

United Presbyterian Church Communicator

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FIRST FIFTH SUNDAY

Thank you to everyone who participated in our first Fifth Sunday of Service! We were able to organize donated clothing at the Laramie Foster Closet www.sewyofosterclosets.com/laramie-foster-closet, clean at the Downtown Clinic www.downtownclinic.org, (rain diverted the plan to work in their garden), prepared Marcia's Closet for the August International Student Give Away, and wrote 40 notes of thanks to educators, health care workers, and emergency services for their heroic efforts over the last year. Please mark your calendars for our next Fifth Sunday, August 29, when we will again worship through service to our community.

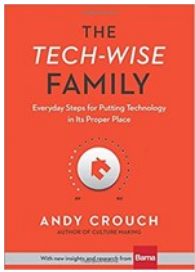
**FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF WYOMING**

The presbytery has asked that we provide and visibly display information about how someone can safely report allegations of sexual misconduct. Three different brochures are available in the brochure rack as you leave the overflow room. The brochures cover (1) General information about reporting, responding, and protecting (blue); (2) Reporting an allegation NOT involving a minor or vulnerable adult (yellow); (3) Reporting an allegation involving a minor or vulnerable adult (tan). Forms to report an incident are on the inside of the yellow and tan brochures.

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

On Sunday, June 6 we will welcome 7 youth into full church membership. Please join us for the celebration!

SUMMER READING: The Tech-Wise Family



After a year of being so reliant upon our screens at school, work, and home, this summer may provide the perfect opportunity to reevaluate the proper place for technology. Sometimes, it feels like our devices have a lot more control over us than we have over them. But it doesn't have to be this way. In *The Tech-Wise Family*, Andy Crouch (previously an editor and producer at Christianity Today) provides everyday steps for putting technology in its proper place. Making good choices about technology is more than just using internet filters and limiting "screen time." It's about developing wisdom, character, and courage in the way we use digital media, rather than accepting technology's promises of ease, instant gratification, and the world's knowledge at our fingertips. Crouch helps readers ask deeper questions about tech and family life: Who do we want to be as a family? How does our use of a particular technology move us closer or farther away from that goal? This book is for ANYONE who wants to reclaim real life in a world of devices. It is easy to read, practical, helpful, and challenging. I highly recommend it for anyone, with or without children in your home. There will be five copies of the book available to check out from the church office.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY FROM THE DEACONS

The UPC Deacons are donating \$150.00 to Big Brothers/Big Sisters in the name of the men of the Church in honor of Fathers' Day. Big Brothers/Big Sisters is an organization dedicated to providing children with one-to-one mentoring relationships. These relationships support the critical social and emotional development needed to help build resilience and promote the mental health and wellbeing. Many children in our community benefit from these services.

WOMEN'S CIRCLES & MEN'S GROUP

Mary Martha Circle will meet again in Fall 2021.

REBEKAH CIRCLE will meet at 12:30 on **June 17** at Linda Haynes' house, for a summer picnic luncheon. Please bring a salad; Linda will provide dessert. Everyone is encouraged to bring books or ideas for consideration for next year's study focus. Please RSVP to Linda or to Pam.

Evening Circle will meet **June 24th** at 6:00pm. We will meet outside at the Alibi. We will continue our four month study, *Emotions and the Heart*. We would love for you to join us anytime.

UPC Men! Please join us at Perkins on the **1st and 3rd Saturday at 8:00 am** for great conversation! All are welcome!

CHURCH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Summer hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Pastor Michelle is in the church office M-Th 8:00am - 4:00 pm We are all easily available through our cell phones and emails.

Any information you would like shared in the weekend reminders needs to be emailed to the office by Wednesday mornings.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The **nursery** is once again available on Sunday mornings. For the next few months we request that you let Michelle Harris know each Friday by 5:00 pm if you are planning on using the nursery the upcoming Sunday. Please email Michelle H at upckidmin@gmail.com

Vacation Bible School will be held at UPC the week of June 14th from 9:00-11:30. We will be limiting the number of children who can attend, because of this, the online sign up will NOT be available for this summer's VBS session. If your child, those going onto kindergarten to those who are entering 5th grade in the fall would like to attend please contact Michelle Harris at upckidmin@gmail.com. If you have let Michelle H. know your child will be attending, consider having them bring a friend.

SAVE THE DATE! On July 14 we will hold UPC's second annual Family Fun Night. Watch for more details to come!

Time is running out to register for **Summer Camps**. Here are a few great options:

Camp Story -<https://www.campstory.org/>

Table in the Wilderness -<https://www.twmcamp.net/>

Camp Highlands: <https://www.highlandscamp.org/>

Parents, below you will find the volunteer options for our **youth groups** for the summer. Sr high parents, please check your emails for links to sign ups and permission slips.

Mid Highs

June 6, 2:00-4:00

Meet at UPC to plan and prepare for VBS fund raiser for Albany County Library Foundation (Book Mobile)

June 14-18, 9:00-11:30

Be Crew leaders at VBS. Lead the charitable fund raising for the week. Albany County Library Foundation (Book Mobile)

Sr Highs

June 5th

Volunteer with Cares Impact at Country Meadows mobile home park 8:30-12:00.

June 25

Volunteer at Interfaith between 9:00 am and 1:30.

July 23

Volunteer at Interfaith between 9:00 am and 1:30.




FAMILY PROMISE

As you receive this email, UPC will be in the middle of hosting Family Promise the week. Thank you to all the volunteers who have provided food this week!

Please take a look at Family promises website to learn more about the program and other ways you can help: <https://fpalbanycounty.org/>

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Congregational Life is looking to add both Committee Members and Committee Helpers to our team! If you enjoy gathering with UPC members and friends, please consider joining us for the planning of events or, to lend a hand at the events. The committee meets quarterly to plan. We meet to divide tasks for events about a week prior to any event. Come share your ideas for fellowship, fun and spreading God's love with friends and members of UPC with us! Contact Hillary at hillaryutton@gmail.com to discuss, ask questions or say "I'm in!"

June 13: Bark in the  Park

July 18: Outdoor Service & Picnic



August 8: Faith Day with Colorado Rockies game and Mercy Me concert

August 22: Lake Day Picnic & Water Fun



August 29: 5th Sunday Service 



September 11: Progressive BBQ



September 18: Movie Night Under the Stars

October 17: Member Spruce Ups



October 31: Truck or Treat AND 5th Sunday Service



November 21: Advent Café



December 15: LOGOS Pageant



December 24: Cookies & Cocoa



ROCKIES FAITH DAY

Join us August 8th for the 1:10 pm game against the Miami Marlins and MercyMe concert! [CLICK HERE](#) to hear *Even If*. We need all requests for tickets and deposit by Thursday, July 1st. You can sign up with the church office or [CLICK HERE](#) for the SignUpGenius. You are welcome to invite family, friends and neighbors to purchase tickets with us! If we get 20 folks to sign up our tickets will be discounted to \$42/each. Otherwise the tickets are \$53/each. 50% of your cost of tickets is due to the church office by July 1st. Be sure to note if you are interested in carpooling to Denver. A baseball snack bag will be provide to all ticket holders for their trip to Denver!

FAITH DAY 2021
SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

POSTGAME CONCERT FEATURING



MercyMe

JUNE SERMON SERIES

Sunday worship live stream service can be found at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyLkd7kE_l0acTnxJQ_Eg and through the UPC website.

FOC & STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your generosity! This is how UPC stands financially at the end of April 2021: Total Income 106,406.74; 48.34% of 2021 operating budget. Total Expenses \$80121.38; 32.78% of 2021 operating budget. The ministry of UPC continues and relies on your generosity. Please consider sending your tithes and offerings through the [on-line giving](#) on the UPC website or mail through the US postal service. On-line is very easy and categories that you can choose from have been created to direct your donation to the correct place. There is a “Notes” box at the end of the form which will allow you to be more specific if you so desire. We now have a new fund on our on-line giving. It is called Miscellaneous Non-Charitable Payment. This can be used for such things as Easter Flowers, Congregational Life events such as the Faith Day at the Rockies, Mission nuts sales, VBS donation, etc.

MISISON UPDATES

- We are grateful for the terrific response to the **One Great Hour of Sharing** Special Offering (OGHS). We'll be sending \$1870 to Presbyterian Church (USA). We hope that you'll take the time to go to the OGHS website to see the wide variety of projects support by these funds from reclaiming wages for service workers in the USA to planting tree worldwide to special water projects. We have hard work to do and loads to lift; Shun not the struggle –face it; 'tis God's gift. (Babcock)
- In May, UPC met the special request from the **Food Pantry** by providing food items for diabetics.
- A check for \$500 was sent to the **Cathedral Home** to support their highly successful therapeutic equestrian program.
- A small donation (\$100) was sent to support the national group of Presbyterian churches addressing the **Syrian/Lebanese issues**. This group offers the fall and spring virtual “gatherings” where we can ask our questions directly to Presbyterian ministers in Syria and Lebanon.
- We have just learned from the Presbytery's Team that the \$3000 that was being sent to support the **Children of the World Medical Center** developed by the Aleppo Presbyterian Church has now grown to \$11,000. Hopefully, this money can soon transverse the complicated journey to get to where it is desperately needed.
- Many thanks to those of you who have been leaving **clothing** on Nancy Lick's stoop (1765 N 22nd). All clothing is needed and welcomed. It is sorted for the following: SAFE; Wind River; the Clothing Cottage; the Laramie schools; Goodwill; Community Holidays (new items); and the University of Wyoming International Student Giveaway.
- Nancy Weidel reports that the **Grow Our Own Project** at Wind River received funding to build 50 more planter boxes to add to the 75 that their volunteers built over the winter. They have also received a grant from the University of Wyoming to collect data on specific areas of concern. Efforts are underway for UPC members to spend a couple of days at Wind River at the end of August. Please stay tuned for details as they are finalized.
- Diana Denison and Nancy Fillian are working hard on a **July workshop** that will take place out-of-doors. Watch for the details.

BARK IN THE PARK

JUNE 13TH

DOGS NOT
REQUIRED!

OPTIMIST PARK SHELTER #2
3:00-5:00 PM



TREATS FOR YOU
AND YOUR DOG!

A CONGREGATIONAL
LIFE EVENT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT UPC

For a full calendar of events click on the calendar link. If you or your group wants to add something to the UPC calendar please bring it or send to the church office for it to go for approval at the following Wednesday staff meeting. [CLICK HERE](#) for calendar.



REPORTS AND SESSION MINUTES



Session and committees continue to meet via Zoom. The UPC Session Minutes and reports can be read at our website at upclaramie.org/minutes/

UPC's ELDERS AND DEACONS



Elders: Bryce Barker, Elizabeth Williams, Dona Coffey, Gearld Van Campen, Kim Buchanan, Nancy Lick, Hillary Utton

Deacons: Codi Broten, Linda Haynes, Rita Ver Ploeg, Marla Smith, Linda Sheets, DJ Yocom, Donna Mecham