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THE WYOMING MESSENGER

May 2017



Nikole with Jeff Purdy, happy and creative at VBS 2015

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Classic WUMC Favorites

Letter from one busy church lady

Hello!
 Have I told you lately how much I love this church? Well I most certainly do! Being involved in many activities is great, fun, and rewarding!
 Once again I will be heading up the **Holiday Craft Show** on

November 11, 2017.

We are always in need of volunteers and bakers of delicious desserts for that day. We 'll be making craft items to sell on our bake and craft table and I would like you to consider donating buttons, all sizes and shapes, all colors, old or new. We need buttons!

I'm also working on crafts this year for VBS, and here we need old t-shirts, any size, any color, anything written on them. We'll turn those into capes, using them inside out. We also need panty hose or knee highs, any size any color, new or used, and Ziploc sandwich plastic bags.

Finally, on behalf of the Kitchen Team, I invite you to a Grotto Pizza dining out night on Wednesday, May 10 from 4 to 9. Please bring your paper voucher (in this newsletter), eat out and show your support - 20 % of your total bill! The Kitchen Team supports so many ministries, as e.g. the youth mission trip, Camp Pecometh, college scholarships, Sunday School Bibles, VBS snacks and picnic for volunteers, and many more.

THANKS for your all-around support!
 Nikole Moore
 ☎ (302) 222-1602

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Car Cruise @ Wyoming Church

May 20 - 11 to 3

Come and enjoy a fun-filled day with family and friends, live DJ, Games, Food and a chance to show off your ride!

Bulletin Board



Food First Sunday

There is a need for food for the hungry within our community! The Outreach Team is sponsoring "Food First Sunday" on the first Sunday of each month. We encourage you to bring in food items to be delivered to the Kent Ecumenical Food and Crisis Fund Food Pantries. The two food pantries who are part of KEFCF are Holy Cross and First Baptist Church. We are alternating each month with our deliveries.

This is what's needed for May 7:

small to medium size instant mashed potatoes,
peanut butter, jelly,
spam, beef stew,
apple sauce, fruit cocktail, other canned fruit,
canned soups,
1 pound bags of rice.

Look for the "Food First" cart in the Narthex where you can place your food.

Thank you all for all the prayers and good wishes while I was in the hospital. Thank you, Pastor Rick, for your visits. It was greatly appreciated! A special thank you to the woman who made me the beautiful shawl. I've worn it since I got it. So thoughtful. Thank you a million times to all!

Jackie Cousens



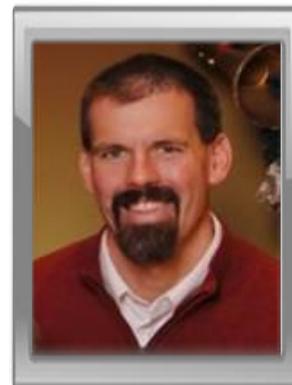
Send a beautiful card with the flowers! cards for any occasion, hand-painted originals, too, for sale in the vending area (north wing).

Greening Of The Grounds

Weeding, mulching, trimming, cutting, shaping, planting, mowing, edging, seasonal wetland improvement, as well as picking up items discarded by our affluent society were the tasks so ably performed to perfection by the largest number of Christian Brothers and Sisters that our Wyoming Church has ever had for a 'Greening Of The Grounds' event. These activities occurred on Saturday, April 1st and April 15th from 9AM to Noon which were then followed by a luncheon in the Family Life Center provided by members of the Sexton Kitchen Team (SKT). Those great volunteers included Gloria Barker, Wayne Davis, Bernice Ericson, Warren Field, Rich and Dottie Harper, Jeff Hastings, Terry and Martha Higgins, Jim and Tina Klecan, Stan Leczner, Bill McMahan, Jim Moore, Ed Palmer, Barbara Pettyjohn, Don Quillen, Frank Roberts, Josh Turner, and Dave Yencer. Members from the SKT that aided in the preparation and serving of the luncheon in the Family Life Center were Carol Abbott, Linda Booher, Kathy Chalmers, Tina Klecan, Nikole Moore, Nancy Roberts, and Shelby Truitt.

From time to time there will be some additional Grounds Projects that will need to be completed; therefore, if you feel called to participate, see Terry Higgins ☎ 492-3354.

From the Pastor's Desk *Rick Wessell*



What Are We Working For?

The best, and also the worst, job I ever had before I went into ministry was the year I spent as a warehouse worker and forklift driver for Amazon.com. I had that job for the year after I graduated from seminary before Lindsay graduated and we started at our first churches. I say it was the best job because it paid quite well, could

actually be fun at times, and provided for Lindsay and I so that she didn't have to take any loans for her last year of school. It was the worst job I ever had because we worked long hours, especially around the holidays, and as a worker you didn't really feel valued. It was a piece-rate job: stock away 310 books or DVDs an hour, or stock away 30 cases of books or media items per hour. I was glad when I got to start driving the forklift because I no longer had to make the rate. We had supervisors who spent most of their day yelling at us to "go faster!" or "pick up the pace!", and all we could ask

Likewise the supervisor that was yelling couldn't make the rate either, so what right did he or she have to get upset with us? Other than helping the company's bottom line, what were we working for?

As Christians, we never have to wonder if we are valued or if our work in the name of Christ is in vain. We know why we do what we do. In Matthew 28:16-20, Jesus give us what we call "The Great Commission," to go into the world and make disciples of Jesus Christ. The mission of our denomination is "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Jesus also promises us in verse 20 that he is always with us, even to the very end of the age. We do what we do as individual Christians and as a united church in the name of Jesus Christ, to build ourselves up to be better disciples and to invite others to do the same, so that the kingdom of God might be built up. That's a mission worth being a part of. That's a mission that counts. What are we working for? We labor so that God might be glorified!

Lord, I lift your name on high!

was, why? We didn't get paid more if we went faster - it just meant you wouldn't get fired.



Memory Verse *May*

I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

Psalm 63:4



Pastor Dave's Ministry Minute - May 2017 "I Serve a Risen Savior"

I believe most Christians would agree that Easter is the day on the church calendar that has the greatest meaning for those who are followers of Christ... The resurrection is the single most important event in all of history that provides the hope of eternal life to which we cling... Jesus is the only person who was able to predict his death and declare that he would come back to life in three days... We believe this to be true and proclaim it as the "Good News", the gospel, which makes a pathway to God the father... My friend Bill says that we should celebrate the resurrection every Sunday as if every Sunday were Easter Sunday... You might tire of singing "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" or "He Lives", but every Sunday should be a remembrance of what Jesus did for us... Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full (John 10:10)... Jesus came to deliver us from our sins (2 Corinthians 1:10) and in him we have everlasting life (John 3:16)... So then why not celebrate every Sunday as a day of resurrection? God has given us the greatest gift of all time!! People often tell me they like my enthusiasm and I am so encouraged by those remarks... I pray that my enthusiasm is contagious and that everyone I encounter in my life's journey becomes enthused about their faith, too, regardless of how they choose to express themselves... I am confident that God has called me to proclaim the "Good News" and I have been uniquely created to do so, and so have you... Proclaim the Risen Christ everyday just like its Easter Sunday, the benefits have eternal value... So be it and amen...

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Clergy from five churches in our community join for a very special impromptu benediction at this year's Easter Sunrise Service at Wyoming Park.
Bo Gordy-Stith (Whatcoat UMC Camden), Rita Paige (Star Hill AME), Dan Wagner (Camden Bible Fellowship) Rick Wessell, Eric Fontanez (Casa de Esperanza) and Dave Hill.



Gail Garner interpreting the message for our deaf friends.



Sunrise over Wyoming Mill Pond - He Has Risen!

Rev. Wagner: "I see..." simple words of very different meaning as spoken by Peter, Mary Magdalene and ... you and me!



Reflections

Reflections

Behind The Veil

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.
2 Corinthians 4:18

Most of the time I still consider myself relatively young. That is, until I work with some of the pre-marriage couples I see for marriage preparation. Believe it or not, experiencing flashbacks of Robert Young in *Father Knows Best* is not unusual.

I'm a true believer that God takes every facet of life, in particular the difficult circumstances and trials, and invites us to experience a closer walk with Him.

A few years ago, I sat down with a very nice and very young couple that was about to be married within the week. The couple, both in their early twenties, was bright eyed, eager, and excited about the vows they were scheduled to recite in only five days. Within their fresh and exuberant exteriors, this couple emanated a spiritual maturity that was absolutely inspiring to me.

The couple had been engaged for over a year, but had only scarce contact with each other over that time period. The groom returned to American soil just ten days prior to our meeting, after serving close to a year in the Iraq war.

On their own accord, the couple candidly described their relationship journey, in particular, this very trying year of their engagement. To say I was struck by this couple's story would be an understatement. This was the only time I could ever remember in a pre-marriage encounter where I was not doing most of the talking. I was listening on this special occasion. I was being taught an insightful spiritual message by this very youthful couple.

The groom spoke of how his orders were changed while in Iraq; that he was moved from his customary base location and reassigned to the city of Fallujah. As many of us know as spectators from afar, Fallujah is synonymous with heavy fighting, and consequently, heavy casualties. For this couple, the change of orders also meant an immediate break in their contact with each other. In fact, the bride said she had no idea where her

Danny Cooper Coordinator/Counselor @ Daybreak Counseling Services

fiancé was, but was left wondering why he was not communicating with her through phone or e-mail, as was the norm. Weeks went by and no contact was permitted.

The next time they were to talk was through hospital phone lines, where the groom was recuperating from wounds he had suffered in battle. The long and grueling silence had finally been broken. The couple could once again connect with one another after such a long absence. The future of the couple was alive once again; a future made possible, ironically, by the receiving

inhabit is not our final destination, but it is our eternal home that we continually pine for, our heavenly refuge that we ultimately seek.

One of our great human challenges in life is to not judge our circumstance and ourselves by what we see. Scripture reminds us that... *from dust we were created and to dust we shall return.* All things, including you and I, including those we love and care for; all things of this world will one day be... *like the grass that withers and the flowers that fall.* How many reminders can Holy Scripture provide that boil down to the same message...this life is fleeting, but eternity with God is everlasting.

As we humanly encounter the struggles,

... this life is fleeting, but eternity with God is everlasting.

of life-threatening wounds.

The couple said, in all sincerity, that their relationship was forever strengthened by the Fallujah experience. Not only was a greater appreciation for each other and the relationship a result of their separation, but more importantly, a deeper conviction about the true sovereignty of God was discovered, even in the midst of war. The couple said that their only solace and comfort throughout had come from their ultimate faith in God, who held each of them in His mighty hand. No matter what, they knew that they were each in God's spiritual care.

While this couple touched me in so many ways, the most penetrating message of their story is this: no matter what the circumstance, especially in our dark and difficult times, the hand of God never wavers or loses strength.

I may be naïve, but I'm a true believer that God takes every facet of life, in particular the difficult circumstances and trials, and invites us to experience a closer walk with Him. Every challenge or complicating event we encounter on our life road is a spiritual reminder that this earth that we

strains, and challenges of this life, in whatever form they manifest, let us resist closing ourselves up and emotionally pulling in, but instead, reach out and take the hand of our God, who invites us to step over the mud puddles along life's road, moving one step closer to the heavenly home waiting for both you and me. **Thanks be to God!**

Those who put everything
in God's hand will
eventually see
God's hand in
everything.
DAYSTAR



On Saturday, May 6 at 2PM, come out to Wyoming Church and WALK with us 6 kilometers = 3.72 miles.

It's World Vision's Global 6K for Water.

Anyone can walk with us!

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.

Walk with 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 2:00 p.m.***

Click here to register:

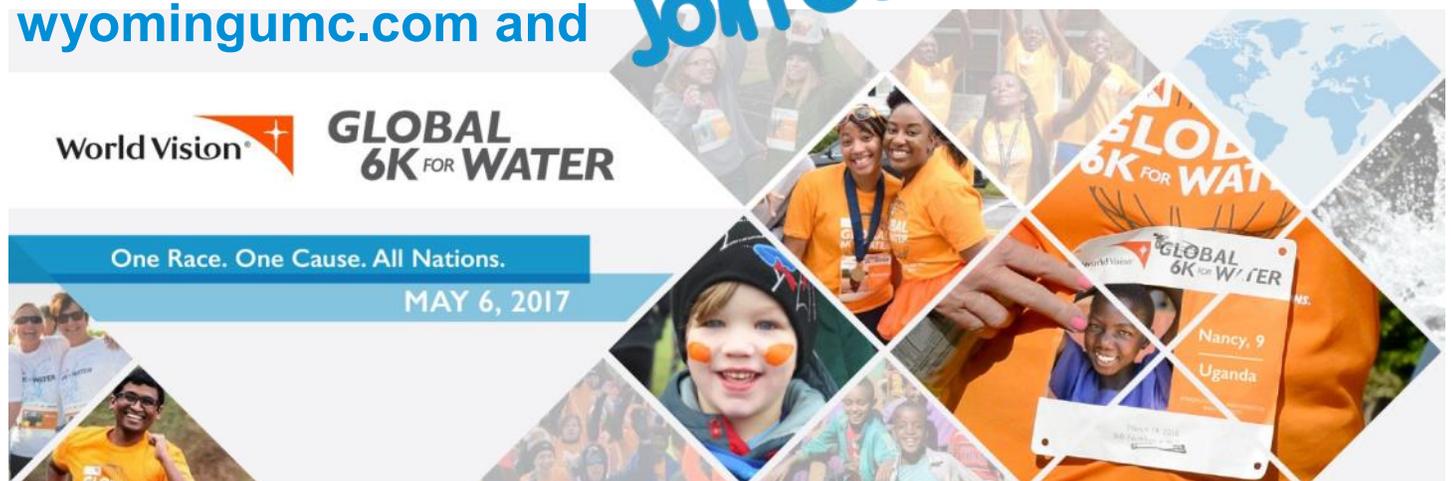
http://www.wyomc.org/?post_type=cpt_events&p=5257 and up until 11:59PM PST on May 1st save \$10 off any adult registration (15 years and up) by using the code: forthekids

IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED and can't afford the registration fee, YOU CAN STILL WALK... for a love offering.

Come on out and show YOUR support!

Click on the link at
[wyomingumc.com](http://www.wyomingumc.com) and

Join Us!



Come celebrate
Mother's Day with us!

We'll be *celebrating* the
Women in your life on this special
weekend by holding a

Mother's Day Tea

in the Family Life Center
on

Saturday, May 13

from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Join us for a traditional tea with some unique additions for all women to celebrate and be celebrated.

There will be a Marketplace, which will be a good place to pick up your last minute Mother's Day gifts, a Silent Auction and some other special activities throughout the event.

Ticket prices: \$20 for Adults, \$15 for Children 12 and under

Tickets may be purchased in the Narthex on Sunday, April 30 and May 7.

You can also purchase tickets in the Church Office or
at SOZO, 737 S. Governors Avenue, Dover

You are welcome to bring

your favorite

Teacup!



For questions, please call
the church office at (302) 697-8400
or Debbie at (302) 423-4733.

YOUTH CALENDAR

May

Jr/Sr. High MYF

Sunday, 5/7/17 – Volleyball/Newcomb, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Friday/Saturday, 5/19/17 to 5/20/17 – Campout, 6:00 pm – 9:00 am

Sunday, 5/29/17 – 9 Square in the Air, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Service

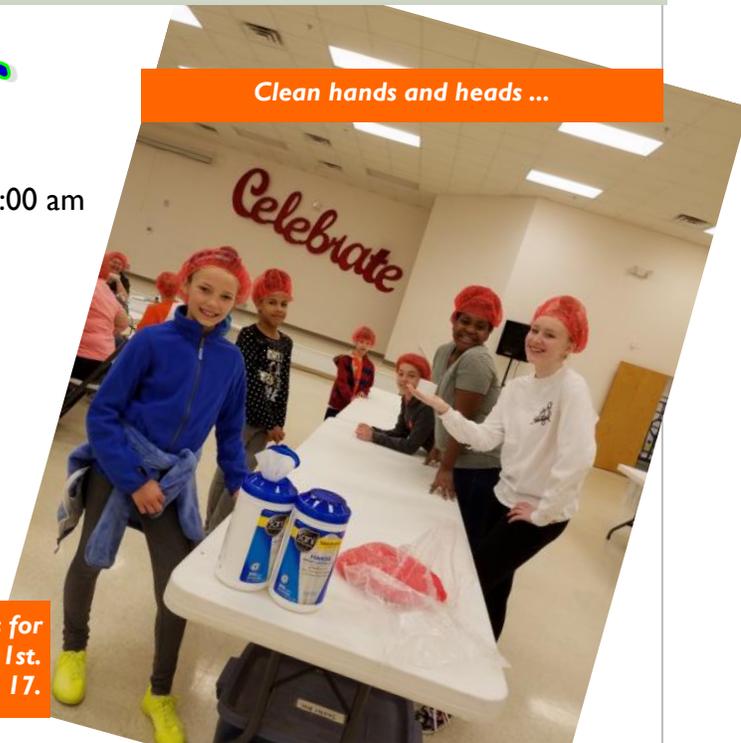
Saturday, 5/13/17 – Wyoming Mill Rd. Adopt-a-Highway Road Cleanup, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Study

A study is a part of MYF on Sunday evenings

Thursday, 5/11/17 – Synago Party, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Clean hands and heads ...



... were needed to pack 10,000 meals for
RISE AGAINST HUNGER on April 1st.
See article on this project on the Outreach Page 17.

Sticky Faith:**Stuck in a Pit**

By Jack Freidel

I wanted to share a portion of a blog post from the Sticky Faith website with you. It was written by Kara Powell, one of the founders of the **Sticky Faith** movement who is the Executive Director of the Fuller Youth Institute at Fuller Theological Seminary in California.

As much as I wish I could surround my kids in bubble wrap and prevent them from ever suffering, I can't. Pain happens—to all young people. As a parent, the question then becomes, *How do I stand—or sit or maybe sometimes crawl—with my kids when they face failure and struggle?*

What can you do to help young people who feel stuck in a pit?

- 1. Don't try to fix or solve their problems immediately.**
It's tempting. You're the adult. And you might have a really good solution for what ails your favorite young person. But diving in to fix the problem too soon—without empathizing first—might create a short-term win but also a long-term feeling of emotional distance and relational separation.
- 2. Physically communicate you are with them.**
Eye contact, hugs, even how you sit are all crucial in helping young people sense you care. Show young people how much you care by nodding gently as they share and periodically summarizing the emotions and thoughts you hear them expressing.
- 3. Invite, but don't force, them to talk about how they are feeling.**
Sometimes they will want to; other times they go radio silent. When it's the latter, don't push too much. Wait. Talk about other things. And see how your conversation unfolds.
- 4. Maybe, just maybe, see if they can identify a next step to take.**
The key is that *they* identify the next step and not you. And they do so on their terms and their timetable, not yours. For some young people, that next step might be to talk with their parents about what they are feeling.
- 5. Pray and let them know you are praying.**
Talk to God about them as much as you talk to them about God. Text them to let them know you are praying for them.
- 6. Show them you haven't forgotten them.**
Nothing spells lack of care like pouring your soul out to another person and then not hearing from that person for a few weeks or longer. A day or two after a young person shares their struggles with you, reach out and let them know you're thinking of them. Do the same thing a week later. And a week after that.

VBS 2017



Anyone interested in helping with the **Bible Story** during this year's VBS... check out what's expected in a brief **meeting** at 12 noon on **Sunday, May 7** in the 4th/5th Grade Sunday School Room #229.

We need several more people for very short parts.
Tracy Boyer ☎ (302) 270-8736

Calling all SUPERHEROES... to Vacation Bible School 2017 - June 19th to 23rd!



The website
<http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/wyomingumc>
will be open for **registration**
of students
Pre-K through 6th grade
after our **kickoff**
on **May 21st**.

Superhero capes - in lieu of participant T-shirts - will be available to purchase for \$3.00. Staff will receive an iron-on decal with the logo at the upcoming Staff meeting.

We still have Adult Leader or Helper openings in Kindergarten, First, Third, Fourth, and 5th/6th grades waiting

for **you**
to say **YES!**

Please consider helping during the week of

June 19-23.

linda.lyon@aol.com

MARCH 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	132,999	146,406	585,622
Other offerings	12,227	19,584	78,335
Interest Income	383	1,250	5,000
Total Offerings	<u>145,609</u>	<u>167,240</u>	<u>668,957</u>
Finance Team		1,675	6,700
Office	4,217	5,319	21,275
Personnel	42,413	42,323	169,292
Mortgage interest	20,945	19,119	76,475
Properties and equipment	27,993	24,406	97,626
Total Administrative Council	<u>95,568</u>	<u>92,842</u>	<u>371,368</u>
Nursery and Supplies		12	50
Benevolences (Conference)	15,474	15,474	61,896
Education & Youth	2,404	1,763	7,050
Extended Table	-	37	150
Music	545	500	2,000
Worship	180	63	250
Total Council on Ministries	<u>18,603</u>	<u>17,849</u>	<u>71,396</u>
Pastor Parish Relations	<u>31,504</u>	<u>32,495</u>	<u>129,980</u>
Mortgage principal liability (Reduces debt to PNC Bank)	<u>26,545</u>	<u>24,017</u>	<u>96,067</u>
Total Expense	<u>172,221</u>	<u>167,239</u>	<u>668,957</u>
Net Income (Loss)	(26,612)		

\$ 2,045,807.71

\$ 1,619,262.22



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!*





Capital Campaign Update

By Mike Quarnaccio

Through the generosity and commitment of our church family, the Finance Team was able to reduce the church mortgage by \$400,000 (four hundred thousand!). The balance as of 17 March was \$1,620,000. Our current mortgage is broken into two separate notes - one for \$1,000,000 at a fixed rate for 3 years and the other for \$620,000 at a floating rate. The latter can be paid at any time with no penalty.

The congregation has made a big dent (\$400,000) towards the Capital Campaign goal of \$575,000. We still need to raise the remaining \$175,000 by December 31, 2018. The reduction of our mortgage resulted in decreasing our payment by \$2,000 a month. With your continued generosity and support we should shortly be in a position to fund requirements that have been deferred. Thank you for your continued support!



There's a new face in the church office - welcome our new bookkeeper Ian Fox!

Ian is usually in the office on a Tuesday evening and one other day yet to be determined. Stop in and welcome him to our staff and church when you get the chance.

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... to Wyoming UMC.

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on **AmazonSmile**, the **AmazonSmile** Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

Wyoming United Methodist Church is now among the charitable organizations you can choose! *That means that 0.5% of all your Amazon purchases can now help reduce the church mortgage - and all you have to do is register one time.*

If you are a first-time visitor to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com)...

you are prompted to select a charitable organization from our list of eligible organizations. Look for 'Wyoming United Methodist Church' on the drop-down menu.

If you've already been using AmazonSmile and would like to change the charity you're supporting...

- 1 Sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser.
- 2 From your desktop, go to **Your Account** from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to **Change your Charity**. Or, from your mobile browser, select **Change your Charity** from the options at the bottom of the page.

Every item available for purchase on www.amazon.com is also available on **AmazonSmile** (smile.amazon.com) at the same price. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for **AmazonSmile** donation" on their product detail pages.



For more information about the **AmazonSmile** program, go to <http://smile.amazon.com/about>.

Welcome New Members

Ginny & Stan Leczner



Sandy & Bill Rhodes



James Eichholz



Matt Gordineer



BJ & Dave VanKavelaar



Kev Brown



Shirley & Bob Hawkins, Kathi Thomas



Speaking of Welcome

...You are needed to serve as a **Sunday Morning Greeter**. As our Wyoming Church congregation continues to grow, we are in need of additional greeters to serve a 15 minute period of time, once a month for a six month period of time, prior to the Service that you attend. Being a Greeter is an easy, satisfying, rewarding, and pleasant activity. If you would like to know more about being a Sunday Morning Greeter see Lisa McCalister (8:30 AM Service), Gail Vella (9:45 AM Service), or Terry Higgins (11:00 AM Service). We guarantee that you will like it!

~ Our People ~

~ May Birthdays ~



- 05/01 Trish Rodriguez, Dave Salmon, Karen Tiedgen, Karly Jones, Grace Wilt, Patsy Schweppe, Dani LeNoir, Tiffany Long
- 05/02 Deb Kerner, Juliet Klecan
- 05/03 Norma Lee French
- 05/04 Eric Jones, Judi Leczner, Bryce Sargent
- 05/05 Janet Meyer, Emily Dejesus, Sherry Kijowski
- 05/06 Pat Sholtes
- 05/08 Frank Sutton, Michelle Sell
- 05/09 Korbin Tinsley
- 05/10 Jeff Jones, Collin Ditty
- 05/11 Alysha Conley
- 05/12 Spencer Failing
- 05/13 Evelyn Greenwood, George Latham
- 05/14 Mary Wilt, Abigal Dejesus
- 05/15 Doris Wilt, Kade Seip
- 05/16 Luke Rankin
- 05/18 Alison Massey
- 05/19 Sarah Lancaster
- 05/20 Marlou Woodward, Travis

- McCormick, Amelia Coker
- 05/21 Kevin Lighter, Dan Rigby, Dominic Carretto, Hunter Pearson
- 05/23 Melanie Dejesus, Lillian Petro
- 05/24 Lynne Singleton
- 05/25 Katana Edwards-Coope
- 05/26 Wini Walton, April Bergeron, Rylie Dotson
- 05/27 Karen Sammons, Abby Robinson
- 05/28 Marion Thurlow
- 05/29 Cheryl Kapes, Nancy Sammons, Vicky Quirk
- 05/30 Hannah McGriffin
- 05/31 Loretta Walls, Paul Pearson
- 06/01 Dan Schoettinger
- 06/02 Lee Ann Jackson
- 06/03 Zack Papen, Isabel Marlow
- 06/04 Donna Lee Sheppard
- 06/05 Peggy Ciminera, Richard Papen, Madelynn Harris, Michael Sell, Rhett Lancaster, Amy Spampinato
- 06/06 Lois Klingner

~ Birth ~

Russ and Valerie Riggins are blessed to announce the birth of grandson Alex to his daughter Jennifer and husband Luis in London, England on April 15, 2017.

An Eternal Memory...

...Until We Meet Again

Those special memories of you
will always bring a smile
if only I could have you back
for just a little while
Then we could sit and talk again
just like we used to do
you always meant so very much
and always will do too
The fact that you're no longer here
will always cause me pain
but you're forever in my heart
until we meet again

Memorial ...

Dave Yencer and Terry Higgins are delighted to announce that with God's Will and much prayer, the \$30,000 needed to complete the construction of the Memorial Garden has been received.

Within the next few weeks expect to see the acquisition of the building permit, the beginning of actual construction, the availability of Memorial Brick Request Forms, and the inception of the Memorial Garden Brick Alphabetical Location Listing System that will be housed in the Church's Memorial room.

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

~ Death ~

Robert 'Bob' Goyette,
on April 13, 2017.



Helen & Bob Goyette

... Garden

Final Call...



for registering for this annual event May 21-22.

All payments are due next Sunday, May 7th.

Registration forms and complete information available at the Welcome Desk.

Barbara Shaw ☎538-6772 or Nancy Roberts ☎538-5594

Ladies Retreat **“CHOOSE JOY!”**
Sunday, May 21st and Monday, May 22nd
 at the **Riverview Retreat Center at Pecometh, Centreville, MD.**



We've Heard, Now Let's See...

From our Lay Leader, Sue Hajec

We have heard from Pastor Rick's **messages** based on Acts 2 about the practices of the first churches that greatly added to the number of believers in Christ:

- *devotion to what the apostles were teaching
- *met together
- *shared meals and Communion together
- *prayed together.

In the **Disciple classes**, Pastor Rick has highlighted the advice given in Hebrews to early believers that produced greater faith:

- ***persevere** in faith, throwing off hindrances and sin
- *live in **peace** with people
- *be **thankful**, worshipping God together
- ***love** others
- ***welcome** and help **strangers**
- ***encourage** others
- ***share** your experiences of faith with others (wavering or strengthened)
- *stay **loyal** to your **faith** no matter the sacrifice
- *be **generous** to others
- ***pray** with others
- ***unite** with others to **help** and **encourage** each other

These **practices and advice are in God's Word** and were practiced by Jesus, his Apostles and the disciples of the early churches. They are just as applicable today as they were for the early church.



A Tribute to Mothers

Mother's Day is a celebration of our mothers who are with us and a day to remember those who have gone on before us. This year, the Outreach Team is sponsoring "A Tribute to Mothers" by donating Layette Kits to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). The cost of the Layette Kits can range from \$25 to \$45, depending on who is doing the shopping!! Our Valerie Riggins has been instrumental in finding bargains and purchasing items for the kits so our costs are considerably lower than \$45. Our Knitting to Nurture group made infant sweaters to go in the kit, as well.

To help us in this endeavor, we are asking those who want to donate towards a Layette Kit to visit our Display Table in the Narthex and pick up an envelope. On that envelope, you will have an opportunity to donate "In Memory of" mothers who have passed on before us or "In Honor of" mothers who are still with us.

On Mother's Day, we will have a special insert in our bulletin with the names of the mothers. No amounts will be listed, only the names of the mothers and who honored them with a donation.

The Layette Kits will then be taken up to the Christiana HUB and then on to the Mission Central Warehouse in Mechanicsburg, PA where they will be stored until needed.

Your generous consideration will be so appreciated!!

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Outreach Sewing Service Day

On Saturday, April 1st, the Outreach Team sponsored a Sewing Service Day in partnership with Helping Hands Quilt Guild. We had an inspiring day and were able to complete 68 pillow-

cases for children in the hospital, 21 UMCOR school bags, 96 baby wash-cloths for our UMCOR Layette Kits and 36 receiving blankets for our UMCOR Layette Kits. It was a really productive day and even if you didn't

sew, there were ironing jobs available (Betty Harvath, pictured left, must have had a sore arm and shoulder from ironing all of those items!!) We are most appreciative of Mary Dawn Ditty and her quilting group for sharing this day with us. We look forward to next year!



Busy bees Alice (top, standing), Martha (top, at the sewing machine) and Betty (right).



As the Spring flowers are blooming and the weather is warming up, it is difficult to think of the winter past and our Code Purple Sanctuary! But in reflecting back over the extremely warm season, there are many appreciative thoughts of many people who supported our sanctuary with their presence, food, supplies, fresh fruit, driving capabilities, financial support and prayers. Although we were only open 11 nights in the 4-month period, those nights were important to the 20 to 25 homeless men we hosted each night.

It is never good to single any one person out but there are a few special thank-you's that need to be shared. First, **Lynn Ditty** for all his tireless work in recruiting volunteers. Lynn spent many hours on the phone and emailing to make sure we had enough volunteers to cover all shifts. Second, **Carol Abbott** who came in every morning at 5:30 a.m. to fix breakfast for the men...scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes and French toast sticks were enjoyed by many of the men. Our sanctuary was known for serving a hot breakfast every morning. Third, we need to acknowledge the wonderful support



A Farewell to our Code Purple Season

we received from **Whatcoat UMC, Camden**, for providing so many volunteers, including their pastor, the Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith who drove the Code Purple bus several times. We hope to partner with them again next year in an even bigger way!

There are countless others like Legacy 4-H Club, the VFW in Camden, John Wesley Church in Dover who volunteered to make meals.

We are so indebted to all of you who make this ministry possible. If anyone would like to become more involved, both Lynn and I would like to step down from the leadership roles and pass on the fun to someone else!! Let me know if you would be interested in expanding your role in this very valuable ministry!

In His Service,
Judy Field

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On Saturday, April 8th,...
... 68 participants, age 8 to 85, came together to package over 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger. It certainly was a well-oiled machine and the enthusiasm and energy that filled our Family Life Center was amazing!

Our Church Council approved that \$1,000 from our closed food pantry funds be used towards the \$2,900+ cost of the meals. With the generous donations from the congregation and the balance covered by the Outreach Team,

we were able to complete this worthwhile project again this year.

Many thanks to Betsy and Jack Freidel, our Youth Group and Outreach Team for sponsoring this great ministry to feed the hungry people of the world. Kudos to everyone!!!

Shall we try for 20,000 meals next year???



The **Adult Fellowship May 3rd (6 PM)** dinner/meeting will feature **live music!** "Oldies & Goodies" as well as "Contemporary Gospel" will be provided by

IMAGINE, the well-known couple combo, Gail Garner and John St. Jean.

Everyone is invited!! Bring a covered dish for 8-10 people and your own plates & utensils.

Beverage and desserts will be provided.

Contact George Pettyjohn, ☎ (302) 222-3008 for more information.

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MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The invitation to attend the Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, May the 27th, is 'ageless', meaning that all men young and 'young at heart', are invited. We will meet in the 'Backroom' at Hall's Restaurant in Wyoming from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM, order from the menu, and enjoy a 'Mini Message Of Faith And Prayer, along with good food and good fellowship.

Information/Questions — Josh Turner ☎ 678-9818.

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Church FAVORITE Family RECIPES

Texas Caviar

Mix:

- 1 can black beans, drained
- 1 small can chopped green chilis, drained
- 1 small jar chopped pimientos, drained
- 1 can pinto beans, drained
- 1 cup finely chopped celery
- 1 cup finely chopped red or green bell pepper
- 1 can shoepeg corn

"Thanks, Nancy Hughes!"

Dressing:

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 3/4 cup rice vinegar
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup salad oil

Boil together dressing ingredients and pour over above mix. Chill overnight and then drain.

Serve with 'scoops'.



Sexton Kitchen Team's *May*

Food, Faith & Family

The Sexton Kitchen Team's Food Ministry Program 'Just Keeps On Growing!'

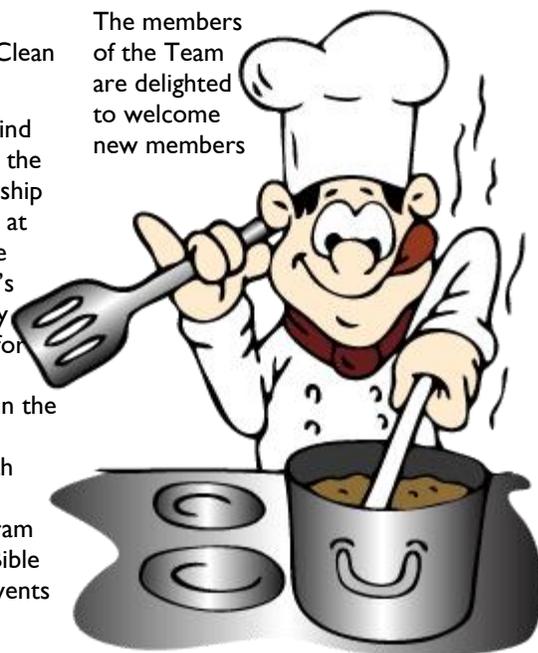
Your Wyoming Church's Sexton Kitchen Team's (SKT) Food Ministry Program of 'Food, Faith, & Family' continues to minister to the children, youth, families, adults, and seniors that are to be found in our growing congregation in a variety of ways. The hardworking, dedicated, and talented members of our SKT continue to be pleased and thankful for your collective response to the Team's April events. Those events included the Team's entrée preparation for the April 5th Adult Covered Dish Dinner, the food for the Concert Artists on April 8th, hosting the Maundy Thursday meal on April 13th, preparing and serving the 'Sonrise Breakfast' on April 16th in the Family Life Center to those who attended the Sunrise Service at the Wyoming Park on Easter Morning, as well as providing the luncheon for those folks considering church membership at Pastor Rick's 'Gathering' in the Family Life Center on April 30th. In addition to all of these activities, the members of the SKT hosted a complimentary luncheon

for all of the great volunteers that participated in the 'Grounds Spring Clean Up Days' on April 1st and April 15th.

In the month of May, 2017 you will find the members of your SKT preparing the entrée for the monthly Adult Fellowship Covered Dish Dinner that will begin at 6:00 PM on the 3rd in the Family Life Center (See Host George Pettyjohn's announcement on page 18). On May 12th the SKT will be preparing food for the FUNdraising Team's Inaugural 'Mothers Day Tea' that will be held in the Family Life Center on Saturday, May 13th. The latter portion of the month of May will be devoted to continued planning for the Food Ministry Program portion of the June, 2017 Vacation Bible School as well as several potential events in July and August.

The SKT is blessed in a multitude of ways including a growth in the number of those who feel led to participate in the Team's Food Ministry Program. Realizing that the busy, personal schedules of all our Team members does not always permit everyone on the Team to help at every function, please know that the following members have been very active at many of our most recent events: *Carol Abbott, Dot Adams, Beth Barlett, Linda Booher, Kathy Chalmers, Warren Field, Larry and Susan Gant, Martha and Terry Higgins, Tina Klecan, Ruth Leister, Marilyn Massey, Nikole Moore, Peg Mosher, Barb and George Pettyjohn, Frank and Nancy Roberts, Shelby Truitt, Gail and Tom Vella, and Vonnie Williams.*

The members of the Team are delighted to welcome new members



Susan Gant, Bill McMahan, BJ and David Van Kavelaar, and Dave Yencer, all of whom have successfully completed the Dine Safe Course.

The Team, ably led by Linda Booher, is pleased to be able to serve our growing congregation of Christian Brothers and Sisters and we are always most appreciative of your support at our many functions. Several of these events that you support with your patronage generate income that is used to aid a number of vital church activities that would be underfunded or not funded at all including a \$3,000.00 grant that is used to provide financial aid in the form of 'Camperships' to families that are desirous of having their children attend our nationally certified and nationally recognized Church Camp. Camp Pecometh is located on the Chester River on Maryland's Eastern Shore just a few miles west of our Wyoming location.

If you'd 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!



Ein voller Erfolg... another huge success, and lots of great fellowship, too - the recent "German" Progressive Dinner. Dessert host Barbara Pettyjohn (above, middle left) and Appetizers' host Chris Mikkelson (above, right, not pictured husbands George Pettyjohn and Dan Mikkelson) enjoy the main course at the home of Bill & Renate Purdy



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Bring your prettiest cup...
to the Mothers Day Tea on May 13!

Celebrate Women



... The angels, whispering to one another,
Can find, among their burning terms of love,
None so devotional as that of "Mother" ...
Edgar Allen Poe

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50 days to... VBS 2017

Registration for students
Pre-K through 6th grade
opens on **May 21st**



June 19th to 23rd

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