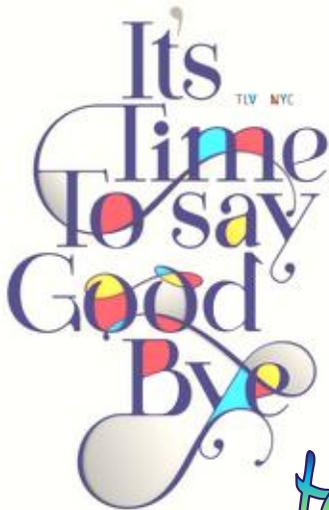


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THE WYOMING MESSENGER

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To Youth Ministry



2007 Dover Mall scavenger hunt, we actually dressed like this at the mall. The youth had to find us... unfortunately Mall Security busted us!!

16 years ago, Jack and I began serving as Sr. High Youth group leaders. It has been a fun and memorable time through the years, and we are thankful for the opportunity God provided us to minister to the youth. We had multiple co-leaders, too many to name all of them, but we wish to thank Jeff and Tracey Jones, Diane Rogers, and Barb and Chuck Nichols who spent many years alongside us. Thank you to the parents who entrusted your youth in our care and helped with the ministry over the years. Also thanks to our Wyoming Church family for supporting our multiple fundraisers... Spaghetti Dinners, Peach Fuzzy drinks, Breakfasts with Santa, and Car Washes. Your support each year helped to raise funds for mission trips. Our church family bought over 1,000 Super Bowl Subs! That money raised each year was sent to provide assistance to a young girl from the Philippines, Jan Marie Macon through the Compassion International program.

Memories of our 16 years... flamingo-ing yards in the early 2000's, being busted by security during the 2007 scavenger hunt at the Dover Mall, eating over 1,000 slices of pizza, surviving many overnight lock-ins, attending concerts and sporting events our youth were involved in, and traveling many miles all over the state and beyond in vans and cars filled with teenagers to Rehoboth Beach, Cape Henlopen, Ocean City Youth

Rallies, Hershey Park, Jack Frost, and multiple states for mission trips.

Why is now our time to step way from youth ministry... A few years ago Jack took an early retirement from the state and began a new career that he loved as the Family Ministry Director at Wyoming Church. Due to church finances that position was reduced to a part-time position this past January. Friends who knew he was only working part time mentioned that his former position teaching in the prison system was open again. He was still hoping that the church would be able to bring his position back to full time in January but, unfortunately, due to current finances the church could not make that commitment. It has been a tough decision for both sides but we feel this is our time to step down. Jack needed to begin July 20th to attend training to work in the prison system again. We especially thank Rhonda Davis for stepping in to lead the youth mission trip team this year at the last minute since Jack was not able to go.

Change is always hard but we ask you to pray for us as we step away from youth ministry and to especially pray for the youth program. We trust that God will send Wyoming Church the perfect youth

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What a ride...!! Jack Freidel with son Timmy and Eric Jones at Hershey Park in June.



leader who will continue to reach out and shine HIS LIGHT to teens in our church and community through the youth ministry program.

*In Christ's Love,
 Betsy and Jack Freidel*

(More memories on Page 8)

Bulletin Board

The next time that you come to worship at our Wyoming Church take a moment to notice how professionally manicured the **front lawns** are. The mowing patterns and the sod cover look the best that they have looked in years. Members of the Trustees and the **lawn mowing volunteers are to be commended** for their dedication and their very effective, consistent service. One of the 'north end' dogwoods is in the process of being replaced while another 'north-ender' dogwood is now having to re-grow from the stem base. Upon the completion of the Memorial Garden (See separate article on page 6) the 'back yard' will be 'spruced up' prior to the dedication.

Should you ever have any questions relative to the Grounds see or contact Terry Higgins at tmhiggins59@hotmail.com or ☎492-3354. Blessings!

WANTED:

Sunday School Teachers!

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 cnmharris@gmail.com or
Sunday School Superintendent
Mary Schoettinger at schoettinger@msn.com.

... Single?

Whatcoat UMC on Main Street in Camden is reaching out to anyone who is single (divorced, widowed, or never married) that is looking for fellowship in a safe environment. Meetings at the Simpson Center at 10 North Main Street, Camden, on the second Saturday of every month from 6:30 to 9PM for a potluck dinner and games. They envision the group growing and becoming a network in which to develop plans for - social events, volunteer work, outdoor recreation, local day trips and more. Spread the word to all the single people in the community!

Congratulations to Dot Adams! She held the winning ticket for the **quilt raffle!** A huge thank you to all who participated in this **fundraiser to support Lindsay Deckard's ongoing Lyme Disease treatment.** Lindsay is so grateful for the \$900 that was raised! She will begin her 4th round of IV antibiotics next week. Please pray for her continued progress. Blessings, *Kathy Deckard*

Peach Cutters Needed!

... Wednesday, August 2nd
from 6:30 till 7:30 in the FLC.

... Thursday, August 10th
From 6:30 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 5th at the Peach Festival and Saturday, August 12th at Fifer's Customer Appreciation Event to raise mission trip funds. Come when you can, no need to stay the entire time.

?? Betsy Freidel bfreidel@yahoo.com



From the Pastor's Desk *Rick Wessell*



Back in the late

1700s in what would become the United States of America, the religious landscape was a tenuous one. The Anglican church was both dreadfully boring and deeply tied to the British crown, and with tensions rising between the colonists and England, many were looking for another religious option. Francis Asbury and the other early Methodist circuit riders came on the scene with a message about Jesus that was exciting and a passion for the Gospel that was infectious. In every town, city, and borough in which the Methodists preached, scores of people came to hear them and

to find out about the promises of God.

The early Methodists were passionate about discipleship - the process of the believer becoming more like Jesus. To do so, they organized the Methodist believers into "class meetings." These classes met weekly for accountability, prayer, study, and fellowship. These class meetings enabled those early Methodists to grow in their faith and love of Christ, and to forge deep, meaningful relationships with their neighbors and friends.

Today we have seen a revival of the class meetings with the small group movement that has swept through the American

church. Once more believers are looking for something more than just the Sunday morning worship experience; they are longing for a deeper connection to God and to other members of their church. We have a handful of small groups that meet here at Wyoming, but as I have prayed over the last year since I came here, I feel God pushing us to expand our ministry and to offer more opportunities for spiritual growth. If you are interested in hearing more about small groups, or if you might be interested in becoming a small group leader, ***I will be holding a time of prayer and training***



on Sunday, August 6th immediately following the 11 AM worship service.

Please contact me with any questions or to let me know you're coming!

Sing A New Song



Pastor Dave's Ministry Minute - August 2017

Many places throughout the Bible we are told to "Sing a new song". It should come as no surprise to persons who have spent any length of time in the Methodist church that music is important to us... Music is so important that on page vii of the preface of The United Methodist Hymnal you'll find John Wesley's "Instructions for Singing"... You may not know that the Wesley brothers, John and Charles, taught much of their theology through song... Charles Wesley was a prolific hymn writer and is credited with having written thousands of hymns of which were set to the tune of the popular music of the 1700's... I have attended Latino and Haitian Worship Services recently and was delighted to see how much emphasis was placed on the music... I was even familiar with a few of the songs... I didn't understand much of the language (very little actually) but I sensed a genuine movement of the Spirit of God in it all... It was all very lively to say the least... At Wyoming Church we place a high degree of importance on the music that we offer in our services... We have a rich musical tradition that includes high quality musical talent and that is as true today as it ever was... We have so many gifted musicians in our midst and the Lord continues to bring more musicians into our presence... So much so that we have enough talented and committed musicians to provide a dedicated praise team for the 9:45 service led by Janna Whitenight bringing a mixture of favored traditional hymns as well as many new songs... The 8:30 worship service is served by many members of the original praise team which just celebrated its 18th anniversary... Our 11:00 choir and the bell choir continue to gain new members... All of the musicians throughout the church offer their musical talents to the Glory of God... As the fall season approaches if you are feeling the nudge of the spirit and would like to be involved in the evolving music ministries at Wyoming, please reach out to Brad, Janna or myself and we will find the right spot for you to serve...

"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth" Psalm 96:1

PEOPLE ARE PRAYING ...

...AT 5:00 PM

...EVERY WEDNESDAY

...AT WYOMING CHURCH

... FOR WYOMING CHURCH!

YOU CAN TOO...

OR WHEREVER YOU ARE AT 5:00 PM...

BECAUSE GOD HEARS AND CARES!

BE A BLESSING! BE BLESSED!

people are praying.

people are praying.

Reflections

Reflections

Life Is Difficult

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Romans 15:4

Much can be said in only a few words. Best selling author M. Scott Peck summed up the life journey for most of us in only three simple words. Peck began his widely read The Road Less Traveled with the concise statement **"Life is difficult"**. Three small words that carry a great deal of truth and meaning for each of us, pilgrims on the often-difficult journey we experience as life.

In my work as a pastoral counselor, the short stanza on life coined by Peck has become an echo I hear within the four walls of the counseling office. The persons with whom I speak on a daily basis are not seeking out the ear of a counselor because life is grand and they want someone to share in their joy. Persons come in for counseling to speak of their trials and troubles, needing to sort out their questions and confusion with another living person. Persons come in for counseling because **life is difficult**.

Do you ever wonder why life is so challenging, why we encounter the negative and hurtful experiences that seem to be both unpredictable and, unfortunately, unavoidable? Do you ever question God, maybe even get angry with God, for the adversities and predicaments that appear to follow us like a shadow, looming over us like black clouds? And when it comes to tough questions, why do some people experience more heartache than others, especially those who sincerely try to live the "right" way?

Albeit good questions, ones that I have definitely pondered, Peck's simple words of truth resurface once again... **Life is difficult**.

While there are few who would challenge such simple truth, many in life refuse to take this truth to heart. Many may know in their mind that difficulties prevail in life, but in their heart, they believe and expect their lives to be different, somehow protected from such setbacks or hindrances.

So what are we missing? Why do so many of us struggle, at times, with this understated and

Danny Cooper Coordinator/Counselor @ Daybreak Counseling Services

simple truth? The answer is equally simple... we forget God. Before Peck made the truth popular, God made the truth a promise to all who would walk in the pathway carved out by Adam and Eve. This simple yet often troubling truth has been a known promise from our Creator to His children throughout the years.

Our human nature, it seems, is to gravitate to that which is most pleasing, most palatable at any given moment. Not unlike our forefather, and mother, as believers we tend to prefer Genesis chapter two living to Genesis chapter three. We would prefer to live in the garden and enjoy the delights put forth for our good pleasure by the very hand of God versus hearing the words, "for dust you are and to dust you will return".

Somehow in our human walk, we struggle in accepting the fact that we do not still reside in the chapter two garden of peace and tranquility, where all is provided for and everyday is beautiful and sunny. Our human lives are simply not that way, but many of us still struggle to see and accept this reality. It's as if we expect life to fit in to our plans, to provide for all of our needs, to be...perfect.

In our humanness, we may be disappointed by our spouse or friends for not meeting our exact expectations, we may be dissatisfied with our job because it does not totally fulfill us, we may get upset with a rainy Saturday when we had outdoor plans for the coming weekend, and on, and on. How easy it is to desire and expect the lush, nurturing, and all-providing garden of Genesis while we walk the dusty roads of this world. What a let down!

Our God does not desire us to be sad and frustrated with our lives, wishing and praying for a better lot in life. I have to believe God wants us to appreciate and enjoy the lives that He has provided, not for what they could be, but for what they are. No matter the person or situation, all fall short of the glory that awaits those who put their trust in Christ, our Savior. Everything in this world pales in comparison.

Our hope is not to be found in what's

The journey of life may be difficult, but the hope of our heavenly homecoming makes the road worth traveling.



around us, but in what lies ahead of us. From the moment of our birth, we each began a pilgrimage leading us back into the loving arms of our devoted Parent. This is the "difficult" journey of life that none can avoid or dismiss. But for those who keep our Father in view, and our heavenly home before us, life's adversities and challenges merely enhance the sentiments of freedom and fulfillment that reside within our divine destination.

Instead of expecting life to provide us with heavenly fruit, we can actually help ourselves in expecting the life struggles that are promised to visit us along our way. Instead of expecting life to fit into our plans, we can spiritually open ourselves to see how God is using us in His plan, in spite of our own human limitations. **The journey of life may be difficult, but the hope of our heavenly homecoming makes the road worth traveling.**

Lord God, thank you for your loving presence in my life, day in and day out. Help me God to see your hand in my life, in good times and bad, in struggles as well as successes. Allow me Father, through your Spirit, to be reminded in times of difficulty that my home with you is not in the present, but in a future time You appoint. Help me God to be encouraged when challenged by life, that while struggles may chip away at my human self, my total healing in you lies just up ahead. Thank you God for your love and promises. May my hope and trust dwell in you. Amen.

From humble beginnings...

If you have not taken the opportunity to take a look at the Memorial Garden construction that is occurring off the southeast corner of the Church, then you owe it to yourself to do so at your first opportunity. Under the good leadership of Dave Yencer, Chair of the Trustees, you will see major changes that often occur on a daily basis. Much of the planned concrete has been poured and is now curing properly under our hot summer sun. Soon Mike and Becky Marasco's Lawn Plus crews will move in to complete the outer ring of steel edging, ground fabric, soaker hoses, plants, and river rock. The plants, fabric sub layers, soaker hoses, and river rock will also soon be placed around the base of the central pylon.

In addition to all of this activity, plans are now evolving to plant a collection of biblically mentioned herbs along the narrow wall bed that is near the rear door to the Chef's Kitchen. Further plans call for the planting of a collection of shrubs that are mentioned in the Bible along the 'now-barren' South Wall of the Church. When you look at the

far east side of the construction of the Garden you will note a short concrete pad extension. That short extension is the beginning of a revised Meditative Pathway that will wend its way in a southerly direction and terminate at the south end of property near the Isaac Branch stream bed. Upon completion of the Memorial Garden the Meditative Pathway will be reconfigured and upgraded to permanent status along with additional tree species specimens including an Olive Tree --- if we can find one --- to compliment the Deodar Cedar from Lebanon that is now growing quite nicely at the edge of the 'soon to be redone' all-purpose Athletic Field.

By the way, the next time that you see Jim Klecan, Bill McMahan, and Dave Yencer in Church and/or out in the community, take a

moment to thank them for all of their good efforts in doing the bulk of the hand digging for the initial site work in very demanding conditions of high heat, high humidity, and almost no cooling breezes. Also many thanks go to Gloria Barker for her continuing identification of the biblically related herbs and shrubs that will grace the about to be repurposed beds along the south walls of our Church.

An order form for the customizing of Memorial Bricks is now being prepared and will soon be available. The Memorial Room that is located at the north end of the Narthex will contain a folder that will have a constantly updated alphabetical listing, along with other pertinent data, of the location of each Memorial Brick in the garden. The plan is to have the order form ready shortly so that as soon as the Memorial Garden is dedicated, Memorial Bricks can be placed as well as an optional portion of cremation remains.

The additional recent gifts for the construction of the Memorial Garden itself are very much appreciated. The cost of the Memorial Bricks is intended to serve as a perpetual care fund for the Memorial Garden.

Should you have any questions regarding the Memorial Garden do not hesitate to contact Dave Yencer of Terry Higgins.



When it comes to shrubs and trees... Thank you, Terry Higgins, for supervising and executing most of the selecting, designing, planting, fertilizing... and progress reporting, too!

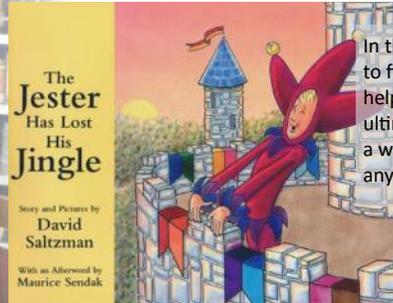
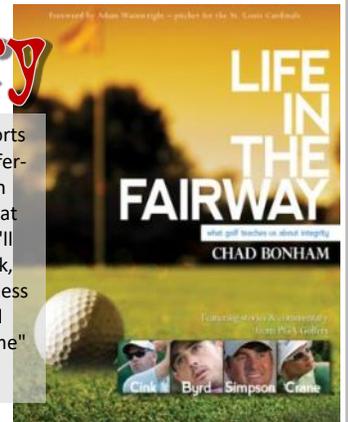
... to a Glorious Garden



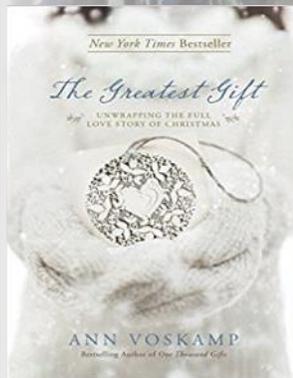
New for you... in the Library



Today it rarely seems that integrity and professional sports go hand-in-hand. However, golf is a game where you referee yourself, even calling penalties on yourself, relying on your own personal integrity to make the right decisions at any given time on the course. In *Life in the Fairway*, you'll get to know professional golfers Ben Crane, Stewart Cink, Webb Simpson, and Jonathan Byrd. Explore their relentless desire for excellence on the course and in their personal lives. Integrity is vital to success in "the gentleman's game" and in the lives of those who seek to master it.



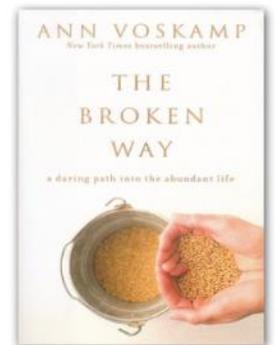
In this charming tale, the Jester awakes one morning to find laughter missing in his kingdom and he and his helpmate, Pharley, set off on a quest to find it. They ultimately discover that not only can laughter redeem a weary world, it also can provide the best tonic for anyone facing seemingly insurmountable obstacles.



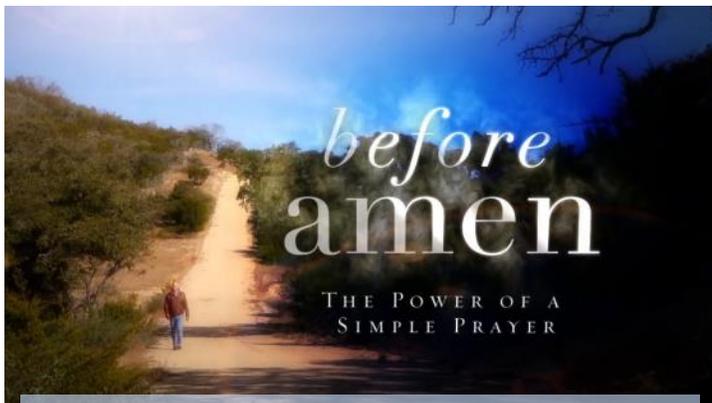
2014 "Christian Retailing's Best" award winner!
Thousands of readers have already fallen in love with Ann Voskamp's *One Thousand Gifts*, and this Christmas, Ann will help readers celebrate the lineage and the majesty of God's greatest gift - Jesus Christ. In what is sure to become an instant holiday classic, Voskamp reaches back into the pages of the Old Testament to explore the lineage of Jesus via the advent tradition of "The Jesse Tree." Beginning with Jesse, the father of David, *The Greatest Gift* retraces the epic pageantry of mankind, from Adam to the

Messiah, with each day's reading pointing to the coming promise of Christ. Sure to become a holiday staple in every Christian home, *The Greatest Gift* is the perfect gift for the holidays and a timeless reminder of the true meaning of Christmas.

Brokenness doesn't only find us in the big things-- things like illness, hardship, or grief. It also finds us in the everyday stinging moments when we feel forgotten, or under-appreciated by our loved ones, or sense the inevitable change years of living has marked on our hearts. We are fragile and we know it. Sometimes, living with Christ in a messed-up world feels less like victory and more like walking uphill. How do we walk in a way that both glorifies Jesus and bears witness to our weakness?



From the best-selling author of *One Thousand Gifts* comes an impassioned message: We are desperately loved by Jesus just as we are, and his love compels us to be broken open for others! You'll be deeply encouraged by Voskamp's thoughts on how God takes flawed and imperfect sinners, redeems us, and makes us useful in his kingdom. Noteworthy: This author is one of a special group of women who writes for in courage, the popular online friendship community. *Every day they take turns pulling up a chair to share their stories of what Jesus looks like in their every day, gloriously ordinary, and often messy lives.*



"Wouldn't we all like to **pray...**
More? **Better?** Deeper? **Stronger?**
With more fire, faith or fervency?
Yes, **but...** **Why?** Where? **How?**

Think about this...
*The only tutorial Jesus' disciples ever requested was on **prayer.***"

These thoughts and questions are taken from Max Lucado's book, *Before Amen: The Power of a Simple Prayer.*

New this fall! Starting **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10** Adult Sunday School classes at 9:45 will be combining to study this practical and inspiring book on **PRAYER.**

Please contact leaders, Sharon Burge (492-3155) or Sue Hajec (697-2697) with questions and to order a book.



Long time co-leaders Jeff and Tracey Jones



Sunday School group shot 2013: with Barb & Chuck Nichols (and Patti Moore, Rachel Dukes and Tracy Boyer)



Tracey Jones, Lady DI aka Diane Rogers and Betsy enjoying one of many trips to Grottos Pizza!



Breakfast with Santa

Jack

Betsy

YOUTH CALENDAR

August

Jr./Sr. High MYF

Sunday, 8/13/17 – Hangout Evening at
the Freidels' home, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Sunday, 8/20/17 – Mentor/Mentee Picnic, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Service

Wednesday, 8/2/17 – Peach Cutting for Peach Fuzzy Fundraiser,
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Saturday, 8/5/17 – Peach Fuzzy Mission Trip Fundraiser, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Study

Nothing scheduled for the month of August



Boys & girls and adult leaders, too,
scrubbed and polished enough cars to make
\$567 towards the 2017 youth mission trip -
a big thank you to our patrons!

Worship

Services at 8:30 (Contemporary), 9:45 (Contemporary),
and 11:00 (Traditional) every Sunday.

Turning the Page . . . Our Graduates

On June 4th, we took the opportunity to recognize those of our congregation who were graduating this year. The songs we sang were chosen by the graduates. They read scripture at the 9:45 and 11:00 services. We had a power point featuring pictures of them growing up. Gifts were given and scholarships awarded. A few of our seniors spoke briefly about what the church has met to them. We had a video celebrating that passage of life we call graduation.

Below is the list of our graduates and their plans. As they continue on to the next stages in their lives, please take the time to include them in your prayers.

High School Graduates

Katlin Cooper, Hannah Cote, Derrick DiNouva**, Jacintha Finkley, Lynsy Gruwell, Eric Jones, Brady Klecan, Molly Lyon., Noel Majka, Caleb Miller, Danielle Paugh

Advanced Degrees

Sean Anthony, Mark Hill, Michael Watson

**Send MAIL ONLY (absolutely no gifts) to

RCT Derrick Di Nuova
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Parris Island, SC 29905-6245

(Mom Melissa Long and Grandparents Russ & Valerie Riggins)

Now turn the Page for . . . Our Graduates!

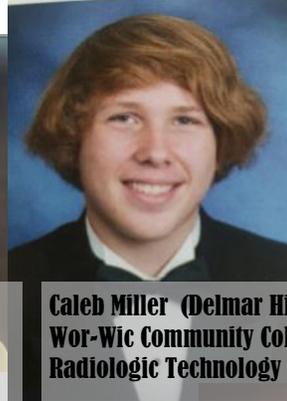
High School Graduates 2017



Eric Jones (Caesar Rodney)
DelTech
Psychology



Jacintha Finkley (Caesar Rodney)
New York University
International Business



Caleb Miller (Delmar High School)
Wor-Wic Community College
Radiologic Technology



Lynsy Gruwell (Caesar Rodney)
East Stroudsburg
Early Childhood Education



Katlin Cooper (Caesar Rodney)
Washington and Lee University
Accounting/Politics

Hannah Cote (Polytech)
University of Delaware
Medical Diagnostics



Danielle Paugh (Caesar Rodney)
Baylor University
Health Sciences (Occupational Health)



Molly Lyon (Caesar Rodney)
Belmont University
Music Business

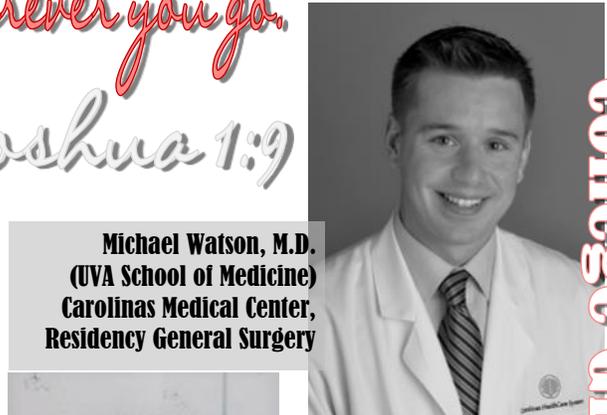
Brady Klecan (Caesar Rodney)
DelTech
Engineering

*Be strong and courageous
The Lord your God is with You
wherever you go.*

Joshua 1:9



Noel Majka (St. Thomas More)
University of the Arts
Fine Arts (Dance)



Michael Watson, M.D. (UVA School of Medicine)
Carolinas Medical Center,
Residency General Surgery



Derrick DiNuova (Polytech)
Marine Corps



Sean Anthony, Wilmington University (Masters Management Information Systems)



Mark Hill, Wilmington University (Masters Special Education)



College Graduates 2017

Summa Cum Laude

Forever we'll keep your memory
 Stored within our hearts
 Forever we'll remember
 Just how you played a part
 You never grew tired teaching us
 To be kinder and think higher
 We never will forget you
 As for His kingdom we'll aspire
 You played a part by telling us
 Our dreams can all come true
 For teaching us how to believe -

be STRONG &
 COURAGEOUS
 do not be afraid
 or TROUBLED
 The LORD YOUR GOD
 is with you
 WHEREVER you go
 Joshua 1:9

Mr. & Mrs. Freidel, we're thanking you!

A note from SPRT and Pastor Rick

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

It is with sadness that we must report that Jack Freidel will be stepping down as the Youth and Family Ministries Director, effective July 31st.

During his four years on staff, as well as many more years as a volunteer, Jack has impacted the lives of a great number of youths and their families. He has served the Lord faithfully and we offer our prayers and blessings to Jack during this next season of his life and ministry.

Pastor Rick and the

SPRT are beginning a search for our next youth pastor. Please be in prayer that God will direct the right person to WUMC -- someone with an infectious love for Jesus and a passion to see youth on fire for Christ.

Until the next youth pastor is hired, Pastor Rick will be assuming leadership of the youth ministries, and Pastors Rick and Dave will be sharing the family ministry responsibilities. We covet your prayers during this time of transition.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Rick or Larry Towle.

Join us for a Gratitude Reception on Sunday, August 13 at 12 noon in the Family Life Center!



Jack's prayer over the DAPI graduates in the Family Life Center.



Jack & Betsy, two for one - two for all and two for the glory of God!



Grape Juice?

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.

In this series, we are highlighting different areas of life and church and the respective United Methodist point of view.

Use of Alcohol and Other drugs

We affirm our long-standing support of abstinence from alcohol as a faithful witness to God's liberating and redeeming love for persons. We support abstinence from the use of any illegal drugs. Since the use of illegal drugs, as well as illegal and problematic use of alcohol, is a major factor in crime, disease, death, and family dysfunction, we support educational programs as well as other prevention strategies encouraging abstinence from illegal drug use and, with regard to those who choose to consume alcoholic beverages, judicious use with deliberate and intentional restraint, with Scripture as a guide. Millions of living human beings are testimony to

the beneficial consequences of therapeutic drug use, and millions of others are testimony to the detrimental consequences of drug misuse. We encourage wise policies relating to the availability of potentially beneficial or potentially damaging prescription and over-the-counter drugs; we urge that complete information about their use and misuse be readily available to both doctor and patient. We support the strict administration of laws regulating the sale and distribution of alcohol and controlled substances. We support regulations that protect society from users of drugs of any kind, including alcohol, where it can be shown that a clear and present social danger exists. Drug-dependent persons and their family members, including those who are assessed or diagnosed as dependent on alcohol, are individuals of infinite human worth deserving of treatment, rehabilitation, and ongoing life-changing recovery. Misuse or abuse may also require intervention, in order to prevent progression into dependence. Because of the frequent interrelationship between alcohol abuse and mental illness, we call upon legislators and health care providers to make available appropriate mental illness treatment and rehabilitation for drug-dependent persons. We commit ourselves to assisting those who suffer from abuse or dependence, and their families, in finding freedom through Jesus Christ and in finding good opportunities for treatment, for ongoing counseling, and for reintegration into society.

From: <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/the-social-community#alcohol-drugs>



Memory Verse August

NCF Nurses Christian Fellowship had another successful celebration for Nurses Week. We gave another Christian Nurse Scholarship of \$500. The group meets monthly for bible study and business meeting. We are planning fundraisers to support both our next nursing scholarship, outreach to community, and plan to serve on medical mission trip in 2018.



~ Our People ~

~ August Birthdays ~

- 08/01 Mollie Reed, Amber Pearson
- 08/02 Julie Muldrow, Nancy Roberts, Rhonda Davis, Aiden Hatcher
- 08/03 Mike Williams, Curtis Brosius, Mary Beth Auten
- 08/04 Jim Cook, Denise Rothermel, Dodie Houtz
- 08/05 Beth Campbell
- 08/06 Alicia Beaman
- 08/07 Megan Boyer, Jane Fennemore, Cayleigh Dotson
- 08/08 Zoe Kalinowski, Patti Collett Ravilious, Kelly Seip, Ian Thompson, Lisa McCalister, Emily Jeffies, *Angel Ethan Williams turning 16 in heaven*
- 08/09 Sharon Quillen
- 08/10 Rick Beaman, Kate Witherell
- 08/11 Kathleen Torbert, Sheridan Bryan
- 08/12 Liz Clements, Madison Bergeron,
- 08/13 Graham Cooper
- 08/14 Susan Gant
- 08/15 Jerry Moore
- 08/16 Payton Porter
- 08/17 Alan Grinstead

- 08/18 Robyn Lefort, Jason Stallings
- 08/20 Gail Mathues, Kathy Klecan, Kasper Milton, Greg Long
- 08/21 Patti Sudler, Chris Boyer
- 08/22 Beth Barlett, Shirley Nichols
- 08/23 Grace Servon, Kayla Harris
- 08/24 Ron Dolsay
- 08/25 Patti Moore, Jim Harvey, W.G. Edmanson
- 08/26 Tim Shepperson, Andrea Andrews
- 08/27 Betty Inge, Emily Mateja
- 08/28 Dotty Failing, Nathan Williams, Andrew Edington
- 08/29 Dave Schoettinger, Dave Failing, Owen Kleint
- 08/30 Shelby Truitt, Peggy Mosher, Johnathan Hamblin, Silas Mann
- 08/31 Tracey Jones, Ed Norcross
- 09/01 Bob Maris, Dana Tappan
- 09/02 Ann Sumpter, Evelyn McCormick
- 09/03 Sharon Duncan, Lindsay Wessell
- 09/04 Lucas Nichols, George Pettyjohn, Russ Riggins, Dennis Klecan

Happy Birthday!

~ Births ~

Amelia Grace Rigby was born to John and Maya Rigby in Dover on May 25, 2017 . Congratulations also to proud grandparents Morgan & Susan Rigby!



Bruce Grayson Leister was born to William & Samantha Leister in Dover on July 5, 2017. Congratulations also to proud grandparents Ruth & Derek Leister!

Thank you!

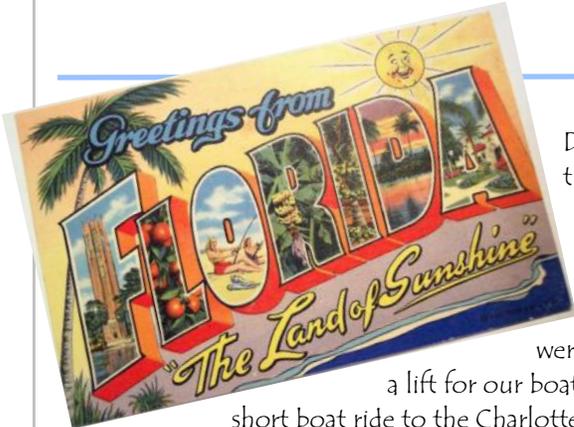
My sincere thanks to my church family and their friends for the many prayers, cards, visits and the acts of kindness shown to me during and after my recent surgeries. It is a blessing to be remembered through the many prayers and concerns.

Sincerely, Nancy Hughes

Thank you, Church Family, for your cards, prayers, visits and phone calls, and for the yummy food, too around my recent knee replacement surgery. I appreciate you all so much!

God bless, Valerie Riggins

Thank you!



Doug and I would like to let the church know that we have a new address. It is:

154 Chelsea Ct. NW,
Port Charlotte, FL 33952.

We are about an hour north of Fort Myers now. The water is cleaner to fish, and we were able to find an older home on a canal with

a lift for our boat, and a small pool on the lanai. It's just a short boat ride to the Charlotte Harbor. The hardest part about moving

again is looking for a new church. We're working on that...been to 3 Methodist churches so far. Praying the Lord lands us in the right place soon, so we can start getting involved and making friends!

Take care,

Diana Cool

~ Deaths ~

- Brandon Klayco**, the nephew of Carol Abbott on June 15, 2017.
- Robert Marker**, the brother of Dorothy Failing, on June 29, 2017.
- John Parks**, the brother of Ann Sumpter, on July 17, 2017.



The Arc

of Delaware says...

Thanks! to all who came to greet and serve sodas and popcorn to our guests on Arc Movie Nights this summer! Welcoming adults with disabilities to our church for a movie night with popcorn is an expression of Jesus' Love! Thanks for sharing His Love! You were a blessing!

See you next June and July at ARC Movie Nights here at WUMC!

Talk to Sue Hajec ☎ 697-2697 or jshajec@yahoo.com about other activities with The ARC of Delaware.



dancing
with the stars

...of the Arc of Delaware!

Can you imagine...
350 adults with disabilities gathering once a month to dance the night away having the time of their lives?

You have to see it to believe it!

These monthly dances, sponsored by The Arc of Delaware, are for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

These dances have been held for about 20 years with community groups providing the refreshments.

The volunteer DJ has been providing the music since the beginning!

For the last 5 years, Wyoming Church has had the privilege of providing and serving hot dogs, chips and homemade cookies at the August Arc Dance at Cheswold Fire House.

Come experience the JOY that fills the room...

Come help serve the hotdogs and cookies...

or **come to dance the night away!**

All hands and feet welcome!

WHERE? Cheswold Fire House
WHEN? Friday, August 18th

6:30PM to help serve the refreshments.
The dance is from 7 to 9 PM.

Contact Sue Hajec if you have questions

(302) 697-2697 (h);

(302) 222-1531 (c);

jshajec@yahoo.com

Be a Blessing! Be Blessed!!



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, AUGUST 16th**
or **Thursday, 8/17th.**

COOKIES MAY BE FROZEN AHEAD OF TIME.

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

JUNE 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	275,290	292,811	585,622
Other offerings	29,999	39,167	78,335
Interest Income	809	2,500	5,000
Total Offerings	306,098	334,478	668,957
Finance Team	1,361	3,350	6,700
Office	10,956	10,637	21,275
Personnel	84,473	84,646	169,292
Mortgage interest	39,741	38,238	76,475
Properties and equipment	47,202	48,886	97,772
Total Administrative Council	183,733	185,757	371,514
Nursery and Supplies		25	50
Benevolences (Conference)	30,949	30,948	61,896
Education & Youth	3,553	3,525	7,050
Extended Table	-	75	150
Music	745	1,000	2,000
Worship	254	125	250
Total Council on Ministries	35,501	35,698	71,396
Pastor Parish Relations	65,421	64,990	129,980
Mortgage principal liability (Reduces debt to PNC Bank)	53,365	48,033	96,067
Total Expense	338,020	334,479	668,957
Net Income (Loss)	(31,922)		

Balance of Mortgage on 01/01/2017

\$ 2,045,807.71

Interest paid in 2017

\$ 39,741.34

Principal paid in 2017

\$ 453,364.87

Mortgage Balance

on 6/30/2017

\$ 1,592,442.84



Well, these ladies did - serving food to the many patrons all Friday night, all while raising \$122 toward the mortgage reduction of Wyoming Church! Thank you so much, Beverly Cannon and Rhonda Davis!



WORSHIP WITH WYOMING CHURCH AT DOVER PLACE

Want to be part of a worship experience for people who live in an assisted living facility who may not be able to come to church?

Wyoming Church is blessed to have a team of people who bring a service of songs, scripture and sharing Communion to the folks at Dover Place Assisted Living, Walker Road, Dover, on the 4th Sunday of every month.

The residents are blessed to have an opportunity to worship in the place where they live. The team is blessed to bring worship to those who may no longer have the opportunity to attend a worship service in a church.

Anyone from WUMC and Dover Place is welcome to join in worshipping with us at that time. The residents would love to have people from WUMC come, sit beside them and worship with them!

Be a Blessing! Be Blessed!

The services are:
the 4th Sunday of every month from 2:00 to 2:45 PM in the front gathering room at Dover Place on Walker Road, Dover.

The dates are:
August 27, September 24, October 22, November 26 and December TBD.

I would like to thank the faithful team Members who bring worship to the folks at Dover Place:

- Bill and Marty Downing
- Pastor Dave Hill
- Dottie Harper
- Larry and Barb Towle
- Donna McCartney
- Sharon Burge
- Mindy Anthony

If you are interested in being part of this team that leads the worship service, please contact Sue Hajec (☎697-2697; jshajec@yahoo.com)



worship...



worship at the beach...
thursdays... see back cover

Helping at the Food Bank of Delaware

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As of this writing, WUMC volunteers have worked two mornings at the Food Bank of Delaware. It has been a great experience each time. We never know what tasks await us and it has varied from cleaning coolers, packing water and milk, sorting food for family boxes, checking expiration dates and most recently, the July group had the "extreme pleasure" of husking and packaging corn... **BUSHEL AND BUSHEL OF CORN!!** After 3 hours, it hardly looked like we had made a dent in the pallets of corn, however, when we looked at the bins of packaged corn, we did see that we had made a sizable impact on the quantity of corn at the Food Bank!

The fellowship during our time there is wonderful and you leave, knowing that you have made a little difference in the lives of hungry people. We are



looking forward to August 15th which will be our last day of volunteering for this year. If you would like to join our group, just sign up on the form in the Narthex.

A BIG "THANK YOU" to all those faithful volunteers who come each time!



During your shopping trips this summer and fall, be on the lookout for good winter coat sales for children, sizes 6, 8 and 10. Our **Coats for Kids** project will be during the first two weeks of November this year, hoping you can get some good buys during the fall months.

Stay tuned...
Your Outreach Team



EVERYTHING... AND - THE KITCHEN SINK!

That's what our WUMC



youth group found during their annual cleanup of Wyoming Mill Road within the Adopt-A-Highway program. Thanks to all who came out to neaten up the road to Wyoming Church!



The WUMC youth filled, packed and delivered **48 bags of lunch goodies** to the homeless at the Interfaith Mission in Dover, they were very much appreciated. Thanks to everyone who donated and those who helped put them together. (Special thanks to Natalia Marlow for her help!)



Food & Faith & Fellowship & Family & Food & Faith



'Prayers For Healing' will be the theme for the 'Mini Message Of Faith' that we will experience at the forthcoming **Men's Prayer Breakfast in the 'Backroom' at Halls Restaurant on Saturday, August the 26th, from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM.** Ordering from the menu, be prepared to experience good food and great fellowship in a very relaxed, informal venue.

Information/Questions — Josh Turner ☎ 678-9818.

Food & Faith & Fellowship & Family & Food & Faith



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!



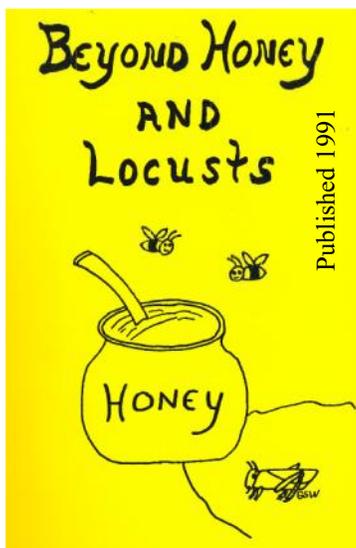
Hot Dawg!!

HOT DOG RELISH

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|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 5 c. ground unpeeled cukes | 1 ½ qt. water |
| 3 c. ground onion | 1 qt. vinegar |
| 3 c. ground celery | 4 c. sugar |
| 2 medium bell peppers, ground | 2 tsp. mustard seed |
| 2 hot red peppers, ground | 2 Tbsp. celery seed |
| ¾ c. salt | |

Combine cukes, onions, celery, peppers, salt, and water; mix well and let stand overnight. Next day, drain in colander or cheese cloth. Rinse and drain again. In a large pot (6 quart at least), combine vinegar, sugar, and seeds, bringing to a boil; add drained vegetables. Bring to a boil again, then simmer for 10 minutes. Pack in ½ or pint jars and seal with hot lids and rings. Makes about 5 pints.

Nan Berkich



Food, Faith & Family

... Ready For Another Busy
Fall Season!



It's all part of the operation...

The members of your Sexton Kitchen Team (SKT) have

opportunity to place an order at the SKT narthex kiosk for the Team's 'World Famous Peach Pies' for pick up in the Chef's Kitchen on Saturday, August 5th from 9 AM to 12 Noon. The Peach Pies and the Chef's much anticipated Bake Tables laden with gourmet pastries and baked goods labeled for sale will coincide with the Church's Annual Community Yard Sale that is held in conjunction with the Wyoming Peach Festival. Preliminary counts of Peach Pie orders indicate a potential record year for sales. Please know that

Chefs of our SKT can prepare. The meal will be accompanied by fresh warm bread, a tossed garden salad, and a variety of beverages. The Tucker Brothers Band has been invited and will be our dinner guests. As many of you know, the Band features great Gospel and Blue Grass selections. A 'Love Offering' will be taken to help defray the costs of the menu and also to provide an honorarium for the Band's Christian outreach projects (see George Pettyjohn's article below; George is the very affable and effective leader of the WUMC Adult Fellowship Program). The serving of the dinner will be enhanced and expedited by the presence of two serving lines set up in the FLC. Each serving line will be arranged in such a way that all food items that comprise the menu will be served quickly, safely and efficiently. The members of the SKT plan to have everyone served in 20 minutes or less. This pattern of expedited serving will become the norm for similar types of future activities with all servers having been certified as successfully passing the federal and state DineSafe Course.

been making plans for a very busy and productive mid to late Summer and early Fall season of providing culinary



Kitchen clean-up before annual inspection

services to a variety of WUMC and community groups. The SKT Chefs provided subs and beverages to the good folks who volunteered for the July 29th 'Weeding Party' that cleaned up the two large landscaping beds along the front of the church. The cleaning of the shrubbery and flower beds was timed so as to allow the application of new mulch prior to the planned August 5th Annual Community Yard Sale.



which, may we proudly say again, the SKT passed with flying colors!

whatever the order totals are, the Chefs always prepare a few more delicious pies that will be available on a first come basis on the morning of the 5th.

Please mark your calendars now for the forthcoming Adult Fellowship Covered Dish Dinners to be held on the first Wednesday of the months of October 2017 through June 2018 beginning at 6:00 PM in the Family Life Center. Also mark your calendars for the fast approaching Soup Days on Wednesday, October the 11th, and Wednesday, November the 8th with each event beginning at 11:30 AM through 1:00 PM in the Family Life Center.

From the last Sunday in June through the last Sunday in July, the Chefs provided an

On Wednesday, September 6, beginning at 6PM, the members of your SKT will 'kick off' the 2017 - 2018 Adult Fellowship Season with a Spaghetti Dinner featuring the excellent 'one of a kind' sauce that only the

Best of...



Blue Grass Gospel and Spaghetti, too!



An ad-hoc sub-committee of SKT members has met during the summer to prepare the proper financial forms that will satisfy the new reporting requirements that have been requested by the Church Council.

Your SKT, ably led by Linda Booher, is open to all who are interested in learning more about this dynamic ministry here at Wyoming Church.

Attention: All Spaghetti and Music Lovers!

September is not that far off. Especially for those who thoughtfully mark important dates on their calendars. Adult Fellowship's monthly dinner meetings will resume on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:00 PM. The Sexton Kitchen Team, lead by Linda Booher, will kick off the new season by hosting a spaghetti dinner and hopefully,

gospel music by **The Tucker Brothers & Friends Blue Grass Band**. A "love offering" will be accepted to offset the costs of the dinner. You only need to show up with your own place settings. If you forget them, plates and utensils will be available. Mark your calendar now as we expect to have a great evening of Christian Fellowship. Why not invite family and friends? Contact George Pettyjohn if you need more information.

Wyoming Church
...at the heart of it all.

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To: You!



Thank God for Summer!

Thank you...

to all of you who sent me cards and letters while I was at Camp Decometh. I also so appreciate the financial assistance which was given by the church to all of us fortunate enough to attend camp this summer. I went to the Top Chef camp and we cooked and also learned more about the Lord. I had so much fun and it was exciting to me when I got mail every single day. I think my church family is the best!!

Love, *Elizabeth* (Top Chef)

worship at the beach!

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Two more **happy campers...**
Step-brothers Jeff Purdy (Respite) and Carlton Passley (Archery Games)