

# WAMEGO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## MONTHLY MEMO

February 2022



### MATTERS OF THE HEART

After a really challenging first couple weeks, Pastor Mitch is on the mend and getting stronger every day in cardiac rehab! Mitch plans to be back at the pulpit on February 13 for an appropriately themed message on matters of the heart.

This month we have many opportunities to show love to our congregation and our community. Learn how you can get involved and give back on page 2, 3 and 4. On page 5, you'll find some tentative plans for the rest of 2022!

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## **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](https://www.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)*

### **Super Clean-Up**

To celebrate the Super Bowl, our 8:30 and 11:00 AM worship services will tackle germs this month with a friendly competition! You can help your team clean up by donating cleaning supplies to Faith Market. Donation boxes for each team will be available throughout the church through February 28. Currently, 8:30 reigns as Super Bowl Champs but it's anyone's game this year!

### **Rotation Sunday School Lesson**

This month at rotation Sunday school, we will study The Woman at the Well, learning how we are called to accept others who are different than us, just like Jesus accepted the Samaritan woman at the well!

Children ages three-5th grade are welcome to join us as we explore this lesson through music, games, crafts and science. We gather in the multipurpose room at 10:00 AM before dispersing to rotations.

### **Children's Coin Collection**

Throughout February, our children's coin collection will benefit our youth ministry. Start searching those couch cushions, your loose change can make a big change in the life of our church!

### **Dementia Support Group**

We are working with the Meadowlark Memory Program to help meet the needs of dementia care partners in the Wamego area! The Wamego Dementia Care Partner Support Group is open to anyone with a loved one affected by cognitive changes.

The group will provide opportunities for discussion on the challenges of caregivers and ways to cope with the daily struggles of providing care for those with cognitive changes. Resources and education on specific topics will be provided as needed.

To get started, we will meet in-person on the second Thursday of each month with our first meeting on February 10. Each month, we will gather in Fellowship Hall from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. (After our April meeting, we will reevaluate the frequency.)

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](mailto:amanda@wamegoumc.org).

### **UMW Lunch & Learn**

All are welcome to join the United Methodist Women of Wamego UMC for their first meeting of 2022! On Sunday, February 6, we will gather in room 139 from noon to 4:00 PM.

Soup and sandwiches will be provided. After lunch, Dorothy Garrett will lead an in-depth study on Finding Peace in an Anxious World. If you'd like to attend, please RSVP to Judy Havens, Vice President of the UMW, at 785-456-5371.

### **Nutrition Class**

Anyone in the community is welcome to join us for a Creative Meal Solutions Class led by Nutrition Educator, Julene DeRouchey. We'll gather in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, February 8 at 10:00 AM. Discussion topics are how to read a nutrition facts label and physical activity barriers. We will also make and taste cheesy beef pasta.

### **Sunday School Leaders Needed**

The gift of your time and talents are truly treasured by our Sunday school kids! At UMC, we use games, crafts, science and cooking to teach ages three-5th grade about the Bible.

Our rotational style allows volunteers to sign up for just one month at a time! If you're interested, please contact our Children's Ministry Directors at [lace@wamegoumc.org](mailto:lace@wamegoumc.org) and [laura@wamegoumc.org](mailto:laura@wamegoumc.org).

### **UMW Presentation**

The United Methodist Women invite you to attend a presentation by our local elementary principals, Terri Dow and Amy Flinn, on Tuesday, February 15. We will gather in the Overflow Room at 6:45 PM for social time. The presentation will begin at 7:00 PM. Terri and Amy will share how Wamego students benefit from contributions made by the UMW.

### **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. Our investigation will open on Sunday, February 20. Join us at 8:30 or 11:00 AM to discover what it means to be an eyewitness to Christ. Hearts will be convicted in the sanctuary and on Facebook Live.

# 2022 IMPORTANT DATES

(Dates are subject to change throughout the year.)

## February

Super Clean-Up - February 1-28

Super Bowl - February 13

## March

Ash Wednesday - March 2

Faith's Journey Concert - March 5

Spring Break - March 11-18

Bible Club - March 23-April 27

UMCOR Sunday - March 27

## April

Palm Sunday - April 10

Maundy Thursday - April 14

Easter - April 17

Kids Sunday School Party - April 17

Tulip Fest - April 23-24

Provide Wesley House Meal

## May

Native American Ministries Sunday

Girlfriend Event - May 4

Mother's Day - May 8

HS Graduation - May 21

MS Recognition - May 23

Last Day of USD 320 - May 25

## June

Peace With Justice Sunday - June 12

Father's Day - June 19

Summer JAM - June 8, 15, 20

Oregon Trail Park Event

## July

Meals on Wheels - July 1-31

Boomtown Burgers - July 4

VBS - July 17-21

School Supply Distribution

## August

Pott County Fair - August 3-7

## September

Labor Day - September 5

Kansas State Fair - September 9-18

Church Homecoming

Fall Bible Club

Fall Sunday School Kickoff

Third Grade Bible Sunday

Third Grade Bible Adventure

## October

World Communion Day - October 1

Oztober Fest - October 1

World Communion Day - October 2

Pastor Appreciation Day - October 9

## November

Thanksgiving - November 24

Advent begins - November 27

United Methodist Student Sunday - Nov. 27

Hanging of Greens - November 20

## December

Children's Christmas Program - December 4

Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25



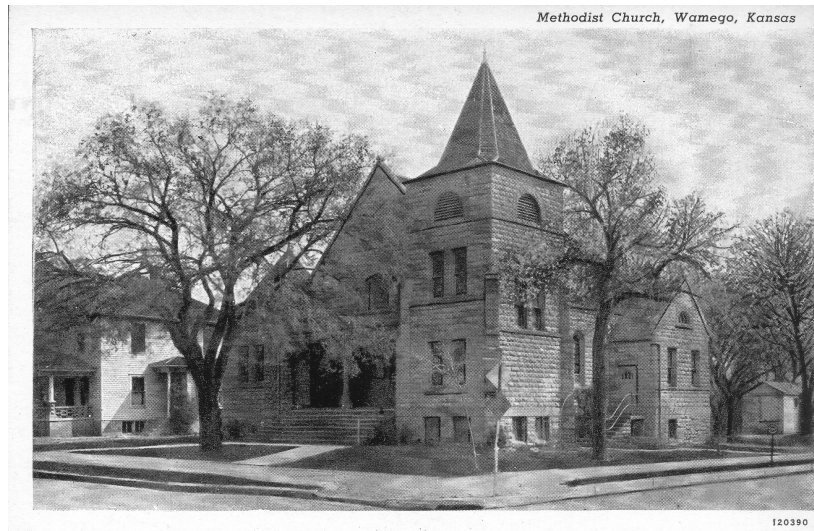
# IN OUR REARVIEW MIRROR

(By Church Historian, Teresa Weixelman)

**Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you says the Lord.”**

1908 – 1909

The cornerstone for our present-day stone church was laid and the Wamego Methodist Church was dedicated. And God saw that it was good.



1942 – 1950

An extensive remodeling program was started with a gift from the Henry and Matilda Mitchell estate. The project was suspended during World War II and there were many complications along the way. But God saw that it was good.

1966 – 1967

Fellowship Hall was built to accommodate a growing congregation. The Celebration of Centennial Sunday marked 100 years of Methodism in Wamego.

1980

We were growing not only in numbers but also in programming and outreach. A Reconsecration Service was held for the newly remodeled sanctuary and classrooms added to the basement area.

1999

At a Vision Awareness Workshop, we asked “Where are we and where do we want to be?” A building committee was formed, new ministries were started and new space was added.

1999 – 2013

Five Campaigns over 14 years to raise funds to expand the sanctuary, classroom space, fellowship space, kitchen area and office space, as well as programming and outreach.

**#1 “Growing Together with God”**

A need, a dream, and lots of faith.

**#2 “Let the Spirit Soar”**

The Spirit of God is warm and alive in all of us.

**#3 “Rejoicing in the Journey”**

God leads the journey for those who choose to follow.

**#4 “Renewed by the Spirit”**

God is with us on even the most difficult journey.

**#5 “Paid in Full”**

Because we cannot live in the past but must move boldly forward.



2017

Celebrated 150 years of Methodist faith, fellowship and ministry at 600 Lincoln with the dedication of the History Wall in the gathering area.

God saw that it was good. God knows the plan he has for each one of us. I invite you to take a deep breath, open your eyes, open your hearts, join in the journey and imagine what kind of ministries and outreach we can continue to create as we look forward in 2022 and continue to transform our world for Jesus. Everyone has a gift or talent to contribute.