

From the Pastor...

Though I have never done an All-Church Book Study before, I am really enjoying my experience with this All-Church Book Study of *God Unbound* by Elaine Heath. Back in May of this year I read the book at the recommendation of Bishop Ough, who suggested that all clergy of the conference read it and receive its 'Wisdom from Galatians for the anxious church' as its subtitle proclaims.

I got some good insights in my first reading back four months ago, and am enjoying reading it again as I prepare for my sermons and my small group meetings. But what is helping me get the most out of this book is our small group study. There's something about our group of 5 or 6 that is making me consider things I missed before or ponder with the group some issues that struck them as they were reading.

In one of our last small group conversations, we discussed this quote from page 38 of Heath's book: "Mysticism and mission go hand in hand in the Methodist story. Hearing from God and allowing ourselves to be transformed and sent in new directions is inherent in our tradition." We talked about how in our lifetimes we have been transformed, along with our society, in our understandings of how pervasive such prejudices as racism and sexism are in our society. It was a lively discussion and a pivotal quote that I had missed my first two times through the book.

I'm also enjoying studying Paul's words in his letter to Galatia and seeing how many different ways he can reiterate and expand on his central thesis: "No one needs to become a Jew before they can become a Christian." He addresses so many different issues that the Galatians are struggling with, that he has essentially answered every question or objection that they could ever come up with. I have never preached a series on the book of Galatians before and I'm finding it fulfilling and enjoyable.

I hope you are enjoying this All-Church Book Study as well, and that you are getting valuable insights into the nature of Christ and the nature of our faith as we learn from the wisdom of Paul and his letter to a struggling church in Galatia.

I'm so proud of all of you for getting the book and reading it during the All-Church Book Study. Where we usually have at most 12-15 people in any given Bible Study or Lenten Study, we have 30 people who have purchased and taken a book to read alone or with their own group of friends, creating their own small group in their apartment complex.

I look forward to finishing this study with you in October and look forward to hearing more of your insights and questions that are raised by it.

~Pastor Holly

UMCOR Donations

If you would like to donate to the relief efforts for hurricane victims in North and South Carolina and surrounding areas, please write a check to Wyoming Church and put in the memo UMCOR. For cash donations, please put UMCOR on the envelope. One hundred percent of your donation will go to those in need.

Thank You!

September 30 – October 7 was our first week ever of hosting families struggling with homelessness at the Hugo St. Andrews Family Shelter. Thanks to all who stepped up to help!

Senior Game Day

Senior Game Day usually starts in October on the first Thursday of the month from 1-3. But Senior Game Day is still looking for hosts for this monthly event. If you are interested in hosting, please talk to Ed and Karen K. or call the office.



Cookies and College

The Spiritual Prayer Group of our church wants to send cookies to our college-age kids and wish them a Happy Halloween! If you have a college age son or daughter who is attending college or community college away from home, we'd like to brighten their day! Please give the office their mailing address and the Spiritual Prayer Group will get some goodies sent their way! Information must be in the office by Sunday, October 21.

Bring your printer cartridges, Box Tops for Education, and pop can tabs to church, so we can pass them on to Wyoming Elementary School to benefit their programs.

Birthdays

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| 10-1 | Alex B. | 10-16 | Tom W. |
| 10-6 | Nathan A. | 10-18 | Allie B. |
| | Zachary P. | | Gordy P. |
| 10-7 | Shirley J. | 10-19 | Nicki A. |
| | Zana J. | | Bud J. |
| 10-9 | Connie W. | 10-20 | Angie M. |
| 10-10 | Sandy B. | 10-23 | Lonnie N. |
| 10-11 | Don M. | 10-24 | Aayden A. |
| | Jennifer M. | 10-25 | Joyce M. |

10-28 Carrie M.

Abby T.

10-31 Amanda J.

Anniversaries

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| 10-2 | Craig & Jane R. |
| 10-5 | Steve & Cyndi T. |

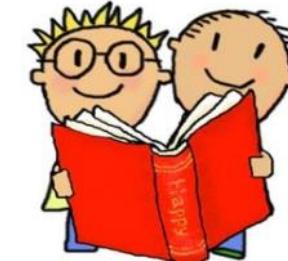
Don't see your special date? Please let Michelle in the office know.

October Celebrations



Stagecoach Days

A big thank you to all who helped make our booya and pie extravaganza on September 16 a joy again this year. We're grateful to everyone who helped with cooking, cutting, serving, and cleanup. More than one person from the community said that the booya and pie was the highlight of their Stagecoach Days experience. All the proceeds (\$843!) will be going to local missions. Thanks for your generous support! To see more pictures from Stagecoach Days, go to our website www.wyomingunitedmethodist.com.



Reading Buddies Update

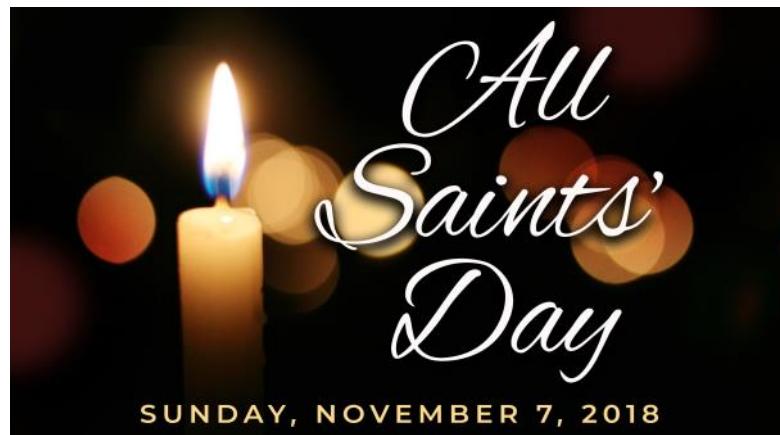
This year's Reading Buddies has expanded again. Of last year's 11 volunteers, 8 are continuing on for another year, and 6 new people have volunteered to be a Reading Buddy.

Buddy. All of these new volunteers have either a child or a grandchild at Wyoming Elementary. Because of the influx of volunteers, we now have a Reading Buddy for every classroom in Kindergarten through Third Grade. This will be the first year that the Third Graders will have Reading Buddies!



All Saints' Sunday

During worship on Sunday, November 7 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 that person will light a candle. Please invite to this worship service any you know who might appreciate being a part of this time of remembrance.

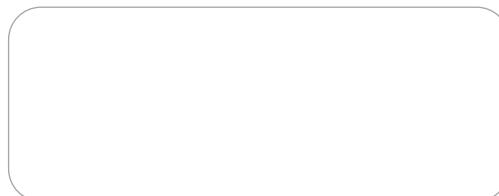


Unidos en Cristo

Unidos en Cristo (UEC) is a structured, three day weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people and bring them to a new and more active awareness of living in God's grace. UEC is coming to Main Street United Methodist Church in North Branch this coming February (February 7-10 is the men's weekend, February 14-17 is the women's weekend). For more information you can talk to Denny or Nancy Hebrink or Pastor Holly or go to www.unidosencristo.com.

Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. -1 Chronicles 16:11

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Messenger

Lydia Project Continues

Many thanks to all who have been making scarves for the Lydia Project, a project whose goal is to offer 10,000 delegates, dignitaries, bishops and spouses a hand knit scarf as a welcome gift when they come to attend the 2020 United Methodist General Conference in Minneapolis.



Stitch 'n Rip Quilters

The Stitch 'n Rip Quilters received a generous donation from one of our parishioners which they want to use for community outreach. Our church is known in the community through our other programs like Reading Buddies and New Pathways, etc. So the quilters discussed several ideas presented and then contacted the police department to see if they would be interested in receiving quilts for young children who they rescue from any number of dire situations. The police were excited by the idea. We will be purchasing fabrics in the next few weeks to begin our first batch of 10 to keep in their patrol cars. The quilts we will be making will be for children ages 4-10.

Fall Turkey Dinner

Our Annual Fall Dinner is Saturday, October 13 from 4-7pm. We need all kinds of helpers from food makers to wait staff to set up and clean up. Please contact Gordy Pie-truszewski if you haven't yet signed up to help. Also be sure and invite your friends and neighbors to come and enjoy this wonderful dinner that is a gift to the community. Enjoy this Thanksgiving-like meal, give thanks for the blessings in your life, and thankfully, gratefully give your donations to help those in need.



**Wyoming United Methodist Church's Annual
Turkey Dinner**
is Saturday, October 13, 2018
From 4:00—7:00 p.m.



FREE-WILL OFFERING

All proceeds will be donated to The Refuge Network and Lakes Center for Youth and Families

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Worship Services in October

In October we conclude our series based on the book *God Unbound: Wisdom from Galatians for the Anxious Church* as we continue to explore what Paul's letter to the people of Galatia has to say to us today. The main topic of Paul's letter is convincing the Galatians that they don't need to become Jewish in appearance or practice in order to become Christian. How does that relate to our church life today? Who in our society may feel like they have to change in order to 'fit in' with Christian culture?

October 7:
God Unbound:
Responding to Anxiety
Galatians 4:4-7

October 14:
God Unbound:
Guided by the Spirit
Galatians 5:1-25

October 21:
Guest Speaker: Bea Zaruba

October 28:
Guest Speaker: Denny Hebrink