

REVELATION

April 2019



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Revelation

From Your Pastor

A 740 Prayer Update, Spring 2019

The 740 Prayer Initiative Continues! You are encouraged to set your phones for 7:40 am or pm each day to spend a few moments in prayer for our congregation and the mission and ministry we are called to do. Or, choose another time of day that works for you. Just remember to pray!

Ask God to continue to work in us and through us; to do new things that are beyond our imagining. Ephesians 3:20 says, *"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us."*

Give thanks to God, and ask God to help us continue with ministries that are truly touching hearts and minds of people who may not normally be part of our congregation. Even though many of these folks are not in worship on Sunday with us, we are still engaging in meaningful ways during the commodities distribution and meal, with youth and children in our community who are coming to Table Talk and Impact, and in other ways. We are continuing to feed people through our Little Free Pantry, to assist with disaster relief, and so much more!

Remember, God is at work! Pray for these ministries. Pray also about inviting and bringing a friend, family member, business associate, or neighbor to worship with you. Who do you know that God is calling you to invite? Ask God to open a door for conversation with, and invitation to, someone you know.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him." Romans 8:28

See you in church!

Pastor Melanie

Sunday Services

Adult & Youth Sunday School at 9:30 am

Worship at 10:30 am

Table Talk every Wednesday Evening (during the school year)

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Classes for all ages at 6:30 pm

Office Info/UMW

APRIL

UMW News

Altar Flowers– Nonnie Steinert

Executive Meeting: April 18th @ 12:15 pm

General Meeting: April 18th @ 1:00 pm

Program: Easter - Morning Cluster

Hostess: Morning Cluster

Morning Cluster: April 4th @ 9:30 am

Evening Cluster: No Meeting

HUGE THANKS
to everyone that has helped
keep the church clean
during the month of March:

Phil & Connie Bentz
Jim & Ann Lanoue
Cindy Kocher
Mary Thoman
Marsha Wentz
Youth

All Daughter's
Banquet
Friday,
May 3rd

Save
the
Date

meeting
reminder

Trustees: April 2nd @ 7:00 pm

Finance: April 8th @ 7:00 pm

Missions: April 14th @ 11:30

Match Madness Results

Thank you to everyone who donated during our Match Madness event!! We were #3 on the Leaderboard with donations of \$3,969.64. Matching funds at 79% equaled \$3,136.68 for a grand total of \$7,106.32! Again, thank you for believing and investing in our future.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual FUMC Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 21st during Sunday School. Please join in on the fun!!

We are needing donations of individually wrapped candy. If you would like to donate, please bring your candy to the church office by 3:00 pm on April 15th. Thank you in advance for giving so generously to ensure our kiddos have a great Easter Egg Hunt!!!



Chicken & Noodle Dinner

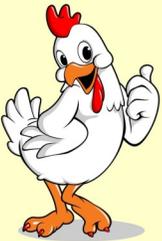
Needing a little comfort food to soothe your soul? Join us for Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Coleslaw, Pickled Beets, Rolls and Pie.

Adults: \$10 Children: \$5.00

Delivery and Pick Up available, please call Lisa at 785-243-4560 to place your order.

Preparation volunteers are needed for April 6th at 8:30 am and 1:00 pm. Dinner Day volunteer times available are 8 to 10, 10:30 to 11:30, 11:30 to 2:00 and 1:00 until clean up is complete. Sign up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

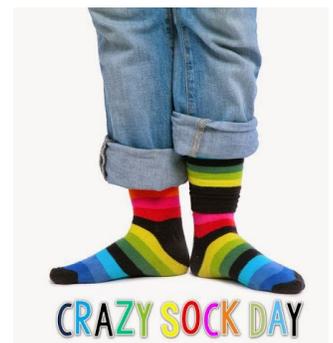
Annual Chicken & Noodle Dinner
Sunday, April 7th
11:30 am - 1:00 pm



Crazy Sock Sunday, April 7th

April 7th has been designated as CRAZY SOCK SUNDAY!!!
The Visionaries ask all of you to wear your crazy or mismatched socks that day.

Yes, you have to wear clothes with the socks!!!



Visionaries Game Night



Visionaries, mark your calendars for Sunday, April 14th. We will be meeting at Thunderstrikez Bowling Alley at 7:00 pm. Wear comfy clothes, bring a snack to share and be ready for some fun.

Worship Schedule for April

April 7 Sermon: "Unafraid" (final sermon in series dealing with fear).

Scriptures: Philippians 4:6-7, Isaiah 12:2, Psalm 8

Of special note: Communion Sunday, Choir sings

April 14 **Palm Sunday**. Our message will be the scriptures themselves as we hear the story of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the Passover meal with his friends, his trial and crucifixion. **Of special note: Procession of the Palms!**

April 21 **Easter**. Sermon: "When an End is a Beginning" Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

Of special note: Choir sings, special instrumental music.

April 28 Sermon: "Do Not Let the Journey End" Scripture: Acts 9:1-20

Of special note: Confirmation Sunday.

May 5 **CTW worship service at 9:00 am**

Remember, too, that Chapel Communion will continue through April 14th, at 9 am in the chapel. This is a simple time for Holy Communion and a few moments of prayer. All are invited!

Confirmation Sunday

This year we will be confirming Peyton Johnson and Haylee Terrill at our morning worship service. Please plan on attending worship on April 28th to show your support as these young women take the vows of membership.

Your presence will mean a lot to them!



Interested in an Easter Sunrise Service?

April 21st is Easter! I am wanting to know how many people in our congregation might be interested in attending a sunrise service. With Easter so late in April, there is a good change we will have a beautiful morning! Pam Campbell has offered to host it out at their farm at 6:30 am (sunrise is at 6:43 on that day).

PLEASE! Let me, or Pam, or the office know if you would be interested in attending as soon as possible so that we can make plans. Thank you. - Pastor Melanie

Change the world Sunday 2019

Our 8th Annual Change the World Sunday is coming on **May 5, 2019!**

Event Schedule

8:30—9:00 am Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

9:00—9:30 am Church Service in Sanctuary

9:30 am—Noon Projects & Random Acts of Kindness, Lunch Preparations

Noon—1:00 pm Lunch in Fellowship Hall 12:30 pm Sharing Projects & RAoK

1:00 – 2:00 pm Lunch Cleanup

Projects Planned

May Baskets

Repair & Paint the Fall Fest Information Booth

Cleaning & Repair Projects for the City of Concordia*

Random Acts of Kindness

* We need volunteers to lead small groups to complete the projects identified with the City of Concordia. Please contact any of the Missions Team members if you would like to volunteer! Team members include: Melanie Adams, Dave Brewer, Lisa Brewer, Pam Campbell, Julie Cory, Cindy Kocher, Bruce Nutter, Marvin Petersen, and Nancy Wentz.

We need lots of people to participate in the projects! We also need volunteers who are willing to serve breakfast, prepare lunch, and donate food items. Please invite your friends to join us. Sign-up sheets will be posted on April 7th!

What if it rains? We will be prepared to do lots of Random Acts of Kindness!

CHANGE THEWORLD

March Commodities Day



Community!! If I was pressed to describe our March Commodities Day in one word, it would be Community. 29 Volunteers came together to serve 151 individuals. Lunch was served to approximately 45 souls.

I had asked for community volunteers while at Chamber Coffee and the response was amazing. We had volunteers representing DVAK, The American Legion, American State Bank, Cloud County Community College Soccer Teams, Elders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and Nonnie's grandson, Alex!!

Huge thanks to our FUMC Rockstars : Cindy Kocher, Pastor Melanie, Nonnie Steinert, DuWayne Johnson, Peggi Barrett, Loren Swenson, Joyce Swenson, Tom Thronson, Carol Ruud, Pam Campbell, Marvin Petersen, Lori Raccagno and Sydney Conner. You are all such a blessing to the Commodities Program. ~ Lisa Brewer

Spotlight on Monte & Nancy Wentz

Monte and Nancy Wentz were married at Concordia 1st UMC on New Year's Eve 2005. Monte grew up in Concordia, KS, and is a life-long member of Concordia 1st UMC. Nancy grew up in Clearwater, KS. She attended a Disciples of Christ Christian Church in her hometown and transferred her membership to Concordia 1st UMC in 2006.

The Wentz's first met at Kansas State University – Monte lived at Smith Scholarship House and Nancy lived at Smurthwaite Scholarship House. The two houses co-hosted many activities – and a few pranks! Monte earned a degree in Life Sciences from KSU in 1994 and a Doctor of Optometry Degree from the University of Missouri School of Optometry in 1999. He has been a practicing Optometrist in Concordia and Salina for the past 20 years.

Nancy earned a degree in Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering from KSU in 1995. It might surprise some to learn that as part of her degree, she learned to weld! She has been employed as a Senior Healthcare Information Technology Consultant for 24 years. Her job has taken her to more than two dozen hospitals in 14 states. She is a certified project manager and is typically on the road 40+ weeks each year. By the end of the year, she will have flown more than 2,000,000 paid miles on United Airlines during the course of her career. She has been working with a client in Pomona, CA, for the past six years.

Monte has one sibling, Marc, who is retired from the Navy and lives in San Diego, CA, with his wife, Joan, and son, Jared. Monte's parents, Michael and Marsha, also attend Concordia 1st UMC. Nancy's parents, Bob and Gale, still live in Clearwater. Bob is a retired engineer who worked for Coleman and then Cessna for many years. Gale is a retired teacher. Nancy is the oldest of five children. Her oldest brother, Brad, lives in Lawrence, KS. Her brother Bryan lives with his wife, Audra, in Manhattan, KS. Her brother Jeff lives with his wife, Sara, in Wichita, KS. Her sister Susan lives in Wichita with her husband, Jag. Nancy's family just celebrated her Granddad Darrell's 99th Birthday!

With his spare time, Monte is very involved around town. He chairs the Downtown Christmas Lighting Committee, chairs the Brown Grand Board of Directors, and is a member of the Masonic Lodge. In 2016, he was appointed to the United Methodist Health Ministries Fund Board of Directors – the first board member from Concordia since the fund was created over 30 years ago. Many will also be familiar with Monte's love of historic architecture and his efforts to restore his great-great grandparents' homesteaded farmhouse, the old City Hall building, and the Banker's Loan and Trust Company Building.

Monte is currently the chair of the Trustees and is also the Lay Leader at Concordia 1st UMC. Nancy currently chairs the Missions, Healthy Congregations, and Marketing teams at Concordia 1st UMC. They both enjoy hosting the annual Christmas Caroling event. In 2012, they started Change the World Sunday and are looking forward to the 8th annual event on May 5th!



IMPACT NEWS

Wow, it's already April! This school year is flying by and before you know it we'll be in Green Bay, Wisconsin on our Missions Trip. Our first payment has been paid and we are getting more excited by the week to begin the adventure in June.

Our Stockholder Fundraiser is 2/5 finished. The Italian Dinner on March 24th was a great success. We served 80 people and tackled the age old problem of keeping spaghetti noodles warm...SUCCESS. Huge thanks to everyone who came out and supported us, we appreciate each and everyone of you.

As we move into April and Easter, we are busy gearing up to bake 48 dozen cinnamon rolls. We will be delivering these heavenly bundles of cinnamon awesomeness April 16-18. If you want to order it's not too late, just call by April 7th and we will get you on the list. Phone numbers are listed below on the flyer. Mother's Day Pallet Sign and Bath Salts as well as Car Wash and Interior Detail are still available for purchase.

Graduation Day is May 19th and we will have 10 IMPACT members graduating. We will miss each and everyone one of these amazing young adults but we know that they are surrounded by their faith as they start the next part of their journey.

Again, huge thanks to each and everyone who supports us by donating, investing, praying for us and being our church family!!! ~ Jason and Kathy

IMPACT STOCKHOLDER

All Stockholders will be invited to the Post-Mission Trip appreciation event. Your support towards our Mission Trip to Green Bay, Wisconsin in June is appreciated!!

LEVEL	INVESTMENT	RETURNS
DIAMOND	\$80	5 GIFTS
PLATINUM	\$70	4 GIFTS
GOLD	\$55	3 GIFTS
SILVER	\$40	2 GIFTS
BRONZE	\$20	1 GIFT

Chocolate Covered Strawberries and Valentine's Cookies ~ February Surprise your sweetheart with heart-shaped, freshly baked and frosted sugar cookies surrounded by strawberries bathed in melted chocolate. Treats will be delivered February 10th-12th.
Italian Dinner for 2 ~ March Enjoy an Italian dinner for two which includes a salad, spaghetti, garlic bread and a delectable dessert. Meal will be served at the First United Methodist Church March 24th following Sunday service (11:45 am - 1:00 pm).
One Dozen Cinnamon Rolls ~ April Let us help you prepare for breakfast Easter morning. Order 1 dozen cinnamon rolls topped with cream cheese frosting. Rolls will be delivered April 16th-18th.
Pallet Sign and Bath Salts ~ May Shower a special mother in gifts with a hand-crafted, hand-painted pallet sign and homemade bath salts. Gifts will be delivered May 6th-8th.
Car Wash and Interior Detail ~ June Start Summer off fresh with a clean vehicle inside and out. Cleaning will take place by appointment May 29th - June 4th.

To order please contact Jason Johnson at 785.243.5277 or Kathy Poore at 785.243.5532



Mission Buckets



In March, we collected \$181.00 for the UMCOR Special Offering and \$392.64 for the Nebraska Recovery Special Offering!

We will pass the Missions Buckets on April 7th and 28th for Change the World Sunday food and supplies.

Cloud County Resource Center Needs

Help is needed with the monthly food truck delivery on **April 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@nckcn.com.



Please help us from March 18th to April 19th.



**The Cloud County
Resource Center
107 W 7th
Concordia, KS
66901
(785)243-1065**

Cleanin' Up Concordia Spring Cleaning Supply Drive

The Resource Center needs the following cleaning products:
Paper towels, laundry detergent, dish soap, toilet paper, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair brushes, trash bags, tissue, disinfecting wipes, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, tampons, maxi pads, combs, dryer sheets, or baby wipes.

Little Pantry

Please consider purchasing items to fill the pantry the next time you shop for groceries – it is a great way to use your new reusable shopping bag! 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.



Healthy Congregations

Pick up your free Reusable Shopping bag today! Bags are available in the church entry, next to the food box. The bags are provided by the Healthy Congregations team. They provide a great way to save the environment AND advertise our church!

A few tips on using your bag:

- Keep your bags in the car or purse so they can be easily accessed when you need them. The Concordia 1st UMC bag has built-in storage to make it easy to carry.
- Have enough bags for your typical grocery purchase. Most shoppers need 4-5 bags for a typical shopping trip. Most reusable bags are stronger and have larger capacity than the typical plastic bag available at retail stores.
- When groceries have been unloaded, return the bags to your car or other accessible storage place so they are ready the next time you need them!
- Wash bags periodically, especially if meats or produce have been stored loose in the bag.



Lenten Boxes

Don't forget to return Lenten box on Easter Sunday! Money collected in Lenten boxes will go to Missions Agency Support. For a list of missions agencies who receive support through this giving, go to www.greatplainsumc.org/missionagencysupport.



April Heroes

Worship Volunteers	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Greeters	Dave Brewer Lisa Brewer	David Edwards Judy Edwards	Dave Brewer Lisa Brewer	
Media	Lisa Brewer		Lisa Brewer	
Sound				
Worship Leader			Loren Swenson	
Liturgist	Sydney Conner	Joyce Swenson	Bill Thompson	Janice Swenson
Children's Moment	Nancy Wentz	Wendy Holt	Loren Swenson	Puppets
Fellowship Hosts	Chicken Noodle Dinner			
Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)	Chicken Noodle Dinner		Lisa Brewer	
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Fellowship Cheese/Crackers	Chicken Noodle Dinner			

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

April 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 7:00 pm Trustees	3 5:00 pm Sittin' w/ Jesus 5:30 pm Choir Practice 5:45 pm TT Meal 6:30 pm TT Classes	4 9:30 am Morning Cluster	5	6
7 9:00 Chapel Comm. 9:30 S/S 10:30 Worship 11:30 Chicken Noodle Crazy Sock Day	8 7:00 pm Finance	9	10 5:00 pm Sittin' w/ Jesus 5:30 pm Choir Practice 5:45 pm TT Meal 6:30 pm TT Classes	11	12	13
14 9:00 Chapel Comm. 9:30 S/S 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 11:30 Missions 7:00 Visionaries	15	16	17 5:00 pm Sittin' w/ Jesus 5:30 pm Choir Practice 5:45 pm TT Meal 6:30 pm TT Classes	18 12:15 pm UMW Exec, 1:00 General 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	19	20
21 Easter 9:30 S/S Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	22	23	24 5:00 pm Sittin' w/ Jesus 5:30 pm Choir Practice 5:45 pm TT Meal 6:30 pm TT Classes	25	26	27
28 Confirmation 9:30 S/S 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	29	30				

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

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