

September 2018



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Revelation

*a Place
for You*

BELONG • BELIEVE • BECOME

From Pastor Melanie

Greetings, Fellow Disciples!

September is here! Wow! It always seems that summer goes by in a flash. In many ways I am ready. I am excited to see how God is going to continue answering our prayers to do “more than we can ask or imagine.”

Please check the calendar carefully so you don’t miss out on any great opportunities for connecting with God and others through worship, study, service, generosity, and more. I would like to share four new exciting opportunities for this fall:

1. On Wednesday evenings (at Table Talk) Jean Wilcox will be teaching the study, *Foundations: An Introduction to Christian Practices*. Whether you’ve been a practicing Christian all your life, or are just beginning your life as a maturing disciple, you will find this study enriching. Books are \$10.
2. Beginning in late October, Wendy Holt is going to be starting a support group for people going through life transitions (divorce, loss of job, loss of loved one, etc.). She comes with strong qualifications and a lot of passion for this new ministry. Watch for more information as to start date, location, and how to register. There may be a nominal fee to cover costs of materials.
3. *Sittin’ with Jesus* a devotional prayer time meeting on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in the chapel.
4. *Exploring Membership* gathering for those interested in learning about becoming a member of FUMC, to be held Sunday, Oct. 21 and Sunday, Oct. 28 at 9:30 am. This will be an informal time to learn a bit about our church and denomination, to share about yourself, and get to know each other.

Other items of interest:

We are rolling out our new marketing plan this month. You will notice that our purpose (which we say together each week) has changed in order to make everything fit together nicely. The MEANING of our purpose statement hasn’t changed, but the words will now be: “To provide a place for all to BELONG to our community, BELIEVE in and experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and BECOME his disciples.” In short, “Belong! Believe! Become!”

Also, this year, with the renovation of Room 116 in the basement (Thank you, Lisa Brewer!), we will begin using that room for various meetings, small group gatherings, Table Talk meal, and more. This room has its own heating/cooling system and so it does not require us to heat or cool an entire floor for one group to meet.

Finally, I thank all of you for your faithfulness. We have a great church with awesome leaders. We don’t know what the future looks like exactly, but we know God has great things in store for us as we work together to make Christ’s love known.

“Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us” (Eph. 3:20). ~ Pastor Melanie

Our Purpose:

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**BELONG! BELIEVE!
BECOME!**

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

New Purpose



We have a new purpose statement starting on September 1st:

To provide a place for all to BELONG to our community, BELIEVE in and experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and BECOME his disciples.

New artwork has been designed for the upper and lower entries and a new banner will be displayed in front of the church. We also have invitation cards that you can pick up at the welcome center or in the office to give to friends who are looking for a church home. These new materials also use a new logo created for our church by UMC Branding.

Our web site (www.concordiafumc.com) and Facebook pages have also been updated! The web site has information on upcoming events and other resources for members and non-members. You can even access the bulletin on our web site during the church service using our free WIFI! Just select the Fumchurch-guest network and enter FUMCROCKS! as the password.

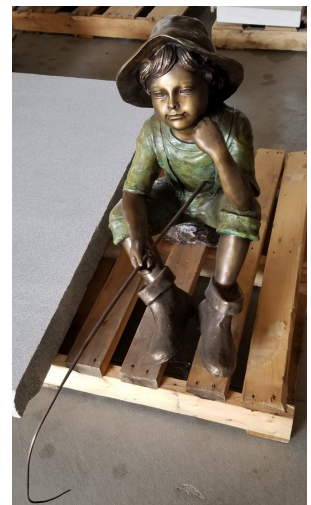
Statue Dedication

**FUMC NATIONAL ORPHAN TRAIN STATUE
DEDICATION AND UNVEILING!!**

Thursday, September 6th @ 5:15 pm

Statue will be placed on the north side of
The Little Pantry.

Join us for the dedication and stay for
refreshments immediately following.



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”

Office Info/UMW



Women's News September

Altar Flowers- Morning Cluster

Executive Meeting: September 20th @12:15 pm

General Meeting: September 20th @ 1:00pm
Program: Education & Interpretation -
Marge Cruzen

Morning Cluster: September 6th @ 9:30 am

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

Terrill Family
Mary Thoman
Gene & Lyn Saltzman
Jim & Ann Lanoue
Marvin & Eudora Petersen
Pam Campbell
Loren & Joyce Swenson
Cindy Kocher
Carol Ruud
Youth

With a Grateful Heart

Wow!!! That was a crazy, quick, fulfilling year!! September 6th marks my 1 Year Anniversary here at FUMC. I'm going to be honest, those first 3 weeks were brutal. I went home every night feeling inadequate. Thanks to Lynette Saltzman, Amanda Terrill, Amanda Waterman, Davey and Pastor Melanie for patiently showing me the ropes, listening to my frustrations with EASY WORSHIP and encouraging me to "Hang in there, You'll get it."

This job has provided me with the low stress environment I needed to heal physically and mentally after my shoulder surgery. I feel so blessed to be part of this amazing Church family. Davey and I have felt welcomed, loved and blessed during our time here at FUMC. We are excited to see where our Faith Journey takes us this next year as we prepare to join the church as official members.

Thank you all for the encouragement, patience, helping hands, hugs, laughter and love!!!

Lisa Brewer

Mark your Calendars

Meetings:

September 4th - 7:00 pm Trustees
September 5th - 5:15 pm Worship
5:15 Hospitality
September 10th - 7:00 pm Finance
September 16th - 11:30 am Missions
September 17th - 5:30 pm ADCO
September 30th - 11:30 am Education

Events:

September 9th: Praise on the Plaza (see page 2)
October 1st: Crunch for a Cause (see page 7)
Saturday, November 3rd: Missions Super Saturday
Sunday, November 4th: Charge Conference
Sunday, November 11th: Thanksgiving Dinner



Worship Notes for September

Sept. 2: Sermon: "Tradition! Tradition!" Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Communion Sunday

Sept. 9: PRAISE ON THE PLAZA! Join us at 9:30 am downtown at the Broadway Plaza for worship, followed by brunch and lawn games! Bring lawn chairs if you have them, as well as something to share for brunch, table service, etc. New to our church? Then please just come as our guest.

Sermon: "Give Us This Day Our Daily...Guacamole?" John 6:32-35

Sept. 16: Sermon: "Moving Ahead in Faith and Joy" ("*State of the Church*" report) Romans 12: 4-18

Sept. 23: Sermon: "Financial Health for the Christ Follower, part 1: Our Consumerist Culture

Theme song for series: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Romans 13:8, Isaiah 61:2-4

Sept. 30: Sermon: "Financial Health for the Christ Follower, part 2: A Balanced Budget"

Theme song for series: "Great Is They Faithfulness" Matt. 6:19-24, Isaiah 55:2



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!



Boiler Campaign

Concordia First United Methodist Church Pledge Card for Boiler Project

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E Mail: _____

I pledge \$ _____ to be paid in the following manner.

Total amount due by Dec. 31, 2018.

_____ Payments of \$ _____ for a total pledge of \$ _____.

_____ monthly payments of \$ _____ for a total pledge of _____.

A lump sum pledge of \$ _____. Pledge enclosed

Please turn your pledge in to the church office.

All pledges are appreciated and tax deductible.

Hi, I am the Boiler.

I have worked every day during the cold season for 53 years.

Please help me retire before I expire.

Mark your donation "Boiler"



Sittin' with Jesus

"Sittin' with Jesus"

Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:00 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.

Table Talk

Table Talk resumes on September 12th!!

5:30 pm "Sittin with Jesus"

6:00 pm Table Talk Meal

6:30 pm Living Church and IMPACT Classes

It's going to be a great year. We're looking forward to growing together as disciples of Christ.

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

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

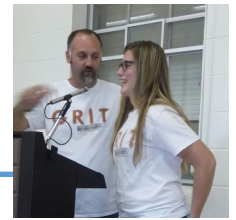
(supper served in the basement at 6:00 pm)

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.

IMPACT News



As the fall approaches, so does the time when the youth of IMPACT will begin to put away their summer activities and begin to come back together as a group. Kathy and I have said multiple times since we returned from Mission Trip that we have missed meeting up with the youth. Yet finally on August 19th we were able to get together in preparation and presentation of our Mission Trip. Thank you to everyone in attendance that evening. It was a wonderful time sharing our experiences with you! It goes without saying again, thank you for all of your support which allowed us to even go on this trip in the first place. All the IMPACT youth voted unanimously that they would love to go on another Mission Trip as soon as possible!

September at Concordia FUMC means a new beginning for Living Church and Table Talk and chance to get together and mix it up with all of the youth of our church. This fall promises to be a very exciting one for IMPACT! "We all cannot wait for Praise on the Plaza which will be followed up very shortly by the first Wednesday of Table Talk." Plans have been made for new way of creating discussion and having lessons for IMPACT. Speaking of plans we will be creating those plans in September for what will become this year's Haunted House in October. Check back in October for the unveiling of this year's theme.

Mark your calendar for October 1st!! Come out to Taco John's that evening for our Crunch for the Cause fundraiser. IMPACT will receive 10% of all proceeds between 5 & 8pm that evening. See you there.

I think that is all for now. I for one, and neither can the youth I might add, wait to begin meeting together again! - Jason



Ice Cream Social a Success

The United Methodist Men hosted their Annual Ice Cream Social on August 22nd. Ice Cream, Pie and Cake were enjoyed by church and community members. The UMM are donating \$450 to The Boiler Campaign Fund from the Social proceeds. Huge thanks to the UMM for your time and giving hearts.



Spotlight on the Nonnie Steinert



I don't remember a time when I wasn't going to Church on Sunday. My earliest memories are of going to church at a little country Baptist church where my family lived in northern Pawnee County. When I was 8 my family moved to the farm where I finished my "growing up" years in southern Pawnee county near Garfield, where my brother and I were baptized and our family all became members of the Methodist Church.

Wayne and I met while we were in school at Fort Hays and were married a year later in 1959. I worked until he finished his degree and started teaching. AT that time we made a conscious decision that I would be a "stay at home mother", a role that I truly enjoyed. When our youngest started first grade I went back to work as a bookkeeper and later with the introduction of computers, they called us accounting technicians.

Because of Wayne's occupation as a school administrator we have moved our family around the state somewhat, and have "tried out" other denominations, but have always returned to being Methodists. Nothing else seemed "to fit right". We became members of the Concordia United Methodist Church in early 2002, after moving here from Oberlin in Decatur County.

What brought us to Concordia was the desire to watch our two oldest grandsons participate in activities through their high school years. At that time, we also had children and grandchildren living in Texas and Wisconsin, so Concordia put us right in the middle.

I lost my best friend and partner June 2nd, 2015, and the Church lost a person who could look at problems objectively and make good sound suggestions and decisions. I have served on almost every committee there is at one time or another, but my association with the United Methodist Women is the most satisfying to me. A part of the UMW Purpose states that we should develop a "Creative, Supportive Fellowship" and I certainly believe that our group does just that.

When I am not busy with Church activities I like to read, sew, mess with my flowers and houseplants and best of all work on counted cross-stitch projects. I love doing Christmas ornaments and all of my grandchildren receive an ornament each year with their name on it.

I would not be able to get along without the help and advice from my son, Kevin, his wife Susan, who live in Concordia, son Kelly in Houston and daughter Kori and her husband Ron in Florida. I also have four grandsons (one married and another one soon to be), two granddaughters and one great-granddaughter. IN SPITE OF SOME BUMPS ALONG THE ROAD, LIFE IS GOOD AND I AM BLESSED TO HAVE ALL OF YOU AS A CHURCH FAMILY. ~ Nonnie

Muffins for Missions and Mission Buckets

On **Sunday, September 16th**, we will pass the Missions Buckets and hold our annual Muffins for Missions event! Stop by the kitchen on your way into church for a muffin and juice or coffee. All money raised will go to Mission Agency Support in the Great Plains Conference. Mission Agency giving supports more than 20 programs including Wesleyan University in Salina. For more details, visit

<https://www.greatplainsumc.org/missionagencysupport>.



Cloud County Resource Center Needs

Help is needed with the monthly food truck delivery on **Wednesday, September 12th 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@ncken.com.

Commodities

Commodities distribution will be on September 19th. 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

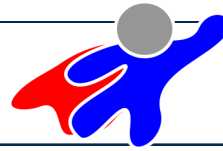
We continue to see daily traffic at our Little Free Pantry. Please consider purchasing items to fill the pantry the next time you shop for groceries! Your items can be placed directly in the pantry. If you have extra items, please place them in the food box in the church entry – these items will be used 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.

Church Budget Report

Needed Monthly for Budget to sustain our church: \$16,780

July Receipts -	\$15,231.28
Need to Date 7-31-18	\$117,460
Received to Date 7-31-18	<u>\$97,886.73</u>
	-\$19,573.27

September Heroes



Worship Volunteers	Sept. 2	Sept. 9	Sept. 16	Sept. 23	Sept. 30
Greeters		Praise on the Plaza	Dave Brewer Lisa Brewer	Stanley Krohn Joan Krohn	Patty Mosher Taryn Mosher
Media Sound	Janice Swenson Mark McConkey	Praise on the Plaza Ashley Hutch		Mark McConkey	
Worship Leader	Loren Swenson	Jason Johnson	Kent Anderson	Lynette Saltzman	Dan Gerber
Liturgist	Lyle Pounds	Kent Anderson	Nathan Brown	Gwydotta Ukens	Dr. Paul Nelson
Children's Moment	Pastor Melanie	Praise on the Plaza	Bill Thompson	Wendy Holt	Lym Saltzman
Fellowship Hosts	Darlene Pearson	Praise on the Plaza	Joan Krohn	Angie Gabel-McConkey	Patty Mosher Kay Thompson
Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)	Darlene Pearson	Praise on the Plaza	Amy Gerber		Kay Thompson
Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)		Praise on the Plaza	Nancy Nading		
Fellowship Cheese/Crackers	Gwydotta Ukens	Praise on the Plaza	Julie Cory		Marge Cruzen

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

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2 9:30 S/S 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	3	4 7:00 pm Trustees	5 5:15 pm Hospitality 5:15 pm Worship 7:00 pm "Sittin' w/ Jesus"	6 9:30 am Morning Cluster 5:15 pm Statue Unveiling	7	8
9 9:30 Praise on the Plaza (corner of 6th and Broadway)	10 6:00 pm Stewardship 7:00 pm Finance	11	12 5:30 pm "Sittin' W/ Jesus" 6:00 pm Table Talk	13	14	15
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23 9:30 S/S 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	24	25	26 5:30 pm "Sittin' W/ Jesus" 6:00 pm Table Talk	27	28	29
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To A Friend of the Church



Return Service Requested
First United Methodist Church
740 West 11th Street
Concordia, KS 66901



Concordia First United Methodist Church

Pastor: Rev. Melanie Adams

Administrative Assistant: Lisa Brewer

Christian Education Coordinator: Kathy Poore

Groundskeeper: Devin Pearson

Choir Director: Open Position

Organist: Pam Campbell

Nursery: Jan Novlan

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