

October 2018



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Revelation

*a Place
for You*

BELONG • BELIEVE • BECOME

From Pastor Melanie

As I write this, I am recovering from some kind of cold or virus that has knocked me for a loop. I truly hate being sick, don't you? I can't think of anyone I know who wants to be sick.

Of course, this illness is a brief bump in my life, not anything that's going to have long term consequences. By the time you read this, I will be fine!

But this all has me thinking of those who deal with chronic and life threatening illnesses. Almost all human beings will have at least one period in their lives when illness is more than a passing cold. During those times where do we turn?

It is important to remember that God doesn't abandon us when we are ill. God is present. God brings healing, too. Sometimes that healing comes as a physical healing and sometimes a spiritual one. Sometimes the healing comes after our physical bodies have died and we enter in to new life with Christ. But God never abandons us.

I find that prayer helps me get through times of illness. So do the scriptures. Romans 8:35-39 is a favorite. So are many of the psalms. Prayer and scripture help me to remain hopeful and to have trust that God is faithful at all times.

"Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." - Romans 8: 35-39

May you know the blessings and presence of God always!

Pastor Melanie

Our Purpose:

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.

**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

Office Info/UMW

Women's News

October

Altar Flowers- Delores St. Pierre

Executive Meeting: October 18th @12:15 pm

General Meeting: October 18th @ 1:00pm
Program: World Thank Offering - Alberta Neel

Morning Cluster: October 4th @ 9:30 am
Evening Cluster: October 9th

Thanks!

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

Cindy Kocher
Patty Mosher
Mary Thoman
Marsha Wentz
Youth

Mark your Calendars

SAVE THE DATE

COMING
UP

Meetings:

October 2nd - 7:00 pm Trustees
October 8th - 7:00 pm Finance
October 15th - 5:30 pm ADCO
October 21st - 11:30 am Missions
October 27th - 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Healthy Congregations Training

Events:

October 1st: Crunch for a Cause (see page 7)
October 7th: Super Spud Sunday
October 21st: Hay Rack Ride
October 27th, 28th and 31st: Haunted House
Saturday, November 3rd: Missions Super Saturday
Sunday, November 4th: Charge Conference
Sunday, November 11th: Thanksgiving Dinner

Super Spud Sunday

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Sunday, October 7th

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

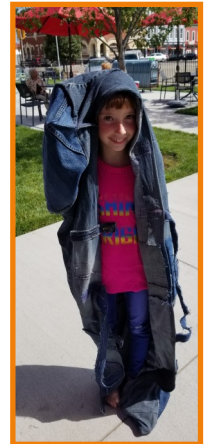
Join us for a baked potato bar and help us raise funds for our Boiler Campaign.

Hosted by: Hospitality Team

Free Will Donation Appreciated



Praise on the Plaza



85 people were in attendance for a gorgeous morning filled with worship, fellowship, yard games and great food. Thanks to the Education committee for hosting this event. Shout out to Kurt, Cindy and Tyler Kocher, Kent Anderson, Gene Saltzman and Sydney Conner for moving tables, chairs and the keyboard. It takes a village and our village is amazing.

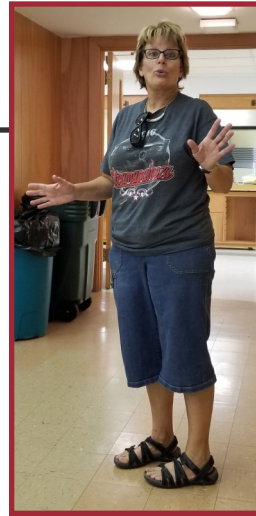


Worship Notes for October

Sermon Series: Healthy Finances for the Christ Follower

Oct. 7	Part 3 of Series: “Spending with a Conscience” World Communion Sunday!	Isaiah 58, Psalm 96
Oct. 14	Part 4 of Series: “Living Generously”	2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Oct. 21	Part 5 of Series: “Investing Responsibly”	Matthew 6:25-31
Oct. 28	Part 6 of Series: “Work to Live or Live to Work?”	Matthew 5:13-16

Commodities Day



11 Volunteers distributed food to help feed 80 people. Thanks to the following FUMC Superheroes for all the help: Gene & Lyn Saltzman, Sydney Conner, Cindy Kocher, Nonnie Steinert, Wendy Holt, Jean Wilcox, DuWayne Johnson, Tom Thronson, Lisa Valcoure and Marvin Petersen.



Statue Dedication



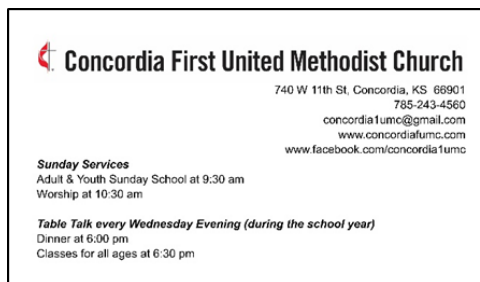
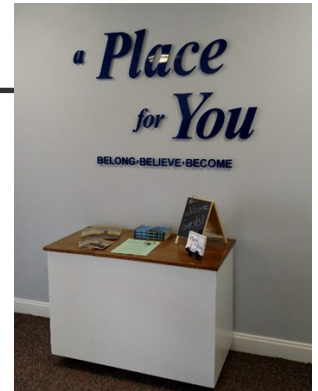
On September 20, 2018, FUMC became the home of the 22nd Orphan Train Town Statue. The statue commemorating Reverend Robert Panzer was donated by Friends of FUMC. Robert was an Orphan Train Rider in October of 1922. He was raised in Tekamah, Nebraska and later became a Methodist pastor. For more information, visit our website: <https://www.concordiafumc.com/home/about-us/orphan-train-statue/>

Marketing Team Update

Have you seen the new artwork in the upper and lower entries of the church? Thanks to the Crusaders for providing funding for this project!

We do have several new banners that you can borrow if you are hosting an event in the community. You may have seen one of the new banners at the Fall Fest Hospitality booth! Contact the church office if you would like to borrow one of the banners.

We also encourage everyone to pick up a few of our new invitation cards to carry with you and invite those you meet to join us on Wednesday night or Sunday morning. The cards are available on the usher's table outside the sanctuary.



Life Changes Support Group

**ARE YOU (or someone you know) DEALING WITH...
a Divorce, a Death, the Loss of a Job, Medical Adversities?**

We GRIEVE.

We don't have to remain "STUCK. Get SUPPORT. Learn HOW to MOVE ON.

LEARN HOW to get "UN-STUCK"

A Six Week Support Group will begin on Thursday, November 1st

Thursdays 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Please call the church office by Monday, October 29th to register, 243-4560

***Enter the church from the lower parking lot. We will be meeting in Room 116.**

Support Leader: Wendy Holt

Mission Super Saturday



MISSIONS SUPER SATURDAY

Coming on November 3rd!

Starting at 9:00 am

Breakfast and Lunch will be served!

Projects:

Haunted House De-Construction

Layette Blanket Construction

Layette Set Assembly

**If you have another project idea, let the
Missions team know!**

We are collecting items to assemble 35 Layette Sets!

Items needed include:

Diapers (size 1 or 2) – MOST NEEDED ITEM!

Baby Wipes

Baby Shampoo (full size bottles)

Onesies – one piece undershirt with snaps (size 0-3 or 3-6 months)

Baby Socks (size 0-3 or 3-6 months)

Fabric for Baby Blankets – each blanket takes 1.25 yards of pre-washed flannel for EACH side (2.5 yards total)

Please no premie size diapers, onesies, or socks! The layette sets may not be delivered immediately after birth and we want the items included to fit the baby!

Items can be left in the baby carriage in the church entry. Please bring all items by Friday, November 2nd. Layette Sets will be assembled during the Missions Super Saturday event on November 3rd and then be delivered to the Cloud County Health Department.

IMPACT News



September was a great start to the school year and the beginning of IMPACT's year. So much has already happened and so much more will begin to happen in October. Let me just give you all a quick rundown of what we were up to in September and what we have planned for October so far.

First of all, you may have seen many IMPACT members at "Praise on the Plaza". The youth were busy praising, eating and playing 9 Square in the Air. Following that fun day, IMPACT had their first meeting of the year, 18 youth strong!! We went straight to work and several amazing decisions were made.



HUGE Decision #1: IMPACT has decided that they want to take on the process of preparing to go on another Mission Trip with Group Missions, June 2019. We have 18 spots reserved for us in Green Bay, Wisconsin for the week of June 23-29. We love that so many of these youth have a passion to serve others and are willing to put in all the work it takes to plan this trip.

HUGE Decision #2: We will yet again host a community Haunted House. The name of this year's Haunted House is "Karnival of Karnage". You will see the sights of "old school" carnivals, fairs and small circuses along with the expected attractions that accompanied those events. We will begin the build Sunday, October 21st (also the day of the Hay Rack Ride). The Haunted House will be open to the public on Saturday the 27th, Sunday the 28th and Halloween night on the 31st. Each night we'll be open from 7:00 - 9:30 pm. Tear down will be Saturday, November 3rd during Missions Super Saturday.



In the meantime, our youth will be participating in "See You at the Pole" and "See You at the Plaza" on September 25th. They will get a chance to share their faith and prayers with their peers during these events. *On October 1st we will be participating in "Crunch for a Cause" at Taco John's. Please join us on Monday, October 1st from 5-8 pm. 10% of all the proceeds will go towards our Mission Trip. Thanks to Tim Parker for giving us this opportunity.*

We are also starting our lessons during Table Talk on Wednesday nights. We are looking forward to these lessons this year, as they will be topics chosen by the youth. We believe it will be a real chance for some incredible discussions.

I think that is all for now. Whew!! Once again, we want to thank our church family for supporting us. We could not do it without your support!! ~ Jason and Kathy

Spotlight on Dylan Terrill

Name, Age, Grade in School, School Attending: Dylan Terrill, 14, 8th Grade at Concordia Junior/Senior High School

What activities are you involved in at School (if any): Cross Country

How many years have you been coming to IMPACT: 2 ½ Years

List church activities you have participated in: Haunted House, Greeley, Colorado Mission Trip

What is your favorite part of IMPACT: All of it!

What is your favorite memory of an IMPACT activity: Learning the Jesus Creed: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it. Love your neighbor as yourself.”

What does church mean to you: Having a relationship with God.



Spotlight on Wyatt Townsdin

Name, Age, Grade in School, School Attending:

Wyatt Townsdin - 8th Grade at Concordia Junior/Senior High School

What activities are you involved in at School (if any): Just School

How many years have you been coming to IMPACT: 2 Years

List church activities you have participated in: IMPACT, Haunted House

What is your favorite part of IMPACT: I get a break from everyday life!

What is your favorite memory of an IMPACT activity: Haunted House

What does church mean to you: Jesus is good!



Spotlight on the Mike and Marsha Wentz

Mike was born and raised in Concordia, Kansas the son of Hilary and Midge Wentz. Mike is the oldest of four. He has sisters Rocky and Elisabeth, and a brother Jim. He went to Washington grade school for Kindergarten, to McKinley for grades 1-4 and then back to Washington for 5 and 6th. He Graduated from Concordia High School in 1960. He went to Kansas State University. He graduated from KSU in January of 1965 with a Secondary Education degree in Industrial Arts. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army and sent to Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Fort Carson, Colorado, and Ft. Lee Virginia



Marsha was born and raised in Newton, Kansas the daughter of Darwin and Vera Minnis. Marsha has one older brother Mel, who lives in Kansas City, Kansas. Marsha graduated from Newton High School in 1961. She went to Kansas State University, graduating in 1965 with a BS degree in Microbiology and in 1966 with a BS in Medical Technology.

Mike and Marsha met at KSU. Mike was on the KSU Rifle Team and Marsha's roommate was also on the team. We were married on June 25, 1966 in Newton Kansas at the EUB church, now Salem United Methodist. We moved to Fort Lee Virginia where Mike was stationed in the Army. After his service time was completed we moved back to Concordia where Mike worked for Wentz Construction Company and Marsha was employed at St Joseph Hospital.

In 1968 they moved to Honolulu so Mike could get his Masters degree at the University of Hawaii. Marsha worked at Kapalani Maternity Hospital. In 1969 they returned to Concordia where Mike taught for 33 years at CHS and Marsha worked at CCHC for 43 years.

We attended the Methodist Church in Honolulu, Hawaii when we were there and began attending Concordia FUMC on our return to Concordia. This church has been an important part of our lives. Both of our sons were baptized and became members of this church. We worked many years with the youth and the Boy Scout troop that was sponsored by FUMC. We both have enjoyed the many committees that we have been apart of.

The most important group we have been a part of is the Crusaders Sunday School Class. They have been supportive and willing to help when ever needed. I truly wish everyone could experience the love and community we have found with the Crusaders. It's hard to describe the friendships and feeling of family this group is to us.

Thanks to all who belong to FUMC and all you do to make this a great church to be a part of. ~ Mike & Marsha

Missions

Thanks for giving generously in September. We collected \$290.72 for Mission Agency Support!

On **Sunday, October 7th**, we will pass the Missions Buckets for the World Communion Day Special Offering. Envelopes will be provided if you prefer to return your gift later in October. For more information, visit our web site.



Cloud County Resource Center Needs

Help is needed with the monthly food truck delivery on **Wednesday, October 10th 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.

Little Pantry

We continue to see daily traffic at our Little Free Pantry. **Please consider bringing an item for the pantry when you are coming to a meeting or activity at the church – or on Sunday morning!** 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

Monthly contributions needed for budget is \$16,780

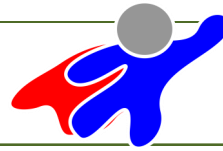
August Receipts - \$10,299.91
Need to Date - \$134,240.00
Received to Date - \$108,186.64
\$ **26,053.36**

Chancel Choir News

Our Chancel Choir is missing a director, but we are going to begin providing music for worship very soon. If you are interested in singing with the choir, please join us. If you know of someone who would like to direct the choir, let Pastor Melanie or Pam Campbell know. We want to make a joyful noise to the Lord! Watch for more information!



October Heroes



Worship Volunteers	October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28
Greeters	Gene Saltzman Lyn Saltzman	Judy Kircher Carol Ruud	Connie Bentz Phillip Bentz	David Edwards Judy Edwards
Media	Janice Swenson		Lisa Brewer	
Sound				
Worship Leader	Jason Johnson		Loren Swenson	Angie Gabel- McConkey
Liturgist	Andrea Johnson	Carol Ruud	Nonnie Steinert	David Edwards
Children's Moment	Pastor Melanie	Lynette Saltzman	Nancy Wentz	Puppets
Fellowship Hosts	Super Spud Sunday			
Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)	Super Spud Sunday	Carol Ruud	Amy Gerber	Marcy Johnson
Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)	Super Spud Sunday		Darlene Pearson	Linda Culley
Fellowship Cheese/Crackers	Super Spud Sunday		Gwydotta Ukens	

Area to Clean	Volunteers
Sanctuary	
Chapel/Entry/Balcony	Carol Ruud/Janice Swenson
Bathrooms	Marsha Wentz
Nursery	
Parlor & Kitchen	Phil & Connie Bentz
Classrooms/Choir Room	Johnson
Fellowship Hall	
Halls/Stairs	
Youth Room	Youth
Kitchen	

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Crunch for a Cause 5-8 pm Taco John's	2 7:00 pm Trustees	3 5:15 Sittin' with Jesus 5:45 Meal 6:30 Table Talk	4 9:30 am Morning Cluster	5	6
7 9:30 S/S 10:30 Worship 11:30 Super Spuds	8 7:00 pm Finance	9 UMW Evening Cluster	10 5:15 Sittin' with Jesus 5:45 Meal 6:30 Table Talk	11	12 6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal	13 4:00 pm Wedding
14 9:30 S/S 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	15	16	17 5:15 Sittin' with Jesus 5:45 Meal 6:30 Table Talk	18 12:15 UMW EXEC 1:00 UMW Gen.	19	20
21 UMW Sunday 9:30 S/S 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship Hay Rack Ride	22	23	24 5:15 Sittin' with Jesus 5:45 Meal 6:30 Table Talk	25	26	27 Healthy Congregations Training Haunted House
28 9:30 S/S 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship Haunted House	29	30	31 5:15 Sittin' with Jesus 5:45 Meal 6:30 Table Talk Haunted House			

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

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Christian Education Coordinator: Kathy Poore

Groundskeeper: Devin Pearson

Choir Director: Open Position

Organist: Pam Campbell

Nursery: Jan Novlan

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