

## From the Pastor...

Thanks. That's all I want to say. Thanks.

Thanks for being the church.

Thanks for all the ways that you embody the grace of God through your servant hearts and the ways you reach out to those in need. These are just a few of the ways I've seen God in action through the people of Wyoming Church: Thanks for stopping your neighbor from beating up his pregnant girlfriend, even when it meant putting your own life in danger. Thanks for opening the church to families who are down on their luck and needing housing while they find a way forward. Thanks for making the nursery available for supervised visits by the non-custodial parent with their children.

Thanks for driving those people who no longer drive, for getting them to and from church so they can worship with their church family. Thanks for taking over meals to that grieving husband, that grieving wife who lost their life partner to death. Thanks for reading the Bible to the person who can no longer see well enough to read.

Thanks for donating food and money and time so that the community of Wyoming can come together and share a fall feast and donate funds to support The Refuge Domestic Violence Shelter and Youth Service Bureau.

Thanks for being the kind of people who radiate God's love simply because you have experienced the depth and richness of God's love for you.

Thanks for your generosity and commitment to making this world a better place.

November is a time when we as a nation turn to thanks as we celebrate the national holiday that this year falls on Thursday, November 24. Thanksgiving Day began as a celebration of the harvest, and was called by Abraham Lincoln a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens."

In this season of thanks we are asked to prayerfully consider how we say thanks for all the blessings God has given us, for giving us the gift of everything we have, including our lives. We are asked to pledge our financial support, and with it our hearts and hands to service, as we give thanks to God through the ministries of Wyoming Church.

Thanks in advance for your willingness to commit to the church with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness. Even if I tried, I couldn't think of a finer group of Christ-followers who live out their faith on a daily basis.

Thanks.

~ Pastor Holly

## Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

What a blessing it is to all of us to be a part of such a generous congregation! With the money we raise and then give away to worthy causes through such venues as Stagecoach Days, the Fall Dinner and Joy Bells we are constantly and consistently making a difference in our local community.

In November we also take time to consider what percentage of our income we choose to give back to God through the ministries of Wyoming United Methodist Church. Soon you will be receiving your 2017 Estimate of Giving Card. When you receive the card, take time to prayerfully consider how you would like to support the ministries of your church with your financial gifts. Those who have formally joined this church have promised to support its work through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. Those who are friends and regular attenders of this church also pledge their prayer and financial support to God's work through this church. Please prayerfully consider what God is calling you to give as a way of saying thanks to the one who gives us life. We are so greatly and generously blessed by God. Let us prepare our hearts to give thanks!



## Thank You

Many thanks for the gift card to The Nesting Grounds that you gave me for Pastor Appreciation Month. I appreciate YOU and your faithful ministry through Wyoming Church and beyond. I am blessed beyond measure to be your pastor!  
-Pastor Holly

## November Celebrations

### Birthdays

11-01 Scott K.  
11-03 Audrey B.  
11-05 Nicholas J.  
11-06 Becky H.  
11-07 Ben A.  
11-08 Karl L.  
11-09 Emma A.  
11-18 Yvonne B.

### Anniversaries

11-06 Steve & Jenny W.



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

## Special Offering

The offering taken for World Communion Sunday totaled \$270. Thank you for your contribution which will go to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.

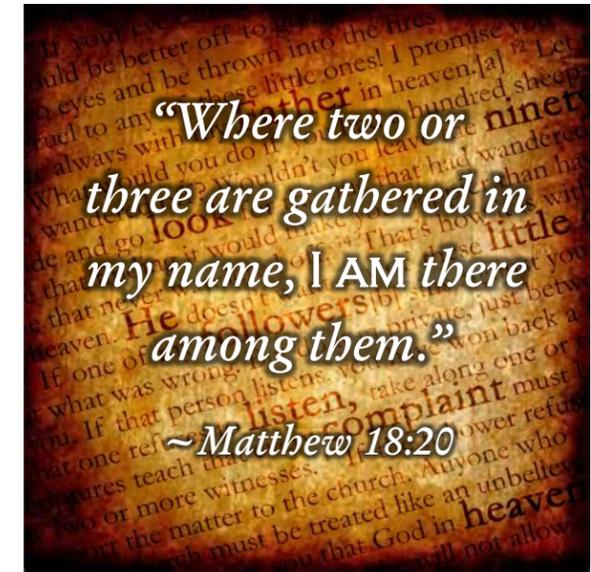
## Fall Dinner Mission Success

Thanks to all of you for your donations and work toward making this annual event even more successful each year. This year we welcomed over 460 people into our Fellowship Hall and over \$4300 to date has been collected to be divided between the Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau and The Refuge (a shelter for domestic assault victims and their children). One neighbor exclaimed, "I saw people there I haven't seen for 20 years! So many friends were there to say hello to. It was a wonderful time & plenty to eat."

Thanks to all who cooked/baked/ate/worked/donated/prayed/served/cleaned up!



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. ~1 Chronicles 16:34



## Rule of Christ Training

Ten of us gathered in the library on October 18 to receive training in the Rule of Christ from a trainer sent by the Minnesota Annual Conference. Rule of Christ Training is based on Matthew 18:8-20 and the principles outlined there can be used in any sort of conflict or difficult interaction. The goal is to gracefully address and resolve concerns in a manner guided by scripture, discernment of God's will and love.

If you have a concern, you first need to take time to reflect/discern/talk with God. Questions to ask during this phase are: Can I let it go? What part am I responsible for? What does God want?

If the issue still isn't resolved, the second step is to talk with the person one-on-one in a way that is caring, not confrontational. Ways to helpfully conduct these conversations include using phrases like: "Help me understand..." "Tell me more about..." "I feel \_\_\_ when \_\_\_ happens."

If the issue still isn't resolved, the third step is to get some objective help. If it's a church matter, contact the appropriate ministry area related to the concern. If it's a work matter, find a co-worker or manager to help work things out. If it's a home matter, find family members who can help work to resolve the issue so that all parties are satisfied.

Throughout the practice of the Rule of Christ, we remember Jesus' promise: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."



## Joy Bells Ministry

Joy Bells Ministry enables families in the Linwood and Wyoming communities to have a little more joy in their Christmas celebrations. We receive the names of families from the Wyoming and Linwood Elementary schools, then people or groups from the church “adopt” a family and buy Christmas gifts for the children. The church provides a basket of food with everything needed for Christmas dinner.

Joy Bells will be available on Sunday, December 4 for those who wish to adopt a family. We also encourage people to make cash donations to purchase food for the dinners.

## Blood Drive

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Wyoming is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, November 12 from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. You are invited to participate in this life-giving event. Drop in at any time during these 5 hours and give blood.

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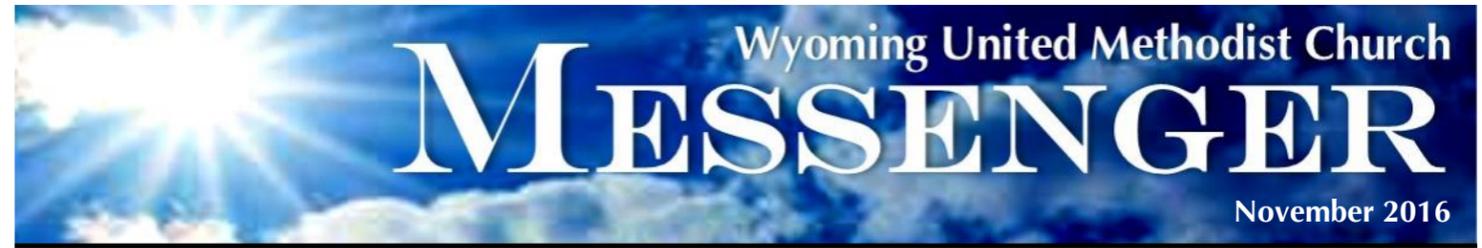


## Art Show Winner

Wyoming Area Creative Arts Community held their first juried and judged art show this fall and our own Dave Freemore won a 2nd Place People's Choice Award for his untitled pyrography work of art. Ninety-seven artists from throughout Wisconsin and Minnesota entered the contest and 69 of those entries were accepted into the art show. Congratulations to Dave Freemore!



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## All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 6th is All Saints' Sunday, when we remember all those we have lost to death in the past year. As we remember these ‘saints,’ these faithful servants of God who we have lost from our church or from our families, all who wish can come forward at that time during the service, share the name and relationship of the saint for whom you are lighting a candle and light one of the candles in the front of our worship space. Please invite to this service any you know who might appreciate being a part of this time of remembrance.

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## New! Online Giving!

Wyoming United Methodist Church is pleased to announce a convenient new way to make your regular or special offerings. With our new electronic giving program, you can easily set up a recurring giving schedule or make one-time contributions. Some of the benefits of electronic giving include: fewer checks for you to write, ease of keeping up with your financial pledge when you are out of town, consistent income for the church. The Donate button is now on our website and if you click it you will be directed to a secure site where you can create your profile, give a one-time donation, or set up recurring contributions. Go on our website at [www.wyomingunitedmethodist.org](http://www.wyomingunitedmethodist.org) today and give it a try!



If you would like to set up automatic payments to the church, please talk to Cathy West, or put a check mark in that box on your pledge card (which will be mailed to you the first week of November).

## United Methodist Student Day

November 27 is United Methodist Student Day, one of six church-wide Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church. Funds collected for United Methodist Student Day provides scholarships for United Methodist applicants who might not have any other way of being able to attend a college, applicants like Ricky Blue. The son of two addicted parents, Ricky Blue had grown up without much hope for a future. But when Ricky's church family—Louisiana's Luling UMC—raised \$4000 for Ricky to begin college, hope was born. Then, the Gift of Hope Scholarship, made possible only by your generous giving to United Methodist Student Day, allowed Ricky to continue. Today Ricky is a certified candidate for ministry in the Illinois-Great Rivers Annual Conference. When you give to United Methodist Student Day, you support qualified students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge.

## Worship Services in November

In the beginning of November we finish up our series on How Will You Measure Your Life? As we look at some of the most important measures of a life well lived, you will be asked to consider your own answer to the question: How will you measure your life?

On November 20 we have a stand-alone sermon on giving thanks and the lack of gratitude that the disciples seemed to have for all that Jesus had done for them.

On the first Sunday of Advent, November 27, we will begin our Advent/Christmas sermon series on the Songs of the Season as we look at the stories behind some of our most popular Christmas carols.

### Sunday, November 6th:

All Saints' Sunday  
How Will You Measure Your Life: By Who and How You Love  
Matthew 13:1-9

### Sunday, November 13th:

Consecration Sunday  
How Will You Measure Your Life: By Who and How You Serve  
Mark 10:35-37, 41-45

### Sunday, November 20th:

Thanksgiving Sunday  
This is the Thanks I Get?  
John 6:25-35

### Sunday, November 27th:

First Sunday of Advent  
Songs of the Season: Angels  
We Have Heard on High  
Luke 2:8-11, 16-18

Let us come to him with thanksgiving. Let us sing psalms of praise to him. ~Psalm 95:2