

Reminder

Laramie First United Methodist Church

Spring Edition 2024



Maundy Thursday
Service:
March 28th 6PM



MARCH 24TH

Palm Sunday

Wesley Brunch to
Follow Service



Good Friday

March 29th
6PM



EASTER SERVICE

Sunday March 31st
10 AM

He is Risen



Spring Events

March

20th: Sunshine Circle

23rd: Short Stacks for a Tall Cause

24th: Palm Sunday

Wesley Brunch

28th: Maundy Thursday

29th: Good Friday

31st: Easter Sunday

April

• 7th: Youth Group

• 11th: UM Men's Dinner

• 17th: Sunshine Circle

• 21st: Youth Group

May

• 5th: Youth Group

• 9th: UM Men's Dinner

• 15th: Sunshine Circle

• 19th: Youth Group



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Administrative Assistant

Office Hours:

Monday/Wednesday

9 AM-1:30 PM

Tuesday:

8 am-9 AM, 11 AM-2 PM

Thursday

8 am-9 AM, 11AM-1 PM

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Here we are in the season of the already and the not yet. We are in the season of Lent. Often seen as a time of gloom and even a preparation of death. But, we as Christians, know that is not the end of the story because we know there is more to come because of Jesus Christ our Savior. As a congregation we know about the cycles of life and death and have really had a chance to experience it in the demolition of our old sanctuary. All of you made the brave decision five years ago to move on from the old sanctuary. We know as Christians and as this congregation that the church is not the building. It is the people. The church is the place where disciples are made and sent from. The church building is not us. It is where we are sent from.

What new life do we as a congregation have in us? Quite a lot I think and believe. Jesus said he would rebuild the temple in three days. What rebuilding can we do together with the resurrection power of Jesus Christ?

Let us all look forward to the newness to come in the Easter season. Look for and expect new signs of life. Look for ways to see and invite new people to come to church with you. Use the excitement from the tearing down of the old to make way for the new. If people ask you about the church and the old sanctuary demolition tell them to “come and see” and to join you on a Sunday.

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make of Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Our mission is not the preservation of old buildings and windows if they do not support our mission.

Let us look forward to our continuing mission and get as many others to join as possible. Resurrection day is coming! Maybe it’s already here!

Happy Easter! Alleluia! Christ Is Risen! Christ Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Eric



WESLEY UPDATES

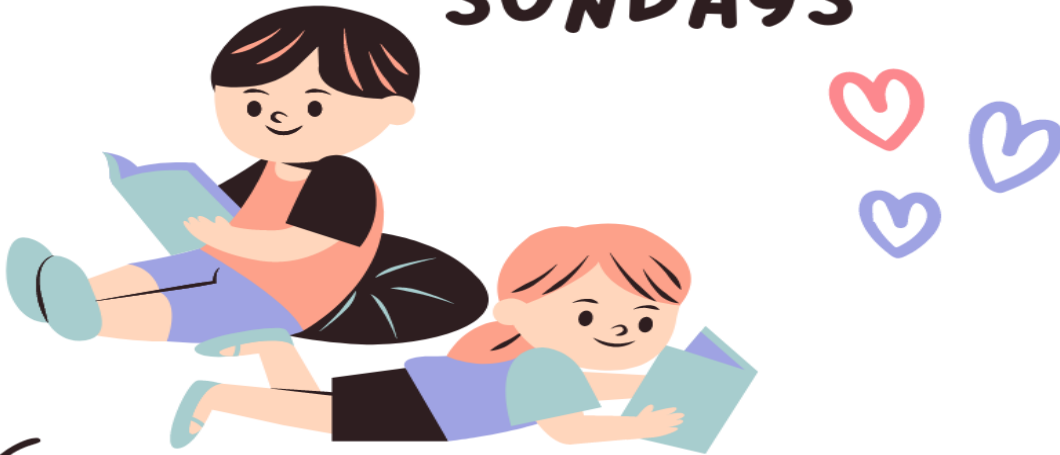
The Wesley Foundation continues to have weekly dinners for our college age young adults. During finals week, we will feed our group each night. The group also took a trip in January to see Jesus Christ Superstar



YOUTH GROUP UPDATES

Our youth group continues to plan for our summer trip to Milwaukee WI. There will be 17 people going this summer. We are working hard on our fundraising efforts as we anticipate the trip costing around \$17,000. Thank you for your prayers and keep listening for ways that you can donate to this trip.

YOUTH GROUP SUNDAYS



MARCH 24TH

APRIL 7TH

APRIL 21ST

MAY 5TH

MAY 19TH

TRIP:

JUNE 19TH-26TH

United Women in Faith

Twenty-four of us enjoyed a delicious soup and salad luncheon provided by the Sunshine Circle at our Unit meeting on Wednesday, March 6th. The bright green table clothes and vases of white and yellow flowers were a pleasant reminder that we would be celebrating St. Patrick's Day and Easter later this month. The program presented by Pastor Eric on flowers associated with Christmas was most informative and very interesting. \$219 was collected for CLIMB which was our Community Service Project.

The new books that Carol Lane ordered for each category in the Reading Program have been placed in the book bags which are located in the Library. Please feel free to take a book from any bag, especially if you are in a circle. Further information about the Reading Program can be found in the November/December 2023 issue of Response Magazine or contact Carol.

Blessed Treasures continues to be an excellent source of income for our Unit. Because it is so successful, new merchandise is always welcome. If you have "treasures" you think might sell, contact Capri or Lorraine.

Our next Unit meeting will be held Wednesday, April 3rd, at noon in Wilson Hall. This will be a potluck luncheon, so everyone needs to bring a dish to share. The circle of Hope will provide the beverages. Table service will be provided. Barb Fresquez will present the program for the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial. Our Opportunity for Service will be a voluntary offering for the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

Warm wishes to each of you for a joyous and blessed Easter.

Sincerely, Ann



Monday Circle Meeting with some of the UWF ladies

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CHURCH

Happenings

Our Youth group hosted brunch this winter. One of many fundraisers for their mission trip this summer.



Our church is multi-generational, and two of our members spent time getting to know each other.



The church played host to the local Scout Troops Pancake breakfast again this year.

Originally organized in 1985 by Troop 137, proceeds from the event have helped fund events like ski trips and helped provide uniforms for members of the organization. Troop 136 started co-hosting the event in 2012.



In mid-march the old Sanctuary was torn down. A project that has been in the works for the last several years.



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Events

- 3rd: UMW/UWF Lunch
- 6th Blessed Treasures
- 7th: Youth Group
- 9th: Church Council
- 11th: UM Men's Dinner
- 17th: Sunshine Circle
- 20th: Blessed Treasures
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April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Women's Bible Study 10AM NA 7 Pm Rm 116	2 Pastor's Bible Study 10am NA 7 Pm Rm 116	3 UMW/UWF Lunch Tai Chi & Tea: 1PM-3PM Wesley Dinner 6 pm NA 7Pm Rm 116	4 PEO-Wesley Hall 9am-4PM NA 7Pm Rm 116 Scouts 6PM	5 NA 8 Pm Rm 116	6 Blessed Treasures 9 am-12PM NA 8 Pm Rm 116
7 Worship 10 am Youth Group 6PM NA 7 Pm Rm 116	8 Women's Bible Study 10AM NA 7 Pm Rm 116	9 Pastor's Bible Study 10am Church Council 6:30 NA 7 Pm Rm 116	10 Tai Chi & Tea: 1PM-3PM Wesley Dinner 6pm NA 7Pm Rm 116	11 UM Men's Dinner 6:00PM NA 7Pm Rm 116 Scouts 6PM	12 NA 8 Pm Rm 116	13 NA 8 Pm Rm 116
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21 Worship 10 am Youth Group 6PM NA 7 Pm Rm 116	22 Women's Bible Study 10AM NA 7 Pm Rm 116	23 Pastor's Bible Study 10am NA 7 Pm Rm 116	24 Tai Chi & Tea: 1PM-3PM Wesley Dinner 6pm NA 7Pm Rm 116	25 NA 7Pm Rm 116 Scouts 6PM	26 NA 8 Pm Rm 116	27 NA 8 Pm Rm 116
28 Worship 10 am	29 Women's Bible Study 10AM NA 7 Pm Rm 116	30 Pastor's Bible Study 10am NA 7 Pm Rm 116				

SUNDAY WORSHIP
10am

Fellowship time following the service

Weekly Events

Sunday

10:00am WORSHIP

11:15am Fellowship

Monday:

10 AM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday

10:00am-Pastor's Bible Study Wesley Hall

Wednesdays:

Tai Chi & Tea: 1PM-3PM

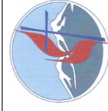
Bell Choir: 7PM

Choir: 6PM

Wesley Dinners 6PM

"Our mission is to create a welcoming spiritual environment where seekers and believers experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ and grow in faith. Through sharing our faith and serving others we proclaim the transforming love of God, available to everyone."

ALL DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE. IN THE EVENT OF SCHEDULING CHANGES, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO NOTIFY ALL PARTIES IN ADVANCE.



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