

August 2018

Welcome
Back to
SCHOOL

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Revelation



From Pastor Melanie

As I write this article I am just about to leave on a two-week vacation. As you read this, I will probably already be back!

My pending vacation time has caused me to reflect on our human need to refresh and renew our bodies, minds, and spirits. That's what my time is going to be about. I am going to spend quality time with some family, because those relationships are important to me. I am going to spend some time just relaxing and maybe taking in some Kansas destinations that I've never seen before. And I'm going to find some beautiful place somewhere to just hike and enjoy the beauty. Harry will be with me for part of my vacation time. Our granddaughter will be with me for other parts. I think, with the exception of a few things that I have planned for my granddaughter and me, the rest will be decided day by day. There's something freeing about that.

Scriptures that come to mind regarding the need to take time for rest and renewal include:

"Many people were coming and going, so there was no time to eat. Jesus said to the apostles, "Come by yourselves to a secluded place and rest for a while. They departed in a boat by themselves for a deserted place" (Mark 6:31-32).

and from Psalm 23, "He leadeth me beside still waters, he restoreth my soul."

May you find some time for your own rest and renewal!

Pastor Melanie

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

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



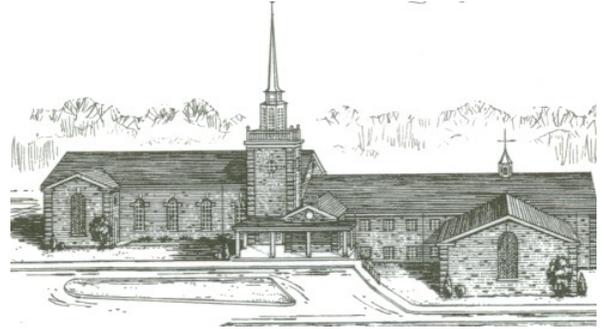
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Lisa Brewer, Administrative Assistant

July 26, 2018

Dear Members and Friends of FUMC,

The Trustees are working to make sure that the FUMC building and grounds are maintained in excellent repair for years to come. We have evaluated the heating system of the church; the boiler is past its life expectancy of 50 years. As stewards of the church property we have voted to raise money to replace the boiler before we reach a point it has to be replaced and time does not allow us to secure a boiler that is specifically made for our needs.

The estimated cost for a new boiler and installation is \$50,000.00. The boiler would be custom made for our church and would take at least 6 weeks to obtain.

The trustees would like to raise the money through cash donations and pledges by Sept 1, 2018. All pledges need to be fully paid by December 31, 2018. Donations for the project should be sent to the church office.

This is an important project for the church and we need the help of everyone. Please prayerfully consider your gift to the church for this project. Any questions may be directed to the trustees.

Sincerely,

Monte Wentz, Trustee Chairman

Trustees:

Sydney Conner

David Edwards

Randy Johnson

Kurt Kocher

Don Pearson

Kathy Poore

Nonnie Steinert

Marsha Wentz

Office Info/UMW



Women's News

August

Altar Flowers- Evening

Executive Meeting: August 2nd @12:15 pm

General Meeting: August 2nd @ 1:00pm
Program: Kathy Poore/IMPACT Activities

Morning Cluster: August 16th @ 9:30 am,
Kristy's

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

Tim Peltier
Janice Swenson
Christy Hasch
Angie Gabel-McConkey
Jim & Ann Lanoue
Judy Edwards
Pam Campbell
Patty Mosher
Mary Thoman
Monte Wentz

Financial Health Sermon Series

Financial Health for the Christ-Follower

FALL SERMON SERIES beginning
Sunday, Sept. 23.

In this 7-part series we will consider finances and money from a Christian perspective. Topics will include a look at: our culture of consumerism, living within a budget, generosity, taxes, investing, and living more simply.

You are not going to want to miss this!



August Meetings

August 5th - 11:30 am
Healthy Congregations

August 7th - 7:00 pm Trustees

August 12th - 11:30 am Education
7:00 pm Finance

August 13th - 6:00 pm Stewardship

August 19th - 11:30 am Missions

August 20th - 5:30 pm ADCO

Worship Notes for August

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August 5 Sermon: "Holy Smokes, Jesus! What are You Up to?" Scripture: John 6:24-35
Communion Sunday.

Also, after worship, you are invited to stay in the sanctuary following the postlude for an explanation of the "One Church Plan" being put forth for our denomination. The approval of this plan which addresses discrimination of LGBTQ persons will be voted on at a specially called General Conference in 2019.

August 12 Sermon: "Hungry" Scripture: John 6:35, 41-51

August 19 Sermon: "The Ideal You" Scripture: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

August 26 Sermon: "I Can Work with That" Scripture: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-27
Praise Band Sunday



Foundations of

Faith

Want to know more about Christian practices to help you on your journey of faith?

Introducing: FOUNDATIONS:

An Introduction to Christian Practices.

Wednesday evenings this fall, beginning Sept. 12 at 6:30 pm, in the Parlor

First United Methodist Church, 740 W. 11th, Concordia.

(supper served in the basement at 5:45)

Cost of book, \$10 (payable directly to Pastor Melanie)

Call 785-243-4560 to register or if you have questions.

Even if you've been a Christian for a while, this study will help you go deeper in areas of worship, prayer, scripture study, building relationships with Christ and others, stewardship, devotion, sharing your faith with others, growing as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Amazon Smile

A perfect way to support FUMC that doesn't cost a dime!

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<http://smile.amazon.com> and choose the

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If you currently use Amazon, simply type smile.amazon into your search engine. This will pull up your amazon account. In the middle of your screen there will be a "or pick your own charitable organization". Type in First United Methodist Church Concordia. After your first initial visit, Amazon should have FUMC saved as your Supporting Charity.

If you are not currently an Amazon User, you can [set up your account at Amazon-Smile](#) to contribute to FUMC.

Need more help getting set up?** Visit the [Amazon Smile help page](#) or call customer support at 1 (888) 280-4331 and tell them you want to support **First United Methodist Church Concordia!

How does FUMC receive the donations from Amazon Smile? The Amazon Smile Foundation transfers donations to the First United Methodist Church Concordia account once per month.





“Sittin’ with Jesus”

Wednesdays in August, 7 to 7:30 pm

Location: Chapel

A quiet place to come for a time of prayer.

Come as you are!

First United Methodist Church Concordia

740 West Eleventh

785-243-4560

Please enter the building through the upper west doors then
turn right to access the chapel.

IMPACT News ...Save the Date...August 19th

After arriving back from a very successful mission trip to Greeley, Co all of the IMPACT youth have scattered to the summer activities wind, so to speak. Kathy and I were talking yesterday about how weird it feels not meeting up with the kids during the summer break.



That being said the biggest and most important news that I have for August is this. MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDARS! The mission trip group has set the date and time for the after trip presentation. **Sunday, August 19th at 5:30 PM** in the Church Family Life Center. Spaghetti will be served, stories and pictures of our mission trip will be shared. There is no cost to attend and all are welcome!

Plans are already in the process in preparation of a new school year and another year of Table Talk. There is talk of the IMPACT group taking part in a 30-hour famine this year, Haunted House will be here before we know, and with the buzz and hype from this summer's mission trip there could be another one in the plans for next summer. Stay tuned to find out and once again don't forget to be in attendance on **August 19th**. The youth have some amazing stories that will make the hair on your arms stand up!

Thank You! – Jason Johnson

Spotlight on the Poore Family

From the first day, I've always felt welcome in "Heaven" at FUMC...even after Allison threw up in my lap the day I transferred my membership from my home church in Lyons and after Aidan threw his baby bottle over the balcony railing. I've been attending FUMC since moving to Concordia in 2003.

I've served on a variety of committees including Vacation Bible School, Sunday School Teacher, Missions, Christian Education, and Trustees. In 2014 I became the Youth Coordinator and started planning youth activities and fundraisers. I've definitely found my passion working with the Youth Group, IMPACT. Approximately 20 Jr/Sr High youth meet Wednesday nights throughout the school year. I was one of three adults who had the honor of taking twelve IMPACT youth to Greeley, CO this past June. It was an extremely rewarding experience. We all left with our own unique, spiritual experiences. Both Allison and Aidan have been actively involved with IMPACT, VBS, Christmas programs, Sunday school and METour.

Outside of church, I'm currently teaching Physics and Physical Science at Concordia High School. Allison will be a senior and Aidan a freshman this coming school year. Allison stays busy with Dance Team, Band, Softball, Student Council and Journalism. She also coaches at Concordia Gymnastics Center and is a lifeguard. Aidan is involved with Football, Basketball, Track, and Student Council. He also plays Baseball and works at the city pool concessions during the summer.

FUMC is my sanctuary, my safe place, my second home, and my family. Many thanks to all for being so supportive, welcoming, and providing a place with genuine caring.

We are truly BLESSED! ~ Kathy





Mission Buckets

Thanks for giving generously in July. We collected \$80.00 for the Cloud County Resource Center Food Bank.

Missions Buckets will be passed on August 19th for the Peace with Justice Special Offering.

Envelopes will be provided if you prefer to return your gift later in August. For more information, visit our web site.

Cloud County Resource Center Needs

Help is needed with the monthly food truck delivery on August 15th 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

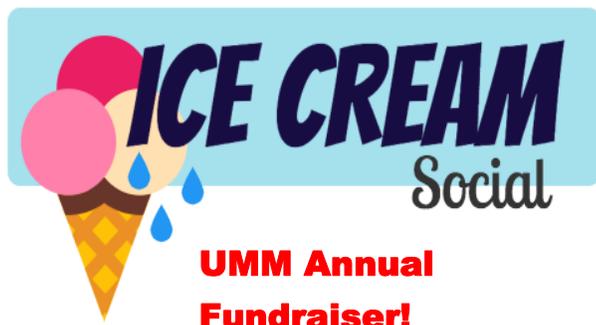
Thanks to all who helped with Commodities in July. We distributed food to 127 people and served lunch to more than 50!

Little Pantry

We continue to see daily 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 through the CCRC Food Bank.



Ice Cream Social



Wednesday, August 22nd

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

**Please come and join us for fun, fellowship,
and fantastic dessert.**

A free-will offering will be taken!

Praise on the Plaza... Save the Date



Praise

On The Plaza

Sunday, September 9th

Broadway Plaza (corner of 6th and Broadway)

9:30 am Worship

Brunch and Yard Games following Worship

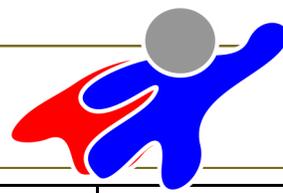
It's BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY!!!

**Bring your lawn chair, a friend or 3,
table service and something to share for Brunch.**

Hosted by: First United Methodist Church

"A Place for You to Belong, Believe, Become"

August Heroes



Worship Volunteers	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
Greeters	Marcy Johnson Julie Cory	Judy Kircher Julie Cory	Nancy Wentz Monte Wentz	Dave Brewer Lisa Brewer
Media Sound	Janice Swenson Dallas Nading	Mark McConkey	Lisa Brewer Dallas Nading	Mark McConkey
Worship Leader	Loren Swenson	Lisa Brewer	Allison Poore	
Liturgist	Marcy Johnson	Angie McConkey	Patty Mosher	Marge Cruzen
Children's Moment	Pastor Melanie	Mary Thoman	Jean Wilcox	Loren Swenson
Fellowship Hosts	Kocher	Angie McConkey Donna Reedy		
Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)	Kocher			Joyce Peterson
Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)	Kocher			
Fellowship Cheese/Crackers	Fridge/Cabinet	Mary Thoman		

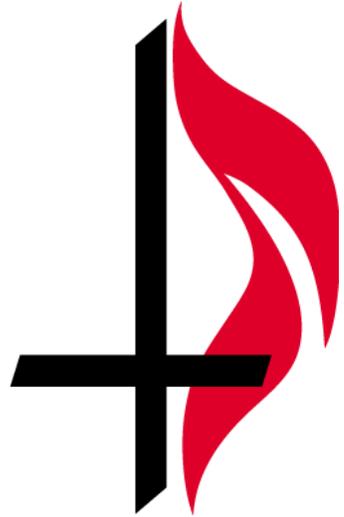
Area to Clean	Volunteers
Sanctuary	Amanda Terrill
Chapel/Entry/Balcony	Mary Thoman
Bathrooms	Gene & Lyn Saltzman
Nursery	Jim & Ann Lanoue
Parlor & Kitchen	Marvin & Eudora Petersen
Classrooms/Choir Room	
Fellowship Hall	Loren & Joyce Swenson
Halls/Stairs	Kocher/Terrill
Youth Room	Youth
Kitchen	Carol Ruud

August 2018

August 19th, 5:30 pm
 IMPACT Mission Trip Experience Sharing
 FREE Spaghetti Dinner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 VBS @ Lutheran Church	2 UMW Exec. 12:15 pm General 1:00	3	4
5 9:30 S/S 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 11:30 Healthy Con.	6 Cares Dogs	7 Cares Dogs 7:00 pm Trustees	8 Cares Dogs	9	10 Cares Dogs	11
12 9:30 SS 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 11:30 Education	13 6:00 pm Stewardship 7:00 pm Finance	14	15	16 9:30 am Morning Cluster @ Kristy's	17	18
19 9:30 S/S 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 11:30 Missions	20 5:30 pm ADCO	21	22 UMM Ice Cream Social 5:30 - 7:00 pm	23	24	25
26 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	27	28	29	30 Faith Fair @ CCCC	31	

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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