

March 2019



From Your Pastor

Greetings! March is here and that means we will start to see signs of spring very soon, I hope. Soon the daffodils will be in full bloom! I know we are all ready for that. FUMC is also gearing up for the Lenten Season.

Ash Wednesday

We will hold our Ash Wednesday service on March 6th at 6:30 pm, in the sanctuary. This service will be a simple beginning to our season of reflection leading up to Easter. All are welcome!

Special Communion Services to Be Offered During Lent

Also, I have decided to offer a brief communion service each Sunday during Lent in the chapel for those who would like a short meditative time before Sunday school. The services will be offered at 9:00 am on the following Sundays: March 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7, 14, and will last approximately 15-20 minutes. (*Note: These will not replace our regular observance of Holy Communion in our worship service on April 7th.*) And perhaps one of those Sundays you find yourself needing to head out of town for the day. If so, you can stop into the chapel service and then be on your way! All are welcome!

So, what IS Lent anyway?

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday (the day before Easter). *Lent* comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means “spring.” The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparations for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians.

Ash Wednesday emphasizes encountering our own mortality and need for God, as well as confessing our sin before God within the community of faith. The use of ashes has been a sign of mortality and repentance that goes back to Old Testament times. The ashes are traditionally from the burned palms from the previous year’s Palm Sunday.

May you find this Lenten Season to be one of reflection and renewal!

Melanie

Sermon Series “With Courage and Hope: Living without Fear” Continues in March

March 3	Part 8: “Fear of Change”	John 5:1-8
March 10	Part 9: “Fear of Missing Out” 2 various verses	1 Thes. 5:16-18. Eccl.
March 17	Part 10: “I Don’t Want to Grow Old”	Joel 2:28. Acts 2:17
March 24	Part 11: “Anxiety and Physical Illness”	Matthew 6:27-34
March 31	Part 12: “I’m Not Ready to Die”	Psalms 23, 1 Cor. 15: 54b-55

The series will conclude on April 7th with the sermon, “Unafraid.” I have really enjoyed preparing for and preaching this series which has been largely based on Adam Hamilton’s book, *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times*, available from Cokesbury.

Office Info/UMW

UMW News

MARCH

Altar Flowers- Evening Cluster

Executive Meeting: March 21st @ 12:15 pm

General Meeting: March 21st @ 1:00 pm

Program: Program Resources - Eudora Petersen

Hostess: Peggi Barrett

Morning Cluster: March 7th @ 9:30 am

Evening Cluster: No Meeting

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

Phil & Connie Bentz

Pam Campbell

David & Judy Edwards

Randy & Marcy Johnson

Cindy Kocher

Marvin & Eudora Petersen

Marsha Wentz

Youth

Mark Your Calendar



Trustees: March 5th @ 7:00 pm

Finance: March 11th @ 7:00 pm

ADCO: March 18th @ 5:30 pm

Oodles of Noodles Day 2019

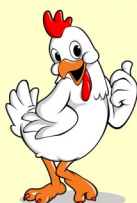
We're Making Noodles on *March 28th!!*

Volunteers are needed for Set Up, Drying , Bagging &

Clean-Up!! Please see the sign up sheet on the hallway
bulletin board for times. It'll be OODLES of FUN!!



Annual Chicken & Noodle Dinner



Sunday, April 7th

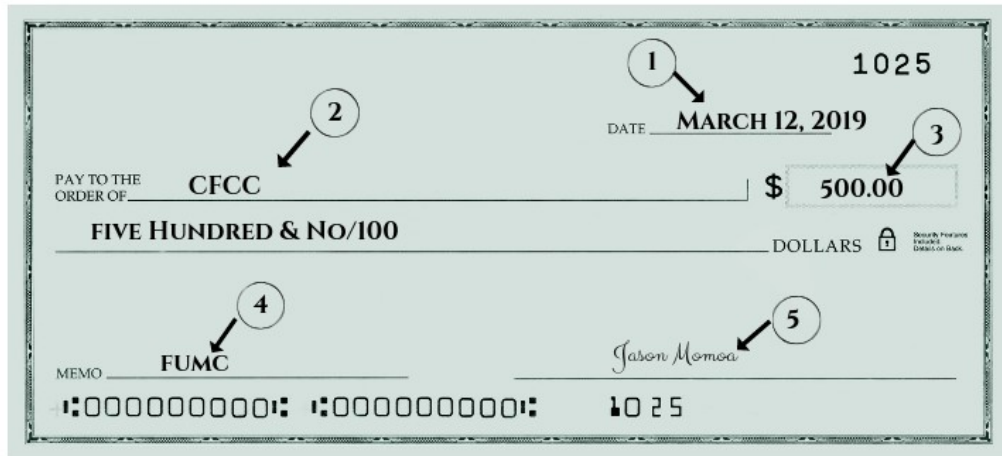
11:30 am - 1:00 pm



Match Madness ... March 12th

Match Madness is upon us. As the date gets closer please consider giving.

Our goal this year before matching funds is \$4,000. Bring your donation to Lisa in the church office prior to March 12th or take it to the CFCC office located at 601 W. 6th Street between 7 am and 7 pm on March 12th.



- 1 Checks must be dated **March 12, 2019**.
- 2 Make check out to **CFCC**.
- 3 Fill in the amount you wish to donate.
- 4 Write **FUMC** on the memo line.
- 5 Your signature is required.



March 10th....Clocks and Colors

Set your clocks ahead 1 hour on March 10th for Daylight Savings Time!!!

The Visionaries ask you to join them in celebrating March Madness by wearing your favorite team colors to worship today. Let your kiddos wear their basketball jersey, football gear, cheerleader outfit....whatever sport gear they feel moved to wear. Come worship with us in color!!!!

Card Drive

Many of us receive free greeting cards in the mail from charitable organizations that we never put to use. Do you have unused greeting cards laying around your house? Would you be willing to donate some cards if you knew they would be used to cheer up someone in need of some TLC?



I will be collecting birthday, sympathy, get well soon and “just because” cards to send to our congregation’s shut-ins throughout the year.

If you would like to donate cards and/or postage stamps please bring them to the church office. The cards should be unused and have an envelope. ~ Lisa

Amazon Gives Back to FUMC

Do you shop on Amazon????

If you do, here's your chance to support FUMC every time you shop.

Please use this link when you shop Amazon: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/48-0622392>

Last week we received \$43.33 from Amazon Smile. Huge thanks to all of you for choosing FUMC as your charity when shopping.

Need more information on how to enroll? Check out the Amazon Smile instructions on the bulletin board or go to our website: www.concordiafumc.com



Visionaries Game Night

Visionaries, mark your calendars for Sunday, March 3rd. We will be meeting at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall for Game Night!! Wear comfy clothes, bring a snack to share and be ready for some fun.



IMPACT News

Is it March already??? Soon it will be spring break and we will be halfway through the second semester!! IMPACT has not let these snowy, dreary winter days of February get us down. In fact, February is one of our hottest months for birthdays. For whatever reason, many of the youth have February birthdays, so it is not uncommon for some ice cream cake to be shared by everyone. On Wednesday nights during Table Talk we continue to mirror Pastor Melanie's sermon series on "Fear" and even more importantly, how to deal with fear and what the Bible says about fear. Yes, we have the youth bringing their Bibles and digging into them to read scripture! We will finish our discussions of this topic in March and then we will be tasked with picking a direction to go from there. We are kicking around the idea of inviting some of our "Wise" members of the church to join us on Wednesday nights. We will tap into your wisdom to speak with the youth about why you are involved in a church, what that means to you and just why do you choose to come to Sunday morning worship. We continue to endeavor to bridge the gap between youth and the traditional Sunday morning church.

We simply cannot go a month without updating you all on this year's mission trip to Green Bay, Wisconsin. Our IMPACT Stockholders fundraiser has been a huge success not only within the church but also within our community. In February, 35 plates of hand made sugar cookies and hand dipped chocolate covered strawberries were delivered for Valentines Day. Remember, March's Stockholder Dividend is the Italian Dinner for Two directly after church on March 24th. If that sounds as good to you and it does to us AND you have not purchased stock, it's not too late. I believe that there are about 40 that will be partaking and there is still room for more. March is also the month that we make the first half of our registration payments. As we begin to think about that, the reality of this trip begins to really take hold. Again we could not do any of this without your prayers, words of encouragement and/or financial support. Thank you all so much!! - Jason & Kathy.



IMPACT
Italian Dinner for 2
March 24th
Following Worship

Spotlight on Haylee Terrill

Name, Age, Grade in School, School Attending:

Haylee Terrill, Age 13, 8th Grade at Concordia Junior High School

How many years have you been coming to Youth Group: 2 Years

List church activities you have participated in: IMPACT Youth Group, Haunted House, Church Camp, Random Acts of Kindness, 30 Hour Famine

What is your favorite part of Youth Group: Getting to see all of my friends.

What is your favorite memory of a Youth Group activity: Participating in the 30 Hour Famine

What does church mean to you: It means that I get to see God and become closer to him.



Spotlight on Liz Duvall

Name, Age, Grade in School, School Attending: Liz Duvall,

Age 16, Junior at Concordia High School

What activities are you involved in at School (if any): Cheer, Band, Choir, Softball, Tennis, FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), FCCLA (Family, Career & Community Leaders of America)

How many years have you been coming to Youth Group: First Year

List church activities you have participated in: IMPACT Youth Group, Random Acts of Kindness

What is your favorite part of Youth Group: Meeting with friends and talking about Jesus

What does church mean to you: Coming closer together and finding the meaning of the Bible.



Spotlight our Choir Director

Renata Knox is currently an instrument repair technician for Tom's Music House. She taught public school music for eleven years, including the last 6 years at Pike Valley Schools, where she taught K-12 Vocal and Band music. She also teaches private woodwind lessons as an adjunct instructor for Cloud County Community College in Concordia, Kansas.

Mrs. Knox earned her bachelor's degree in Music Education from Washburn University in Topeka, KS in 2007. She earned her Master's Degree in 2014 in conducting from the American Band College of Sam Houston State University. In this program, she had the opportunity to work with some amazing people in the field of teaching; Anthony Maiello, Peter Boonshaft, Paula Crider, Johan de Meij, Col. Arnold Gabriel and Col. Lowell Graham, just to name a few. In, 2015(for choir) and 2016(for band) she was the guest conductor for the annual Youth for Music, hosted by Cloud County Community College.

Renata also performs in several community ensembles in the north central Kansas area including: the North Central Kansas Community Band, the Cloud Kicks Jazz Band, the Bent Wind Saxophone Ensemble, and the Licorice Sticks Clarinet Quartet.

Renata is married to Tyler and they have two adorable little girls. She really enjoys working with the choir here at the First United Methodist Church and feels that the church community has been very welcoming to her and her family.



Adult Table Talk

God-Time: a call to give up the abuse of time. Wednesday evenings during Lent at 6:30 pm, room 116. Lent, like Sunday, can be a wake-up call in our lives. Why not give up the hassles of our too busy lives, the frenzy, of too little time, or the boredom of a life filled with meaningless activity? God-Time is an adult class taught by Jean Wilcox, aimed at the working person with too little time, or the retiree trying to fill up too much time.



Mission Buckets

In February, we collected \$99.65 for Reelfoot Rural Ministries in Tennessee. Gene and Lynette Saltzman are working with Reelfoot for the second year in a row. To learn more, visit www.reelfootruralministries.org.

We will pass the Missions Buckets on March 17th for the UMCOR Special Offering. For more details about this offering, visit www.umciving.org/ministry-articles/one-great-hour-of-sharing.



Cloud County Resource Center Needs

Help is needed with the monthly food truck delivery on **March 6th 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.

Lenten Boxes

Don't forget to pick up your Lenten box following the Ash Wednesday service on March 6th. Boxes will be available in a basket outside the sanctuary during Lent. 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

Commodities Volunteers Wanted

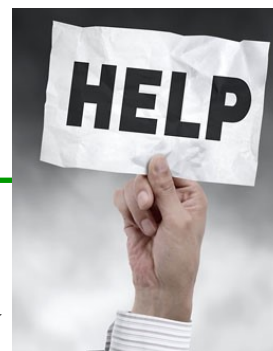
Volunteers are wanted and needed for Commodities Day on March 20th!!!

This distribution consists of 14 different items (we usually have 11 at most).

More items means more help needed. Please let me know if you plan to help by signing up on the sheet provided on the hallway bulletin board or give me a call, 243-4560. Do you belong to a club/group that is looking for ways to serve our community?

Look no further.....this is an excellent chance to give back.

We will be serving a lunch. I plan on making chicken salad sandwiches and a blueberry dessert (using leftover chicken and blueberries from January commodities). Donations of fresh veggies and dip are needed. ~ Lisa Brewer



Little Pantry

Winter is still here! 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. Ideas for items to leave in the pantry include: crackers, rice meals, macaroni and cheese, hot chocolate, popcorn, and beef jerky.

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.



Change the World Sunday 2019

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

We need community service projects ideas! We also need team leaders who are willing to lead a small group in completing a project and to prepare lunch.

Contact any of the Missions Team members if you would like to volunteer or have a project idea! Team members include: Melanie Adams, Dave Brewer, Lisa Brewer, Pam Campbell, Julie Cory, Cindy Kocher, Bruce Nutter, Marvin Petersen, and Nancy Wentz.

CHANGE
THE WORLD



It looks like winter now, but in a few short weeks, we plan to emerge from this cloud of snow and walk our way to better health! Healthy Congregations wants to invite everyone to join our Walk Kansas team and get serious about shaking off those winter blahs. Walk Kansas is a program where we can log our miles walked, from March 17 through May 11, 2019. You can walk alone, with a friend, or in a group...the important thing is to move! FYI: If you want to walk inside, 15.5 laps up and down the basement hallway of the church equals a mile.

We will have a quick meeting on Sunday, March 3, 2019 right after church in the classroom next to the church office. If you can't make that, no problem.

Call Christy (243-0183) or Angie (275-1232) to sign up. Tie on those tennies and let's get walking!

March Heroes

Worship Volunteers	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Greeters	Carol Ruud		Dave Brewer Lisa Brewer		
Media Sound			Lisa Brewer		
Worship Leader	Loren Swenson	Susie Haver		Allison Poore	Angie Gabel-McConkey
Liturgist	Susie Haver	Judy Edwards	Gwydotta Ukens	Marsha Wentz	Nathan Brown
Children's Moment	Pastor Melanie	Jason Johnson	Mary Thoman	Puppets	Jean Wilcox
Fellowship Hosts	Carol Ruud			IMPACT Italian Dinner	Angie & Donna
Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)	Joyce Swenson	Lisa Brewer	Darlene Pearson	IMPACT Italian Dinner	Cynthia Strait
Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)	Marcy Johnson	Lisa Brewer		IMPACT Italian Dinner	
Fellowship Cheese/Crackers	Carol Ruud	Jean Wilcox		IMPACT Italian Dinner	Donna Reedy

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

March Calendar (couldn't fit it in tiny squares)

Sunday, March 3rd:

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship
- 11:30 am Fellowship
- 11:30 am Walk Kansas Meeting (Room 203)
- 7:00 pm Financial Peace University
- 7:00 pm Visionaries Game Night

Tuesday, March 5th:

- 7:00 pm Trustees

Wednesday, March 6th:

- 5:00 pm Sittin' With Jesus
- 5:30 pm Choir Practice
- 5:45 pm Table Talk Meal
- 6:30 pm Table Talk Classes
- 6:30 pm ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Thursday, March 7th:

- 9:30 am UMW Morning Cluster

Sunday, March 10th:

- 9:00 am Chapel Communion
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship
- 11:30 am Fellowship
- 7:00 pm Financial Peace University

Monday, March 11th:

- 7:00 pm Finance

Tuesday, March 12th:

- 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Match Madness

Wednesday, March 13th:

No Table Talk

Sunday, March 17th:

- 9:00 am Chapel Communion
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship
- 11:30 am Fellowship

Monday, March 18th:

- 5:30 pm ADCO

Wednesday, March 20th:

- 5:00 pm Sittin' With Jesus
- 5:30 pm Choir Practice
- 5:45 pm Table Talk Meal
- 6:30 pm Table Talk Classes

Thursday, March 21st:

- 12:15 pm UMW Executive
- 1:00 pm UMW General

Sunday, March 24th:

- 9:00 am Chapel Communion
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship
- 11:30 am Italian Dinner

Wednesday, March 27th:

- 5:00 pm Sittin' With Jesus
- 5:30 pm Choir Practice
- 5:45 pm Table Talk Meal
- 6:30 pm Table Talk Classes

Thursday, March 28th:

NOODLE MAKING DAY

Friday, March 29th:

GP Support Team Conference

Saturday, March 30th:

GP Support Team Conference

Sunday, March 31st:

- 9:00 am Chapel Communion
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship
- 11:30 am Fellowship

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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Christian Education Coordinator: Kathy Poore

Groundskeeper: Devin Pearson

Choir Director: Renata Knox

Organist: Pam Campbell

Nursery: Jan Novlan

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