

## From the Pastor...

As many of you know, I like to have office hours at The Nesting Grounds Coffee House at least weekly. I enjoy it as an opportunity to be out in the community and meet new people, and as an opportunity to have some more relaxed time to visit with many of you.

Because of an overly busy schedule, including preparations for my son's Graduation Open House, and a couple of business trips out of town, I hadn't been to The Nesting Grounds for several weeks. When I heard that the baristas were asking about me and some of the regulars at the coffee shop were wondering if I was okay, I made it a point to go to the coffee shop and see the 'old crowd' again.

They welcomed me back with open arms (literally and figuratively) and seemed genuinely glad to see me again. No one made a fuss about how long I had been absent, they were just glad I was back and that everything was okay.

The sermon series we're launching in July is all about grace, God's unconditional love. You'll hear sermons on receiving grace, spreading grace around, and how God's grace is offered to and is enough for everyone. God's love for us is unconditional, uncritical, unending.

Unfortunately, we put up barriers to God's grace by being 'too busy' to pray, by thinking we can do it all on our own, by allowing ourselves to be distracted by other gods (like money or technology).

But regardless how long we find ourselves drifting away from God, when we turn back to God, God's love is immediately there to greet us.

We never need to worry about God's love for us. It is always abundant and always lavished on us without guilt. It doesn't matter if we haven't talked to God in prayer for five minutes or five years or five decades, God will always welcome us back with open arms.

"I'm absolutely convinced that nothing—nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable—absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us." (Romans 8:38-39—The Message)

~Pastor Holly

## Family Pathways Mobile Food Truck

Every third Saturday of the month from 7-11am, Forest Hills United Methodist Church hosts the Family Pathways Mobile Food Truck in their parking lot. Everyone is welcome to participate in the program, though they ask each family to give a \$20 donation to cover the cost of food and services.

They also have a dry food pantry at the church that is open to the public when the church is open.

Forest Hills UMC is located at 1790 11th Street S.E., in Forest Lake, MN. Their phone number is 651-464-5249.

## Emma Norton Shelter

Remember to drop your pocket change in the jar in the entryway at church to help the Emma Norton women & children's shelter. We've collected \$113.91 so far, so we have a long way to go to meet last year's collection of \$191. Together we can make a difference in people's lives!

## One person Art Show

Pyrography (wood burning) by Dave Freemore at the Vitalize Wellness Center – Parmly, Chisago City. On display through August 30 from 6am-8pm.

## Discovery Time

Don't forget to bring your children to Discovery Time during the summer. Children stay in worship until right after Teaching Time (a children's sermon about 10 minutes into the service) and then are dismissed to go to Discovery Time where the kids and a teacher join together in crafts, fellowship, games and even some outside time if the weather is nice!

## July Celebrations

### Birthdays

7-05	Kelly K.	7-14	Logan K.
7-07	Ryan R.	7-15	Deb M.
7-08	Erik A.	7-19	Jim K.
	Kody R.	7-20	Steve B.
7-09	Cameron J.		Alex S.
	Jack L.	7-23	Colleen H.
	Troy S.		Kaye L.
7-11	Dan T.	7-28	Michelle J.
7-13	Alec A.		

### Anniversaries

7-14	Ron & Barb L.
7-17	John & Holly K.
7-25	Dave & Jan F.
7-29	Ed & Karen K.



\*If you do not see your special date, please let Michelle know!

## Thank You

The people of Wyoming UMC are the best in the world. You have given me prayers, cards, help, love & much kindness. My heart warms when I think of how very lucky I am. Thank you from that repaired heart.

~Pat R.

## Grace

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 O R I M E R C Y U C  
 O O Y T D V G A K J  
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ASSURANCE	FORGIVENESS	MERCY
BLESSING	GIFT	RIGHTEOUS
DAILY	GOODNESS	SALVATION
ETERNAL	GRACE	SAVED
FAVOR	JUSTIFIED	UNMERITED

## An Update from Annie Harwell

Hello hello hello! Here is a long overdue update and a few snap shots of my life!!!

I have been in Xenia, Ohio for three weeks now and what an awesome time it has been! Working with special events and communications for Athletes in Action is stretching me in the most incredible ways. God has completely immersed me in His love, grace, and community. Everyday my desire to know, love, and serve Christ is increasing exponentially. I've been given a beautiful community of interns, staff, and mentors here in Xenia. People who have showed me love and acceptance in all areas of my life... who aren't afraid to go into the darker places and sit with me, and who continue to uniquely fill my heart every day. It's been crazy cool to see God grow these new friendships and relationships so close in such a short time.

I've had the opportunity to help with many local high school sports teams and camps. Being a part of teaching athletes to use their sport for Jesus has been nothing short of amazing. It has inspired me to continue to run with the purpose of glorifying Him. God has given me the ability to run and I am learning more and more each day to run as a form of praise for what has been done for me.

Because of my experiences thus far I have spent every moment of my summer in absolute amazement of the Lord. From time spent in the office to days working with teams out on the fields, God's infinite presence has been in every moment.

I am so thankful for each and every moment I have been given so far and bubbling with excitement for those still to come.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the love and support I have been shown back home during my time away. In the midst of everything I am thinking, loving, and missing on all of your sweet souls.

Cheers to Jesus,  
Xoxo

Thank you again for all of your help in support raising and the selfless love you have shown me!! Hope all is well back in MN :)

Sincerely,  
Annie

## Forest Lake Bluegrass Festival

It's time for the Forest Lake Bluegrass Festival to be held at the Forest Lake Swimming Beach Park.

Forest Lake Area Mission for Families (the Haven Home homeless shelter) will receive 1/3 of the proceeds from this event!

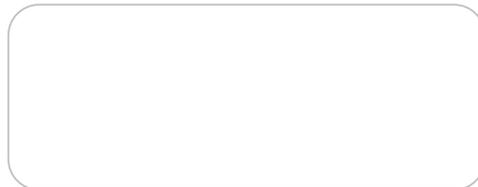
This year, we are 1 of 8 area churches hosting the annual Forest Lake Bluegrass Festival the last Saturday of July at Lakeside Park, July 30 from 3pm to 8pm. Please stop by the festival — we will have an activity for kids and info about our church available for passers-by. We would like to remind everyone that 100% of the Silent Auction and food sale proceeds are divided equally between Feed My Starving Children, Our Lady of the Mountains Elementary School, and Haven Home. So come and browse and EAT! Please help Forest Hills Methodist Church exceed last year's proceeds of nearly \$5550 by attending! Or, if you'd like to help even more, donate a pie or two. They sell pies by the slice along with lots of other yummy food like pulled pork, ribs, burgers & hot dogs. The music will be outstanding as well so plan to attend.



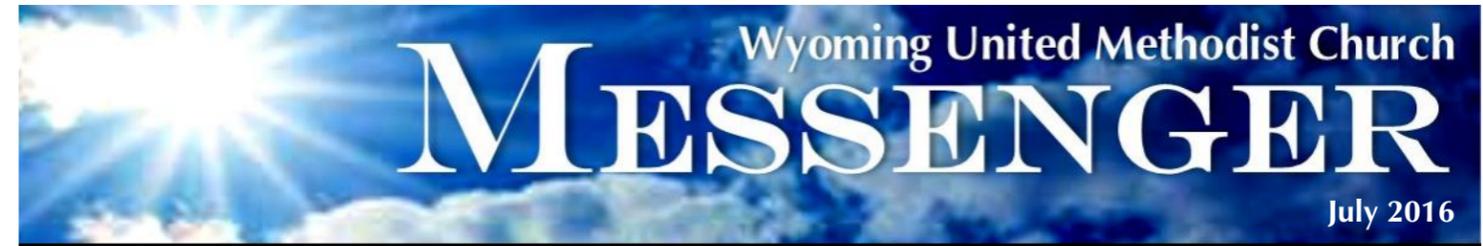
## Forest Lake BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

*For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. -Romans 6:14*

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## UMCOR Health Kits

Thank you to all who donated money and supplies for the Health Kits we packed for UMCOR. We gathered enough material and money to supply 55 full kits. Thanks especially to Connie W., Karen K., Dolly A., Diane D., Jan F., Holly A., Donna K., Dave F., Denny H., Rita P., Carole A., Janet R., Nancy H., Lois S., and Bea Z. for their coming together on June 14 to pack Health Kits.



## STORM Camp 2016

STORM (Service To Others in Relational Ministry) Camp is an annual set of weeks put on by the Minnesota United Methodist Church Conference. STORM campers come to a church and stay the week while serving needy families in the surrounding area.

This year Allie Boettcher is going to STORM camp in Faribault, MN from July 17-23. STORM camp has two parts: work and worship. During the day, campers split into small groups and go off to various job sites. These jobs can include anything from putting up a fence, to painting rooms, to cleaning out garages, to gardening. The most important part, however, is visiting with those who they are serving.

In their small groups, campers work together and do devotions together. In the evening the larger group gathers and together they tell of their experiences during the day and share together in worship. These young people from all over the nation gather together to make a difference in the lives of others.

Our camper, Allie Boettcher, would enjoy getting mail from her church family during the week (be sure to allow time for the post office to deliver the mail). Her address during the week:

Allie Boettcher (STORM Camp)  
Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church  
219 4th Ave NW  
Faribault, MN 55021

## New Pathways Hosting

The sign-up sheet is in the church narthex and ready for you to sign up to help host New Pathways families this July 24-31. We need people to host a meal for the guests, for people to stay for the evening and do crafts and games with the kids and talk with the adults, for people to volunteer to stay overnight and sleep at the church (on a provided bed in a private room). Please come to the church and sign your name in one of the volunteer spots or call the church office and see what opportunities are still available. We need you to be the hands and feet and heart of Jesus Christ to these beloved children of God who have fallen on hard times.

## Worship Services in July

Throughout July we will be taking a look at God's grace—what it is, who it is for, how we experience it—and sharing ways that we can share God's grace, God's unconditional love, with others. Consider inviting a friend or neighbor to come with you to hear again (or for the first time) how they are loved just the way they are. Come to worship and hear and experience how much GOD LOVES YOU!

### **Sunday, July 3rd:**

Denny Hebrink, guest preacher  
"Receiving Grace"

### **Sunday, July 10th:**

"Enough Grace to Go Around"  
Luke 10:25-37

### **Sunday, July 17th:**

"Grace on the Fly"  
Luke 9:51-62

### **Sunday, July 24th:**

"Sin Boldly"  
Luke 11:1-13

### **Sunday, July 31st:**

Denny Hebrink, guest preacher

