

REVELATION

July 2019



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Revelation

From Your Pastor

As I write this, I realize that three short years ago we were waiting for the moving van to arrive at the parsonage to start unloading our belongings as I began my ministry with you.

It has been a good three years, and I look forward to this coming year with great anticipation! As you probably know, as of July 1, I will also be taking on the duties of pastor at Trinity UMC here in town. There will be some time of adjustment as I work to create this new two-point charge.

Some of you may be unfamiliar with the term, two-point charge. It simply means that two churches are sharing a pastor. I believe there will be some new opportunities for ministry together with Trinity and that is exciting! Please be in prayer for our congregations and for me as we begin this new chapter.

In addition to this new arrangement, I have also been asked by our District Superintendent to serve as a network leader for a group of churches here in North Central Kansas. I will also be helping to guide some pastors in the area in a newly created position which will be called, "Network Elder" or "Network Circuit Elder." And I will continue as mentor to some local pastors in the area. All of this sounds like a lot! And it is. But a good deal of it will dovetail together, making the work easier than it looks on paper. Again, I ask for your prayers!

I also ask that you continue to pray for the work of our congregation, our members and friends, as well as those in our community who do not have a church home that God is calling us to reach with the love of Christ. Prayer is important! And I believe God hears our prayers.

Finally, don't forget your church this summer! We are still here! Summer worship can be especially meaningful, so don't just automatically take the summer off from church. Remember, too, that your membership vows apply in the summer as well as any other time of year. I'm talking about the vows we have taken to uphold the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

We have a great church! And I am blessed to be your 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- Anita Chartier
Executive Meeting: No Meeting
General Meeting: No Meeting
Morning Cluster: No Meeting
Evening Cluster: No Meeting

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

Phil & Connie Bentz
Jason Johnson
Cindy Kocher
Jim & Ann Lanoue
Lori Raccagno
Mary Thoman
Marsha Wentz
Beth Whisler
Youth



Trustees: July 2nd @ 7:00 pm

Finance: July 8th @ 7:00 pm

Missions: July 21st @ 11:30 am

Marketing: July 26th @ 9:00 am

Vacations Scheduled

We just wanted you to be aware of our vacation days for July. Thankfully we worked it out so that the office will only be closed on July 4th and July 5th.

Lisa will be on vacation July 1st - July 5th.

Melanie will be on vacation July 15th - July 28th.

Thank you in advance for respecting our personal time while we are enjoying our families.

~ Pastor Melanie and Lisa



50 Ways to BELONG! BELIEVE! BECOME!

A monthly feature to spark ideas that you, the church member or friend, can do to strengthen our congregation and the ministry we do. Each month we will share a few ideas taken from “50 Ways” materials produced for sharing by the Lewis Center for Church Leadership.

July’s ideas:

1. Strive to increase the number of times current members/friends are in worship each year. Start with yourself.
2. Personal invitations are the most effective method for increasing worship attendance. Commit to spending 60 seconds once a week to invite someone to attend worship with you. (Remember we invite because we have a real desire to help others experience the love of Christ.)
3. Continue to invite a person every two months even if they decline your invitations. Those invited may eventually come to a season of life when they are receptive to attending worship.
4. Recycle your worship bulletins. Keep Sunday’s bulletin in your car or on your desk until you have given it so someone along with your personal invitation for them to join you in worship.
5. Volunteer to create children’s activity bags for worship time, and continue to keep them updated. Items that may be included: coloring pages, activity sheets, crayons, pipe cleaners, etc.

We are searching for volunteers to make cloth children’s activity bags. If you are interested in this project please talk to Lisa in the office.



Ribbon Needed

Melanie and Lisa are planning a special project. They are on the hunt for cloth ribbon. If you would like to donate please make sure your ribbons meets the following description:

- ~ Cloth
- ~ 1 1/2 inches wide
- ~ Smooth, not ribbed
- ~ White

Please bring your ribbon donation to the church by August 30th.



Community Baby Shower

CLOUD COUNTY Community Baby Shower



ALL CLOUD COUNTY MOMS OF NEWBORN TO 3 MONTHS
OLD BABIES, EXPECTANT MOMS AND THEIR SUPPORT
PERSONS

First United Methodist Church
740 West Eleventh Street
Concordia, KS

Safety approved
Pack-n-Play & Sleep
Sack for each new
mom after completion
of the program
While supplies last

For more info contact:
Lois Tracy or Erika
Hodgens @ Cloud
County Health Dept.
785-243-8140

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2019 2:00 PM

Get to know your community resources

Learn Safe Sleep techniques * Breastfeeding resources
Smoking Cessation * Enjoy Refreshments * Drawings & Prizes

Collaborative Partners

- Aetna Better Health of Kansas
- Catholic Charities
- Cloud County Community College
- Cloud County Health Department
- Concordia First United Methodist Church
- DVACK
- Early Head Start
- Heart Choices
- Parents as Teachers
- Pawnee Mental Health
- Sunflower Health Plan



FUMC will be the location for the Cloud County Community Baby Shower on August 11th. Feel free to invite any pregnant ladies or moms of newborns up to 3 months old.

If you would like to volunteer to help or donate cookies, please contact Lisa in the church office: 785.243.4560.

Spotlight on Mark & Angie McConkey

Angie has been a member of Concordia FUMC since her children Ian and Hadrian were in elementary school. When Mark and Angie married in 2016, Mark willingly joined the church.

Angie has been a special educator for 24 years, most of that as an early childhood special education teacher running the CCDC program, Cloud County Developmental Center, which is a preschool for special needs students as well as peer models. She has also worked with Kindergarten students in recent years. Next fall she will be once again working with preschool aged special education students in area preschools such as Head-Start and the Pre-K Program at CES. She is looking forward to this change in her career.

On days off when she is not cleaning house, she can be found reading a good book or spending time with friends or family. She has a brand-new grandbaby of which she will happily show you pictures.

Mark has worked at many places over the years, but since moving to Concordia has been working at Walmart. Mark has many hobbies and interests including collecting and playing board games and following, watching the Pittsburg Steelers (Angie is an avid Chiefs fan, which is fine as long as the two teams are not playing each other) and he is rather “picky” about his front lawn as the neighbors will attest to.

Mark and Angie also have several activities/interests they share. They enjoy working together to “fix up” their house: new flooring has been installed in nearly all rooms of the house and they have painted several rooms together as well as several other smaller projects. They are both big fans of all versions of Star Trek, and love vacationing together.

At church you can often find Mark upstairs running the sound while Angie is worship leader or hosting fellowship after church. They love their church home and are happy to help where they are needed.



Little Pantry

School is out and we will see increased traffic at our Little Free Pantry. Please be mindful of items placed in the pantry that could easily spoil in warm conditions. 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.



Mission Buckets

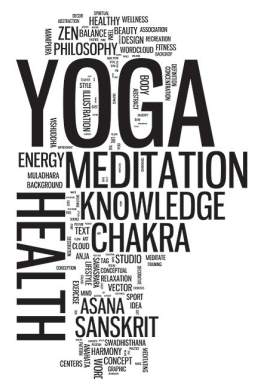
Thanks for giving generously in June. We collected \$48.75 for the Peace with Justice Special Offering. If you have not returned your envelope for the offering, please return it today!

Missions Buckets will be passed on July 14th for the Cloud County Resource Center. The Food Bank often sees higher in demand in the summer, so every dollar we can give will help keep their shelves stocked

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!

The Healthy Congregations team is planning to start a Yoga class on Sunday evenings this fall! The class will take place every other week and start in September. People of all ages and skill levels are invited to participate (including beginners). If this is an activity that interests you, please contact Angie Gabel-McConkey or Nancy Wentz for more details!



Commodities Distribution Day

Commodities Day is July 17th. We are searching for volunteers to help with unloading the truck, packing boxes, assisting clients to their car and food prep for the luncheon. Please see the sign up sheet on the hallway bulletin board or let Lisa in the office know if you can help. This event takes a lot of helping hands....thanks in advance for your assistance.

Cloud County Resource Center Needs

Help is needed with the monthly food truck delivery on June 12th 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.



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**



107 W 7th
P.O. Box 195
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School Supply Drive

Our annual School Supply Drive will take place from July 7th – 28th!

Please leave all items in the box under the Missions Bulletin Board. All items collected will be provided to the Cloud County Resource Center.



Vacation Bible School

VBS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

233 WEST ELEVENTH

July 29,30,31 @ 5:45 pm

Collaborative Partners:

Concordia First United Methodist Church

Concordia Lutheran Church

First Presbyterian Church

REGISTRATION JULY 29TH @ 5:30 PM

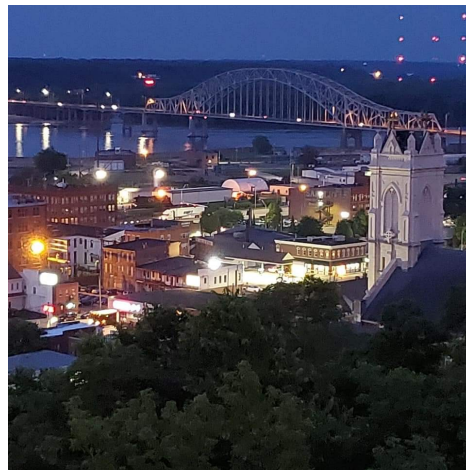


Registration forms available in the church office

IMPACT News

IMPACT's Mission 2019 adventure began on Saturday, June 22nd. We traveled to Dubuque, Iowa where we stayed the night in the beautiful and welcoming St. Luke's First United Methodist Church. Sunday we continued on our journey to Green Bay, Wisconsin to begin our Mission work. We all survived the long car ride and we're ready to do God's work.

A HUGE THANKS to everyone who supported us through fundraisers, cash donations, donated supplies, prayers, so many words of encouragement.



July Heroes

Worship Volunteers	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Greeters	David Edwards Judy Edwards	Ann Lanoue Jim Lanoue	David Brewer Lisa Brewer	Judy Kircher Bruce Nutter
Media			Lisa Brewer	Nancy Wentz
Sound		Mark McConkey		Monte Wentz
Worship Leader				
Liturgist	Verna Ferguson	Christy Hasch	Nancy Wentz	Marvin Petersen
Children's Moment	Phil Gilliland	Pastor Melanie	Mary Thoman	Jean Wilcox
Fellowship Hosts	Mike & Marsha Wentz	Angie Gabel- McConkey	Joan Krohn	Kochers
Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)	Pam Campbell	Alberta Neel	Lisa Valcoure	Kochers
Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)	Wendy Holt	Lori Raccagno	Linda Culley	Nancy Wentz
Fellowship Cheese/Crackers	Carol Ruud		Lisa Brewer	Nancy Wentz

Area to Clean	Volunteers
Sanctuary	Beth Whisler
Chapel/Entry/Balcony	
Bathrooms	Angie Gabel-McConkey & Christy Hasch
Nursery	Jim & Ann Lanoue
Parlor & Kitchen	David & Judy Edwards
Classrooms/Choir Room	Kurt & Cindy Kocher
Fellowship Hall	Jason Johnson
Halls/Stairs	Kurt & Cindy Kocher
Youth Room	Youth
Kitchen	

July 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 7:00 pm Trustees	3 5:30 pm Sittin' W/ Jesus	4 4th of July Office Closed	5 Office Closed	6
7 9:30 am S/S 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship	8 7:00 pm Finance	9	10 5:30 pm Sittin' W/ Jesus	11	12	13 Parlor In Use All Day
14 9:30 am S/S 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship	15	16	17 10:00 am Commodities 5:30 pm Sittin' W/ Jesus	18	19	20
21 9:30 am S/S 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am Missions	22	23	24 5:30 pm Sittin' W/ Jesus	25	26 9:00 am Marketing	27
28 9:30 am S/S 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship	29 5:45 pm VBS @ 233 W. 7th	30 5:45 pm VBS @ 233 W. 7th	31 5:30 pm Sittin' W/ Jesus 5:45 pm VBS @ 233 W. 7th			

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

Belong | Believe | Become

Pastor: Rev. Melanie Adams

Administrative Assistant: Lisa Brewer

Christian Education Coordinator: Kathy Poore

Groundskeeper: Devin Pearson

Choir Director: Renata Knox

Organist: Pam Campbell

Nursery: Jan Novlan

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