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A CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

May All my family members and friends who need a miracle be blessed. May whoever is feeling unwell and weak be given strength. May all of those who have heavy burdens have their load lightened.

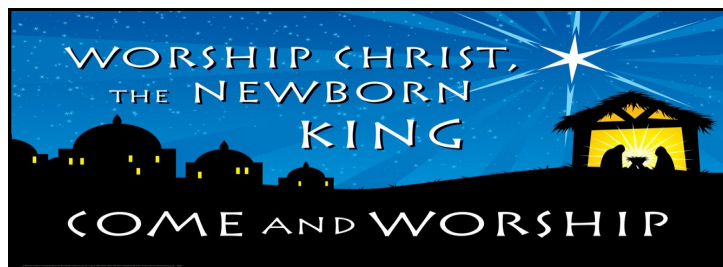


May your Christmas be one filled with happiness and Joy.

Merry christmas.

of life

Sent with a prayer to:



DECEMBER 2025 & JANUARY 2026



December 2025:

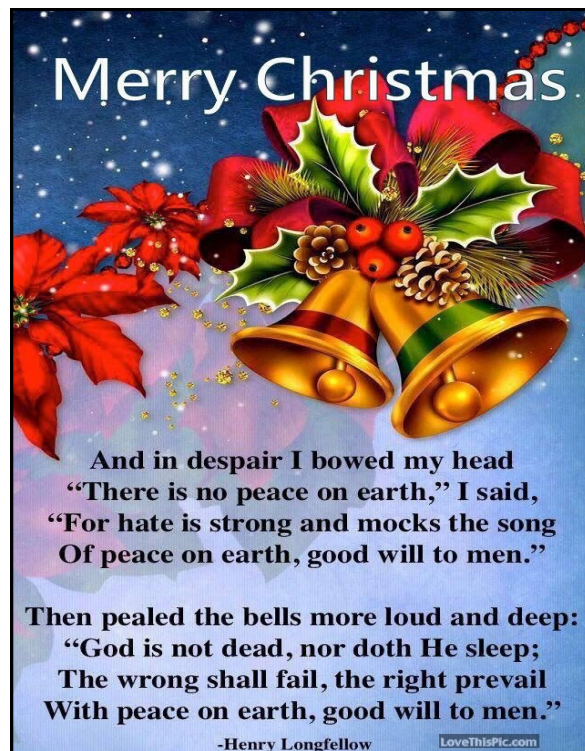
17- (ANNIV) Steve & Karen Lee
19- Bonnie Merklin
Liz Schissler
23- Gene Lamb
24- (ANNIV) Chuck & Melanie Burger
25- LuAnn Wall
26- Chuck Nye
29- Brandon Erdmann

January 2026:

1- DJ Leal
4- Carolyn Winter
20- Gary Bracken
30- Montana Davis

February 2026:

3- Vicky Hildreth
Dorothy Sherard
8- Zeplynn Howe
9- (ANNIV) Ron & Terry Vore
18- Wendy Wall





Seeds of Faith Faith United Methodist Church Dec. 2025-Jan. 2026

The Vision of Faith United Methodist Church is to empower all people to seek the fullness and assurance of God's Love.

The Mission of Faith United Methodist Church is to invite everyone into a loving community, explore the Good News of God's Love, and serve God and our neighbor throughout the world.



In a kingdom that was war torn, under oppression, full of wickedness and idolatry, God sent softness, a newborn cry, and the love of a mother who was a kid herself, to give tenderness and humility to a harsh world. God gave His open hand and heart as the ultimate gift to all peoples. A gift that would take away injustice. A gift that would banish the deep sorrow of unspeakable grief. A Holy and true Savior of divine peace.

I feel as I grow older I am so much more content in this world more than ever. My gifts consist of wishes of a calm morning, a time of meditation and mindful thoughts, and a consistent prayer habit. So many distractions lie in wait to turn me away from the true gifts God sends to me.

Maybe we as followers of the triune God can ask and pray for more than world items. Maybe we can ask for a desire of guidance of the spirit. May we ask for moments throughout the day that we are in sacred thought of His holiness.

The new year brings expectations of resolutions that most of the time are never kept. May we keep the promise of a new day to start over in grace and love for others, as well as ourselves.

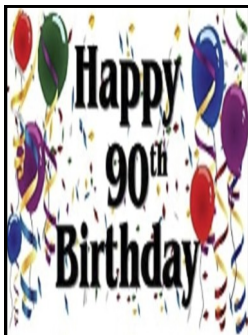
True joy comes with knowing God's promises will never be broken. When we are the heir of bad timing, hateful and hurtful words, or a decision that has a lasting and forever impact on our lives, we can say with confidence that our God is in our midst. He is forever faithful and he showed us this with His son, Jesus. Nothing can ever separate us from His love.

Thanks be to God. Amen.
Pastor Virgie



**GOD NEVER
BREAKS HIS
PROMISES.**

**WORSHIP
With US**



Bonnie Merklin will be celebrating her **90th** birthday on **December 19th**. We would love to **surprise her** with a card shower, so we are asking her friends to give the cards to Karen Merklin in person, or mail them to Karen at the following address:

4410 Chetwood Avenue
Cheyenne, WY 82001

Thanks to everyone for making Bonnie's **90th** birthday a special one!





THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT IS NOVEMBER 30th

**Prepare the way for the Lord. Get ready.
The Lord is Coming!**

Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. Please join us as we begin our Advent journey with a special **Hanging of the Greens** service. We will celebrate with scripture and music as we decorate the sanctuary for this special season.

Following the service,
the **Hanging of the Greens** will continue after a pizza lunch is served to all who stay to help finish decorating the church!



Please join us!!!!



Pastor Virgie will be doing a Facebook devotional for Advent on Wednesdays at 7 pm, beginning on December 3rd.

Please join her on Facebook for her inspirational messages!



Do you like to sing?

**Sunday,
December 14th
After the church
service**

Join the fun!



2025 Church Conference

Church Conference is our annual gathering to conduct the business of the church. We will celebrate the ministry of 2025 and look ahead to 2026.



A brief Zoom meeting will be held on **December 2 at 10:00 am** to ratify the documents approved by the Administrative Board on November 9. If you would like the Zoom link, please contact Wendy Wall- or you are welcome to join us at the church.

Please share your 2025 Ministry Reports with Wendy Wall by **December 29**.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend our **All-Church Celebration and Church Conference** on **January 11, 2026**. Join us for a **potluck lunch** following Worship, then return to the Sanctuary for the business meeting and recognition of achievements. This is our opportunity to celebrate all that God has done and continues to do at Faith UMC.

We hope you will join us!





From United Women in Faith (UWF):

Thank you for your support this year.
We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!

We want to thank you all for your generosity again this year. We have delivered **24** shoeboxes to be sent out. Lois said we were the first church to deliver them to the drop-off point.

What a blessing to share with children around the world!



LION'S CHRISTMAS CLUB DINNER:

On **Thursday, December 4th at 6:30 pm**, we will provide a delicious dinner for the Lion's Club. This is an annual project, and we really enjoy the food and fellowship with this wonderful group. The menu will be lasagna, salad, garlic bread, and a surprise dessert.

If you would like more information about the Lion's Club, please talk to Lois Hansen or Donna Newland.

2026 CALENDARS: These beautiful God's Creation calendars make great Christmas gifts!
Proceeds go to support UWF mission projects, **\$10 each!**

These calendars are selling fast!

Our **UWF** Christmas party will be on **Wednesday, December 10th at 6 pm** at Paris West.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS -

Sunday, December 21st, immediately after worship.
Donations will be accepted and proceeds will go to LifeChoice.



Come celebrate
the Birthday of
the King of
Glory!!!



Our next meeting is on **January 28, 2026 at 6:30 pm** in the Upper Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend. We have fun together, stay informed, and attend to our mission projects.
Please call Melanie if you have any questions. [307-631-0757](tel:307-631-0757)



**We collected
24 shoeboxes
for Operation
Christmas
Child!**

Thank you for
helping
brighten a
child's
Christmas with
a box filled with
gifts of love.

Giving Tree Collection
until [Sunday, January 4, 2026](#)

United Women in Faith is sponsoring this year's **Giving Tree** for **Family Promise of Cheyenne**. We are collecting items for males and females of all ages—adults, youth, children, toddlers, and infants.

Family Promise is currently in need of:

- **Hygiene Items:** dental care, body and face care, shaving supplies, and grooming essentials
- **Household Supplies:** cleaning products, laundry and dishwashing items, paper goods, and queen-size fitted sheets



A complete list of suggested donations is available on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. We gladly accept donations by cash or check. Please make checks payable to:

United Women in Faith.

For the last 20 years, **Family Promise** has supported homeless and low-income families in our community, helping them move toward lasting stability and independence.

They provide a full range of services, including:

- **Prevention Programs:** Shelter diversion, rental assistance, and transportation to help families avoid homelessness.
- **Emergency Shelter:** A rotational shelter program offering safe housing and warm hospitality during crisis.
- **Graduate Support:** Ongoing guidance to help families maintain stable housing, financial health, and career growth.
- **Community Initiatives:** Training in tenancy skills, financial literacy, and career development.

Through coordinated community compassion, **Family Promise** helps families rebuild their lives with practical skills, support, and hope.

Blue Christmas Services:

Advent is a season of hope!
Christmas a season of joy!



But not everyone feels hopeful or celebrates. Grief, illness, aging, depression, loneliness, loss of a job, only magnifies this time of year. Many just feel the stress of preparations and expectations around Christmas time.

A Blue Christmas service provides a time and place of solace during the often frenetic days of the season. Some churches in your community may offer Blue Christmas services to acknowledge your worries and give you support for hope and healing.

It is comforting to know [you are not alone](#) and that others are there to support you and that [God cares for you.](#)

First UMC, Grace UMC and Frontier UMC in Cheyenne are offering a joint service at First UMC on **Sunday, December 21 at 3 pm.** This early time is because most older folks don't like to drive when it's dark and it's not too late for them to get home safely.

HOPE....HEALING....PEACE





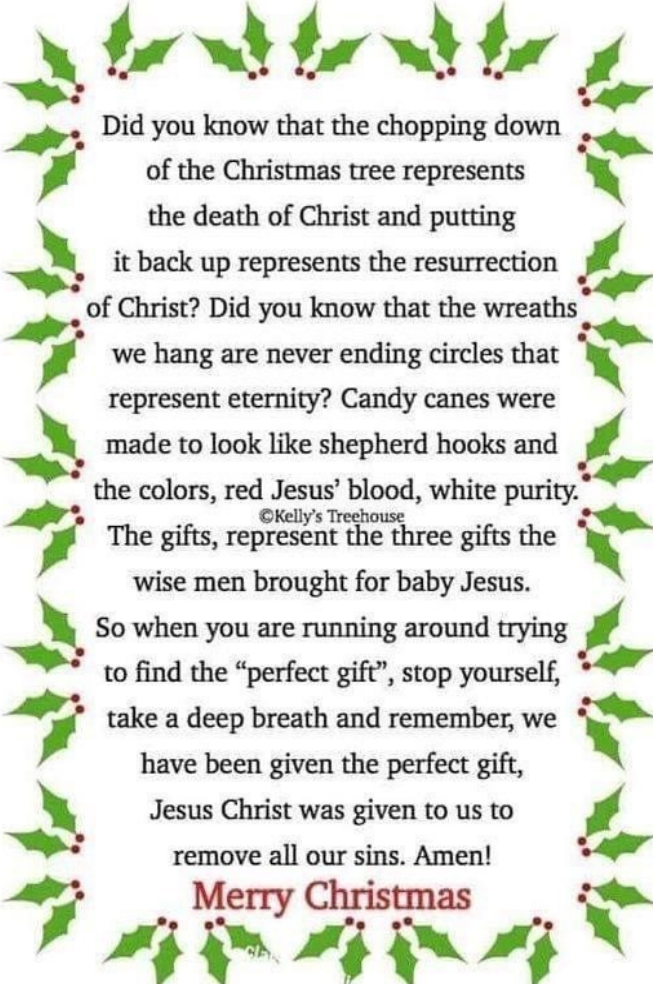

**Christmas Eve
CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE**

Join us on Wednesday,
December 24th
at 5:30 pm




WE LOVE AND MISS YOU
R.I.P

LET US SHARE
THIS CHRISTMAS
CANDLE IN
MEMORY OF OUR
FRIENDS AND
LOVED ONES WHO
ARE NOT WITH US
ANYMORE.



Did you know that the chopping down of the Christmas tree represents the death of Christ and putting it back up represents the resurrection of Christ? Did you know that the wreaths we hang are never ending circles that represent eternity? Candy canes were made to look like shepherd hooks and the colors, red Jesus' blood, white purity.

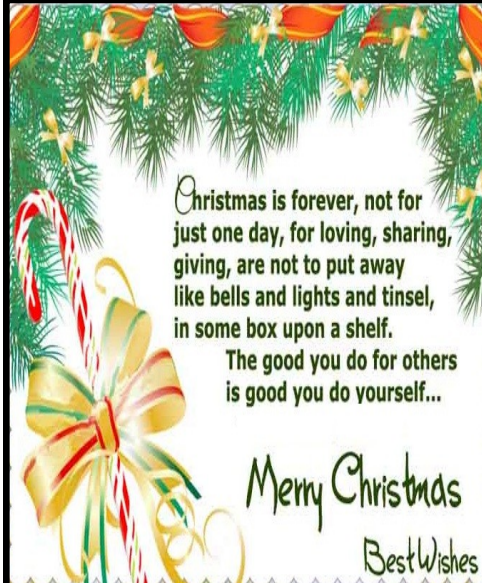
©Kelly's Treehouse

The gifts, represent the three gifts the wise men brought for baby Jesus.

So when you are running around trying to find the "perfect gift", stop yourself, take a deep breath and remember, we have been given the perfect gift,

Jesus Christ was given to us to remove all our sins. Amen!

Merry Christmas

Christmas is forever, not for just one day, for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.

The good you do for others is good you do yourself...

Merry Christmas
Best Wishes



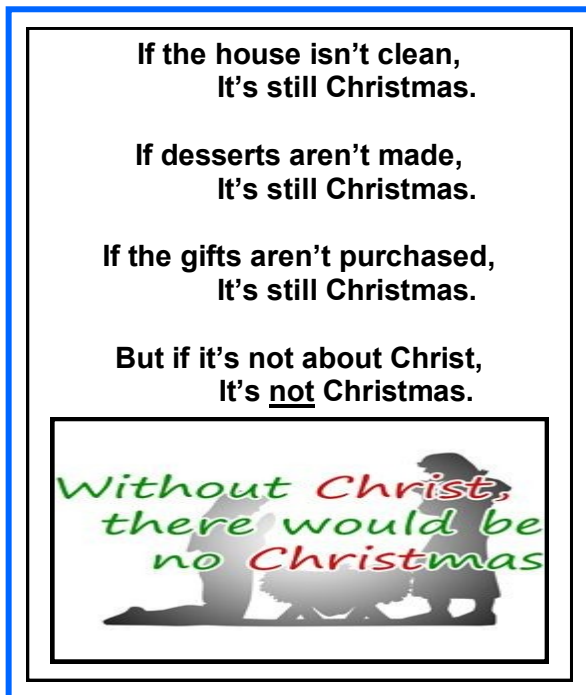
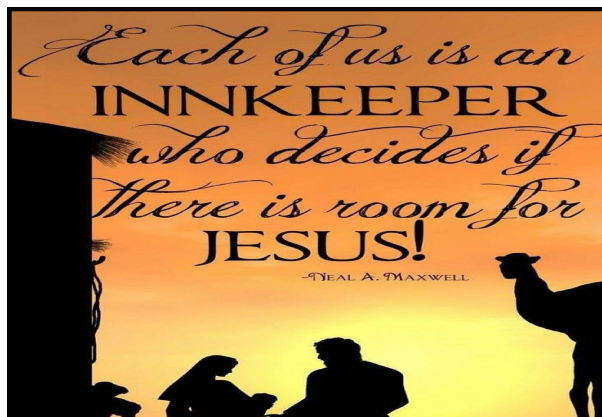
Thank you to everyone who helped with the tree removal project on **Tuesday, November 9**, and the extended clean-up. Arborists Jonathan Nichols and Daniel Hemphill removed the five Boxelder trees, which had significant decay and damage caused by squirrels and bees/hornets. Afterward, our team worked together to load trailers and pickup trucks with branches smaller than 10" in diameter. Over the following week, many people responded to Facebook posts and word of mouth to pick up the larger pieces.

Although we will miss these large trees, removing them helped prevent future safety and liability issues. As John noted, ***"If these trees were anywhere besides around a church, they would have already fallen over."***

Clean-Up Crew: Tammy Brue, Cheryl Cates, Mike Connell, Pastor Virginia Erdmann, Nancy Evagelatos, Nancy Farley, Lois Hansen, River Howe, Russ Howe, Tawn Howe, Walker Howe, Zeplynn Howe, Damian Leal, Chuck Nye, David Skipper, Karen Staples, Duane Wall, Wendy Wall, and Emmy Young

Thank you also to Nancy Evagelatos, Wendy Wall, and Carolyn Winter for providing lunch and snacks.





Christmas means a spirit of love,
 A time when the love of God and
 The love of our fellow men should
 Prevail over all the hatred and bitterness,
 A time when our thoughts and deeds
 And the spirit of our lives manifest
 The presence of God.

