

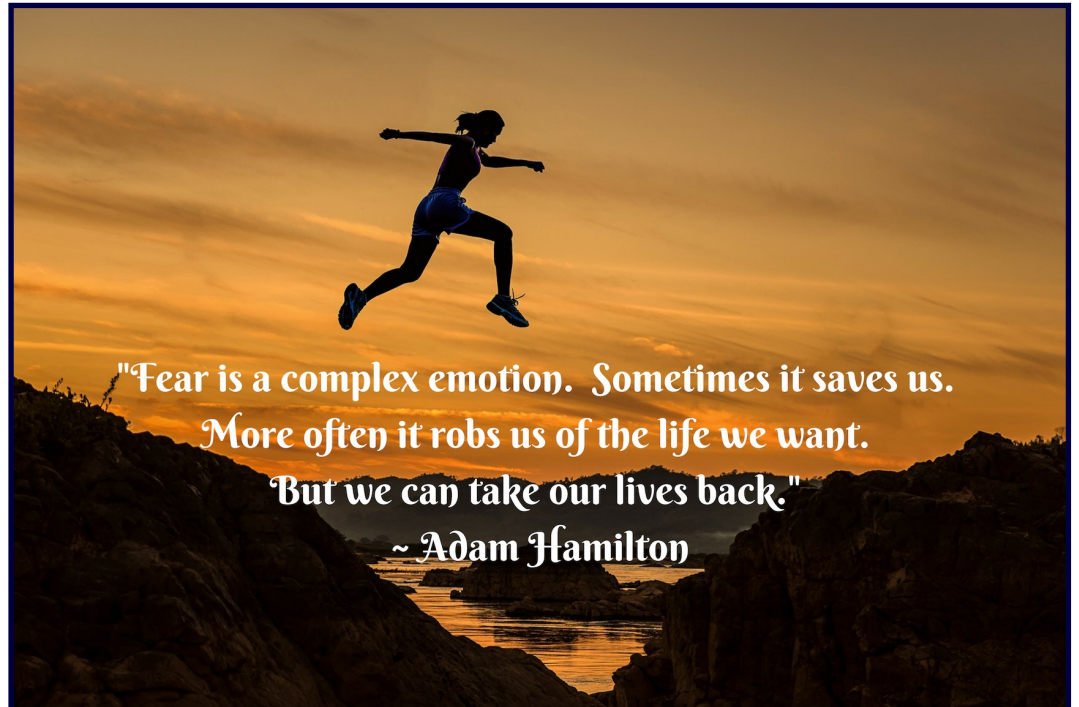
From Your Pastor

January 2019

Happy
New
Year

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Revelation



"Fear is a complex emotion. Sometimes it saves us.
More often it robs us of the life we want.
But we can take our lives back."
~ Adam Hamilton

WITH COURAGE AND HOPE: LIVING WITHOUT FEAR

SERMON SERIES
BEGINS JANUARY 13TH
10:30 AM SUNDAY



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We would be hard-pressed to overstate the extent to which fear, anxiety, and worry permeate our lives today. We will take a look at what scares us and causes us anxiety, both in our personal lives and in the world around us. The good news? There is hope! I invite you to join me for this timely series, "With Courage and Hope: Living without Fear," beginning January 13th and running through Easter (April 21) when we will celebrate the Resurrection of Christ who has the power to dispel all fear. ~ Pastor Melanie



Women's News

January

Altar Flowers- Morning Cluster

Executive Meeting: January 17th @ 12:15 pm

General Meeting: January 17th @ 1:00 pm

Program: Membership Nurture & Outreach

Morning Cluster: January 3rd @ 9:30 am

Location: Heavy's BBQ

Evening Cluster: January 8th @ 7:00 pm

Location: Beth Whisler's
529 West 5th

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

Phil & Connie Bentz
David & Judy Edwards
Randy & Marcy Johnson
Cindy Kocher
Lori Raccagno
Patty Mosher
Marsha Wentz
Youth

Mark Your Calendar



January 2nd - 6:30 pm Finance Special Meeting

January 14th - 7:00 pm Finance

January 21st - 5:30 pm ADCO

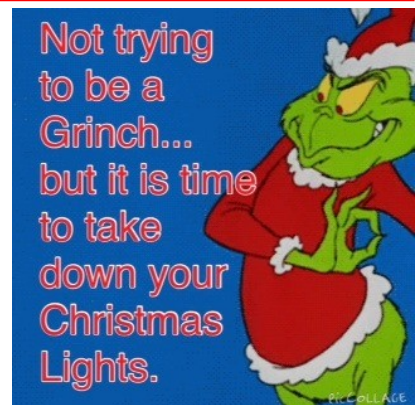
Un-Hanging of the Greens

As sad as it makes us.....

We must take down the Christmas Decorations.

Please join us on January 6th immediately following
worship (11:30 am).

The more hands we have the quicker and lighter the
work. Thanks in advance!!



Adult Table Talk Hiatus

The Adult Table Talk class will take a hiatus until Lent begins in March.

Watch for details in later announcements.



Financial Peace University

No more money fights! With Financial Peace University, you and your spouse will learn how to create (and stick to) a budget, save for emergencies, and make a plan for the future. Doesn't that sound peaceful? I'm offering FPU at [Concordia First United Methodist Church](#) just for you starting Sunday, January 13, 2019. If you're interested in learning more, send me a message! You can also visit <https://fpu.com/1076860> to sign up! ~ Charity Brown



Commodities Day

We are searching for volunteers to help with Commodities on January 16th from 10:00 am - 12:30 pm. Items needed for luncheon include: 3 boxes of saltines, Fresh veggies with dip and 4 dozen cinnamon rolls. Please let Lisa in the office know if you can help or sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

In 2018 we provided commodities to **572** individuals. Thanks to all who make this program so successful and give of your time and talents. It's greatly appreciated.



Boiler Update

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the fundraiser for the new boiler. As of December 19th, we have received or have pledged \$46,374.42 which leaves us to raise \$3,625.58. Demolition of the old boiler started on November 12th, and the boilers were first fired up on November 21st. There are several tasks yet to be done to complete the installation, but we have heat. As the Trustees, ADCO, and Finance committee discussed the boiler replacement, it was a difficult decision to replace a boiler that was still running even though we knew it had already outlived its expected life span. After the old boiler was demolished, we were told that the center of it was so plugged with rust that they didn't know how we were getting enough water through it to heat the building, and that they did not think it would have made it through the winter.



Secret Prayer Sister News

It's SECRET PRAYER SISTER time again!!

We will be meeting on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 9:30am in the Crusader's Room.

Please encourage your FUMC women friends to participate in this program. The more women we have participate the more likely you are to get a different sister each year.

This is an opportunity to focus on brightening someone's day. Be creative!! Send a card, acknowledge her birthday, wish her a speedy recovery, or a sympathy card because her pet passed away. This is as fun as you want to make it. Be a bright light in someone's day.

So fill out a SECRET PRAYER SISTER CARD located on the table outside the sanctuary and bring it with you on Saturday, February 23rd.

Get ready for a fun year ~ Donna Reedy

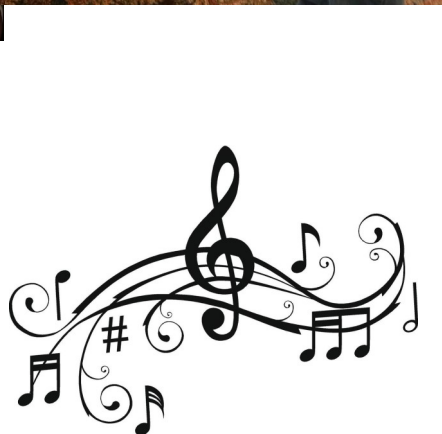


Cookie Day Success

On December 1st the weather outside was *frightful*, but the cookies inside were delightful!! Cookie Day was a huge success despite the weather. Huge thanks to everyone who baked cookies, helped set up, assisted during the event, purchased cookies and helped with clean up.

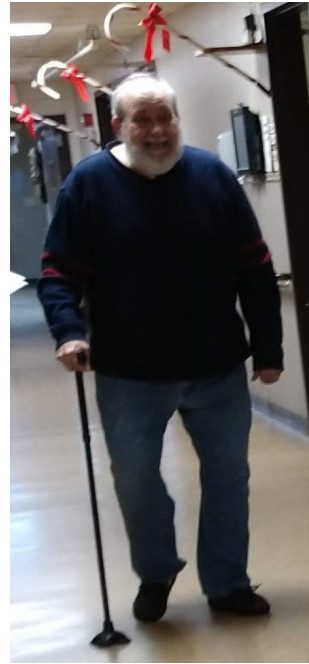


Christmas Caroling



20 church members were entertained by 21 carolers on December 9th. Tons of fun, laughs and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Seeing nursing home residents singing along to the carols with a smile on their face was a true blessing. Huge thanks to Monte and Nancy Wentz for organizing the event and opening their home for a soup supper afterwards.

Christmas Caroling



Salvation Army Bell Ringing



More than 15 volunteers rang the Salvation Army Bells at Walmart and brought in donations of \$800 – the largest single day collection since Toby Nosker started organizing the program!

Mission Tree

Thank you for your donations of 150 food items and 18 toys for the CCRC Holiday Baskets! These donations made it possible for the CCRC to provide Holiday Baskets for many families in need during this holiday season.

We are still collecting the following items for the Concordia Elementary School through **January 6th**:

- New and Gently Used Coats, Pants, and Sweatpants for boys and girls (sizes 5 – 12)
- New and Gently Used Shoes for boys
- New Underwear for boys and girls (sizes 5 – 12)
- New Socks for boys and girls



Christmas Program Highlights



K-BETH Live:

An Advent Drama was enjoyed by all. The youth of our church put on a great program!!



IMPACT News

Can you believe half of the school year is complete? Fall semester was a whirlwind of activities. Thank you to everyone that supported us during our first IMPACT Sunday and our annual Christmas Program. We were so impressed by how quickly and efficiently the youth put these events together.

So, what does January have in store for IMPACT? First of all, on January 5th we will begin our 30 Hour Famine. We will fast for 30 hours as a group in an effort to raise \$2,400 to help feed 60 children for a month and raise awareness for World Vision.

Secondly, in January, we will be reviving our activities in preparation for our Mission Trip to Green Bay, Wisconsin next June. Stay connected for more details.

Lastly, we will reconvene Table Talk in the New Year. We continue to have new members join our core group, which makes for an exciting time full of amazing discussions.

Thank you all for your support!! ~ Jason & Kathy

Mission Buckets

In December, we collected \$500.00 for the Cloud County Resource Center Holiday Baskets!

This collection helped prepare food baskets for more than 14 families.

We will pass the Missions Buckets on January 21st for the Human Relations Day Special Offering. Learn more about this offering at <http://www.umcsgiving.org/ministry-articles/human-relations-day>.



Cloud County Resource Center Needs

Several volunteers from our church helped children shop and wrapped gifts at the CCRC Holiday Store. This year a record number 160 children participated in the project!

Help is needed with the monthly food truck delivery on **January 9th 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.



Little Pantry

Winter is coming! Please do not leave items in the pantry that could freeze when the weather is predicted to be extremely cold. In particular, canned goods can freeze and spoil.

The pantry continues to experience high traffic flow with multiple visits each day to both add and take items. **Please consider leaving extra items during the holiday season when families have children on school break and students who are staying in the dorms at CCCC may be in need of food.** 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.

Our Missional Budget 2019
First United Methodist Church, Concordia, KS

Your church leadership has constructed a bold plan of ministry to continue our mission of changing lives for Christ. We celebrate a wonderful past year and commit ourselves to sharing Christ's love and helping people in their own journeys of faith in this new year. We invite you to join us in this journey of being God's people in Concordia through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness!

Our Plan of Ministry

A. To provide meaningful, life-changing worship every week of the year.

Last year we held 52 regular worship services where an average of 82 persons each week gathered to praise God and hear the scriptures proclaimed. We welcomed numerous guests, heard dozens of anthems and solos, as well as had our worship enhanced by the Praise Band and God's Angels bell ringers. We celebrated Holy Communion 12 times welcoming all to the table. We baptized two persons and renewed our own baptisms in a powerful expression of our faith. We have welcomed new people into our midst. We had some Sundays where our members shared their own powerful stories of God's presence in their lives. And we commissioned two of our members for work as missionaries. Many people have expressed how at home they feel in our worship services. We will celebrate and worship together in 2019 in many ways, both traditional and contemporary. We will share our stories of lives changed, and work to create a space where hearts are warmed and we are given rich spiritual food for the journey.

Budget total: \$91,325

(Includes a % of pastor's salary expenses, insurance, etc. Includes a % of administrative assistant salary* a % of groundskeeper salary; salaries of choir director; organist, nursery coordinator; worship and other applicable supplies, office supplies, music, technological expenses; a percentage of maintenance, building insurance and utilities)

B. To nurture persons in their faith journey.

This area includes the traditional forms of Christian education and spiritual formation such as Sunday school classes, small groups, youth and children's programs. It also includes confirmation classes, one-on-one counseling/mentoring/coaching, and support groups. It includes educational opportunities which members and staff may attend. It includes Safe Gatherings certifications for staff and leaders in the church who work with children, youth, and vulnerable persons. It also includes times of fun and fellowship which help build relationships, and the various ways we care for each other.

Budget total: \$52,886

(Includes a % of pastor's compensation package, a % of administrative assistant' salary, supplies, maintenance, building insurance, utilities, and education/spiritual formation materials)

C. To witness to our faith in service beyond ourselves.

We continue to expand our reach in mission. Here in the Concordia area we support or maintain the Little Free Pantry, the distribution of Commodities w/a light meal & fellowship, the putting together of dozens of layette kits, the collection of various items including offerings to support community work with those in need, as well as holding both a springtime "Change the World/Random Acts of Kindness" event, and a fall Mission Day. We also host Red Cross Drives,

Beyond our local area, our money helps provide disaster relief to those affected by tragedy, education to students, training for teachers and pastors, support missionaries, build homes and hospitals, as well as countless other missions. Our money is making a HUGE positive impact.

Budget total: \$58,532

(Includes a % of pastor's compensation package, a % of administrative assistant salary, supplies and utilities as needed, money allotted for local mission work, money allotted for mission support in our Great Plains Conference and globally, and stewardship funds.)

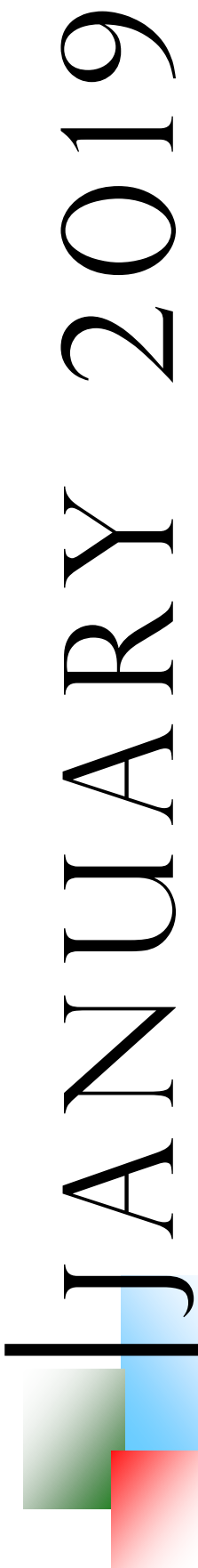
Grand Total for our Missional Budget: \$202,743

A detailed line item budget is available in the church office for any who wish to receive it.

January Heroes

Worship Volunteers	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27
Greeters	Nonnie Steinert	Linda Culley	Jim & Ann Lanoue	Julie Cory
Media	Lisa Brewer			
Sound				
Worship Leader	Jason Johnson	Loren Swenson		
Liturgist	Angie Gable-McConkey	Maddie Johnson	Jean Wilcox	Marcy Johnson
Children's Moment	Pastor Melanie	Wendy Holt	Phil Gilliland	Puppets
Fellowship Hosts	Angie Gable-McConkey	Marsha Wentz	Krohns	
Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)	Lori Raccagno	Lisa Valcoure	Joyce Swenson	Marcy Johnson
Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)	Nonnie Steinert	Nading		
Fellowship Cheese/Crackers	Gwdotta Ukens	Beth Whisler	Marge Cruzen	Jean Wilcox

Area to Clean	Volunteers
Sanctuary	Randy & Marcy Johnson
Chapel/Entry/Balcony	
Bathrooms	Marsha Wentz
Nursery	Jim & Ann Lanoue
Parlor & Kitchen	Phil & Connie Bentz
Classrooms/Choir Room	
Fellowship Hall	
Halls/Stairs	Mary Thoman
Youth Room	Youth
Kitchen	Loren & Joyce Swenson



JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Office Closed	2 6:30 pm Finance	3 9:30 am Morning Cluster @ Heavy's	4	5 11:00 am IMPACT 30 hour Famine
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