

THE MESSENGER

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



MONTHLY MISSION BASKET!

The finance team has decided to do the pledge drive a little differently this year. Each month there will be a special offering to address the church's needs or special projects! There will be a basket at the back of the church for you to place your offering. You can also mail in your monthly mission offering.

This is a separate offering from the offering we take during church. The Finance team will still be mailing out pledge letters for you to fill out and send back.

This month we are addressing the Benevolent fund.

*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

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**Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his love
endures forever.**

—1 Chronicles 16:34

WELCOME

COMMUNITY

ORDER YOUR PECANS TODAY!

Now is the time to place your order for fresh Georgia pecans and chocolates. These pecans/chocolates are great for your holiday baking and/or gift giving.

The following items are available at a cost of \$10 for each bag:

Fancy Mammoth Pecan Halves, 16 oz. bag
Chocolate Covered Pecans, 12 oz. bag
Dark Chocolate Covered Pecans, 12 oz. bag
Chocolate Pecan Clusters, 10 oz. bag

Place your order by calling or texting Chris French today at 746-5783. Orders will be available by mid-November.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

United Methodist Women (UMW) will be hosting the "Christmas in Wyoming" holiday bazaar on Saturday, November 19. A bazaar committee has been established to plan/organize this event. Committee members are:

Co-chairs Norma Shelton (746-8874) and Phyl Sundstrom (941-1251), Maxine Groner (746-2470), Betty Petranek (941-1539), and Amanda Sharpes (751-9494).

Contact a committee member to volunteer to help with the bazaar. Workers are needed to set up for the bazaar, to work the various booths, to help in the kitchen, to serve the meal, and to clean up after the bazaar.

Quilt Raffle!

Get your tickets 1 ticket for \$1.00 or 6 tickets for \$5.00. The drawing will be held at the annual Bazaar. If you would like to see the quilt, ask Lavonne, or stop by the office.

COMMUNITY

Small Group Dining

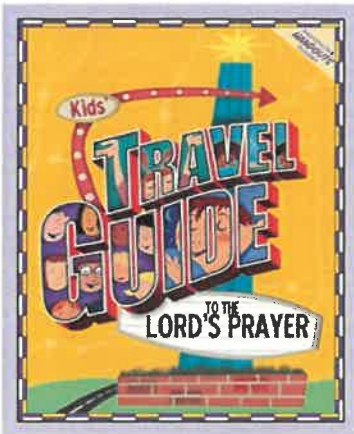
Hoping to get to know some of your church family better?

Here is an opportunity for you! We will divide participants into groups of 5 or 6 people for each rotation which will last 3 months. There will be 2 rotations; fall rotation runs from October through mid-December, spring rotation runs February through April.

In each rotation groups will meet once a month to commune around a table for dining and conversation. When and where they will get together will be devised among themselves: i.e., potluck in their homes, at a restaurant, or a picnic in a park.

Individuals, who are interested may sign up for Small Group Dining by letting the office know or by texting or emailing Judi Wackerbarth at 406-580-8017, please leave your name, phone number and/or email address.

Have questions you may email
Judi at jwackerbarth@charter.net



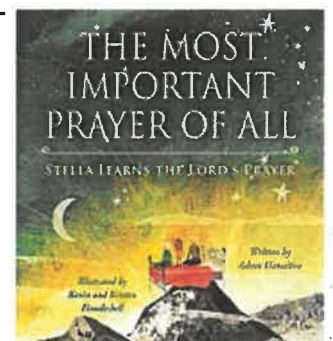
KIDS' SUNDAY SCHOOL

Place: First United Methodist Church

Time: 10:00am

Kids' Travel Guide to the Lord's Prayer takes kids on journeys filled with stories, activities, ideas, and fun as they travel through the power of prayer. Using Jesus' guide to prayer will show children how God relates to them, and how they can relate to God!

Along with this, we will be reading and referring to "The Most Important Prayer of All" by Rev. Adam Hamilton.



COMMUNITY / UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

**2: Communion Sunday &
World Communion Sunday**

4: *Trustees meeting, 6 pm

5: UMW meeting, 9:30 am

10: Finance meeting, 6 pm

12: GiGi's Closet open

9 am—1:30 pm

12: Methodist Group,

5:30 pm at Pizza Barn

17: Ad Council meeting, 6 pm

18: Fellowship hall in use,

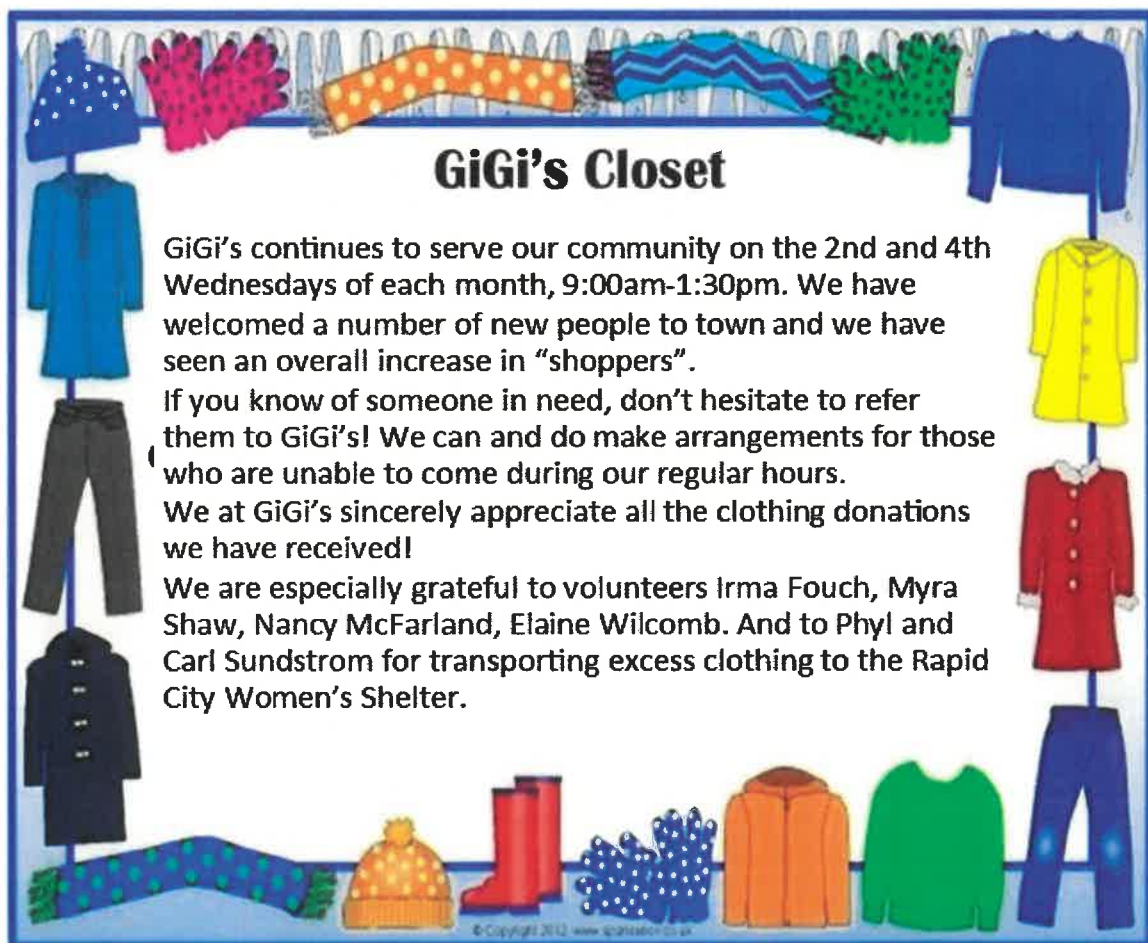
11 am—3 pm

26: GiGi's Closet open,

9 am—1:30 pm

*Trustees meetings are moved to the first
Tuesday of each month

*TOPS meets every Tuesday at 4 pm

A graphic for GiGi's Closet featuring a blue border with various clothing items like hats, gloves, scarves, jackets, pants, and boots. The text is centered within the graphic.

GiGi's Closet

GiGi's continues to serve our community on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 9:00am-1:30pm. We have welcomed a number of new people to town and we have seen an overall increase in "shoppers".

If you know of someone in need, don't hesitate to refer them to GiGi's! We can and do make arrangements for those who are unable to come during our regular hours.

We at GiGi's sincerely appreciate all the clothing donations we have received!

We are especially grateful to volunteers Irma Fouch, Myra Shaw, Nancy McFarland, Elaine Wilcomb. And to Phyl and Carl Sundstrom for transporting excess clothing to the Rapid City Women's Shelter.

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Laity Sunday is a special Sunday defined by General Conference, “to celebrate the ministry of all Christians” (2016 *Book of Discipline*, ¶ 264.2). Usually observed on the third Sunday in October (in 2022, October 16), Laity Sunday is one way we express the deep conviction that *all* are called to participate in God’s mission in communities that share abundant life in Jesus Christ.

Laity Sunday celebrates the ministry of all Christians to love God and neighbor. As we (the people) grow in grace to become “all love” disciples in community, we gather with others and connect all to God’s love in Jesus Christ. So, on Laity Sunday (this year, October 16, 2022), we continue to lift up the vocation of all (all means all) to follow the way of Jesus and lead others to him – particularly as we rediscover practices of togetherness that reveal “God’s presence for the life of the world” (Dorothy Bass, Craig Dykstra, “A Theological Understanding of Christian Practices,” *Lifelong Faith*, (Volume 2.2 Summer 2008), 5).

Laity Sunday is a day set aside to remember and lift up a 24/7 reality: the priesthood and ministry of *all*. Every person is invited to participate in the community of healing love, justice, and world transformation.

This year, the emphasis is on discipleship as covenant ‘together-life’ – the very life of Jesus in and among us, gathered and responsive to the always *with us* nearness of God. God is near and here to help every life, every place in need of grace.

COMMUNITY / UPCOMING EVENTS



OCTOBER 1:
*JIM & NORMA SHELTON

OCTOBER 2:
*ED & CAROL CARGILL

OCTOBER 4:
BARBARA RHOADES
JAMIE GRAY

OCTOBER 7:
DAVID KIESLING
*MIKE & NANCY MCFARLAND

OCTOBER 8:
BECKY DECKER

OCTOBER 12:
CHRIS FRENCH

OCTOBER 13:
KATHY TOWNSEND

OCTOBER 15:
ED CARGILL
ROSEMARY RICHARDSON-
SCHLUP

OCTOBER 21:
ED KIESLING

OCTOBER 24:
*WILLIAM & LYNDA RUS-
SELL

OCTOBER 25
TERRY MILLS

OCTOBER 26:
JEAN BURLESON

OCTOBER 28:
CRISTAL CARPENTER

OCTOBER 30:
*HARRY & LAVONNE ROB-
ERTS

*denotes anniversary

**Thank
you!**

Thank
you to all
who do-
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items!



Suggestions, ideas, events for the FUMC Web Site and Facebook,
contact Elaine Wilcomb.

**All Manor &
Mondell
Residents**

*God's
Answers
Prayers*

Office Hours

Jess is in the office to help you:

Monday-Thursday

8:00 am-noon