## Connecting people to God with the message of God's love!



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At our latest music and fellowship night, Pastor Baird from the UCC church mentioned how great it was to come together to worship and praise God. The phrase he used was "a community of communities". And we were a lot of communities gathered together, in one place.

Often we don't gather together our communities like that. We like to be on our own, under our own powers, with our own control. To join together requires us to go outside our comfort zones – from finding restrooms and learning strange hymnals, to sharing our experience of faith and worship. To join together as a community of communities means being vulnerable, and that's often uncomfortable. But it pays us back by making us stronger together. We do so much more together than we can apart. One of my favorite authors once wrote, "Just like with steel, alloys make us stronger."

Wheatland is a place of many communities, and all of them have their own strengths. But when we work together, our strengths multiply. I pray that we can work together with all of our sisters and brothers.

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Pastor Joshua



| Michael Wright |
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| Karen Shore    |
| Erin Morris    |
| Lee Morrison   |
| Riley Wright   |
| Rick Robbins   |
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| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Rick & Arlene Robbins<br>*53 years |
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| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Joel & Dawn McKee<br>*16 years     |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Ron & Hollee Bosch<br>*42 years    |

- 24<sup>th</sup> Jeff & Shari Brown \*21 years
- 31<sup>st</sup> Jim & Lil Prince \*48 years

Joshua & Jennifer Bruns \*15 years

Lloyd & Maxine Koerwitz \*71 years

MISSION STATEMENT We covenant ourselves to gather around Word and

Sacrament for mutual support and strength in Christ, that by God's grace we: Proclaim the gospel of the Kingdom Nurture the community through Christian Education

Provide settings for Christian fellowship, and

Equip the membership to be Christ's servant people within God's world.

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#### **Office Hours:**

Pastor Bruns—Mon - Thurs.: 9 am - 12 pm Office: M - F: 9 am - 12: pm Sunday Worship: 9:00 am Sunday Sunday School: 10:00 am Sunday Adult Bible Study: 4:00 pm Thursday Adult Book Study: 10:30 am Sunday

### NOTES FROM COUNCIL

Thad Ehde is preparing for an extended military deployment to various forward operating positions in the Middle East later this summer. As his church family, we want to send him off with prayers and assurances that we are going to be completely supportive of both him and his family. We have planned a service and pot luck dinner for July 24th. More details will follow, but we are planning to invite all those who have worshiped with Thad in the past, the other Wheatland churches and the general public. Save the date!

The Rocky Mountain Synod is currently offering an "Excellence in Leadership" program to help congregations be "more effective in ministry and build toward a vibrant, spiritually rich future". It will help a team of leaders "ready to move beyond old models and embrace emerging signs of hope". It is a two year commitment starting this September in Cheyenne. The council has voted to fund Pastor Joshua and three other church members. The deadline to enroll is July 10th. If you are interested or would like more details, please contact Pastor Joshua very soon.

We are finalizing the plans for the projector installation in the sanctuary. It will be done in concert with our new roof and ceiling tiles. The roofers are watching for a one week forecast of "no rain" to begin because of the span of our roof.

The Gift Policy Committee has met with Tina Kvitek and Jim Lockwood reports we will have a plan to review in a few months.

Joan McKee, Council President

Nancy Lubeck working hard in the Prayer Garden weeding. Joan McKee also working and the photographer.



Emily Morris made her First Communion May 26<sup>th</sup> 2019.



# Praise Band Playing in the Prayer Garden Service 6-30-19





|                             | ELDER                         |      | ASSISTANT      |      | GREETERS        |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------|----------------|------|-----------------|
| 7-7                         | Jim Lockwood                  | 7-7  | Rena Kittelson | 7-7  | The Morris'     |
| 7-14                        | Joel McKee                    | 7-14 | Jim Lockwood   | 7-14 | Marge Scholten  |
| 7-21                        | Rena Kittelson                | 7-21 | Joel McKee     | 7-21 | The Princes'    |
| 7-28                        | Tandi Wise                    | 7-28 | Rick Robbins   | 7-28 |                 |
|                             | ACOLYTE                       |      | READER         |      | USHERS          |
| 7-7                         | Emily Morris                  | 7-7  | Beth Morris    | 7-7  | Dave Young &    |
| 7-14                        | Mekayla Garcia                | 7-14 | Jim Lockwood   | 7-14 |                 |
| 7-21                        | Mekenna Garcia                | 7-21 |                | 7-21 | The Princes'    |
| 7-28                        | Sarah Laney                   | 7-28 | Jim Lockwood   | 7-28 |                 |
|                             | MUSICIAN                      |      | ALTAR CARE     |      | VISITATION      |
| 7-7                         | Lisa Young                    | 7-7  | Rena Kittelson | 7-7  | Stu Hammersmark |
| 7-14                        | Nancy Schumann                | 7-14 | Marge Scholten | 7-14 | Rich Bohm       |
| 7-21                        | Gwen Seidel                   | 7-21 | Hollee Bosch   | 7-21 | Rick Robbins    |
| 7-28                        | Mary Seim                     | 7-28 | Judy Windmeier | 7-28 | Nadine Morris   |
|                             | FELLOWSHIP                    |      |                |      |                 |
|                             |                               |      |                |      |                 |
| 7-7                         | The Young's                   |      |                |      |                 |
|                             | The Young's<br>Marge Scholten |      |                |      |                 |
| 7-14                        |                               |      |                |      |                 |
| 7-7<br>7-14<br>7-21<br>7-28 |                               |      |                |      |                 |

# JULY

| SUN                    | MON                         | TUE   | WED  | THU                                 | FRI                             | SAT   |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
|                        | 1                           | 2   | 3<br>BIBLE<br>STUDY<br>2:00 PM                               | 4                                   | 5                               | 6<br>Men's Breakfast<br>@ Tasty Treats<br>7:30 am |
| 7<br>TAIZE 7:00 PM     | 8                           | 9   | 10<br>BIBLE<br>STUDY<br>2:00 PM                              | 11<br>COUNCIL<br>MEETING<br>7:00 PM | 12                              | 13  |
| 14<br>TAIZE 7:00 PM    | 15                          | 16<br>WELCA<br>BIRTHDAY<br>LUNCH 11:30 AM<br>Pizza Hut<br>WORSHIP<br>COMMITTEE<br>6:30 PM | 17<br>BIBLE<br>STUDY<br>2:00 PM                              | 18                                  | 19                              | 20  |
| 21<br>TAIZE<br>7:00 PM | 22<br>9:00am-12:00pm<br>VBS | 23<br>9:00AM-12:00PM<br>VBS   | 24<br>9:00AM-<br>12:00PM<br>VBS<br>BIBLE<br>STUDY<br>2:00 PM | 25<br>9:00AM-<br>12:00PM VBS        | 26<br>9:00AM-<br>12:00PM<br>VBS | 27  |
| 28<br>TAIZE<br>7:00 PM | 29                          | 30  | 31   |                                     |                                 |   |
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