

July 2018



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Revelation



## From Pastor Melanie

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Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ! As I write this article, memories and images of our 2018 Annual Conference are fresh in my mind. June 13-16, in Wichita, clergy and lay representatives from United Methodist congregations from all around the Great Plains Conference (Kansas and Nebraska) gathered for worship, learning, and sharing.

Before the conference officially began, Bishop Saenz conducted a listening session that detailed the history of the United Methodists toward LGBTQ issues, as well as the three plans brought to the Council of Bishops by the Commission on a Way Forward. Around 800 people attended this pre-conference session, which began with devotions, followed by information as to how we got to the place we are now. We also heard about three proposed plans for moving forward. There are no easy answers, but a majority of the bishops support the One Church model, which would remove restrictive language from the Book of Discipline while allowing individual pastors and churches to support their beliefs. Bishop Saenz told us that this also would be the simplest model to implement.

We also heard a terrific presentation (via video) later in the week about the group called "Commission on a Way Forward." The presenter said that even though they were a diverse group of 32 people from around the globe, and with varying views on the rights of LGBTQ persons in our denomination, the process was a DEEPLY SPIRITUAL one. That report gave me hope for our denomination.

In addition, we were assured by guest speaker, Bishop Cynthia Harvey that the church still has a mission to fulfill of "serving the hungry, thirsty, those in prison... and continue to be on call as the body of Christ."

We also heard a multitude of reports on how our Mission Shares (a.k.a. Apportionments) are utilized to help fulfill the Mission of "Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the world." Conference-wide, 90.1% of the Mission Shares were paid in 2017, one of the highest percentages in the nation.

*As an aside: Last year our own congregation paid about 60% of our Mission Shares. If you've never considered making an extra gift towards the payment of our Mission Shares, would you please consider it? Mission Shares help care for the hungry, the sick, the homeless, the displaced in our country and around the world. Mission Shares help the spread of the gospel around the world and help educate people to work among people in their own countries and areas of ministry. Mission Shares help support our connectional system which makes sure churches have pastors and ideas for more effective ministry are shared. Mission Shares are a powerful way we can have a positive, life-changing effect among people around the world.*

Back to my Annual Conference Report:

Another highlight of the week were the workshops that were held. Many of them had to do with finding creative ways to be in ministry in our churches and communities. The emphasis was on lay-lead ministries and sharing our faith through our own stories.

It was a great annual conference session!

Melanie

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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

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

## Office Info/UMW

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### Women's News

July

**Altar Flowers- Lynette Saltzman**

**No Cluster, General or Executive Meeting this Month**

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

Patty Mosher

Gene & Lynette  
Saltzman

Monte Wentz

Beth Whisler

Youth



## Potluck-Going Away Party

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*You're invited to a Potluck Party!! : Sponsored by the Choir*

*Sunday, July 15th, Bring a dish to share, your own table service and your appetite.*

*We will be saying our final farewell to Tony Burnett and Hannah Draper-Burnett. They are moving to Sharon Springs, Kansas to further their careers.*

*Please join us to wish them well and to thank them for all they did for FUMC.*

## July Meetings

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July 1st - 11:30 am Education

July 8th- 11:45 am Discipleship

July 9th - 7:00 pm Finance

July 10th- 7:00 pm Trustees

July 16th- 5:30 pm ADCO

# Worship Notes for July

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- July 1      “Become a Servant”    Part 3: Radical Sayings of Jesus.  
   Scripture: Mark 9:33-37    Communion Sunday!
- July 8      “Deny Yourself and Follow Me”  
   Part 4: Radical Sayings of Jesus.  
   Scripture: Mark 8:34-38
- July 15     “Love Your Enemies”  
   Part 5: Radical Sayings of Jesus.  
   Scripture: Luke 6:27-30  
   Special Solo by Hannah Draper-Burnett
- July 22     Pastor Melanie on vacation. Jason Johnson preaching!  
   Praise Band Sunday.
- July 29     Pastor Melanie on vacation. Wendy Holt preaching!

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## Cloud County Resource Center Needs

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Help is needed with the monthly food truck delivery on July 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ccrc@nckcn.com).



**June 4-  
Aug 13**

**Be INCREDIBLE**

**FIGHT HUNGER and join  
the Cloud County Re-  
source Center's Summer  
2018 Food Drive**

# Mission Budget

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## Our Missional Budget 2018

### First United Methodist Church, Concordia, KS

Our Purpose: "We come to experience Christ's love and work together to live it out."

United Methodist Mission: Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Your church leadership has constructed a bold plan of ministry to continue our mission of changing lives for Christ. We celebrate a wonderful past year and commit ourselves to sharing Christ's love and helping people in their own journeys of faith in this new year. We invite you to join us in this journey of being God's people in Concordia.

## Our Plan of Ministry

A. To provide meaningful, life-changing worship every week of the year.

Last year we held 51 regular worship services where an average of 85 persons each week gathered to praise God and hear the scriptures proclaimed. We welcomed numerous guests, heard dozens of anthems and special solos, as well as had our worship enhanced by the Praise Band and God's Angels bell ringers. We celebrated Holy Communion 12 times and those who received communion included a few who expressed that it had been many years since they'd been welcomed at the communion table. We had some Sundays where our members shared their own powerful stories of God's presence in their lives. And we commissioned two of our members for work as missionaries. Many people have expressed how at home they feel in our worship services.

Already in 2018 we have baptized 2 young people, celebrated Holy Communion monthly and renewed our own baptisms in a powerful expression of our faith. We have new people making their church home with us. We will celebrate and worship together this year in many ways, both traditional and contemporary. We will share our stories of lives changed, and work to create a space where hearts are warmed and we are given rich spiritual food for the journey.

Budget total: \$90,990

*(Includes a % of pastor's salary, expenses, insurance, etc. Includes a % of administrative assistant salary, a % of groundskeeper salary; salaries of choir directory, organist, nursery coordinator; worship and other applicable supplies, office supplies, music, technological expenses; a percentage of maintenance, building insurance and utilities)*

# Mission Budget

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B. To nurture persons in their faith journey.

This area includes the traditional forms of Christian education and spiritual formation such as Sunday school classes, small groups, youth and children's programs. It also includes confirmation classes, one-on-one counseling/mentoring/coaching. It includes educational opportunities which members and staff may attend. It includes Safe Gatherings certifications for staff and leaders in the church who work with children, youth, and vulnerable persons. It also includes times of fun and fellowship which help build relationships, and the various ways we care for each other.

*(Includes a % of pastor's compensation package, a % of administrative assistant salary, supplies, maintenance, building insurance, utilities, and education/spiritual formation materials.)*

Budget total: \$52,797

C. To witness to our faith in service beyond ourselves.

We continue to expand our reach in mission. Here in the Concordia area we support or maintain the Little Free Pantry, the distribution of Commodities, the putting together of dozens of layette kits, the collection of various items including offerings to support community work with those in need, as well as holding both a springtime "Change the World/Random Acts of Kindness" event, and a fall Mission Day. We also host Red Cross Drives and CARES Dogs Training in our building.

Beyond our local area, our money helps provide disaster relief to those affected by tragedy, education to students, training for teachers and pastors, support missionaries, build homes and hospitals, as well as countless other missions. Our money is making a HUGE positive impact.

*(Includes a % of pastor's compensation package, a % of administrative assistant salary, supplies and utilities as needed, money allotted for local mission work, money allotted for mission support in our Great Plains Conference and globally, and stewardship funds.)*

Budget total: \$57,577

**Grand Total for our Missional Budget: \$201,364**

*A detailed line item budget is available in the church office for any who wish to receive it.*

# IMPACT Mission Trip to Greeley, Colorado

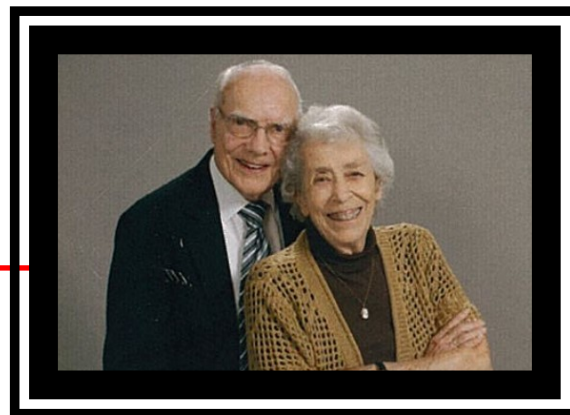


Heat nor Hail dampened the spirits of our IMPACT Mission Group as they ventured to Greeley, Colorado. Stay tuned for more information, tales and testimonies when they return home. IMPACT - We are super proud of all of you!!! #IMPACT #SUPERHEROES



## Spotlight on Dr. Paul & Peggy Nelson

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Paul Nelson was born in Topeka, but moved with his family to Scandia when he was nine years old. He graduated from Scandia High School and immediately joined the navy. He was just finishing boot camp when the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. Discharged about a year later, he enrolled in college at Bethany in Lindsborg but transferred the next year to the KU School of Pharmacy. The first weekend in Lawrence Paul met Peggy Scott at a Wesley Foundation “Get Acquainted” picnic. Though they were good friends, Paul and Peggy didn’t actually date until the end of their junior year.

Peggy was born in Holton, Kansas, but moved to Topeka the same year the Nelson family moved out of Topeka. (Imagine their surprise when they discovered they shared the same war stories about their grade school Principal!)

Then, after graduation, Paul was accepted to KU Med School and Peggy took a job as a secretary with the US Army of Occupation in Heidelberg, Germany. When she arrived back in Topeka two years later, Paul’s grin was the first thing she saw from the train window. They were married in the new Wesley Foundation Center Chapel on the KU campus, on a record breaking hot day in August.

While Peggy worked at secretarial jobs, Paul completed his senior year of medical school and a year of internship in Denver. Then they came to Concordia where Paul practiced as a family physician with the Gelvin-Haughey Clinic. (Doctors still made house calls in those days, and on time Peggy noticed 500 miles had been added to the family car’s odometer in a week-in a town that was only three miles across!) After three years of general practice, Paul returned to KU Medical Center in Kansas City for a residency in Pediatrics. He came back to Concordia where he was the only Pediatrician in a large area of northcentral and northwestern Kansas, southwest Nebraska, and a slice of eastern Colorado. He retired in the year 2000 after 42 years of medical Practice.

Since retirement, Paul has been active in the Kansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and helped develop *Turn a Page, Touch a Mind*, their early childhood literacy program. He also has been very involved in Rotary International’s program to eradicate polio in the world, and has received Rotary’s *Service Above Self* award. He also enjoyed singing for several years with the trio *Dan, Van and the Man*.

Through all this, Peggy has been Head Cheerleader and Encourager (a.k.a. Nagger). This August 29th they will celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary. They have a son and two daughters and three grandchildren.

## Mission Buckets

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Thanks for giving generously in June. We collected \$85.94 for the Native American Health Ministries Special Offering. If you have not returned your envelope for the offering, please return it today!

Missions Buckets will be passed on July 15<sup>th</sup> for the Cloud County Resource Center. The Food Bank often sees higher in demand in the summer, so every dollar we can give will help keep their shelves stocked.



## School Supply Drive

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Our annual School Supply Drive will take place from July 8<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>! We are collecting backpacks (new or gently used), notebooks, notebook paper, and reams of copy paper. All items collected will be provided to the Cloud County Resource Center. Please leave all items in the box under the Missions Bulletin Board.



## Commodities

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Commodities distribution should be on July 18th (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

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School is out 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. If you prefer, you can also make a monetary donation to help purchase food for the pantry.





# Mission Agency Support

FUMC hosted the concession stand at the Broadway Plaza movie event on June 14th. It was an extremely hot day that turned into a nice breezy evening (unless you were in the concession stand....then it was miserable.)

Sending a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who donated food, worked in the concession stand and came out to support us. Because of YOU we raised \$395 for Mission Agency Support.

Broadway Plaza Summer Series FREE!



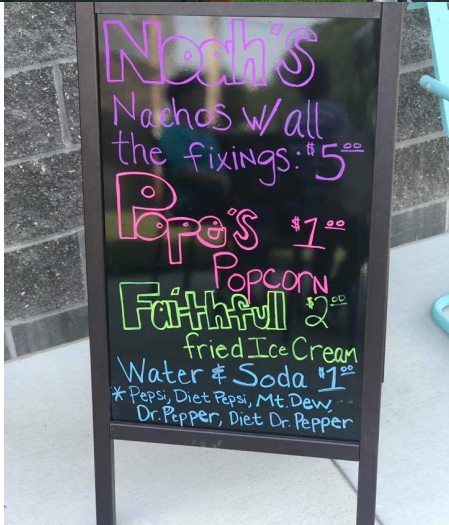
**SISTER ACT**

June 14th  
7:00 p.m.

Concessions provided by  
The First United Methodist Church

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Series made possible by the City of Concordia and the Community Foundation for Cloud County



# July Volunteers

Worship Volunteers	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
<b>Greeters</b>	Anita Chartier Angie McConkey	Mary Thoman Christy Hasch	Gene & Lynette Saltzman	Kathy Poore Lisa Valcoure	Dave & Lisa Brewer
<b>Media</b>	Lisa Brewer	Janice Swenson	Ashley Hutchinson	Lisa Brewer	Amanda Terrill
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Susie Haver	Angie McConkey	Lynette Saltzman	Loren Swenson	Kent Anderson
<b>Liturgist</b>	Ellen Anderson	Joyce Swenson	Cindy Kocher	Christy Hasch	Nancy Wentz
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Pastor Melanie	Cindy Kocher	Pam Campbell	Jason Johnson	Phil Gilliland
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b>	Pearsons	Patty Mosher Gwydotta Ukens	Potluck	Donna Reedy Angie Currier	
<b>Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)</b>	Pearsons	Patty Mosher Gwydotta Ukens	Potluck	Ellen Anderson	Nancy Wentz
<b>Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)</b>	Swensons		Potluck		Nancy Wentz
<b>Fellowship Cheese/Crackers</b>	Ed Wright	Ed Wright	Potluck		Peggy Nelson

Area to Clean	Volunteers
<b>Sanctuary</b>	Tim Peltier
<b>Chapel/Entry/Balcony</b>	Janice Swenson
<b>Bathrooms</b>	Christy Hasch & Angie Gabel-McConkey
<b>Nursery</b>	Jim & Ann Lanoue
<b>Parlor &amp; Kitchen</b>	David & Judy Edwards
<b>Classrooms/Choir Room</b>	Pam Campbell
<b>Fellowship Hall</b>	Patty Mosher
<b>Halls/Stairs</b>	Mary Thoman
<b>Youth Room</b>	Youth
<b>Kitchen</b>	

# JULY 2018

Pastor Melanie on Vacation from 12:30 pm  
July 18th through Tuesday, July 31st.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 11:30 Education	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 11:45 Discipleship	9 7:00 pm Finance	10 7:00 pm Trustees	11	12	13	14
15 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Potluck	16 5:30 ADCO	17	18 Commodities Day	19	20 Swenson Reunion Fellowship Hall	21 Swenson Reunion Fellowship Hall
22 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	30 VBS Lutheran Church	31 VBS Lutheran Church				

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**

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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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