

REVELATION

May 2019



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Revelation

From Your Pastor

As I write this little article, it is the day after Easter. We had a wonderful celebration of the Resurrection of Christ, didn't we? From the beautiful sunrise at the Sunrise Service, the children gathering Easter eggs at the church, the many guests and members who attended worship, the glorious music, the baptism of Peyton Johnson, to the final notes of the Hallelujah Chorus: it was about as perfect of an Easter Day that I can remember. May the joy of Easter be carried through this Easter season and always!

I also hope to see you all on May 5th for our Change the World Sunday. There are more details about that elsewhere in the newsletter, but remember: our abbreviated worship service for May 5th starts at 9 am. We will share Holy Communion together and then be on our way to do our various projects. Even if you don't plan on participating in the Change the World Sunday projects, you are still encouraged to attend worship to help your week start off right! That is 9 am on Sunday, the 5th.

I do want to say just a bit about the change in my appointment as of July 1st. First of all, I am so happy to be returning for another year as your pastor! I feel so at home among you and I love this church so much! Most of you know that as of July 1st I will ALSO begin serving as pastor to our sister church here in town, Trinity United Methodist Church. It may take a little time for me to get use to the changes, but for most of you, you will likely see little change. While it is true that I won't be around for ALL of the Sunday morning schedule, I will only be about a mile away! And I will have plenty of time to get here before our worship service each week. There is a huge advantage for a pastor serving two churches in the same town. I am looking forward to the opportunities that this change presents!

God bless each of you!

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

UMW News

Altar Flowers- Morning Cluster

Executive Meeting: No Meeting

General Meeting: No Meeting

**The All Daughter's Banquet
has been cancelled for this year.**

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

**Phil & Connie Bentz
David & Judy Edwards
Cindy Kocher
Carol Ruud
Janice Swenson
Marsha Wentz
Youth**



Trustees: May 7th @ 7:00 pm

Finance: May 13th @ 7:00 pm

ADCO: May 20th @ 5:30 pm

Visionaries Game Night

Visionaries, mark your calendars for Sunday, May 26th @ 7:00 pm. We will be gathering at the home of Kathy Poore, 1518 Quail Road. Wear comfy clothes, bring a snack to share and be ready for some fun.



Annual Conference

Annual Conference will be held in Topeka on May 29th - June 1st. Pastor Melanie and Lisa Brewer will be attending this year as our representatives. The church office will be closed Thursday, May 30th and Friday, May 31st.

Thank You, John Culley and Mike Wentz

Many of you have commented on the gorgeous Cross in the church hallway and the breathtaking Cross on the altar. John Culley is the man to thank!! I called him and asked how to construct a “rugged” looking Cross and he offered to create it for me. He delivered not one but two beautiful works of art. John, your craftsmanship is amazing, I truly appreciate all you did to make our Easter wall and altar memorable.

If you attended Maundy Thursday service and Easter worship, you witnessed the transformation of the altar Cross. Thanks to Mike Wentz, who took my vision and made it a reality. Mike, thanks for your mad woodworking skills, schooling me on torx bits and indulging my creative whims. ~ Lisa



Easter Moments



FUMC Rockstar, Loren Swenson presented a stellar Children's Moment with an assist from a 3 day old baby chick. Loren took PEEPS to a whole new level!!!



Worship Schedule for May

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May 5 Special Abbreviated Service at 9 am, with Holy Communion.
CHANGE THE WORLD SUNDAY!

May 12 Sermon: “The Lord is My Shepherd” Psalm 23
MOTHER’S DAY and RECOGNITION OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

May 19 Sermon: “A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to Spreading the Gospel”
John 21:1-19

May 26 Sermon: “We Need You Here” Acts 16:9-15

COMING IN JUNE:

Sermon Series: Mrs. Persnickle

Humor with a Lesson

Who is Mrs. Persnickle? Mrs. Persnickle is a fictional character from the strange mind of Pastor Melanie. She (Mrs. Persnickle, not Pastor Melanie) is an over-the-top conglomeration of some of the worst habits of church members. Mrs. Persnickle seems to completely misunderstand the basic heart of the Gospel of Christ. Pastor Melanie confesses that she’s NEVER actually had a Mrs. Persnickle in any church she’s served (or her male counterpart, for that matter), but we all probably know or have known someone a bit like her.

The Mrs. Persnickle Sermon Series takes a lighthearted look at church life with a lesson each week for us to take to heart.

Mother’s Day Prayer

May God reward you for the many ways you love-

For choosing wisely, for accepting openly, for giving freely, and for teaching, encouraging and reprimanding patiently. May your memories be joyful as you keep them in your heart. Amen



Change the World Sunday 2019

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

- Preparation and Delivery of 150 May Baskets
- Repair & Painting of the Fall Fest Information Booth
- Deep Cleaning of the Concessions and Organizing the Storage Room at the Broadway Plaza
- Repairing, Power Washing, and Staining the Wooden Fence on the North side of the Police Department
- Downtown Trash Pick-up
- Pick-up Trash along Highway 9 from the old Middle School to the East City Limits
- Pick-up Twigs and Sticks at Neighborhood Parks
- Individual Yard Project
- Random Acts of Kindness

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. If you plan to participate in one of the outdoor projects, please wear sturdy shoes, sunglasses, a hat, clothes that can get dirty, and sunscreen! Also bring your work gloves and any tools that might be helpful for the project you are interested in.

What if it rains? Some of our projects can continue even in the rain and we will be prepared to do lots of Random Acts of Kindness!



Little Pantry

School will be out soon and we will see increased traffic at our Little Free Pantry. Please consider purchasing items to fill the pantry the next time you shop for groceries! 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.



Cloud County Resource Center Needs

Help is needed with the monthly food truck delivery on **May 8th 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@nckn.com.



LETTER CARRIERS' FOOD DRIVE
SAT., MAY 11, 2019

PUT YOUR NON-PERISHABLE DONATION IN A BAG BY YOUR MAILBOX. WE'LL DELIVER IT TO A LOCAL FOOD BANK.

Mission Buckets

In April, we collected \$101.11 for Change the World food and supplies. The buckets will be passed again on April 28th for Change the World Sunday.

We will pass the Missions Buckets on May 19th to help with the cost of youth attending camp this summer! The cost for each youth to attend camp is around \$300. If you are interested in assisting one of our youth attend camp this summer, please contact the church office.



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!



Lenten Boxes

Don't forget to return Lenten boxes! 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

The new refrigerator in the kitchenette was purchased through a grant from DCF. This grant fully funded the new fridge and was only available to entities hosting commodities distribution. Commodities for the WIN!! Commodities Day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15th. As always, volunteers are needed and very much appreciated. Please see the sign up sheet on the hallway bulletin board for more information.

Chicken and Noodle Dinner



Huge thanks to everyone who donated food, volunteered in the kitchen, bought items from our 740 Sweet Shop and/or came out and dined with us.

130 meals were served which included 11 take-outs.

Food, Fun and Fellowship!!!



Senior Center Volunteers Needed

WE ARE
Meals On Wheels
So no senior goes hungry™

The Senior Center is looking for MEALS ON WHEELS delivery people.

To volunteer, contact Lori Raccagno at 243-1872.

Meals on Wheels provides a hot meal and human contact for the homebound.

The Outreach Project



“The Outreach Program”

Hosted by:
Cloud County Farm Bureau Assn.

55 volunteers

April 7th

1 ½ hours

5,000 meals

312 bags of Mac N’ Cheese
Each package serves 5.
1,560 servings!!!
Donated to our
Little Free Pantry.



On April 7th, 55 volunteers gathered to package 5,000 meals. The event was hosted and funded in part by Cloud County Farm Bureau Association. Huge thanks to Carrie Fraser and Brenda Danielson for organizing this amazing event. The packaged meals were donated to Cloud County Community College’s Little Pantry, The Resource Center and our own Little Free Pantry. Sydney Conner, Bailey Conner and Lisa Brewer were blessed to volunteer for this event. For more information about The Outreach Program, visit outreachprogram.org

Trustees Corner

April was an eventful month for our building and property. David Erickson and his crew insulated the attic and wrapped the ductwork. There is already a noticeable difference in the retention of heat in the building. We're looking forward to watching our heating and air conditioning bills drop in cost.

As you may have noticed, the center island and the area by The Little Free Pantry were torn up for awhile. We had a water main leak. After lots of digging and several conversations it was clear that the main line needed replaced. Hood's completed the project, our Orphan Train Statue has been reset and all is back to better than before.

Thank you for your patience as we navigated through the needs of our Church. ~ Trustees

Spotlight on Marge Cruzen



Marjorie Kathryn Leslie was born Nov 14, 1930, in Braymer, MO. I was born and raised on a farm where my dad owned 80 acres paid in full. My only sibling, a brother Kenny, was born when I was 12. I graduated from Stet High School in 1949 as salutatorian, and that year on July 9th I married Lloyd S. Cruzen Jr. We honeymooned in the Lake of the Ozarks. We got an apartment in Kansas City in the same building as Lloyd's aunt and uncle. We both started business college in September, and I graduated with a secretary's certificate. I got a job at Russell Stover Candy on 10th and Walnut streets in Kansas City. Lloyd worked at a truck line in the office. I loved my work and ate all the chocolate I wanted. We lived in Kansas City seven years.

In 1956, we bought a farm and moved to the country close to our parents in Ray County. Leslie Suzanne was born in 1958; Laura Diane was born in 1959; and Mary Kathleen was born in 1961. I enjoyed my garden and canning vegetables for our winter meals. I joined an extension club and later was an election judge at the Stet precinct for 25 years.

The girls joined 4-H when they were eight years old and all got their 10-year-pins. I was a 4-H community leader for more than a decade. Lloyd had sheep for 40 years. The girls showed sheep as a 4-H project at county and district fairs and at the Missouri State Fair every summer. Diane chose to join FFA and showed her sheep in FFA.

My husband passed away in 2002 when he was 80. I sold the farm and moved into Richmond, the county seat of Ray County, MO. In October of 2005, I moved to Concordia to be with my daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Bill Thompson, and my granddaughters Katie and Mallory. When I moved here Katie was in fourth-grade and Mallory was in first; now they are 23 and 20.

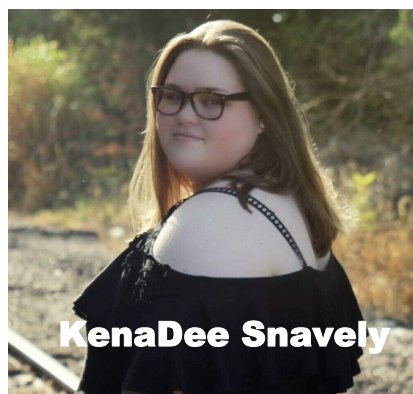
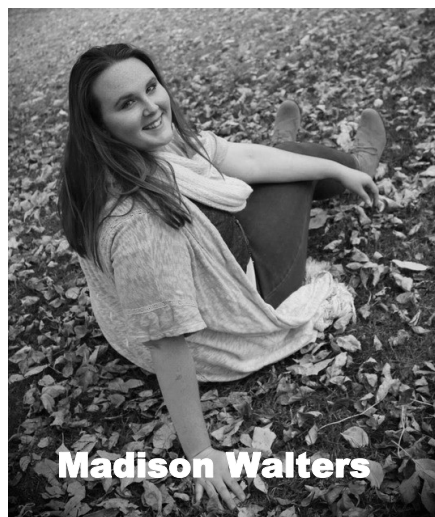
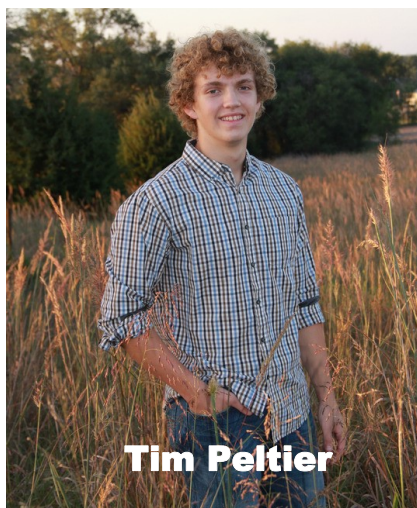
I have six total grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. My daughter Suzanne lives in Wichita and has two grown sons. My daughter Diane and son-in-law Raymond live in Norfolk, NE, and have two married daughters with my 3 little great-granddaughters and one great-grandson.

I was born and raised a Methodist and have remained a Methodist all my life, joining Concordia United Methodist Church when I moved.

2019 FUMC Graduates



Not pictured: Abby Dooley
and Emily Spoler



May Heroes

Worship Volunteers	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Greeters	Dave Brewer Lisa Brewer	Julie Cory Patty Mosher	Jim Lanoue Ann Lanoue	Dave Brewer Lisa Brewer
Media	Lisa Brewer			Lisa Brewer
Sound				
Worship Leader				
Liturgist	Mary Thoman	Allison Poore	Alberta Neel	Monte Wentz
Children's Moment	CTW	Melanie Adams	Mary Thoman	Jason Johnson
Fellowship Hosts	CTW	Darlene	Donna Reedy Angie Gable	
Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)	CTW	Darlene	Alberta	
Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)	CTW	Cynthia Strait	Lisa Valcoure	Lori Raccagno
Fellowship Cheese/Crackers	CTW	Jean Wilcox	Peggy Nelson	

Area to Clean	Volunteers
Sanctuary	
Chapel/Entry/Balcony	Phil & Connie Bentz
Bathrooms	Marsha Wentz
Nursery	
Parlor & Kitchen	Marvin & Eudora Petersen
Classrooms/Choir Room	
Fellowship Hall	
Halls/Stairs	Cindy Kocher
Youth Room	Youth
Kitchen	Loren & Joyce Swenson

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 5:30 pm Sittin' w/ Jesus 5:30 pm Choir Practice 5:45 pm TT Meal 6:30 pm TT Classes	2	3	4
5 CTW Sunday 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Church Service 9:30 Projects 12:00 Lunch	6	7 7:00 pm Trustees	8 5:30 pm Sittin' w/ Jesus 5:30 pm Choir Practice 5:45 pm TT Meal 6:30 pm TT Classes	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day Graduate Recog. 9:30 S/S 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	13 7:00 pm Fun with Finance	14	15 10:00 am Commodities Day 5:30 pm Sittin' w/ Jesus 5:30 pm Choir Practice 5:45 pm TT Meal	16	17 1:30 - 4:30 pm Parlor in use	18 1:00 pm Fellowship Hall in use
19 9:30 S/S 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship Fellowship Hall in use all day	20 7:00 pm Adventures with ADCO	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:30 S/S 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	27	28	29	30 Annual Conference	31 Annual Conference	

To A Friend of the Church



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Concordia First United Methodist Church

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