

From the Pastor...

Anne Lamott is one of the authors whose writings I enjoy. She wrote this article a few weeks ago about her grandson: "My six-year-old associate, who sleeps down the hall about thirty feet away with both our doors wide open, wakes up on many mornings and predicts, 'This might be the best day ever!'"

"Then, in the dead of night, a tiny voice calls out to me, 'Nana, will you ever get sick or die?'"

"I think this says it all.

"If you are...human, you're going to have incredible joy and terror this side of eternity."

Life goes on and each day has the potential to bring us great joy or terror.

I've enjoyed these last two months of summer, getting to know you, getting to place names with faces, getting to worship with you. It's been a privilege and a joy.

As we begin our Fall programming, I anticipate that we'll be seeing more of each other and doing more ministry together. At our last Administrative Council we talked, especially, about what a busy October it will be with the Fall Dinner, a guest speaker and our hosting of homeless families during our Family Pathways week.

But September is for new beginnings as the seasons change and our children and grandchildren head back to school. The first Sunday after Labor Day, Sunday, September 13 is Kick Off Sunday. During worship we will have a Blessing of the Backpacks, Briefcases and Bags (diaper bags included), whatever you take with you to help you manage at school and at work. Be sure to bring your backpacks, briefcases and bags to worship on that Sunday.

Following worship we'll have a Make Your Own Sundae/Make Your Own Root Beer Float event in the Fellowship Hall.

More September events are outlined in this newsletter. Be sure and join in on all the good things that are happening at our church this September.

Lamott ends her article with these words: "When my darling grandboy cannot get himself back to sleep, I don't tell him I promise never to get sick or die. I just go fish him out of the fear and the dark, and tuck him in next to me.

"...And then when the light returns, who knows? This might be the best day ever."

May we have a blessed September as we together greet the Fall and the new school year.

~Pastor Holly



Tom Sausen and Ed Kramer heatedly debate which wire to cut: red or black.

From the Trustees

Have you noticed the new light? Thanks to Jim Loughrey, Tom Sausen and Ed Kramer, a new light for the parking lot has been purchased, the old lights taken down and the new lights put up. The future's looking bright!

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for more volunteers to offer hospitality for our Coffee Fellowship time before worship. Some of those who have been offering hospitality for years are needing to take a break, so new hosts are needed. Volunteers make coffee, set out plates, napkins, silverware, juice and bring food to serve 25-30 people and do clean-up afterward. Working in pairs makes this a fun and easy ministry, and we have enough volunteers that each pair serves every other month. If you are interested, please talk to Bernie Sausen or Pastor Holly or contact the church office. Thank you!

September Celebrations

Birthdays

9-01 Joshua Sveiven
9-02 Mary Salmela
Keegan Smith
9-03 Denny Hebrink
9-07 Sharon Mitchell
9-12 Cyndy Johnson
9-14 Bernie Sausen
Lois Shannon
Myron Zaruba

9-17 Steve Whiting
9-26 Jeanne Lovgren
9-27 Norma Snell
9-28 Chad Whiting
9-29 Annie Harwell
9-30 Mike Butler

Anniversaries

9-10 Rich & Linda Richnofsky
Dave & Cathy West
9-17 Don & Joyce Metcalf
9-19 Archie & Kathy Lessard
9-23 Rick & Kelly Kramer

*If you do not see your special date listed, please let Michelle in the office know!



ABWK Update

A Brush With Kindness (ABWK) is a ministry of Habitat for Humanity that helps preserve home ownership by partnering with homeowners struggling to maintain their home. Homeowners work shoulder to shoulder with ABWK volunteers. Homeowners also provide some level of financial participation. August's Mision Week (August 15-22) gave all who participated a chance to share work, laughter, experiences, hot weather and at the same time meet people who would not otherwise have had the opportunity to meet. Volunteer Dave Freemore wholeheartedly encourages everyone to give it a try.



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Wyoming United Methodist Church

When:

11am to 2pm, September 12th, 2015

Where:

**Wyoming United Methodist Church
5459 E. Viking Blvd., 651-462-5276**

Come celebrate Stagecoach Days with Wyoming United Methodist Church! Enjoy FREE pie, coffee, and booya! Come and rest in air conditioned comfort and check out the other events held in our church.

EVENTS:

PIE AND COFFEE SOCIAL
Free pie and coffee!
11am-2pm

BOOYA
Free will offering funds to go to local missions.
11am until gone

WYOMING HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Enjoy a walk back in time as the Wyoming Historical Society presents a display in our main entry way.
11am-2pm

USED BOOK SALE
Come browse through books offered for sale by the Giese Memorial Library.
11am-2pm

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. -Proverbs 17:22 (NIV)

From the Stitch n' Rip Quilters

I went to my first Stitch n' Rip Quilters group held every Wednesday from 9am-4:30pm. You'll never guess what I found there! Acceptance, laughter, empathy and chocolate chip cookies. Thinking about those chocolate chip cookies now, aren't you? Stop in and visit us on Wednesdays to learn more about the quilt group. Little or no experience necessary. Your commitment: join us with or without any materials the first time. Stop in anytime between 9am and 4:00pm. See what we have for you and what you'll need to bring. Psst! One of my favorite things: I can drop in any Wednesday from 9am to 4:00pm. So I am not locked into a high pressure commitment. Stop in next week to see my flying geese!

-First timer quilter- Linda Beyer

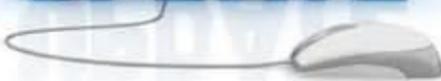
Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans. -Prov. 16:3 (NIV)

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Website Update

Our church's website, www.wyomingunitedmethodist.org, is in the process of being updated. We have hired Kristine Cotterman of Exodus Design to revamp our website and get all the information up to date. The hope is that everything will be up and running by Kick Off Sunday, September 13!

website UPDATE



Wyoming United Methodist Church MESSENGER

September 2015

Kick Off Sunday

KICK OFF SUNDAY is Sunday, September 13. It's the first day of Sunday School for our children up to 6th grade. They stay in worship through the Teaching Time (where the children come up to the front of the worship space for a short time with a 'teacher') and then they are dismissed to go to our One Room Sunday School. Before Teaching Time we will have a blessing of the Backpacks/Briefcases/Bags (including diaper bags). Bring your backpacks/briefcases/bags or whatever you take with you to help you manage your work (schoolwork, housework, office work, etc.) and we will bless the backpacks, etc. and those who use them. It's a great way to Kick Off the first Sunday of Fall programming.

Following worship on September 13 we will have a Make Your Own Sundae/Root Beer Float Fest. Come and celebrate!

Stagecoach Days

Wyoming Stagecoach Days return the weekend of September 11, 12, 13 and this year we are once again offering coffee and pie and booya to the community. People will be given the option of making a donation to missions, but the intention is to offer hospitality to the community (we're serving people, not food). We need your help with pie donations, booya donations and cooking help. Please contact Jane Rylander with questions about or donations of pies. If you want to help with the booya, contact Gordy Pietruszewski.

Please tell your friends and family that the food will be served on Saturday, September 12 in the Wyoming United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall starting at 11am and ending at 2pm (or earlier, if the food runs out).

Worship Services in September

Beginning this September we will start a series on Finding Home. It is a series focused on where we can find God, our true home, in everyday living. We will explore how we can 'wake up' to God's presence in our homes, in the grocery store, in the great outdoors. Formal worship only happens for an hour a week. How can we connect to God in the ordinary times of our lives?

Sunday, September 6:
Guest Preacher,
Denny Hebrink
The Motley Crew
Luke 6:12-16

Sunday, September 13:
Finding Home:
Waking Up to the Holy
Genesis 28:10-19a

Sunday, September 20:
Finding Home:
Taking Time to Really
See
Exodus 3:1-6

Sunday, September 27:
Finding Home:
Being Grounded
Matthew 4:12-23



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You Are Invited to Join the Choir!

Choir practice begins on Wednesday, September 2 at 7pm and meets every Wednesday at 7pm during the school year. If you've ever thought about joining the choir, this is a good time to come. The Aastuens are joining the choir and would love to not be the only new choir members in the group. Come and sing with this fun group!



Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. -Prov. 30:5 (NKJV)