

THE WYOMING MESSENGER

June & July 2017



June 19 - 23
 8:30 to 12:15

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Register your children (ages 4 through 6th grade) for Vacation Bible School at wyomingumc.com.

We need to borrow several bean bag chairs please ... old **t-shirts**, any color or size (to cut up) ...

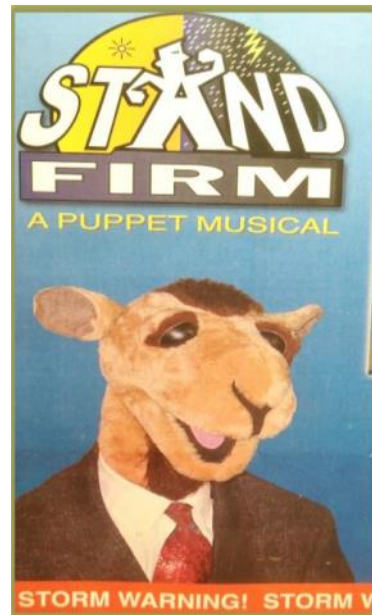
And for snack time - containers of **lemonade mix** (different flavors).

Please check out our special **science projects** and material needs for them (Page 15).



Hey everyone... mark your calendars for the next Puppets of Praise performance on **Sunday evening, June 25th** beginning at 6:30.

It is our annual **Ice Cream Social**. The performance will feature the musical **Stand Firm**. Following the 30 minute performance we will share a time of fellowship while enjoying **ice cream sundaes**.



Bulletin Board



Church Attic Cleaning Season
Dave Yencer, Church Trustee Chair, requests that all Team Chairs that have materials stored in the Church Attic, review and discard, at your earliest opportunity, all of the items that you do not need. Please store your discarded items in the open area that is near the stair well so that they can be easily removed. ☎ Dave 222-2252.

Lost & Found

Items found in and around the church building are on display in the narthex. Check the table to see if anything might be yours.



Car Wash

Get your car washed for free and support the 2017 Youth Summer Mission Trip with your donation!

Saturday, June 17 - 8:30 AM to Noon.

Wayne Davis gives his mentee and Steeler's fan Will Anthony a Steelers gift basket for helping Wayne with his Steelers display during Collectors Day at Dover Air Force Base Museum on April 22. An avid football player himself, Will's ultimate goal is playing on his dream team! Go Will, Go Steelers!



Peach Cutters Needed! August 3rd from 6:00 till 7:30 in the FLC.

Come bring your favorite knife and join us in fellowship time as we cut peaches (no peeling involved) for the youth Peach Fuzzy sale on Saturday, August 6th at the Peach Festival to raise mission trip funds. Come when you can, no need to stay the entire time.

?? Betsy Freidel bfreidel@yahoo.com



The 9th Annual WUMC INDOOR YARD SALE

will be together with the Wyoming Peach Festival on Saturday, August 5. Get your space now!

Download your registration forms from www.WyomingUMC.com or pick one up in the office.

From the Pastor's Desk *Rick Wessell*



The Power of Pentecost

The very first sermon I ever preached was at my home church in Middletown on Pentecost Sunday back in (I think) the year 2003. I had graduated from college back in January and I was preparing to pack up and move to Kentucky that fall to start seminary. On that Sunday I talked about how the disciples must have felt in Acts 1. Jesus has just passed the baton of ministry and leadership for the future of the Christian movement on to them, and then he leaves them to return to heaven. In that moment they must have been scared—scared that they wouldn't

be able to do what he asked, scared that they were going to let him down, and perhaps even scared of what might happen if they were successful.

They weren't scared for long though, because when the Holy Spirit comes upon them in Acts 2 everything changed. Where there had once been a ragtag group of uncertain and scared people, there now stood a band of committed, fearless leaders that were ready to do everything they could to glorify Christ.

I think all of us as Christians struggle with those same feelings and questions: *God, am I doing what you ask of me? God, did I let you down? Jesus, I'm afraid.* God asks a great deal of us, so how can we be sure that we are up to the task of serving him? What made the difference for those first disciples is the same thing that makes all the difference

for us: the Holy Spirit's power and presence in our hearts and lives. Apart from the Spirit we can do nothing. I can't deliver God's Word apart from the Spirit's influence and guidance. Pastor Dave can't sing without the Spirit of God in his heart. Jennifer can't minister to our nursery children without the love of God and the Spirit's wisdom. We can't worship, study, or give glory to Jesus Christ if the Spirit isn't present. Thanks be to God for the gift of the Spirit - may we tap into the Spirit's power every day so that we can worship and serve the Lord with gladness in our hearts.



“Waiting for Dad to come home,” is what Evie Wilson calls her watercolor picture. It is one of the many unique works of art Evie has been donating to the card ministry at Wyoming Church. We're selling a matching frame, too... All proceeds of our hand-made cards go toward the reduction of the church mortgage.

June 18th - Happy Fathers Day!



Pastor Dave's Ministry Minute - June & July 2017

"The Kingdom of Heaven"

Many times throughout the Gospels we see Jesus saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like"... Jesus speaks as one with authority who knows first-hand what the kingdom of heaven is like because he came down from the heavenly realm for the redemption of all of God's children... In a recent discussion with several church leaders in the Dover District, they were very complimentary of the work that we are doing in the area of diversity and inclusion... They said that we are accomplishing things that many churches just talk about... This all began with our work in the area of accessibility for those with special needs and, of course, the deaf ministries and outreach... This also includes the work we are doing in the area of inter-cultural ministries where we now have two E.S.L. classes that meet at our church as well as an Hispanic/Latino Bible study group... We are also hosting an Hispanic church youth group, "Youth on Fire", who recently conducted a Saturday evening prayer service at Wyoming Church which was a wonderful experience... In a cooperative effort with this Hispanic Church, we will be hosting a worship service followed by a meal for the seasonal farm workers from area farms and we are planning an international worship service to be held at Wyoming Church on Worldwide Communion Sunday in October... People throughout the Peninsula Delaware Conference are hearing about these ministries... Bishop Johnson shared these words in a recent e-mail, "I want to commend you and the folks at Wyoming for this new Latino ministry. This is indeed the kingdom of God"... May it be so...

"The kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish." Matthew 13:47

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS...



ministering 
TO Seniors

You CAN show the Love of Jesus!

You CAN spread the Light of Jesus!

You CAN be a Disciple of Jesus!

It's simple to do!

Come to a **Sunday afternoon
worship service at Dover Place!**
(Nursing Care facility on Walker Road, Dover)

Services are led by members of WUMC
on the **4th Sunday of every month**
from 2 to 2:45 PM.

Your presence in worship with the residents will make a
difference in their lives and in yours!

Come and worship with those who may not be able to
come to church anymore!
Bring them the Love and Light of Jesus!

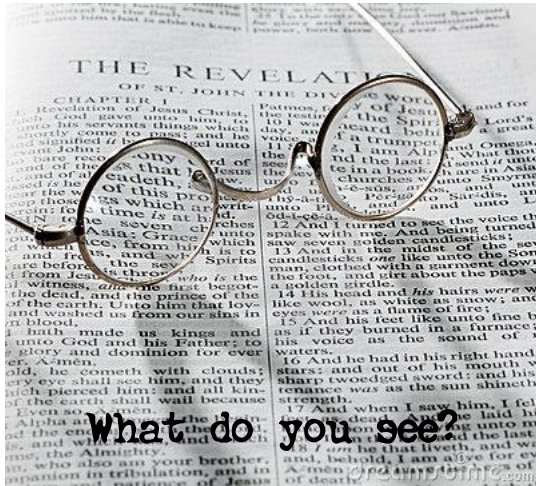
Be a Blessing and Be Blessed!

Call Sue Hajec for information or directions.
☎ 697-2697

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Reflections

Danny Cooper Coordinator/Counselor @ Daybreak Counseling Services



As the years slowly yet steadily pass us by, does our recognition of our God increase; our gratitude toward our Creator and Friend grow? In this progressively busy technological world that we inhabit, is there still room for child-like curiosity and fascination for the wonders of God? Many of us who have been blessed to be parents can likely remember those precious moments of childlike discovery for our little ones; maybe a butterfly that quietly lands on a hand, or watching young rabbits play chase in the grass, or so many wonderful, simple episodes of God's creation; snapshots of God's joy. Do you still see such scenes? Do you still find wonder in the mere presence of God?

around us, the people we encounter, whether at home or school or work; our surroundings in general.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

Is our heart at peace with our Lord, because it is through our heart, a clean heart within us, which enables us to see Christ in all facets of this life experience, and to serve Him, purposefully and knowingly, as ambassadors in this brief journey we are on? And so, unlike my impaired physical vision, are we seeing and interacting in life with the spiritual clarity of Christ? Like a set of spiritual lenses affixed to our heart, do we see Christ in our daily life? Do we see evidence of His Almighty presence all around us?

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else. The Weight of Glory... C.S. Lewis

Well, it's happened again this year. It's becoming depressingly predictable. That's right... I'm the proud owner, for the fourth time I might add, of new reading glasses! I'm likely part of a club that I am not formally aware of, the every two years/new spectacles group. No offense, while I like the idea of clubs and organizations, I am not all that excited about this particular affiliation. But I do know that I am among the many, the millions to be more accurate, who not only wear reading glasses, or simply glasses or contacts in general, but who also, out of necessity, require consistent upgrades to maintain functional use of one's eyes. The reality is sad but true; this trajectory of vision will simply continue to decline, to one degree or another. Not a very happy thought. Our eyes, like all parts of our body, are not intended to function at peak level for the duration of our time here on this earth. Most of us are well aware of this truth. Whether elevated blood pressure, or increased back discomfort, or a bout of skin cancer, the evidence is demonstrated to us in a variety of forms and outcomes, yet each pointing to a simple, inescapable truth, that our life journey will eventually, at some distinct point, come to an end. Thankfully, the reminders of our brief tenure on this earth are, however, everywhere, allowing each us, over and over again, to refocus our attention and perspective on the refreshingly unchanging nature of our God.

The Pharisees came out and began to argue with Him, seeking from Him a sign from heaven, to test Him. Sighing deeply in His spirit, He said, "Why does this generation seek for a sign? Truly I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation." Leaving them, He again embarked and went away to the other side.

Thankfully, the reminders of our brief tenure on this earth are, however, everywhere...

And they had forgotten to take bread, and did not have more than one loaf in the boat with them. And He was giving orders to them, saying, "Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." They began to discuss with one another the fact that they had no bread. And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you discuss the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet see or understand? Do you have a hardened heart? Having eyes, do you not see?..." Mark 8:11-18

The point of this scripture is not merely one's eyes and the ability to see, but more important actually, that seeing is a function of the heart. Jesus asked the disciples, "Do you have a hardened heart?" Is Jesus implying that as our heart goes, so goes our vision? Not our physical vision, but absolutely our spiritual vision; how we view the world

"I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him. This is sick Jesus. This one has leprosy or gangrene; I must wash him and tend to him. I serve because I love Jesus." Mother Theresa of Calcutta

Thankfully, we don't have to be a spiritual powerhouse like Mother Theresa to see Christ in others and to be a servant of the Lord in this life. We simply need to have the heart.

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Lord, we thank you for the gift of this life, and the great mystery that is you and your love for us, your children. May we recognize anew our deep need for you in this life, and the great joy that results from walking with you along the roads we travel. You truly make our lives worth living, and we love you! ... Amen

APRIL 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	183,115	195,207	585,622
Other offerings	21,554	26,112	78,335
Interest Income	515	1,666	5,000
Total Offerings	<u>205,184</u>	<u>222,985</u>	<u>668,957</u>
Finance Team		2,233	6,700
Office	6,564	7,092	21,275
Personnel	57,662	56,431	169,292
Mortgage interest	27,312	25,492	76,475
Properties and equipment	32,530	32,590	97,772
Total Administrative Council	124,068	123,838	371,514
Nursery and Supplies		17	50
Benevolences (Conference)	20,632	20,632	61,896
Education & Youth	2,438	2,350	7,050
Extended Table	-	50	150
Music	545	666	2,000
Worship	180	83	250
Total Council on Ministries	<u>23,795</u>	<u>23,798</u>	<u>71,396</u>
Pastor Parish Relations	<u>41,967</u>	<u>43,327</u>	<u>129,980</u>
Mortgage principal liability (Reduces debt to PNC Bank)	<u>35,455</u>	<u>32,022</u>	<u>96,067</u>
Total Expense	<u>225,285</u>	<u>222,985</u>	<u>668,957</u>
Net Income (Loss)	(20,101)		

Balance of Mortgage on 01/01/2017	\$ 2,045,807.71
Interest paid in 2017	\$ 20,945.24
Principal paid in 2017	\$ 435,454.71
Mortgage Balance on 4/30/2017	\$ 1,610,353.00
Mortgage Balance on 3/31/2017	\$ 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!*



**IT'S SHOW
TIME...**

Bring the family...



**YOU ARE
INVITED TO...**

**ARC MOVIE NIGHTS
IN THE FLC...**

FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH

6:30-8:30 PM

**"The Secret Life
of Pets"**



FRIDAY, JULY 21st

6:30-8:30 PM

Family Friendly Movie.

**COME GREET OUR GUESTS
AND WATCH THE SHOWS
WITH SODA AND POPCORN!**



**It's always a
great time
to bake cookies...**

Gather the kids and grandkids to make cookies
for the **6TH ANNUAL WUMC
COOKIE DONATION** toward the
ARC Dance!

**WE NEED 85 DOZEN COOKIES!
WE CAN DO THIS!
WE'VE DONE IT FOR 5 YEARS!**

Bring your homemade cookies to the church
office **Wednesday or Thursday,
AUGUST 16th or 17th.**

**COOKIES MAY BE
FROZEN AHEAD
OF TIME.**

Call Sue Hajec ☎ 697-2697 with questions or
to arrange for cookie pickup.

Memory Verse

June & July

**"If it is possible, as far as it depends on
you, live in peace with everyone."**

Romans 12:18

YOUTH CALENDAR

June+July

Jr/Sr. High MYF

Thursday, 6/15/17 – Hershey Park Trip, 7:00 am – 11:45 pm
Friday, 6/30/17 – Late Night, 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm
Saturday, 7/8 – Pool Party, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Thursday, 7/20 – Hangout Evening, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Service

Saturday, 6/10/17 – Wyoming Mill Rd. Adopt-a-Highway Road Cleanup, 10:00 am – Noon
Saturday, 6/17/17 – Car Wash Mission Trip Fundraiser, 8:30 am- 12:30 pm
Monday through Friday, 6/19 to 6/23 – Vacation Bible School, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm
Sunday to Saturday, 7/23 to 7/29 – Youth Mission Trip, 6:45 am on Sunday – 4:30 pm on Saturday

Study

Wednesday, 6/7/17 – Youth Mission Trip Meeting/Study, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Wednesday, 6/21/17 – Youth Mission Trip Meeting/Study, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Wednesday, 7/5 – Youth Mission Trip Meeting/Study, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Wednesday, 7/19 – Youth Mission Trip Meeting/Study, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Worship

Sunday, 6/4/17 – Recognition of graduates at all 3 services
Sunday, 7/30 – Mission Trip Presentation at all 3 services, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm



Tuesday, 7/18
Youth Council Meeting
6:30 – 8 pm

TEACH
encourage
instruct
MENTOR
PRAISE
influence
GUIDE
INSPIRE

Thank you, Sunday School teachers 2016/17!

Kid's Praise

Robyn Lefort, Michelle Harris, Mindy Anthony

3 & 4 year olds

Betsy Freidel, Lisa McCallister, Caleb Anthony (helper)

K & 1st grade

Nikole Moore, Mindy Anthony, Elizabeth Fox (helper)

2nd & 3rd grade

Patti Moore, Kathy Klecan, Gloria Barker

4th & 5th grade

Tracy Boyer, Donna Lee Sheppard, John Stuart

Substitutes

Dana Sharpe, Carol Abbott, Chris Mikkelson,
Sandy Robinson, Doni Purdy

Adult Class 1

Dan Mikkelson

Adult Class 2

Howard Priestley, Karen Priestley, Lyndon Yearick,
Sue Hajec, Wanda Spiering, Kim Reed

We would like for everyone to prayerfully consider serving as a Sunday School teacher in the fall. Please contact Education Team Chair Michelle Harris at cmharris@gmail.com or Sunday School Superintendent Mary Schoettinger at schoettinger@msn.com.

The Spring of MYF

It is interesting that time and again that I get asked, "What is MYF?" It stands for Methodist Youth Fellowship and has been a common term for the Sunday evening youth group ministry in Methodist churches. However today, we usually just refer to the youth group as "the youth group." Whatever the case, the youth group at Wyoming Church continues to meet and thrive.

Throughout the spring, our youth group has met regularly on Sundays with the exceptions of Easter and Mother's Day. We generally meet from 6:00 to 8:00. Our format has been to gather, start with a study (the youth split into junior and senior high groups for the lesson), come together for a game or fun activity, and finish with a snack.

This spring our study has focused on the biblical books of Psalms and Galatians. Our activities have as always been varied. At the end of March we played 9 Square in the Air and introduced the youth to Pickle Ball. April featured the games of Grog, Body Snatchers, and various food games involving M&MS, Twizzlers, lemons, and bananas. We also took a trip to Cape Henlopen State Park to bike ride and hike. In May we introduced the group to Newcomb, a version of volleyball. Hesitant about trying it at first, everyone had a great time and would like to play it again. Still to come in May, as of this writing, is the annual campout at Jeff and Tracey Jones' place, and another 9 Square in the Air evening.

If there are any youth out there not involved in the MYF, we would love to have you join us. There are no requirements for joining the group and I think you will find that we have a very accepting group of youth and leaders. We will be meeting about twice a month over the summer. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for dates and time. Those youth who are going into 6th grade are welcome to join us come June.



Sweet Retreat 2017

Doris K. Taylor

After attending countless retreats and writing countless articles about those retreats, I wondered, "How can I write another article? What else is there to say?" Trusting God to provide new words, I agreed to write the article - and God not only gave me a totally awesome experience to write about but the words to use.

#1 - Fifty-some ladies loaded up in cars on Sunday afternoon, May 21, the most participants ever - and the largest number the facility at Camp Pecometh could handle! What a **JOY!**

#2 - There were dozens of **JOYFUL** reunions

Sweet Retreat... Leading Ladies Joy and Blesstiny...



with old friends, former church members who had moved away and returned for the retreat; friends from other churches; sisters and daughters and mothers sharing an experience.

#3 - We had two leaders full of **JOY** and the ability to spread it throughout the whole company. Tracy Fennemore and Janna Whitenight had done their research and planning well - our gathering song was "Down in My Heart... I've got the **JOY, JOY, JOY.**" Their skit, done with the help of Kim Holston and Melissa Mann, showed how much we have to be **JOYFUL** about. As Tracy bemoaned the rain in her life, Janna waved her umbrella and danced and sang in the rain. At the end of the skit the entire group was **JOYFULLY** laughing.

#4 - Wyoming UMC Retreats are more than learning sessions. Just as uplifting are the times spent connecting with each other over bountiful meals, playing games before bedtime. The

whole dining room rang with **JOYFUL** laughter. There was even a power outage, and we found out one really can get up, get dressed, and show up on time for morning devotions without the benefit of light or water. The experience reminded us to "be **JOYFUL** in all things" (laughter helps).

#5 - Time spent in small groups gave us a chance to know each other better, to share prayer requests, to realize that although we are all different, we are also all the same. Shared observations included "Happiness is temporary - **JOY** is everlasting; **JOY** is a choice; happiness is human - **JOY** comes from God."

#6 - Barbara Shaw shared **JOYFUL** memories of our past; from exciting to everyday experiences. Complete with a slide show reminding us our laughter filled memories are a gift from God.

#7—Our **JOY-FILLED** twenty-four hours ended, as all of our retreats do, with the moving service of Communion.



... aka Tracy and Janna



Alice Mae, Nancy, Betty, Barbara, Liz, Kathy, Joyce, Lois, Donna, Rose, Sue, Louise, Vonnie, Karen, Suzanne, Thelma, Mary, Janet, Carole, Martha, Dottie, Judy, Donna, Beth, Janice, Sue, Kim, Lee

Not pictured: Mary Dawn D., Sue H.

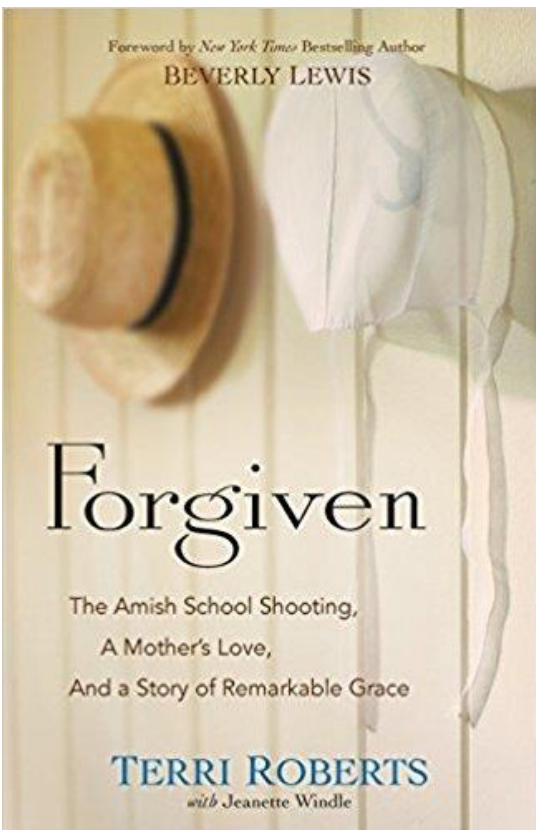
Can you tell by now - the theme of the Wyoming Church 2017 Ladies' Retreat was "CHOOSE JOY!" And we did!

Grateful thanks go to the following JOYFUL ladies: Tracy Fennemore and Janna Whitenight, Co-leaders; Nancy Roberts, Reservations; Judy Field, Communications and Video as well as the poster project; Martha Higgins for our traditional handmade bookmark; Bethany Dejesus, Photographer; Betty



Harvath, Transportation Coordinator; Dot Adams, communion; Angela Donastorg, hand-out packets and nametags; Renate Purdy for behind-the-scenes assistance; and Barbara Shaw, Overall Coordinator.

Highly recommended retreat follow-up study: **Ann Voskamp's 'One Thousand Gifts'** (see Page 15)



The Dover, DE Women's Connection...

... will be hosting its Summer Program and Breakfast Buffet on Tuesday, June 13th at 9:30 AM at the Maple Dale Country Club in Dover. The featured speaker will be **Terri Roberts** who will present "**Survival, Forgiveness, and Hope - Against All Odds**".

Mrs. Roberts of Strasburg, Pennsylvania, was living a quiet life until ten years ago when an unthinkable tragedy propelled her into the public eye. It was a tragedy for which one of her beloved sons was responsible. She is the author of the book "Forgiven, The Amish School Shooting, A Mother's Love, and a Story of Remarkable Grace." Hers is a message of God's Grace given and received, and the mountains that it can move.

The summer Program will also include musical entertainment and an educational feature on **container gardening**, presented by our own **Gloria Barker**.

All are welcome to attend, but reservations are required due to limited space. Free childcare can be provided if requested in advance. The cost for the program is \$15 inclusive, payable at the door.

RSVP to Iva @ 736-1554 or Diane @ 697-6020.

No Raffles in Church?

Everything you've always wanted to know about the United Methodists

As more and more people come to the United Methodist Church from other denominations rather than having 'grown up' Methodist, they are not as familiar with the policies and guidelines of our denomination, and even lifelong Methodists can't possibly remember every last UMC rule and regulation, especially as those have been modified and adapted through the years at Annual Conference.

That being said, The United Methodist Church does have clear 'Social Principles' on the different areas of personal and community life which we as Wyoming UMC, of course, commit ourselves to observing.

Starting this month, we are going to highlight different areas of life and church and the respective United Methodist point of view.

Gambling

Gambling is a menace to society, deadly to the best interests of moral, social, economic, and spiritual life, destructive of good government and

good stewardship. As an act of faith and concern, Christians should abstain from gambling and should strive to minister to those victimized by the practice. Where gambling has become addictive, the Church will encourage such individuals to receive therapeutic assistance so that the individual's energies may be redirected into positive and constructive ends. The Church acknowledges the dichotomy that can occur when opposing gambling while supporting American Indian tribal sovereignty and self-determination. Therefore, the Church's role is to create sacred space to allow for dialogue and education that will promote a holistic understanding of the American Indians' historic quest for survival. The Church's prophetic call is to promote standards of justice and advocacy that would make it unnecessary and undesirable to resort to commercial gambling - including public lotteries, casinos, raffles, Internet gambling, gambling with an emerging wireless technology and other games of chance - as a recreation, as an escape, or as a means of producing public revenue or funds for support of charities or government.

From: <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/economic-community>



Update - Help Lindsay Fight Lyme Disease

As many of you know, our daughter, Lindsay, suffers from Chronic Lyme Disease. She is currently a patient of the Jemsek Speciality Clinic in Washington, D.C. In April, she began a treatment protocol of IV antibiotics (in addition to other therapies) that is expected to last nine to ten months. Lindsay is now on her journey to wellness! We hope and pray her health will be completely restored!

As health insurance will not cover any Chronic Lyme treatments, Lindsay must pay for this very expensive treatment herself. It is estimated that her IV drugs alone will cost approximately \$75,000, and she was required to put down a \$39,000 deposit to begin the therapy.

To assist Lindsay in raising funds to complete her treatment and continue her therapies, there are two options: a soon-to-end **quilt raffle** (NOT THROUGH WYOMING CHURCH!! see article on top) and an **ongoing online fundraiser**.

Robin Aschenberg of the Helping Hands Quilt Guild (Dover, DE) graciously created a "Millennium Star" quilt (95 X 95) for a raffle to be held **Saturday, June 24, 2017**. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact Robin Aschenberg at (302) 670-2535 or Kathy Deckard at (302) 331-9298 or kathleendeckard@gmail.com.

In addition, Lindsay has created an online fundraising campaign where you can read her story and, if so led, make a donation- <https://www.crowdrise.com/lindsays-lyme-treatment/fundraiser/lindsaydeck>

We so appreciate your continued prayers and support for our daughter! Thank you and may God richly bless you!

Kathy and Dan Deckard

~ Our People ~

~ June & July Birthdays ~

06/01 Dan Schoettinger, Amy Bonner
 06/02 Lee Ann Jackson
 06/03 Zack Papen, Isabel Marlow
 06/04 Donna Lee Sheppard
 06/05 Peggy Ciminera, Richard Papen, Michael Sell, Amy Spampinato, Madelynn Harris
 06/06 Lois Klingler
 06/07 Dennis Major
 06/08 Howard Priestley, Barbara Nichols
 06/09 Wayne Davis, Rowan Seip, Shelly Weaver
 06/10 Rob Coope
 06/13 Ryan McGriffin, Pat Braun
 06/14 June Allen, Jim Quirk
 06/15 Dan Mikkelson, Kevin Papen
 06/16 Chris Mikkelson, Brody Seip, Linda Pape
 06/17 Alex Failing, Dave Van Kavelaar
 06/18 Art Ericson
 06/19 Molly Lyon, Charlotte Pepper, Jessica Flaherty
 06/20 Kim Klecan, Grace Passmore, Megan Stallings
 06/21 Noah Petro
 06/22 Dot Adams
 06/23 Jim Rager
 06/24 Terry Bryan, Sidney Moore, Mike Quarnaccio, Airyanna Meggett
 06/25 Kristina Risner
 06/26 Daniel Papen
 06/27 Krystal Buczynski, June Papen, **Pastor Rick Wessell**, Richard Schwalb
 06/28 Lisa Martino, Cammy Helmer
 06/29 Kay Schultz, June Thompson, Rachel Houtz, Ian Brown
 06/30 Erin Tinsley, Steve Townsend
 07/01 Tracy Boyer, Claudine Stover
 07/02 Kamren Tinsley, Jon Leczner, Joseph O. Kundler
 07/03 Diana Moore

07/05 Mickey Jones, Sue Lighter, Keith Campbell
 07/06 Stone Seip, Tom Wise
 07/10 Doug Zeiters, Alice Smith
 07/12 Gail Alexander, Michael Fennemore, Skylar Higgins, Scott Kapes, Renee Simpson
 07/14 Nancy Auten, Charles Nichols
 07/16 Heather Helmer
 07/17 **Bob Cousens**, Rylann Betterley
 07/18 Peter Geldof, Rick Short
 07/19 Elinor Brocklehurst, Debbie White, Aaron deBloois, Larry Kesselring
 07/20 Derek deBloois, Jerry Buckworth, Bill Morton
 07/21 Tom Vella, Evie Wilson
 07/22 John Shoemaker, Byron Edwards-Coope, Sig Kelsey
 07/23 Sandy Tinsley
 07/24 Geena Edmanson, Hyacinth Finkley, Blake Sargent, Tabatha Anderson, Lloyd Alviset
 07/25 Bri Hosmer, Sandra Nasim
 07/26 Elliott Chase, Lana Gordineer
 07/27 Jetta Sargent, John Tinsley, Bob Kirby
 07/28 Terry Higgins, Laurie Edwards, Steven Seip, Lucas Long
 07/29 Rich Harper, Debbie Grinstead, Bill Semonavick, Amy Faircloth
 07/30 Ashley Papen, Vickie Thompson
 07/31 Nancy Minor
 08/01 Mollie Reed, Amber Pearson
 08/02 Rhonda Davis, Aiden Hatcher, Julie Muldrow, Nancy Roberts
 08/03 Mike Williams, Curtis Brosius, Mary Beth Auten
 08/04 Denise Rothermel, Jim Cook, Dodie Houtz
 08/05 Beth Campbell
 08/06 Alicia Beaman



We would like to say a special thank you to everyone who visited, called, sent cards, and prayers for Ed during his recent hospital stay. What an encouragement to us. May God bless you!
 Ed & Rose Ann Smith.

Thank you!

I would like to thank all the people that sent me cards and flowers to me while I was recovering from my total hip replacement as well as the prayer group!

Cammy Helmer



Photo: Kenneth Lee 'Kenny' Harris, the son of Michelle and Chris Harris, on April 23, 2017.

Not pictured:
Charlee Grace Palmer, the daughter of Heather Dotson and Justin Palmer, was baptized on May 7, 2017.

I wanted to thank all those from Wyoming UMC that sent birthday wishes and greetings to me as well as to all those who keep me surrounded and covered by your heartfelt and loving thoughts and prayers on a regular basis. Your thoughtfulness and loving-kindness mean more to me than any of you can know.

John Kelley,
 Leona Hutchins' son

A Great Day for the GLOBAL 6K

On Saturday, May 6th, 27,000 participants from 500 churches in 18 countries walked 3.72 miles (6K) to raise \$1.7 million which equals clean water for 34,000 people!! AND Wyoming United Methodist Church was one of those 500 churches!! Praise the Lord!!

Thank you for your participation in this ministry whether you walked, ran, checked people in, signed people up, provided water and snacks, helped set up or take-down and most of all provided financial support, we are most appreciative!

We raised over \$3,000 towards the drilling of new wells in Africa and around the world where water is valued and not taken for granted.



WUMC never ceases to amaze me when our members come together to support any of our Outreach ministries. To God be the Glory, great things He has done here at WUMC.

Judy Field, Outreach Chair



The Pastor and his entertainer - smile!

Crossing the finish line for a great cause!



Generations go global... Tracey and Karly Jones, Wini Walton (middle)



...Kathy and Taylor Klecan



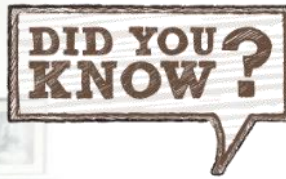
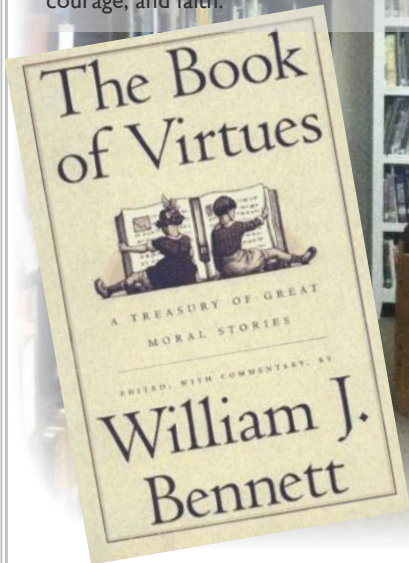
...Jack Freidel, Eric and Wesley Mann???



New for you... in the Library

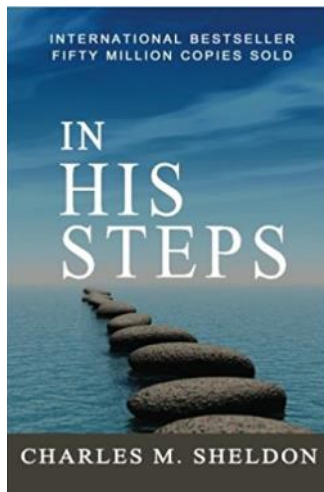
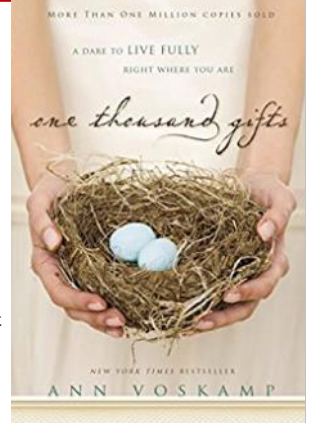
Special Recommendation from our JOYful Ladies' Retreat! (P. 15)

Bennett, former Secretary of Education, shows your whole family how to learn more about Biblical principles from many genres of literature. Stories from the Bible, American history, poems, fables, Greek myths, philosophy, fiction, and fairy tales are all used to illustrate the virtues of self-discipline, compassion, responsibility, courage, and faith.



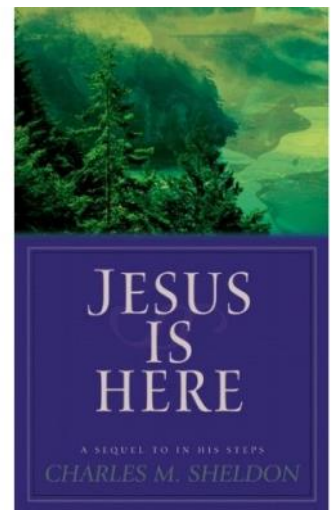
The Wyoming Church Library is dedicated to **Miss Fanny Marvel**, a long-time Sunday School teacher at Wyoming Church. Miss Marvel was also a great cook... see two of her recipes from the WUMC Cookbook "The Best in Cooking" published in 1950 on Page 18!

In this Bible study, best-selling author Ann Voskamp helps watchers ponder the questions of finding joy in midst of everything from the typical grind daily chores and deadlines to the calamity every person eventually faces. "How," Ann muses, "do you break the bondage of fear that has white-knuckle control on your life and instead embrace the everyday blessings that immerse you in Christ's fullness? How can you live life with a heart overflowing with delight?" Ann encourages participants to take on the life-changing discipline of journaling God's gifts - to find the good in life in all circumstances. It's only in this expression of gratitude for the life we already have, that we discover the life we've always wanted... a life we can take, give thanks for, and use to serve others. In it, we come to feel and know the impossible right down to our core: We are wildly loved by God. Embark on this personal, honest and fresh exploration of what it means to be deeply fulfilled, wholly happy, and fully alive. Topics include: Attitude of Gratitude, Grace in the Moment, All Is Grace, Trust: The Bridge to Joy, and Empty to Fill



In His Steps is a best-selling book written by Charles Monroe Sheldon. First published in 1896, the fictional book has sold more than 30,000,000 copies, and ranks as the 39th best-selling book of all time, along with Jacqueline Susann's Valley of the Dolls. The full title of the book is *In His Steps: What Would Jesus Do?*

The sequel to the bestselling classic *In His Steps, Jesus Is Here!* was penned by author Charles M. Sheldon and first published in 1913. Beginning seventeen years after the close of *In His Steps, Jesus Is Here!* continues the story with the main characters of Sheldon's first novel. The book is a challenging reminder to readers that our world needs to know Jesus as a real person who truly is here with us throughout the activities and events of our daily lives. The text of this edition is updated and includes thought-provoking questions for personal or group study.



VBS SCIENCE

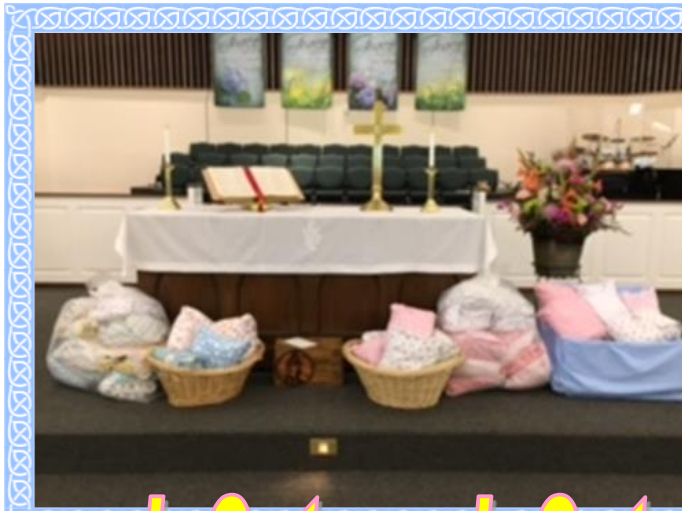
The science activities for VBS this year include some fun projects to learn the scientific method. Some of the projects are "Gee Whiz" and lots of fun. You can help the VBS effort/ experience by donating and saving some items for us. There will be a list of items to be purchased in the narthex. You may pick up a slip with the needed item, sign your name on the clipboard, and return it to church when you get it.

Could you also bring in **old CD's, used pie tins, and empty paper towel tubes?**

With your help and prayers, our VBS Hero Central, Discover your Strength in God, will be a huge success! Thank you in advance for your contributions. You are our "heroes"!

Mothers Day Tribute

Forty-eight UMCOR Layette Kits were blessed by our pastors on Sunday, May 14th which was coincidentally Mother's Day! All of the kits were given "in memory of" or "in honor of" mothers or special women by members of our congregation.



Again, the Outreach Team is most appreciative of the support received for this and all of our projects and ministries. This project is considered an international ministry as these kits will go to new mothers throughout the world where there is need. Thank you to all!! God bless,
Judy Field, Outreach Team

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES Needed!

Every fall it is truly a blessing to be able to deliver a car full of school supplies and book bags to the Caesar Rodney, Capital and Lake Forest School Districts. These supplies go to children whose families otherwise might have to choose between buying the needed materials for school or paying the rent.

This year the Outreach Team will again purchase about 100 backpacks to be divided between the three school districts. **Vacation Bible School will be collecting school supplies during VBS.** The congregation will also have a further opportunity to donate during July and August.

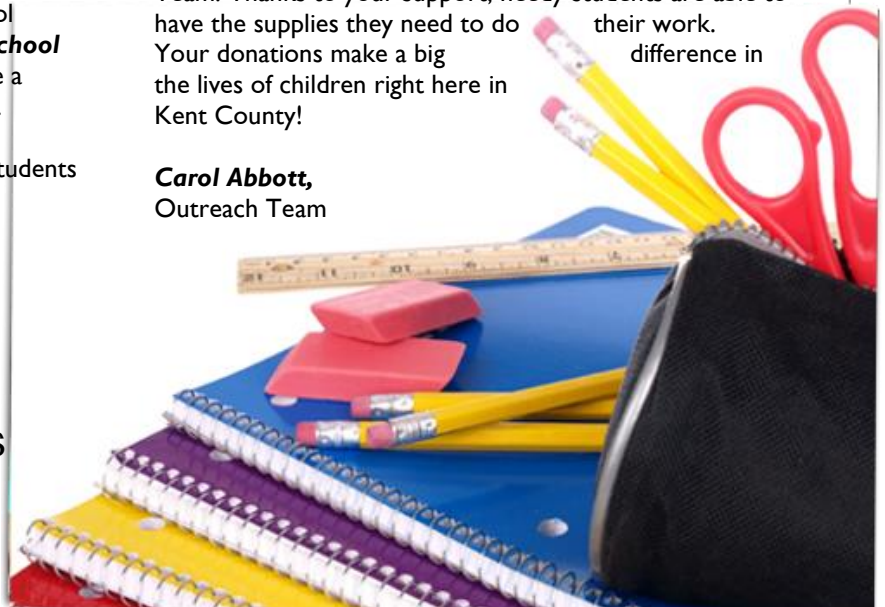
The following supplies for needy elementary school students (in order of importance) are:

- Wide-ruled notebook paper
- #2 pencils
- Large erasers (pink block type)
- Small boxes of 16 crayons
- Small pencil boxes or zipper pouches
- Children's scissors
- Composition books

- GLUE STICKS
- Paper pocket folders
- HIGHLIGHTERS
- RULERS

A box to collect supplies will be in the Narthex during the months of July and the first two weeks of August. Whatever we receive will be divided equally between the three school districts to use as needed. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Abbott or another member of the Outreach Team. Thanks to your support, needy students are able to have the supplies they need to do their work. Your donations make a big difference in the lives of children right here in Kent County!

Carol Abbott,
 Outreach Team



Decisions, decisions...

Food First Sunday... Time for Delivery! There will be smiles on many children's faces as they now don't have to go hungry - Thank you to all who contributed - and thanx to Elaina and Collin for helping with the delivery!



Outreach Outreach Outreach

The 2nd/3rd grade Sunday School class would like to thank everyone for their support of the bake sale. We raised \$630.84 for Heifer International!!!! We will be mailing a check to HI once we decide which animals to purchase. The kids were super excited and learned about serving others. Thanks again!!

Outreach Outreach Outreach

WUMC will be volunteering at the Delaware Food Bank in Milford again this summer helping prepare for the Children's Nutritional Program.

We will have a day in the latter part of June, July and August or a total of 3 days this summer.

Children over 7 can participate as long as they have a parent to accompany them. Watch for specific dates and times.

Photos: Helping at the Food Bank last summer



Season's Final Adult Fellowship Wednesday, June 7 (6 PM) summer picnic in the Family Life Center. Everyone is invited! Bring a picnic-type dish for 8-10 people and your own plates and utensils. Meats from the grill, beverages and desserts will be provided. Contact George Pettyjohn, ☎ (302) 222-3008 for more information. Adult Fellowship dinners will resume on the first Wednesday in September (6).



Food & Faith & Fellowship & Family & Food & Faith

All men, regardless of age, are welcome to attend the **Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, June the 24th, 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM** in the 'Backroom' at Hall's Restaurant in Wyoming. We will order from the menu, hear a short Father's Day themed message of faith and prayer, and experience good food and great table fellowship.

Also mark your calendars now for our Men's Prayer Breakfast on **Saturday, July the 29th**, at Hall's Restaurant from **7:30 AM to 8:30 AM** where we will have the opportunity to hear a brief message on Freedom, Faith, and Prayer.

Information/Questions — Josh Turner ☎ 678-9818.

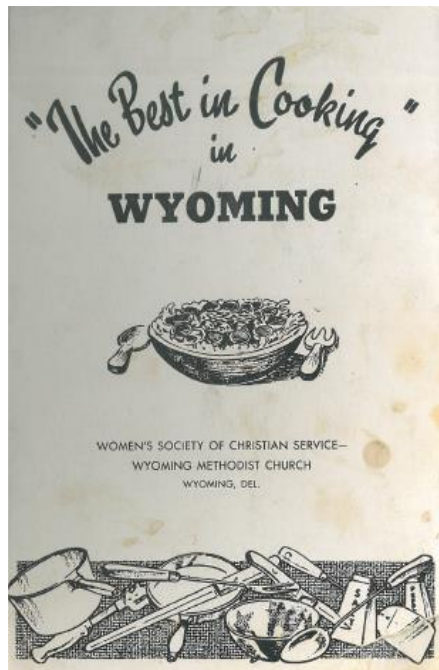


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From the Church Cookbook

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!

In loving memory of the founder of our WUMC Library, Miss Fanny Marvel (see Page 15)



Published circa 1950

DRESSING FOR POTATO SALAD	Miss Fanny Marvel
2 eggs	1/4 tsp. red pepper
1 c. cream	1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 c. vinegar	1 tsp. cornstarch
1 tsp. mustard	2 tsp. sugar
Beat eggs, add cream, sugar and cornstarch mixed with a little of cream, mustard, pepper and salt. Add vinegar very slowly after it is placed on stove to keep from curdling. Cook until thick.	
FROZEN PINEAPPLE SALAD	Miss Fanny Marvel
3-3 oz. pkg. cream cheese	1/2 lb. marshmallows, cut fine
1-9 oz. can crushed pineapple, drained	1 c. ginger ale
1/4 c. mayonnaise	1/2 pt. cream, whipped
	Lettuce
	Maraschino cherries
Cream the cheese, add pineapple, mayonnaise, marshmallows and ginger ale; blend well. Fold in the whipped cream. Place in freezing compartment of refrigerator until solid. Cut in squares and serve in crisp lettuce. Garnish with cherries.	

A Summer Of Food, Faith & Family

Wyoming Church's Sexton Kitchen Team's Food Ministry Program continues to manifest itself through our 'Food, Faith, And Family' activities in an ever increasing number of ways. The dedicated, professional, and hard working members of your Sexton Kitchen Team (SKT) will find themselves very busy in the coming weeks. Following is just a sample of what the SKT members have volunteered to do on behalf of our growing congregation.

On Wednesday, June the 7th, several of the SKT Chefs will gather in the Chef's Kitchen to prepare the entrée for the **Adult Fellowship Covered Dish Dinner** that begins at 6:00 PM that evening and

concludes the 2016/2017 season with a 'summer picnic'. If you have never taken the opportunity to share great food and great table fellowship at these monthly events, then, you owe it to yourself to attend. George Pettyjohn, our affable host, sets the stage for an evening that is very informal and very relaxing. Dress is casual and you will be warmly welcomed by all and, most importantly, we are generally finished between 7:30 and 8PM. 'Give it a try --- you will like it!'

Several days prior to the week of June 18 to 24, a number of the SKT members will be very busy preparing for the Wyoming Annual **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** that runs from Monday, June 19, through Friday, June 23. This year's VBS, very nicely organized by Linda Lyon, who, along with close to 100 adult and youth volunteers, will host approximately 200 children. Your SKT members will be busy preparing and serving mid-morning snacks and lemonade each day. On Thursday that week, the SKT will host all of the youth volunteers, the adult

volunteers and their children, as well as all of the other congregational and community members who have helped with this year's VBS to a **complimentary luncheon** in the Family Life Center. The SKT expects to serve about 150 folks at this event.

A few days after VBS, the members of your SKT will assemble bright and early to subject the Chef's Kitchen, considered by the State Of Delaware to be a commercial kitchen and thus held to a much higher standard than a home kitchen - including unannounced inspections, to a thorough top-to-bottom, move everything out 'that is not bolted down', empty-the-drawers kind of **cleaning**.

Future Summer plans call for the preparation of the Team's World Famous **Peach Pie Sale** to compliment the Church's Yard Sale during the first weekend in August.

If you feel led to know more about the Sexton Kitchen Team, please see **Linda Booher, Chair**.

Stan Leczner (left) and Merle Cleeton (right), showing off their pride & joy, and Wayne Davis and Jeff Purdy (bottom, right) just chillin' to the music of DJ Mike McDevitt at the (first annual?) **Car Cruise @ Wyoming Church**, food sales benefitting the Adult Mission Trip later this year. Thanks to our patrons!





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To: You!

Summertime

*... means Swimming, Fishing, Butterfly Chasing ... and Hymn Singing
at the Dover Place! Monday, July 10 at 6:40 p.m.*

Join the residents and the Visitation Team as Pastor Dave leads us as we lift our voices in praise of our Lord. Even if you think you can't sing, come and hum along. Everyone is welcome and bring the children.



Memorial Garden Update



Dave Yencer is in the process of meeting with contractors and planning the logistical sequencing of the various steps that need to be finalized prior to the beginning of construction. As soon as these items are completed, Dave and Terry Higgins will establish a day and time for the official groundbreaking program.

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



FYI... The current issue of The Wyoming Messenger covers June and July, 2017. Important announcements and event news will be in Sunday bulletins, posted on facebook and wyomingumc.com and also emailed church-wide.