

June 2018



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Revelation



From Pastor Melanie

Dear congregation,

Have I told you lately how much I love being your pastor? It's true. I love being your pastor. I love how caring we are as a congregation and how willing we are to commit to ministries which help us build lasting relationships with others. I love that we can laugh and share and work together.

We DO have challenges, of course. Every congregation has challenges. For us, one challenge is how to fund the mission and ministry we are doing together, as well as pay the bills that allow us to have this beautiful building and a committed staff. I ask that you include in your prayers our financial need as you are praying for our church.

If you've been doing the 740 Prayer Initiative. Please don't stop! As you become aware of certain ministries or needs of the congregation, please include those as well. God IS working among us! As the way Christians do ministry in the world continues to change, what we do here at First Church will likely change, too. That can be scary in some ways, but with faith and trust we move ahead. We know that God has plans for us to continue to be a vital witness in Concordia and beyond. I find this exciting!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Melanie



ATTENTION:

Sunday, June 3rd we will be having a potluck immediately following our Worship service.

Please bring more food than usual (we are hosting 15 hungry teenage boys from Tulsa.)

Also, bring your own table service. YAY - Food and Fellowship!!!

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

June

Altar Flowers- Nonnie Steinert

General Meeting: June 21st @ 1 pm

Hostess: Evening

Program: A Visit from Shepherdess

Executive Meeting -

June 21st @ 12:15 pm

Morning Cluster: June 7th @ 9:30

Hostess: Carol Ruud

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

Phil & Connie Bentz

Pam Campbell

Cindy Kocher

Marsha Wentz

Youth

And so many more!!



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!



Meetings

June 5th - 7:00 pm Trustee

June 10th - 11:45 am Discipleship

June 11th - 7:00 pm Finance

June 18th - 5:15 pm ADCO

Worship Notes for June

June 3 *15 Tulsa Youth, plus their leaders will join us in worship and for the potluck dinner afterwards. Communion Sunday*

Sermon: "Feathers" Scriptures: Psalm 91:4, Romans 8:38ff,
Matthew 6:25-34

June 10 Sermon: "Hearts at Peace" Scriptures: Psalm 130, Galatians 3:28,
Matthew 22:37-40

June 17 *We will be commissioning IMPACT (youth) for short term mission service, as they prepare to leave on their summer mission trip.*

Sermon Series: Radical Sayings, part 1.

"Do Not Worry About Your Life"

Scriptures: Luke 12:22-34

June 24 Sermon Series: Radical Sayings, part 2.

"Sell All Your Things and Give to the Poor"

Scriptures: Mark 10:17-27

Tulsa Youth Group Visit

We will be hosting 15 Freshmen boys and their leaders June 2nd through June 4th. The youth will be attending worship service on Sunday the 3rd and they will be eating with us during the Potluck. Please make them feel welcome and bring extra food to share. The boys will be having a work day on Monday which will include painting the outside entrance of the church. It should be fun having all that extra energy in the church for a few days.

Missions Fundraiser - June 14th

FUMC will be selling Noah's Nachos and Faithful Fried Ice Cream along with other goodies during the Broadway Plaza movie. The movie Sister Act will be showing and is free to the public.

Thank you to everyone who has donated food towards this event.

We are in need of volunteers to work the event..... Please see sign up list on the hallway bulletin board.

Join us that evening for the movie starting at 7:00 pm. Dinner and a movie FUMC style!!

IMPACT News

June would normally be an off month for the IMPACT group. School is out and the kids are all involved in a million different summer activities and jobs. It would literally be impossible to get them ALL together, even if we wanted to. And that is O.K., after nine months of hearing from Kathy and I on Wednesday nights at Table Talk, they most likely deserve a break!

This year is a tiny bit different. O.K. it is A LOT different than a normal June for IMPACT. So let me fill you all in. The first weekend in June our church will get the honor of hosting a Youth Group from Tulsa, Oklahoma on their way to their Mission Trip. This will be an awesome chance to get the two groups of kids together, hang out, play some games, eat some food. Good times will be had by all, I'm sure.

Even more exciting, our group of 12 kids and 3 adults will be headed to Greeley, Colorado the last full week of June. Allow me to fill you in on some of those details. By the time you read this, we will have reached our fundraising goal. Meaning all 15 registrations are paid, gas money for there and back raised, spending money for each kid raised, money for new IMPACT shirts raised and purchased. This much in and of itself is a HUGE blessing, thank you to everyone that has helped us out through fundraisers and donation. Next, we have found our second female sponsor! Karla Lawrence has agreed to join in with us and even cooler this means that Nathan Lawrence will be joining us too! Thank you all for praying that we would find the right person because we sure did. After that, we were trying to decide the best way to transport us all and our stuff. That is when Kent Anderson mentioned that he had an enclosed trailer and that we could borrow it for the trip. Thank you Kent, this is a HUGE check mark on our list! We are still working on the best way to tow it to Colorado, but we will get that figured out. Lastly, the tools and equipment we need to complete the projects when we are there are needed. Gathering those is the last hurdle to make it over. The list of what we need is up in the church lobby. If you have anything that you could lend us, that would be great. If you want to reach out to me personally you can. We will designate a Sunday in June to have everyone bring in what they want to lend us. Thank you all for your support.

Jason Johnson 785-243-5277



Spotlight on IMPACT

Name, Age, Grade in School, School Attending: Abigail Dooley (I go by Abby), 17, Junior at Concordia High School

What activities are you involved in at School (if any): Tennis, Drawing, Spanish Club, Riding Horses, FCCLA, Taking Photos in the Country

How many years have you been coming to Youth Group: 1 Year

List church activities you have participated in: IMPACT

What is your favorite part of Youth Group: Friends, learning more about God

What is your favorite memory of a Youth Group activity: Seeing friend that I have not seen since 8th grade

What does church mean to you: To help you learn about God and everything he created for us.



Name, Age, Grade in School, School Attending: Allison Poore, 17, Junior at Concordia High School

What activities are you involved in at School (if any): Softball, Stuco, Friends of Rachel, Volleyball, FCA, Science Club, Journalism, FBLA, Mathletes

How many years have you been coming to Youth Group: 5 years

List church activities you have participated in: MeTour, VBS, Caroling, Mission Trip, Haunted House, IMPACT, Random Acts of Kindness

What is your favorite part of Youth Group:
See what games Jason comes up with

What is your favorite memory of a Youth Group activity:
Laughing at VBS dance videos with Jason and Genna.

What does church mean to you: It's a place where you can be yourself and be surrounded by people who love Jesus as much as me!



Spotlight on Gene & Lynette Saltzman

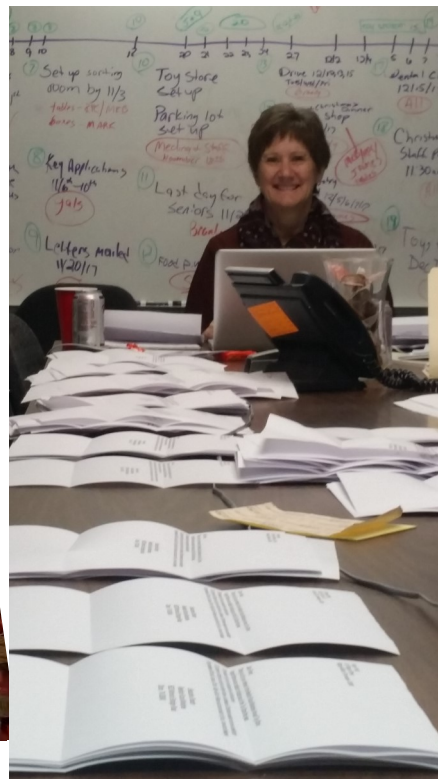
Hi! Our names are Gene & Lyn Saltzman. We have just recently returned home from a 6-month mission journey to northwest Tennessee working at Reelfoot Rural Ministries. While in Tennessee we spent some time assisting in each of these areas: 1) daycare facility, 2) dentist, 3) eye doctor, 4) attorney counseling, 5) Christmas Toy Store, 6) home repairs, 7) Thrift Store, 8) senior center and 9) food pantry.

RRM was a good fit for us. The talents and skills we possessed and offered paralleled exactly what they needed. They had a huge need for someone with some computer skills as each potential recipient of food needed to prove need to be helped. Lyn accomplished most of this work for RRM in the main office complex. She has many good memories of hearing their life's journey and being able to help, offer advice and comfort them in any way she could.

Gene spent most of his time helping with trucking duties. He ran a small box truck all over the area making deliveries and pick-ups. He had regular routes that he ran each week to pick up food and used clothing for our food pantry and thrift store. Gene also was interim director of the food pantry for 6 weeks.

We also involved ourselves in a special personal project in the Reelfoot area. We found a needy man that lacked food, heat, water, sewer, electricity and friendship. We met with him almost each Saturday for several hours of visiting. At one point because of the cold, he didn't have anything to eat as all the beans and corn we had given him were frozen in the can. We helped him get some heat in his home as an Arctic blast was approaching.

The time spent in Tennessee really opened our eyes to people in need. Working with the people was as much a benefit to us as it was to them. We still have some farm related duties to wrap up this summer and fall. We are currently making plans for where we may be in mission starting in early 2019. There are a lot of opportunities and it is exciting dreaming where we may serve next!



United Methodist Bishops Recommend a Way Forward

As you may know, our denomination is at a crossroads. In February of 2019, there will be a special session of the General Conference (which includes United Methodist delegates from around the world) to determine how we will proceed concerning the issues of human sexuality. On May 4th the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church, who had been engaged in a week long prayerful process to discern a way forward, strongly approved the following motion and rationale:

Having received and considered the extensive work of the Commission on a Way Forward, the Council of Bishops will submit a report to the Special Session of the General Conference in 2019 that includes:

**All three plans (The Traditionalist Plan, The One Church Plan, and the Connectional Conference Plan) for a way forward considered by the Commission and the Council.*

****The Council's recommendation of the One Church Plan.***

**An historical narrative of the Council's discernment process regarding all three plans.*

*Rationale: In order to invite the church to go deeper into the journey the Council and Commission have been on, the Council will make all the information considered by the Commission and the Council of Bishops available to the delegates of the General Conference and acknowledges there is support for each of the three plans within the Council. The values of our global church are reflected in all three plans. **The majority of the Council recommends the One Church Plan as the best way forward for The United Methodist Church.***

Rev. Dr. Maidstone Mulenga, Director of Communications of the Council of Bishops said further, "Guided by the mission, vision and scope document, the bishops agreed to recommend the One Church Plan. This plan provides conferences, churches, and pastors the flexibility to uniquely reach their missional context while retaining the connectional nature of the United Methodist Church...

This plan also encourages a generous unity by giving United Methodists the ability to address different missional contexts in ways that reflect their theological convictions." (*for the complete article, see UMC.org*)

So, what does this mean for Concordia First United Methodist Church? At the moment, not a lot. If the One Church Plan is approved at the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference, we will be free to continue doing ministry much in the same way we are doing it, with, as the United Methodist slogan goes, "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors."

The process for the denomination will not be painless. Nothing worth doing ever is. There are those who fear that some individual congregations will be torn apart because members do not see eye-to-eye on the issues surrounding full inclusion of LGBTQ persons. I do not believe this will happen to us. We already know that we are not all in agreement on this issue (nor on a number of others). Still, we press on in unity around our purpose: Coming together to experience Christ's love and working together to live it out. If we keep our purpose before us, we will with God's help, continue to be a relevant, loving presence in our community and beyond.

I will briefly talk in church about this issue on August 5th. In the meantime, please remember in prayer our denomination, the persons affected by our decisions, the congregations, and everyone involved in the process.

May God guide us and bless us,

Rev. Melanie Adams

Mission Buckets



Thanks for giving generously in May. We collected \$148.58 to help the youth in our church attend camp this summer!

Missions Buckets will be passed on June 17th for the Native America Ministries Special Offering. Envelopes will be provided if you prefer to return your gift later in June. For more information, visit our web site.

Cloud County Resource Center Needs

Help is needed with the monthly food truck delivery on June 13th 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.

Commodities

Our May Commodities served 21 singles, 9 couples and 17 families. We made a difference in 73 individual lives that day. Thank you to those who volunteered: Peggi Barrett, Pam Campbell, Jean Wilcox, Marvin Petersen, Sydney Conner, Gene & Lynette Saltzman, Amanda Terrill, Carol Ruud, Janice Swenson, Cindy Kocher, Tom Thromson, Nonnie Steinert, Julie Willoughby and Tanya Paul. ~ Lisa Valcoure & Lisa Brewer



Little Pantry

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.



Change the World/Random Acts of Kindness 2018

Community Service Project at Sports Complex: painting bleachers, dugouts, dugout benches, picnic table, trash can; edging sidewalks, picking up trash

Preparing and delivering May Baskets to more than 100 people, including: care facilities, hospital, Trinity UMC, a sick student

Preparing and delivering care bags to CCCC students

Purchasing and delivering food to Manna House Food Bank

Purchasing and delivering water to volunteers working at the Sports Complex

Delivering lunch to several members at their homes

Filling washers, dryers, and soap dispensers with quarters at the Laundromat

Handing out money at Dollar General

Yard Work and Spraying for several members

Delivered Thank You treats to Concordia EMS

Prepared Care Bags 4 Kids

Collecting supplies for IMPACT Mission trip to Greeley, CO: 6 onesies, 4 baby blankets, 10 packs of wipes, 3 packs of diapers, 1 baby wash

Mailed Cards to Out of Town Members



Our 7th Annual Change the world project was a success! We had 85 participants (including 21 youth) complete a painting and clean-up project at the Sports Complex, deliver more than 100 May baskets, and perform Random Acts of Kindness around Concordia.





**Change the World/
Random Acts of Kindness
2018**



June Volunteers

Worship Volunteers	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
Greeters - Upstairs	Julie Cory	Susie Haver	Judy Kircher	Dave Brewer
Greeters -Downstairs	Patty Mosher	Donna Reedy	Wendy Holt	Lisa Brewer
Media				
Worship Leader	Pastor Melanie	Pastor Melanie	Pastor Melanie	Pastor Melanie
Liturgist	Maddie Johnson	Jason Johnson	Wendy Holt	Dan Gerber
Children's Moment	Pastor Melanie	Mary Thoman	Kent Anderson	Angie Gabel-McConkey
Fellowship Hosts	Potluck	Alberta Neel	Angie McConkey	Lisa Brewer
Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)	Potluck	Nonnie Steinert	Kay Thompson	Lisa Brewer
Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)	Potluck	Alberta Neel		Lisa Brewer
Fellowship Cheese/Crackers	Potluck	Joyce Swenson	Connie Bentz	Lisa Brewer

Area to Clean	Volunteers
Sanctuary	Beth Whisler
Chapel/Entry/Balcony	
Bathrooms	
Nursery	Jim & Ann Lanoue
Parlor & Kitchen	Marvin & Eudora Petersen
Classrooms/Choir Room	
Fellowship Hall	Patty Mosher
Halls/Stairs	
Youth Room	Youth
Kitchen	Monte Wentz

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Potluck	4 Tulsa Group Work Day	5 7:00 pm Trustees	6	7 9:30 am Morning Cluster	8	9 Tulsa Group Here
10 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 11:45 Discipleship	11 7:00 pm Finance	12	13	14 Cares Dogs	15 Cares Dogs	16 Annual Conference
17 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	18 Cares Dogs 5:30 pm ADCO	19 Cares Dogs	20 Cares Dogs	21 UMW Exec 12:15 General 1:00	22 Cares Dogs	23 Annual Conference
24 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	25 IMPACT Trip	26 IMPACT Trip	27 IMPACT Trip	28 IMPACT Trip	29 IMPACT Trip	30 IMPACT Trip

To A Friend of the Church



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

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