



VBS 2023
JUNE 19-23

Kids 5 years old-6th grade...
 join the "Food Truck Party" and
 go "on a roll with God!"
 Monday through Friday,
 June 19-23, 8:30-12:15.

Register here:

Please reach out to Janna bjwhitey@comcast.net if you'd like to be a part of
 VBS! We're collecting **SUPPLIES** in the big silver boxes in church!

We Need **MONITORS** and **STEWARDS** for VBS!

Terry Higgins of the Safe Secure Sanctuary (S3) Program will establish a schedule for
 the week providing for the presence of Monitors and Stewards each day that VBS is in
 session (8:15 AM to 10:15 AM and 10:15 AM to 12:15 PM).

If, after prayerful consideration, you feel led to participate,

PLEASE CONTACT Terry at terryhiggins38@outlook.com or (302) 363-5823.

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Grandmother Anna used to say, "When your faith gets shaky, it leaves the door unlatched for fear to come busting-in to take over, and if it does, it will settle in your bones and scare you half to death." She was never going to let that happen.

Excerpt from June's featured book "I loved her enough", the true story of a 5-year-old girl whose life changed on the beach in Delaware - in the Church Library (Page 13)



This is my command--
Be strong and courageous!
 Do not be afraid or discouraged.

*For the Lord your God
 is with you wherever you go.*

-Joshua 1:9

JUNE
Memory Verse

Bulletin Board



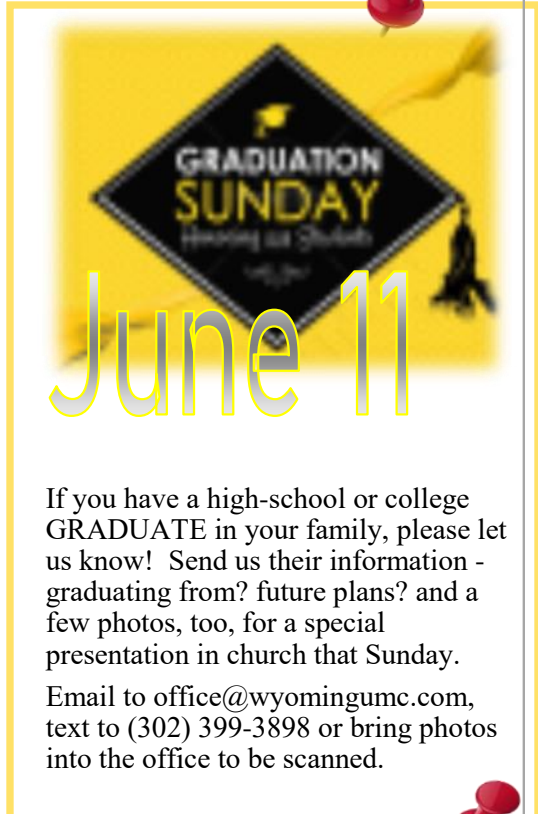
Caring Hearts Helping Hands, Inc., a 501-C3 charity assisting financially challenged working families in Kent County, needs your clean, gently-used **Children's Clothing!** Drop your donations in the collection tub in the narthex.

Approved clients can come into their facility once a month to shop for clothing and household items for their family at no charge.

If your children have outgrown clothing that is still in very good condition, please consider passing it along to kids that could use it.

Check out their website: chhde.org or call their office ☎ (302) 698-1900.

If you know of working families who might need a little help, the Caring Hearts Helping Hands brochure and application are on the website.



If you have a high-school or college GRADUATE in your family, please let us know! Send us their information - graduating from? future plans? and a few photos, too, for a special presentation in church that Sunday.

Email to office@wyomingumc.com, text to (302) 399-3898 or bring photos into the office to be scanned.

Featuring quite a few actors & actresses from our church family, the latest production of The Children's Theatre, "Snow White", will be on the stage of the Schwartz Center for the Arts on **June 24th & 25th**. The wonderful world of the Brothers Grimm is brought to life in this delightful adaptation of Snow White by Tim Kelly. The usual characters are in the tale but additional, new unexpected ones give this well-loved, timeless fairytale classic a fresh and comical (at times), enhancement that will enchant and enthral audiences of all ages! Get tickets here: <https://www.thechildrenstheatre.org> - link to Eventbrite. Tickets also at the door.



We could use some extra help in the nursery (Sunday Mornings during the 9AM worship), especially over the summer as our faithful attendant Karissa will be working at Pecometh. Please contact Kate at dk72106-kate@yahoo.com.



WEDNESDAY LADIES' SUMMER STUDY

'Jesus and Joy'! All materials provided. Everyone is welcome!

When?

June 14 (NOTE: 2nd Wednesday because of VBS)

July 19th (3rd Wednesday) and

August 16th (3rd Wednesday) and...

... Luncheon **August 30th** TBD

Where? WUMC Room 209

For information call Donna McCartney ☎ (302) 331-0876.



From the Pastors' Desk



Pastors Rick & Lindsay Wessell

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

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

I think all of us as Christians struggle with those same feelings and questions: *God, am I doing what you ask of me?* - *God, did I let you down?* - *Jesus, I'm afraid.* God asks a great deal of us, so

how can we be sure that we are up to the task of serving him? What made the difference for those first disciples is the same thing that makes all the difference for us: the Holy Spirit's power and presence in our hearts and lives. Apart from the Spirit we can do nothing. Lindsay and I can't deliver God's Word apart from the Spirit's influence and guidance. Our praise team and choir can't sing without the Spirit of God in their heart. Our Sunday school teachers can't minister to our children without the love of God and the Spirit's wisdom. We can't worship, study, or give glory to Jesus Christ if the Spirit isn't present.

Thanks be to God for the gift of the Spirit - may we tap into the Spirit's power every day so that we can worship and serve the Lord with gladness in our hearts.



NEW! in the Newsletter - Church Ministry Teams Explained

Every month we will introduce one ministry team of Wyoming Church, explaining the profile and purpose of that particular ministry and what's involved for team members.

The Finance Team ...

The guidelines published by the General Board of Discipleship starts by stating "finance is funding ministries that nurture persons in their faith".

The job of the Finance Team is to identify and manage the finance system for the congregation. The finance system is the processes of raising, managing and dispersing the finances so that the mission and vision of the congregation can be achieved.

The appointed members of the Finance Team are: Ken Banaszak, Beth Cooper, Art Ericson, Sue Lighter, Bill Parkhill, Dave Schoettinger, Kathi Thomas, and Larry Towle (Chair). Other members of the team are Ian Fox (Treasurer), Jesse Spampinato (Chair of Church Council), Jack Freidel (Lay Leader & Lay Member of Annual Conference), George Pettyjohn (Rep. for Fundraising Team), Cort Massey (Rep. for Trustees), Kirsten Higgins (Rep. for SPRT), and Pastor Lindsay Wessell. Each one of us represents the members of WUMC. Please reach out to any of us when you have questions regarding the finances of the church.

We want to shout out a **BIG THANK YOU** to all our wonderful **Sunday School teachers and helpers.**

Our Sunday School program continues to grow and we would love to have a few more helpers. Please contact Betsy at bfreidell@yahoo.com.

Teachers - Mindy Anthony, *Nikki Fox*, Betsy Freidel, *Michelle Harris*, Robyn LeFort, *Tracey Jones*, Lisa McCalister, *Stacy McDevitt*, Diane Klecan, *Lee Sumpster*, and Kathi Thomas.

Helpers - Evan Angell, *Pat Braun*, Eric Jones, *Marlene Loomis*, Hannah Nelson, *Melissa Nelson*, Sandra Parker, *Kim Reed*, Sue Willison

pianist for Kids Praise - Mandy Stant

teen helpers - Laurel Beaman, *Blake Fennemore*, Jane Fennemore, *Brianna Gordineer*, Maddy Harris, *Carter Murphy*, Brock Nelson

adult 1 - Dan Mikkelson **adult 2** - Jack Freidel

Special thanks... to Fifer Orchards for donating baskets of strawberries for each teacher/helper to tell them:



OUR WUMC SUNDAY SCHOOL COLLECTED 1770 PENNIES!!!

After subtracting each group's "silver sabotage"

1st Place : 3-5th - 630 pennies
 2nd Place : 1st-2nd - 502 pennies
 3rd Place : Pre-k/K - 415 pennies

WATER WALK DONATION TOTAL : \$42.85



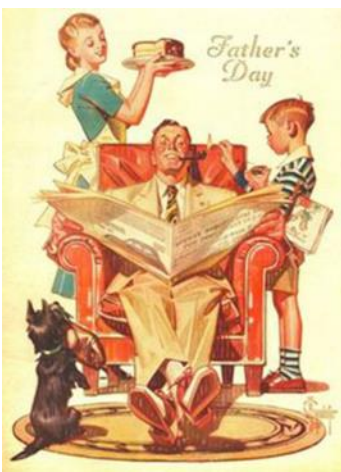
Water Walk : Sunday School Fun & extra Finances for Wells in Africa!



And the sweet reward? **Pie-A-Pastor** Before... during... and After - Delicious all the way!

Thanks to Pastor Rick for being the good sport!





... is June 18!

The inspiration for Father's Day was Mother's Day. So if you are asked, which came first, Mothers Day or Fathers Day...it's Mothers Day! Women came before men on this one.

Sonora Smart Dodd (Spokane, Washington) was listening to a Mother's Day sermon in her church and thought silently to herself that fathers needed the same sort of recognition also.

Sonora's own mother died in 1898. She was one of six children. Her father raised his children alone after his wife's death. She felt that her father definitely deserved some recognition. She began working through Protestant churches and local groups in the Spokane area to promote this holiday. She decided that the 3rd Sunday in June would be the day, and instead of a carnation (like Anna Jarvis proclaimed for Mother's Day) Sonora said everyone should wear a rose for Father's Day. She circulated a petition at first among ministers and church organizations. So, the very first Father's Day observance took place in churches and were similar to the Mother's Day celebration.

The church's also used Father's Day as a way to promote the masculine side of Christianity and to remind men (who might become fathers) and all fathers of their obligation to look after their families' spiritual welfare also.

Sonora Dodd then formed a committee to promote the new church celebration by getting political endorsements, answering questions from around the country and putting on local celebrations. Although she did a lot of work, the idea of a Father's Day did not catch on as quickly as a Mother's Day did.

By 1920, Father's Day had pretty well

evaporated from the American social calendar and Mrs. Dodd had moved on to other interests. But after studying at the Art Institute of Chicago and working as a fashion designer in Hollywood, she came home to Spokane in the 1930's. At that time, she resumed her campaign for a Father's Day. By this time, the holiday (celebrated only in churches) was 25 years old. Suddenly, there was a renewed interest and Father's Day got a little boost (at least in Eastern Washington State). But, the rest of the United States wasn't so enthused and took it as just another excuse for a holiday, especially when it came to the commercial issues. After all, what did men want with sentimental things like flowers, gifts and greeting cards?

But guess who came charging to the rescue? The Associated Men's Wear Retailers of New York City took on the challenge of getting a Father's Day in this country (not out of the goodness of their hearts, more like their pocket-books. They knew the commercial potential!) In 1938, they set up The National Council for the Promotion of Father's Day. The council worked with florists, tobacconists, stationers and men's clothiers across the United States to promote Father's Day. Their slogan? "Give Dad Something To Wear!"

President Calvin Coolidge had originally recommended that Father's Day become an official observance in 1924. But it took years... I mean - YEARS until 1972 when President Richard Nixon signed a proclamation proclaiming the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

Unfortunately, Sonora Smart Dodd died in 1978 at the age of 96, and only lived to see her holiday celebrated for a few years. Today, the Father's Day Council estimates that this observance brings in approximately \$1 billion a year in retail sales.

Fathers Day Symbols

The Tie!

Ironically, Christmas wasn't the holiday that traditionally had you giving dad a tie. No, what Mother's Day did for the florist industry, Father's Day did for men's wear and ties. Along with tobacco items, shirts or anything

that was masculine that dad would like (fishing, hunting, you name it!) the commercial retailers just jumped on the bandwagon to turn this holiday into a monetary success.

Knowing that many considered Father's Day gifts as a joke (Real men don't want gifts they said!), a new type of gift-giving industry emerged: Gag Gifts.

Suddenly ads were appearing surrounding fathers with cheesy, tacky, silly, ridiculous gifts and then suggested getting Dad the traditional classic tie or socks. Although these commercial ploys were obvious, well, hey... soon Dads were well expecting "something" for Father's Day or they felt unappreciated or unloved.

As early as 1920, the custom of giving ties to fathers as a symbolic gesture of love was a joke. A man was often teased for his "ugly tie" that his wife got him, as it was common for her to have no sense of taste. And poor dad was left wearing an ugly tie in order not to hurt his wife's feelings.

But the idea of giving men flowers was even more ridiculous back then. At least ties, socks, pipes, etc. were more masculine. Although today, dads everywhere get all sorts of gifts from plants for their office, a dozen brownies to indulge in, or tickets to their favorite game, it still remains today that "the tie" is the traditional and classic Father's Day gift.

The Rose: Sonora Smart Dodd suggested the rose in her petition to establish a holiday. She felt that a white rose should be worn for a father who died, and a red rose for a father who was still living. Even though it took over 60 years for Father's Day to become an official holiday, the idea of the rose as its symbol to wear on this day was never challenged. It was, however joked that the real flower for Father's Day should be the dandelion. Why? Because like a father, "the more it is trampled on, the more it grows."



Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, June 24

7:30 @ Tre Sorelle Dolce ...welcomes all!

Beginning in May, the WUMC Prayer Breakfast --- which by the way is open to ALL folks --- has been meeting at **TRE SORELLE DOLCE on Railroad Avenue in Wyoming**; we will meet at that location on the last Saturday of each month for the remainder of this year.

June's Prayer Breakfast will be on the **24th, beginning at 7:30 AM**. Again, Mike and Becky Marasco will be our welcoming hosts to their Ice Cream Store opening at 7:30 AM with our program beginning at 8:00 AM in their private party room. Upon arrival please enter the Ice Cream Parlor, place your Breakfast order, pay and then proceed to their private party room which they will have reserved exclusively for our use. The party room seating will be arranged in a 'U' shaped pattern so that all those in attendance can participate as they choose.

Terry Higgins will serve as convener and Jack Freidel, our Lay Leader, will bring us a message for our hour long event with our ordered breakfasts served at approximately 8:30 AM.

Grounds Look Great!

Thanks to the multiple blessings of great weather and excellent conscientious care our Church grounds look fine. The weekly height that the front turf is cut is dependent upon the previous week's weather conditions.

You may notice that our professional landscaper will mow the expansive front turf with a different pattern at different weeks. This is done so as to reduce the tendency to create semi-permanent wheel patterns in the topsoil.

Safe Secure Sanctuary - "The Forthcoming Six Months"!

Most of the month of June will witness the typically intense preparation of the Monitor, Usher, Greeter and Steward July through December *Safe Secure Sanctuary* Schedule.

Essentially that means there are 364 volunteer positions to be filled by dedicated folks like yourself serving just once a month from July through December of this year at the Sunday Morning Service of your choice.

If you have been kind enough to serve as a Monitor, Usher, Greeter or Steward in the past I thank you for your kindness and dedication. If after prayerful consideration you feel called to volunteer for the forthcoming July to December Schedule I would consider it a great blessing and a most positive answer to prayer.

Within the next few days you will receive a form on which you can indicate your preference of dates, positions and times to serve. It would be most helpful if you could return your preference to me by **Sunday, June 18.**

Safe Secure Sanctuary 'Winding Down/Finishing Up'!

The last three Sunday's in the month of April were witness to a very successful series of 'Refresher Seminars' for all those good folks that serve as Monitors, Ushers, Greeters and/or Stewards in our Church's Safe Secure Sanctuary (S3) Program. These 30 minute seminars, co-presented by Bill Purdy, Trustee Chair, and Terry Higgins are vital to the ongoing operation of our Church's activities.

The few remaining folks that have yet to participate in these short Seminars will be contacted and arrangements made for their attendance. Again, a very special note of sincere appreciation to all who serve.

The Memorial Grove And Memorial Garden Are Excellent Additions To Wyoming Church.

Our Church's location and setting are greatly enhanced by the presence of the Memorial Garden and its associated Memorial Grove. The various hardwood and evergreen tree species that comprise the Grove are doing very well relative to growth.

The Memorial Garden and Grove are always open for personal visits for meditation and reflection. The opportunity to place Memorial Bricks in the Memorial Garden is always present. Memorial Garden Bricks can be placed to honor the memory of a loved one or to honor someone who has had a most positive impact on your life. Should you feel led to placing an order for a Memorial Brick please know that the order forms are to be found on the Memorial Garden Model that is located in the Narthex.

Sexton Kitchen Team

Academic  For The  Scholarship
2023 -- 2024
Academic Year

The members of the Wyoming United Methodist Church's Sexton Kitchen Team are pleased to announce the availability of the Sexton Kitchen Team College Scholarship for the 2023-24 Academic Year. This \$1,000.00 Academic Scholarship will be awarded to a member and active participant in the life of the Wyoming United Methodist Church. Applications are now available. The completed application will be due by Sunday, June 18, 2023. The recipient of the Scholarship will be announced on Sunday, July 2, 2023. Requests for application packets as well as questions can be directed to Terry Higgins at terryhiggins38@outlook.com or ☎ (302) 363-5823.



Contact Terry Higgins for questions, concerns, recommendations:
terryhiggins38@outlook.com or ☎ (302) 363-5823

Reflections Reflections

Danny Cooper

Coordinator/Counselor @ Daybreak Counseling Services

Growing Season

Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62

Maybe it's because I grew up on a farm, but there's an excitement that stirs within me when the tractors reappear in the springtime; as they begin to turn over the sleepy fields, and the birds descend in droves to scour the soil for edible treasures, and the farmers begin to plant their crops for yet another growing season. All of these steps and symbolic events are leading to something, they are going somewhere; if all goes well, toward a harvest at some point in the summer or fall. What exactly happens... time will tell. It's like my favorite farming quote... *There is no better definition of faith than a man planting seeds in a field.*

So the moral of the story is, quite simply, full steam ahead. I apologize for all the cliché's... it's just so hard to bypass such low hanging fruit! Sorry... no more! The true purpose of this article is to highlight two essential principles of our spiritual journey that are inextricably linked, and which are captured so well in the practice of farming. The first is that we are to invest our all in what lies ahead, even though we can't see what outcome awaits us. Theologian Oswald Chambers wrote, *"The spiritual life is the life of a child. We are not uncertain of God, just uncertain of what He is going to do next... when we have the right relationship with God, life is full of spontaneous, joyful uncertainty and expectancy."* Secondly, as Jesus pointed out in Luke's Gospel, I can't plow ahead, so to speak, if I'm looking behind me. In essence, I'm not available to God with my life, both present and in the future, if my attention is lost in the past. I can only speak for myself, but it's a scary picture when I am driving and I happen to look over my shoulder to what's behind me. I invariably swerve in my lane, unintentionally becoming a hazard to both self and others. Our path is what lies ahead, not behind.

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I

am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Isaiah 43:18-19

Recently during a remote counseling session with a couple, the conversation drifted back to the challenging path the couple had endured for most of their married life, contrasting greatly with the stability and harmony they have enjoyed in recent months, the dividends of their hard work. In talking about where they are today compared to yesterday, and their hopes for the future, the wife excused herself from the meeting and hurried out of the room toward their kitchen. Upon her return, she held a wooden block in her hand with a quote etched on its surface. The quote, from

"The spiritual life is the life of a child. We are not uncertain of God, just uncertain of what He is going to do next... when we have the right relationship with God, life is full of spontaneous, joyful uncertainty and expectancy."

C.S. Lewis, read, *"You can't go back and change the beginning but you can start where you are and change the ending."* The wise words of Lewis have continued to turn over in my mind; such simple truth; so free we are intended to be when we journey with our Lord.

A client many years ago would use a particular phrase every so often in session, leading me to believe that it must have been her personal manta; her response to the temptation to get weighed down with the cares of this world. When speaking of heavy topics, especially those in the past, she would conclude such reflections with the phrase, "You gotta just keep it moving." "It", of course, meaning our life, our journey with the Lord.

Like breadcrumbs on the forest floor, the lessons continue to surface as I think back to a wonderful military couple that impacted our family in so many positive ways, one being, interestingly enough, in how we look at packing. Having moved often in the course of their career, this

couple were experts in the art of packing, especially the wife, who was typically in charge of the process. She would say, "There's only so much room in the moving van. You can't take unnecessary stuff from one place to another. If there is a box still in our possession, unopened from our last move, it's not making the trip. It obviously isn't important to our daily life now. We always leave boxes behind." Her philosophy reminds me of Jesus' words to his disciples as he sent them out to spread the Good News. He instructed them to take the bare minimum; that their needs would be provided for along the way, and so, in essence, to... keep it moving.

Our relationship with God is just that, a relationship designed to be in motion. To where we might ask? Well, as we can see in this article, and how the farmer lives out season after season, the destination, the harvest, so to speak, is unknown. As the Word reminds us, God is in charge of the harvest, and the same is true, of course, when it comes to where our lives ultimately go. This is God's portion of our relationship with Him; we may be uncertain of the future, but certain of God. And so we leave unnecessary boxes of the past behind us, keeping only the essentials with us in the immediate, and we set forth, traveling light, on our life journey with our God, our Creator, and our closest friend. Our lives are intended to be a perpetual growing season.

May we each embrace the opportunity offered us to journey with the Lord, wherever He may lead... Amen



Monthly FINANCIAL REPORT April, 2023

Larry Towle, Finance Team Chair

	2023 Offering	2023 Expense
Weekly Offerings	\$ 210,988.07	
Facilities & Other	\$ 14,349.43	
Total Income	\$ 225,337.50	\$ 195,427.28



Wyoming United Methodist Church will be going forward with several large maintenance projects for our church over the course of this year:

- Installing ADA compliant electronic bathroom doors (\$13,100)
- Repairs to the roof (\$25,750)
- New flooring in the Narthex (\$30,833)

These will be paid out of our regular operating fund. We appreciate the continued support of our members that makes this possible!

Also, if you wish to support the construction of the pavilion, please designate any special gifts as such.



Start collecting items now... for the annual WUMC Indoor Yard Sale during the Wyoming Peach Festival on Saturday, August 5!
You can bring in your donations **after VBS** (starting June 26).
Please note that we do NOT accept any furniture, clothing or books.

FUNdraising... FUNdraising... FUN

**If you just purchased gift cards at FUNdraising's RaiseRight sale...
THANK YOU!! \$213.44 came in as proceeds for your church!**

If you just missed it...

you can always purchase e-cards to use right away! How does it work?
Download the **RaiseRight™** mobile app from the app store using your smartphone or tablet. Enter the 'Wyoming Church' enrollment code to join:
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Buy gift cards and earn for Wyoming Church. Browse bonuses, search for a specific brand, shop categories, and more. When you're ready to check out, sign up for secure online payments. You can link a bank account, add a credit card, or both. The brand gives back to Wyoming Church the moment you buy a gift card - at no extra cost to you.

Get and use your gift cards. eGift cards are delivered to the app in minutes - view them in your Wallet.

Physical gift cards (note! Extra shipping fee) are delivered to your door. Many are reloadable so you keep earning with the ones you have. Use both in-store and online.

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Have questions about getting started?
Call the RaiseRight Customer Support team at (800)727-4715 Option 3.

Or - contact Linda at linda.lyon@aol.com.



The 'liquid sunshine' didn't bother the participants of the Water Walk on May 20 - the group combined walkers - on 2 and 4 paws and on wheels, too - from Wyoming, Wesley, Woodside and Whatcoat Churches and started out and ended at Whatcoat in Camden.



So far, our combined efforts have collected \$10,846 - enough money to build three wells in Africa!

Kudos to all who walked, came out to cheer the walkers, and contributed financially to this noble ministry!



Give Water. Give Life. Give Peace.

“We want to THANK YOU ladies for all the effort and work that you guys put into this event. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be vendors.

*Sincerely,
Brenda & Joseph (Joe’s Unique Creations)”*

Such was the tenor of the first ever Spring Craft & Vendor Show at Wyoming Church on May 13! And if you attended the sale, you would probably agree wholeheartedly.

Proceeds from renting space to some 75 vendors amounted to **\$2,935!**

Selling chicken salad (40 left-over portions sold the following Sunday morning in no time flat!) and lunch items from the kitchen as well as delicious desserts from the bake table brought in another **\$1,700!**

Spring Craft & Vendor Show



A BIG THANK YOU to all helpers, bakers, chefs, organizers, and patrons, and a BIG Shout-out to Team Chair Kim Reed!



Pecometh

We have 9 campers heading to Camp Pecometh this summer! Thanks again to the Sexton Kitchen and Education Teams and a few members of our congregation for generous donations. This year we were able to award camperships to cover more than half of their camp cost.

Send our campers a note from home!

****Please mail card at least 1 week prior to camp start date to:**

1. Pecometh
2. "Camper's Name"
3. "Camp attending/dates of camp"
4. 136 Bookers Wharf Road
5. Centreville, MD 21617

Camp dates June 25-30 ** mail by June 19th

Riverside Camp - Owen Beaman

Splashdown - Carter Murphy

Camp dates July 9-14 ** mail by July 3rd

Leap of Faith Camp - Jane Fennemore, Wesley Mann

Splashdown Camp - Laurel Beaman, Georgeanna Ennis

Camp dates July 16-21 **mail by July 10th

Leap of Faith Camp - Ashlynn McDevitt

Camp dates August 6-11 **mail by July 31st

Riverside Camp - Avery Whitenight, Kayla Harris




Pecometh



Our Sunday School students earned \$1,449 at their recent bake sale benefitting **Heifer International**. That money you paid for yummy desserts will now pay for: **a pair of cattle, an animal healthcare worker, one bee hive, one pig, and one hope basket (rabbits, ducks, and chickens).**

A staggering number of families will enjoy better nutrition and better living all because of our efforts and your generosity.

Thank you, Sunday School students & teachers, bakers and patrons!!



Start Collecting School Supplies Now!

Every August for the last several years I've had the pleasure of delivering boxes of school supplies to the Lake Forest, Caesar Rodney, and Capital School Districts. The staff and administrators who receive these boxes tell me how much they look forward to the help Wyoming Church provides. Please know that the materials you donate make a meaningful difference in the lives of the students who receive these supplies!

This year the Outreach Team will collect school supplies during the last week of July and the first two weeks of August. (Note: VBS will be collecting food for the food pantry this year rather than school supplies because of their food-related theme.) We will also collect school supplies during the Food Pantry Drive held on the second Saturday in August.

The supplies needed are:

Wide-ruled notebook paper

#2 pencils

Large erasers (pink block type)

Small boxes of 8 or 16 crayons

Glue sticks

Children's scissors

Small pencil boxes or zipper pouches

Paper pocket folders

Composition books

Rulers

Highlighters

Low-cost earbud headphones

Thanks for your help with this Outreach project. See me Sunday mornings if you have any questions.

Carol Abbott, Outreach Team



Library news

June



Throughout the month of June, check out books & DVD's around history and historical fiction.

Special feature book:

"I Loved Her Enough" by Diane Lane

The book is based on the true story of a five-year-old kid, Eilleen **traveling from NYC to Delaware** while facing hardships during the Great Depression era. **Upon arriving in Delaware, her life unexpectedly changed.** The sudden plot twist of her life unfolded as a wonderful love story, and there she finds healing and sees the beauty of her childhood days.



Excerpts:

Grandmother Anna used to say, "When your faith gets shaky, it leaves the door unlatched for fear to come busting-in to take over, and if it does, it will settle in your bones and scare you half to death." She was never going to let that happen.

"I've had some time to think. You know, Bayard, it is very different when you think about yourself rather than when you take time to consider the situation and put someone else first." Grandmother Anna

Special feature movie:

"Mission Appalachia-The Story of Red Bird"



(Editor's note: How many WUMC adult mission trips went to this Methodist camp in Kentucky?)



The Wife – Meg Wolitzer

Read this book chosen by the **WUMC Book Discussion Group** for **June...** and join them on **Wednesday, June 28 at 7 PM** for the discussion! Please call Kim with ??

☎ (302) 670-1832.



Jack Freidel

Corner



- Part III -

As I wrote in the last two newsletters, what I feel I am picking up from the congregation is that there is a desire for a greater sense of community in our church. People are wanting more face to face communication, more sharing of time together, and deeper relationships here in our church.

Using the church calendar and what I could remember, I put together a list of church community activities already happening. **Adult Fellowship** is back up and meeting on a monthly basis. **Youth group** gets together most weeks from September to May with a couple of events in the summer (mission trip and peach fuzzies). Renate has been great about setting up a **Sight & Sound** trip on a yearly basis. There are four **family dinners** in the FLC each year with three of them featuring **puppet performances** and the other having a **bluegrass group** in to perform for us. There is the **church picnic** in September, a **harvest festival** for the kids in October, and one or two **progressive dinners** a year. And of course, there are the **Dingo game afternoons** organized and led by Gail Garner.

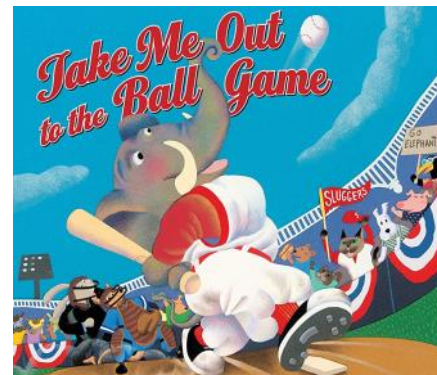
Besides what is mentioned above, there are the efforts made to reach out in special times to the members of our church. Terry and Martha Higgins mail out birthday greetings, and Tracy Fennemore has been coordinating the preparation and delivery of meals for those who have had major surgeries and will be laid up for

awhile. And I don't want to forget the Visitation Team (Sig Kelsey, Lee Gabler, Gail Vella, Danny Cooper, Melissa Mann, Lindsay Wessell, Donna McCartney, and Carol Milton) who reach out to our shut-ins letting them know they are remembered and cherished.

There have been some **additional suggestions** for church community events that we would need someone to step forward and organize. These include a group **outing to a Blue Rocks or Shorebirds baseball game**, a **roller skating evening**, and a **game night** at the church.

Would you like to see the return of the **White Elephant Party** this coming January? If you would be interested in heading one of these events, call, text, email, or stop me when you see me over at the church to discuss it.

One last thing to think about. How do you think we can reach out beyond our church community to our local community to draw us closer together?





5 FACTS ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S YOU DIDN'T KNOW

- 1 - Around the world an estimated 47 million people around the world are living with Alzheimer's and other dementias, and if a change doesn't come by 2030, this number will grow to 76 million.
- 2 - Each second counts - a person develops Alzheimer's disease in the United States every 65 seconds.
- 3 - Caregivers in America - more than 16 million people take care of family or friends with Alzheimer's or dementia, and that, without pay.
- 4 - A leading disease - in the U.S., Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death and 6.2 million of those living with Alzheimer's disease are over 65.
- 5 - One out of three deaths - Alzheimer's or other dementia kills one in three seniors and deaths due to this disease are more than prostate cancer and breast cancer combined.

Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month is observed in June as an opportunity to spread the word about and discuss Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Throughout the month, the Alzheimer's Association encourages people around the globe to support the movement by wearing purple and training their brains to fight the disease. For more information about Alzheimer's Disease, go to WWW.alz.org. The Wyoming Church office sends out the monthly information for caregivers of the Delaware Valley Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Here's where you can contact them directly:

Kristina Prendergast, BSW | Manager, Programs | Alzheimer's Association, Delaware Valley Chapter | 215.399.9205 x 8940 | kprendergast@alz.org | alz.org/delval | 24/7 Helpline 800.272.3900



The Combined ASL Sign Language classes signing the anthem, "Lean on Me", in recognition of National ASL Day, April 15th.

Sign Language Classes are taught by Gail Garner. A beginner's class meets in person at the church on Mondays at 3PM, classes for intermediate and advanced students, and another class for beginners are taught via Zoom online on different days. Contact Gail at ggarner58@hotmail.com for more information.



Lifetime Wells International's Ken Wood (Denton, MD) and Mark Taber visited us on May 8, 2023.

While they were here in preparation for the Water Walk on May 20, Ken told us about God leading him to finance cataract surgeries for those in Africa who are blind. These surgeries cost \$500 and are frequently needed for children and adolescents as well as adults.

Ken was led by our Lord to personally finance this effort.

Others can help by **sending donations to:**

**Lifetime Wells Vision
24321 Shore Highway
Denton, MD 21629**

One hundred percent of your donations will be used toward these medical fees!



~ Our People ~



- 06/01 Jack Luke, Okemah Strickland
- 06/03 Isabel Marlow
- 06/05 Peggy Ciminera, Tamryn Coleman, Madelynn Harris, Michael Sell, Amy Spampinato
- 06/07 Dennis Major

- 06/08 Barbara Nichols, Howard Priestley, Emily Quiroz
- 06/09 Wayne Davis, Rowan Seip
- 06/10 Dominic Morris, Hope Wessell
- 06/13 Pat Braun
- 06/14 June Allen
- 06/15 Dan Mikkelson
- 06/16 Chris Mikkelson, Linda Pape, Brody Seip
- 06/17 Bryn Bashista, Gary Nelson, Dave Van Kavelaar
- 06/18 Art Ericson
- 06/19 Jessica Flaherty, Nate Grabowski, Molly Lyon, Charlotte Pepper
- 06/20 Kim Klecan, Grace Passmore, Megan Stallings
- 06/21 Noah Petro

- 06/22 Dot Adams, Christopher Cattie
- 06/23 Arieana Marasco
- 06/24 Terry Bryan, Oceanna Loffreda, Mike Quarnaccio, Nick Tullis
- 06/25 Bob Moody
- 06/27 Dominic Gordineer, June Papen, Riley Rhinehardt, Ann Smith, **Pastor Rick Wessell**
- 06/29 Danny Cooper, Dave Killen, Joe O'Connell, Kay Schultz, June Thompson
- 07/01 Tracy Boyer
- 07/03 Delaney Helmer, Merida Stant
- 07/05 Mickey Jones, Sue Lighter
- 07/06 Stone Seip

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Children

~ Wedding ~

Jenn Boyer & Stephen Volk were married on April 29, 2023 . Congratulations also to bridal parents, Tracy and Chris Boyer!



Beginning late August thru June 2024, I have accepted a position as a Reading Assist Fellow with AmeriCorp. I will be tutoring elementary students in the Dover school system. Many are far behind their classmates and the program will give them a much needed leg up.

I very much look forward to this opportunity.

Eunice Alberts

**Editor's note:
Kudos Eunice!!**

sounds interesting?
find out more at
<https://readingassist.org/>



Reading Assist

PRAYER FOR HIS CHILDREN
*Father of all that is good and holy,
 We ask that You bless us with
 your infinite love and mercy
 As we work with all of
 Your children, made in your image.*

*Those that live with grace,
 And those that need grace to live.
 Those that lift others up,
 And those that need to be lifted up.*

*Those that embrace
 growing in Your love
 And those that need to be
 embraced to grow.*

*Those that make us smile,
 And those that need a smile.*

*Grant us the knowledge, patience,
 and compassion to serve
 All Your children for they have
 Your gifts to celebrate.*
*We ask this in the name of
 Your son, Jesus Christ:- Amen*



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~ Death ~



Lloyd Alviset
passed away on April 27, 2023



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To: You!



State bird and flower

If you recently signed up as a proof-reader to check the monthly editions of *The Wyoming Messenger* one or two days before they go to print and other publications occasionally - THANK YOU! If you're interested in doing so, let me know!

Your newsletter editor,
Renate Purdy

The [Dover, DE Christian Women's Connection](#) invites you to a **Program & Breakfast Buffet** at the Maple Dale Country Club, Dover on **Tuesday, June 13 from 9:30 to 11:30AM**. \$17 inclusive.

Program:

Jessica Moyer (photo),
Owner of the Ice House
Wellness & Community,
Speaker, Author and Lifestyles Coach



Guest Speaker:

Nancy O'Meara "Change of Plans...
No Worries"
(Stonecroft Ministries)



Music: **Jana Miller**

Reservations & Cancellations for breakfast and FREE child care are strongly encouraged by June 8, 2023.

RSVP to Donna (530) 921-8936 or Diane (302) 697-6020



After another fantastic season of fun & games & Bible lessons, the WUMC youth group's headed off into summer break. Graduating this year are Brady Flynn and Karissa Mann. We'll miss you Sunday eve-



Your Impact Starts with a Meal.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 16th** for our annual Rise Against Hunger event! We will once again pack 10,000+ meals in a short period of time. No experience is needed and a fun time will be had by all! Watch for the July/August Newsletter for more details. In the meantime, please set aside that date to help us erase hunger in our world.