

From the Pastor...

I am looking forward to this season and all that October will bring. I'm excited that we decided that we can safely hold the Fall Dinner again this year! It's been three years since our last Fall Dinner and not everyone will feel safe to come back, but it will feel good to be able to bring the community back into our space. I hope that many of us can help out with the Fall Dinner this year as it takes a whole church to put this amazing meal on. The Fall Dinner is one of the events we are known for in the community and new leadership has stepped up to put on the event this year. We are so grateful to those who are coordinating this important ministry.

We also are starting back again with Reading Buddies! I'm looking forward to getting volunteers back in Wyoming Elementary School, listening to kids read to them. Reading Buddies is often the highlight of my week and I've heard from other Reading Buddies that it's a highlight of their week, too. I hope many of the "old" Reading Buddies will come back, but also hope that we can have many "new" Reading Buddies joining the team!

This October we'll be launching into a sermon series about being blessed to be a blessing. We have been given so many blessings and we are encouraged to pass on the blessings to others. Our series leads us up to Commitment Sunday, October 23, where we're asking every member and friend of the church to make a financial commitment to support this congregation's ministries in the community and around the world.

I'm also looking forward to October because after two and a half long years of waiting, I am finally going to be going to Africa! At the end of October Dave and I will be getting on a plane to Tanzania and Kenya, a trip that we had originally planned for April 2020 as the key trip we would be taking during my renewal leave, using grant money from the Lilly Foundation Clergy Renewal Program. We will spend 11 days in Tanzania and 6 days in Kenya, primarily spending our time looking at all the wildlife those countries have to offer.

May you have a blessed season as you are blessed to be a blessing!

~ Pastor Holly

October Celebrations

Birthdays

10-1	Alex B.
10-6	Nathan A. Zachary P.
10-7	Shirley J.
10-9	Connie W.
10-10	Sandy B.
10-11	Don M. Jennifer M.
10-16	Tom W.
10-18	Allie B. Gordy P.
10-19	Nicki A. Bud J.
10-23	Lonnie N.
10-25	Joyce M.
10-28	Carrie M. Abby T.
10-31	Amanda J.

Anniversaries

10-2	Craig & Jane R.
10-5	Steve & Cyndi T.
10-21	Jason & Valerie V.



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

Care Packages

The Spiritual Prayer Group is making Care Packages for college students associated with our congregation. If you know a student who would like one, please get their address to Pastor Holly no later than Monday, October 10. (hollyaastuen@gmail.com)

Stagecoach Day

A big thank you to all who helped make our pie extravaganza happen on September 17! We're grateful to everyone who helped with cooking, cutting, serving and cleanup. Many thanks to all who helped pass out candy at the parade.

Reading Buddies

Pastor Holly has gotten word that volunteers are being allowed back in Wyoming Elementary School for Reading Buddies. If you are interested in spending an hour a week with elementary school students, listening to them read to you, please talk to Pastor Holly. For many who have volunteered in the past, it is the highlight of our week!

All Saints' Sunday

During worship on Sunday, November 6, 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 light a candle. Please invite anyone you know who might appreciate being a part of this time of remembrance.

Attention Singers

Tyler Olson, choir director at Trinity Lutheran in North Branch, will direct the community-wide chorus singing on Saturday, November 26 at 4:30PM at an Ecumenical Choral Vespers Service during Taylors Falls Lighting Festival. We ask you to attend the five Sunday evening rehearsals beginning on October 23 from 6-8PM at the Taylors Falls UMC (where the service will also be held). For more information reach out to Barb at 651-465-6635 or wwymd@aol.com.

Greetings from Pastor Melanie

Hello again! I led worship with you in May and June of 2020 when Pastor Holly was on renewal leave. Back then, I never imagined I would be recording worship every Wednesday with no one around. Since we only interacted virtually during those months, I can't tell you how excited I am to worship with you in person! I will be with you for four weeks beginning October 30th, while your pastor completes her renewal leave.

I look forward to seeing you on October 30th for in-person worship and getting to connect names with faces. On the 30th, we'll kick off a 4-week sermon series on The Psalms: Conversations with God. I hope to see you then!

-Pastor Melanie Homan

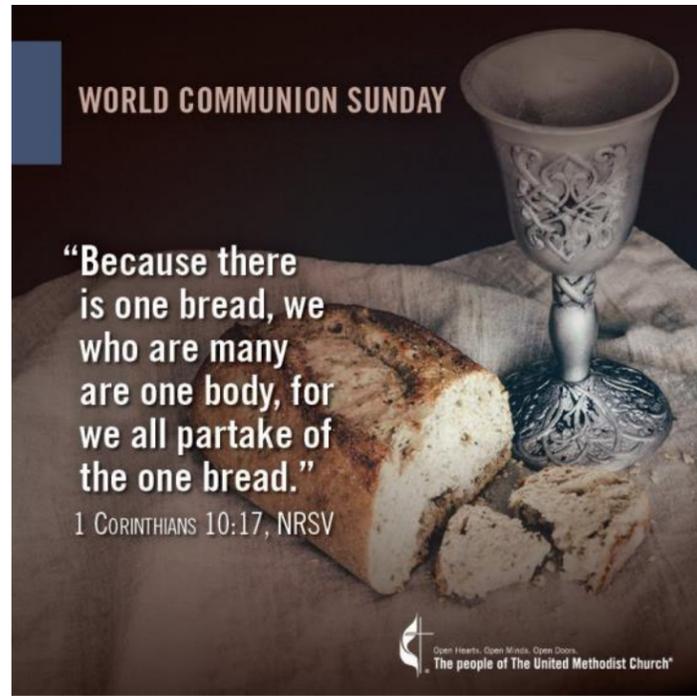


Commitment Sunday

Sunday, October 23 is Commitment Sunday, where we make our commitments to support the work of Jesus Christ through our local church. We're asking you to consider making a financial commitment so our church leaders know what sort of support they can expect over the coming year. Your faithful pledging has helped us get through these last years and will help us dream about how we can change the world going forward. On Sunday, October 23 we will ask people to turn in their commitment card during worship. Look for a letter to come to your home mid-October with your commitment card. Commitment cards will also be available to pick up on that Sunday.

Electronic and Automatic Giving Available

We have a "Donate" button on our website to enable people to easily donate electronically. You can easily set up a recurring or one time contribution to your church. Go to wyomingunitedmethodist.org and give it a try! If you would like to set up automatic payments to the church from your bank account, please talk to Cathy West or put a check mark in that box on your commitment card (which will be mailed to you mid-October).



World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 2 is World Communion Sunday, one of six special offering Sundays in the United Methodist Church worldwide. Your gifts to World Communion Sunday fund graduate and undergraduate racial-ethnic scholarships, with at least one half of the amount reserved for ministries beyond the United States. If you feel moved to donate to this worthy effort, please mark your donation "World Communion."

"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world."

-Nelson Mandela

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Fall Dinner

Our Annual Fall Dinner is back from its pandemic pause and will be held at our church on Saturday, October 15 from 4-7PM. We need all kinds of helpers from food makers to wait staff to set up and clean up. Please sign up in the nook for jobs you are willing to help with and food you are willing to bring. We want to be well prepared to welcome the community back into our building and your help is vital to being prepared. Invite your friends and neighbors to come and enjoy this wonderful Thanksgiving-like meal and encourage them to donate generously to the free will offering. All the proceeds will go to benefit the Lakes Center for Youth & Families.

Worship Services in October

Beginning the first Sunday of October, we'll be launching into a four-week series called "Releasing God's Blessings." We often think of blessings as things we receive, but blessings are also things we give to others. Just as God blesses us through people in our lives, so does God promise to bless others through us. When we live as grateful recipients of God's blessings, we can also be agents of God's blessing in our world.

October 2

World Communion Sunday
Releasing God's Blessings:
A Legacy of Blessings
2 Corinthians 9:1-5

October 9

Releasing God's Blessings:
Blessed People Bless Others
2 Corinthians 9:6-10

October 16

Releasing God's Blessings:
Overflowing Blessings
2 Corinthians 9:11-15

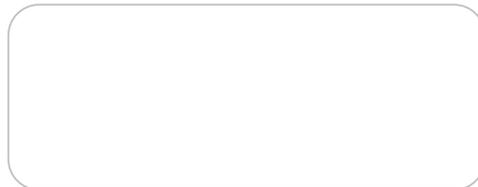
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Commitment Sunday
Releasing God's Blessings:
Blessed Imagination
Luke 17:5-6

October 30

Conversations with God:
Psalms as Poetry
Psalm 139

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Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy!
-Psalm 96:12



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Please join us for our annual
Turkey Dinner
Saturday, October 15, 2022 • 4 - 7 p.m.
at Wyoming United Methodist Church
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Freewill Offering
All proceeds will be donated to
Lakes Center for Youth
& Families

Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. -Romans 12:13