

## JUST LOVE

Bishop Bruce Ough recently put forward a conference-wide special appeal to collect funds that will support congregations on the frontlines supporting ministries of mercy and ministries of racial justice. Your gifts to the JUST LOVE appeal will enable partnerships with our congregations on the frontlines to support ministries of mercy (crisis counseling, housing stability, food/medicine) and ministries of racial justice (education, advocacy, intervention). A Rapid Response Grant Team with representatives from urban core churches and Black congregational leaders will oversee special appeal allocations, and your donations will be directed to where there is the greatest need in rebuilding our neighborhoods. Donations can be made to Wyoming UMC, with "JUST LOVE" written in the memo line.

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### Prayer Requests

Please email your prayer requests to Nancy at [eldonlee1@q.com](mailto:eldonlee1@q.com)

### Ways to Give



By mail  
P.O. Box 247  
Wyoming, MN 55092



Online  
[WyomingUnitedMethodist.org](http://WyomingUnitedMethodist.org)  
Click on the donate tab

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the ministries of Wyoming United  
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Messenger

July/August 2020



### A Letter from Pastor Marty Rath

To the faithful of Wyoming UMC, grace and peace to you.

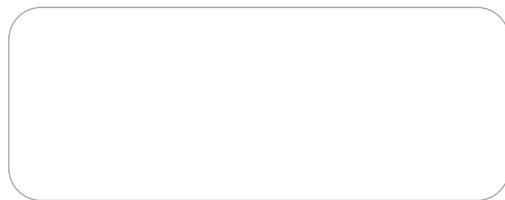
I am a United Methodist pastor who retired two years ago after 34 years of pastoral ministry. I am a native Minnesotan, who grew up in the Minneapolis suburb of Eden Prairie. I attended Union Theological Seminary in NYC where I met my wife, Donna Buell, who is an ordained pastor in the Presbyterian Church USA. The last 25 years of our ministry we served together as the co-pastors of the Methodist Churches in Redwood Falls, Northfield, and Stillwater. We are still living in Stillwater, and we worship regularly at the White Bear Lake UMC and the Grace Trinity Church in South Minneapolis.

We have one son, Nathan, who has lived and worked in China for the past 10 years, and we have been fortunate enough to have visited him three times while he has been there. He

currently lives in Beijing where he teaches Social Studies and English in a Korean International School.

When I retired, my district superintendent asked if I would be willing to provide pastoral coverage if there was a need in one of our churches. I shared that Donna and I had been able to take two renewal leaves during our ministry, and that they were a blessing both to us and our congregations. So, I told her, if there was a pastor wanting to take a leave, I would be delighted to help make that possible. I was glad when Holly asked me, and I am looking forward to the seven weeks that I will be with you, though I wish it were under different circumstances. The coronavirus epidemic has made the past few months a difficult and challenging time for all of us, including for our churches. Still, as it was for Donna and I, I do hope that this renewal time for Holly will end up being a blessing both for her and for you as a congregation.

I am grateful to Melanie and Michelle for their help in this time of pastoral transition. As Melanie finishes, I will begin my time with you on Monday, June 22 through Sunday, August 9. During this time, please feel free to contact me with any pastoral needs. My cell phone number and email are 507.581.6586 and [martinraths57@gmail.com](mailto:martinraths57@gmail.com).



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Please join us on YouTube Live, Wednesdays at 8pm for 'Evening Praise & Prayer' and on Sunday mornings following worship for 'Sharing Our Joys.' Hosted by Pastor Marty.

## Wyoming UMC COVID-19 Procedures

The Ad Council met Wednesday evening, June 17. Taking into consideration the guidelines from the State of Minnesota and the Yellow Phase of the United Methodist Church, the decision was made to allow **small WUMC groups of up to 10 to meet in the Fellowship Hall** with the following protocols that must be followed: 1) **masks** to be worn, 2) honor the **six foot social distancing** recommendation, and 3) **sanitize** the room before leaving the building (this includes the restrooms, if used). Cleaning supplies and directions for use will be provided and need to be used to wipe down all surfaces that were touched including door knobs and light switches.

Other requirements: **Schedule meetings** with the church office (open Tuesday mornings and all day on Wednesdays and Fridays) and **keep attendance records** should we need names for contact tracing.

In these COVID 19 days we understand the challenges we all are facing, but at the same time want our congregation and our people to be safe and free from the virus.

A committee is being formed to work on the details (which are numerous) that need to be in place in order for us to re-open our church for worship at a date yet to be determined.

Please keep our church, our pastors and our leadership teams in your prayers. We are trusting that our Gracious God will give us the peace and strength that we each need in these trying times.

-Wyoming UMC Ad Council



### BIRTHDAYS

JULY		AUGUST	
7	Ryan R.	1	Shirley F.
9	Cameron J.	2	Shelley B.
	Jack L.	5	Kaylin F.
	Troy S.	6	Devantay K.
11	Dan I.		Monique K.
12	Dela P.	9	Alex I.
13	Alec A.		Carol S.
14	Logan K.	13	Jim L.
15	Deb M.		Karyla P.
19	Jim K.	14	John S.
20	Alex S.	17	Chris S.
23	Colleen H.	19	Pam T.
	Kaye L.	27	Rita P.
	Austin S.	30	Augustus L.
			Lee P.

### ANNIVERSARIES

JULY	
14	Ron & Barb L.
17	John & Holly K.
25	Dave & Jan F.
29	Ed & Karen K.
AUGUST	
12	Jim & Donna K.
14	Paul & Lisa S.
25	Dennis & Lisa R.
28	Ben & LeAnne P.

You are invited to send a card to Jack Legus on July 9 for his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday! His address is:  
24227 W. Fawn Rd. NE  
Stacy, MN 55079

## From Pastor Melanie

Wow! It's been an adventurous five weeks! Little did we know five weeks ago all that would happen in our community and world as we have faced not only the Covid-19 pandemic but a pandemic of racism. Thank you for your welcome to Wyoming UMC for virtual worship and devotions. It has been an honor to serve with you and I will hold you in prayer as you move through the rest of the summer with Pastor Marty and prepare for Pastor Holly's return! I hope that the sermon series on finding the sacred in the ordinary aspects of our daily lives will carry you through these interesting times.

With love and peace,  
Pastor Melanie



## July/August Sermons (PASTOR MARTY)

*Life Abundant*

In the Gospel of John, Jesus says to his disciples, "I came that you may have life, and have it abundantly." In the coming weeks we will explore together some aspects of this life abundant that Jesus promises to us. The seeds of this life are planted by the assurance that we are all beloved daughters and sons of God. It begins to grow through the freedom that is ours in Christ. It is nurtured by a life of prayer, by the stories we tell ourselves, and by the ways we offer ourselves and others the healing ministry of presence. In the end this life abundant becomes a whole way of life for us, involving thoughts and feelings and actions, transformation in this life and salvation in the next, and a daily and lifelong walking in the way of love.

Date	Sermon Title	Scripture
June 28	You Are My Beloved	Matthew 3:13-17
July 5	The Purpose of Freedom	Galatians 5:1, 13-15, 22-26; Mark 5:25-34
July 12	Prayer as Presence	Philippians 1:3- 11; 4:4-8
July 19	Tell Me a Story . . .	Luke 10:25-37
July 26	Becoming Healing Prone	Luke 7:1-10
August 2	Drawing Crosses in the Sand	Philippians 1:27-30, Matthew 19:16-22
August 9	Life Abundant	John 14:1-14

I came that they may have *life*,  
and have it *abundantly*. -John 10:10b

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