

SERMON SERIES

August 1 - 29

8:30 & 11:00 AM

600 Lincoln & Online



This month, we're turning the page to a new sermon series — The Tale of 10

Blessings. Throughout August, Pastor Mitch will take us on an enchanted tour of 10 stories in the Bible, all of which will guide us in our valiant journey to being a blessing in everything we do as individuals and as a church!

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August 1 — Chapter 1: Blessing by Bonding
August 8 — Chapter 2: Blessing by Hospitality
August 15 — Chapter 3: Blessing by Mentoring
August 22 — Chapter 4: Blessing by Enthusiasm
August 29 — Chapter 5: Blessing by Deploying

We'll be utilizing a list of 10 ways to be a blessing throughout the series and well after it ends! Easily access a copy [here](#). Printed copies are available in the gathering area.

COIN COLLECTION

Throughout August, our kids will collect coins during worship to help fund the Council of Churches school supplies distribution. Your loose change can make a big difference in the lives of Wamego students so start digging in those couch cushions! (Any family in need, with students attending a USD 320 school, can stop by Trinity Baptist Church on August 3 between 9 AM and 1:00 PM for free school supplies.)



YOUTH SUMMER SCHEDULE

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Various Locations

Cornerstone Youth will continue meeting each Sunday in August from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. To accommodate those busy summer schedules, grades 6-12 will meet together.



Our plans for each week are announced on our private Facebook group. Youth and guardians can now connect with us now at facebook.com/groups/wamegoyouth.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

In July, upwards of 100 kids and 50 island guides (youth and adult volunteers) spent one week exploring Adventure Island, searching for God's guiding lights! We discovered God's love, trust, faith, joy and hope through crafts, music, story, science and games.

Our mission project was to help the Billy Hooten United Methodist Church in Oklahoma

and our kids raised \$817 with loose change to send with our mission team — A new record! We would like to thank our generous sponsors, the Knobbe family - Vision Source and Penny Haggard, as well as all of our volunteers and the support of our church family. What a blessing to have the halls and sanctuary full of joyful noises!





ALZHEIMER'S WORKSHOP

Wednesday, August 4

10:00 AM

Fellowship Hall

We are partnering with Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community to host a free Alzheimer's workshop on August 4 at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. We'll discuss the disease itself, helpful communication strategies,

the impact on families and caregivers, support strategies and Meadowlark's memory program, free to those in the Flint Hills Region.

If you'd like to attend, please sign up using this Google form: <https://forms.gle/tjHRoc8xgIx4T4Uu5>

MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING

Wednesday, September 1

8:30 - 5:00 PM

Overflow Room

Did you know you're more likely to encounter someone in an emotional crisis than someone having a heart attack? Learn how you can help at our fourth Mental Health First Aid Training.



Officer Coleman will lead the training on September 1 from 8:30 to 5 PM. The cost is \$25. A light lunch, snacks and refreshments will be provided. If you'd like to attend, please sign up using this Google form: <https://forms.gle/yZwj3qKdtIC6yRbW9>





BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS

Sunday, August 15

8:30 & 11:00 AM

Wamego UMC Sanctuary

Our annual Blessing of the Backpacks will be Sunday, August 15. Bring your backpack, oversized purse or electronic device to either worship service for a blessing that will start the school year out right!

We will also take this opportunity to recognize ALL of the teachers among us from preschool teachers to professors, whether you're teaching full time, online, substituting or retired!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS (AND DOG WASH)

Sunday, August 30

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Church Parking Lot

On Sunday, September 20, we're hosting a new event — Blessing of the Animals! Pastor Mitch and Pastor Jan will bless your pets for long lives and lots of love from their family. Join us in the church parking lot between 2:00 and 3:00 PM.



Our youth will also host a pet wash during this event! Feel free to head their way after your furry friends have been blessed. A good scrub down minus the work and the mess? Now that's a blessing. Free will donations to benefit youth ministry will be accepted for this service.



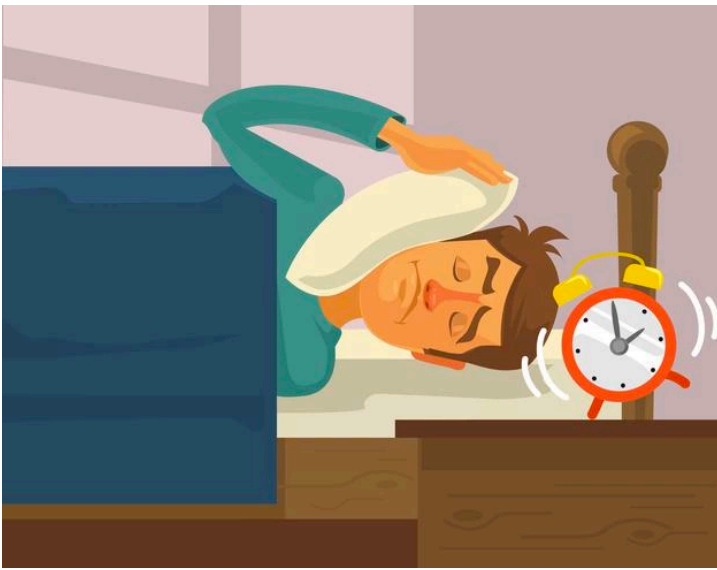
DIFFERENT PERSON

If you were to speak to me at 6:30 AM in the morning, you might not recognize me. Crazy hair, eyes still closed, just a snarling fool until I've had a couple cups of coffee in me. Somehow, before

8:00 AM, I become a different person: Bathed, alert, and speaking in complete sentences. Stop by any morning and you'll watch me change before your eyes. (Please don't stop by.)



Pastor Mitch's Weekly Devotion



People change all the time. The woman who loses a 100 pounds. The girl who suddenly excels on the field. The young person who embraces a call to ministry...and another one who drifts away. Some folks seem to stay the same for decades, but they haven't. If nothing else they have shed their actual skin a thousand times over.

I have my hands full negotiating all that change. My own physical, mental, and emotional changes...and yours. It's exhausting, even, constantly adjusting to each other and ourselves. Everybody's in flux. It's part of life.

And then, Samuel (God) makes things even more complicated. He tells Saul that he's about to be changed into "an entirely different person." This is a holy change, a spiritual one, a change that fully aligns Saul with God, and prepares him to become King.

Keep reading this excerpt from Pastor Mitch's most recent devotion at weeklydevotion.com/2021/06/29/different-person/. Writing a weekly devotion is one of Mitch's sacred times of the week, where creativity and spirituality merge together on the page. He writes them for himself but loves to share them!



LIFT (LADIES IN FAITH TOGETHER)

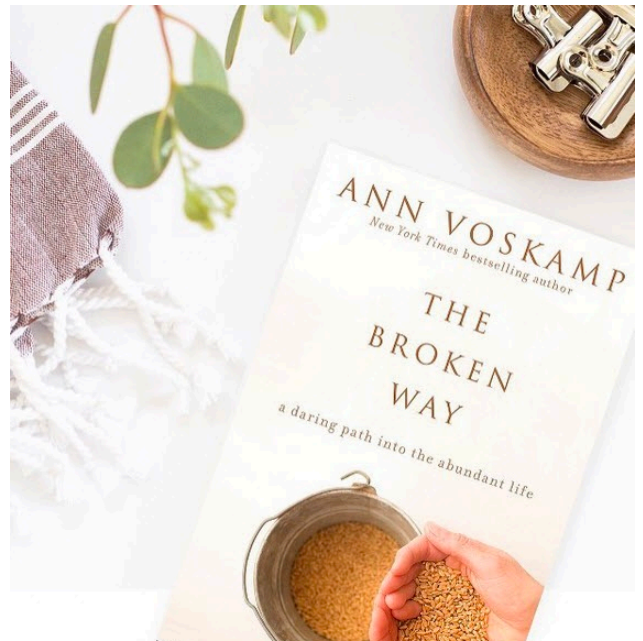
Monday, August 30 Kickoff

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Multipurpose Room

LIFT is a group of young women who lift each other up on their faith journey's as they study God's word and share their lives together. The group meets on the first and third Mondays of each month, 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the multipurpose room.

This fall, the ladies will study "The Broken Way" DVD study by Ann Voskamp. The six-session Bible study will take the group on a personal journey along the broken way, which will beckon them into more — more time, more meaning, and more authentic relationships. The journey will help young women find more abundance, more intimacy and more God. Our introductory meeting is Monday, August 30, the study will then begin on September 20.



OKC MISSION TRIP

Last month, our Oklahoma City mission team spent one week working in the heat to renovate the Billy Hooton Memorial United Methodist Church! The church is small but mighty, providing crucial services to the hard hit community.

Our team of seven replaced siding, painted, did some landscaping and lots of caulking. The people of Billy Hooton & OIMC are

kind and welcoming Christians. They took our team to an inner tribal pow wow, cooked for them and invited them to their homes. At Sunday worship, our team presented them with a check for \$817 — funds raised by our VBS kids. The congregation was moved to tears by their generosity!





THRIFT SHOP SALES

August 19-27

8:30 & 11:00 AM

423 Lincoln Avenue

Out with the swimsuits, in with the sweaters — our annual restock event is back! The entire store will be half off August 19-21. August 26 - 27 is our Bag Days Sale — Anything you can fit in a brown grocery bag is two dollars! The store will be closed Saturday, August 28. Fall inventory will then be out on Thursday, September 2.

The Thrift Shop is a ministry of the Wamego United Methodist Women. Their mission is to reach out and support others with God's help and through their work at the Thrift Shop, they are able to support many missions, locally and abroad! Learn more about donations and how the UMW's work supports our community: wamegoumc.org/thriftshop

UPCYCLE WORKSHOP

Tuesday, August 31

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

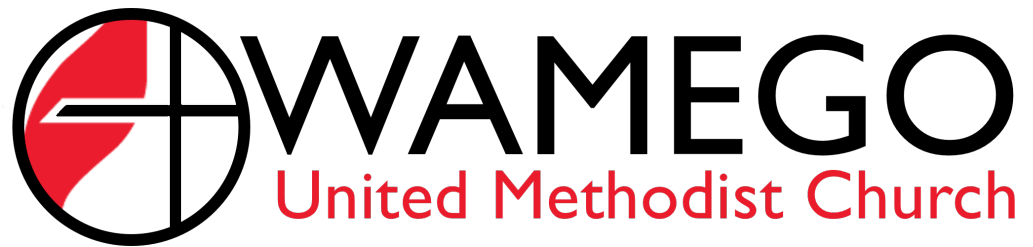
Multipurpose Room

On August 31, the United Methodist Women will host a workshop where you can learn to upcycle your plastic grocery bags into soft sleeping mats for the homeless.

Anyone is welcome to join us in the multipurpose room at 9:30 AM. If you have grocery bags, rotary cutting tools, cutting mats, or 8 mm crochet hooks, please bring them!



The ladies of the United Methodist Church have been very good at using their gifts to encourage and uplift the congregation for over 150 years.



In Our Reaview Mirror by Teresa Weixelman

Earliest records go back to 1907. At that time the

women's organization was called "The Ladies and Pastors Christian Union." By 1913 the name had been shortened to "The Ladies Aid". A very appropriate name for the work they did.

In 1907 the minutes indicate that they pledged \$1000 to the building fund. That must have been a very generous pledge. An entry in June 1907 shows that they made \$4.95 at the food sale. A lot of food sales were needed to raise \$1000. They had food sales, sold cookbooks, made quilts, held silver teas, served dinners, wove rugs, held ice cream socials and served in many other capacities as they answered God's call to serve in our small town. They paid the last \$400 of the \$1000 pledge in November 1908. And... on March 25, 1909 they pledged another \$1000 on the day the new church was dedicated. The church that we sit in on Sunday mornings 112 years later.

As you sit in church on Sunday morning, take a moment to reflect on the early 1900's and give thanks for the ladies of our church who still cook food, serve funeral dinners, make quilts, and run The Thrift Shop with such dedication and devotion that they can sponsor numerous missions in our town, our state, our nation and our world. Thank you, United Methodist Women for 150 years of service and dedication.



Dorothy Garrett found this picture while sorting through church archives. Taken in 1909, it shows the ladies of the church (probably The Ladies Aid) gathered around a large hole where a tree is being planted. The lady in front with

the shovel is Mrs. J.E. Stewart. She would become Bart Stewart's great, great grandmother.

