



GRACE NOTES
May 2019
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May Calendar

- May 5 - Yard Sale Meeting after worship
- May 6 - GUMC Safety Team Meeting 6:30 pm UR
- May 8 - Church Council Meeting 6:30 pm UR
- May 10 - Cheyenne Day of Giving
- May 11 - Scrappy Crafters
- May 12 - Mother's Day breakfast 8:30 am Grace Hall
- Beginning of Family Promise Week
- May 18 - UMW 10:30 am Grace Hall
- May 19 - Discipleship Team after worship
- Beginning of Yard Sale set up
- May 24 - Yard Sale
- May 25 - Yard Sale
- May 27 - Memorial Day

Weekly Activities

Sundays

Adult Sunday School 9 am

Open Connections 9 am

Youth Sunday School 9 am

Worship 10:15 am

Monday - Thursday

Office Hours 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Wednesday

Handbells 5:15 pm

Reverend Laura's Hours

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Grace's Vision: Grace Sharing Grace Unconditionally

Grace's Mission: Grace Strives to be a Church that Gathers, Responds, Acccepts, Cares, and Engages.

From the Pastor....

Who are We in Jesus?

On Easter Sunday we celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus. He is risen! But so are we because we are in him! Yet, what does that mean?

May – June, we will discover who we are in Jesus. We aren't the same. Repentance and salvation mean we turn from something and toward the love of God in Jesus Christ. In this turning, we are made new. But into what? Who are we?

I celebrate that we can answer these questions together. I am so thankful for each of you who are a part of our faith community. I am also thankful for the ways that you serve beyond the walls of our church. There is a spiritual hunger in our family, friends, neighbors, and community members. May we be the heart of Jesus wherever we go.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Laura

Worship Series: "Who We Are in Jesus!"

April 28	"We Are . . . Children of God"	John 1:12-13	Melanie
	<i>Jesus has made us children of God, heirs of the Kingdom.</i>		
May 5	"We Are . . . Gushers"	John 4:1-26	Pammy
	<i>Jesus offers us living water which will spring up in our soul.</i>		
	Native American Sunday		
May 12	"We Are . . . Forgiven & Given New Life"	John 5:19-30	Rev. Laura
	<i>We cross from death into life, unjudged because our sins are gone.</i>		
	Mother's Day		
May 19	"We Are . . . Free to Follow"	John 8:31-47	Rev. Laura
	<i>Once we are free from the bondage of sin, we are able to follow Jesus.</i>		
May 26	"We Are . . . Friends of God"	John 15:15-17	Rev. Laura
	<i>Jesus invites us into close friendship, to know his heart.</i>		
June 2	"We Are . . . Beloved"	John 13:31-35	Rev. Laura
	<i>Jesus is God's love in the flesh. We are more than brothers & sisters. We are loved and beloved. With Christ, we are God's love as well.</i>		
June 9	"We Are . . . Receiving the Spirit"	John 14:15-31	Rev. Laura
	<i>Through the Spirit we have God with us always.</i>		
	Pentecost		

Church Council

Brian Martin, chairman

Ahh, spring in Wyoming! As I write this on Easter Sunday, it's 55 degrees, but the Wyoming wind is whipping through the trees (big surprise there, right?). But as we look ahead to two important dates in May, I need everyone to be praying for warmer, nicer weather.

The first is the second annual Cheyenne Day of Service, which takes place Saturday, May 11. It's my hope the church can put together a group of people to help clean up our property and walk the neighborhood, picking up any trash we see along the streets/sidewalks. If you're interested in participating, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex or see me. We will meet at the church at 1:00 p.m. that day (weather permitting, of course), and work for a couple of hours (or as long as individuals would like to work).

The even bigger event in May is our annual church yard sale, which coordinator Pam Pallak is calling our "25+1 Yard Sale." (Last year was our 25th anniversary sale, but since we didn't make a big deal of it, we'll celebrate this year!) The dates are Friday, May 23, and Saturday, May 24 (no, there won't be a pre-sale Thursday night for church members, but anyone who volunteers in a significant way in the week leading up to the sale will get a coupon worth 20% off all purchases during the yard sale).

Pam will likely provide more details elsewhere in this issue of Grace Notes, but I'd just like to encourage everyone to sign up and participate as much as physically possible to make this important fundraising effort a success. Last year, we made close to \$3,500, and we hope to do that well again this year!

Although things usually slow down quite a bit around the church during the summer months, I hope you'll stay involved as much as possible. It's especially important that we attend Sunday morning worship whenever we can, and even if you plan to travel, please keep up with your regular tithes and offerings. Remember: Just because you're away doesn't mean the church's expenses stop!

Thanks for all you do for Grace UMC. I hope you have a blessed spring/summer season!



United Methodist Men

Brian Martin, president

Many thanks to Michelle and Andy Aldrich for stepping up to fill in for Leon Latham as cooks for both the Easter and Mother's Day breakfasts! They cooked a delicious egg-and-sausage breakfast casserole and a decadent French toast with pecans and brown sugar for Easter, and they're planning breakfast burritos with optional homemade green chili for Mother's Day.

Speaking of Mother's Day, that breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. in Grace Hall. As we did on Easter Sunday, we'll take a freewill offering, but in keeping with tradition, all ladies eat free. (FYI: Michelle and Andy donated the freewill offering from Easter breakfast to the Christmas/Easter Fund, which is added to the monthly coins for outreach efforts.)

Due to the Mother's Day breakfast, there will be no regular UMM breakfast in May, and then we are off for the summer. Our next regular breakfast meeting will be Sunday, September 8. Our guest speaker that morning will be Michael Kassel, curator of collections at the Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum, who will give his presentation on the history of aviation in the Capital City.

In the meantime, if you have any suggestions for guest speakers for the men's group meetings, please let me know. Have a great summer, everyone!

Finance Factoid

Linda Bogart, Finance Chair

If you were in church a couple weeks ago you heard that GUMC was recognized at the District Conference for paying their Mission Shares in 2018. What does this mean? Every month we pay 13% of our unrestricted tithes to the Mountain Sky Conference. As Finance Chair I have seen this tithe come back to us in many ways. Rev. Laura is still with us because she was able to work half time for the conference. We have 6 trained Certified Lay Leaders that help with Pastoral responsibilities. Their training came directly from the Conference. The conference provides training for our Pastors. These are just a few of the benefits that we receive.

"We are a connectional church. We can do more together than we can do apart." Mountain Sky conference



25+1 SILVER'ISH' ANNIVERSARY YARD SALE-ABRATON

Pam Pallak

(There are lots of changes here so please read carefully)

What a celebration this is. We didn't make a big deal of it last year, but we are hoping for the biggest deal yet, this year. (What is the 26th celebration...probably lead or something)?

OK....spring cleaning.....declutter.....get rid of all that stuff. You have been looking at it for years, you don't use it, you don't want it....**WHY IS IT STILL SITTING THERE.**

And yes....I know....those are valuable things that you want to pass down to the kids called 'heirlooms'.

THEY DON'T WANT IT. I have been begging them for years now saying, 'if you want it, please take it now.' ...and again 3 years later, **IT'S STILL SITTING THERE.**

Someone else may really love to have it and you can help Grace raise money for things that need to be done around the church. However there are some things we don't want....like:

Exercise gizmos

Old televisions or computers

Upholstered furniture

Volunteers can help (**PULLEEEEEZEE**) by signing up on the clip board being passed around starting May 5th during service.

And while you are loading those boxes up please do us a couple of **HUGE** favors....be careful you don't throw your trash in there by mistake. Our garage sale staff puts in many hard working hours and they really don't want to go through any trash. And also...If it is really dirty, please run a rag over it so that we don't have to do as much cleaning to get it ready. The volunteer staff is getting smaller and older each year and we ask for your respect in helping make our jobs a little easier...but if a few things get through, it's okay.

We will begin taking donations after services on May 19th until 4pm. Donations can be brought after then on Monday-Wednesday from 9 am to 3 pm.

Pricing will be done on Thursday....and please note: **WE WILL NOT BE DOING THE MEMBER SALE ON THURSDAY EVENING.** It is just too hard to ask volunteers to be here until 6 pm and expect them to be here when we open the doors on Friday morning at 8 am. Instead, anyone who volunteers any significant amount of time to prepare for the sale will get 20% off their purchases during the regular sale hours.

There will be more info on food and times as we get close to the event. Don't miss it....it is going to be the best ever because **YOU ARE GOING TO BRING ALL OF YOU VALUABLE STUFF TO BE SOLD.** Take advantage of the opportunity to rid yourself of all the unwanted 'valuables' you have collected over the years.

And finally, on behalf of everyone involved in this year's yard sale, thanks in advance for helping make it a success again this year!

Missions

Glenda Haley

Please participate in Cheyenne Day of Giving and Cheyenne Day of service!

14th Annual Cheyenne Day of Giving *Together We Can Do So Much!*

May 10, Kiwanis Community House in Lion Park from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Donate:

- Canned Goods and Non-Perishable Food Items
- Personal Care Items
- Used Prescription Eyeglasses
- Leftover Prescription Medications
- Haring Aids
- Cell Phones
- Medical Supplies and Equipment



Also:

- Cash donation
- Blood donation
- Register to be a Bone Marrow, Organ & Tissue Donor
 - www.cheyenhnedayofgiving.org

2nd Annual Cheyenne Day of Service *All Hands In*

May 11, meet across from Cheyenne Municipal Building at the Civic Center Commons Ribbon-Cutting Event, 2101 O'Neil, 9:00 am.

Community volunteers will be given public cleanup/repair projects to complete after they leave the Commons. Residents are also encouraged to clean up their neighborhoods or public areas, or public areas. You can also volunteer in some other way to help someone in need during the day. Share online at <https://www.wyomingnews.com/community/dayofservice/>



Scrappy Crafters

Pammy Pallak

Where do we begin.....goodies.....chocolate..... fellowship.....laughter.....and fun. We have been running between 3-11 people at each monthly meeting since we started last fall and we would like to invite EVERYONE to our next meeting on May 11th from noon to 4pm in Grace Hall.

LUNCH CHANGE – We are now encouraging folks to bring their favorite finger/snack food, but it is not a prerequisite to come. All you have to do is show up with a coloring books, photos to crop, cards to make, or you can just come to enjoy the fellowship. We are actually having people show up just for the company we keep. But we will never turn anyone away, especially if you bring a friend or chocolate.

SPECIAL EVENT THIS MONTH.

If you crochet or knit we will be giving away a skein of yarn to each person who shows up with a crochet hook or knitting needles. Color choices on a first come first serve basis.



As you are reading this, I have to report that we sorted baby 'stuff' at the UMW meeting on April 20th, put together the layettes, loaded them into pammy's car for delivery on April 27th at her house, and had coffee and ate a lot of pie.

The 50+ layettes will be delivered to 'the Rez' during the first 2 weeks of May. There are also a couple we held back for Safe House and Family Promise.

If you would like to come along for the ride and a little education as well, contact pammy at 637-5193. The Retreat Center is \$30 a night and we will be on our own for meals. We will probably only stay the one night unless you would like to make a tour of it. Let me know ASAP.

Birthdays

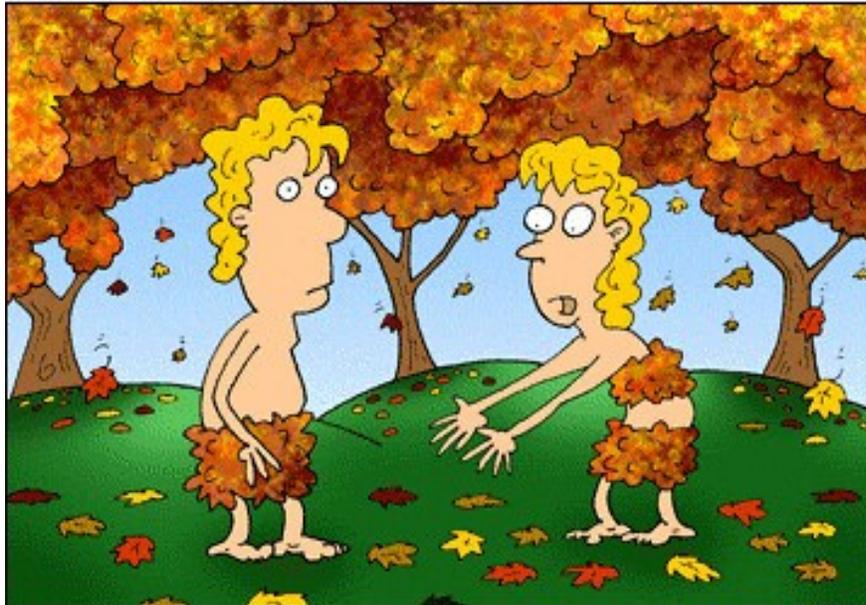
- May 5 - Rick Fisher
- May 8 - Barbara Turk
- May 14 - Brandi Nash
- May 15 - Gale Graves
- May 20 - Denise Chrosniak
- May 22 - Dorthy Bengston
- May 28 - Carol Martin
 - Missie Martin
- May 30 - Dee Melander



Anniversaries

- May 1 - Bruce & Martie Curl - 31 years!!
- May 29 - Jess & Laura Rainwater - 15 years!!

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WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR CLOTHES?