

November 2018



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Revelation

*a Place
for You*

BELONG • BELIEVE • BECOME

From Pastor Melanie

I want to thank you for all your notes, emails, cards, and other generous expressions of appreciation of my ministry among you during Pastor Appreciation Week! It was a wonderful surprise, because I hadn't even realized it WAS Pastor Appreciation Week. I count myself as especially blessed to be your pastor each and every day! So thank YOU for being the awesome congregation you are.

I look forward to all the ways God is going to be using us and working through us to reach others with the love of Christ in 2019. We never know how the Holy Spirit is going to show up!

God bless each and every one of you!

Pastor Melanie

Worship Notes for November

November 4 All Saints Remembrance, Communion, and Commitment Sunday

This is a very special day: You may bring a flower to place on the altar in memory of loved ones who have passed. We have invited the families of those church members who have died in the past year to be present with us on that day.

Also, bring your 2019 Pledges to be consecrated that morning as well!

In addition, the choir will be making their fall debut with new choir director, Renata Knox!

Sermon: "Can We Live More Simply?" Scripture: Mark 2:23-28

November 11 Special Hymn Sing: Singing some of our very favorite hymns!

November 18 Reception of new members!

Sermon: "A Story about Gaining Sight" Scripture: Mark 10:46-52

November 25 Christ the King Sunday

Sermon: "The Truth about Jesus the King" Scripture: John 18:33-38

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

November

Altar Flowers- Evening Cluster

Executive Meeting: November 15th @12:15 pm

General Meeting: November 15th @ 1:00pm
Program: World Thank Offering - Alberta Neel

Morning Cluster: November 1st @ 9:30 am
Evening Cluster: No Meeting

Thanks! 

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

Phil & Connie Bentz
The Johnsons
Cindy Kocher
Carol Ruud
Janice Swenson
Marsha Wentz
Youth

GP UMW Library to Close

Ecclesiastes 3 :1

For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.

Dear UMW Sisters in Mission,

After many requests for assistance, prayer and much deliberation Mary Ann Bede, UMW conference librarian and I have decided it is time to close the GP UMW Library. No new books are being ordered for the UMW Reading Program. If you have any books from the library please return them by October 31, 2019.

The UMW conference library has been a blessing for many years. Mary Ann (the librarian) and her loyal and faithful co-workers have ordered, sorted, mailed and sorted again as books were returned books. Their faithful service has allowed those in the reading program to read, enjoy and learn from books purchased by the conference and the only cost was the return postage. Many books in the future will be available for tablets, Kindle and other electronic sources. Times are changing. Again, return all library books by Oct 31. Books in the library will be available for purchase later.

A special thank you to Mary Ann Bede for her love of books, learning and UMW.

Karen Dunlap



Mark Your Calendar

Events:

November 1st: Life Changes Support Group Starts - 7:00 pm

November 3rd: Missions Super Saturday - 9:00 am

November 4th: Church Conference in Beloit - 4:00 pm

November 11th: Thanksgiving Dinner - 11:30 am

November 14th: Commodities - 10:00 am

November 15th: Dave Ramsey Live Stream - 6:00 pm

November 25th: Hanging of the Greens - 4:00 pm

December 1st: Cookie Day - 9:00 am

December 9th: Christmas Caroling - 3:00 pm

December 16th: Christmas Program - 10:30 am

Salvation Army Bell Ringing - 12:00

December 24th: Christmas Eve Service - 5:30 pm

Charge Conference

Sunday, November
4th
4:00 pm
Beloit First United
Methodist Church
801 North Bell Street

Who should attend? :
Committee chairs, and
anyone interested in
celebrating the work that
we do together!

Meetings:

November 6th - 7:00 pm Trustees

November 12th - 7:00 pm Finance

November 19th - 5:30 pm ADCO

November 27th - 7:00 pm SPPRC

Looking for more information about the United Methodist Church or the Great Plains Conference? Check out the About Us page on our web site:

<https://www.concordiafumc.com/home/about-us/more-information/>

Dave Ramsey Live Stream



Join us on November 15th at 6:00 pm for an informative evening with Dave Ramsey.

This is the kick off to the Financial Peace University Class that will be offered starting January 6, 2019. The course will be on Sundays from 5-7 pm. More information will be coming soon in future newsletters and bulletin.

<https://fpu.com/1076854>

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Training

Did you know we have an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) device in our church? It is installed right outside the sanctuary. In September, Sydney Conner conducted training with 20 members of the congregation on how to use this life-saving device.

We have re-formed a team to participate in the Health Congregations Program with the United Methodist Health Ministries Fund and the AED is one of our projects! New batteries and parts were ordered for the AED using funds from our Healthy Congregations grant. If you would like to join the Healthy Congregations team, contact any of the current team members – Ellen Anderson, Sydney Conner, Christy Hasch, Angie Gabel, and Nancy Wentz!



Boiler Update

The Boiler has been ordered!!! Thanks to all who have given thus far..... \$36,224.42 of the \$50,000 has been raised thus far. Pledge money and donations are due by December 31, 2018.

Super Spud Sunday was a great success and generated \$834.42 for the Boiler Campaign. Huge thanks to the Hospitality Committee for hosting this event.

Hay Rack Ride

Food, fun, fellowship and a gorgeous Autumn evening were enjoyed by all who attended the Hayrack Ride of 2018. Huge thanks to IMPACT for supplying hot dogs and s'mores. Applause to Loren & Joyce Swenson for hosting a great event. Kudos to God for the absolutely beautiful scenery.



Mission Super Saturday

Layette Sets

We are collecting items to assemble 35 Layette Sets! The following items are still needed:

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

Baby Shampoo (full size bottles) – MOST NEEDED ITEM!

Baby Wipes

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

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

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.

MISSIONS



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!

Thanksgiving Dinner

Did you know this is the 35th year the Crusaders have hosted the annual Thanksgiving Dinner?

We do need help preparing for the dinner on Saturday, November 10th at 4:00 pm. We also need help delivering meals, serving the dinner, and with clean-up on November 11th. A sign-up list to help with the dinner is on the Missions bulletin board.

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 11th

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Suggested Donation:

\$10 for adults

\$5 for children (ages 10 and under)

Takeout and delivery available - call 243-4560

We also need help with serving, clean-up, and delivering meals. Sign-up on the Missions Bulletin Board if you are available to help!



Annual Holiday Store

The Cloud County Resource Center is in need of assistance with the annual Holiday Store on Saturday, December 1st, and Saturday, December 8th, from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. The Holiday Store provides children ages 4-12 the opportunity to purchase gifts for five of their family members for \$3.00. More than 2,000 packages were prepared during the 2017 event!

Donations of the following items are being accepted for the Holiday Store:

- Men's socks
- Work gloves
- Fashion socks
- Hat/Glove sets
- Winter scarves
- Small tool sets
- Nail polish/ make up sets
- Lotion/Soap sets
- Adult coloring books
- Puzzle books (crossword, find a word, Sudoku)
- Marker sets
- Art sets
- Earbuds
- Science kits
- Handheld video games
- New stuffed animals
- Gently used kids toys
- Potholders/Kitchen towels



If you are available to help with the Holiday Store or donate items, contact Tonya Merrill at 243-1065 or ccrc@nckcn.com.

Holiday Missions & Outreach



We will start collecting items on our Holiday Mission Tree on November 18th. Watch your e-mail for a special flyer with more details on the items we will collect as well as opportunities to volunteer in the community during December.

Hanging of the Greens



Join us on Sunday, November 25th at 4:00 pm as we decorate the Church for the Christmas Season. Bring a snack or a finger food to share. Let's Make FUMC Festive, together!!!

Cookie Day - December 1st



Let The Baking Begin!!!

Cookie day will be here before long. This is an annual event that the UMW put on. We are asking for each lady in the congregation to provide 8 dozen cookies. Cookies need to be dropped off at the church by noon on Friday, November 30th. This is a great way for you to get a variety of cookies for your holiday plates and gathering. Plan to attend.



Choir News

If you like to sing, please come join our choir – meeting every Wednesday at 5:30pm. Renata Knox has some great songs picked out for us. We will sing the 1st and 3rd Sundays, beginning Nov. 4th. Junior High and High School youth are welcome and encouraged. And we especially need some men to join us. Come check it out – we're a fun group!

IMPACT News

Whew!!!! October went by like a whirlwind. IMPACT has been busy and want to thank everyone who came out and supported our Crunch for Cause at Taco Johns. We were able to start our Mission Trip fundraising by bringing in almost \$170.00 through Taco Johns purchases and our tip jars on the tables! Also, as many of you know we built and hosted our annual Haunted House. Again, thank you to all of those who donated items or let us borrow them to make it happen! As I am typing this up before the actual nights we will be open to the public, check back in November to see how we did. Lastly, thank you to all of you that helped either build or deconstruct the Haunted House! Many hands make for lighter work and it is appreciated.



IMPACT News

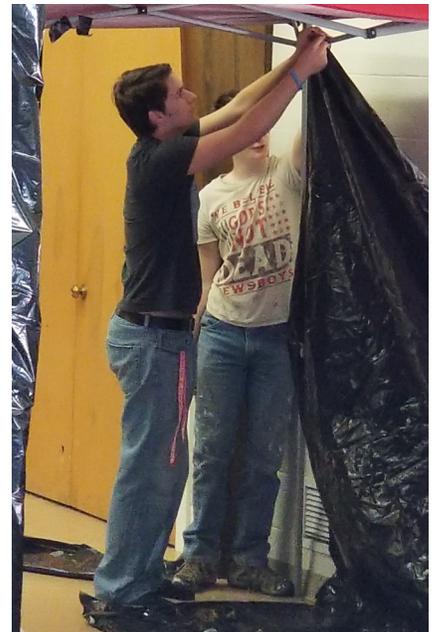
Moving into November and past the stress of Haunted House. IMPACT will settle into a more normal Wednesday night schedule during Table Talk. We will have three lessons from our new series (topics yet to be determined). However, I can tell from experience in October that the Youth are enjoying getting together on Wednesday night to hang out and discuss faith based, scriptural lessons that apply to their lives. Table Talk nights see anywhere from the high teens to the low twenties on how many youth are there. IMPACT will also assist the Saltzman's with their farm auction on November 10th. We will provide concessions and potentially moral support to those who spend more than expected;-)!

Kathy and I can not thank you all enough for all of the support you have given us and the IMPACT group. I know I say it every month, but it is always the truth. We could not do what we do, or have the energy for it, without the support of the church.

Thank You. - Jason Johnson & Kathy Poore



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OF
KARNAGE



Spotlight on Phil and Connie Bentz

Philip Larry was born in Overbrook, Kansas, the son of Philip Harry and Mildred Bentz. He attended rural and town schools. His parents farmed and managed a dairy herd. When he was twelve years old, the family moved to Enterprise, Kansas after the death of his father. Philip has a younger brother Arlan. Phil graduated from Enterprise High School in 1960. After completing an Apprenticeship at the J. B. Ehram Company in Enterprise, he was employed in the Sheet Metal Department.

Connie was born and raised in Longford, Kansas, the daughter of Clarence and Barbara Bergmeier. Connie had a younger brother, Fritz, who died from cancer at the age of 53. Connie graduated from Longford High School in 1959. Her first employment was in Abilene, Kansas, at Duckwall's General Office, the home office for all the Duckwall stores.

Phil and Connie met in Abilene through mutual friends in 1963. They were married November 12, 1965 in Abilene at the Faith Lutheran Church, where Philip was a member. They have two sons, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

They moved to Concordia in 1972, when the Enterprise Sheet Metal Department was moved to Concordia. Philip worked as a department manager in the Sheet Metal Department, Welding Department and Routing/Detailing Department. He retired in 2010 after working for this company fifty years. Connie returned to the working field after their children were grown. She worked at the College Children's Center, Farm Credit Services and eleven years as secretary at the First United Methodist Church.

After they were married, they attended Sunday School and worship services at the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Abilene. When they moved to Concordia, they attended the First United Methodist Church, where Connie is a member. Their heartfelt thanks go to all of you who have been supportive and caring. It was not until they attended the Crusader's Sunday School class did they realize the full impact this church would have on their spiritual life.

Phil and Connie



Mission Buckets

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In October, we collected \$141.72 for the World Communion Sunday special offering.

We will pass the missions buckets on November 18th for the United Methodist Student Day special offering. Learn more about this offering at <http://www.umcsgiving.org/ministry-articles/united-methodist-student-day>.

Cloud County Resource Center Needs

The CCRC could use our help with the monthly food truck delivery on November 7th from 8:00 – 11:00 am. Help is needed to unpack boxes, remove barcodes, and stock items. If you are available to help, contact Tonya Merrill at 243-1065 or ccrc@nckcn.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.



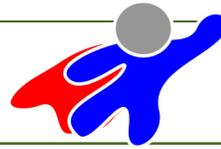
Commodities Distribution Day

We are searching for volunteers to help with Commodities on November 14th from 10:00 am - 12:30 pm. Items needed for luncheon include: 3 loaves of bread, 36 individual bags of chips, fresh veggies and 3 dozen cookies. Please let Lisa in the office know if you can help or sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Missionary Update

Chelsey Horkman has transitioned to a new program in Senegal, West Africa, with Serving in Mission (SIM), an interdenominational mission board. She will be teaching at an English center for university students and teaching Bible clubs for children. If you would like to receive a newsletter from Chelsey or donate to her missions work, you can contact her at chelsey.horkman@sim.org.

November Heroes



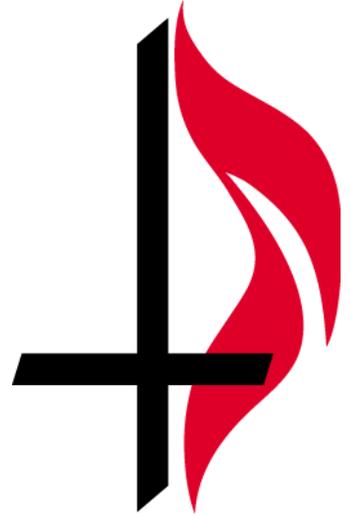
| Worship Volunteers | November 4 | November 11 | November 18 | November 25 |
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| Greeters | Dave Brewer Lisa Brewer | | Nonnie Steinert | Linda Culley Patty Mosher |
| Media | Lisa Brewer | | | |
| Sound | | | | |
| Worship Leader | | | | |
| Liturgist | Jean Wilcox | Maddie Johnson | Mary Thoman | Janice Swenson |
| Children's Moment | Pastor Melanie | Cindy Kocher | Gwydotta Ukens | Puppets |
| Fellowship Hosts | Loren & Joyce | Thanksgiving Dinner | Nonnie Steinert | |
| Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.) | | Thanksgiving Dinner | | |
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| Fellowship Cheese/Crackers | Ed Wright | Thanksgiving Dinner | | |

| Area to Clean | Volunteers |
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| Sanctuary | Randy & Marcy Johnson |
| Chapel/Entry/Balcony | |
| Bathrooms | Christy Hasch & Angie Gabel-McConkey |
| Nursery | |
| Parlor & Kitchen | Marvin & Eudora Petersen |
| Classrooms/Choir Room | |
| Fellowship Hall | |
| Halls/Stairs | |
| Youth Room | Youth |
| Kitchen | |

November 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 9:30 am UMW Morning Cluster 7:00 pm Life Support Group | 2 | 3 9:00 am Missions Super Saturday |
| 4 9:30 S/S 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 4:00 Church Conf. | 5 | 6 7:00 pm Trustees | 7 | 8 7:00 pm Life Support Group | 9 | 10 4:00 pm Thanksgiving Dinner Prep |
| 11 9:30 S/S 10:30 Worship 11:30 Thanksgiving Dinner | 12 7:00 pm Finance | 13 | 14 10:00 am Commodities | 15 UMW 16 6:00 pm Dave Ramsey Live Stream 7:00 pm LSG | 16 | 17 |
| 18 9:30 S/S 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship | 19 5:30 pm ADCO | 20 | 21 | 22 Thanksgiving Day | 23 | 24 |
| 25 9:30 S/S 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 4:00 Hanging of Greens | 26 | 27 7:00 pm SPPRC | 28 | 29 7:00 pm Life Support Group | 30 Parlor in Use 6:00 pm -8:00 pm | |

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

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Choir Director: Open Position

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