

# THE WYOMING MESSENGER

## November 2017



After 6 ½ years of leading the **FUNdraising Team**

through 5 dinner auctions, at least 4 book sales, 2 clothing sales, 2 Bow-Wow Bashes, 10 concerts, 6 yard sales, 1 golf tournament, 1 Mother's Day tea, and I'm sure other events that have slipped my mind or are too numerous to keep up with, **Debbie Grinstead** is passing the baton as the team chair. Through her leadership, guidance, and thousands of hours of volunteer time, the FUNdraising Team has made a huge impact financially on our current church mortgage debt. Even though debt reduction has been the driving force of the team, Debbie also wanted evangelism to have a place through all of our events, opening our doors to whomever may enter, extending the invitation beyond our congregation. Debbie had a vision for this team during one of our darkest moments in our church history and was willing to take the lead when the team was desperate for help. Jumping out of the gate with a successful yard sale in August 2011 followed by a record Dinner Auction in October 2011, the monies began to flood in, the name of the team went from Fundraising to FUNdraising, and

the mood of the team had a much brighter outcome. Debbie continued to breathe new life into the team with a wealth of fresh ideas and unstoppable energy. Her husband, Alan, is also very deserving of thanks, supporting both his wife and the team through the many arduous hours of work he contributed for all events. We would like to pass on a magnificent ovation of appreciation to Debbie Grinstead for all that she has contributed to Wyoming United Methodist Church's FUNdraising Team! We love you, Debbie, and cannot thank you enough!

We wish you the best of luck in your new endeavors and may God bless you and your family!

*Lots of love,*

*Robyn Lefort and the FUNdraising Team*

(see photos on Pages 6 and 7)

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Using the Profit & Loss report from 2011 to present, the FUNdraising Team generated a profit of \$85,381.18. The team contributed several mortgage principal payments which enabled the church to meet its monthly obligations.

# Bulletin Board

CIA (Couples in Action) will pack brown bag lunches for the homeless on Sunday, November 19! 4:30 to 6 pm in the Family Life Center - childcare provided!



The "Wish List" clothes line, located in the narthex, continues to give opportunities for individuals to purchase specific items needed by our church. If any of the teams within the church have a specific need which they would like to see on the "wish list" please contact Sharon Duncan ☎ 698-1904.

Oyster Dinner & Auction to benefit Boy Scout Troop 24 (chartered by WUMC). Saturday, November 18, 2017 6 pm to 10 pm at the Felton Firehall.

Dinner includes: Fried Oysters, chicken salad, mashed potatoes, dumplings, green beans, gravy, cole slaw, rolls with butter, ice cream and cookie, iced tea, coffee and hot tea.

Tickets are \$30/each. Please contact Mindy Anthony for tickets or more information - ☎ 698-7729 or [mbanthy1972@gmail.com](mailto:mbanthy1972@gmail.com).



Lydia, Lea, and Teresa of Girl Scout Troop 648 would like to thank everyone who donated items and money to their Silver Award project. They successfully made 220 bags to give out to the homeless and have been distributing them in local homeless shelters and churches as well as in front of Dover City Hall at the last two City Council meetings. The community appreciates your help!



Star Hill Elementary, located at 594 Voshells Mill/Star Hill Road, is looking for adult mentors that would be willing to spend time with students in grades 1-5. (1-2 hours total a month is optimal, 30 minutes a week...) Mentoring is a great way to outreach to those children who truly need a positive adult and role model in their lives.

Research shows that a strong mentoring relationship can be one of the most important relationships in a child's development. Mentoring helps children achieve success in school and life by helping to build self-esteem, self-confidence, interpersonal communication skills, social values, aspirations, and school engagement. Through personal, one-on-one time in schools, mentors work with students to develop their unique qualities and to reach their full potential.

Creative Mentoring <http://connecting-generations.org/>

Linda Lyon has paper applications or you could apply online. There is a training course that could be done at church if we get a minimum of 10 people that are interested. The training is 3 hours, but we can shorten that to fit the time frame we desire. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Linda at 335-4281 in the evenings or weekends or email at [linda.lyon@aol.com](mailto:linda.lyon@aol.com).



## From the Pastor's Desk *Rick Wessell*



I absolutely love the season of fall. It is amazing to watch the leaves change into their brilliant colors of red, yellow, and brown. The mums are in bloom in purple, red, gold, and white, and the sun itself takes on a softer shade of yellow as we get deeper into the season. The crisp temperatures, the delicious pumpkin goodies, the apple cider - all of it is, personally, wonderful.

The changing of the seasons is a great reminder of the eternal nature of our God. God gives us this word of promise in Genesis 8:22: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." The cycle of the year is itself a promise of God's blessing and presence with us. The cold of winter gives way to the warmth and rebirth of spring. The joys of spring and replaced by the heat of the summer, which then yields to the coming of fall, and then the cold of winter takes its place again. The cycle continues year after year, generation after generation, and all of it is a testament to the grace and love of Almighty God.



In this season of thanksgiving, let us continually give thanks for all the ways God has sustained us through another year. Let us rejoice at God's goodness and grace, and let us thank Him for his constant presence and care. As we prepare for the holiday season that is to come, let



us rejoice at the chance to see family and friends and to celebrate with them. As we prepare for the winter, let us be thankful for the provisions God has given to us, and may we be moved to share with those that

aren't as fortunate. May we be reminded, as the words of the old hymn says, that "all good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above; then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love."

**Have a great month!**



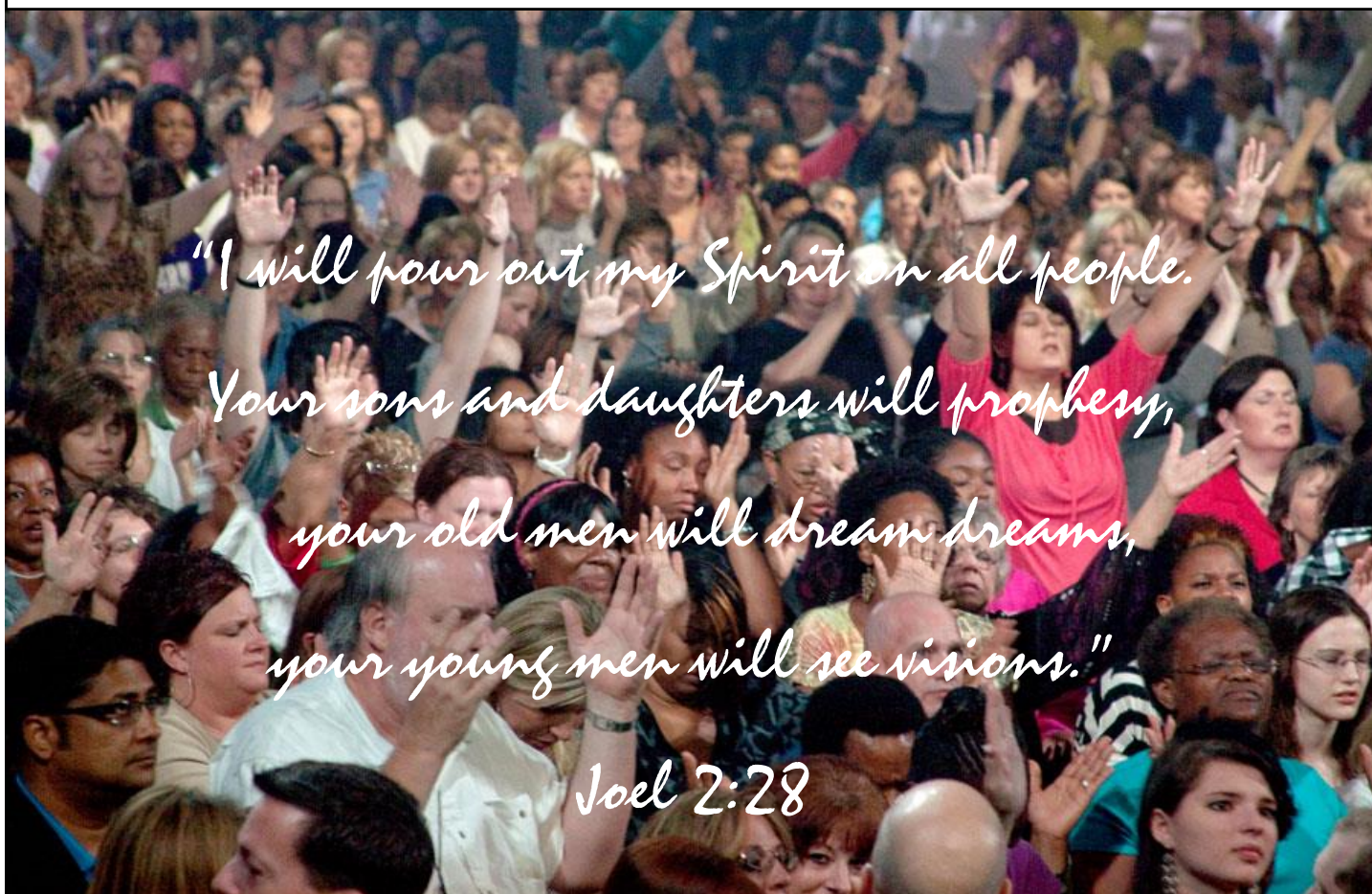




## Pastor Dave's Ministry Minute - November 2017

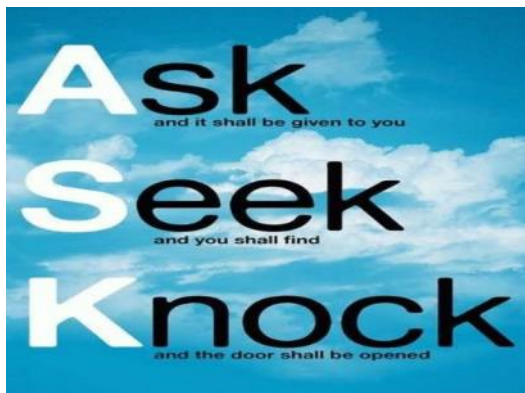
## Every Tongue, Tribe and Nation

Wyoming United Methodist Church hosted an "International Celebration of Holy Communion" on October 1, 2017 in observance of Worldwide Communion Sunday. It was a true reflection of heaven with 4 churches representing 4 different cultures coming together as one Body of Christ. The event included preaching, music and the sacrament of Holy Communion in three different languages all followed by an international covered dish supper. It was a blessing to all who were in attendance and I trust that God was glorified in and through it all. Wyoming Church began its journey into multi-cultural ministries in 2014 not knowing where the path would lead but we held fast to our faith believing that God would direct our steps. We began with the end in mind. The dream of having multi-cultural worship was little more than a dream three years ago but we continued to trust the Lord for the outcomes. Beginning with ESL (English as a Second Language) classes in 2015 we have seen persons from around the globe at our church with a current enrollment of 35 students with a waiting list. The needs are great. Our teaching partner, Polytech Adult Education, is committed to continuing the program at Wyoming Church and will do whatever is necessary to continue in this ministry. Earlier this year we began building a relationship with Casa de Esperanza and the Haitian Evangelical Church both of which are very open to partnering with Wyoming in ministry. Whatcoat UMC and Star Hill AME have been great ministry partners as well and the dynamics between the five churches has been wonderful. The dream of multi-cultural worship has become a reality through the support and encouragement of the congregation and leadership of the church home we call Wyoming as well as these neighboring churches. I trust that there is much work ahead of us but there is joy in the journey. May God have his way...



# Reflections

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*Ask and it will be given to you... For everyone who asks receives... Matthew 7: 7-8*

On the first day of class, as the teacher covers the rules and expectations for their time together, at some point in this foundations and framework speech, he or she will likely say something to the effect of..." and if you don't understand something I've said or something you are working on, don't simply struggle on your own, but ask me. Remember, the only dumb question is what? That's right... the question that is not asked". How many times have we heard this encouragement from a teacher or instructor over the years? Yet we know that most questions the average student is pondering remain unspoken. And why is that? Why do we hold back from asking for what we need, for clarification, for direction, for an answer? While obstacles are likely numerous, it's safe to say that fear is the primary adversary in simply raising a hand.

It amazes me, time and time again, how difficult it can be for so many who ultimately come into the counseling office to... ask for help. It takes such great courage to seek help; the many who have labored and limped along in this life, for years and years in some cases, accustomed to carrying heavy emotional bags along the way, finally realizing that they simply need to set them down with the help of a counselor, or a pastor, or a dependable friend. To ask, on the surface, seems like such an easy task. But in reality, asking requires courage, belief in self, humility, and maybe most important of all, trust in the person we are asking.

Trust in our fellow man, especially in authority figures, is quite possibly at an all-time

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low. The times of inherent trust in another person, especially someone in a role of authority or expertise, seems to be a thing of the past. This has been replaced with an increased sense of skepticism or cynicism, which ultimately fosters inflated self-reliance and notions of entitlement. As a people, we have more opportunity than ever before to circumvent the typical path one may travel when bearing a question that requires answering. Not only can we confer with others in a lateral fashion, like one student asking a class mate a question instead of the teacher, but we have an increasing menu of technological options that allow us to address questions or concerns on our own terms, in veritable comfort, in front of our laptop or with an incredibly smart phone in hand. There must be a Youtube tutorial available, or a pod cast to tune in to, or a Web MD link to browse, or a TED Talk to tap into, or so on and so forth. We can do it ourselves, right? Or as the tough guys say in the movies..."I've got this." Even the workplace over the previous few decades can attest to the fundamental shift between employees of today compared to just a generation ago. The concept of working hard to please the boss and trying to move up the proverbial ladder has morphed into the expectation that the lower rungs of the ladder really don't apply, but instead, "I think I really deserve that rung at least mid-way up, yeah that's right, the one with a window and a view."

I see this most poignantly when I work with pre-marriage couples on family backgrounds, and in particular, the young couples who grew up in homes divided by separation and/or divorce. Inherent trust in authority figures? Not usually. Trust in themselves? Typically, and sometimes too much so. Not to make this sound too psychological in nature, but when a young person is hurt, scared, or insecure because of an up and down upbringing, it is not uncommon for a protective self-centeredness to surface, or on the opposite side, a noted anxiousness or "needy" presentation. It was psychologist John Bowlby who, with the help of Mary Ainsworth, developed the concept

of *Attachment Theory*, which in essence stated that if a child is not afforded a secure upbringing in a consistent, loving, and structured environment, than a given child will become either more of an avoidant temperament or anxious. Using the image of a playground teeter totter, the secure attachment is in the middle area of the teeter totter, in relative balance, while the anxious are leaning to one side of the teeter totter, and avoidants to the other.

For the avoidant response, the more protected I am in self, the less vulnerable I feel to being hurt any further. The consequence.... many young adults who have never learned how to deal with adversity or challenges. Given so many have developed a survival, protect mode, afraid to be hurt again, they don't naturally open themselves emotionally to others, most notably in relationships, which obviously factors into our incredibly high "living together" phenomenon as an alternative to marriage. It is a rather simple philosophy, after all..." if I don't open myself up to another, like asking a question for instance, I really can't get hurt." In pre-marriage, we talk about allegiance, and the question of whether our allegiance is for ourselves or the fledgling marriage. In so many relationships today, allegiance is sadly still relegated to self. Life challenges and marital struggles are really hard to deal with if one partner is not fully engaged or connected... not able to ask for the help they need; in essence, choosing the disconnected tension that progressively builds rather than the fear of being hurt any further.

So is it only the people from secure, healthy homes that have the courage and capacity to ask for help or direction? While certainly an advantageous platform to build from, the true ability to "ask" for what we need in this life, and we as believers know, comes primarily from our trust and utter reliance on our God, our Creator and Sustainer in this transitory life. If we connect the dots of the various points highlighted in this article, it is easy to see how so many folks in our world today carry a distrust and skepticism of our loving God, *(continued on back cover)*





Pastor Patti and the "Newshound"

**FUN... books... FUN... songs... FUN... autographs... FUN... bowwows... FUN...**



**FUN... clothes... FUN... harvest... FUN... melodies... FUN...**



**FUN... cruises... elegance... FUN... music... FUN!**







Wyoming UMC

## YOUTH MINISTRY

"Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in What you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity". 1 Timothy 4:12

November  
UPDATE!upcoming  
events

November 5 <sup>th</sup> :	Youth Group, 6-8 PM
November 12 <sup>th</sup> :	Youth Group, 6-8 PM
November 19 <sup>th</sup> :	Youth Group, 6-8 PM
November 26 <sup>th</sup> :	NO Youth Group

The youth ministries of Wyoming Church are open to all youth in grades 6-12.

## October Wrap Up!

- ◇ You can still sign up to go to the **Youth Rally!** Please talk to Pastor Rick if you are interested.
- ◇ Stay tuned for more info about the **Family Service on Christmas Eve!**
- ◇ We are looking for more **adult volunteers** to help with the Sunday night **youth group** meetings. If you are interested, talk to Pastor Rick.



Memories of a wonderful mission trip to Pittsburgh, PA





## ADVENT DINNER & "COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS"

### Puppet Show

**Sunday, December 3!**

this is the date for our annual Advent Dinner & Program.

The dinner will be a potluck.

The program will feature, for the third year in a row, our Puppets of Praise team with a brand new musical, **CMTV's Countdown to Christmas**.

The host of last February's Shrove Tuesday program, Cameron Camel, joins us again to emcee our Christmas extravaganza. Cameron will introduce a variety of Christmas songs in a countdown to #1. Humorous commercials, news items, and dialog are interspersed with our countdown of songs to create a fun 27-minute puppet musical.



Join CIA (Couples In Action) in spreading some Christmas cheer to our shut-ins

through our annual **Family Caroling Event on Sunday, December**

**17!** Meet at 4 PM in the Family Life Center. We'll have hot chocolate and cookies waiting for us when we return at 6PM!

Save  
the  
Date



Confirmation from Camp Pecometh, our Methodist Conference Church Camp on the Eastern Shore's Chester River, has been set for **Friday, January 12 through Saturday, January 13** for our

Wyoming Men's Inaugural Retreat. We'll start on Friday at 5 PM and end on Saturday at 1 PM. The event will feature a time of reflection, rededication, and prayer as well as a brief service project. Attendees can expect that the Friday evening meal, the Saturday morning breakfast, and the closing noon luncheon will feature the Retreat Center Chefs' outstanding 'Traditional Eastern Shore' meals served buffet-style. Application forms, cost information, and agenda are now available from Frank Roberts or Terry Higgins through Sunday, December 3. You won't want to miss this opportunity for great food, great fellowship, in a great venue that lends itself to inspiration and renewal.

Questions/Information: Terry Higgins  
☎ 492-3354 or Frank Roberts ☎ 538-5594.

## BOOK & BAKE SALE

from 8:30 AM till 1 PM on

**January 27** (courtesy FUNdraising and Kitchen Sexton Teams)

**\*\* All Proceeds toward Debt Reduction**

**The FUNdraising Team now accepts Used books in Good Condition.**

Donation bins in the narthex and on the Family Life Center stage.

**\*\*We are especially in need of Children's Books**

Betsy Freidel ☎ (302)535-3983 or







Remember our November collection of "Winter Coats for Kids". We will be collecting coats in the big blue bin in the Narthex / lobby during the first three weeks of November. Sizes needed are 6, 7 and 10 for elementary school students.



## Thanksgiving Food Drive

In addition to our **Food First Sundays**, we will sponsor a special food drive to support the growing need for the hungry in Kent County. We will collect additional food items during the first 2 weeks of November. This collection will be in lieu of our previous Witt's Market Food Drive which usually takes place at this time of year right before Thanksgiving.

We ask you to consider contributing to this special project to support the Kent Ecumenical Food and Crisis Fund. Items can be placed on the cart for Food First Sundays. If you would prefer a monetary donation, just mark your checks "KEFCF".

Your generosity is always appreciated!



December is fast approaching and it will be once again time for our **Giving Tree**. For those new to WUMC, our **Giving Tree** will have tags on it for the first two Sundays in December (December 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup>). The tag will suggest an appropriate gift for a child or an adult.

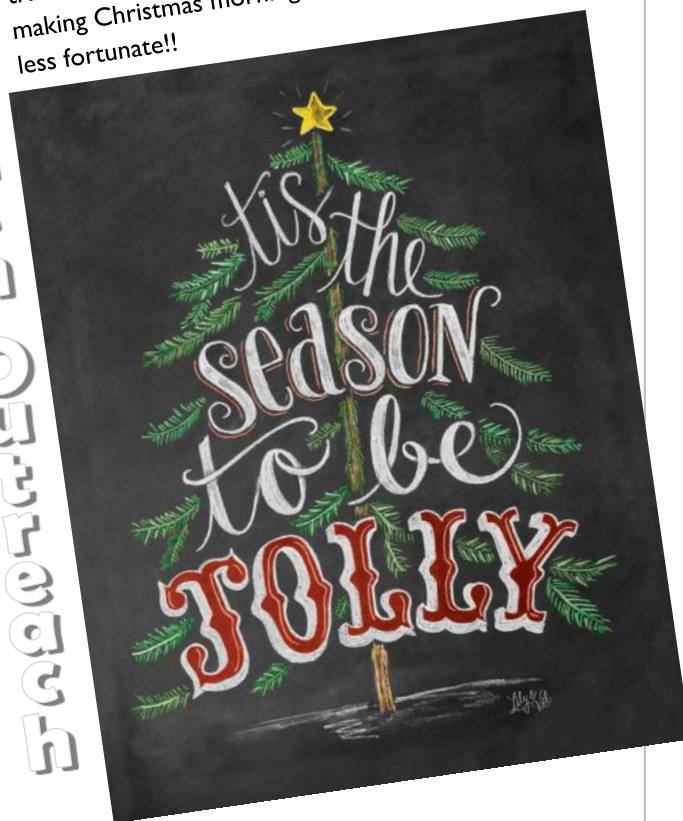
The tags are color-coded so if you pick more than one tag and want to stay within that family, pick the same color. You may take as many tags as you want because we will have a large number of families this year.

Each tag will have the age of the child and size (if necessary) and the item requested. Please purchase **just what is requested**. We all like to do more but if it says "an outfit", limit it to an outfit not 2 or 3 outfits. It is important that each sibling get the same number of gifts.

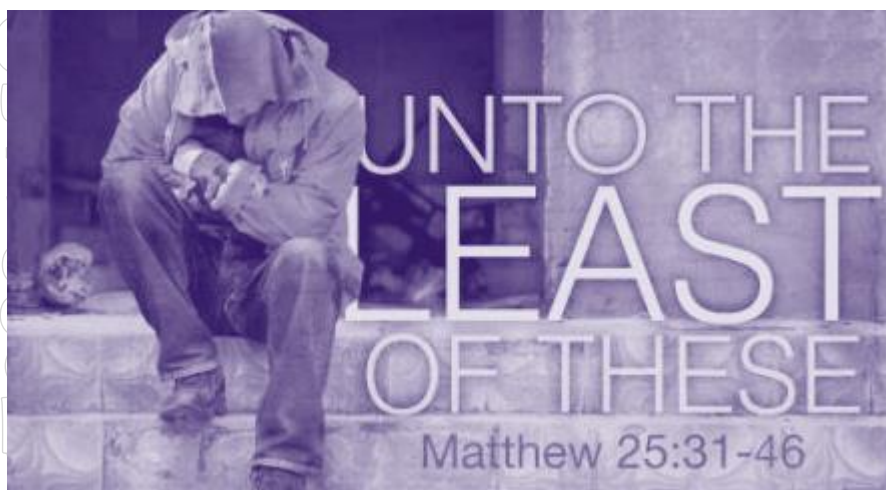
Gifts will be due back under the tree in the Narthex on **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**. Please have the items boxed, ready for wrapping or in an appropriate gift bag with the tag included. Everyone is invited to join our **Wrapping Party** on Tuesday, **December 19<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served!!

The **Giving Tree** has become a Christmas tradition at WUMC and we all look forward to making Christmas morning a delight for those less fortunate!!

Jesus says, "Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me."







## Winter is Fast Approaching...

As the temperatures begin to cool down, our thoughts turn towards winter and **Code Purple**. Our church will once again serve as a safe sanctuary for **Code Purple** nights when the temperature reaches 32° and below.

This is a **HUGE** endeavor and we want to be ready when it happens. We will be housing homeless men again this year because it is the biggest need within our community. **Code Purple** shelters will open on December 1<sup>st</sup> or on the first night past that date when the temperatures drop to 32°.

We are partnering with 3 other churches to provide men's sanctuaries. WUMC's schedule is as follows:

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**(if needed)**

It is important to realize that if the temperatures do not go down to 32°, we will not be open. However, these are the weeks we have been assigned and will be ready to open if needed.

Whatcoat UMC in Camden will also partner with us to help with volunteers and to drive the Code Purple bus to bring guests to our church.

## VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS...

**ARE NEEDED!!** If you can help host our guests, prepare a meal, serve dinner or breakfast, stay overnight with the guests, or drive the bus, **WE NEED YOU!! We will soon have a general sign-up sheet in the Narthex for all of those who can lend a helping hand.** If you volunteer, there will be a training session for you to attend for approximately an hour.

We also need to **collect items for the homeless**. Listed below are many needs for the **Code Purple** program and for our shelter sanctuary. Please consider donating some of these items all through the winter months. We will limit our clothing collection to **men's items ONLY**.

SOCKS, SOCKS, SOCKS - Men's  
HATS, SCARVES AND GLOVES - Men's  
HOODED SWEATSHIRTS - Men's  
LONG UNDERWEAR - Men's  
BOOTS – Men's – Sizes 7-13  
BACKPACKS, HAND AND FOOT  
WARMERS, Small toiletries, such as provided  
in a hotel, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Combs,  
First Aid items  
FOOD ITEMS FOR SURVIVAL PACKS –  
Water, Packs of Hot Chocolate Mix, Small  
flip-top cans of food, cracker packs, fruit cups  
– See our Poster in the Narthex.

We also need supplies for our safe sanctuary such as coffee, creamer, sugar, cold brew tea bags, cereal, paper products, including plates, cups, napkins, paper towels, juices and juice mixes, HE laundry detergent and dryer sheets to be donated to the **Code Purple** House where all the laundry of bedding is done for us.

To volunteer to prepare meals and provide fresh fruit: Judy Field, ☎ (302) 242-3382  
[warren.judy@comcast.net](mailto:warren.judy@comcast.net)

To volunteer to man one of the shifts:  
Melissa Mann, ☎ (215) 808-5867  
[MEKMann@comcast.net](mailto:MEKMann@comcast.net)

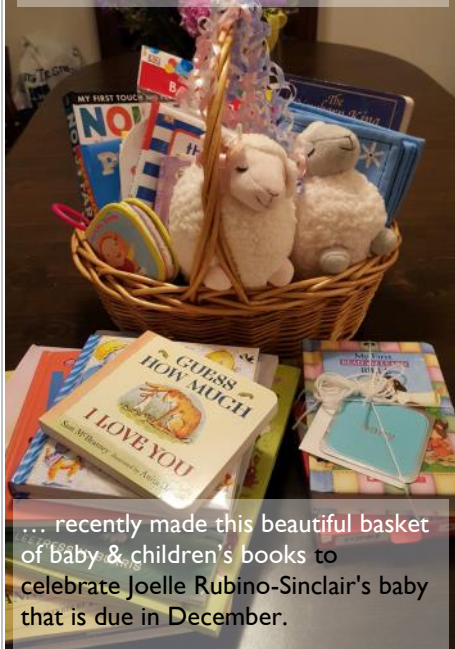
To volunteer to drive the CP bus:  
Lynn Ditty, ☎ (610) 442-3741  
[lditty2@gmail.com](mailto:lditty2@gmail.com)

For questions or to volunteer in any way:  
Amy Faircloth, ☎ (302) 745-8648  
[asfaircloth@gmail.com](mailto:asfaircloth@gmail.com)

**WUMC can touch many lives by reaching out to our homeless population. Won't you consider being a part of this wonderful outreach?? We covet your prayers that hearts will be touched and lives will be saved through this very worthwhile program.**



## The WUMC Book Group ...



... recently made this beautiful basket of baby & children's books to celebrate Joelle Rubino-Sinclair's baby that is due in December.

The **WUMC Book Group** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month except December. All are welcome, need not be a member or attend church... bring a friend or co-worker! Contact Kim Reed ☎ 670-1832 or email [kmreed711@outlook.com](mailto:kmreed711@outlook.com).

On **Wednesday, November 15th**, we will discuss **"The Christmas Angel Project"** by **Melody Carlson**. Won't you join us at **7PM** in Room 223?

### With Christmas around the corner ...

consider a selection for the 2018 Book Group Discussion List for the avid reader in your family. (Watch for more information in December's edition of *The Messenger*.)

### Book Group Reading List 2018

Whiskey and Charlie, Annabel Smith  
The Red Tent, Anita Diamant  
Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, Rebecca Skloot  
Light Between Oceans, M.L. Stedman  
The Man Called Ove, Frederik Backman  
The Secret Chord, Geraldine Brooks  
All Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion, Fannie Flagg  
Isaac's Storm, Erik Larson  
The Heart Goes Last, Margaret Atwood  
Before We Were Yours, Lisa Wingate  
The Mistletoe Promise, Paul Evans

## THE CROSS, THE BRICKS, AND THE GROUNDS!

Whether you have recently traveled on New Burton Road, Wyoming Mill Road, or the recently opened West Dover Bypass, you have undoubtedly noticed the prominent white cross that adorns the central pylon of the Memorial Garden located on the east side of the Church. Along with the placement of the cross, the border and memorial bricks, under the professional direction of Dave Yencer, have been placed in an eight section circle that surrounds the cross. Dave and Terry Higgins are eagerly awaiting Mike & Becky Marasco's Lawns Plus crews completion of the inner and outer ring landscaping projects. Plans are now being finalized for the completion of the two south wall landscaping beds; the larger bed will contain shrubs that have biblical connections while the smaller bed will contain herbs named in the Bible.

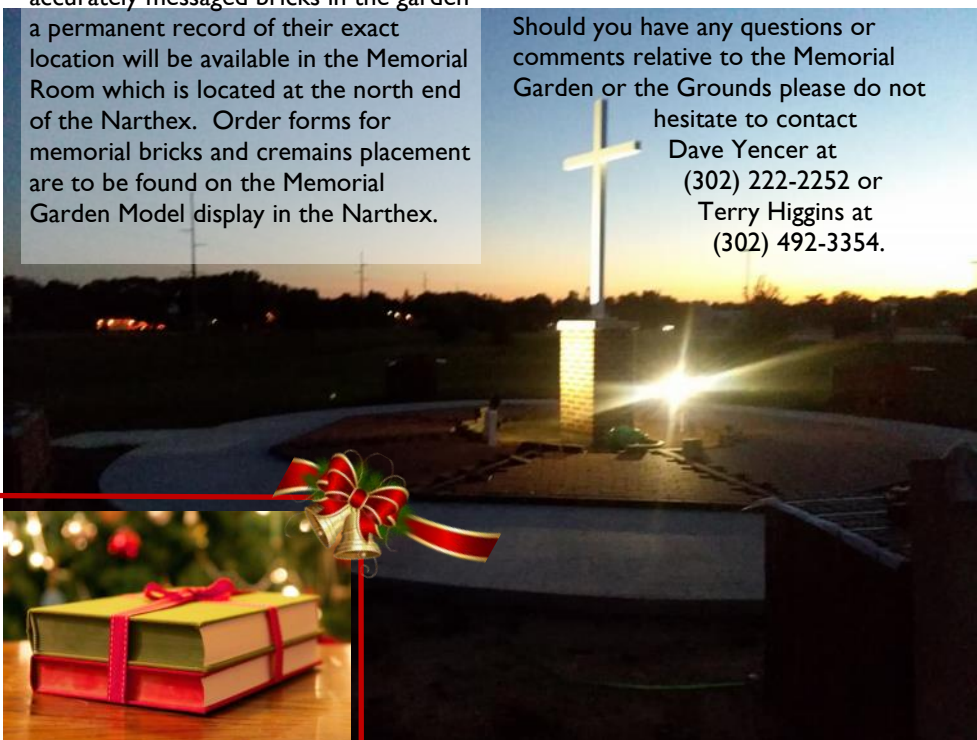
**MEMORIAL BRICK ORDERS** are now being received and processed. A Brick Order Tracking And Confirmation System has been established to insure that the memorial brick requested messages are correctly and accurately laser-burned into each brick. Upon placement of the accurately messaged bricks in the garden a permanent record of their exact location will be available in the Memorial Room which is located at the north end of the Narthex. Order forms for memorial bricks and cremains placement are to be found on the Memorial Garden Model display in the Narthex.

If you feel so led to place an order for a memorial brick(s), please remember that you can select the location of where you wish the brick to be placed within the brick circle.

**THE LAWNS AND LANDSCAPED BEDS** and plantings continue to be monitored and cared for by a core of dedicated volunteers. Our warming climate has blessed us with an extended growing season which in turn has kept the mowers busy. Within the next few days the few hardy, misplaced wildflowers, otherwise known as 'weeds', that are beginning to reappear in the recently mulched landscaping beds will be 'visited'. In addition, plans are readied for the edging and cleaning of the walk ways and curbing. Due to the presence of the local white tailed male (bucks) deer population, steel wire protective cages are being placed around the tree plantings that are located on the east side of the church. The deer are attracted to the nearby crops and the required, freshly mowed, thanks to Jim Klecan, meadow that is located on the east side of the church between the lawn and the railroad embankment.

**A MEMORIAL GARDEN CELEBRATION AND DEDICATION EVENT** has been tentatively planned for the latter part of November so 'stay tuned'.

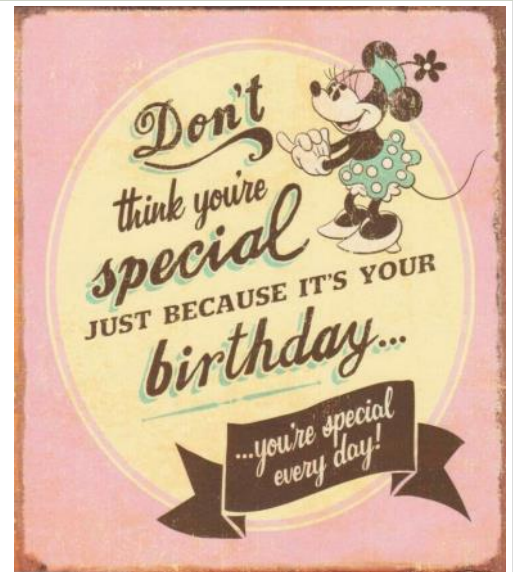
Should you have any questions or comments relative to the Memorial Garden or the Grounds please do not hesitate to contact  
Dave Yencer at  
(302) 222-2252 or  
Terry Higgins at  
(302) 492-3354.



## ~ Our People ~

### ~ November Birthdays ~

11/01 Michelle Harris	Arron Brown
11/02 Gregg Marker, Barbara McCleat	11/17 Ruth Ann Leister, Pamela Betterley
11/03 Rose Krokenberger, Dave Yencer, Arlene Megget, Seth Flaherty, Timothy Higgins, Greg Papen, Shirley McDonald	11/18 Stephanie Wagner, Kaylee Dukes, Eric Mann
11/04 Dick Gabler, Reid Singleton, Tanya Williams, Heather Wiggins	11/19 Brian Klecan, Barbara Pettyjohn, Lucia Spampinato, Charles Spiering
11/05 Alicia Porter	11/20 Sandy Hendrickson
11/06 Ron Auten, Eileen Kling, Laurel Beaman, Johannah Petro, Kim Lee Eiseman	11/21 Martha Higgins, Stephanie Rodgers, Sam Tappan, Dakota Hoyme
11/07 Linda Booher, Bethany Dejesus	11/22 Susan Mateja, Jesse Spampinato, Savana Clements, Eugene Moore
11/08 Eve Kalinowski, Linda Newsome	11/23 Kev Brown
11/09 Charley Wilt, Sr., Kathy Chalmers, Charlie Weller, Ron Leczner	11/26 Tracy Fennemore, Jake Rankin, Michael Watson
11/11 Judi Smith	11/27 Erika Zeiters, Donna Shoemaker
11/10 Loraine Morton	11/28 Owen Beaman
11/13 Helen Goyette, Kate Kleinot, Joe Anello	11/29 Lee Gabler, Melanie Hagen, Jacintha Finkley
11/14 Margaret Bryan, Sam Rodgers, Noel Majka	11/30 Stacy McDevitt, Jessica Leczner, Patti Thompson
11/15 Harriette Hall	12/01 Pat Brown, Noelle Robinson, Theresa McGee, Bill Rhodes, Sandy Rhodes
11/16 Kristie Failing, Selby Hughes,	12/02 Joel Brosius



12/03 Betsy Freidel, Kathy DeLong, Darlene Seip
12/04 Jack Freidel, Olivia Chase, Stephanie Nichols
12/05 Lois Seyler
12/06 Bill McMahan, Angela Donastorg
12/07 Danielle Malone, Amelia Houtz
12/08 Louise Berry, Carole Pearce

### ~ Baptism ~

**Delaney Ann Helmer**, the daughter of Nicole & Robert Helmer on October 15, 2017.



### ~ Wedding ~

**Matthew Cousens and Amber Jeffers** were married on October 7, 2017. Rejoicing with them are Matthew's grandparents Bob & Jackie Cousens and his uncle Dominic Cousens.







## Boy Scouts of America - Troop 24

by Mindy Anthony

The past several months have been busy ones for Troop 24.

In June, the Troop went on a hike at Gettysburg National Park. Many of the scouts hiked three separate trails for a total of 26.2 miles. To say they were tired at the end of that weekend is an understatement!

July is typically the month that the troop goes to summer camp and this year was no exception. Many of the scouts attended week long summer camp at Bashore Scout Reservation located in Jonestown, PA. Some that chose not to go to summer camp instead attended the 2017 National Jamboree in Bechtel, West Virginia. There was even a surprise appearance by President Donald Trump!



The summer months closed with a camping trip to Killens Pond. The scouts participated in an Iron Chef competition which included dinner and dessert such as Chicken Nachos and Dirt Pudding and Chicken Alfredo with Chocolate Cake. That's a competition I want to be a judge for! The fall months began with a backpacking trip to Resica Falls in Pennsylvania. It was another tiring trip but the views were worth it! October's scouting theme is "Public Service". The scouts collected items for Code Purple and cleaned up Wyoming Mill Road, which Wyoming UMC adopted through DelDOT's Adopt-a-Highway program. Troop 24 will be also assisting with the Cub Family Weekend at nearby Akridge Scout Reservation and will be manning various stations to teach skills to younger scouts. Looking ahead to the busy holiday months of November and December, the troop is planning to take a few day trips - one to a University of Delaware football game on Scout Day and a second day trip to the Launch Trampoline Park.

If you know of anyone interested in joining the Boy Scouts, feel free to attend one of Troop 24's weekly meetings. The troop meets every Monday from 7 -8:30 pm in the Family Life Center at Wyoming UMC. For more information, please contact Mindy Anthony, the Charter Organization Representative, at 698-7729 or [mbanthony1972@gmail.com](mailto:mbanthony1972@gmail.com)



## SEPTEMBER 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	406,980	439,216	585,622
Other offerings	61,412	58,751	78,335
Interest Income	1,219	3,750	5,000
Total Offerings	469,611	501,717	668,957
Finance Team	6,856	5,025	6,700
Office	16,429	15,956	21,275
Personnel	119,917	126,969	169,292
Mortgage interest	58,737	57,356	76,475
Properties and equipment	79,764	73,329	97,772
Total Administrative Council	281,703	278,635	371,514
Nursery and Supplies		38	50
Benevolences (Conference)	46,422	46,422	61,896
Education & Youth	2,064	5,288	7,050
Extended Table	-	113	150
Music	945	1,499	2,000
Worship	254	187	250
Total Council on Ministries	49,685	53,547	71,396
Pastor Parish Relations	95,099	97,485	129,980
Mortgage principal liability (Reduces debt to PNC Bank)	80,461	72,050	96,067
Total Expense	506,948	501,717	668,957
Net Income (Loss)	(37,337)		

**Balance of Mortgage on 01/01/2017**      **\$ 2,045,807.71**

**Interest paid in 2017**      **\$ 80,461.00**

**Principal paid in 2017**      **\$ 520,460.95**

**Mortgage Balance on 9/30/2017**      **\$ 1,525,346.76**



*A very special “thank you” to all who assisted with this year’s Stewardship Campaign. Thank you also to Dover High School senior student Kathryn Suter who played the cello for us so beautifully at the 11AM worship service this past Consecration Sunday. This annual campaign is a very important and necessary part of our church life so that as God’s family we can insure support for the daily operations of our church and the many ministries that we provide locally, on a national level and to the world. We sincerely appreciate all that our church family does to make it successful on so many levels.*

*The Stewardship Committee*





The ladies of the **Knitting to Nurture** group share their experience with home-school students during a recent session. Knitting to Nurture is currently working on men's hats for Code Purple and children's hats for school kids.

Like to knit or crochet? Pack your favorite needles and join them every first and third Wednesday at 10:30 AM in Room 209.

Karen Priestley ☎ 697-1828.



Wyoming UMC would like to offer a 3-day, 2-night motor coach trip to the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum (KY) - date TBA. Sign up if you are interested. Once we know a number of people going we'll discuss pricing and date options with Dawson Bus. For more info, please call Sharon Burge (pictured right, lady with red shirt) ☎ 492-3155.  
[www.ArkEncounter.com](http://www.ArkEncounter.com)



At 5:45 AM Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 9 people\*\*\* loaded in 2 vehicles with their sleeping bags and work clothes for 7 days, left WUMC for a 13 hour journey to Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky. A journey bathed in faith and prayers was beginning. But it wasn't as hard a journey as the one the first people who traveled to Red Bird with faith and prayers had.

Today, Red Bird Mission is a Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church, serving 6 counties in the hollers of southeastern Kentucky for 96 years. It started because in 1913 a few church women of the Evangelical Church in Illinois became aware of the needs of impoverished people in the "Southern Highlands." They began praying for mission work to start in southeastern Kentucky and established a "Faith Fund" believing "that in faith, money would flow into the fund and that God would show them where and how to use it."

Meanwhile, "God-Fearing people in the mountains of southeastern Kentucky

were praying that someone would "come over and help us. One woman would stop at a large rock as she crossed the mountain weekly to get her mail and pray that a Christian school would be built at Red Bird, an area named for the Red Bird River that runs through it. Other women were praying that their children would have a chance to attend a school and Sunday School near their homes. A local couple prayed for a school for the youth, because they saw "intelligent boys doing nothing and receiving no training."

God answered those faithful prayers of people who didn't even know each other and lived miles apart. Connecting these people from two different parts of the country as only God can do, "the first workers from Illinois arrived in Beverly, Kentucky on July 1, 1921 to teach school and Sunday School, remove rocks to clear space to build schools and churches on donated land, prepare meals, minister to the sick, and as mountain missionaries, be all things to all people. Their trip over the mountains, across streams and hollers with pack mules and no bridges or roads was an entirely new experience for them. They arrived shaken and bruised but welcomed into the home of the couple who prayed for a school for the youth." Thus started the legacy of faith at Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky.

Now Red Bird Mission operates several centers in 6 counties around Beverly, providing elderly ministries, family ministries, women and children





ministries, dental and medical clinics, nutrition counseling, community housing improvement (Work Camp), access to clean water, a food bank, a clothing closet, a Christmas gift room, and a Christian school housing Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, for 250 residential, foreign and local students.

As Work Camp volunteers, we are housed in bunk houses perched on various levels on the side of a mountain. Two local women in the Work Camp kitchen prepare delicious meals in a small but efficient institutional kitchen. The Work Camp volunteers do the daily dining hall and kitchen cleanup on a rotating schedule. Devotions and prayer are held before each breakfast and dinner in the modest dining hall led by one of the volunteers. Lunches are packed and taken by the work teams to their work sites, which may be as much as 45 minutes away from the Mission Center. A typical workday is 8:30AM to 4PM. There are many non-construction jobs for volunteers who prefer to serve in any Community Outreach Ministries at Red Bird.

Each work group of volunteers is assigned a Crew Leader from Red Bird Mission who works with them, explaining and guiding the home improvement project or whatever ministry the team has decided to serve.

Cautiously following our Crew Leader, who is driving a Red Bird work van filled with tools and supplies for our home improvement job site, we catch glimpses of numerous homes along the way nestled in the curves of the stream and on the sides of mountains in need of major repairs. The winding, twisting, roller coaster roads leave little room for forgiveness for careless driving or large coal trucks! Faith in God's protection on the roads is absolutely necessary!

This year our task was to take down an old chimney, replace the floor and lower the ceiling in the room where the wood stove stood. This house was one of 5 homes in the family compound on the banks of a stream. The oldest home there was 225 years old where the grandfather was born. He now lives in a newer home there in the compound. Except for a time in

the Army, he has lived in this place all his life. The stories of his 88 years of life were endlessly fascinating! The family cemetery up the mountain is very revered and tells much about this family.

The house in this family compound selected for this project belongs to the son and his wife and 3 children, 13, 8 and almost 2. This house, built in the 1950's, had no electricity or codes at that time. Electricity has been added but still today, there are no codes! Safety for the family determined the priority of this job. The family was welcoming, shy at first, but warming up as we demonstrated our care and respect for them. Conversations about their lives became easier and more personal. Building relationships with the people we are helping by servanthood, selfless love and respect is really the most important task of any mission trip.

By the end of the week, the tasks were completed. But more importantly, warm smiles, handshakes and thanks from the heart were exchanged. They have a safer place for their wood stove that heats their house in the winter. We have a new appreciation of the opportunity to be Christ's hands and feet in faith to strangers, who live 13 hours away in a place and a style very unfamiliar to us.

Thanks be to God for this legacy of faith!

***"If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all."***  
**Isaiah 7:9 (NIV)**

Excerpts in this article were taken from The Story of Red Bird Mission, by Roberta Schaeffer who came to Red Bird as a missionary with her husband in 1946 and raised their 4 children there.

**There is a DVD in the church Library about the Red Bird Mission. Check it out!**

\*\*\*Kenny Baker, Sharon Burge, Thelma Butler, Dan Deckard, Wayne Gordineer, Joe Hajec, Sue Hajec, Gary Pippin, Carl Ravilious







'Prayers Of Thanksgiving' will be the theme of the 'Mini Message Of Faith' at the **Men's Prayer Breakfast** on **Saturday, November the 24<sup>th</sup>**, in the 'Backroom' at Hall's Restaurant from **7:30 AM to 8:30 AM**. Ordering from the menu expect to enjoy good food and good fellowship in a very informal, relaxed setting. Open to all men of all ages --- invite a friend and join us for a great start to your Saturday!

Information/Questions — Josh Turner ☎ 678-9818.

## Food & Faith & Fellowship & Family & Food & Faith

*Adult Fellowship* serves as a ministry for adults of all ages. It is not a "married couple" event as some understand it to be. Our October dinner meeting will be at

*6 PM on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup>*. Plan to join us for fellowship with Christian friends at Wyoming Church. Bring a dish of your favorite "pot luck" food that will serve 8 to 10 people and your own table ware as we normally do not wash dishes afterwards. Should you forget we have plenty of throw away dinner ware (paper plates). Feel free to invite other family members and friends. You do not need to be a member of Wyoming Church to participate. Call George Pettyjohn for more information ☎ 736-1236.



## Food & Faith & Fellowship & Family & Food & Faith

**November's Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> Soup Day from 11:30 AM to 1 PM** in the Family Life Center will feature your choice of **Ham and Bean, Cream Of Potato, or Chili** Soups. Get a hearty helping of soup for a donation of \$4.00, fresh baked bread, dessert, and beverage. \$3.00 'Tastes Like Seconds' option available. Visit the Bake Table laden with irresistible culinary delights. Soup proceeds benefit the Outreach Team and Bake Table monies go toward mortgage reduction.

**Cooks --- we need your baked goods!** Bring them to the FLC Bake Table by 10AM on November 8 and... **thanks!**



November 8, to reserve your Superb Eastern Shore Style up and pay for your order(s) on during the Craft Show or after Sunday, November the 12<sup>th</sup> at the Chefs' Kitchen in the Family Life

Center. Costs of this 'not to be missed' culinary delight are \$7.00 per pint or \$14.00 per quart.

World Famous Pumpkin Pies --- Sign up at the Sexton Kitchen Team's Kiosk in the Narthex through Sunday November 19 to place your order(s) for the Chefs' World Famous Pumpkin Pies. You can pick up and pay for your pie(s) on Wednesday, November 22 from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon at the Chef's Kitchen in the Family Life Center. These hand crafted, baked to perfection, nine inch pumpkin pies will be yours at \$12.00 each.

The proceeds from these activities will be used by the members of the Sexton Kitchen Team to provide funds for a variety of Wyoming Church programs and projects that benefit the children, youth, families, adults, and seniors in our growing Congregation. Questions --- see Linda Booher or Shelby Truitt.

Our Sexton Kitchen Team's Chefs will be offering their **Superb Eastern Shore Style Chicken Salad** and **World Famous Pumpkin Pies** in November on the following dates.

Superb Eastern up at the the Narthex



Shore Style Chicken Salad --- Sign Sexton Kitchen Team's Kiosk in through Wednesday, order(s) for the Chef's Chicken Salad. You can pick Saturday, November the 11<sup>th</sup> your Church Service on





## Food, Faith & Family

### ...Your Sexton Kitchen Team's Takes On An Expanded Role!

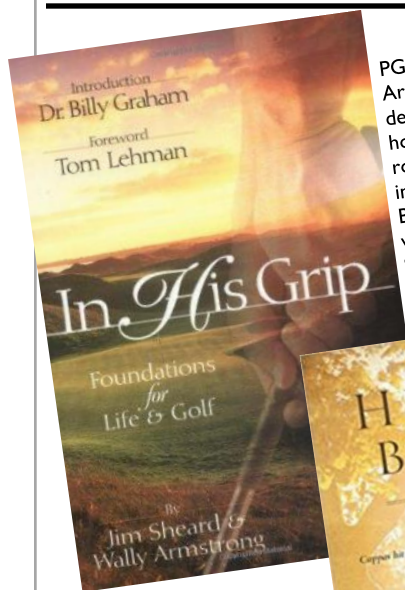
The members of your Sexton Kitchen Team (SKT), in response to today's changing dynamics, is in the process of reorganizing itself so as to better serve both the members of our growing congregation and the surrounding communities. Under the leadership of the SKT Chair, Linda Booher, Nancy Sammons and Nikole Moore have volunteered to be the Co-Chairs of the day to day events that are occurring with increasing frequency. Linda Booher will continue to oversee the Soup Day Program and food preparation portions of the Fall and

Spring Craft Shows. Nancy Roberts and Terry Higgins will begin to plan for the implementation of the SKT's future responses to potential natural and/or human produced emergencies that might require the capabilities and resources of the SKT and the Chef's Kitchen/Family Life Center Complex. An early initiation of this planning is the SKT's forthcoming CPR/AED refresher course that is slated for a TBA date in November.

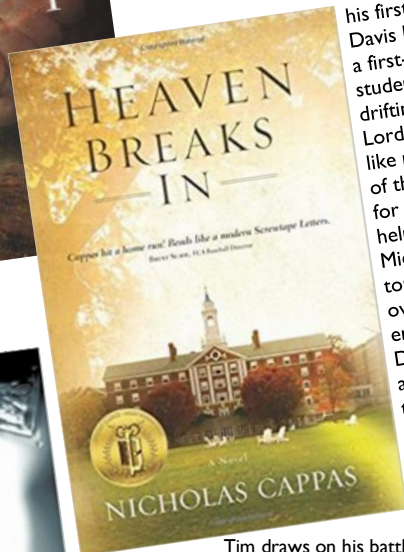
November's SKT calendar is filling up with the November 1st Adult Covered Dish Fellowship Dinner, November 7th Soup Day Prep, November 8th Soup Day, November 9th and 10th Chicken Salad and Craft Show Prep, November 11th Chicken Salad Sale and Craft Show, the November 20th and 21st Pumpkin Pie Prep, and the November 22nd Pumpkin Pie Sale. All of these events will

be in addition to all of the as of yet unknown activities the Team will be called upon to serve in a variety of roles.

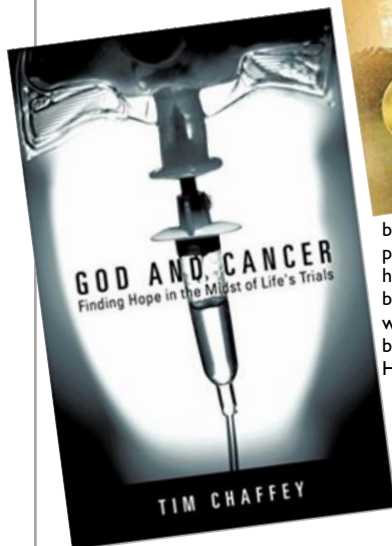
The members of your SKT continue to appreciate your on-going and dedicated support of the Team's activities. All of the proceeds raised from such Team events as the Chicken Salad and Pumpkin Pie Sales are used to fund a variety of Church projects that would be otherwise underfunded or not funded at all. Our funds aid the children, youth, families, adults, and seniors of our congregation *through the SKT's Food Ministry Program.* *The members of your SKT are always welcome and open to receive those folks that feel led to join this dynamic group of Christian volunteers that are ably led by Linda Booher. See Linda if you would like to join the SKT — a great group of dedicated individuals!*



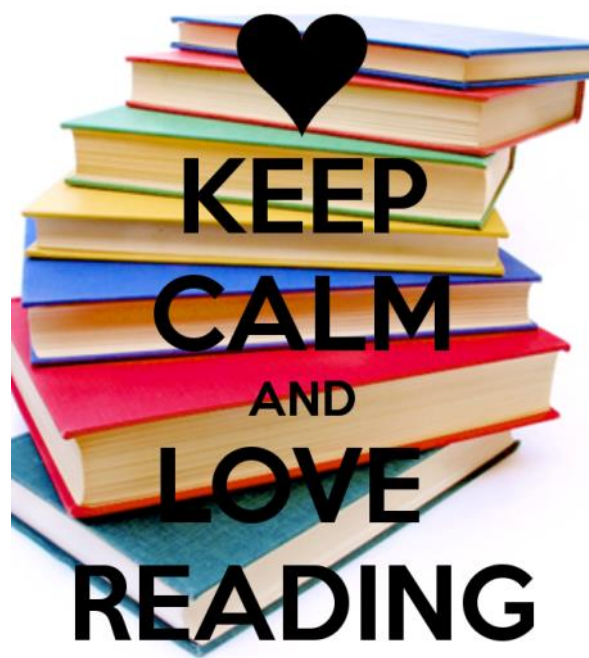
PGA Tour player Wally Armstrong and amateur golf devotee Jim Sheard show how principles of golf mirror a Christian life. With an inspirational introduction by Billy Graham and a foreword by Tom Lehman and Steve Jones.



Angel Littleton is on his first assignment: Davis Lewis Chandler, a first-year college student who's slowly drifting away from the Lord. Except Davis, like most, is unaware of the war being waged for his soul. With the help of Archangel Michael himself, Littleton must unmask and overcome the spiritual enemies endangering Davis's faith. Can the angels break through the darkness in time? And, can God restore what's already been lost?



Tim draws on his battle with leukemia in an effort to provide hope, peace, and understanding for those who have been diagnosed, or have a loved one that has been diagnosed with cancer. This book also demonstrates how the biblical answer to the problem of suffering and evil is the only legitimate solution. "Tim's experiences should be a wake-up call for the Church to recognize how important this issue is to our society at the present time." - Tommy Mitchell, M.D. "Taking care of Tim that summer was a blessing because he shares my love for God. It encouraged me to read his experiences...the book and its applications are for everyone, with or without cancer, in any walk of life." - Sarah Ballast, BSN. Join Tim on a life-changing journey through all stages of a cancer battle and find hope, peace, and comfort in the arms of a loving God. Tim lives with his wife and two children in Southern Wisconsin. He is currently serving as an Associate Pastor and has taught high school Bible and Science classes for six years. Tim is the founder and director of Midwest Apologetics, a ministry dedicated to defending God's Word from beginning to end. He holds a Bachelors and a Masters degree in Biblical and Theological Studies, as well as a Master of Divinity, specializing in Apologetics and Theology. He is currently working on a Ph.D. in Apologetics and Theology from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary. He co-authored Old-Earth Creationism on Trial with astrophysicist, Jason Lisle, Ph.D. He has also written God Means What He Says: A Biblical Critique of the Framework Hypothesis. Tim is currently working on an exciting youth fiction series, which has an apologetic focus, and deals with many of the issues young people face today.



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To: You!

*("Ask" - continued from Page 5)*

the ultimate authority figure in the human experience. If human authority figures have let me down, and there is a God above us all that has permitted such heartache, how can I turn to Him with my struggles, or anyone else for that matter? It is easy to see how the hurts of this life can result in painful isolation; viewing life, and God too, through a lens of doubt and suspicion.

Our challenge, as believers, is really rather simple. We are called to be "ambassadors" of Christ... So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" 2 Corinthians 5:20 We are called to be a light unto the world..."You are the light

of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house." - "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

We know that where there is challenge, there is opportunity. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Luke 10:2 We live in a hurting world, a world that has progressively turned inward with their pain and away from others; away from God. The needs are there, simply look around us, but are we, the workers, ready

to serve? Are we ready to be the hands and feet of Christ; instruments of His peace and hope for those who so desperately hunger for such spiritual food? Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. Psalm 34:8 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27

**Lord God, help us to carry your light of love and hope to the many who are hurting and hungry around us. Enable us, through your Spirit, to be your instruments of grace. Amen**

# Memory Verse

## November



Ask, and it will be given to you;  
seek, and you will find;  
knock, and it will be opened to you

Matthew 7:7

