

## From the Pastor . . .

“<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

This scripture from the first chapter of Philippians has been going through my head for the last several days as I think about this congregation and all that we have done and continue to do in the name of Christ for our congregation and community.

I am so grateful for you and for your partnership in the gospel. We are so confident of your good hearts and generous souls that as an Administrative Council, we set the goal of giving as much money to The Refuge and Lakes Center for Youth and Families as we have in past years, and felt confident that we could reach that goal even without the Fall Dinner!

It feels good to give. In fact, giving actually stimulates the reward centers in your brain. God created us to be giving people, which makes sense because we are created in God’s image and our God is a giving God. God gives all that we have and all that we are—gives us life, breath, skills and abilities.

When we are asked to give, it is an invitation to find greater joy, to intentionally invest in what we value and to show, by our example, what has the greatest priority in our lives. How we spend our time, money and attention demonstrates what we value and we are called to be good stewards of all that we have been given.

This month you’ll receive in the mail a letter that we hope you’ll read and a pledge card that we hope you’ll prayerfully consider filling out and sending back to the church by Sunday, November 22. As you consider all you’ve been blessed with this year, we hope this pledge is a joyful response to the blessings you’ve been given, a grateful response to God’s overwhelming love.

“<sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God’s grace with me... <sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup> so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.”

Blessings,  
Pastor Holly

## Thank You

I am so grateful to you for many reasons—for your faithful leadership, for your patient and kind hearts, for the way you love those in need. My gratitude for you continues as you have once again blessed me with a gift card for this October’s Pastor Appreciation Month. Thanks for the gift card to Barnes & Noble book store. I will have many a month of happy reading because of you! Thanks to all of you for the cards and well wishes you sent me, too. They are especially meaningful in this year of being separated by the pandemic. Thanks for your kind and encouraging words. I am blessed to be your pastor!

—Pastor Holly



### Birthdays

- 11-1 **Scott K.**
- 11-3 **Audrey B.**
- 11-5 **Nicholas J.**
- 11-7 **Ben A.**
- 11-8 **Karl L.**
- 11-9 **Emma A.**
- 11-10 **Glenna Q.**
- 11-18 **Yvonne B.**

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

## 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 the donations you share with good causes like The Refuge and Lakes Center for Youth and Families (see article in this newsletter about how much we were able to raise) 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 2021 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. Commitment Sunday is Sunday, November 22. Please mail in or bring in your Commitment cards by that Sunday. 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. In this difficult time the church is an even more crucial part of Wyoming and the surrounding community. 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!

## Boy Scout Fundraiser

Tristan Stabe's Boy Scout Troop is in the middle of a fund raiser, selling both Christmas Wreaths and popcorn. Since we are not meeting in person right now (but many of us would love to support his efforts) our only recourse is to send him something by mail. Check your church directory for the address. Or contact Jane Rylander and she'll help you with the address. Thank you!

## Congratulations Confirmands!

Congratulations to our two confirmands, Kaylee E. and Ryan R., who, in the presence of their families, confirmed the vows made at their baptism. Welcome to the Wyoming United Methodist Church family, Ryan and Kaylee. We’re so glad you’ve taken this important step on your faith journey! The confirmation service is available to view on our YouTube channel.



## Electronic Giving Available

Several years ago, we set up a convenient new way to make your regular or special offerings, by placing a ‘Donate’ button on our website. With the donate button, 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 [wyomingunitedmethodist.org](http://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 later in November).

## November Calendar

### November 1

Daylight Savings Time Ends

### November 10

Administrative Council 7pm

### November 22

Commitment Sunday

*Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. - Proverbs 30:5*



## Joy Bells Ministry

Joy Bells Ministry enables families in the Linwood and Wyoming communities to have a little more joy in their Christmas celebrations. In past years we have received 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.

This year, with life a little different, we don't know how Joy Bells will operate. We have funds available for the Christmas meals and we may have to do gift cards rather than all the shopping of the past. We will get you more information as we get more information from the schools.

## Christmas Offering

The 2020 Christmas offering will be designated to go to the two homeless shelters we support, New Pathways in Cambridge and the St. Andrews Family Shelter in Hugo. Both shelters expect an even greater need for shelter for families experiencing homelessness as the weather turns even colder and many families are in a financial crisis. Thank you for your continued generosity!

# Wyoming United Methodist Church Messenger



## All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 1 is All Saints' Sunday. When we recorded the service on Wednesday, October 28, we lit candles for 31 loved ones we have lost this year that were somehow connected to our congregation or were loved ones of those in our congregation. Please remember in prayer all those who have lost loved ones this year.



## We Did It!

Thanks to all of you for your donations that enabled us to give \$4200 total to the two worthy causes that we have supported year after year with our Fall Turkey Dinner. Though we weren't able to enjoy the sumptuous feast and the delightful company at this annual event, the people of Lakes Center for Youth and Families and The Refuge (a shelter for domestic assault victims and their children) will each receive half of the funds raised. Thanks again for your generous hearts! We are making a difference in our community.

## Sunday School Mailings

Sadly, we are not able to meet as a group for Sunday School classes at this time. A packet of materials is being mailed out to all our students each week consisting of a brief lesson and prayer, along with activities and/or crafts to do at home. Our goal is to keep our relationship with God and each other moving forward as best we can. Anyone who would like a relative, neighbor, or friend between kindergarten & grade 6 to be included in this mailing should let me know & I'll add them to our list. So far, we are sending out 10 packets to 19 children. Who can we add?



For those kids now getting lessons: Do the kids LIKE getting the mail lessons & crafts? Would they prefer an online video & no craft? Our thinking was they are on the screens a lot already & might enjoy something in their hands. Email: jane21475@aol.com

## November Sermons

In this year of uncertainty, it is, at times, difficult to find a place to land, a place to feel contentment. Contentment often means that we feel that all is right with the world and the reality is that our world has a lot of things going poorly at the moment. But our contentment doesn't come from this world, but comes from God who leads us through dark valleys and brings us Good News. Join us in this series on Contentment this November.

**November 1**  
Contentment  
Luke 12:15-21

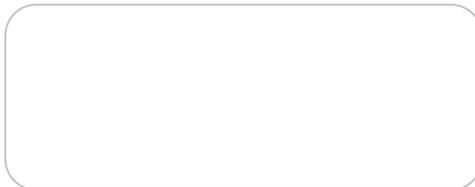
**November 8**  
Contentment:  
Generosity's Power  
Luke 6:27-38

**November 15**  
Contentment:  
Giving Thanks  
1 Chronicles 29:1-19

**November 22**  
Commitment Sunday  
Contentment:  
Where Joy is Found  
Matthew 25:14-28

**November 29**  
God With Us Brings Hope  
Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

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*I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving. - Psalm 69:30*