

Teaching Sunday School

Teaching Sunday School is so very rewarding! Our students are great and very willing to learn (and play & craft together). If you would like to join in the fun as a relief teacher or as a second teacher in the classroom on occasion, please speak to Jane R.

Nursery help needed

Nursery helpers are needed on Sunday mornings. Please talk to Jane R. if you are interested in helping out. We already have one volunteer, but hope several more will volunteer so people can take turns serving as needed.

Cookies for College Kids

Our Tuesday morning PrayerGroup is once again sending goodies to our college kids this October. If you have a college kid in your household, please get to the office their name and address, no later than Sun., Oct. 13, so the prayer group can bless them with some Halloween cheer.

Reading Buddies

Wyoming Elementary Reading Buddies is starting this October. If you are interested in spending an hour a week with elementary school students, listening to them read to you, please talk to Pastor Holly. For many who have volunteered in the past, it is the highlight of our week!

Join the Choir!

We're always looking for new folks to join our church choir! We sing in three- or four-part harmony and sing in the worship service about once a month during the school year. We rehearse on Sundays directly after worship. All are welcome and wanted.

Puzzle Lending Library

Do you like to do jigsaw puzzles? Have you gotten tired of the jigsaw puzzles at your home and want to try something new? Members of the Tuesday Morning Spiritual Prayer Group have brought some of their puzzles to the library and hope that you will take some home for your enjoyment and maybe even bring other puzzles in exchange (not

necessary, but appreciated!) Come and look at the puzzle lending library at the far end of the conference table in the library.

Grief Group

We are reaching our one-year anniversary of our church's grief support group for all who are going through a season of grief. This monthly gathering helps those who are going through this difficult time find comfort in being with others who are going through some of the same experiences. We help one another, by our very presence, remind one another that we are not alone. We meet on the third Thursday of the month from 10-11:30AM.

Singers Needed

You are invited to join the community chorus for the Choral Vespers to be held Saturday, November 30, 4:30 PM during the Taylors Falls Lighting Festival. Rehearsals are on Sunday evenings October 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24 from 6-8 PM at Taylors Falls UMC, 190 W. Government St., where the November 30 service will also be held. Please pre-register at wwymd@aol.com, leaving your name, voice range and telephone number. You will receive emails with additional information. Thanks!

October Celebrations

Birthdays

10-1	Alex B.	10-18	Allie B.
10-4	Noah Z.		Gordy P.
10-6	Nathan A.	10-19	Nicki A.
	Zachary P.	10-23	Lon N.
10-7	Shirley J.	10-25	Joyce M.
10-9	Connie W.	10-27	Karen P.
10-10	Sandy B.	10-28	Carrie M.
10-11	Don M.		Abby T.
10-16	Tom W.	10-31	Amanda J.

Anniversaries

10-2	Craig & Jane R.
10-5	Steve & Cyndi T.
10-21	Jason & Valerie V.



Coming in November...

All Saints' Sunday

During worship on Sunday, November 3, we will be remembering those we love that we have lost to death in recent years. As we participate in this time of remembrance, we will invite any who wish to come forward, tell the congregation for whom they are lighting a candle, and then light a candle. Please invite to this worship service any you know who might appreciate being a part of this time of remembrance.



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Women's Bible Study

We will be starting our Women's Bible Study on Wednesday, November 6 at 7PM. Our study will be on the book of Revelation and we will be using William Barclay's book from The Daily Bible Series Volume 2. Each Wednesday, we'll discuss Barclay's commentary on one of the most difficult books to understand in the Bible. If you are interested in getting a book and coming to the Bible Study, please sign up in the nook. Books are \$15 (if you want to find your own copy of the study, please indicate that on the signup sheet. The books we've ordered were printed between 1960 and 1976). Please sign up by Sunday, October 20. See you in Bible Study!

Wyoming United Methodist Church

Messenger



Worship Services in October

We continue, this month of October, with our series called Do Unto Others (begun on September 29) where we look at how Christ calls us to "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." We'll encourage one another to face any divisiveness with a Christian spirit of loving one another with the love of God, regardless of our political differences. If you have found this political season hard to bear, come hear words of encouragement as we together strive to follow the Kingdom of God not the powers of this world.

October 6

World Communion Sunday
Do Unto Others: Finding Common Ground
Acts 17:22-28

October 13

Do Unto Others: Malice Toward None, Charity for All
Ephesians 4:1-3, 31-32

October 20

Do Unto Others: Jesus, Politics, and Religion
Matthew 5:43-48

October 27

Guest Preacher,
Linda Richnofsky

World Communion Sunday

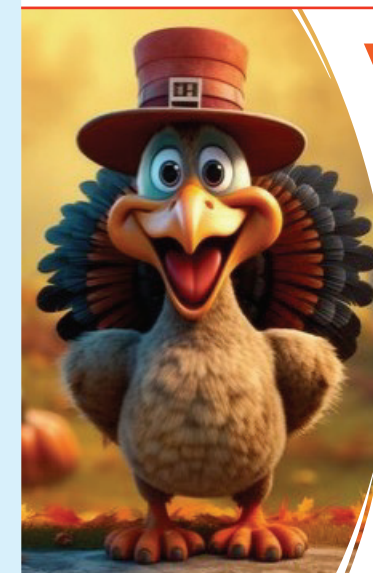
Sunday, October 6 is World Communion Sunday, one of six special offering Sundays in the United Methodist Church worldwide. Your gifts to World Communion Sunday fund graduate and undergraduate racial-ethnic scholarships, with at least one half of the amount reserved for ministries beyond the United States. If you feel moved to donate to this worthy effort, please mark your donation "World Communion."

Game Day

Karen K. is leading the effort to start a monthly Game Day for any and all comers. Game Day will be held at 1:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month, starting with Thursday, October 17. You are invited!

Fall Dinner

Thanks to all who have said "yes" to helping out with our annual Fall Dinner this year! Thanks, especially to those who are willing to step up in leadership roles. The dinner will be held at our church on Saturday, October 12 from 4-7 PM. Signup sheets for food donations and serving opportunities are in the nook. Thank you for your willingness to work and for your food donations. Together we can make this work! Invite your friends and neighbors to come and enjoy this wonderful Thanksgiving-like meal and encourage them to donate generously to the free will offering. All the proceeds will go to benefit the Lakes Center for Youth and Families.



You're invited to our Fall Turkey Dinner!

Saturday, October 12, 2024
from 4-7 PM
at Wyoming UMC!

Freewill Offering

All proceeds will go to
Lakes Center for Youth & Families



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From the Pastor...

“How is it with your soul?” For over 4 years now, I’ve been a part of a weekly Zoom call where we ask each other that historic John Wesley question: How is it with your soul?

How is it with YOUR soul? How are you fairing these days? I’ve had more than one person tell me they can’t wait until the election season is over so that they can stand to turn on the TV again and not be bombarded with political ads. The political conversations cause them anxiety and they need to keep their anxiety down by tuning out the news for a while.

Our world is consumed with division—often typified in the colors red and blue, especially as we approach election day. This month we are continuing a sermon series (started the last Sunday of September) called Do Unto Others, where we seek to follow the Golden Rule in Matthew 7:12 and seek to engage in conversation and create common good with those who might be on the “other side” politically and ideologically.

To put it simply, we’re seeking to live in “purple space” (red and blue make purple) where we can be kind to one another and work to counter the divisiveness we see all around.

The hope is that we can cultivate a loving, Christ-like community where all are welcome and valued.

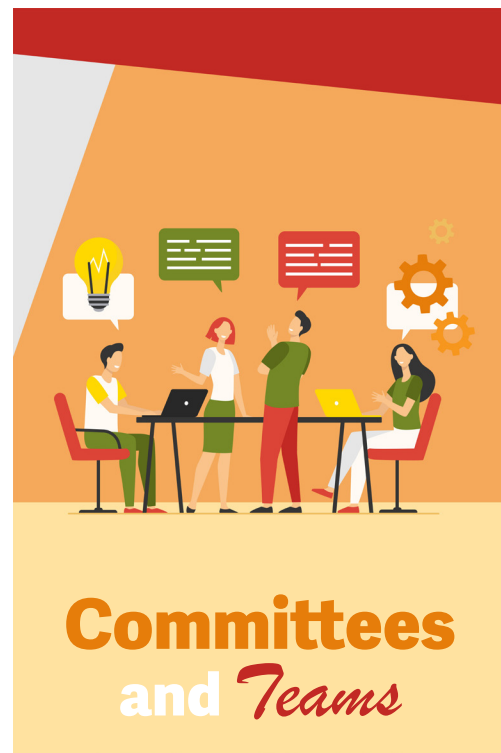
This October we’re having our annual Fall Dinner! There were some who doubted that we would do it again, but thanks to Cathy W. who is training in Val V. to take the reins next year, we are having the community gather to celebrate our 150th and eat great food. Thanks to all of you who have already signed up to help. We still have spots for the rest of you to sign up and help raise money for a good cause!

Because it is our celebration with the community of our 150th anniversary, we’ll have our pictures and historic documents on display in the narthex for people to look at as they wait to go in for dinner. We’ll also be handing out our magnets to each person as they put in their donation for the dinner. Who wouldn’t want a 150th anniversary magnet on their refrigerator?!

As the days go shorter and the nights longer, I hope that you are taking good care of yourself—body, mind, and spirit.

How is it with your soul? How are you tending to your calling to do unto others as you would have them do unto you?

- Pastor Holly



At the end of 2024 we nominate a new class of leaders to our standing committees in the church. Committees like Trustees and Staff/Parish Relations have 3 “classes” of 3 people each, so that each year the 9 person committees have 3 people rotate off and 3 new people rotate on the committee for a 3-year term. Other committees are open to people volunteering according to their interests. Below is a brief description of our committees, along with the chair of each committee who you can contact if you’re interested in learning more.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE (SPRC)

(chair: Linda Richnofsky)
The Staff Parish Relations Committee is responsible for consulting with the pastor regarding relationships between the staff and the congregation. When personnel issues arise, the SPRC works with the pastor to resolve

them. The committee is to encourage and respect the pastor and staff, and promote healthy communication. The SPRC is to develop and approve job descriptions for the staff and this is the committee that consults with the superintendent when pastoral changes are to be made. The SPRC meets in closed session and information shared in the committee is confidential. Our SPRC meets quarterly.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(chair: Ed Kramer)
The board of trustees is the group of people that are responsible for the property of the church. They are responsible for the upkeep of our grounds, as well as our buildings. Our trustees have an ongoing project list and invite our congregation to volunteer to assist with these various projects. Our Board of Trustees usually meets quarterly.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

(co-chairs Nancy Hebrink and Cathy West)

The Finance Committee prepares a yearly budget and reviews detailed reports of receipts and expenses that our church has each month. While the committee sees reports of giving, they do not have access to private donor information. This committee provides a check and balance system to see that we are good stewards of the financial gifts entrusted to our church. They keep track of the financial status of our congregation. Our Finance Committee meets quarterly.

NURTURE AND DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE

(chair: Jane Rylander)
The Nurture and Discipleship Committee maintains and creates new opportunities for children, youth, adults and families. This involves recruiting and nurturing teachers, reviewing curriculum and evaluating the education ministry while making adjustments and planning for the future. Our committee meets as needed, often in the summer to plan for the next fall’s curriculum, in the fall to plan for the Christmas Pageant, and in the spring to plan for our end of the year celebration.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

(chair: Pastor Holly)
The worship committee meets to plan, discuss, and evaluate the worship experiences we offer. This committee plans and schedules special worship services for the different seasons of the Church year and makes an effort to include a variety of persons in our worship. Our worship committee meets quarterly and is interested in having a few new members who are willing to try out the committee for a year.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

(chair: Jane Rylander)
The missions committee meets to plan the mission work of the congregation. We discuss what missions we’d like to have a special offering for. We also make plans for our regular outreach events like Stagecoach Days,

Feed My Starving Children, etc. We determine who receives the money collected at the annual Fall Dinner. We meet on an as needed basis.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

(chair: Craig Rylander)
The Administrative Council, sometimes spoken of as the Ad Council is the primary administrative body and decision-making group of the local church carrying out the business of the Charge Conference. This Council is also responsible to help the congregation keep on the mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Chairs of various committees make up this body. Our Council usually meets monthly on a Thursday evening.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(chair: Pastor Holly)
Nominating Committee meets in the fall to connect with congregation members they think might enjoy serving on a committee for the next year. We send out emails to people asking about their interests and then follow up with a phone call to see if they have any questions.

