

April 2018



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Revelation



From Pastor Melanie

Greetings friends!

We have just finished our sermon series on the various aspects of Discipleship. I hope you found it enriching to your journey as a follower of Christ. You may be trying out some new things and are beginning to see how God is working through that. I pray you are finding many blessings as you draw closer to Christ.

As I shared with you during the series: *Maturing Disciples...*

- ... Live lives honoring God in the ways they work, play, and engage others.
- ... Intentionally build relationships in order to be Christ to someone.
- ... Take responsibility for their own spiritual growth.
- ... Disciple someone else, helping them move toward maturity.
- ... Use their gifts and talents to serve others.
- ... Live w/in margins in order to bless others more.

I can't think of any way to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ than to commit ourselves to the practices of discipleship! Here's to the journey!

Pastor Melanie

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
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Office Info/UMW

Women's News

April

Altar Flowers- Nonnie Steinert

General Meeting: April 19 @ 1:00 pm

Hostess: Alberta Neel & Eudora Petersen

Program: Program Resources

Executive Meeting - April 19th @ 12:15 pm

Morning Cluster: April 5th @ 9:30 am

Hostess: Alberta Neel

Lesson: Genevieve Heath

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

Phil & Connie Bentz

Cindy Kocher

Jim & Ann Lanoue

Mary Thoman

Marsha Wentz

Youth

And so many more!!



A Note from the Office

April is going to be a little crazy in the office.

Melanie will be out of the office for continuing education April 9th - 13th.

I will be out of the office April 23rd - April 26th. So, the deadline for newsletter information for the May edition will be Wednesday, April 18th. That gives me 2 days to finish, print and mail the newsletter before I leave town.

Thanks in advance for your considerate timeliness. ~ Lisa

P.S. Thanks to everyone who donated Easter Candy (even those who gave Snickers)

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 April

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- April 1** **Easter! Sermon Title: “Ordinary People on and Extra-Ordinary Day” John 20:1-18**
- April 8** **Sermon Title: “God’s Joy: Getting the Word Out” John 20:19-31**
- April 15** **Hymn Sing! Some members will be sharing stories about their faith journey.**
- April 22** **Sermon Title: “Inefficient Grace is Sufficient Grace” John 10:11-18**
- April 29** **Change the World Sunday! Brief worship service at 9 am!**

Match Madness

Huge Thanks to all that gave on March 27, 2018!!!! Because of your generosity we raised \$4,155!!!

We came in 4th out of 31 organizations on the Giving Leaderboard. Thank you for seeing the purpose of preparing for the future. You should be Doggone proud of FUMC.



Thanks Loren

Have you noticed the new flag near the outdoor kiosk – or the fun quotes that appear on the kiosk? Thanks to Loren Swenson for purchasing and installing the flag! Cody & Andy (Loren’s grandson’s) were a huge help during the flag installation.



Meetings

- April 3rd - 7:00 pm Trustees**
April 9th - 7:00 pm Finance
April 15th - 11:45 am Discipleship
April 16th - 5:30 pm ADCO

- April 22nd - 11:30 pm Missions**
April 23rd - 7:00 pm SPRC

IMPACT News

Big news coming out of the Youth Group from March! Several very exciting events happened that we want to tell you about! First, the Mission Trip Team made its half payment in March. Even better we were able to do so because of ALL the money that has been raised through fundraisers this year!! This is incredible and the youth want to thank you all for your support. Thank you for coming out to our Soup Luncheon and being patient with us as we served you! Thank you for being in prayer for us! Last but not least, a huge THANK YOU to the Missions Committee for helping us gather supplies needed.

Second, the youth group has settled on a new name!! The group will now be known as..... Drum roll please..... "IMPACT". IMPACT will continue to meet on Wednesday nights during Table Talk. The kids LOVE getting together then. Now I should tell you that IMPACT is not just a name for the group, but also a Mission Statement. Because I.M.P.A.C.T. is actually an acronym meaning: **I**nspiring **M**y **P**eers **A**s A **C**hristian **T**een. How cool is that. A huge shout out goes to Lisa Brewer for the inspiration and idea for this! Ideas are already flowing to get the word out about our new name. Look for the youth to be wearing shirts with IMPACT on it by the end of school year.

We will finish up our study of the book "Jesus Creed for Teens" in April. We already have plans and ideas for more fundraising for the Mission Trip. Ladies and Gentleman be on the lookout for something special for Mother's Day, a Car Wash, another Potluck and much more as we look to finish up our fundraising by the end of May. Also, we are still needing one more female sponsor, over the age of 21, to go with us. No experience with mission trips or building needed. If you feel like you might be interested please contact the church office, Kathy Poore or Jason Johnson. Thank You All!!! ~ Jason & Kathy

Inspiring

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Teen

Please be on the look out for our list of Supplies & Tools needed for our Mission Trip.

We're responsible for bringing all the supplies needed with us.....so we're compiling a list and it will be posted on the bulletin board outside the office sometime in May.



Spotlight on Youth

Name, Age, Grade in School, School Attending: Addy Townsdin, Junior at Concordia High School

HOBBIES: Nursing (I have my CNA license), Art, Pottery, Drawing, Painting, Photography, Videography, Writing Scripts and Books, Video Games, Music (I want to become a DJ)

How many years have you been coming to Youth Group: 4 years

List church activities you participate in: Haunted House - all the way!, Camp last year and this year.

What is your favorite part of Youth Group: Fellowship. The part that makes you feel at home, away from home.

What is your favorite memory of a Youth Group activity: Making cookies for the first time and helping with the Haunted House for the first time.

What does church mean to you: At first spirituality, then as things went on I found myself, along with everyone. I felt as if I were lost for the longest time.



Name, Age, Grade in School, School Attending: Samantha Terrill, Age 14, Attending Concordia High School

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

How many years have you been coming to Youth Group: I have been coming to Youth Group 2 years.

List church activities you participate in: Youth Group, Random Acts of Kindness, Haunted House, Thanksgiving Lunch

What is your favorite part of Youth Group: Seeing friends that live out of town.

What is your favorite memory of a Youth Group activity: When we play Sardines in the Church. (A game of reverse hide-and-seek, where one person hides and then each person that finds them, has to hide with them as well.)

What does church mean to you: A place to learn about God.



Change the World Sunday

April 29th is our 7th annual Change the World Sunday!

We have several projects to choose from this year:

Painting and Yard Work at the Sports Complex

Preparing and Delivering May Baskets

Random Acts of Kindness

There are ways for people of all ages to participate in these projects:

We need lots of people to participate in the projects! We also need volunteers who are willing to serve breakfast, prepare lunch, and donate food items. Please invite your friends to join us!

If you plan to participate in the Sports Complex project, please bring your work gloves, ladders, wheel barrows, shovels, yard edging equipment, paint brushes and paint scrapers!

Sign-up sheets will be posted on April 8th!

Schedule for Sunday, April 29th

8:30—9:00 am	Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
9:00—9:30 am	Church Service in Sanctuary
9:30 am—Noon	Projects & Random Acts of Kindness, Lunch Preparations
Noon—1:00 pm	Lunch in Fellowship Hall
12:30 pm	Sharing Projects & RAoK



Bonus Random Act of Kindness Project! When the youth go on their Missions Trip this summer, they have been asked to bring a gift for the local Women's Resource Center: diapers (sizes newborn to 3), baby wipes, baby wash, and onesies (size 0-3 months). Donations of these items can be left in the Food Bank box or delivered to the Fellowship Hall on the morning of April 29th.

What if it rains?? We will be prepared to do lots of Random Acts of Kindness!

Spotlight on Jason Johnson



The Johnson family have been attending FUMC since they were invited to Vacation Bible School in the summer of 2011 by, at that time, Christian Ed Director Alyssa Dees. Even though Jason grew up in the Baptist Church here in town and Andrea's Family in the Salina area are Catholic, FUMC seemed like a comfortable, friendly place right from the start. Though they may have started out slow as is usual when attending a new church and meeting new people. It didn't take long for the family to become an integral part of FUMC.

Andrea and then Pastor, Tessa, became quick friends and still are to this day. Andrea has helped with media on Sunday mornings, been a part of the Worship Committee and if you all remember took all of the photos for previous church directory. She has also filled in when needed and taken part in a lot of the IMPACT (Youth Group) activities and helped with many Vacation Bible Schools.

For good (or bad) you can find Jason doing many things around the church. As they say, "Jack of all trades, Master of none". He has served on the S.P.P.R.C., Christian Ed Committee and Discipleship Team. He continues to assist during Living Church on Sunday mornings with the Puppet Group and has even filled in for the Pastor during Worship Service. His real passion though is working with the IMPACT group. After Pastor Tessa left, he and Kathy Poore were commissioned by her to take this group of kids on and lead them down the next part of their journey.

And don't forget about Maddie, Peyton, Jagger and Krue, which you can usually find running around the church keeping everyone else on their toes. These kids are no slouches though, participating in Praise Team, IMPACT group, Living Church, Puppets, Vacation Bible School and everything else that Jason and Andrea can talk them into.

"Church is family. The kids in the IMPACT Group are my extended children. The members of the Church are my brothers and sisters. I say that, because that is how I feel when I'm here at FUMC. It just feels like we are in the right place and our family continues to be blessed by being a part of this Church!"

- Jason Johnson

Lenten Boxes

Don't forget to return your Lenten box on April 1st! 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/missionagencysupport.

Little Free Pantry

March was a very busy month for the Pantry. A lot of families needed to supplement their food supply because of Spring Break. Our food supply is extremely diminished. We are in need of canned meat, mac n cheese, cereal, snack crackers, popcorn, beef jerky and any canned meals. We DO NOT need canned fruit or vegetables at this point.

Mission Buckets

In March, we collected \$92.90 for the UMCOR Special Offering.

We will pass the Missions Buckets for Change the World Food and Supplies on April 15th and 22nd.



Cloud County Resource Center Needs

Help is needed with the monthly food truck delivery on April 11th 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.

Missions

Have you noticed the Random Acts of Kindness wall at the church? There are lots of great ideas you can choose from if you are looking for a way to do something nice for others. One of the projects on the wall is Care Bags 4 Kids. In 2017, 33 children were placed in Police Protective Custody in Cloud County. Many of the children leave home with only the clothes they are wearing.

Here is where you can help! Grab a bag (a new or gently used backpack or reusable shopping bag) and fill the bag with necessities. Babies, pre-teens, and teens all need different items. Visit our website to print a list of suggested items for each age/gender: www.concordiafumc.com/home/missions/care-bags-4-kids. By providing care bags, hopefully the transition into protective custody will be a little easier. The bags will be available to police and intake workers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Drop off filled bags at Common Ground Coffee House at 104 E 7th St in Concordia. Thanks for your willingness to help these children in need!

The Cloud County Resource Center is also collecting new or gently used backpacks, kids' books, stuffed animals, and toothbrushes and will be packing items in backpacks in April.

Commodities



19 volunteers, 79 individuals who received commodities, over 20 people who ate lunch and enjoyed fellowship = a very rewarding Commodities Day!!

Huge thanks to: Samantha Terrill, Peggi Barrett, Tom Thromson, Cindy Kocher, Sydney Conner, Bailey Conner, Marvin Petersen, Naveah Valcoure, Nonnie Steinert, Janice Swenson, Pastor Melanie, Pam Campbell, Wendy Holt, Carol Ruud, Loren Swenson, Joyce Swenson, Andy O'Brien and Cody O'Brien. ~ Lisa V. & Lisa B.

Thank You



April Volunteers

Worship Volunteers	April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29
Greeters - Upstairs					
Media					
Worship Leader	Dan Gerber	Angie McConkey	Jason Johnson	Loren Swenson	Maddie Johnson
Liturgist	Joyce Swenson	Janessa Ade	Judy Edwards	Angie McConkey	Charity Brown
Children's Moment	Pastor Melanie	Nance Wentz	Tony Burnett	Puppets	Change The World
Fellowship Hosts		Bazaar		Krohn's	Change The World
Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)	Alberta Neel	Bazaar	Nonnie Steinert		Change The World
Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)		Bazaar	Amy Gerber	Joyce Peterson	Change The World
Fellowship Cheese/Crackers		Bazaar	Connie Bentz	Marge Cruzen	Change The World

Area to Clean	Volunteers
Sanctuary	
Chapel/Entry/Balcony	
Bathrooms	
Nursery	Jim & Ann Lanoue
Parlor & Kitchen	Peterson's
Classrooms/Choir Room	Kocher's
Fellowship Hall	Carol Ruud & Janice Swenson
Halls/Stairs	Kocher's
Youth Room	
Kitchen	

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 7:10 Sunrise Service 9:30 Sunday School/Living Church 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship</p>	<p>2 7:00 pm Finance</p>	<p>3 7:00 pm Trustees</p>	<p>4 5:45 pm Table Talk 6:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>5 9:30 am Morning Cluster</p>	<p>6 Bazaar Prep</p>	<p>7 Bazaar Prep</p>
<p>8 9:00 Bazaar</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School/Living Church 10:30 Worship 11:30 Bazaar</p>	<p>9 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall In Use</p>	<p>10 Fellowship Hall In Use</p>	<p>11 5:45 pm Table Talk 6:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9:30 Sunday School/Living 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 11:45 Discipleship</p>	<p>16 5:30 pm ADCO</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 5:45 pm Table Talk 6:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>19 12:15 pm UMW Exec. 1:00 pm General</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 9:30 Sunday School/Living 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 11:30 Missions Meeting</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 5:45 pm Table Talk 6:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 Change The World Sunday</p>	<p>30</p>					

To A Friend of the Church



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