

Women's Bible Study

We will be starting our Women's Bible Study on Wednesday, October 18 at 7PM. Our study will be on the book of Revelation and we will be using William Barclay's book from The Daily Bible Series Volume 1. Each Wednesday, we'll read together and discuss Barclay's commentary on one of the most difficult books to understand in the Bible. If you are interested in getting a book and coming to the Bible Study, please sign up in the nook. Books are \$17

(we'll be using the 2017 edition). Alternatively, you can simply come and listen and discuss as we're trying something new this year and reading the book out loud together and discussing as we go along (no homework!) Either way, please sign up for our Women's Bible Study by Sunday, October 8. See you in Bible Study!

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All Saints' Sunday

During worship on Sunday, November 5, 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 to this worship service any you know who might appreciate being a part of this time of remembrance.

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Worship Services in October

We continue, this month of October, with our series called Unafraid as we examine some of our common fears, like fear of failure, fear of disasters, and fear of death. In the middle of October, we'll launch into a new series about generosity and we'll talk about what the "good life" truly is, how God desires for us to have lives of contentment, and Jesus shows us the way there as we live lives through which the grace of God flows into the world.

October 1

World Communion Sunday
Unafraid: Fear of Failure
Exodus 3:9-15, 4:13

October 8

Unafraid: The Sky is Falling
Psalm 46

October 15

Unafraid: Growing Old
John 11:17-26a

October 22

Generous:
Living with Abundance
Matthew 6:24-34

October 29

Generous:
Finding Contentment
1 Timothy 6:6-12

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 1 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."

Fall Dinner

Thanks to all who have said "yes" to helping out with our annual Fall Dinner this year! Thanks, especially to those who are willing to step up in leadership roles. The dinner will be held at our church on Saturday, October 14 from 4-7PM. Cathy W. will be in touch with you if you signed up for duties a month or so ago when we were trying to see if we had enough people to make it work again this year. Signup sheets for food donations are in the nook. Thank you for your willingness to serve and for your food donations. Together we can make this work! 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 and Families.



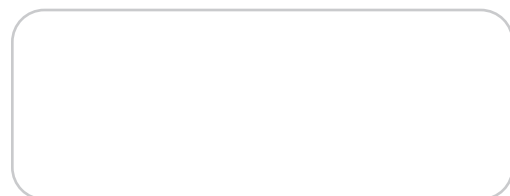
Please join us for our annual

TURKEY DINNER

Saturday,
October 14, 2023
4-7 PM

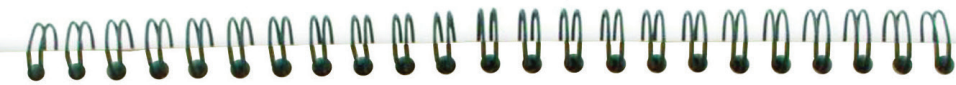
FREEWILL OFFERING

All proceeds will be donated to:



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From the Pastor...

"How is it with your soul?" That's a question that a small group of us, clergy and laity, ask one another on our twice weekly Zoom meetings. We log in at 9PM and by 10PM each of us has shared how it is with our souls. Some days our souls are full (as we celebrate good news), some days our souls are crunchy (as we struggle through the trials), some days our souls are weary (as we've worked far too hard and slept far too little). But always, our souls are cared for and tended by the one who loves us no matter what.

This October in our Sunday morning worship services we're going to talk about being unafraid of the difficulties we regularly endure as a part of normal living. Our lives may have many ups and downs, but God is our constant source of strength and courage and hope. When we live in uncertain times it is good to know that our God is always with us. When we live in crunchy and stressful times and live through the trials and stresses of life, it is good to know that God is always for us.

This October we will be having our Fall Dinner one more time! Who knows what next year will bring, but for another year we will have the pleasure of hosting the community in our building and blessing them with a good meal of turkey with all the fixings while every dollar they donate on that day will go directly to help at risk youth in our community through our support of the Lakes Center for Youth and Families.

I've had more than a few people who are in leadership positions for the Fall Dinner say that this is the last year they are going to do this job which is a blessing to do, but is also a lot of work. We are grateful for our many faithful workers who have worked at this labor of love called the Fall Dinner for years. If we consider the Dinner a crucial component of who we are as a church, we pray that others will step into these roles of leadership in the future. Alternatively, if we determine the Fall Dinner isn't worth the hard work, in what new and innovative ways will we reach out to the community? What fresh expressions of God's love might we share with one another in the future?

How is it with your soul? How are you tending to your calling to love one another as God has first loved you?

-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.
- 10-16 Tom W.
- 10-18 Allie B.
Gordy P.
- 10-19 Nicki A.
- 10-23 Lonnie N.
- 10-25 Joyce M.
- 10-27 Karen P.
- 10-28 Carrie M.
Abby T.
- 10-31 Amanda J.

Anniversaries

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



Grief Group

We are starting a grief support group for all who are going through a season of grief. Our hope is that this monthly gathering of those who are going through this difficult time will find comfort in being with others who are going through some of the same experiences and that we can help by our very presence remind one another that we are not alone. We meet on a Thursday morning at 10:30 either the second or third Thursday of the month (to be determined). We'll keep you posted!

Stagecoach Day

A big thank you to all who helped make our pie extravaganza happen on September 16! We're grateful to everyone who helped with cooking, cutting, serving and cleanup. Thanks also to those who participated in the parade. The bubbles were a bit hit!

Scripture Readers

We've placed a signup sheet in the nook for scripture readers for October through December. You are invited to sign up and give us your email so Pastor Holly can send you the scripture reading on the Monday or Tuesday before your Sunday reading. Thanks to all who have already signed up!



We have a new puzzle lending shelf in the Library!

Puzzle Lending Library

Do you like to do jigsaw puzzles? Have you gotten tired of the jigsaw puzzles at your home and want to try something new? Members of the Tuesday Morning Spiritual Prayer Group have brought some of their puzzles to the library and hope that you will take some puzzles home for your enjoyment and maybe even bring other puzzles in exchange (not necessary, but appreciated!) Come and look at the puzzle lending library at the far end of the conference table in the library.



Cookies for College Kids

Our Tuesday morning Prayer Group is once again sending goodies to our college kids this October. If you have a college kid in your household, please get to the office their name and address (no later than October 15) so the prayer group can bless them with some Halloween cheer.

Reading Buddies

It's time for Reading Buddies! Wyoming Elementary School Reading Buddies is starting this October. 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!

Join the Choir!

We're always looking for new folks to join our church choir! We sing in three- or four-part harmony and sing in the worship service about once a month during the school year. Our first rehearsal is Sunday, October 1 after worship. If you have any questions talk with Nathan A., our pianist, or with Pastor Holly.

Singers Needed

You are invited to join the community chorus for the Choral Vespers to be held Saturday, November 25, 4:30PM during the Taylors Falls Lighting Festival. With Tyler Olson directing and Pat Remer accompanying, we will have 5 rehearsals on Sunday evenings October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19 from 6:30-8PM at Taylors Falls United Methodist Church, 190 W. Government St., where the November 25 service will also be held. Please pre-register at wwymd@aol.com, leaving your name, voice range and telephone number. You will receive emails with additional information. Thanks!

New Church Sign

Our Trustees are planning to improve our outdoor sign which needs some upgrades. In our discussion on Sunday, September 24, we came up with a plan that we will be voting on Sunday, October 8, following worship. The proposed new sign will continue to have the name of the church, worship time and phone number as well as the phrase "God loves all people. So do we." You are invited to the vote after worship on Sunday, October 8.

