



# Reminder

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST UMC  
LARAMIE DECEMBER 2016

## Two Christmas Eve Candle Light services

Celebrate with family,  
Sing Carols, and  
Hear the Christmas  
Story.

December 24th@  
5:30pm and 7:30pm

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# Happening in December!



First United Methodist Church  
United Methodist Women  
will hold the

## Country Fair Bazaar

Saturday, December 3, 2016  
12th & Harney Street  
8:00am to 1:00pm

### Coffee-tea and Roll

8:00am to 10:30am

\$2.50

### Pulled Pork Sandwich

Includes salad, chips, drink, & homemade pie

\$8.50 Adults, \$5 children under 12

### Shop for Christmas

Decorations, needlework,

Fresh wreaths, cards, & wrapping

Children's toys and books

Cookie & candy corners

Home baked goodies and our very own flea market



## Christmas Program and Church wide Potluck

December 11<sup>th</sup> after the 10am Service  
There will be a church wide Potluck  
Brunch and the kids will be performing  
a Christmas Program.



## Christmas Cantata

Enjoy the beauty of the of  
music of the season.

December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10am



## Carols and Pajamas

Sunday  
December 25<sup>th</sup>  
will be a Carols  
and Pajamas  
service  
@10am.  
Come sing  
carols and  
wear your  
favorite church  
appropriate  
PJs!







## Church Members

We are looking for volunteers to help with meals. If you or your group would like to help out with a main dish or dessert please contact Rev. Debra at [dl\\_juarez@msn.com](mailto:dl_juarez@msn.com) or 303-570-5180. A sign-up sheet is by the Wesley table in the Narthex. Sign up for main dish or drinks and dessert. It's a great way to get to know our students.

## Food For Finals Sunday-Thursday, December 11-15, 2016, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

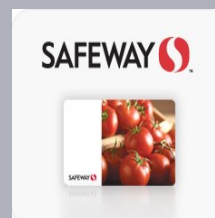
The semester is wrapping up and the Wesley Foundation is looking forward to Food For Finals when we feed all those hungry students who are cramming away for finals. We invite all students to come one night or every night for free dinner at First UMC Laramie! Students are encouraged to invite friends to stop in for a nice, home-cooked meal and relax for a while with friends and church folks. Again, everyone is welcome! Flyers will be up at UW and Wyo Tech so please encourage everyone stop by.

## Thanksgiving Thank You

**Thanksgiving Thank You** to everyone who donated food for Wesley's annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Thanks also to all of you who joined us for the meal. We served about 100 folks for dinner and it was big success. Students and volunteers cooked all day Saturday and most of Sunday morning. Special thanks to Zach Scarpelli for all his help on Saturday! And we couldn't have done it without our chef-in-charge, Tami Howe! Her patience with all of us non-chefs was amazing. Thanks again for all your help and support.

## OTHER WAYS TO HELP WESLEY

- @Safeway:** Purchase a \$10 Reloadable Safeway Card from Wesley. Each card comes with \$10 on it. Add funds to this card and a portion of the proceeds (between 3-5%) will be given to Wesley.
- @Amazon:** Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select "The Wesley Foundation At The University of Wyoming" as the charity. Amazon will give 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Wesley.
- @PayPal:** At your convenience, make a donation to the Wesley Foundation via PayPal. Contact Rev. Debra if you have any questions



# United Methodist Women

## Unit Meeting/ Christmas Party

United Methodist Women will have ONE meeting in December— a combination Unit meeting and Christmas Party. This event will be held on Wednesday, December 7, the FIRST Wednesday of the month, at 9:30am in Wesley Hall with the Evening Circle serving as hostesses.

The festivities will include a short Christmas program, the installation of officers for 2017, and a brief business meeting.

There will be an optional gift exchange at the party. If you wish to participate, please bring a wrapped gift that morning. Gifts can be baked goods, items from the Bazaar, or items you have purchased. If you have any questions, please contact Susan McGraw or Sidney Walter who are co chairmen of the gift exchange.

For our community service project, a voluntary cash collection will be taken for the Laramie Soup Kitchen.

All women of the church are cordially invited to attend this event to enjoy delicious refreshments, to share a time of warm fellowship, and to join in the celebration of the Christmas season.

**Reading Program—** Anyone who still has books from the Reading Program should return them to the UMW Box in the Church Office or your circle's book bag no later than the Unit\Christmas Party on December 7th.

Members who have completed the Reading Program for 2016 but have not informed Cared Lane should do so immediately.

**January Unit/ Executive Meetings—** The January Unit meeting of UMW will be held on Wednesday, January 11, the SECOND Wednesday of the month. The Executive Committee will meet prior to the Unit meeting that day at 10:30am in Room 104.

## FUMC Youth Update

**Summer Mission Trip opportunity** – St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Highlands Ranch, Colorado has invited the Laramie youth to join them on their middle school summer mission trip, June 26-July 1, 2016. They will be going to Ten Sleep, Wyoming to the Circle J Ranch to do camp maintenance – clean-up, trail building, and other projects. Cost is \$150. St. Andrew has a large youth group and expects 50 or more participants. This is a great way to share the Wyoming we love with folks from Colorado. Watch for more information or contact Rev. Debra for details, [dl\\_juarez@msn.com](mailto:dl_juarez@msn.com) or 303-570-5180.



# Christian Education



## **Digging In to the Bible!**

The multiage class continues to “Dig In” to the Bible as we follow the life of Jesus this year. Recently we learned about the miracle Jesus performed when he changed water into wine. The children loved how a blender powered by Jesus’s power changed ordinary water into grape juice (thanks to a little help from clear grape flavoring!).

We continue to practice several songs each Sunday will sing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

The multiage class is for children aged 2 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. We meet upstairs in 206/208 from 9:00-9:45am. Please pick up your child in the classroom at 9:45. Thanks!

## **3 Simple Rules**

The jr/sr high room recently completed a 6-week study called Three Simple Rules for Christian Living where they reflected on those principles of Christian Living: do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God.

They are currently working on their Christmas program and will start a new study called Revival starting January 8<sup>th</sup>. Revival is a 6-week journey tracing the life and message of John Wesley.

The jr/sr high class meets in room 210 from 9:00-9:45am Sunday mornings.

## **Halloween Carnival Thanks!**

Thank you to all who participated in this year’s Halloween Carnival! A good time was had by all! 50 adults and 24 children feasted on a delicious chili dinner prepared by loving hands prior to playing carnival games and “shopping” in the prize room. Thank you to all who shopped, cooked, served, set up, cleaned up, ran games and donated cookies for dessert. We took in \$337.25 at the event – and it will all be donated to UNICEF!

## **Operation Christmas Child**

Thank you to all of the generous members who assembled and donated shoeboxes for this year’s Operation Christmas Child! A huge thank you to Capri Helgeson for coordinating our OCC donations once again!

## **Giving Tree**

Please check out our Giving Tree in the Narthex! This year we are asking for gift card donations for Wesley students in need and for our Benevolence fund. More information can be found by the tree.

## **Church-wide brunch and Christmas Program**

Please join us on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> for a potluck brunch following the service. The children will be performing their Christmas program for your entertainment!

## **Important Upcoming December Dates:**

December 11<sup>th</sup> – potluck brunch and Christmas program!

December 25<sup>th</sup> – no children’s Sunday school

January 1<sup>st</sup> – no children’s Sunday school

January 8<sup>th</sup> – children’s Sunday school resumes

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Sundays

Sunday School 9am  
Adult Sunday School Sunday 9am  
Christianity Through A Wider Lens 9am  
Worship Sundays 10am  
Walk Through The Bible 11am

### Mondays

Women's Bible Study 10am

### Tuesdays

Membership Care 9am



### Thursdays

Wesley Lunch at the UW Union Noon  
Bells 6:30pm  
Choir 7:30pm