

Little Free Library News

The Little Free Library that Trevor J. built for us and that is in place at the Wyoming Elementary School is now host to a food shelf! The bottom shelf of the library has been filled with food available for the taking by anyone experiencing food insecurity at this time. It wasn't our idea, but isn't it GREAT? May this library continue to be a blessing to children and families. –Jane R.



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The Baby Blanket

The community ministry, *The Baby Blanket*, has canceled Hannah's Arms for March and April. However, we stand ready to assist families with cribs/carseats/boosters/pack n plays even while closed. If you or anyone you know needs help with these items, have them call the Baby Blanket cell at 651-304-0432.

Wyoming United Methodist Church

Messenger



Giving Online and Through the Mail

In this time of Staying at Home and helping slow the spread of COVID-19, we need to remember that the ministries of our church continue and that we need to support our church with our prayers and gifts. Please keep current with your giving to Wyoming Church and do so either by:



Mailing your check to Wyoming Church,
P.O. Box 247, Wyoming, MN 55092

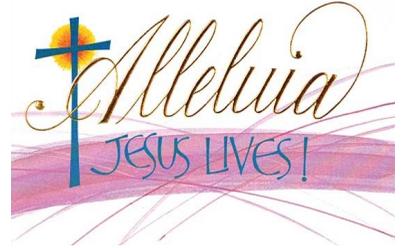


Or by clicking on the "Donate" button on our website at www.wyomingunitedmethodist.org.

Thank you for your continued support!

Prayer Requests

Please send your prayer requests to Nancy Hebrink at eldonlee1@q.com. Nancy will circulate the prayer requests to our online prayer chain.



Worship Services in April

We continue our series *The Walk* through the month of April, focusing on walking with Jesus through the events of his last week on earth and into his glorious resurrection. Following Easter we will examine the disciples' encounters with the resurrected Jesus.

April 5 Palm Sunday

The Walk: Hosanna!
Matthew 21:1-11

April 12 Easter

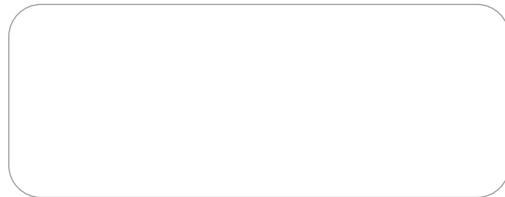
Meeting Jesus on the Road
Matthew 28:1-10

April 19

Behind Locked Doors
John 20:19-31

April 26

Walk to Emmaus
Luke 24:13-35



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Wyoming UMC's Online Services in April



Join us for worship at 10am every Sunday on our YouTube channel



Pastor Holly will be on Facebook Live
• Every Sunday following the sermon
• 8pm every Wednesday
• 8pm Good Friday, April 10



He's Still Risen!

From the Pastor

“May you live in interesting times” is an expression that I have been thinking about a lot lately. We certainly live in interesting times now that the COVID-19 pandemic is upon us. Our governor, Tim Walz, has asked us to stay at home for the next two weeks not to “flatten the curve” of this new coronavirus, for it is too late for that, but to push out to a later date the peak of the virus so that health care providers in the state can have enough time to put extra ventilators and hospital beds in place.

We certainly live in interesting times and though that expression is meant to be more of a curse than a blessing, we can still wring blessing out of these times, with the help of Christ.

Bishop Ough, resident bishop of the Minnesota Annual Conference, is requesting that all United Methodist congregations in Minnesota suspend in-person worship until at least May 10, in compliance with the Center for Disease Control’s eight week ban on gatherings of 50 people or more.

So even though we cannot see each other in person, we are still able to connect with each other online. Our secretary, Michelle, and members of my family have stepped up to help figure out the multiple details needed for online worship. Adrian and Jan and Jasmine helped lead music at our first online worship and stayed late on a Thursday night until it was done.

Even though we can’t gather together, we can still be the church, because the church isn’t the building, it is the people. Even though we can’t join together in person for Easter on April 12, Easter cannot be canceled. The resurrection cannot be stopped.

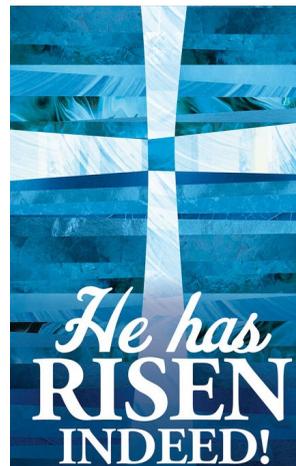
In a letter to all our Minnesota United Methodist congregations, Bishop Ough wrote: “As you already know, Easter does not come on the same date every year. Therefore, especially in a crisis, we can celebrate Easter anytime. Indeed, every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. We are called to live in the joy and victory of Easter every day.”

As many of you know, I was planning to go on a Clergy Renewal Leave beginning April 20, but that has now been pushed back to May 18, at which time I plan to take three months renewal leave, with an additional month of leave planned for the fall. Like many things that we have come to rely on, this may also change, but for now this is my plan.

I look forward to the day that we can all be reunited in the sanctuary at Wyoming Church, but until that time, be assured that the good news of Jesus’ resurrection cannot be stopped by COVID-19.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

~Holly



April Celebrations

Birthdays

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| 4/1 | Mary Jo B. |
| 4/7 | Shurene E. |
| 4/8 | Nancy H. |
| 4/9 | Brian B. Karen K. Elizabeth R. |
| 4/10 | Lisa I. |
| 4/11 | Molly B. |
| 4/12 | Heather S. |
| 4/15 | Pat R. |
| 4/17 | John H. |
| 4/19 | Bea Z. |
| 4/22 | Barb L. |
| 4/24 | Cyndi T. |
| 4/25 | Craig R. |
| 4/26 | Alyssa K. |
| 4/28 | Lynne C. Paul S. |
| 4/29 | Max H. Makenna H. |

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

Thank You

Thanks to the 31 people who volunteered 211.5 hours of their time to host our New Pathways guests the first week in March. Well done, good and faithful servants!

Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Luke 24:5-6

A Dish Towel’s Tale

A member of our congregation (Pat. R.) one day showed me a dish towel that had been carefully repaired over the years. She then gave me the following story which was last published in our newsletter in late 2011:

Someone, a long time ago, decided that I needed a name and so they embroidered M.E. Aid in one of my corners. I’ve dried countless cups, glasses, plates and silverware. And by folding me in a triangle, I’ve been tied about someone’s middle and served well as a makeshift apron. I’ve worked so hard that I’ve worn thin and developed holes that someone patched. I may have been used to wipe up a spill before being taken home to be laundered. In the summer I would flop gaily on the clothes line, secured by two clothes pins. In December and January I endured freezing, but smelled so fresh when brought into the house to finish drying and then to be ironed, returned to church and my drawer in the kitchen.

My age is unknown, but with the help of many frugal, responsible women, I’ve been able to do the work of the church in an unflinching, faithful and loving way—without complaint.

The time has come that I need another patch and then perhaps some time off in a special place to rest and get ready for service.

My story reminds me of the “willing to work in the kitchen” people of today. If someone needs to be patched, rested, cleaned up and put to God’s use---it happens! I shall wait for the next patch.

