

WAMEGO UMC



monthly memo

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SUMMER CELEBRATIONS

This June, we're looking forward to several summertime celebrations as well as some unique mission opportunities for children (page two), youth (page three), adults (page six)!

Throughout the month, we will also go through a pastoral transition. See page five to learn more about how we will celebrate our time with Pastor Mitch and Jan and welcome Pastor Alex and the Rossow family.



JUNE EVENTS

SUMMER JAM

This June, ages three years old through 5th grade can join us for our second tour of Summer JAM!

JAM sessions are Wednesday, June 1, June 8 and June 15 from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. We will meet up in the "green room", accessible through door 3 on the east side of our building.

Each set list includes a short devotion, snack and a small project to serve our church or community!

PRAISE IN THE PARK

On Sunday, June 5, we will worship together at Oregon Trail Park! Join us under the picnic shelter at 9:00 AM. Gourmet coffee and donuts will be waiting for you!

If you'd like to hike beforehand, Richie Chrest will lead a group at 8:15 AM. It's a short, family friendly hike but there is uneven terrain. There is also a flat, paved trail that anyone would enjoy.

The shelter should keep us dry but the church will be our severe storm backup. A notification will be sent via email by 8:00 AM on Sunday if we have to utilize our rain backup.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

The Dementia Care Partner Support Group will meet on Thursday, June 9. Anyone with a loved one affected by cognitive changes can join us in Fellowship Hall from 4:30 to 5:30 PM.

This group provides opportunities for discussion on the challenges of caregivers and ways to cope with the daily struggles of caring for those with cognitive changes.

If you would like a free take-home meal for you and your partner, please RSVP to our office by Monday, June 6.

OFFICE HOURS

Our office will be closed Thursday, June 16 through Wednesday, June 22. We apologize for any inconvenience. Also, just a reminder, our office is no longer open on Fridays.

JUNE EVENTS

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FUNDRAISING

The Wamego Council of Churches is busy preparing for their annual school supply drive. They expect costs to be up this year so their goal is to raise \$7,000. (They collect money rather than objects so that they can order in bulk and get everything tax exempt.)

Here's how we plan to help; Our June children's coin collection will go to this cause, we will have a special offering on Sunday, June 12 and our youth will host a fundraiser on June 24. If you'd like to make a donation separate from these opportunities, please contact our office.

MISSION IN MOTION

This June, grades 6-12 can join us for Mission in Motion on Friday, June 10, 17 and 24. We will gather in the Basement Lounge at 12:55 PM each week before heading to a different spot downtown for a short but impactful mission project.

On June 10, we will help our local library as they prepare for their new space! The tasks will vary depending on where they are in their move but please wear closed toed shoes. Afterwards, we'll head to Sonic for a cold drink. (We'll wrap up by 2:15 PM).

On June 17, we will host a technology workshop at the Senior Center, offering advice and troubleshooting to anyone who needs it!

On June 24, we will host a fundraiser for the annual school supply drive! More details will be available soon.

CORNERSTONE YOUTH POOL PARTY

Splash into summer with Cornerstone Youth on Sunday, June 12! We'll gather at the Alma Swimming Pool from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Anyone in grades 6-12 is welcome to join the fun. (Incoming 6th graders, you're o-fish-ally invited to youth programming and this is the perfect opportunity to dive in.) Please bring a snack to share (something small is fine) and BYO friends!

GAME DAYS

Game Day at Wamego UMC is a weekly opportunity for energetic, come-as-you-are worship, fellowship and spiritual growth. Below is our June offerings.

If you would like more information, please contact our office. We would love to get you plugged in! Sunday school classes for children and youth will resume in the fall.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 AM

(In the sanctuary and Facebook Live)

FELLOWSHIP TIME

9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall

(Gourmet coffee and breakfast bites)

FAITH BUILDERS

10:00 AM in Room 140

(Young Adult Sunday School)

THE CHOSEN

10:00 AM in Room 114

(Adult Sunday School)

FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS

10:00 AM in Room 139

(Adult Sunday School)

FAITH MARKET

In November 2021, the Council of Churches Food Pantry relaunched as a client choice pantry – Faith Market! We're now able to better meet the needs of our clients, provide more privacy and reduce food waste.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Faith Market is open on Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to noon. Guests can use our east alley entrance (Door 4).

NUTRITION CLASS

Each month, Julene DeRouchey, SNAP-Ed Nutrition Educator, leads a nutrition class in our multipurpose room (right next to Faith Market). Each class features a recipe demo and tasting as well as easy and nutritious meal planning ideas. There are also opportunities to win free groceries. Classes are open to anyone!

This month, the class is on Tuesday, June 7 at 10:00 AM. As school is out for summer, it is intentionally kid-friendly, featuring healthy grilled cheese upgrade ideas. That said, classes are always fun and informative for cooks of all skill levels!

PASTORAL TRANSITION

PARSONAGE CLEAN-UP DAY

On Saturday, June 11, we will have an all-church work day at our Parsonage; 112 Riverview Drive, Wamego, Kansas! We will begin at 9:00 AM and expect to work until about 2:00 PM to get the house ready for the Rossow family.

Please join us if you are able and pitch in wherever you feel called! Tasks include landscaping, gutter cleaning, paint touch up and deep cleaning cabinets, counters, baseboards, appliances, bath fixtures, flooring, interior walls and windows. If work isn't your idea of fun, the contribution of snacks and refreshments are welcome as well!

Please contact Chair of Trustees, Nathan Hawkins, if you have any questions. He can be reached at chegin8r@yahoo.com. Thank you in advance for your help in providing a fresh and inviting home for our new pastor and his family.

FAREWELL POTLUCK BRUNCH

On Pastor Mitch's last Sunday at Wamego UMC, we will celebrate our time together with a potluck brunch during fellowship time!

We will gather in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM. Please bring a dish to share if you are able — anything that sounds good to you! We will provide drinks and tableware.

A basket will be available in Fellowship Hall for cards. If you can't make it, cards can be brought or mailed to our office. Just be sure to get them here by June 15 as our office will be closed June 16-22.

PASTOR ALEX'S FIRST SUNDAY

Pastor Alex's first Sunday at Wamego UMC will be July 3! Just a heads up, Corey Reeves will preach on July 10 as the Rossows will be on vacation. Pastor Alex will be back at the pulpit on July 17.

JULY PREVIEW

MEALS ON WHEELS

Our church is responsible for covering Meals on Wheels in July and we need your help! This mission makes a big difference in the lives of the elders in our area and all you need is 30 minutes, your own transportation and a friendly face.

Meals can be picked up at the Senior Center between 10:45 and 11:00 AM. We have a total of 90 spots to fill. You can help by signing up for one day, one week or even more — whatever works for your schedule. Just contact our office to do so!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Ready to cook up some fun this summer? This year at VBS, a parade of food trucks will roll into 600 Lincoln for the summer's biggest party! Ages three years old through incoming 5th grade are invited to join us Sunday, July 17 through Thursday, July 21. We will gather from 5:45 to 8:00 PM each evening for storytime, games, science, crafts and music!

With the help of our Lead Chefs and DJ Cupcake, your little sous chefs can build a practice of daily prayer to turn to God for their needs — and also to serve as the hands of God in ensuring that the needs of others are met.

This year we are collecting coins to support our local school district food service program! Kids are encouraged to bring spare change each night. The group that collects the most each night will have the privilege of caring for the DJ Cupcake puppet throughout the evening.

This year, the United Methodist Men have sponsored VBS shirts! Please register by June 23 to make sure your children receive one: wamego-umc.mycokesburyvbs.com

BOOMTOWN BURGERS & PATRIOTIC CONCERT

We will host our annual porkburger event as well as a patriotic concert at 600 Lincoln this year. More details to come soon!