

## From the Pastor...

September is a wonderfully busy month.

School starts again, the weather turns cooler, the people who have been vacationing are back in their homes, life returns to some semblance of normal.

September is also a time of hospitality. We welcome people to our space for pie and booya on Stagecoach Days weekend. We welcome youth back to confirmation classes and Sunday School. We host an Old Settlers' Picnic and square dance with the Jolly Promenaders.

Summer is an amazing time to relax, celebrate life events like graduations and weddings, and participate in family reunions.

As we reunite as a worshipping community and welcome back those who have been traveling this summer, we are grateful for this church family of Wyoming United Methodist Church, who lives to worship God and to let others know the blessing of God's love for all. "Building Bridges to Christ's Love" is our church's motto and it informs who we are and why we do what we do.

The sermon series for September is "You've Got a Friend in Me." Keying off of the Toy Bible Stories lessons the kids will be studying in Sunday School, and playing off of the recent release of the movie Toy Story 4, we will be talking about the biblical principles of who we are as a people of faith and to whom we belong.

Our congregational meeting on September 22 will further the conversation about who we are as a people of faith and how we want to communicate a welcoming message to those who feel excluded by the church.

September is a key month for change. I'm reminded of the scripture passage from Ecclesiastes 3: "For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted..." Soon harvest time will come and once again our farmers will provide a bounty of food to sustain our bodies and souls.

With the change of seasons we can look back and marvel at what was new and what is no more, and look forward to what new joys are coming our way.

I hope you avail yourselves of the many opportunities in this newsletter and may your fall preparations be blessed!

~Pastor Holly



Photos from our final Family Fun Night "Splish-Splash" event held on August 14th.

## September Celebrations

### Birthdays

9-1	Joshua S.	9-17	Steve W.
9-2	Mary S. Keegan S.	9-26	Jeanne L.
9-3	Denny H.	9-27	Norma S.
9-12	Cyndy J.	9-28	Chad W.
9-14	Bernie S. Lois S. Myron Z.	9-29	Fannie H.

### Anniversaries

9-10	Rich & Linda P. Dave & Cathy W.
9-13	Rick & Wendy C.
9-16	Trevor & Abigail J.
9-17	Don & Joyce M.



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

## Women's Empowerment Luncheon

Family Pathways is hosting a Women's Empowerment Luncheon on Saturday, September 28 from 11:30am-1:30pm at Maranatha Church in Wyoming. The guest speaker is Kat Perkins who will share her message of being Fearless and inspiring others through the power of music. Kat competed on season 6 of NBC's The Voice and finished as a Top 4 finalist. To register, go to [FamilyPathways.org/womens-empowerment-luncheon/](http://FamilyPathways.org/womens-empowerment-luncheon/), call 651-674-8040 or talk with Bea Z. There is no charge to attend. Guests will be asked to make a donation for domestic violence prevention and support. Please be sure to register in advance so they can prepare enough food for everyone.

## Sunday School Teachers Needed

Every Sunday, ten minutes into the worship service, the children are dismissed from the worship service and head back to the Sunday School classroom for some time of learning about faith and life in a way that speaks to them. Several members of our congregation help lead our Sunday School class, but we are looking for more to join the team! All the curriculum and ideas for leading Sunday School are provided for you. If you'd like to learn more about this opportunity, please talk to Lois Janke, our chair of Nurture and Discipleship.



## Reading Buddies

You are invited to join our Reading Buddies! Reading Buddies is a program where individuals from our church go into Wyoming Elementary School and help younger elementary students one-on-one with their reading. Usually consisting of an hour a week commitment, our

Reading Buddies really enjoyed listening to the students read to them. If you have any questions or want to hear more about their experience, be sure and talk to one of our current Reading Buddies: Karyla P., Donna K., Joyce M., Holly A., Jane D., or Carol S. They would love to talk with you! Reading Buddies is slated to start the first week of October.

## New Member Class

We have some people in our congregation who would like to join the church and would like you to join with them! If you are interested in learning more about becoming a member of Wyoming United Methodist Church, please let Pastor Holly know. Becoming a member involves coming to a new member orientation class (one session), then joining the congregation during worship on Sunday. We're hoping to have the class and the New Member Sunday sometime in late September or early October.

## 3rd Grade (through 6th Grade) Bible Sunday

Every year our congregation gives to its older elementary school children their very own Bible. This year our Bible Sunday will be October 13, with an orientation Sunday after worship on Sunday, October 6. If your family has a third through sixth grader who hasn't yet received the gift of a bible from our church, please let Pastor Holly know, so she can prepare a brand new Bible for your child or grandchild.

## Digital Church Records

We've gotten a request from someone who is working for a Swedish genealogy company that digitizes all the pages of church records including membership books and records of life changes (birth, baptism, marriage, etc). Jan Carlson, who has contacted us, is working with this genealogy company to preserve our records in a safe, secure way at no cost to us. If you'd like to learn more about this and see if you could help, please talk to Pastor Holly.

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.

## Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, September 22, we will be having a potluck and congregational meeting to share information with one another about the current state of the United Methodist Church, especially with regards to its inclusion of people of various sexual orientations and gender identities. We'll learn about what developments have happened since we had our guest speaker, Dave Nuckols, at our church on June 2. We'll also talk about what our 5 member Inclusion Team has been talking about over the summer. We hope you can make this important informational meeting.

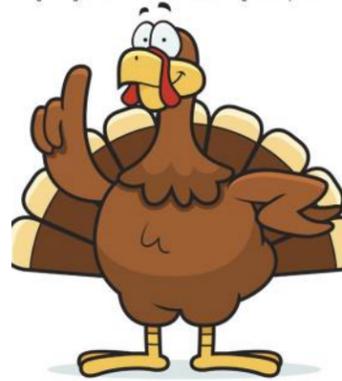
## Join the Choir

Starting Wednesday, September 11 at 7pm we will start a new year of choir practice. We meet for an hour, sing in four part harmony, and generally enjoy one another's company. It's an hour you won't want to miss! You are invited!

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## Save the Date!

Our Annual Turkey Dinner will be Saturday, October 12 from 4-7pm. Be sure and invite your friends and neighbors to save the date!



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# Messenger

September 2019

**TOY BIBLE STORIES**

## Kick Off Sunday

Kick Off Sunday this year is Sunday, September 8. It's the first day of Sunday School for our children pre-school through 6th grade. Following Teaching Time in worship, they leave with their teacher and begin their first session of class. Before Teaching Time we will have a blessing of the Backpacks/Briefcases/Bags (including diaper bags). Bring your backpacks etc. to worship on September 8 and we will ask God to bless the backpacks or whatever you take with you to help you manage your work (schoolwork, housework, office work, etc.). We will also ask God to bless those who use those backpacks etc.

Following worship on Kick Off Sunday we will have ice cream and root beer floats along with coffee and juice to celebrate the first Sunday of the new Sunday School year.

Join Sunday School anytime this year. The theme for the fall is *Toy Bible Stories*.

## Confirmation Classes Begin

Starting Sunday, September 15, we will begin confirmation classes with any kids who are ready to explore their faith and learn for themselves what it means to be a Christian. Usually confirmation kids participate in this two-year program in 7th and 8th grades. We currently have two youth in our class and we have room for more! We meet twice a month immediately following worship. Please talk to Pastor Holly if you have any questions or want to sign up your child or grandchild.

## Stagecoach Days

Wyoming Stagecoach Days is an annual community event in Wyoming, MN, celebrating Wyoming's history as the first stop on the stagecoach route from Rice Street in St. Paul to Duluth. This year's Stagecoach Days are September 13-15. Our church is once again offering coffee and pie and booya to the community. The donations we receive will all go to missions, but our main purpose is to offer hospitality to the community. We need your pie donations, your booya ingredient donations and your cooking help to make this a success. Please sign up in the nook in the church narthex or talk to Jane R. (about pies) or Gordy P. (about booya).

## Stagecoach Days Parade

We are going to be in the Stagecoach Days Parade! The parade is Saturday morning, beginning at 10 a.m. (line up begins at 8:30) and will be going directly by our church. Please consider representing our church to the community at large by walking and handing out free gifts from our church. If you have little ones, strollers and wagons would be perfect. Otherwise, just put on your good walking shoes and walk the 1.5 mile route. For further information, please talk to Jane R.



## Worship in September

In September we begin a series called *You've Got a Friend in Me*, keying off of some of the familiar themes in all 4 *Toy Story* movies and seeing how they echo important themes we find in scripture. Our kids will be studying *Toy Bible Stories* during Sunday School, so this is a good time to talk about how we can be there for one another and give one another support, for we are all in this together.

### September 1:

Seeing Ourselves  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

### September 8:

You've Got a Friend in Me:  
Overcoming Fear  
1 John 4:18-21  
Kick Off Sunday

### September 15:

You've Got a Friend in Me:  
Belonging to God  
John 15:12-15

### September 22:

You've Got a Friend in Me:  
A Time for Everything  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

### September 29:

You've Got a Friend in Me:  
Who Am I?  
Ephesians 2:4-10



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