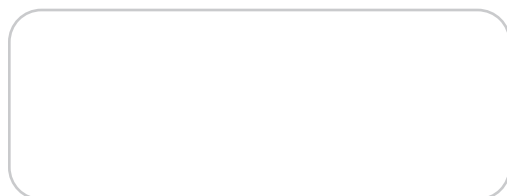




Bingo in the Park

On Wednesday, July 17 at 7PM our church will be offering Bingo in the Park as a way to reach out to our community. It is being planned by Fresh Expressions, our team of people who are trying to “think outside the box” or at least “think outside the church walls” in order to connect with the larger community and share God’s love with all. This event will be free and will include a few coupons to our Fall Dinner. Thanks to Val V., Jane R., Denny, Jasmine and Pastor Holly for putting this all together.

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Emma Norton

This summer we are collecting pocket change for Emma Norton, a United Methodist mission in St. Paul that works with women and their children as they experience homelessness. Their brand-new Restoring Waters women & family shelter is now open. Both this facility in the Highland Bridge area and the “old” Emma Norton residence in downtown St. Paul need our prayers and support. Emma Norton Services serves women and families experiencing homelessness and the challenge of mental illness and/or chemical dependency. Look for the jar in the entryway and drop your change in the jar to help those seeking to change their lives for the better.



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Worship Services in July & August

During the first part of July, we’ll finish up our sermon series on Rediscovering our United Methodist Roots, then launch into our second annual Summer of Love (not the 1960s version!) For four weeks at the end of July/beginning of August we’ll look at four different ways we can love God and the people around us by following the example and teachings of Jesus. Our guest preacher on Anniversary Sunday, August 18, will be our new District Superintendent Rev. Laurie Kantonen. Heading into the Fall we’ll start a series called The Hidden Option where we look at how Jesus offers us a way forward in a world that continually works to force us to choose between two options.

- July 7** Rediscovering our Roots: Communion
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
- July 14** Rediscovering our Roots: Holy Conferencing
Colossians 3:12-17
- July 21** Loving Friends
John 21:3-17
- July 28** Loving Community
John 6:1-13
- August 4** Loving Family
Luke 10:38-42
- August 11** Loving God
Mark 2:23-28
- August 18** Anniversary Celebration!
Rev. Laurie Kantonen, guest preacher
- August 25** The Hidden Option
Matthew 22:15-22



Guitar Guys

On Sunday, July 14 we’re having the Guitar Guys leading our singing in worship. Guys (and sometimes Gals) with guitars will be strumming and singing and invite us to sing along to some “old time religion” songs as we worship God together. Come and see!

60s Celebratory Sunday

On the last Sunday of our Summer of Love sermon series, we invite people to dress up in 60s clothing for worship. On Sunday, August 11, you’re encouraged to wear 60s-style clothing—tie dyed, bell bottomed, t-shirt and jeans, love beads, etc. We had a lot of fun with this last year and hope to see some fun clothing again this year!

You Are Invited to Summer Choir

This summer, we’re starting a summer choir where people who’ve never sung in choir before (and those who have) are invited to come early on a Sunday morning, learn a song and then sing it that morning in worship. We’ll have summer choir on July 21 and August 18. We’ll rehearse a hymn or song that is familiar and sing it in 4-part harmony for the congregation. Stay tuned for further information about what songs we’ll sing and when to come for rehearsal.

From the Pastor...

As I sit here at the end of June and look at the months of July and August, it seems like a carpet of riches stretches out before me.

July and August are usually full of the riches of sunshine and beach time and ice cream (in between times of relaxing in air-conditioned comfort), but this coming July and August also have the riches of a Free Bingo Night at Goodview Park Wednesday night July 17. We're having this event to be out in the community and have fun with our neighbors. Our Fresh Expressions Team is organizing this free event with small prizes going to those who win.

And our 150th Anniversary Celebration is coming up on Sunday, August 18, have you heard? We're grateful to those who are digging through their picture boxes and finding old photos of church events of the past. I just got word from Pastor Lori (my immediate predecessor) that she can come to the celebration on August 18 for our worship service followed by an ice cream social!

Look elsewhere in the newsletter about our summer choir opportunities and some of the fun Sundays coming up, including our 60s celebration on the last Sunday of our series on The Summer of Love (series runs from July 21-August 11). On Sunday, August 11, you're encouraged to wear 60s-style clothing—tie dyed, bell bottomed, and whatever else screams the 1960s to you.

My husband and I along with our 3 sons had a delightful vacation, cruising the islands of Hawaii at the beginning of June. It was fun to be together and a relaxing and replenishing time because we took someone's advice to not schedule something every day, but take days to just explore and wander. For the 10 days we were on Hawaii, we stuck with that schedule, by and large, of some activity one day and a day of exploring or relaxing the next. Take time to relax and explore this summer and enjoy the company of those you love.

It seems like every time I turn around another person from my extended family is having a surgery or has come down with some ailment that has them visiting the hospital. As the youngest cousin on both sides of my family, it doesn't seem fair that those I love are getting older, but I guess it's better than the alternative. Getting those bits of news from cousins is making me more intentional about reaching out to them and letting them know I love them.

May this summer be a time of making connections and remembering to share God's love for all!

--Pastor Holly

July Celebrations

Birthdays

- 7-7 Ryan R.
- 7-8 Heather O.
- 7-9 Cameron J.
Troy S.
- 7-11 Dan I.
- 7-13 Alec A.
- 7-14 Logan K.
- 7-15 Deb M.
- 7-19 Jim K.
- 7-20 Clare J.
Alex S.
- 7-23 Colleen H.
Hendrix J.
Austin S.
- 7-28 Michelle J.
- 7-31 Betty M.

Anniversaries

- 7-17 John & Holly K.
- 7-29 Ed & Karen K.

August Celebrations

Birthdays

- 8-1 Shirley F.
- 8-2 Shelley B.
- 8-5 Kaylin F.
- 8-6 Devantay K.
Monique K.
- 8-9 Alex I.
Carol S.
- 8-13 Karyla P.
- 8-17 Chris S.
- 8-19 Pam T.
- 8-27 Rita P.
- 8-30 Augustus L.

Anniversaries

- 8-12 Jim & Donna K.
- 8-14 Paul & Lisa S.
- 8-15 Michael & Heather O.
- 8-25 Dennis & Lisa R.
- 8-28 Ben & LeAnne P.



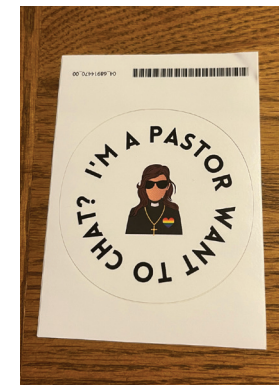
150th Anniversary Celebration

We are getting ready for our big 150th Anniversary Celebration this coming August 18. Have you noticed the beautification of the church grounds both inside and out? We are getting ready to host our “old” friends and those who have loved Wyoming UMC over the years. Pastor Holly has gotten word that Pastor Lori is able to come to the celebration and our new District Superintendent, Rev. Laurie Kantonen will be our morning's preacher.

Ed is also hard at work with stained glass art (with the help of Michelle in the office) and the first of four panels depicting the various buildings this congregation has worshipped in is now in place in the Fellowship Hall. Come and see!

150th Anniversary Invitations

On the table in the entryway/narthex are new magnets and postcards for you to take and share with your friends and family. The postcards take a standard “forever” first class postage stamp and we're encouraging people to share them with all the people they know who have ever been associated with our church. Let them know about our celebration of our 150th Anniversary on Sunday, August 18!



Coffice Hours

Pastor Holly has taken to calling her Office Hours at Evergreen Coffee Shop, “Coffice” Hours, as a mashup of “coffee” and “office.” You may see this unfamiliar term on this newsletter's calendar on virtually every Wednesday. Coffice hours at Evergreen Coffee Shop in Wyoming has proven to be a helpful place for church members to come and talk if they have something on their mind or just want to spend some time chatting. It has also been a place where members of the community stop by for a chat, a question, a request for Pastor Holly or the church community. It is another example of our church's Fresh Expressions.

Walk & Talk Fresh Expression

Jane R. and Chris S. started this group just recently to have a chance to walk and talk and it has gone so well it has expanded to more people and more opportunities to walk. The Tuesday Walk & Talk group now meets at the church at 9:30 AM and walks from there to the Sunrise Prairie Trail that parallels Hwy 61/ Forest Boulevard. On Saturdays they meet at 9:30 AM at the trail parking lot (across from the library) to walk and talk. The 9:30 start is, in part, to get walking earlier in the morning in order to beat the heat.

Walkers are encouraged to bring a friend! The more the merrier! Walking is good for you: it's a stress reliever, energizer, increases heart and lung fitness, improves blood pressure, lowers cholesterol, creates stronger bones and reduces joint and muscular pain. See you there!

A Look Back...

- July 1972 we welcomed Dr. Edward Martin as our new pastor.
- July of 1973 held a series of Summer Youth festivals.
- For many years, July also was when Vacation Bible school was held.

Did You Know...

- In 1874, we were officially organized as the Methodist Episcopal Church.
- The United Methodist Women's group hosted ice cream socials each July.
- July of 1974 is when additional property was purchased by the church.
- Outdoor worship services were held each July.