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A Look at Our Little Ones

By: Libby Gleason

W.O.W. Christmas Program

If you didn't have a chance to watch the W.O.W. Christmas pageant this year, you better make sure to pencil it in for next year! Maureen Houser and all of her adult helpers did a fabulous job of helping the children prepare a meaningful and entertaining program! There were approximately 20 children involved and 40 people in the audience for this event. The program was opened with a prayer by Pastor Susan. After a scripture reading from Luke Chapter 2, the children performed a play entitled "Just a Little Christmas." The play was narrated by Kelly Bole, Kimberly Hawkins, and Sara Heesacker. This was followed by a short movie called "The Very First Noel." After the program a celebration was had by one and all with a birthday cake for Jesus!



Sunday School Programming . . . A Work in Progress!

As you may or may not know, our Sunday school program has endured many changes throughout the life of our church. We have had anywhere from one to three separate classes with mixed and autonomous age groupings. We have utilized one to two teachers per classroom. (Due to the "Safe Sanctuaries" policies we try to always have two teachers.) We have tried to have Sunday school before and during church. All of these changes have stemmed from our desire to provide the best possible programming for our children with the limited resources that we have . . . We are still a work in progress!

Currently, a single Sunday school class is offered for children ages 4-4th grade. The "One Room School House" curriculum that is used is perfect for this mixed age group offering a variety of related activities for children of different ages and abilities. Kimberly Hawkins and Katie Warren have done a great job teaching these children! However, as our only Sunday school teachers, they miss out on the church service every Sunday. Therefore, we are looking for a few more adults in the mix to help bear this responsibility. We are looking for people who would be willing to teach or co-teach as little as 1-2 times per month. The planning is minimal as the curriculum is very specific and gives many activity options. It is possible to plan and prepare for a single session in 30-60 minutes. All necessary supplies will be provided. Co-teachers need not plan a thing – you would just need to show up on Sunday morning! Please let Libby Gleason know if you are interested in helping with this program.

If you are interested in providing meals for W.O.W., teaching Sunday school, or helping with the children's programming in any way, please contact the Youth and Children's Director, Libby Gleason: libbygleason@hotmail.com or 227-7893.

What's New With Youth?

By Libby Gleason

Reflecting on 2011

Our United Methodist Youth Fellowship had a great year! This was confirmed as I put together the report for the annual charge conference. Here is a snapshot of what 2011 was like for our youth program.

Programming

Approximate number of regularly scheduled youth group meetings: 30

53% Bible Study

7% Service Activities

40% Fellowship Activities

Additional special events and field trips: 9

Lock-in

Worship/Dinner @ Loveland FUMC

The Master's Fine Art Gallery, Loveland

Hike @ Lory State Park

Rock and Ride Christian Music Days, Denver

Service Day with DenUM, Denver

Help with VBS

Big Day of Serving, Cheyenne

Help with WUMF Craft Fair (fundraiser/service project)

Bible Study Topics:

Spring - *Family, Friends and God: Lean on Me*

Summer - *Bible Basics*

Fall - *In a Dilemma: Living Your Faith Through the Tough Stuff*

Attendance

Number of youth on our contact list: 20

Ages: 6th-12th grade

Number of youth who currently attend youth group regularly: 11

Average weekly attendance: 7

New members in 2011 that attended three or more meetings: 11

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What's New With Youth? (Continued)

A Special Thanks
to All of Our Fall Semester Adult Helpers!

Kimberly Hawkins
 Greta Jones
 Bob and Jennifer Williams
 Katie Warren
 Cassie Little
 Maureen Houser

YOU ARE ALL GREATLY APPRECIATED!!

January UMYF Events:

January 1 st	NO UMYF	Happy New Year
January 8 th	6:00-8:00 pm	Bible Study
January 13 th /14 th	TBA	Lock-In
January 22 nd	6:00-8:00 pm	Bible Study
January 29 th	6:00-8:00 pm	TBA

Women's Study Group

In January we will begin a study of the book of Esther.

“The book of Esther is part of the section of the Hebrew Bible known as the Writings. Esther is an account of the events that led to the inauguration of the Jewish festival of Purim. Its plot is fast-paced and exciting, the story well told, and all ends happily. The book, however, has been the subject of much controversy in both Jewish and Christian circles, not least because of the actions and character of its heroine, the Jewish woman Esther.”
 -Women's Bible Commentary

WHEN: January 9, 2012—Monday evening at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: The church.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THIS FUN, EDUCATIONAL FELLOWSHIP!



Chancel Choir Notes



Thanks, choir members, for all your hard work these past 4 months.
Soon we will be practicing music for the Easter season.

We hope everyone has enjoyed a few days of rest.
We will begin choir on Wednesday night, January 11, at 6:00.

Everyone is invited to become a member of our choir.
If you have any questions, call Nellene Lemmon at 223-6844.



Men's Study Group

The Men's Study Group has started up again. All men are invited to come and share in study and fellowship.

When: Saturday January 14—10:00 a.m.
Where: The Church

Financial Report for November 2011

Thank you for your generous support of the work of the church. The Good News of Christ's love is spreading through Wellington and the world because of your faithful giving. This month's income includes the generous gift from Longmont First United Methodist Church -- a pound of quarters for each of their 140 years. That came to more than \$3000. What a blessing they have been to Longmont and to us!

Income	
Tithes and offerings	\$ 4,218
Special gifts and fundraising	<u>3,620</u>
Total income	\$ 7,838
Expenses	
Building and utilities	\$ 1,834
Salaries and benefits	6,873
Program expenses	<u>2,260</u>
Total expenses	\$10,967
Net income	<u>\$-3,129</u>

If you have any questions or if you need any additional information contact Scott Houser.

WOW . . .Worship on Wednesday!

WOW! What is WOW! It is Wellington on Wednesday for first through fifth graders at Wellington United Methodist Church! Every Wednesday starts with a simple meal at 5:45 p.m. and then we learn about the stories of the Bible until 7:30! Donations are accepted to help pay for the meals . . .and volunteers and visitors are always welcome! Please invite your neighbors, friends, and relatives to join us on this fun church night for kids!!!

For more information or questions, please contact Maureen Houser at maureenhouser@gmail.com or call her at 970-631-4272!

Ladies Book Club

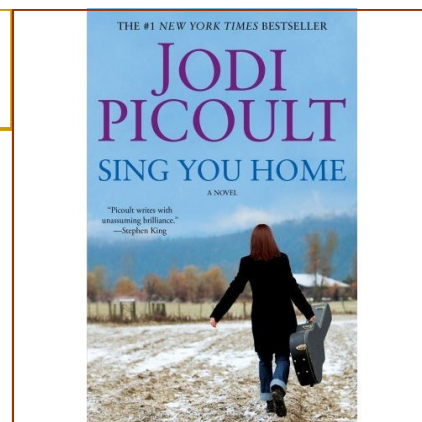
“Usually Picoult’s novels focus on one wham-bang topic that leads to a heavy dose of drama, litigation, and twists and turns. This time Picoult tackles two provocative issues— infertility and gay marriage.... Gripping, powerful—and bound to be talked about.” —Family Circle

WHEN: 11:30 a.m.—Sunday January 15

WHERE: The Church

Light refreshments will be served.

If you have any questions contact Katie Warren at kmwarren1987@gmail.com.



A Care-Giving Ministry “The Buddy System”

The “Buddy” system is to provide on-going communication between members of the fellowship to improve awareness should there be issues and to let each know that they are being thought of and prayed for on a regular basis. It is also intended to reach out to visitors and new attendees.

The Buddy system was piloted during the summer months and launched in September. To date there are 45 individuals involved in the Buddy System. It is our goal for 2012 to get all attendees involved in the program including seventh grade and older youth. If you wish to participate in the Buddy System, contact Jennifer or Bob Williams.

Thank you for all Buddy System participants over the past few months. You are making a difference. Remember to touch base with your buddies on a weekly basis. A simple hello, a quick e-mail or a short phone call is all that is necessary.

If you have any questions you can discuss with any of the core group: Jason Cummings, Libby Gleason, Stella Milligan, Sandi Seaworth, Clair Stanaker, Pastor Susan Warren, Bob Williams, Jennifer Williams. The core group will be meeting in late January to discuss what is working, what is not working and to discuss what is to be done for the coming year.

The Buddy System

Purpose: Individuals becoming “The Church”; being called to care for one another in Christian love and fellowship.

- **What:** Pairs of individuals within our church fellowship.
- **Where:** Sharing and caring by phone, e-mail, Facebook and/or face-to-face.
- **When:** On a weekly basis.
- **How:** Can be a short hello or a longer session as needed. Keep each other in prayer.
- **To what degree:** communications are to remain confidential except where necessary to inform the pastor and/or authority, as appropriate, per the Safe Sanctuary Policy.



Blessings to all,

Bob and Jennifer Williams - Coordinators

January Sermon Series—Who Is This Man?

In January we will begin a sermon series titled—”Who Is This Man?”

We will look at those who wrote about Jesus and his life and teaching. Throughout this series we will look at the book of Luke and his description of who Jesus was.

January 8—What Kind of Sign? - Luke 2:8-12

God sent angels to share the joy of the Savior’s birth with common, humble, hard working, perhaps slightly smelly, shepherds. The angels gave instructions on how to find the child—puzzling instructions, even for the shepherds. They said, ‘You will know the newborn king—the Messiah and Lord—by this sign: You will find a baby, wrapped in rags, lying in a feeding trough in an old stable with his homeless parents.’ What kind of sign was this? What does it say about this man God sent? God inverted the status of first century shepherds, women and sinners. God inverts the status of those like them today—those who’ve been told they don’t count, they are nobody, they can’t serve God. God longs to invert their status—to raise them up. But what does this mean for us, whose social status can be defined as middle, upper middle and upper class? God is seeking people willing to say, ‘God, I offer all I am to you.’ Who hold life as God’s gift, and all blessings as opportunities to glorify God, to serve the one born in a stable, worshiped by night shift shepherds.

January 15—The Kingdom of God—Luke 4:42-43, 8:1

January 22—Friends in Low Places—Luke 5:27-32

January 29—The Healing Ministry of Jesus—Luke 4:40-42

February 5—Building Your House on the Rock—Luke 6:47-48

February 12—The Enemies Jesus Made—Luke 19:47, 20:20

Come and join us as we strive to understand who Jesus was.

Helping Eagles SOAR



HELPING EAGLES SOAR—is our community project.

Wellington Middle School’s Eagle’s After Hours program offers a safe environment where children can have, fun, play games, participate in activities and have a snack. This program serves over 100 children two times a week.

The program is looking for non-perishable food donations for snacks as well as small size toiletries. Please bring your donations to the church and we will make sure they are delivered.

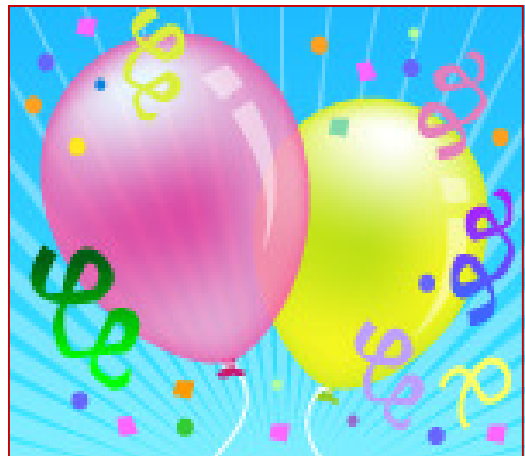
Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

- January 4—John Borchardt
- January 6—Mollie Schlessor
- January 11—Jim Cowell
- January 21—Carol Friesen
- January 22—Ruth Spinden
- January 23—Stan Patterson
- January 26—Pam Maupin

Anniversary’s

- January 21—Scott and Maureen Houser



Please make sure your birthdays and anniversaries are on the calendar located on the table in Classroom A.

JANUARY 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 10:00 Worship/ Sunday School 6:00—UMYF	2 1:00—5:00 Office Hours 6:30—Womens Study Group	3	4 5:45—WOW	5	6	7
8 8:30 Bible Study 10:00 Worship/ Sunday School 6:00—UMYF	9 1:00—5:00 Office Hours 6:30—Womens Study Group	10	11 5:45—WOW 6:00—Choir	12	13	14 10:00—Men's Bible Study
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