a path out of poverty.

On **Saturday, April 8**, the **Outreach Team** and the **Wyoming UMC Youth** are cosponsoring an event with Stop Hunger Now in which **we will package 10,000 meals** with Rise, but we are requesting your help. Please consider joining us that Saturday **between 10AM and 12 Noon** as we package the meals. Please also consider contributing to our event through the **special offering we will be taking on April 2nd**, the Sunday before to help cover the cost of this event. No gift is too small--every \$0.29 covers the cost of a meal for 6 people. You can help make sure children get the nutritious meals they need to grow and succeed.

Thank you,

The Wyoming Church Outreach Team and Youth Ministry



STOP HUNGER NOW.

STRATEGIC leadership workshop for Church ReVitalization

**** Saturday, April 1 ****

Registration starts at 8:30 AM -

Workshop
from 9AM to 12PM.

Light refreshments provided by our hosts

Calvary UMC
301 SE Front Street
Milford, DE 19963
(302) 422-8884

Is your church going through visioning or strategic planning processes of assessment, identification, vision development,

adjustment and implementation to increase your church vitality? Alternatively, is your church planning to be there? If so, arrange your calendar to join this Strategic Leadership Workshop with Dr. John Ewert and our Dover District Strategic Leadership Team (DDSLT).

You will learn how to start this process and hear inspiring testimony from a church in our district that has successfully turned around through strategic leadership. The DDSLT member church pastors and laity will present their own stories of success and challenges as they go through the strategic planning process. You will have time to consult with Dr. John as you bring your questions on your own church's situations.

It's time to REMEMBER our PURPOSE and allocate resources to that PURPOSE: To make Disciples of Christ to transform the world! It is time to rethink with strate-

gic direction to increase our vitality for the mission of Christ. Come and JOIN us! Call WUMC liaison and lay leader Sue Hajec at (302) 697-2697 for car-pooling arrangements.



Did you know... You can talk to you **BEST** **FRIEND** at Wyoming Church every **Wednesday** at **5:00 PM?**

... and some of your Brothers and Sisters will be there also!

Come to the Wyoming Church Sanctuary on Wednesdays at 5:00 PM to gather with other fellow believers, your Brothers and Sisters in Christ, to talk to Jesus, our BEST FRIEND!

Talking to Jesus is just as easy as talking to any other best friend!

"What a friend we have in Jesus..."

We gather at the altar, sitting in silence, listening first to what Jesus has to say to any of us. Then as The Comforter (The Holy Spirit Jesus gave us after HE ascended) prompts any of us, we talk to Jesus, giving HIM our thanks and praises for all HE has done, is doing and will continue to do with the people of Wyoming C, leaders and pastors, and the community around us. The prayer concerns received by the Church Office and

those placed in the Prayer Box each week are shared with Jesus during this time also.

Now there are two Prayer Boxes - a new handmade one on the altar and the one that stands before the double doors going to the Sunday School wing. Using a Prayer Request slip found in the pews or with the Prayer Box by the Sunday School Hallway, write your prayer request and put it in either box or put it in the Offering Plate. All requests will be lifted in prayer by the Wednesday Praying People and shared with the Prayer Chain, if requested.

HE listens and gives us peace!

"O what peace we often forfeit... all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer."

If you are not able to come to the Sanctuary on Wednesdays at 5:00 PM to join us to talk to Jesus, please stop wherever you are at that time and talk to Jesus about what's on your heart for Wyoming Church, its ministries and leadership. You'll be connected to your Brothers and Sisters who are talking to Jesus in the Sanctuary!

Jesus has Blessings for Wyoming Church bigger than we can even imagine!

HE just wants to hear from us to know

we want them!

"Thou wilt find a solace there."

The early disciples who went out taking the Gospel Message into the World after Jesus ascended, made it a practice of sharing how they had seen and experienced the work of the Holy Spirit. This gave affirmation, encouragement and strength to their faith and the faith of those they told!

When you experience an answer to your prayer, would you be so bold, just like the disciples, as to tell others, share it with others that your prayer was answered?

Be Blessed!

Be a Blessing!

Come, talk to your BEST FRIEND with your Brothers and Sisters and share in the Peace... every Wednesday at 5:00 PM in the Sanctuary!



Now is the time - to register!

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

Sunday, May 21st and Monday, May 22nd

at the Riverview Retreat Center at Pecometh, Centreville, MD.

30 ladies have registered to attend this year's retreat, but there's still room for you and your friends. Please register by April 25th. This is an opportunity to fellowship in a Christian atmosphere as we sing, pray, eat, laugh, share in a comfortable setting, listen to each other and connect in a special way while learning about our Joy in the Lord from Janna Whitenight and Tracy Fennemore. Fill out a registration form at the welcome desk which will explain cost and travel details. Payment deadline: May 7th.



Questions / Information: Barbara Shaw ☎ 538-6772 or hshaw111@aol.com.



Celebrate Spring by Raising Your Voices @ Dover Place!

Join the Visitation Team and the residents at Dover Place (formerly Heritage at Dover) on **Monday, April 24, at 6:45PM.**

Pastor Dave will help us lift our praises to the Lord with June Papen, accompanying. Bring your friends and family, including the children. It is a heart-warming time for all.

CALLING ALL CREATIVE FOLKS!

Wyoming Church's all-around popular Vacation Bible School (June 19 - 23) needs volunteers for Bible Story Skits. They are simple 3-5 minute skits and there are speaking and non-speaking parts.

GIVE IT A WHIRL...

Contact Tracy Boyer tlboyer65@gmail.com or 698-1248.

**Superpowers Needed:**

"Hero Central" is this year's theme for VBS and there are volunteer openings in Pre-K, Kindergarten, First, Second, Fourth, and 5th/6th waiting for you to say YES!

Please consider helping during the week of

June 19-23.

Email linda.lyon@aol.com for more details.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Your Help and Presence is Needed

Maundy Thursday is the night three days before Easter when we remember the Last Supper of Jesus and his disciples. They met in the upper room to eat a traditional Passover meal which included bread and wine and various foods including several vegetables that symbolized the many saving acts of God in the lives of the Hebrew people. On this last night together, Jesus added words to the traditional prayers that changed the meaning of their fellowship meal forever.

Two thousand years later, every communion Sunday, we still say those words and eat that meal that for Christians is our remembrance of Christ's saving sacrifice for us and our celebration of Christ's triumph over sin and death.



This year, on **April 13 at 6:00 p.m.**, three days before Easter, we too will meet in the "upper room" of our church (the Family Life Center) and enjoy a meal together, a meal of soup, bread, butter and grape juice. During our hour together, we will hear the familiar story of Christ's last night amongst us in word and music, and we will share in a very special communion service together.

Consider taking some time out from your busy schedule to be with the other disciples of Wyoming for a very special communion service and meal this Maundy Thursday.

Anyone can come and you don't need to bring anything, but we do need people to provide the meal. **If you can bring ONE crockpot of soup** - VEGETABLE BEEF or other - , enough to serve 10 or more people, to the church on Thursday, March 28, at 5:45 p.m., and stay for this meal, please sign up at wyomingumc.com or the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Looking back... Delaware State News, Easter Sunday, 2016

DOVER — "Lilies are absolutely to die for." Longwood Gardens horticulturist Karl Gercens is not the first person to trumpet the fragrant beauty of Lilium. Nearly 2,000 years ago Jesus told his disciples to "Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these." (Luke 12:27) ...

... The pastor of Wyoming United Methodist Church, sees the lily as a symbol of resurrection, and specifically the resurrection of Jesus Christ. "The lily bulb is underground,... like in a grave, until it emerges from the darkness of winter to form flowers and bloom at Easter. While the flowers shout rebirth, the color symbolizes purity." - "In the book of Revelation,

white robes are associated with eternal life, the pureness of Jesus, his sinlessness,"... "his willingness to sacrifice his life for us."

Today Wyoming Church, like many others, will be bursting with the white lilies as Christians celebrate Easter. It's a tradition born in the last century when Americans embraced the Easter lily, native to southern Japan's Ryukyu Islands. ... At Wyoming United Methodist Church on Wyoming Mill Road in West Dover, the placement of Easter lilies in the sanctuary has a long history. ... Congregants bought the flowers used today and will take them home after the service. While some will grace homes, others will be placed on graves or taken to nursing homes.

...
"(Congregants) want to remember their families."

Follow this link to read the full article:
<http://delawarestatenews.net/news/easter-lilies-shout-rebirth-purity/>

And this year...

Order forms for Easter lilies will be in your Sunday's bulletin. Turn your orders in to the office by April 9th.

The lilies will be in 6" lavender foil wrapped pots with a white bow and cost \$ 10.00 each.



Wyoming UMC has an **AWESOME** Congregation!!

We are more than half way through our commitment to provide Brown Bag lunches to the homeless in our local community. We started in September, 2016 and are scheduled out to September, 2017.

I wanted to acknowledge and thank the groups who have participated so far:

Outreach Team

Nurses Christian Fellowship

Couples in Action

Adult Fellowship

Ladies' Bible Study

Homeschoolers' Group

Legacy 4-H Club

Each group was able to provide 48-50 non-perishable lunches to be distributed to the homeless as needed from the Dover Interfaith Resource Center.

We can extend our commitment if there are groups who would like to join this effort.

Thank You!

Just contact Judy Field at ☎ 284-4059
or email warren.judy@comcast.net!

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**Food First
Sunday is
April 2nd.**

Sunday

**Needed
this time:**

for Easter baskets:
cake mixes, icing,
candy and egg dye;

in general:
canned meats, chunky
soups, chili, mac and
cheese, rice.

Your food donations
support the Kent
Ecumenical Food &
Crisis Fund.

thank
you!



Thank you to all of those who donated food on our March **Food First Sunday**. We were able to deliver it to one of the Kent Ecumenical Food and Crisis Fund's food pantries.

April 2nd is our next **Food First Sunday** - the items needed this time are listed on the left.

We are so appreciative of all of your kind donations and the Food Pantries are grateful for the additional supplies.

At the conclusion of the Easter Morning Sunrise Service...

at Wyoming's Millpond Park, all those in attendance are invited to meet in the Family Life Center to enjoy the **'Sonrise' Breakfast** hosted by the Chef's of the Sexton Kitchen Team. Join your fellow worshipers for a time of great fellowship and good food. A 'Love Offering' Basket will be available. The members of the SKT are looking forward to seeing you at this very special time in our Christian Year!

**Food & Faith & Fellowship & Family & Food & Faith**

Adult Fellowship Covered Dish Dinner on Ash Wednesday, April 5th at 6PM. Bring your own place settings and your favorite food - 8 servings. The entrée and beverages will be provided. George Pettyjohn ☎ 736-1236. Love offering taken to cover the entrée cost.

Food & Faith & Fellowship & Family & Food & Faith

All men of all ages, young and 'young at heart', are invited to attend our next **Prayer Breakfast at Hall's Restaurant on Saturday, April 29th**, from 7:30 to 8:30 AM. Meeting in the Backroom and ordering from the menu, we will enjoy a great 'Mini Message Of Faith', great fellowship, and good food.

**Food & Faith & Fellowship & Family & Food & Faith**

Church

FAVORITE Family RECIPES

Italian Chocolate Cheesecake

Spray (with 'Baker's Joy' or similar) 1 9 x 12 baking dish

Prepare 1 chocolate cake mix according to box directions, pour in prepared dish.

In bowl mix:

1 cup cottage cheese

1 cup whipped cream cheese

2 eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla

pinch of salt

1/2 cup sugar - spread on cake mix.

Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 45 minutes (until toothpick comes out clean). Let cool for 15 to 20 minutes.

In bowl mix:

1 box white chocolate instant pudding

1 cup whipped cream cheese

1/2 cup milk

Spread on cooled cake.

Enjoy a very moist cake!

"Thanks, Patsy Sweeney!"

Sexton Kitchen Team's April

Food, Faith & Family

Our Wyoming Church's unique and one-of-a-kind Sexton Kitchen Team's (SKT) Food Ministry Program of 'Food, Faith, & Family' continues to provide a multi-faceted ministry to the folks of our growing congregation. Your generous response to the Team's March Adult Fellowship Dinner, March Soup Day, and St. Patrick's Day Take Out/Take Home Dinner are most gratifying. The Team's St. Patrick's Day Dinner was another sold out event thanks to the great culinary reputation of

our Team Chefs and the generosity of our congregation.

Your SKT members are now in the planning mode for a very busy and demanding schedule for the forthcoming months of April, May, and June. The Team Chefs will be preparing the entrée for the Adult Fellowship Covered Dish Dinner that is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5th, at 6:00 PM in the Family Life Center. That activity will be closely followed by the preliminary preparation of meals on Friday, April 7th, and the final prep and serving of those meals on Saturday, April 8th, for the members of the 'Finding Favour What We Have Is Now Tour With Grayson/Reed' in Concert on Saturday in the Sanctuary. These special request meals will be prepared in the Chef's Kitchen and served in the Family Life Center by your SKT Chefs.

Wednesday, April 12th, will once again see the Chefs doing preliminary prepara-

tion in the Chef's Kitchen followed by the final prep on Thursday, April 13th for the Maundy Thursday Supper at 6PM in the FLC. The members of your SKT will continue their demanding schedule with the initial prep on Saturday, April 15th, for our Wyoming Church's traditional 'Sonrise' Breakfast that will be held on Easter Morning. Open to all those folks that attend the Sunrise Service at Wyoming Millpond Park, will begin in the FLC at the service's conclusion. As of this writing, members of your SKT will prepare a light complimentary luncheon for all those folks that are interested in knowing more about our Wyoming Church and who attend the next 'Gathering' scheduled for Sunday, April 30th, from 12 Noon to 1 PM in the FLC.

To ensure that all the good folks that comprise your SKT and that aid in the preparation of food and meals via the Team's Food Ministry Program, the Team is now requesting that each person enroll and pass the Dine Safe course that is offered through the local Extension Office. The members of your SKT are a great group of dedicated professionals very ably led by Linda Booher.

**If you would like to know
more about the SKT or if
you're interested in joining
our great team, Linda
Booher would be delighted
to talk with you!**



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To: You!



The annual **spring cleaning** of the Sanctuary - the space behind the altar and sound wall, the welcome desk and the sound booth in the Family Life Center – brought a few items to light that someone might be missing: nuts/bolts/screws/hooks, bobby pins, signs, art work, different Bibles with no names, books, catalogues and sheet music. All these items are in the Lost & Found box behind the welcome desk now.

We would like to take this opportunity and appeal to everyone who is in those spaces at one time or another: Please keep it clean and tidy, return any items where they belong, take your trash with you!

Memory Verse
April



THIS IS THE DAY
THAT THE LORD
HAS MADE; LET US
REJOICE
& BE GLAD IN IT

PSALM 118:24