

# Reminder

## Laramie First United Methodist Church

August 2021 Newsletter

### Romans 15:13

13 May the God  
of hope fill you  
with all joy and  
peace in  
believing, so  
that you may  
abound in hope  
by the power of  
the Holy Spirit.



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

**The people of The United Methodist Church®**

## August Events

### August 9th(Monday)

- Pastor Deb's Birthday

### August 22nd (Sunday)

- 1PM Welcome back Potluck for Choir and Bell Choir

### August 29th (Sunday)

- 11 AM BBQ & Potluck-Meat Provided

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS  
Wednesday, September 8th

## September Events

### September 8th (Wednesday)

- 6 PM Bell Choir Practice
- 7 PM Choir Practice

### September 9th (Thursday)

- 6 PM UM Men's Dinner

### September 12th (Sunday)

- 4:30 PM JAM Starts for K-5th

### September 13th (Monday)

- 10 AM Women's Bible Study

### September 15th (Wednesday)

- 9:30 AM UMW Sunshine Circle

### September 19th (Sunday)

- 5:30-7:30 PM JAM starts for 6th-8th Grades. (Every other week)

### September 27th (Monday)

- 6:30PM Sewing Guild



### Sunday August 22nd

#### Welcome Back Potluck

1:00 PM

Anyone who would like to participate in  
Handbells or choir

#### RSVP

dsolveru@gmail.com

Meat will be provided. Please bring side  
dishes

And desserts.

Spouses Welcome

710 Roger Canyon Rd.

Do you know someone who likes to sing that you can  
invite to be in the choir? Or play in Bell Choir?

## Stay in Touch!

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Church  
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laramie.umc

www.laramieumc.org

### Laramie First UMC

Pastor Eric Feuerstein  
*Senior Pastor*

Rev. Debra Juarez  
*Wesley Director*

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*Accompanist*

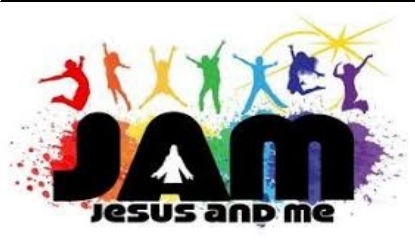
Mandy Schneieder  
*Administrative Assistant*

#### Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday  
9AM-2PM

Closed 12PM-1PM for  
lunch





**Sept 12: K-5 JAM Starts**

**4:30 PM-6:30 PM**

**Sept 19: 6th-8th JAM Starts**

**5:30 PM-7:30 PM**

**Meets every other week**

**Seeking:**

**Table Parents to eat with the kids each week.**

**Help with Worship and Bible Studies.**



**Please email**

**jharsh58@gmail.com if your child will be attending JAM**

**For more Information:**

email [jharsh58@gmail.com](mailto:jharsh58@gmail.com) or call/  
text 307-760-9329



Learning about Alpacas



Playing Games



Worship



Snack time



Bible Study

**VBS was able to raise enough to purchase 5 Alpacas for families this summer.**

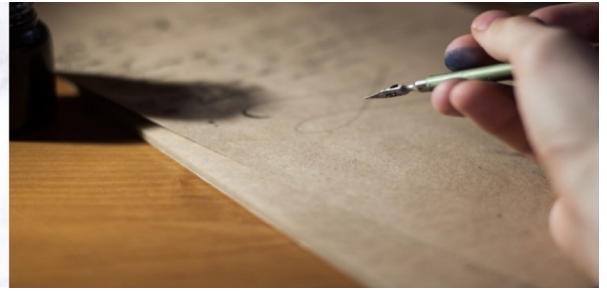
**Youth Pastor**

**-Jason Harsberger**



# Letter from the Pastor

AUGUST 2021



Blessings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

And we are yet alive!

As we are trying to emerge from the pandemic I want to write and thank each and every one of you for your faithfulness, loyalty, and perseverance in coming to worship services, watching on Facebook Live, and Zoom, and continued support of the church and its many ministries. If you are not yet vaccinated and you can be- get vaccinated!

It's been a trying year but we have come out of it continuing to reach more people with the Good News and let others know about Jesus Christ. We are streaming services and they will continue to be available that way. This may be useful to you especially this winter if we have a blizzard and you cannot make it to church. (Not like that ever happens). To support this digital ministry we are looking into installing a PTZ (Pan, Tilt, Zoom) camera and system so you have better visual quality of worship services and events streamed from the church. We are now using just the camera on a laptop computer. If you would like to make a donation towards this project in addition to your tithe please note "Camera" on the donation.

We have still been active in many ministries that this church supports such as Family Promise and the other monthly ministries we help. We welcome our new Administrative Assistant, Mandy Schneider to the office. Please come in and introduce yourself. We have had baptisms, as well as had celebrations of life for some of our dear people who have entered the Roll Call of Saints. We had a summer Vacation Bible School. The church has still gone on and never closed thanks to all of you.

I am excited for what the future holds for this church as we can start over and hope that you will be an active part of it. Who do you know that is not coming to church or has never been to church that you can invite and bring? We will have Monday Women's Bible study starting up again. We have my Pastor's Tuesday Bible study at 10 am. Choir and Bell Choir will be starting up soon, as well as UMW and UM Men's groups.

See you in church! So you can be sent from this place to be the church!

Peace and Grace in Christ's Name,

Pastor Eric





United  
Methodist  
Woman

# GROUP *News* MINISTRIES

United  
Methodist  
Men

The Executive Committee of United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday, August 25th, at 10:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall. Items of business to be discussed include the financial status of UMW, the Unit's financial obligations for 2021. and the fall schedule.

Please contact Ann Rebka at 742-3861 or 760-3064 if you are unable to attend this meeting for any reason, including being uncomfortable attending because of Covid-19.

The letter sent to members of UMW in July stated that the Unit Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 1, would be held. Because of the resurgence of Covid-19, the Executive Committee will revisit it's decision on the 25th. Members will be informed by their Circle chairman and by email to let them know of the Committee's decision. If you have any questions about UMW activities, please call Ann.

## "The Women of the Bible Study Speak"

Monday, September 13 at 10 a.m. in Wesley Hall

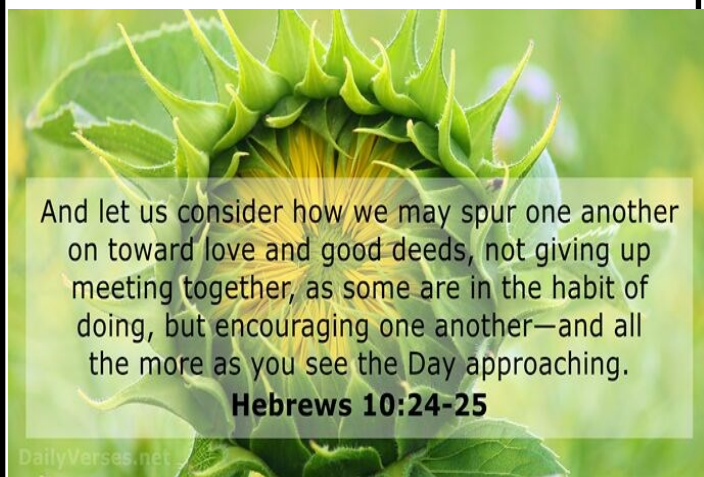
The Women of the Bible Speak by Shannon Bream and The Journey by Adam Hamilton.

Contact; Sylvia Hansen  
<sylvhansen@gmail.com>  
or Speak to her in person at church if you need the book(s) ordered for you.



The UM Men meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6PM for Dinner.

United Methodist Men will be providing meat for the BBQ Potluck on Sunday, August 29th.



And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.  
**Hebrews 10:24-25**

**The Sunshine Circle of UMW will resume its meetings on Wednesday, September 15. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall and beverages will be served. Guests are welcome to attend. There will be a program, a short business meeting plus plenty of time for visiting and reconnecting with each other. Please plan to join in the fun and fellowship.**

# *Church Updates*

Our church family is well on its way to returning to “normal,” or even better. Because of the virus Pastor Eric developed our Sunday services to online viewing on Zoom and Facebook Live, and we have been able to keep our church members involved with Sunday. We are keeping this online service because we find some church members are not able to attend Sunday mornings and, biggest reason is we find Christian friends are attending our services this way from other states and even other countries. What a great way for us to continue spreading the word of God.

Now we have returned to open services in our new sanctuary, with mask or without being your choice. I am inviting each of you to come join us on Sunday mornings as we love to see your smiling faces, hear your visits about what’s going on in your families, and feel the warmth and friendship of our church community.

As we continue to grow in the size of our service we need more help. Our building and facilities need two volunteers to help on the trustees committee. We also need assistance Sunday mornings to run our sound system and our PowerPoint system. We also need more volunteers to provide after service snacks. When you pray to God this week, ask if you are to be the one to volunteer for one of these positions. You may be surprised at his answer.

In getting back to “normal,” more events are happening. Plan on attending the church potluck dinner right after service on August 29. Donna Solverud has the church choir and the bell choir starting again with the first practices on September 8, bells at six, choir at seven, and a potluck at her house August 22 at 1 PM Come join in.

And last, but not the least, our finance chairman asks that you remember your tithe and monetary assistance needed to keep our church functioning.

Together, we are the family of God. With all our human faults and shortcomings, we are like a tribe of Christians all working together. Please come and join us in our praise to our God.

Don Porter  
Lay Leader

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## 2021 Baptisms



Jordan Freeman 07/11/2021



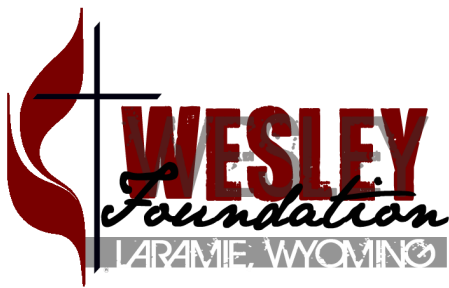
Sophie Becker 7/28/2021

## Happy Anniversary Bob and Sandy Hoken!

**61 Happy Years together!**







The Wesley Foundation in Laramie is the Campus Ministry of the United Methodist Church.

Director—Rev. Debra Juarez

Let's celebrate! UW students start classes on Monday (8/23)! Wesley is preparing for a more normal kickoff and Fall Semester for our new and returning students and we are so excited!

#### Here's what's happening:

Students are invited to join us in worship Sundays at 10:00 AM. On Sunday 8/29, there will be a church potluck following worship and we invite all our students to join in the fun and food. We hope everyone will take the opportunity to say hello and welcome them!

Weekly Thursday lunches will return 9/2 from 11:30-1:00 in the Union. We may be in rebuilding year, but hope to be able to host many students for our favorite activity. In the past we spent \$200-\$300 on lunch each week. If you'd like to "invest" in our work and ministry you can donate online through [www.wyomingwesley.org](http://www.wyomingwesley.org) or drop off, or mail a check to the church. Any questions text Rev. Debra at 303-570-5180



#### WAYS TO HELP WESLEY

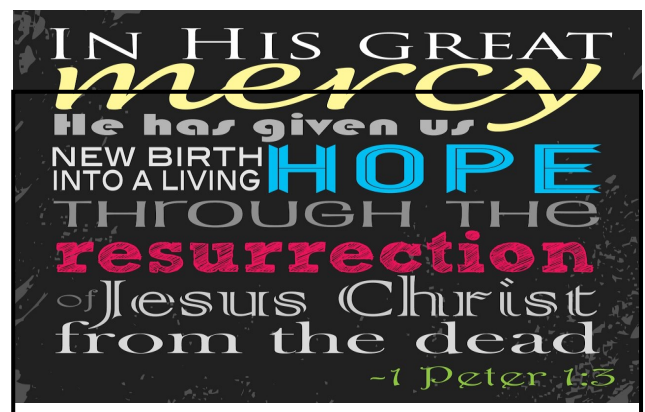
@ [www.wyomingwesley.org](http://www.wyomingwesley.org)

Drop off or mail a check to the church.

@PayPal: At your convenience, make a donation to the Wesley Foundation via PayPal. Contact Rev. Debra if you have any questions



Many other activities are in the works so watch for more Wesley Happenings!



#### Support Wesley through 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!



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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

YOUR AUGUST 2021  
NEWSLETTER IS HERE

May the God who gives endurance and  
encouragement give you the same  
attitude of mind toward each other  
that Christ Jesus had.

Romans 15:5



## **SUNDAY WORSHIP** **10am**

### **Fellowship time** **following the service**

You can give to the church online on the Giving Plus App, or with a credit card in the church. You may set up autopay with your bank or you can mail or drop off checks to the office.

**Loose Change: Salvation Army**

**Our outdoor pantry needs: Everything**

**Snack time is returning, and we need  
Volunteers to bring in Snacks**

**Volunteers needed to serve on the Trustee  
Committee.**

## **The Reminder**

Laramie First UMC's



### **Weekly Events:**

**Tuesdays: Pastor's Bible Study 10AM**

**ACIM 2PM**

**Sundays: Worship 10 am**