

Fall Turkey Dinner

Saturday, October 10th

Dinner served: 4-7 pm

Our annual Fall Turkey Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 10, from 4:00-7:00 PM. Sign-up sheets will be coming soon for volunteers to roast turkeys, make pies, to help with setup activities, day-of-event assistance, cleanup, etc. We hope you will sign up to help!

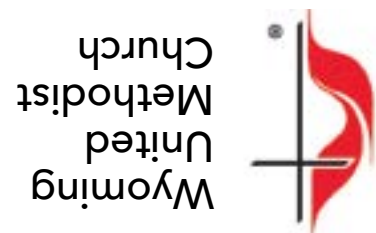
If you have any questions, please reach out to Val Verdoorn at 630-951-0384, or you can email her at valerie.verdoorn@gmail.com. Thank you!



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Lectionary Readings

September 6

Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 13

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:1-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 20

Jonah 3:10 – 4:11
Psalm 145:1-8
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

September 27

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32



Linwood FunFest

Linwood FunFest (formerly Family Fun Day) is happening Friday & Saturday, Sept. 11 & 12! Join the fun across from Town Hall where our church will host a mini golf hole on Saturday as part of the course. Mini golf starts at 10 AM. Enjoy activities, food, fun, and music, including our own Dave Haugen & “The Wyoming Wanderers” on Saturday from 10 AM-12 PM on the front stage!



Wyoming Stagecoach Day

Stagecoach Day is on Saturday, September 19, and our church will be joining in the fun! We'll be participating in the parade (which starts at 10 AM) and handing out candy, followed by serving free pie and coffee at the church from 11 AM-1 PM. A shuttle will be available to take participants to the parade starting point. We're expecting a great turnout this year, so we'll need more pie donations than usual. Please sign up in the nook if you can help!

Adult Education Opportunity

Set Our Hearts on Fire: The Holy Spirit and Christian Life

Dates: Thursdays at 10 AM, 9/17 – 9/24, 10/8 – 10/29, 11/12 – 11/19

As Christians, we worship God as a Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. While the Father and the Son are familiar to us, the Spirit remains far more elusive – little-understood, under-appreciated, and far more confusing. In this class we will attempt to understand this neglected member of the Godhead. What does the Bible teach us about the Holy Spirit? How has the Church understood the Spirit, historically? What is this whole ‘Trinity’ thing anyways? Most crucially, what role does the Holy Spirit play in our lives as Christians today, in our walk of faith, in our worship and prayer, and in our salvation? This class will help to provide some insight into these questions for spiritually and intellectually curious Christians who want to deepen their faith.

If you are interested in participating, there is a sign-up sheet in the lobby.

From the Pastor...

My Friends,

Once again, Fall is upon us. I'm excited for activity in the church to start ramping up again – for activities, groups, and programming to start up again here at Wyoming United Methodist! Things can get awfully quiet around here during the summer, as people busy themselves with vacations, trips to the cabin, or just the task of tending to yards and gardens. Come September and the church becomes abuzz with activity, and I find it so energizing as a Pastor. We're only a couple of weeks away from Stagecoach Days, and with it our annual pie and coffee service. This provides such a great opportunity to get to know our neighbors as people who may never have had an opportunity to walk through our doors suddenly become tempted by the promise of all those beautiful pies! The hospitality that we offer that day is so important for our Church and for our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

I'm especially excited in September to kick off the Wyoming Gospel Singers, our new musical ensemble. Firstly, I think it will be fun! I love making music with people and it is something I have missed in the past year. I can't wait to see this ensemble come together and begin making music, both in our rehearsals and in our worship services. Beyond that, there is something truly special that happens when we come together to praise God. Jesus tells us in the Gospel According to St. Matthew that “where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Matt. 18:20) When people come together to make music (or any kind of art. For that matter) there is a remarkable energy at play. In the end, what is created is more than just the sum of all the participants in the group. When we get to use that for worship, that creative energy gets directed towards our Almighty God as an expression of praise and thanksgiving. What a remarkable gift!

I'll leave you with the words of Fred Pratt Green, from the hymn “When in Our Music God is Glorified.” (UMH #68)

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always
Alleluia!

Grace and Peace,
- Pastor Jeff Speaks



All aboard for a ‘purr-fectly’
blessed school year!
We are keeping all of our
students, teachers, and
school buses in our prayers
as a new adventure begins.



September Celebrations

Birthdays

- 9-1 Joshua S.
- 9-2 Gay G.
- 9-3 Denny H.
- 9-12 Cyndy J.
- 9-14 Lois S.
- 9-15 Val S.
- 9-24 Ashley E.
- 9-26 Jeanne L.
- 9-27 Norma S.

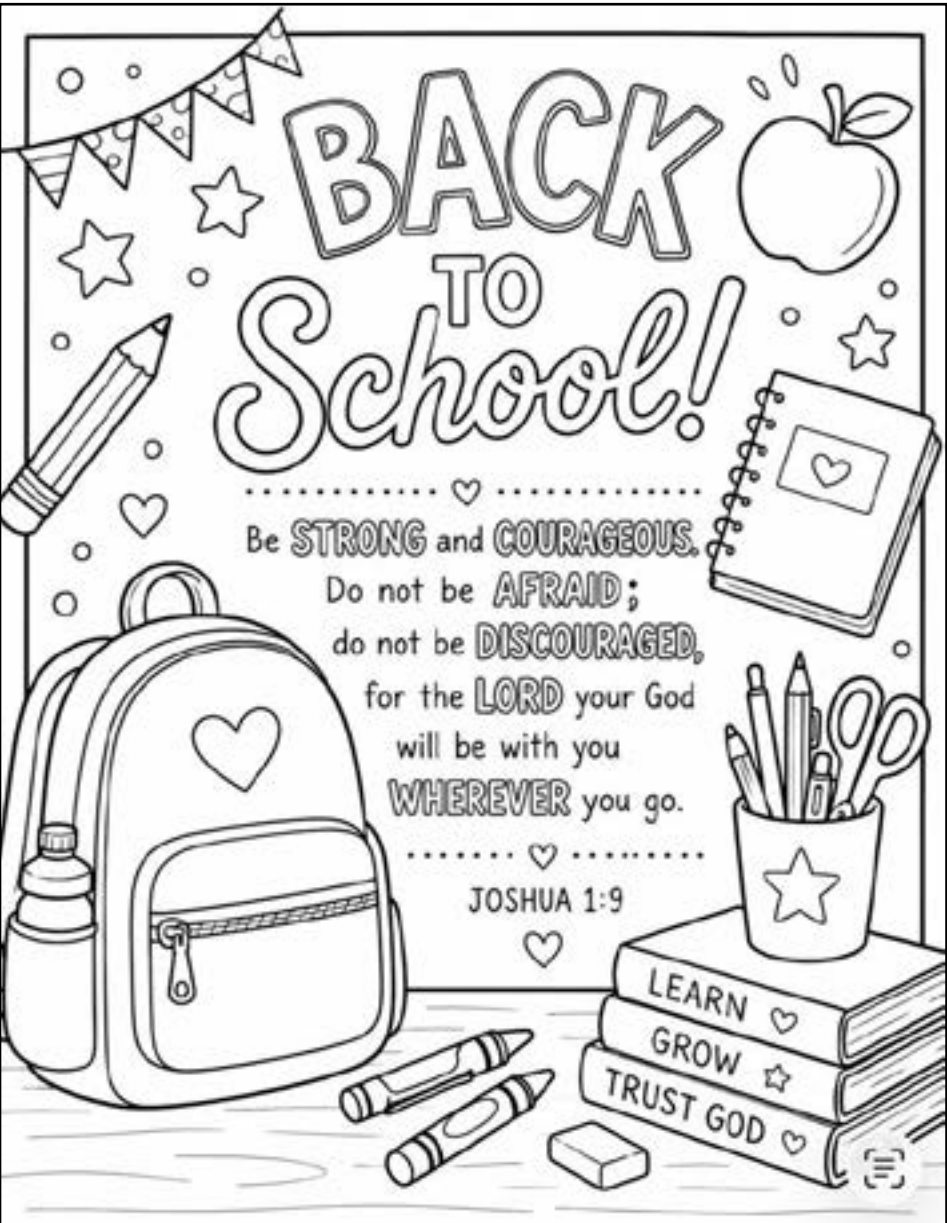
Anniversaries

- 9-7 Duane & Kay S.
- 9-10 Rich & Linda R.
Dave & Cathy W.
- 9-13 Rick & Wendy C.
- 9-16 Trevor & Abigail J.
- 9-17 Don & Joyce M.
- 9-26 Rondy & Jeannine Q.
- 9-28 Richard & Sandra S.

* If we don't have your special date listed, please contact the church office!

Wyoming Gospel Singers

A new musical ensemble is forming to periodically take part in worship services. The Wyoming Gospel Singers will be a regular group of instrumental musicians and vocalists who will provide the music for our Sunday service. This ensemble will focus on old-time American gospel music, including many familiar old favorites, and will bring energy and enthusiasm to our time of worship. Musicians of any kind and of all skill levels are encouraged to sign up and join this new group (especially singers!). This group will provide music on the fourth Sunday of the month (with our first service on September 27th) and occasional special services, with rehearsals taking place after church on Sundays. A sign-up sheet can be found in the nook. Come make a joyful noise to the Lord.



A Back-To-School Prayer

Almighty God,
you are the fountain
of all wisdom and truth,
and it pleases you that
we be seekers of
wisdom and truth as well.

Bless all those who are
returning to schools this Fall –
to preschool,
to elementary school,
to middle school
or high school,
or to colleges
and universities.

Awake in them a hunger
for knowledge and learning
that will sustain them
throughout their lives.

Help form them into
people of virtue, piety, and
sound learning.

Keep them safe and
protected so that they never
have to fear going to school.

Bless all of those who teach
and sustain them through
the difficult work and
the long days.

In the name of
your Eternal Son, who is
the way,
the truth,
and the life,
Amen.