

Joy Bells

Joy Bells is an opportunity to help those in need this Christmas. We provide a full Christmas Dinner and funds for gifts for the children of families in need. Karyla P. and Jeannine Q. have agreed to coordinate this drive, now in its 28th year!

We ask that you either donate cash to the Joy Bells program (write a check to Wyoming United Methodist Church and put "Joy Bells" in the memo) or purchase \$25-\$50 gift cards at Target or Walmart and bring them to the church.

We will see that the families receive the gift cards and a coupon from Bruce's Foods for a Christmas Dinner for their family. We're hoping and praying that you will be generous as always, so we, Wyoming United Methodist Church, can do our part to bring a blessed Christmas to the children and their families. If you have any questions, please call Karyla at 605-680-3208. Deadline for turning in gift cards and donations will be Sunday, December 8.

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Worship Services in November

This month we focus on gratitude. In the three-part sermon series called "Grateful," we will look at the stories of gratitude and generosity in the Bible. People seem to be naturally grateful in Jesus' presence, either because he heals them, or breaks them out of confining societal roles, or gives them reason to hope in the future. This month, let's be grateful for all the gifts we've been given as we launch into this month's sermon series called "Grateful."

November 3

All Saints' Sunday

Denny Hebrink,
guest preacher

November 10

Grateful: Heart Matters
Mark 12:41-44

November 17

Grateful: Deep Gratitude
Luke 17:11-19

November 24

Grateful: From Me to We
Luke 19:1-10

Commitment Sunday

Sunday, November 24 is Commitment Sunday, where we make our commitments to support the work of Jesus Christ through our local church. We're asking you to consider making a financial commitment so our church leaders know what sort of support they can expect over the coming year. Your faithful pledging has helped us in years past and will help us dream about how we can change the world going forward. On Sunday, November 24 we will ask people to turn in their commitment card during worship. Look for a letter to come to your home mid-November with your commitment card. Commitment cards will also be available to pick up on that Sunday.

Electronic and Automatic Giving Available

We have a "Donate" button on our website to enable people to easily donate electronically. You can easily set up a recurring or one time contribution to your church. Go to www.wyomingunitedmethodist.org and give it a try! If you would like to set up automatic payments to the church from your bank account, please talk to Cathy West or put a check mark in that box on your pledge card (which will be mailed to you in mid-November).

All Saints' Sunday is November 3

On All Saints' Sunday, we will light candles for loved ones who have died this last year. During the worship service, we will invite people to come forward and share the name of the person they're lighting a candle for, then light a candle. If you have a loved one who has passed away in the last year or so and would like to light a candle for them on that Sunday, consider yourself invited to this celebration of all those saints who have shined their light in this world and made a difference in our lives.



From the Pastor...

I have so much to be thankful for. Perhaps we all do, when we take a moment to think about it. I know that I'm thankful for a family who loves me, friends who care, and a church that enables me to join in the mission of helping those less fortunate.

I am so grateful for all the time and love and coordination that went into accomplishing another Fall Dinner at Wyoming Church. I'm also grateful for all the people who stepped up and helped with hosting New Pathways families who are unhoused.

You are a generous congregation.

And your generosity doesn't stop there.

Coming in early December we will once again have the Joy Bells program, this year coordinated by Karyla P. and Jeannine Q. Every year you give joyously to the Joy Bells program for those who are down on their luck this Christmas season. And you continue to give generously in big and small ways throughout the year.

This month we all have a lot to be thankful for. The first Sunday of the month we'll be giving thanks for those lives which have touched ours, who we have lost to death in the last year or so. On our All-Saints' Sunday we'll give thanks for the blessing they were to us and to all who knew them.

We'll have a three-sermon series this month called "Grateful," as we study three of the many stories in the Bible where Jesus observes someone being generous or has people deeply grateful for what he has done for them. Whether it is physical healing, relational healing or simply the healing and heartfelt act of an anonymous woman being generous, the Gospel writers tell the stories of their lives and the joy that is brought to them through generosity.

In this month of thanksgiving, we'll be giving thanks to God for all that God has given us—our lives, our abilities, our awareness that God is always with us, always for us. At the end of the month, we'll celebrate Commitment Sunday as we commit to God the financial gifts we will give to God's work through the church. We've all got plenty to be thankful for.

Have a blessed and gratitude-filled November!

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

- Pastor Holly

Nov. Celebrations

Birthdays

11-1	Scott K.
11-5	Nicholas J.
11-7	Ben A.
11-8	Karl L. Mikka O.
11-9	Emma A.
11-10	Glenna Q.
11-11	Rondy Q.
11-17	Aiden V. Tom W., Sr.
11-18	Yvonne B.



Thank You from Pastor Holly

Thank you for the deluge of Thank You cards you gave me in October. And thank you to Linda R., chair of Staff/Parish Relations, who not only brought the cards and encouraged you to fill them out and give them back to her by the end of the service, she also arranged for Nathan to play one of my favorite songs during the service. It is an honor and a joy to be in ministry with all of you. Thank you for your kind and thoughtful words.

Fall Dinner

Thanks to all who helped make this year's fall dinner a success. We welcomed into our building 325 people, which is 40 more than we served last year, and fed them a turkey dinner with all the fixings. Thanks to Cathy, Val V., Denny, Nancy, and Jane who did an amazing amount of work to get this all put together. Thanks to all who came on that day and helped. Thanks also to all those who donated towards buying pies or donated other food items. Thanks to all the wonderful people who cooked the turkeys! We are grateful for all you did.

Thanks to your work and the community's generosity, we raised \$3566 (which is over \$300 more than we raised last year) for Lakes Center for Youth and Families. Well done, good and faithful servants!

Celebrate Michelle

You're invited to a party following worship on Sunday, November 10 where we are going to celebrate 11 years of Michelle's ministry among us. For those of you who have ever called the office or stopped in, you know how kind and welcoming Michelle is. For any of you who have gotten a newsletter, bulletin, email update from Pastor Holly or any other number of bits of news and information from our office, you know how talented and valuable Michelle is. Consider yourself invited to the party on Sunday, November 10 at 11AM.

Cluster Charge Conference

Sunday evening, November 24, we will host in our building a cluster charge conference for area United Methodist Churches. Our district, the Aurora Sky District, will hold these cluster charge conferences in various churches throughout our district. Our Conference Superintendent, Laurie Kantonen, will host the event that will include a time of worship followed by a business meeting for the purpose of approving pastoral compensation, and receiving reports of various churches. Though only those who are members of Administrative Councils are encouraged to attend this event, you are encouraged to be in prayer for the United Methodist Church, it's Conference Superintendent and our United Methodist connection as we together share a time designed to bring us hope and encouragement as we move forward.

Thanksgiving Observance

by Author Unknown

Count your blessings
instead of your crosses;

Count your gains
instead of your losses.

Count your joys
instead of your woes;

Count your friends
instead of your foes.

Count your smiles
instead of your tears;

Count your courage
instead of your fears.

Count your full years
instead of your lean;

Count your kind deeds
instead of your mean.

Count your health
instead of your wealth;

Count on God
instead of yourself.

Happy Thanksgiving!

