

# WAMEGO UMC



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## THE SUNDAY OF SUMMER

August is said to be the Sunday of summer — a phrase which may leave you in better spirits if you tend to spend your Sunday mornings with Wamego UMC! Learn how we plan to soak up the last of the summer while preparing for the busy season ahead on [page three](#). Get a peek at our plans for September on [page four](#). As we transition to a new season, we're also working through a few exciting transitions on our staff! Learn more about connecting with Pastor Alex and meet our new administrators on [page five](#).

## SUMMER MISSION UPDATES

### SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

This summer at Wamego UMC, all ages worked together to raise funds for the Council of Churches School Supply Distribution.

We collected a special offering during worship, Cornerstone Youth had a car wash and the children collected coins every Sunday in June and July. With the addition of individual contributions, we raised over \$1,000 dollars! Thank you all for your generosity. It will make such a positive impact as families in need prepare to head back to school.

### SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION

The Wamego Council of Churches School Supply Distribution is on Tuesday, August 2 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Trinity Baptist Church (16655 West Highway 24).

All families in USD 320 facing financial hardships are eligible. (Each year, hundreds of backpacks, full of grade-specific school supplies are given away!)

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

In July, a parade of food trucks rolled in for the summer's biggest party – VBS! We had between 60 and 73 little sous chefs join us each night. With the help of 45 volunteers, 20 of which were youth helpers, we pulled off a truly wonderful week.

By bringing coins each night, the kids raised over \$1,000 for our local school district! This record-breaking total exceeded our wildest dreams (hence the extra, colorful fries).



## AUGUST EVENTS

### **CORNERSTONE YOUTH**

Grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a legen-dairy gathering on Sunday, August 7! At 12:15 PM, we'll transport our herd from Wamego UMC to Onaga for the Pott. County Fair where our 4-H friends will show us the ropes. At 1:00 PM, we'll watch the parade and then graze on ice cream at the fairgrounds.

### **UNITED METHODIST MEN**

All men are welcome to join the United Methodist Men for their monthly meeting on Saturday, August 13. We will gather in Fellowship Hall at 8:00 AM for a pancake and sausage breakfast. Following breakfast, Pastor Alex will lead us in a devotion and then we'll have the opportunity to get to know him.

### **WELCOME POTLUCK**

On Sunday, August 28, we will officially welcome Pastor Alex and the Rossow family with a potluck lunch! All are welcome to join us in Fellowship Hall at noon. The United Methodist Men will grill pork burgers and hot dogs and we will provide table service as well. Please just bring a side to share!

### **BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS**

Blessing of the Backpacks is on Sunday, August 14. Bring your backpack, briefcase or oversized tote to worship so you can start your year out surrounded in prayer!

We will also take this opportunity to honor our educators! This includes everyone from preschool teachers to professors, whether you're teaching full time, online, substituting or retired. If that's you, please join us in worship so we can celebrate you.

### **THRIFT SHOP CHANGE-OVER**

Out with the sundresses, in with the sweaters — the annual UMW Thrift Shop Change-Over event is back!

The entire store will be half off August 18-20. August 25 - 26 is the Bag Days Sale — Anything you can fit in a brown grocery bag is two dollars! The store will be closed Saturday, August 27. Fall inventory will then be available on Thursday, September 1.



# SAVE THE DATE

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Mark your calendars! We have an exciting season of ministry in the works. Following are a few events you can get on your calendar now.

More details will be shared soon as well as more opportunities to come connect, worship and serve!

### September 7

Disciple Bible Study Kickoff

### September 11

Third Grade Bibles

Sunday School Kickoff

### September 14

Third Grade Bible Adventure

### September 18

Cornerstone Youth Kickoff

Blessing of the Animals & Pet Wash

### September 19

Ladies in Faith Together (LIFT)



## STAFF UPDATES

### NEW TO OUR TEAM

We are excited to announce we have hired Shelia Maguin and Joni Chrest for the office administrator position!

Sheila was able to start immediately and Joni will begin on August 3. The duties of the shared position are being developed but you will find them both in the front office. Need assistance? You can reach us at 785-456-7495 or [office@wamegoumc.org](mailto:office@wamegoumc.org).



### UPDATE FROM PASTOR ALEX

Wamego family,

Wow! It has been an amazing first month being part of the Wamego community! You all have welcomed us with outstretched arms and shown us radical hospitality. We've worshiped, served, celebrated and volunteered together. This is a wonderful introduction to all the ways God is moving through each of you. We are excited to see where God leads us!

Many of you know that I love stories, I love relationships and I love coffee. I'd love to combine all three by having a conversation with you. My hope is to have 75 conversations by Ozttoberfest. If coffee isn't your thing, I'd love to do something you love to do — go somewhere significant to you or hear your story as we walk and talk. You can call, text or email me to set up a time at 913-271-0745 or [alex@wamegoumc.org](mailto:alex@wamegoumc.org).

Grace and Peace!  
Pastor Alex