

CROSSROADS

Wyoming Presbyterian
Church

June 2011

***PCW, Wyoming Baptist Church, and Ascension and Holy Trinity
are cooking up a summer sensation for Vacation Bible School!***

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

Children will become chefs-in-training as they discover God's recipe for living.

What's On the Daily Menu!

A high-energy shake starts the morning at 9 a.m. when the Chefs-in-training start dancing to the music at the Opening Wake Up! Chefs-in-training meet their Top Chef instructors and head off to whip up amazing lessons each day! Chefs-in-training will be served a variety of fun filled, energizing activities:

- Music @ Wok & Roll Hits
- Crafts @ Tangy & Tart Arts
- Science @ Foodology Factory
- Games @ Spork Sports
- Snacks @ Takeout Treatery
- Bible Recipes @ Kitchen à la King



Kids and chefs (adults) plan to explore the Bible as a cookbook filled with recipes for living out God's Word! We will feast on a five course meal each day that include heaping helpings of Bible fun and special servings of creative crafts, hands-on on mission work, food science, and great music! We'll also take a closer look at some of the major biblical festivals that reveal the true ingredients for being followers of God. It will be like they've devoured a full course meal before noon each day!

Date: Monday, June 13, through Friday, June 17th

Time: 9 a.m. to noon

Location: Presbyterian Church of Wyoming

Cost: \$15 per child, \$35 per family

Age: Preschool to entering 6th Grade

Make your reservation at PCW's website: www.pcwyoming.org or stop by the church office.

**Look inside Crossroads
for Two Special À la Carte Activities
for the Entire Church Family!**



**Volunteers Still Needed
for Shake It Up Café!**

**Shake It Up
Progressive Dinner
Friday Night, June 17th**

**Shake It Up
Worship Services
Sunday, June 19th**



VBS Volunteer Help Needed!

VBS isn't just for kids! Adults have a blast too! Teachers and helpers are still needed to join our exceptional Shake It Up Staff! Our Head Top Chefs are in place but we need additional hands on in the kitchen, craft room, main dining room, and around the café. There are even jobs behind the scenes too! You can spend as many hours or days as you want! There is a sign up poster in the Welcome Area for volunteers. We will need lots of help in the café this summer to make this week as sweet tasting as possible! Contact Stephanie Togneri for more information!

Two Special À la Carte Activities

Shake It Up Progressive Dinner

Friday Night, June 17th 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Chefs-in-training (kids), their families, and church members and friends are invited to a progressive community dinner! Food as well as stories and special ingredients will be served up as the entire Shake It Up Café Crew and Church friends travel from church to church experiencing tasty food and experiencing the recipes that the kids learned this week!

The evening begins at 5 p.m. at Wyoming Baptist Church with appetizers.

Then we walk on over to Ascension and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church at 6 p.m. for the main course.

We end our night at The Presbyterian Church of Wyoming at 7 p.m. with desserts and a short program!

Whether you visited the Shake It Up Café during the week or not... you won't want to miss Friday night!

Reservations are required for this event! Contact the church office to reserve a place for Friday night! Reservations are due June 14th. A free will offering will be taken the night of the event!

Shake It Up Sunday Worship

Sunday, June 19th from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

VBS will be shaking up the worship services at all three churches on Sunday, June 19th by joining them in mid-worship as we travel up and down Burns Avenue sharing the special ingredients that we have learned at VBS! The Shake It Up Crew will stop in and share a song or two and a few special tips they learned as they discovered God's recipe for living a faithful life. **NO RESERVATION NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT!** the Shake It Up Crew will meet at PCW at 8:45 a.m. and begin the morning! Church members and friends, just go to your regular worship service and wait for the Team to arrive!



Psalm 133 begins with this wonderful statement..."How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!" The writer of this song continues to speak about how refreshing it is when unity is experienced. We will have this experience in a number of ways in the coming months here in Wyoming.

It begins first with Vacation Bible School in June. The last several years we have partnered with Wyoming Baptist Church for VBS, and we are continuing that partnership this summer. A third partner, however, is joining this summer. Our VBS this summer is Shaking Things Up by also partnering with Ascension and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. We are sharing the experience of VBS through the week culminating with a

progressive celebration dinner on Friday night and then the children participating in the worship services of each of the congregations on Sunday morning. It is going to be a tremendous week.

Steve Cummins, pastor at Wyoming Baptist, said in one of the planning meetings that this is an example of our growing partnerships and our partnering in growth. I think that is a perfect description of this unity - it is a partnering in the common ministry we share, but it is also a commitment to the seeking to help all grow in faith - from the children who will attend VBS to the many who will help make it happen. As we are just a few weeks away from VBS 2011, are you signed up to help? Whom can you invite to come and be a part of this celebration? We want everyone to be a partner in this ministry and for all to grow as a result of God's work through VBS this summer.

We are also seeking to partner with other congregations later this year as we do the Thanksgiving food boxes again in November. We have commitments from several other congregations, and we are planning on sharing the blessings of Thanksgiving with even more families through these growing partnerships.

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! Indeed it is.

Grace & peace,
Pastor Ed

There is something about a smile. Did you ever notice how when someone smiles at you, it often (not always, rarely is anything *always*) lifts your spirit? Or did you ever notice that when you smile at a stranger it often changes something in them? This smiling business doesn't work everywhere, and certainly there are places where it is inappropriate. For example, when I worked in New York City, to smile at a stranger, oh, particularly on the subway, was, how do I say this, risky. "Hey buddy, what are you smiling at!!" Or they would move away from me as though I had a disease. But, in most places around the world, a smile is usually well received. You know the kind of smile I am talking about. It's a non-verbal, "good morning" smile or "how are you" smile. It is a smile that is not looking for anything in return.



Mother Teresa, one of the great Christian saints was once asked by visitors:

"Tell me something that will help us to live lives better."

What she told them was pretty simple. She said:

"Smile at each other, smile at your wife, smile at your husband, smile at your children, smile at each other -- it doesn't matter who it is -- and that will help you to grow up in greater love for each other." And then one of them asked her: "Are you married?" and she said: "Yes, and I find it difficult sometimes to smile at Jesus." And it is true, Jesus can be very demanding also, and it is at those times when he is so demanding that to give him a big smile is very beautiful.

There are many things that Jesus says that I find very demanding. One of His commandments (please notice it is not a suggestion), that I sometimes find challenging is in the Gospel of John. It is John 15, where Jesus is telling His disciples about their mission – their work after He leaves. Here is what He says:

⁹ "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. ¹⁰ When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

¹¹ I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!

¹² This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you."

You and I are commanded to love one another in such a way that our love overflows. I think one way it overflows is found in Mother Teresa's wisdom. "Smile at each other, smile at your wife, smile at your husband, smile at your children, smile at each other -- it doesn't matter who it is -- and that will help you to grow up in greater love for each other."

This may sound a little silly or trite, but honestly, genuinely try smiling more. Try smiling a smile that is not looking for anything in return. You will be surprised at what you experience.

Your pastor and partner,

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Thank You for a Fantastic School Year!

God calls each person to use the gifts that he/she has been given. Please take a moment and to thank the teachers, leaders, and parents who have used their gifts to further God's Kingdom by educating and leading our children and youth. These fine individuals gave of themselves during the 2010-2011 school year. Our Christian Education program would not be such a success if it weren't for their assistance and personal participation.



Sunday School Children's and Youth Teachers:

Preschool – Kindergarten: Phoebe Brown & Dana Bronner

1st & 2nd Grade: Marla Waldron, Sandy Vanatsky, and Julie King

3rd Grade: Kelly Fischer and Susan Vollette

Tweens: Craig & Peggy Theile, Randy Nocks, and Stephanie Togneri

Jr. High: Catherine Burke, Kipper Burke, Graydon Gorby, Stephanie Togneri

Bible Discovery:

Preschool and Kindergarteners: Stephanie Togneri, Kristin Van Fossen, Alex Van Fossen, and Amy Snow

Adult Classes:

Parenting Class: Jim Falkenstine

Founders' Room: Organizing Team: Carolyn DeYoung, Barb Lewis, Bill Rusk, & Ginny Mooney

Super Wednesday Luke Series: Stuart Schaffer, Ed Goode, and David Zuidema

Jr. High Ministry: Mandy Rice, Bill Rice, and Stephanie Togneri

Sr. High Ministry: Anne Fischer, Matt Fischer, and Bill Morley



Who: Jon Sheppard, former Wyoming Resident and son of Ken and Ruth Sheppard.

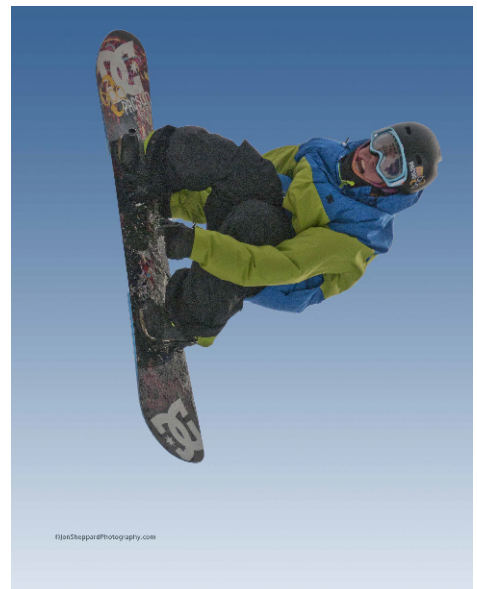
What: Presentation of his Photography and the story of his meandering journey/adventure with Christ from Wyoming to Colorado.

When: Sunday, June 12th @ 10:00

Where: The Great Room

Why: To share his adventures and love of Jesus with images of his work ranging from Nature and Landscape Photography to Mountain Climbing to Extreme Sports. There will be spectacular images pleasing to everyone.

Please join us to welcome back to PCW Photographer Jon Sheppard as he makes a presentation of his work and his life story. A Wyoming High School graduate and the son of Ken and Ruth Sheppard, Jon has made a career of pursuing adventure and his interest in recording the images. He now makes his home in Colorado and is returning



to Wyoming to celebrate his 50th class Reunion. He has published several books with images of Colorado which are on display in the Church Library in the Founders' Room. When asked about his presentation, he says, "I would like to share some of my adventures but also share the love of Jesus with the group." Young and old, please plan to join us.

The Who, What, Where Page



There are a number of 'items' in the church that were gifts from parishioners. The history/background of some of these is vague or confusing, so we are asking you to let us know what you remember about the circumstances of these gifts. A who, what, and where kind of thing. Items will appear in each *Crossroads*. Thank you for your help. You may contact Sherry Sheffield at 821-5866 or leave a written note in her mailbox in the office.

The Endowment Fund of the Wyoming Presbyterian Church has been in place now for many years and has proved to be an excellent way for members and friends to contribute gifts during their lifetime or in their estate planning.

Our endowment fund has supplemented many of our church's programs and has also helped maintain and enlarge our beautiful facility. An endowment fund must grow to allow us to continue to enrich and foster new and old programs, as well as maintain our facility.

Please explore the many opportunities available to you and let us know how we can help you with your gift. You can make an outright gift of cash or appreciated property, or a deferred gift such as a charitable bequest, or maybe a combination of gift plans that could support something in perpetuity. Our goal is growth in discipleship and remembering PCW with your generosity. This changes lives and develops disciples of Christ.

May God pour blessings on you and keep you strong in your faith.

Please contact Mike Miller via email at chiller@fuse.net, or 761-9450.



Jr. High Happenings

The final days of school are counting down! Take a break with your fellow 7th & 8th Graders this June when we gather for youth group! Jr. Highs will meet on Sunday, June 5th from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and are encouraged to join the Top Chef team at Shake It Up Café the week of June 13th – 17th.



On June 20th, nine Jr. Highs and four adults will board the charter bus for the Massanetta Middle School Conference in Harrisonburg, VA. They will join others from St. John's Westminster Union Church and Heritage Presbyterian Church for this week-long adventure. On Tuesday they will spend the morning working at the Volunteer Farm in Woodstock, VA, where they will help plant and harvest fresh fruits and vegetables that are given to area food pantries. The rest of the week they will be the Middle School Conference experiencing the "I in the Storm" theme. Please keep these individuals in your prayers as they labor and learn together.



Always
give
yourselves
fully to
the work
of the
Lord ...

1 Corinthians 15:58

Tween News

1 Corinthians 15:58 will be the inspiration for this year's Tween Mission Trip! The Tweens are preparing for their mission to Brown & Adams County in Ohio June 28-30th. Seventeen students and four adults are signed up to work at the Brown County Helping Hands Interfaith House in West Union, OH, and Hope Emergency Center in Lynchburg, OH. The students will go to work and to learn about how they can make the world a better place for those around them. They will take a step back in time and experience how others came before them to make life better of another group of people when they visit Ripley, Ohio and visit the John Rankin House and learn about how this Presbyterian minister played a major role in the Underground Railroad. It will be a service - oriented and educational trip! Please keep the Tweens in your prayers as they take on this mission.



It Takes A Special Person to do That Job...

On a daily basis, mothers and fathers entrust their precious children to us. We are trusted to keep their children safe, to treat them with respect, to be responsive to the childrens' needs and to challenge their rapidly developing minds and bodies. The children trust us to listen, to care and to keep them safe. The PCW members trust us to carry on a mission for the church in loving kindness. This is a rather magnificent responsibility to bear and this is what people are really getting at when they say, "It takes a special person to do that job."

As I look back on the 2010-2011 school year I am so honored and grateful to be a part of an entire staff of "special people" who, when faced with the many challenging moments of a day spent with 3-5 year olds, remain worthy of this awesome trust.

On another note, May has brought us something new on the playground...a rock garden! Thanks to a generous donation of time and materials from the Hauer family (an LLCP family), we have a beautiful new rock garden on our playground! Jess' dad and Brian Akers spent several hours digging out the area, placing edging material, and filling the area with 2 huge truckloads of small stones donated by Jess' grandfather! The children have already enjoyed some new activities in this rock garden. We are planning to add new features over time using the proceeds from this spring's Barefoot Book sale, organized by preschool parent, Angie Kozak.

Stacy Akers, Director



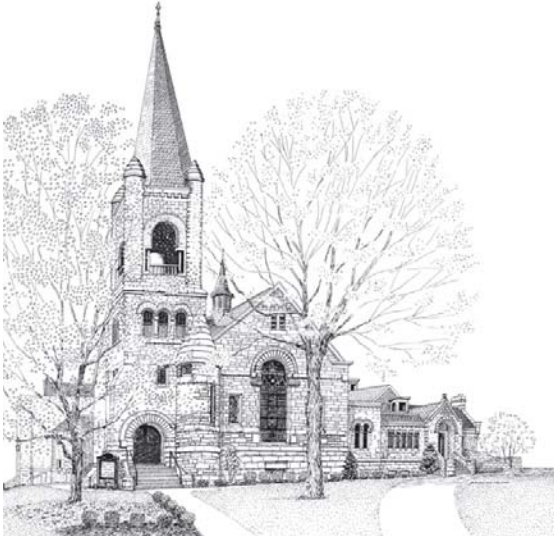
~ June 2011 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7a-8a Men's Study 7:30a-8:30a The Owen Study Group	2 4:30p-7:30p Organ Practice 7:30p-9p Choir	3 7:30a-8:30a Study-offsite	4 2p-5p Organ Practice
5 Graduation Sunday 8a-9a Traditional Worship 9a-10a Contemporary Worship 11a-12p Traditional Worship	6 VBS set-up 7:30a-8:30a Men's Study 6:45p-7:45p Voice Class 7p-8p Finance Meeting 7:30p-8:30p Boy Scouts	7 VBS set-up 9a-10a Prayer Meeting 10a-11a Staff 2p-5p Organ Practice Flood 7p-8p NA	8 VBS set-up 7a-8a Men's Study 7:30a-8:30a The Owen Study Group	9 VBS set-up 4:30p-7:30p Organ Practice 7p-8p Alanon	10 VBS set-up 7:30a-8:30a Study-offsite	11 Super Second Saturday of Service VBS Set-up 2p-5p Organ Practice
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19 Fathers' Day Trinity Sunday VBS Shake up Sunday 8a-9a Traditional Worship 9a-10a Contemporary Worship 11a-12p Traditional Worship	20 Jr. High Trip 7:30a-8:30a Men's Study 6:45p-7:45p Voice Class 7:30p-8:30p Boy Scouts 7:30p-8:30p Deacons	21 Jr. High Trip 9a-10a Prayer Meeting 10a-11a Staff 2p-5p Organ Practice 7p-8p NA	22 Jr. High Trip 7a-8a Men's Study 7:30a-8:30a The Owen Study Group	23 Jr. High Trip Crossroads Mailing 4:30p-7:30p Organ Practice	24 Jr. High Trip 7:30a-8:30a Study-offsite	25 2p-5p Organ Practice
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June

June 12—Pentecost Sunday

June 12—Commissioning

June 13—17 VBS

June—14th Crossroads Dadline

June 17—VBS Progressive Dinner

June—19 Trinity Sunday

June 19—Fathers' Day

June 19 VBS Sunday
