

THE MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 2021

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

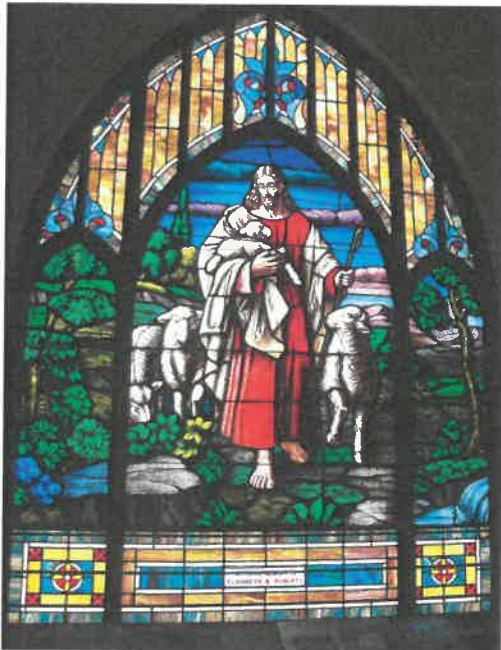
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Our mission statement: Passion for Christ, Compassion for all.



- Karen Hutchinson
- Bobbie Quick
- **All Manor & Mondell Residents**

God 
Answers
Prayers

God  makes everything
beautiful
in its time. -Ecclesiastes 3:11
Happy Fall! 
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*Follow 10am Worship Services at
KASL 1240 AM*

*OR watch a replay of the service on our website
fumcnewcastle.com*

Also on YouTube

Office hours:

M-Th. 8 am—12 pm

We have lifted the face mask mandate.

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WELCOME

PASTOR'S NOTE

Each worship service and bible study is an event, "We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing", as the hymn reminds us. These are moments in time when together we share our thanksgiving and cares with God and through His word hear His response to us. Our Lord is always present as we lift our hearts and voices to Him.

Exciting events to look forward to in November are the UMW Bazaar on Saturday, November 20th, from 9 am to 1 pm. Also, advent season begins Sunday, November 28th. With the beginning of advent we start a four week advent bible study, the title is "Almost Christmas, A Wesleyan Advent Experience." Everyone is invited to attend.



Annual Church Conference for First UMC, Newcastle

Good day fellow FUMC church goers,

I have been in touch with DS Mark Calhoun. He has a schedule of churches in our area he will be visiting and our meeting is set for Friday, November 19th, at 6:00pm.

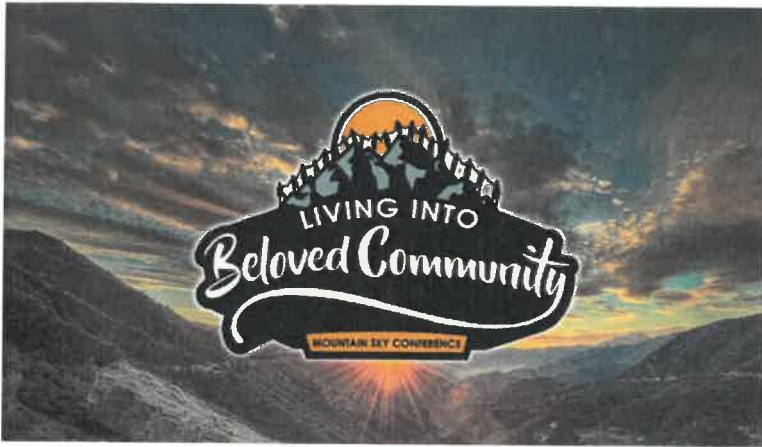
The contents of this meeting will revolve around the business of FUMC Ie: Nominations Report, Clergy Compensation, Budget, Membership and Worship Reports, Connectional Giving.

At this time, we will not be presented with a pastoral candidate. The business of selecting candidates begins in December. If you have not returned your Church and Pastoral profiles, I would urge you to do so as they will be helpful to the DS to have a more comprehensive idea of what we are looking for. (This is to select a match to present to us) Right now, we are at the top of the list for a pastor, and these profiles will help keep us there.

There will be a time for dialogue regarding celebrations, needs, and questions.

Sincerely,
Elaine Wilcomb
Lay Leader

2021 Mountain Sky Annual Conference



The Journey is Our Home
"For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Lay Leader News—

Representing FUMC at the 2021 AC Conference via Zoom were Sandi & Jake Shook, and Elaine Wilcomb as lay Equalization members. The conference began with the Laity Session where we heard from the co-lay leaders Gayla Jo Slausen, Barry Welliver and Nancy Flint. The keynote speaker was Dr. Ann Michel speaking about Synergy with collaborative leadership—laity, clergy, staff, and volunteers.

Bishop Karen's message was wonderfully energetic and inspiring, emphasizing diversity, inclusivity, love how we encounter these things, and how they are a part of our journey home!

Rev. Grace Imathiu, also a keynote speaker, says "the world is her parish." Grace loves people and has a passion and gift for inspiring and nurturing communities of faith to live out loud the prophetic story of Jesus. For Grace, the quintessential expression of the resurrected Lord's presence is a community whose very DNA is a radical hospitality which births a loving and healthy tension that's ideological, theological, racial, ethnic and cultural. Grace thrives on diversity.

We heard about and learned more about Community Engagement, Congregational Vitality, Laity and Lay Ministries, Leadership Development, Missions, Responsible Stewardship, and Young People.

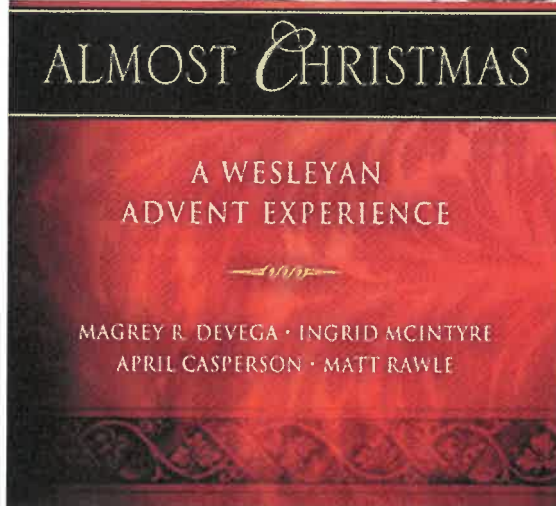
We voted on several petitions all available on the Conference web site: mtnskyumc.org. The results will be posted soon.

Speaking of Missions, the Mountain Sky Conference was chosen to receive the Advance Award from Global Missions which means we are the Number 1 Conference in mission giving! Thank you FUMC for your generosity!

You can visit the Mountain Sky Website for more information concerning the Annual Conference, find contacts, videos, and podcasts in all areas of Church Ministry.

Blessings,
Elaine Wilcomb

WORSHIP



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

“ALMOST CHRISTMAS”

Date: November 28—December 19

Time: 8:45am

Place: FUMC Parlor

Make your Wesleyan heritage a part of your Christmas.

In John Wesley’s famous sermon, “The Almost Christian,” he encouraged people to follow Christ wholeheartedly. In *Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience*, author and pastor Magrey deVega leads a group of authors in exploring how we can make the same commitment to Christ during Advent, and connect our Wesleyan heritage with the traditional Advent themes of Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace. Additional components for a four-week study include a DVD and a comprehensive Leader Guide, as well as Nativity hymns by Charles Wesley, litanies for lighting the Advent wreath, and prayers that can be incorporated into both worship and small group settings. A daily devotional and a Youth Study Book are also available.

(If you would like to order a book, please call the office.)

Adult Sunday School...

Adult Sunday School is at 8:45 a.m. in the church parlor. Rev. Ron Sample is leading the study by Pastor and author Matt Rawle, *The Faith of a Mockingbird*, based on Harper Lee’s *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Join four of the characters in this four-week study considering God’s world and what it all means.

Children’s Sunday School

Children’s Sunday school this year will be led by Louise Parsons and Elaine Wilcomb. It will be a little different this year, with each child getting a binder to take home to do their lessons and activities. One Sunday a month will have class like usual during church. They look forward to seeing all those smiling faces!

Fellowship is happening after worship service!



COMMUNITY

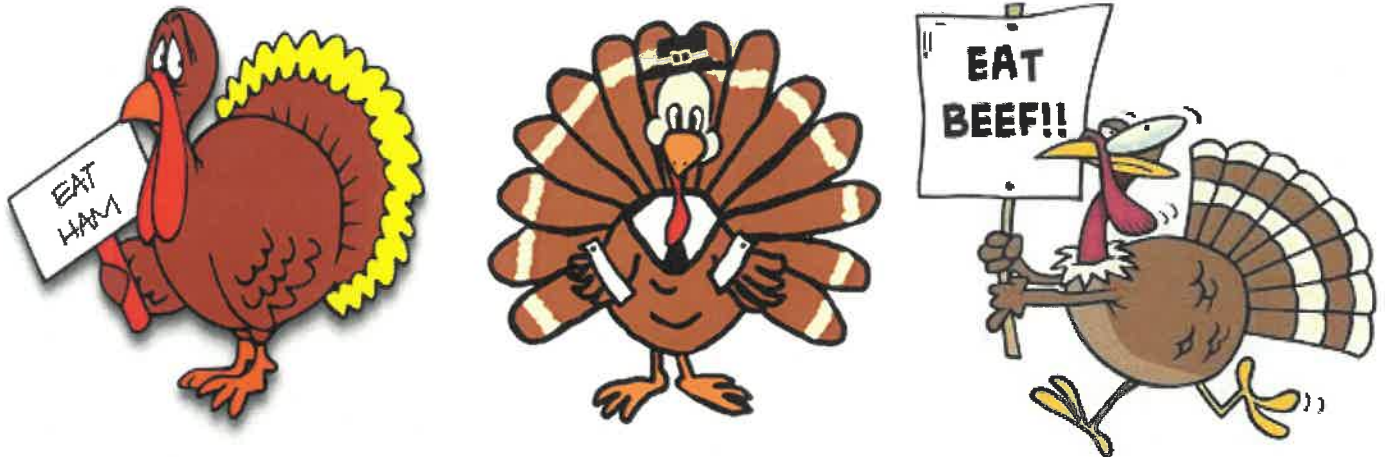
Prayer Shawls

If anyone would like a comfort/prayer shawl, I have a few available.
Contact Elaine: ewilcomb@yahoo.com or 746-8497.

What is a Prayer Shawl?

“Shawls ... They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify.” — Janet Severi Bristow, 1998

Prayer shawl. Peace shawl. Comfort shawl. Mantle. Whatever name you give them, they serve the same purpose. These are a wearable hug crafted with love and intent from maker to recipient. Whether it be personal words, verse, song, prayer, mantra, or something else, it is these thoughts imbued in the shawl with each stitch that make them what they are.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

It's time again for filling shoeboxes with gifts for children around the world. If you'd like to fill a shoebox, there are some available at the church or you can use one of your own. A shoebox-size plastic container with a snap-on lid is also an option.

Handouts with a few reminders will be available at the church or you can check the website (samaritanspurse.org/occ) for a complete list of suggestions. If you use your own shoebox, you can gift wrap it, but be sure that it can still be opened for inspection. That's done at the processing center in Denver before shipping.

A donation of \$9 to cover the cost of shipping and handling for each shoebox is encouraged. This can be cash or a check made out to Operation Christmas Child.

Shoeboxes are due at the church by Sunday, November 14. We will take them to a local collection site prior to transportation to Denver. For more information contact Phyl Sundstrom at 746-2477 or 941-1251.

Upcoming Events for October

Because of COVID concerns it has been decided to not have a Giving Thanks Dinner and not do Kids Shopping.

October 31: All Saints Sunday worship service.

4 pm– 7 pm Trunk or Treat on Main Street.

November

1: All Saints Day

3: UMW meeting 9:30 am

7: Reformation Sunday

10: GiGi's Closet open 9 am–4 pm

11: Veteran's Day

14: Shoe boxes due for Operation Christmas Child

15: Ad Council meeting 6 pm

19: Church Conference meeting 6 pm

20: FUMC Bazaar 9 am–1 pm

25: Thanksgiving Day

28: United Methodist Student Day, special offering

December

1: UMW meeting 9:30 am

15: GiGi's Closet open 9 am–4 pm



Office Hours

Jess is in the office to help you:

Days: Monday-Thursday

Hours: still 8:00 am-noon

Jess@fumcnewcastle.com

Thank you!

Thank you to all
who donated items!
The B.R.E.A.D.
Office
is so very grateful!



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NOVEMBER 2:

*HAROLD & DANA TYSDAL

NOVEMBER 5:

TIM BERTSCH

NOVEMBER 7:

CAROL CARGILL

KALYN HOUSER

NOVEMBER 8:

LENORA SUNDSTROM

PASTOR BRENDA TORRIE

SALLY HOOVER

NOVEMBER 9:

SHARON RONESS

NANCY MCFARLIN

KEN HUNTER

NOVEMBER 11

JO SHACKLEFURD

NOVEMBER 12:

JIM SHELTON

TAMMY JOHNSON

NOVEMBER 22:

*DEAN & TAMMY JOHNSON

*denotes anniversary



Family Fun trips near by

Lil' Harvester's Pumpkin Patch

Address: 8680 US-16, Rapid City, SD 57702

Website: www.lilharvesterspumpkinpatch.com

Spearfish Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch

Address: Chicken Creek Rd, Spearfish, SD 57783

Website: www.spearfishvalleyproduce.com

"The Giving Jar"



United Methodist Women is sponsoring "The Giving Jar" project. UMW encourages everyone in our community of faith to save their loose change in November and December. Any money (coins, currency, and/or checks) will be donated to our church for a special project designated by the Trustees. UMW will designate a Sunday in January 2022 to collect donations for this project. Donations can also be sent to UMW Treasurer Vanita Epperson at P.O. Box 831.

"CHRISTMAS IN WYOMING" BAZAAR

Your holiday shopping starts here at the "Christmas in Wyoming" bazaar, which will be held Saturday, November 20. Doors open at 9 am. Coffee break begins at 9:30 with the soup lunch starting at 11:00. Check out the variety of items offered at each booth: New 2 You area, Christmas Booth, Sewing Booth, and Baked Goods Table. Pecans, greeting cards and dishcloths will be available, a basket auction will be held, and tickets can be purchased for a quilt drawing. Church members who are contributing items to the various booths should have the items to the church no later than Friday, November 19. Baked goods should be at the church no later than 8:30 am on Saturday, November 20. Don't forget to bring two pies—one for the baked goods table and one for coffee break/lunch time.

Your Holiday shopping starts at the

"Christmas in Wyoming"

First United Methodist Church Bazaar 2021



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20
23 N. SENECA

9 A.M.—1 P.M.

COFFEE BREAK @ 9:30 A.M.

SOUP LUNCH @ 11 A.M.—1 P.M.



Drawings



Pecans

**Homemade
Christmas Gifts**

HOLIDAY DECOR



Baked Goods

**Boxed Cards
and Dishcloths**

New 2 You Shopping in Church Basement