

May 2018



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Revelation



From Pastor Melanie

740 Breakthrough Prayer Initiative

Set your phones to remind yourself to stop at 7:40 am and/or 7:40 pm each day to pray for our church and the mission and ministry we are called to do.

What is breakthrough prayer? Breakthrough prayer is a petition to God to do new things, beyond our imagining, bigger than we could possibly do on our own - without boundaries, without limits, without anticipated outcome.

"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us" (Ephesians 3:20).

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11).

(Where did we come up with the number 740? It is our street address number here at Concordia FUMC! And 7:40 am or pm seemed like a good time to stop and pray. Pretty cool, huh?)

Please pray that:

**God would lead us and equip us for the living out of our purpose: We come to experience God's love, and work together to live it out.*

And for the living out of our United Methodist mission: Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**God would help us to break through our limitations, to open our minds, and to embolden our hearts to live out God's vision.*

**God would help each of us to be a follower of Jesus Christ committed to being part of the Body of Christ (living a life of worship & hospitality), becoming more like Jesus (living a life opening to & obeying Jesus), and joining Jesus in ministry (living a life of service & a life of generosity).*

Further prayer idea: Take a walk through the church building and outside on the church grounds. Pray for the ministry of each area of the building. If you stop in a room where there is currently no ministry happening, imagine that room being used for God's glory and lift that space up to God.

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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

May

Altar Flowers- Morning Cluster
General Meeting: May 4th @ 6:00 pm

Hostess: United Methodist Men
Program: All Daughters Banquet
Executive Meeting - TBA
Morning Cluster: No Meeting

HUGE THANKS
to everyone that has helped
keep the church clean
during the month of April!

Phil & Connie Bentz

Cindy Kocher

Jim & Ann Lanoue

Marvin & Eudora Petersen

Carol Ruud

Janice Swenson

Youth

And so many more!!



All Daughters Banquet



Friday, May 4, 2018

All Daughters Banquet

6:00 pm

Bring a dish to share and your own table service.
For more info contact Carol Ruud or Wendy Holt.

Get creative and wear a hat! Cute, elegant, zany, crazy whatever you want.....join in the fun!!

Meetings

May 1st - 7:00 pm Trustees

May 14th -7:00 pm Finance

May 23rd - 5:15 pm Hospitality

Worship Notes for May

May 6

“The Best (and Most Difficult) Commandment” John 15:9-17
Communion Sunday

May 13

“What a Graduate Needs” Jeremiah 29:11
Mother’s Day and High School Graduate Recognition

May 20

“Happy Birthday, Church!” Acts 2:1-21
Pentecost Sunday (with a very special surprise during Children’s Time)

May 27

“Transforming a Pharisee” John 3:1-17

Inter-generational Learning Check This Out!!!

The Searchers Sunday School Class (the downstairs adult class) invites any elementary and older children and/or youth to join them on Sundays at 9:30 for the summer.

The class will be exploring favorite Psalms from the Bible with fun activities for all ages.

Talk to Jean Wilcox, or another member of the class for more information.

It's going to be a great summer!



IMPACT News

God is Good! The family that IMPACT has now become is amazing. Table Talk on Wednesday nights is easily one of my favorite parts of the week. I know I have said this before, but it is so true and I know that Kathy and the kids would say the same thing.

In April, IMPACT made a special trip to the Majestic Theatre during one night of Table Talk to watch the movie, "I Can Only Imagine." Wow! What a powerful movie based upon the life of Bart Millard, whom is the lead singer for the Christian music group "MercyMe." I won't say anymore and spoil the movie for you. If you have a chance, seeing this movie will NOT be a waste of your time. A HUGE THANK YOU goes to the Wentz's and the Ade's for making this happen! Thank You! Thank You!

April has brought our Mission Trip Group of 14 individuals so close to our fund raising goal. If you have been in church you have noticed the board that shows we are only about \$1000.00 away from our monetary goal. Our next fundraiser is already happening, the Mother's Day Basket Give Away. For only \$20 a ticket you can have the possibility to win over \$150.00 dollars of awesomeness that will pamper any Mother or Lady when we announce the winner on Mother's Day in church. May will most likely also see the IMPACT group organizing a Saturday to perform odd jobs for you around your house for a nominal fee. When the time comes you will let us know what you need done and we will send someone to accomplish that. Think of it as a bit of spring cleaning! Lastly, on the fundraising front, the Mission Trip Group is planning a luncheon presentation for after our return from the Mission Trip. No date has been selected yet, however, we will most likely start selling tickets to that event ahead of time, so be on the lookout.

Lastly, keep IMPACT in your prayers. These are busy, motivated, sometimes wore out youth. It is not uncommon to see one of them using Table Talk as a time for a short nap, which bothers no one I might add. And also keep in prayer, whomever might be the second female sponsor for our Mission Trip. We know that she is out there, we just haven't found her yet. I know that good Lord, has a plan for her and will let us know when the time is right. That is plenty for now!

Thanks to you all again for your support! - Jason

Mother's Day Basket Giveaway!!
 Only \$20 a Ticket gets you a Chance to Win over a \$150 worth of Mother's Day Pampering!
 To be given away on Mother's Day in Church!!
 You do not need to be present to win!!

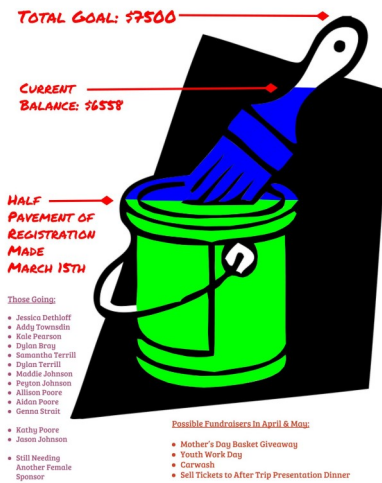
You Can Purchase More Than One Ticket!!
 Quantity of Tickets is Limited!!

Puzzle Book
 Coloring Books
 Sensi Pot with Scents
 Pizza Hut Gift Certificate
 Massage Gift Certificate
 Bath & Body Bath Bombs
 Jitter's Common Grounds Coupon
 Movie Theatre Gift Certificate
 Taco John's Gift Certificate
 Silver Brighton Bracelet
 Nail Art Supplies
 Chocolates
 Towels/Mugs
 Biscuits
 Cookies

See any IMPACT Member or Kathy or Jason to get Your Tickets!!
 From Now till Mother's Day!!

All Proceeds Going to the IMPACT Mission Trip to Greeley, Co.

2018 IMPACT MISSION TRIP TO GREELEY, CO.
 JUNE 24TH - 30TH
 FUNDRAISING DEADLINE OF: MAY 25TH



Spotlight on IMPACT

Name, Age, Grade in School, School Attending:

Aidan Poore, Age: 13, 8th Grade at Concordia Junior High School

What activities are you involved in at School: Football, Basketball, Track, Band & Choir

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

List church activities you have participated in: IMPACT, Random Acts of Kindness, Camp, Haunted House, Change the World Sunday, Pallet Signs

What is your favorite part of Youth Group: Meeting with all my friends and peers

What is your favorite memory of a Youth Group activity: The mission trip we took to Camp Horizon and the building of the bunk beds we did.

What does church mean to you: 7 out of 10

Name, Age, Grade in School, School Attending: Maddie Johnson, 15 years old, Sophomore, Concordia High School

What activities are you involved in at School: Band, Choir, Drama

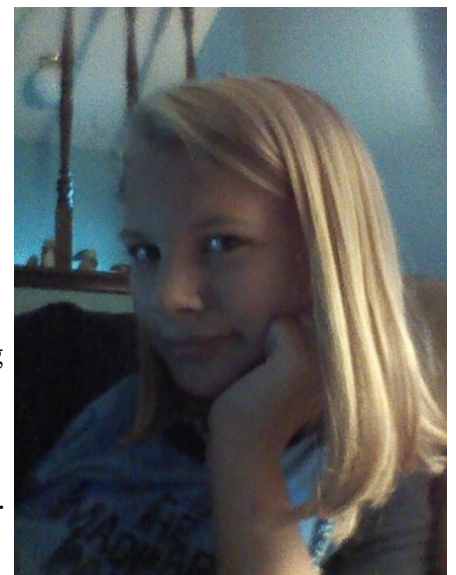
How many years have you been coming to Youth Group: 4 years

List church activities you have participated in: Youth Group, Random Acts of Kindness, Camp, Haunted House, Praise Band, Mission Trip Group

What is your favorite part of Youth Group: Having fun every time we get together.

What is your favorite memory of a Youth Group activity: I love building the haunted houses.

What does church mean to you: Church is where I can be loved and safe.



Spring Bazaar



Phil & Connie Bentz and Wendy Holt prepping the fellowship hall for the bazaar.

Thanks to all of you that purchased meals, bought items at the bazaar and helped in the kitchen. It takes a lot of hours and volunteers to feed a village. FUMC is so blessed that we have so many who give their time and talents. ~ UMW



Nonnie Steinert making lasagna while Eudora grinds cabbage.



Alberta Neel grinding cabbage for slaw. Man we killed a lot of cabbages that day.



Marvin Petersen & Wayne Neel provided muscle and comic relief. Thanks for all your help with lifting and carrying.

Spotlight on Marvin & Eudora Petersen

When the newly wed Petersen's arrived in Concordia on April 30, 1962 they were greeted by Jim Snyder. Jim helped Marvin & Eudora find a place to rent and directed them to the new Weather Service Building where Marvin, fresh out of the Air Force, was assigned. Eudora was directed to the Gelvin-Haughey Clinic for a job interview. Mr. Snyder also highly recommended the First Methodist Church which was near their downtown apartment.

That first year was filled with getting used to Kansas after leaving Wisconsin and making new friends. They were very impressed when the Rev. Richard Taylor climbed three flights of stairs to visit them at their home. Wanda Sorem was starting a new Sunday School Class (Crusaders) for the "young" couples of the church. Eudora found herself being picked up on the first Sunday of the month for a picnic in the park while Marvin was working. The WSCS had an evening circle to accommodate women working during the day hours. Eudora joined and met many new friends.

The Weather Service transferred the Petersen's to Sioux Falls, South Dakota in September of 1963. Off they went with their 2 month old daughter, Emilie, to places unknown. They were able to transfer back to Concordia in the fall of 1968 with the addition of a son, Nelsen who was 2 at the time.

They were welcomed back into their Methodist family now led by Rev. Livengood. A new church had been built during their absence. Marvin joined the Methodist Men and began assisting with Boy Scouts. Eudora taught Sunday School with Alberta Neel and the UMW had come into existence replacing the WSCS.

Eudora especially appreciated the Keystone class welcoming her mother with open arms when she moved to Concordia.

Retirement has freed Marvin to assist with Commodities, Change the World Sunday, Ice Cream Social, and assisting with the UMW ladies. Marvin can be seen washing dishes, hauling ice and helping with Missions.

Eudora has a love of history which has led her to the church Archivist and Historian. She also serves as the UMW Secretary of Program Resources and the Church Library Organizer.

Marvin & Eudora hope they can serve as the Concordia Grandparents for the youth of the church like so many members have done in the past.



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Mission Buckets

We will pass the Missions Buckets again on May 21st. How will the money be used? It is a mystery – come on May 21st to find out!



Cloud County Resource Center Needs

Help is needed with the monthly food truck delivery on May 9th 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.

Lenten Boxes

We have collected \$41.00 from Lenten Boxes. If you haven't returned your Lenten box, please do it the next time you are at the church! 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.

Commodities

Commodities distribution should be on May 16th (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 their blue FUMC shirt if you have one.....oh, you don't have one.....see Lisa in the office and she'll help you.

Little Pantry

School will be out soon and we will see increased traffic at our Little Free Pantry. Please consider purchasing items to fill the pantry the next time you shop for groceries! Your items can be placed directly in the pantry. If you have extra items, please place them in the food box in the church entry – these items will be used for the pantry and the CCRC Food Bank.



Building Usage Policies

Update on Our Church Building Usage Policies

The trustees recently looked at our current building usage policies. We are aware that many people do not even know these policies exist OR their reason for existing. So here are a few helpful to know facts concerning building usage.

1. Our primary mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This means that the mission and ministry of our church is our top priority.

2. We have three policies which have been in place for at least 15 years, although this fact has not been widely known.

3. The three policies are:

A. Non-Church Member Building Policies

B. Church Member Building Usage Fees (This includes wedding fees which are less than for non-member weddings, as well as suggested donation amounts for personal events)

C. Church Member Building Usage Fees for Business or Non-Personal Events.

4. Copies of these policies can be obtained from the church office.

SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. Why do we have fees and suggested donations? The fees and suggested donations help offset the costs of heating/cooling, and other extra expenses that occur with building use. By paying the fees or making a donation, you are helping us (meaning the entire congregation) use our money for the mission and ministry of the church instead of paying for extra utility bills.

2. Why should church members be asked to give a donation for usage of the building? Again, your donation helps us put our church resources where we all want them to go: to help support our mission and ministry as we work to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Since this is a suggestion only, you are free to donate whatever you feel is right.

3. Why is there not a separate donation amount for use of the parlor? We currently do not have a way to heat/cool the parlor only. Therefore the entire wing must be heated/cooled when an event is taking place in the parlor.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF THE BUILDING

1. Refundable damage fee: While not required for members using the church for personal events, there is a fee for non-personal use and for non-member use. See policy for details, obtainable from church office.

2. Proof of Liability Insurance: Our insurance carrier requires that we receive a certificate of insurance for liability for the day of the event. This is something that hasn't been widely enforced, but is required for anyone using the church facilities regardless of the event. The proof of insurance must be received in the church office 10 days prior to the event.

3. Payment: Payment of fees must be received 30 days prior to the event. Donations do not have the time stipulation.

May Volunteers

Worship Volunteers	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
Greeters - Upstairs	Cynthia Strait	Dave Brewer	Charity Brown	Katrina Taylor
Greeters -Downstairs	Gary Strait	Lisa Brewer	Nathan Brown	Carol Ruud
Media				
Worship Leader				
Liturgist	Bill Thompson	Alberta Neel	Cassidy Brown	Monte Wentz
Children's Moment	Loren Swenson	Tony Burnett	Pastor Melanie	Puppets
Fellowship Hosts				
Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)				
Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)				
Fellowship Cheese/Crackers				

Area to Clean	Volunteers
Sanctuary	
Chapel/Entry/Balcony	
Bathrooms	
Nursery	
Parlor & Kitchen	
Classrooms/Choir Room	
Fellowship Hall	
Halls/Stairs	
Youth Room	
Kitchen	

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 9:30 Sunday School/ Living Church 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	7	1 7:00 pm Trustees	2 5:45 pm Table Talk 6:00 pm Choir Practice	3	4 6:00 pm All Daughters Banquet	5
13 9:30 Sunday School/ Living Church 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	14 7:00 pm Finance	8	9 5:45 pm Table Talk 6:00 pm Choir Practice	10	11	12
20 9:30 Sunday School/ Living Church 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	21	15	16	17	18	19
27 9:30 Sunday School/ Living Church 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	28	22	23 5:15 Hospitality	24	25	26
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To A Friend of the Church



Return Service Requested
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Concordia, KS 66901

Concordia First United Methodist Church

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

Pastor: Rev. Melanie Adams

Administrative Assistant: Lisa Brewer

Christian Education Coordinator: Kathy Poore

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Choir Director: Hannah Draper-Burnett

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Nursery: Jan Novlan

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