

Riverton United Methodist Church

"Receiving the Bread of Life to Give the Bread of Life"

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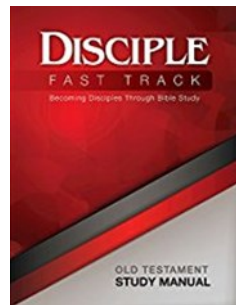


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DISCIPLE FAST TRACK BIBLE STUDY LAUNCHES THE END OF AUGUST

This adaptation of the original, bestselling Disciple Bible Study is for people who want to fit a comprehensive Bible study into their busy schedule. Pastor Deb will lead the same class session twice each week, one on Monday evenings and one on Tuesday mornings. We begin with the Old Testament track, which lasts 12 weeks and will end in early December. The New Testament track will begin after the first of the year. Each class is set to run 75 minutes. Pre-registration and commitment to attend is needed. The class manual will be \$14. Register through the church office. Select the evening or morning session, though you may attend the other one as needed. At least five registrations for each class session are needed to hold that session. Start date is Monday evening, August 28/ Tuesday morning, August 29.



AUGUST LOOSE CHANGE SCHOOL RELATED SUPPLIES

With school in the forecast, August's Loose Change will provide monies to buy various types of school supplies for local children. With the economic downturn, there are increasingly families who need help purchasing school supplies. In addition, children in the lower grades often are in need of a change of clothes or warm hat and gloves/mittens. With your generous donations the Missions Committee will contact individual schools to determine the needs in that particular school. Thank you for supporting Loose Change every month!

FALL WELCOMING BARBECUE AT CWC

Once again this year we are celebrating the new academic year at Central Wyoming College by throwing a "Welcome to CWC and Our Community" barbecue for students. The date this year is Sunday, September 10, at 6 pm. The place is the picnic grounds at the college.

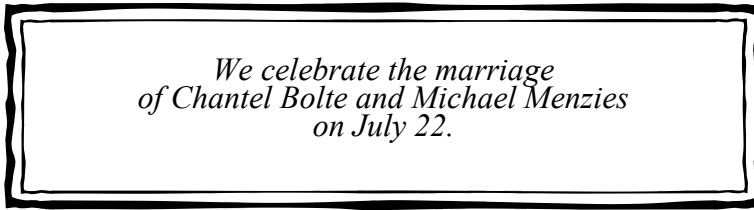
There will be sign-up sheets for food closer to the event, but please put the date on your calendar. Think of what side dish, condiment, or dessert you might like to bring. The committee will do the hamburgers and hot dogs. Come meet and eat with our new Riverton residents. It's a great opportunity to showcase our church and invite students to attend.

A WARM WELCOME

We welcome our new yard care person, Vern Ellison. In addition to mowing and trimming, Vern will also be doing weed management in the landscaped beds/sidewalks, and will be installing the new rock borders around the church. He is the uncle-in-law of our custodian, Audrey Ellison.

We offer sympathy to family and friends on the death of former member and organist, Dennis Gilpatrick. A memorial service was held in the sanctuary on July 14.

THANK YOU to these Scripture Readers for worship in recent weeks: Craig & Carol Cooper, Bob Schlichting, Bill & Haley Reiter, Roger Gose, Terry Stone, Pat Sack, and Diana Schaub.



CHURCH LANDSCAPING: The following is a Trustees' update regarding the landscaping of the beds where the Juniper bushes were removed. After much discussion and considering several suggestions, filling the areas with river rock appears to be the most practical and economical solution. **Please see samples of the river rock in the Parlor.** The river rock will be used on the south side, eastside, and in the courtyard. White rock will be used under the cross.

The cost will be approximately \$3000.00. Donations to this project are welcome, especially as we had a surprise expense with the sewer line.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER FELLOWSHIP DINNERS: The August 13th Fellowship Carry-in Dinner will be hosted by the Memorial Committee and the Lay Leadership Committee. (Committees will furnish chicken dishes.) We hope you will bring a dish and come join us.

The September 10th carry-in will be hosted by the Worship Committee.

A SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP EVENT IN OCTOBER: The October meal will be **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner**. This will begin Sunday, October 8th through Saturday, October 14th.

We will ask for hostesses and how many guests they can accommodate. The congregation will make a reservation to attend. The hostess will contact you to come to dinner on the time and date of your choice. You will receive a reservation questionnaire to fill out or a telephone call if we have not received your reservation.

We will begin recruiting hostesses September 4th through September 8th. Please be thinking if you would care to be a hostess.

Reservation forms for **GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER** will be in the church bulletin September 3rd, 10th and 17th, or you can pick one up in the church office. Plans will be finalized by September 24th.

If you have any questions, please call Lynne Hawk at 856-5420, Kathy Brown at 856-2533 or the church office at 856-2544.

NORTHERN ARAPAHO HORSE THERAPY PROGRAM FOR KIDS: Because of the ongoing need for lunches, we are gearing up to provide lunches for the week of August 28. Thank you for the great response for our first week supplying lunches, during the week of July 24. The program happens in the early evening and these "lunches" are a sack dinner they take home with them for that night or the next day. Those leading the program have said that our participation has been a great blessing. We will be providing the same food items for 50 lunches for two days that week. Please contact the church office if you can supply any part of the needed items. There will also be a sign-up in worship. The program is run by the Northern Arapaho tribal suicide prevention program in partnership with our local domestic violence prevention program.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Shining Through

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."
– Matthew 5:16 NIV

A little girl was among a group of people being given a guided tour through a great cathedral. As the guide explained the various parts of the structure – the altar, the choir area, the screen and the nave – the little girl's attention was intently focused on a stained glass window. Looking up at the figures in the window, her face was bathed in a rainbow of color as the afternoon sun poured in. As the group was about to move on, she gathered courage to ask the tour guide a question: "Who are those people in that pretty window?" "Those are the saints," the guide replied.

That night, as the little girl was preparing for bed, she told her mother proudly: "I know who the saints are." "Oh?" replied the mother, "And just who are the saints?" Without a moment's hesitation, the little girl replied: "They are the people who let the light shine through!"

As you look back over your day, did you let God's light shine through? Sometimes we pass these opportunities by saying, "It will just take too much out of me." But the Bible lets us know that everything we give will come back to us – multiplied. As Christians we are called to share the light of Jesus in a world of need. Like rays of light that break through gloom and darkness, we can bring hope and encouragement.

Remember, the light of your life gives those around you a glimpse of Jesus, the Source of eternal and constant light. As you let your light shine, it will grow brighter!

In Christ's grace, Pastor Deb

DISCUSSION SERIES ON THE BOOK, "UNAFRAID & UNASHAMED"-- Keep posted through bulletin announcements for an upcoming series of discussions for those who have read the book "Unafraid & Unashamed". This opportunity will begin in a few weeks. If you desire to join in and need a copy of the book to read, please contact the church office.

OUR CHURCH MOVING FORWARD: During recent weeks short questionnaires around "Our Church Moving Forward" have been completed during worship. Thank you to those who have participated. One more will be happening in worship during August. The responses will help in discerning our ministry offerings and leadership teams.

BASIC LAY SERVANT MINISTRY COURSE, SEPT. 15-16 IN THERMOPOLIS: The United Methodist Basic Lay Servant Ministry Course will be held at Community Federated Church in Thermopolis from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, and again starting at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16. This course is the foundation for all courses in Lay Servant Ministry. This is not a preaching preparation course. It is a basic course for being a leader in a local church. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended. They will take part in considering the importance of servant leadership, developing future leaders, and exploring discipleship growth. For details, call Rev. Chuck Cooper at 307-921-9863 or Jim Kirsch 307-921-1690.

July Loose Change Offering

July 2017 Loose Change Offering Project was **Wyoming Association of Churches**. The total offering received to date in support of this mission is **\$321.79**. Thanks to everyone who so generously contributed to this month's project.

We celebrate that Curtis Martin, from our Boy Scout Troop 4044, was part of the national Jamboree in West Virginia. The Jamboree is held every four years and brings together about 40,000 Scouts.

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR WORSHIP DURING
SUMMER MONTHS

If you know of someone, who would be willing to bring special music to our worship during the summer months, please contact Carolyn Hunter at 850-5502.

TRUSTEES REPORT -- JULY 2017

River- rock to be installed around church building as soon as rock can be delivered. Decorative white rock will be installed in front of the cross.

Vern Ellison has been hired to do the labor for the rock installation as well as the lawn care for the rest of the season. (Bud Nitz has moved to Casper.)

Al McClelland has graciously agreed to take care of snow removal this winter- Thank you Al!

Trustees discussed housing a group of about 8 QuadW United Methodist college interns for 7 weeks the summer of 2018. UMW, Missions, and Administrative Council will also be discussing this.

Church grounds were sprayed for fertilizer and weed control in late June. Thanks to a church member for arranging this and picking up the tab!

Shower work is continuing and getting closer to completion.

JUNE 2017 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Budget income to date :	\$97,971.00
Actual income to date:	\$87,343.52
Budgeted expenses to date:	\$100,147.08
Actual expenses to date:	\$85,235.24

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HANDBOOK: The new United Methodist Church Handbook for this quadrennium is available, providing a detailed overview of the denomination's beliefs, mission, structure and history. The handbook is a go-to resource for anyone in search of information about the United Methodist Church and is helpful for leaders and members.

UMW BIG HORN DISTRICT FALL MEETING, SEPT. 23: Join UMW members of the Big Horn District at their fall meeting in Fort Benton, 1201 Chouteau St., Fort Benton, MT 59072. For details, contact Susan Beley at 406-632-4205 or email sbeley@hotmail.com.

NEEDED MEDICAL COORDINATOR - SALUD Y PAX, GUATEMALA: Salud y Paz, a non-profit organization working on health and education in the Guatemalan highlands, is seeking a medical coordinator. The ideal candidate will be a medical professional (RN, PA, pharmacist, surgery tech, etc.) with a willingness to be flexible, learn on the job and work with a Guatemalan staff and international volunteers. Knowledge of Spanish is not a requirement but language school will be necessary once in country for a candidate that is not fluent. Duties include coordinating details of surgical mission trips, hosting medical teams, data collection, health education, committee work, etc.

NEEDED: TEAM COORDINATOR - SALUD Y PAZ, GUATEMALA -- Salud y Paz is a non-profit organization working in the Guatemalan highlands to promote health and education among the indigenous Mayan population. We are currently seeking an organized, responsible, and enthusiastic individual to fill the role of team coordinator. Duties include coordinating and hosting volunteer teams, financial record keeping, data collection, and marketing. S/he reports directly to the Director of Logistics and works closely with other volunteers and Guatemalan staff to fulfill duties.

REMINDERS FOR EVERYONE

- ◆ Christian Food Storehouse -- Remember the first Sunday in the month, August 6, is bring-a-food donation Sunday.
- ◆ Equal Exchange products will be sold Sunday, August 27, this will be your opportunity to stock up on coffee, cocoa, chocolates, teas, hot chocolate, organic raisins, and olive oil.
- ◆ July - August Upper Room Publications are available in the narthex. Please feel welcome to take one with you.
- ◆ Eagles Hope Transition Housing Ongoing Needs: Toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, sugar, coffee (ground), laundry soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, bars of soap, Pinesol, bleach, hand lotion, shampoo, cereal. You may drop off donations directly to Eagle's hope or place in the bin provided at the church. Thank you for your generosity in supporting one of our focus outreach ministries.
- ◆ Have you remembered to tithe your will to the church?

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EVERY WEEK HAPPENINGS

MONDAY

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY, 7:00 P.M.
(Beginning Aug. 28)
BOY SCOUTS, 6:30 P.M. (Beginning Aug. 29)

TUESDAY

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY, 10:00 A.M.
(Beginning Aug. 28)
FARMERS' MARKET, 4:00-6:00 P.M.
(West Parking Lot)
SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS SUPPORT,
6:30-8:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

JAMES BROS., 6:30 A.M. Meet for breakfast
(Trailhead Restaurant)
PRAYER GROUP, 1:00 P.M. (Memorial Room)

THURSDAY

CUB SCOUTS, 6:30 P.M. (Beginning Aug. 31)

SUNDAY

WORSHIP SERVICES, 8:00 AND 10:30 A.M.
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:15 A.M.

AUGUST EVENTS

AUG. 1, TUESDAY: MISSIONS COMMITTEE, 7:00 P.M.
AUG. 3, THURSDAY: WORSHIP COMMITTEE, 7:00 P.M.
AUG. 9, WEDNESDAY: AD COUNCIL, 7:00 P.M.
AUG. 13, SUNDAY: FELLOWSHIP CARRY-IN, 11:30 A.M.
AUG. 15, TUESDAY: TRUSTEES MEETING, 7:00 P.M.
AUG. 17, THURSDAY: FINANCE COMMITTEE, 7:00 P.M.
AUG. 21, MONDAY: ECLIPSE (ENJOY!)