

WAMEGO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MONTHLY MEMO

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A SEASON OF RENEWAL

As most of you know, Pastor Mitch has asked the Bishop for a new appointment and beginning July 1, he will be the new Campus Minister at K-State Wesley. The decision wasn't made lightly, with Mitch's health at the forefront. You can read more about the reappointment on page 2.

This news comes to us at an appropriate time — the challenging and rewarding season of Lent. See pages 3-6 to learn more about the opportunities for growth offered this month.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

(From Pastor Mitch Todd)

Hello church family,

I have some important news to share with you. After the past months of medical issues and my ongoing recovery, I have asked the Bishop to move me to a new appointment, come July 1. This was FAR from an easy decision but the combination of thyroid cancer, heart surgery and the pandemic over the past two years has taken its toll and I need to reduce the stress on myself.

So, beginning July 1, I will be the new Campus Minister at K-State Wesley. This is a position I held 20 years ago! I have a long held passion for working with college students and I hope to help guide a new generation of leaders for the 21st century church. This means that I will still be connected with Wamego UMC as your campus minister, which is a connection I will treasure, especially as students from here come to K-State.

Our Pastor Parish Team has already been in contact with our District Superintendent, Jenny Collins, about the process of appointing a new pastor to come in July. We don't know who it will be but likely will in the next couple of weeks. They will be stepping into an active and thriving congregation that has kept its vitality through the most difficult of circumstances. I am very sad to be leaving but we have four months of solid ministry together as we transition into the next leg of our journeys.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Mitch

Eyewitness: a Lenten Sermon Series

From the moment Jesus “set his face toward Jerusalem” in Luke 9, he touched the lives of thousands. In our Lenten sermon series, we will experience Jesus’ last days through the lives of those who were there. Join us at 8:30 or 11:00 AM to discover what it means to be an eyewitness to Christ.

Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, March 2, we enter the holy season of Lent, a season of repentance, fasting and prayer. Looking for a way to prepare your heart and mind for Easter? Join us at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary or on Facebook Live for a reverent worship service including communion and the imposition of ashes.

Faith's Journey

On Saturday, March 5, at 7:00 PM, we will host a Faith’s Journey concert in our sanctuary! Faith's Journey is a traditional gospel group considered to be among the best in Branson. They'll perform some southern gospel music as well as bluegrass country. We welcome anyone in the community to join us! There is no cost to enter but we will collect a love offering for the group.

UMM Program

On Saturday, March 5, the United Methodist Men will host a presentation by Tom Tavgian, founder of Wounded Warriors United. This nonprofit organization connects veterans using the healing power of nature! We will gather in Fellowship Hall from 8:00 to 9:30 AM. Any men in the community are welcome to attend.

Rotational Sunday School (Kids)

Would you build a house on sand or rock? In March, we will tell the story of the two houses from the Sermon on the Mount and learn how to build a strong foundation of faith! Kids ages three–5th grade can join us in the multipurpose room at 10:00 AM. We learn in a rotational format, each week moving through crafts, science, cooking and games.

Cornerstone Youth

This month, grades 6–12 are invited to gather on Sunday, March 6 and Sunday, March 20. We'll plan to meet in the Basement Lounge from 6:00 to 7:00 PM unless the weather provides opportunity to do something outdoors. Stay connected via our private Facebook group: facebook.com/groups/wamegoyouth.

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(Wednesday Nights at Wamego UMC)

Wednesday nights at Wamego UMC provides opportunities for all ages to magnify the Lord! Our spring session will run from March 23 to April 27.

Grace Cafe

Grace Cafe is an opportunity for the whole community to break bread together! Delicious, hot meals will be served in Fellowship Hall.

Volunteers and their families are welcome to eat between 5:00 and 5:15 PM. Our doors are open to the whole community between 5:15 and 6:00 PM. To help offset the cost of this service, donations are welcomed.

Bible Club

At Bible Club, ages three through 5th grade can learn about the Word of God through art, games, music and story. We will spend our spring session studying The Miracles of Jesus!

Nightly Schedule:

Check-In

5:45 - 5:55 PM in the Gathering Area

Opening Ceremony

5:55 PM in the Sanctuary



Rotations

6:00 - 7:00 PM in Classrooms

Pick-Up

7:05 PM in Fellowship Hall

New clubbers will need to register by the end of the day Monday, March 2. You can do so at forms.gle/B2wiYK6wMUtdgY978.

If you signed your child up for our previous sessions and your plans have changed, please reach out to our Bible Club Coordinator at trish@wamegoumc.org.

Family Bingo Night

On Wednesday, March 9, our Member/Visitor Connection Committee will host a Family Bingo Night! Grab your family or come alone and enjoy the company of our church family. We'll gather in Fellowship Hall from 6:15 to 7:15 PM. Light refreshments will be provided. Moving forward, this committee plans to host family engagement activities quarterly!

Dementia Support Group

The Wamego Dementia Care Partner Support Group meets on the second Thursday of each month from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. The group is open to anyone with a loved one affected by cognitive changes. In partnership with the Meadowlark Memory Program, this group provides opportunities for discussion on the challenges of caregivers and ways to cope with the daily struggles of providing care for those with cognitive changes. At the end of each meeting, a take-home brown bag meal will be provided for you and your partner. Please RSVP by the Monday before each meeting so we can plan accordingly. You can reach our Director of Member/Visitor Care at amanda@wamegoumc.org.

UMW Program

On Tuesday, March 22, the United Methodist Women will host a presentation on Call to Prayer and Self Denial, encouraging women to step out in faith and bring the love of Christ into a hurting world through prayer and selfless giving. We will gather in the overflow room off of Fellowship Hall at 6:45 PM for a little social time. The presentation will begin at 7:00 PM.

Thrift Shop News

The UMW Thrift Shop will soon swap out warm, winter staples for spring and summer items! The 1/2 Price Sale will be March 17-19. The Bag Days Sale will be March 24-25. (Anything you can fit in a brown grocery bag is two dollars.) The store will be closed on Saturday March 26. Spring items will then be available Thursday, March 31!

On April 4, the Thrift Shop will undergo a large flooring project. The store will be closed all week for installation and cleanup. Due to these events, the store won't be able to accept donations March 24-April 9. We apologize for any inconvenience but look forward to the benefits of this spring refresh!



GAME DAY

(Every Sunday at Wamego UMC)

Game Day at Wamego UMC is a weekly opportunity for energetic, come-as-you-are worship, fellowship and spiritual growth. If you would like more information on any of our Sunday school classes, please contact our office. We would love to get you plugged in!

Sunday Worship

*8:30 & 11:00 AM in the sanctuary and
live on facebook.com/wamegoumc*

Fellowship Time

*9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall
(Coffee and light breakfast bites)*

Coffee and Conversations

*10:00 AM at The Brew
(Grades 9-12)*

Confirmation Class

*10:00 AM in the Basement Lounge
(Grades 7-8)*

Faith Builders

*10:00 AM in Room 140
(Young Adult Sunday School)*

Faith Weavers

*10:00 AM in Room 113
(6th Grade)*

The Chosen

*10:00 AM in Room 114
(Adult Sunday School)*

Faithful Followers

*10:00 AM in Room 139
(Adult Sunday School)*

Rotation Style Sunday School

*10:00 AM in the Multipurpose Room
(Ages three - 5th Grade)*