

REVELATION

June 2019



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Revelation

## From Your Pastor

The following passage of scripture came up in some of my devotional reading this past week. I normally would read this passage in the New Revised Standard Version or perhaps the Common English Bible, but in this particular devotion book, the passage was from THE MESSAGE version of the Bible. Reading it in a different translation made it seem fresh and new to me. And so I have been using it as my focus point this week:

*“So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life – and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out.” (Romans 12:1-2, THE MESSAGE)*

As I write this, the portion of this scripture that is really speaking to me today is, *“Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.”* To me, this means for one thing that I should live a life of gratefulness; that I should find something for which to be grateful all throughout my day.

Try this exercise. Stop what you are doing right now and find one thing that you are grateful for at this moment. It might be as simple as, “I am grateful that I am breathing,” or “I am grateful for the birds singing out my window.” Or perhaps, “I am grateful for this quiet moment in which I can focus on you, God.”

Those are just three things that I am grateful for in this moment of my day as I write this. When I awoke this morning, I was grateful for a warm bed and the sun shine. Then I was grateful for the coffee brewing and my breakfast. I then thought about my family with gratefulness, and you, my church family, too. Throughout my day, I am going to continue the practice of gratefulness.

How about you? What will you give thanks for today?

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

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### UMW News

Altar Flowers- Evening Cluster

Executive Meeting: 12:15 pm, June 20th

General Meeting: 1:00 pm, June 20th

Hostess: Evening Cluster

Program: Shepherdess Visit

Morning Cluster: 9:30 am, June 6th

Hostess: Alberta Neel

Lesson: Genevieve Heath

Evening Cluster: No Meeting

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

**Phil & Connie Bentz  
Cindy Kocher  
Marvin & Eudora Petersen  
Carol Ruud  
Janice Swenson  
Loren & Joyce Swenson  
Marsha Wentz  
Beth Whisler  
Youth**



*Trustees: June 4th @ 7:00 pm*

*Finance: June 10th @ 7:00 pm*

## Thank You from Dorothy Torgler

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*Dear Church Family,*

*I want to thank all of you for the cards, phone calls, cheery notes and well wishes. I appreciate each one very much and will always remember your kindness.*

*God's Blessings Always,*

*Dorothy Torgler*



## Potluck, June 9th

UMW is hosting a Potluck on June 9th immediately after Worship. Bring a dish (with food in it) to share, your table service, an appetite and some money for the Dessert Auction.



## IMPACT News

Ways to help make this event a success:  
Donate a Dessert for the Auction  
Attend the Auction and Buy some Homemade Awesomeness  
Share the Facebook Event and Invite Friends



JUNE 9, 2019 | 12:00 PM  
CONCORDIA  
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The IMPACT group invites you to their Mission Trip Fundraiser.

Last year's Dessert Auction was so fun that they decided to do it again.

How can you support them:

- ⇒ **Donate a Dessert for the Auction**
- ⇒ **Attend the Auction and Buy some homemade goodies**
- ⇒ **Share the Facebook posts and invite your friends**

Thank You in advance for your support!

School may be out but IMPACT is still busy making final preparations for our Green Bay, WI Mission Trip. Before we leave we have a Dessert Auction and our final Stockholder event. If you purchased a car detail we will be contacting you soon.

We had 11 Seniors Graduate...the class of 2019 will forever remain in our hearts and we wish them many blessings.

~ Jason and Kathy

# Worship Schedule for June

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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.



These sermons build on each other each week, culminating in the final week when Mrs. Persnickle learns about love and forgiveness. **If you are not here for one or more of the Sundays in June, there will be copies of the sermons made available on the guest table in the front entry. Or you may contact the office.**

June 2 Mrs. Persnickle and the Wedding Luke 14: 1, 7-14 Communion Sunday

June 9 Mrs. Persnickle and the New Guests 1 Peter 4: 8-11, Romans 12:9-15

June 16 Mrs. Persnickle Teaches Sunday School Matthew 19:13-15. Galatians 5:22-23

June 23 Mrs. Persnickle Becomes an Evangelist. Matthew 4:18-20, 11:28, 18:19-20

June 30 Mrs. Persnickle has a 'Come to Jesus' Moment Leviticus 19:18b. Micah 6:6-8. Colossians 3:12-17

## Father's Day Prayer of Remembering

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“Fathers young, Fathers old, remembering good times are our gold.  
Value earned through guidance given, helping us go forth in livin’.  
Each father adding to our trove, a treasure chest of love untold.  
Remembering Fathers in our lives, taking time to realize.  
Fatherly love brings wealth to living, remembering this, we go forth in giving.  
Fathers young, Fathers old, we remember you all as life unfolds.” ~ Susan Kramer



# Spotlight on Genevieve Heath

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Genevieve was born in 1920 in Brawley, Calif., near the Mexican border. She attended high school in Phoenix, Ariz., and lived in San Francisco during World War II. Following the death of her husband of 52 years, Ray F. Heath, she left California and moved to Concordia to be nearer her daughter Faith Nyswonger, a retired teacher, and Faith's husband Steve, a longtime judge in Garden City, both of whom live locally. Genevieve considers Concordia to be a "great blessing," meeting so many new and wonderful friends.

Genevieve has two other children, Jim, a retired teacher living in the Portland, Ore. area, and her youngest son R. Michael Owens, a certified rascal and retired Philadelphia lawyer who is familiar to many in North Central Kansas from his newspaper columns which appear each Sunday in the *Salina Journal*. She is also blessed with nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. No. 1 on Genevieve's pecking order is her beloved dog Duke, a Boston Terrier who sleeps away most of each day on Genevieve's lap.

Genevieve recently said, "God has directed my life in so many ways." One example came in 1950. With only a high school diploma, she was hired to teach all grades in a one-room schoolhouse in Las Plumas, Calif., a remote village literally built into the side of a steep mountain. Part of the reason for her hiring was that she had two school-aged children, which pushed the tiny school over the minimum enrollment needed to remain open. At the age of 29, while teaching fulltime, Genevieve became a college freshman, attending summer school and taking night classes. It took 10 years to complete her degree, graduating from California State University, Chico. Beyond graduation, she continued to amass enough college credits to earn a post-graduate degree.

To get to that one-room schoolhouse in Las Plumas, you drove up a dangerous, curvy one-lane, dirt road hovering over a steep canyon hundreds of feet deep – without guardrails. After parking, you took an open-air tram to the bottom of the canyon and crossed over the mighty Feather River via a narrow, rickety wooden suspension bridge as long as a football field. No more than a few feet wide, the bridge swayed in the middle, a mere 20 ft. above the powerful river. You then walked across Western Pacific railroad tracks and climbed up stairs to a second open-air tram which took you up to Las Plumas on the other side of the canyon. One benefit of her teaching position was a house in the village. The nearest town was 20 miles away – you drove that far just to buy groceries and attend church. She met her husband Ray at the First United Methodist Church.

Las Plumas no longer exists – it's buried under water, beneath the massive lake created by Oroville Dam. With a height of 770 ft. it's one of the tallest dams in the world, taller even than Hoover Dam. Thus, was Feather River tamed, 20 mi. downstream. Two years ago, Oroville Dam made national headlines when 200,000 residents of Central California were evacuated due to fears that the dam might collapse. The dam has since been repaired.

After two years of teaching at Las Plumas, Genevieve and her family moved to Oroville, and she was hired to teach 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades in nearby Richvale, Calif., where she taught until her retirement in 1977 at the age of 57. Richvale is a community of 200 residents, almost all of whom are direct descendants of Swedish immigrants. The town is famous for its rice production, including Lundberg Family Farms, a worldwide leader in organic rice products. The current President and CEO of Lundberg Family Farms was a student of Genevieve's in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade.

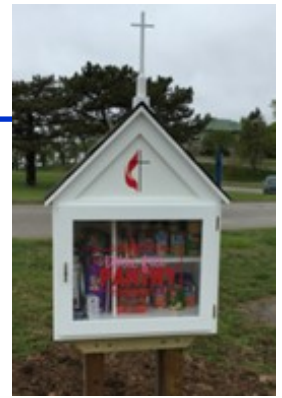
Nicknamed "Bengie" at an early age by her sister, Genevieve will celebrate her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday in October. She reads on average two or three books every week, and has for years completed the daily crossword, Word Jumble and Cryptoquip in the *Salina Journal*, virtually every morning. Her son Michael reports that he recently saw her play and win a video game on her computer while simultaneously carrying on a telephone conversation with a grandson. Her family calls her the Iron Lady. Perhaps a better description would be a Timex watch—Genevieve just "keeps on ticking." Don't get in Bengie's way – she might run you over!



## Little Pantry

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School is out 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.



## Lenten Boxes

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Don't forget to return Lenten boxes! So far, we have collected \$129.33. 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](http://www.greatplainsumc.org/missionagencysupport).

## Mission Buckets

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In April, we collected \$293.06 for Change the World food and supplies. In May we collected \$216.71 for Youth Camp participants.

Missions Buckets will be passed on June 16<sup>th</sup> for the Peace with Justice Special Offering. Envelopes will be provided if you prefer to return your gift later in June. For more information, visit our web site or <http://www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/peace-with-justice-sunday>.

## Healthy Congregations

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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!



## Meals on Wheels

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The Concordia Senior Center is in need of helpers to deliver Meals on Wheels!

If you are interested in helping out, contact Lori Raccagno at 243-1872.

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



# Cloud County Resource Center Needs

Help is needed with the monthly food truck delivery on June 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ccrc@nckcn.com).



**June 3rd -Aug 5th**

**Give us:**

**Your obscure  
Your unopened  
Your forgotten  
CANS  
Yearning to be free**

Please join the CLOUD COUNTY RESOURCE CENTER in gathering food items for the busiest time of year: SUMMER. This year the Food Bank is issuing a challenge to Concordia; Help us climb the steps of the Statue of Liberty. Our goal is 3540 food, cleaning or personal hygiene items to help us reach the crown.

**HIGHEST DEMAND ITEMS:**

**\*DETERGENT\* CANNED SOUP\*DRY CEREAL\*CANNED  
FRUIT\*WOMEN'S DEODORANT\*RAZORS\*CANNED  
MEATS\*FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS\*BOXED DINNERS**



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(785)243-1065

## Change the World 2019

Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Change the world project was a success! We had 89 participants (including 19 youth)!



# Change the World

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## Change the World/Random Acts of Kindness 2019

Repairing and Painting the Fall Fest Information Booth

Cleaning the Plaza Concessions Stand & Organizing Storage Room

Trash Pickup and Planting of Flowers at the Police Station

Picking up Trash and Sticks at City Park

Picking up Trash along Highway 9

Preparing and Delivering May Baskets to 180 People, including: Care Facilities, Hospital, Trinity UMC, Friends and Neighbors

Delivering Lunch to several Members at their Homes

Distributing Money at Dollar General, McDonalds, and Parks

Prepared Reusable Grocery Bags of Treats for Table Talk Kids

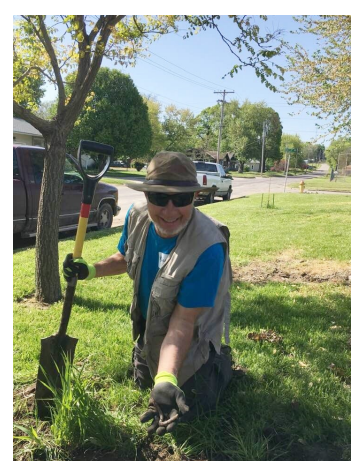
Delivering Flowers to Friends

Distributing Money at the Laundromat

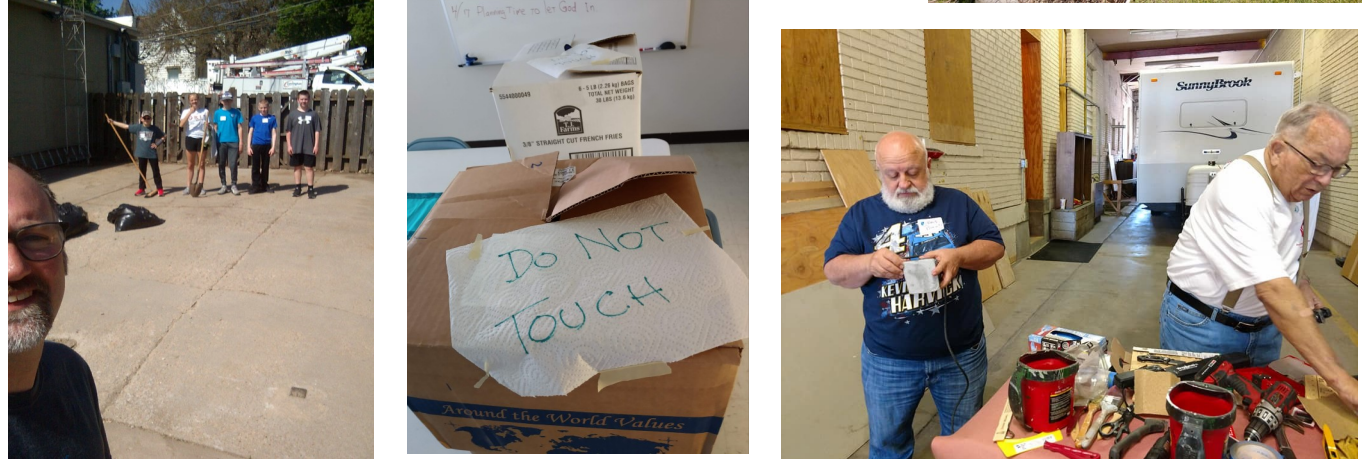
Yard Projects for our Members

Trimmed Lilac Bushes at Church

Mailed Cards to Out of Town Members







# Commodities

**MAY 22, 2019**



DVAK  
Tanya  
Pauls



Elder Bennett & Elder Dodge



American State Bank

Nicole Hamel Karen Hanson

**There is no "I" in Team, but we sure are glad there is "u" in our volunteers!**

20 Volunteers gathered to unload, unpack, box and handout commodities. 101 people received much needed food for their families. Huge thanks to our volunteers: Naveah Valcoure, Tom Thronson, Peggi Barrett, DuWayne Johnson, Melanie Adams, Marvin & Eudora Petersen, Janice Swenson, Cindy Kocher, Samantha Terrill, Lori Ade, Elder Dodge, Elder Bennett, Nicole Hamel, Karen Hanson, Tanya Pauls, Karen Driscoll and Ron Davis.

# June Heroes

Worship Volunteers	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
<b>Greeters</b>	Lanoue's Lori Raccagno	Nonnie Steinert Lisa Brewer		Dave Brewer Lisa Brewer	
<b>Media Sound</b>	Monte & Nancy Dallas	Lisa Brewer Mark	Dallas	Lisa Brewer Dallas	Mark
<b>Worship Leader</b>					
<b>Liturgist</b>	David Edwards	Angie Gable- McConkey	Susie Haver	Andrea Johnson	Loren Swenson
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Cindy Kocher	Pastor Melanie		Wendy Holt	Loren Swenson
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b>		Potluck/Dessert Auction			Angie/Donna
<b>Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)</b>	Carol Ruud	Potluck/Dessert Auction	Nancy Nading	Joyce Peterson	Kay Thompson
<b>Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)</b>	Marcy Johnson	Potluck/Dessert Auction	Lisa Valcoure	Nonnie Steinert	Linda Culley
<b>Fellowship Cheese/Crackers</b>	Karla Lawrence	Potluck/Dessert Auction	Lori Raccagno	Marge Cruzen	Gwydotta Ukens

Area to Clean	Volunteers
<b>Sanctuary</b>	Beth Whisler
<b>Chapel/Entry/Balcony</b>	Mary Thoman
<b>Bathrooms</b>	Marsha Wentz
<b>Nursery</b>	Jim & Ann Lanoue
<b>Parlor &amp; Kitchen</b>	Lori Raccagno
<b>Classrooms/Choir Room</b>	
<b>Fellowship Hall</b>	Jason Johnson
<b>Halls/Stairs</b>	Cindy Kocher
<b>Youth Room</b>	
<b>Kitchen</b>	

# June 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Annual Conference
2 9:30 am S/S 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship	3	4 7:00 pm Trustees	5	6 9:30 am UMW Morning Cluster	7	8
9 9:30 am S/S 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Potluck/ Dessert Auction	10 7:00 pm Finance	11	12	13	14	15 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Parlor is Use
16 9:30 am S/S 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship	17	18	19	20 12:15 pm UMW Exec. 1:00 om UMW Gen	21	22
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To A Friend of the Church



Return Service Requested  
First United Methodist Church  
740 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Concordia, KS 66901



## Concordia First United Methodist Church

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**Pastor: Rev. Melanie Adams**

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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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