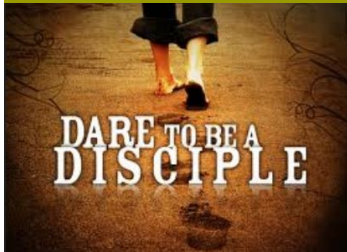


March 2018



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Revelation



From Pastor Melanie

Greetings, friends! I am so excited to share with you a bit about what our newly formed Discipleship Team has been doing!

Our Discipleship Team, with a total of 11 people, has been working on ideas for helping our congregation reach out and connect in a meaningful way to those outside our church. We have also been working ideas to aid in the discipleship journey of each of us who are members and attenders of our congregation.

One of the unexpected benefits of being in this group is that we have found it is a way for us to connect with each other, sharing a bit of ourselves with the group each time we meet. We end our time together asking the question early Methodists used to ask as they met in their small groups, "How is it with your soul?" This experience has brought home to us the importance of the small group experience to the development of maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. This is an experience that we hope to help recreate within groups throughout our congregation.

Small Group Opportunities:

Sometime in the next few months I will be offering an 8 - 10 week small group experience using the book, *Foundations: An Introduction to Christian Practices*. Even if you are a long-time Christian, you will likely find this a worthwhile study. Be watching for details!

Also, I will offer another study using a terrific resource called *Discipler: An Interactive Guide to Intentional, Relational, Accountable Discipleship*. This book uses the various aspects of discipleship we've been talking about in church, and breaks them down into devotions and practices. This is one of the best resources of it's kind that I've ever seen! Again, watch for details.

There are two pieces in the works to help us connect with people outside the church in meaningful ways. And we need your help!

1. Start "Food and Conversation" with those who come for commodities every other month. The next commodities distribution is on March 21st from 11:30 to 12:15. We are looking for someone who will help with serving sandwiches and cookies, fix a pot of coffee, etc. If you would like to do that and/or provide some cookies or sandwiches please contact me. Also, we are looking for a few good conversationalists during that time to sit with folks and just be friendly. Again, let me know! We aren't looking to overwhelm, but just to be friendly and hospitable. We will have some postcards with basic church information to share with folks, as well.
2. Begin a DivorceCare group in our church. DivorceCare is a faith based program that helps participants apply biblical principles as they heal from the hurt of separation and divorce. It is an excellent resource. My unofficial research indicates that there is a real need for such a program in our community. We are looking for two lay persons to lead the 10 week program (training and help is provided!), as well as ways to fund it. One generous member has already pledged some money for this, but with another \$150 to \$200 we would have all we need to get started. Please contact me if you are feeling called to be a leader and/or you would like to donate to this worthwhile cause.

Thank you for taking the time to read this! If you'd like to talk about any the above ministries, please stop in and see me or give me a call at the office.

We come to
experience
Christ's Love
and work
together to live
it out.

All are Welcome at FUMC
Sunday Schedule
9:00 am -Nursery opens
9:30 am -Adult Sunday School &
Living Church
10:30 am -Sunday Worship
11:30 am-Fellowship

Office Info/UMW

Women's News March

Altar Flowers- Evening

General Meeting: March 15 @ 1:00 pm

Hostess: Carol Rudd

Program: Easter Program-Morning Cluster

Executive Meeting - March 15 @ 12:15 pm

Morning Cluster: March 1 @ 9:30 am

Hostess: Peggi Barrett

Lesson: Eudora Petersen

HUGE THANKS
to everyone that has helped
keep the church clean dur-
ing the month of February!

Phil & Connie Bentz

Pam Campbell

Cindy Kocher

Jim & Ann Lanoue

Janice Swenson

Mary Thoman

Marsha Wentz

Youth

Oodles of Noodles Day

We're Making Noodles on **March 22nd!!**

Volunteers are needed for Set Up, Drying , Bagging & Clean-Up!!

Please see Sign Up Sheet on the Bulletin board for times.

It'll be OODLES of FUN!!



Spring Fever Bazaar

Mark your Calendars on Sunday, April 8th for the Spring Fever Bazaar. It's going to be an amazing day that includes: Homemade Chicken and Noodles or Lasagna for lunch. \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 12 and under. Takeout and delivery available by request, call 785-243-4560.

Bazaar items for sale include: Handmade Gifts, Books, Magazines, Bakery Goodies Homemade by great Methodist bakers, Jewelry (new and gently used) and Pallet Signs created by our Youth.

Worship, Lunch and shopping all under one roof!!! It's better than Amazon Prime.....come pray, eat and do some retail therapy at the First.

Worship Notes for March

March 4: Sermon Series, "A Disciple Is..." Week 4: "A Life Obeying Jesus"
Scriptures: Mark 3:1-6, Psalm 1: 1-3, 6a. Communion Sunday!

March 11: Sermon Series, "A Disciple Is..." Week 5: "Living a Life of Service."
Key Scripture: Matthew 25:37-40.

March 18: Sermon Series, "A Disciple Is..." Week 6: "Living a Life of Generosity."
Scriptures: Acts 20:35, Galatians 5:22-23.

March 25: Palm/Passion Sunday. Focus will be on the scriptures: Mark 11:1-11, 14:1-15:47. A highlight of the day will be the Procession of the Palms.

I am really excited about this series whose goal will be to help each of us on our journey to being a mature disciple of Jesus Christ.

ALSO COMING UP: Holy Thursday Service, 7 pm on Thursday, March 29th, in the sanctuary.

A community Good Friday Service will be held at noon, at Trinity United Methodist Church on Friday, March 30th.

Match Madness

Match Madness is upon us. As the date gets closer please consider giving. Make check out to CFCC, date it for March 27, 2018, put FUMC on the Memo line and bring your check to the church office.

Our goal this year before matching funds is \$3,500.



Meetings

March 6th - 7:00 pm Trustees

March 7th - 5:15 pm Worship Committee

March 12th - 7:00 pm Finance

March 19th - 5:30 pm ADCO

Youth News

First of all the Youth would love to give a huge THANK YOU to all the members of the church who supported them in February. Whether it was donations of baked goods, bidding and buying baked goods, donation of your finances or even just your prayers and spoken support. What a fantastic month February was. Where two or more are gathered, you know the good Lord is there with you. That love was felt, in a big way, by the Youth this last month.

March is lining up to be no less active. Please remember that on Sunday – March 4th the Youth will be hosting an all church luncheon after church. All you have to do is come. The meal will be prepared, served and cleaned up by the Youth. All donations will go towards fundraising for this summer’s Mission Trip to Greely, Colorado. Look for more details on the menu and suggested donation on flyers posted about the church. That will be followed up closely by the Youth working with the community on Saturday – March 10th to provide concessions for a Cloud Juniors volleyball tournament here in Concordia. We will be working with other Youth Groups from churches in the community to make this happen. March is also the month when half of the fees for our Mission Trip are due. Not to mention we will continue learning about our faith on Wednesday nights as we continue on through the book “Jesus Creed for Teens”. BUSY! BUSY! BUSY! Lastly and interestingly, the Youth are exploring the possibility of coming with a “Name” for our group (other than “Youth Group”). If you have a suggestion we would be interested. Thank You All!



Spotlight on Youth

Name, Age, Grade in School, School Attending: My name is Jessica Dethloff, I am 17 years old. I attend Concordia Junior/Senior High School.

What activities are you involved in at School (if any): High School track - throwing discus and shot put, High School Marching Band, Pep Band and Concert Band, High School Drama Club & Cat Scratch Productions

How many years have you been coming to Youth Group: This is my first year! :-)

Youth activities you have participated in: Haunted House and going on the Greeley, Colorado Mission Trip

What is your favorite part of Youth Group: Having deep conversations about God.

What is your favorite memory of a Youth Group activity: Coming up with our ideas for Haunted House and scaring a bunch of college kids during the Haunted House.

What does church mean to you: To learn about Jesus life and the stories that were told from the man himself.



Name, Age, Grade in School, School Attending:
KenaDee Snavelly, Junior at Clifton-Clyde High School, 16

What activities are you involved in at School (if any): FCCLA

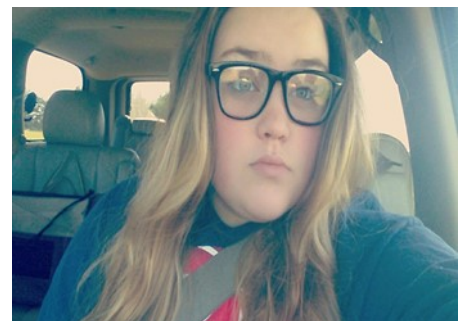
How many years have you been coming to Youth Group: Less than a year.

Youth activities you have participated in: Haunted House, Making Christmas cookies

What is your favorite part of Youth Group: Seeing all of my friends

What is your favorite memory of a Youth Group activity: Scaring people in the Haunted House

What does church mean to you: Having a relationship with God.



UMW Library

Listed are the books selected for the current reading list for 2013 to 2018. They are on the east wall of the UMW library in the parlor. They are listed by year and the reading category is marked on the spine label of each. 1. Education for Mission (EM), 2. Nurturing Community (NC), 3. Social Action (SA), 4. Spiritual Growth (SG), 5. Leadership Development (LD)

The columns marked W is checked when the book is owned by the local unit. FCL indicates the books that are at the Frank Carlson Library. ILL represents books that may have been ordered via interlibrary Loan from the Frank Carlson Library. Books marked A/V are available for e-readers, videos and audio formats.

To check out a book sign the card and place in the wooden box. After you have read the book please return the card and record in the black book. The UMW can keep track of what are being read when this plan is followed.

Children's books are marked (J) and Youth books are (YA). Have you read to a child or grandchild recently? See what selections are recommended. Some of these books are also available from the school libraries.

Response and New World outlook magazines are also available for checkout.

Praise Band

Needed! Your musical talent!

We are in need of singers and musicians for our Praise Band.

Can you play drums, guitar, bass, keyboard? We need you!

Do you enjoy singing and praising God? We need your voice!

We perform the 4th Sundays of each month and rehearse during the 4th week of the month on Wednesday late afternoons

Call Pastor Melanie if you are interested.



Spotlight on Dallas & Nancy Nading



The Nading's have been involved in activities at FUMC for a number of years. Nancy sang in the Chancel Choir under the direction of Margaret Coulter and Amy Gerber.

She started playing the piano to accompany Pam Campbell, on the organ, with the songs during worship service. She and Gwydotta Ukens directed God's Little Angels Choir for several years as well. In the early 1990's this couple took on the challenge of wedding coordinator during Reverend Ken Parker's term. They recently retired from the position.

Dallas has served as Sunday School Secretary since the early 1980's after Mervin Larsen retired from the position. In addition he has worked as the sound man for the church since the 1990's. This includes being available at all weddings, funerals and all other special events where sound is needed including worship in the park.

Due to a mini-stroke that Nancy had four years ago, the Nading's are scaling back on their volunteer time. The past several months there has been a notable change in Nancy's health and we are spending more quality time at home.

Dallas says they will treasure the memories made especially the Mystery Trips organized by Marsha Wentz and the Crusader's Breakfast at the Nading household.

"We are indebted to our church family and the Crusader's Class for their support through the years. We are Blessed," Dallas Nading.

Lenten Boxes

Don't forget to pick up your Lenten box the next time you are at the church! Boxes are available in a basket outside the sanctuary during Lent. Money collected in Lenten boxes will go to Missions Agency Support. For a list of missions agencies who receive support through this giving, go to www.greatplainsumc.org/missionagency-support.

Little Free Pantry

We have had a canned food item freeze and explode in the pantry on an extremely cold day. Until it gets warmer, please do not leave items in the pantry that could freeze. Ideas for items to leave in the pantry include: crackers, rice meals, macaroni and cheese, hot chocolate, popcorn, and beef jerky. If you have extra items, please leave them in the food box in the entry of the church and they will be used as needed.

Commodities Distribution

Commodities distribution should be on March 21st (we're still awaiting information from DCSF). We are looking for volunteers to help distribute Commodities as well as unload the truck and help welcome people to our church. The Discipleship team will also be offering sandwiches, cookies, and coffee to those who come to pick-up commodities. All volunteers are asked to wear your blue FUMC shirt if you have one....oh, you don't have one....see Lisa in the office and she'll help you.

Mission Buckets

In January, we collected \$92.66 for the Human Relations Day Special Offering.

In February, we collected \$91.39 for the Youth Missions Trip.

We will pass the Missions Buckets for the UMCOR Special Offering on March 18th and Cindy Kocher will share details about the UMCOR disaster relief training she attended in January. Envelopes will be available in the bulletins on March 18th so you can return your gift the following Sunday, if you prefer.



Change the World Sunday

Our 7th annual Change the World event is coming on Sunday, April 29th! We have some great ideas, but would welcome your project ideas – just let any member of the Missions Team know! Team members include: Melanie Adams, Ellen Anderson, Kent Anderson, Tony Burnett, Pam Campbell, Julie Cory, Cindy Kocher, Bruce Nutter, Marvin Petersen, and Nancy Wentz.

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Cloud County Resource Center Needs

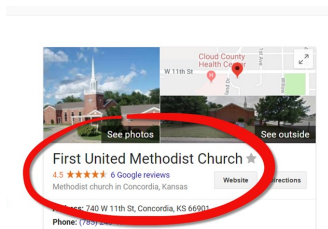
Help is needed with the monthly food truck delivery on March 7^h from 8:00 – 11:00 am. Help is needed to unpack boxes, remove barcodes, and stock items. To volunteer, contact Tonya Merrill at 243-1065 or ccrc@nckcn.com.

Marketing Team Update

The marketing team has been hard at work in February – here are some changes you may see and ways you can help get the word out about Concordia 1st UMC!

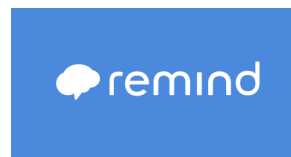
The new web site – www.concordiafumc.com - is fully functional and up-to-date! The monthly newsletter and weekly bulletins are available as well as information about upcoming events and past events. Did you know that we now have wireless access throughout the church? Check the main bulletin board next to the office for logon information so you can get connected and access the electronic bulletin from the web site during the service!

Are you on Facebook? If so, have you liked the Concordia First United Methodist Church page? If you haven't, do it today! We have several recent posts that were seen by more than 1,000 people because the post was viewed and then shared. It really does make a difference if you like and share our posts! You might even see something great that happened during a service you missed – like the awesome performance Kum By Yah by the youth and adult choirs in February!



Do you have something great to say about Concordia 1st UMC that you want everyone to know? Then give our church a 5 star review on Google! Be sure to add some comments to your review to tell people more about our church – you can even upload a photo!

Do you ever wish you would get reminders on your phone about upcoming church events? We have a new way to send out those reminders using an application called Remind. Go to <https://www.remind.com/join/7k2483> and enter your full name and cell phone number to start getting reminders today! Lisa promises that you will not be bombarded with text every day. She will try to limit it to important updates and reminders.



Do you have an upcoming event that you need help advertising to our congregation and the community? Contact the church office to get a copy of the Marketing and Advertising Form that lists all of the ways you can publicize your event! If you need assistance from the church office, please pick up and complete the form at least 4 weeks before your event to allow plenty of time to get the word out!

March Volunteers

Worship Volunteers	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25
Greeters - Upstairs	Youth			
Media				
Worship Leader	Jason Johnson	Angie McConkey		Loren Swenson
Liturgist	Audrey Krohn		Joan Krohn	Jean Wilcox
Children's Moment	Pastor Melanie	Phil Gilliland	Cindy Kocher	Puppets
Nursery Helpers				
Fellowship Hosts	All Church Luncheon	Joan Krohn		
Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)	All Church Luncheon	Nonnie Steinert	Darlene Pearson	Marge Cruzen
Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)	All Church Luncheon	Ellen Anderson		Marcy Johnson
Fellowship Cheese/Crackers	All Church Luncheon	Jackie Ramsey		Connie Bentz

Area to Clean	Volunteers
Sanctuary	Kocher's
Chapel/Entry/Balcony	
Bathrooms	Marsha Wentz
Nursery	Jim & Ann Lanoue
Parlor & Kitchen	Phil & Connie Bentz
Classrooms/Choir Room	
Fellowship Hall	
Halls/Stairs	Mary Thoman
Youth Room	Youth
Kitchen	

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:30 Sunday School/Living Church 10:30 Worship 11:30 All Church Luncheon	5	6 Trustees 7:00 pm	7 5:15 pm Worship Team 5:45 pm Table Talk Choir 6:00 pm	8	9	10
11 9:30 Sunday School/Living Church 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	12 Finance 7:00 pm	13	14 5:45 pm Table Talk Choir 6:00 pm	15 UMW Exec. 12:15pm General 1:00pm	16 Anita Chartier Parlor 1:30-4:00pm	17
18 9:30 Sunday School/Living Church 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship Wear Blue Day	19 Cares 9-5:30 ADCO 5:30 pm	20 Cares 9-5:30	21 Cares Commodities Table Talk 5:45 pm Choir 6:00 pm	22 Noodle Making 8:00-2:00	23 Cares 9-5:30	24
25 9:30 Sunday School/Living Church 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	26	27	28 5:45 pm Table Talk Choir 6:00 pm 6:30 Conf.			

To A Friend of the Church



Return Service Requested
First United Methodist Church
740 West 11th Street

Concordia First United Methodist Church

Called to be a vibrant, Christ centered, Spirit filled fellowship, serving God and Humanity.

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Christian Education Coordinator: Kathy Poore

Groundskeeper: Devin Pearson

Choir Director: Hannah Draper-Burnett

Organist: Pam Campbell

Nursery: Jan Novlan

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