



## From Your Pastor

**Some of you know that I have been wrestling with the question: “What would our church look like if we made young people (singles, couples, families) our priority?”**

I have been doing some research and do you know what I’ve discovered? The answers are many and complex. Duh! That’s obvious to all of us, no matter what our age.

**But I want to hear from you: young adults!** If you are between the ages of 14 and 40, come talk to me, text me, email me, FB message me. I want to know how you would answer the question, “What would our church look like if we made young people our priority?”

**Is it about relationships for you? About style of worship? A message that connects? A digital message that you can watch anywhere? A small group where you can be open and honest without judgment for the questions you have? A place where you can go deep in your relationship with God?**

I look forward to hearing from you, because I know that no matter what age we are, we crave a relationship with our Creator. I know that the church has shaped me, supported me, and challenged me to grow in my faith. **And I believe we have an awesome congregation** that cares about you no matter your age, race, economic status, culture, gender, gender identity or expression!

Here’s to the journey! ~ Melanie

## Worship Notes

- Sept. 1 Sermon: “The Joy of Your Salvation!” Psalm 51:10-17 Holy Communion  
Have you forgotten the joy of your salvation? Do you need a word of hope?
- Sept. 8 Sermon: “Heavy Burdens” Colossians 3: 8-15  
PRAISE ON THE PLAZA! 9:45 at the Broadway Plaza.
- Sept. 15 Sermon: “State of the Church/Hope of the Church”  
Isaiah 43:19, Jeremiah 29:11. Luke 10:1-2.  
How are we to be the church in these rapidly changing times?
- Sept. 22 Sermon: “Focusing on Things that Can’t Be Seen” 2 Corinthians 4:13-16  
Are we missing the bigger picture that God sees?
- Sept. 29 Sermon: “Bird in the Church” Isaiah 40: 28-31, Galatians 5:13-15  
Yes, there was a bird in the church, and there’s a great lesson in the experience!

## Mark it on your Calendar

**Trustees: September 3rd @ 7:00 pm**

**Finance: September 9th @ 7:00 pm**

**Missions: September 15th @ 11:30 am**

**ADCO: September 16th @ 5:30 pm**

CLEANING REPAIRS



09.14.19

8:30 AM

**All Church  
Work  
Day!**

## UMW News

Altar Flowers- Morning Cluster

Executive Meeting: September 19th @ 12:15 pm

General Meeting: September 19th @ 1:00 pm

Morning Cluster: September 5th @ 9:30 am

Evening Cluster: No Meeting



## Praise on The Plaza

**Join us on September 8th @ 9:45 am for Worship**

**Location: The Broadway Plaza (corner of Sixth and Broadway)**

**Please bring: your lawn chair, something to share for Brunch, table service and a friend or 3!**

**Carnival games will be available for the young and the young at heart.**

**Trinity United Methodist will be our guests, so bring plenty of food to share.**

**Please give the Christian Education Team a shout out of GRATITUDE for hosting this event.**



# Growth in Gratitude Movement

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How would it affect your personal life and our congregation if we expressed Gratitude daily for six weeks? Well, we're about to find out!!

Consider this your "SAVE THE DATE" notice to join us in our "Growth in Gratitude Movement!!" September 22nd will be the first day of a six week journey as we learn how to observe and express gratitude for the many blessings in our life.

This "movement" will be fun, thought provoking and an adventure for every age.

What's in it for you? A renewed perspective of your personal life, as well as the role our church plays in your daily journey. You will discover new ways to interact with your family when talking about life's blessings, as well as glimpse into a life that is lived in gratitude by embarking on this adventure with us.

What's in it for us? A more gratitude aware congregation, a deeper understanding of what's important to you, a way to share knowledge of the daily tasks that culminate in the running of the church and a sense of what to build on for the coming year.

Growing in Gratitude with you~

Bill, Judy, Lisa & Melanie

Stewardship Team



# Annual Layette Set Project

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We have received a grant from the Cloud County Community Foundation of \$1,050 to boost the number of Layette Sets we make this year!

Our church is the only organization that makes the layette sets and the Cloud County Health Department delivers about 50 sets per year. The items that are most appreciated in the sets are the handmade blankets, the book of prayers, and the card. Watch for more details on how to donate items and help make blankets in October!



# Office News

**Expressing Gratitude  
to everyone that helped  
keep the church clean  
during the month of  
August:**

**Phil & Connie Bentz  
Pam Campbell  
Cindy Kocher  
Jim & Ann Lanoue  
Marsha Wentz**

September 6th marks my two year anniversary as the Administrative Assistant for FUMC. It's been a fun, frustrating, and faith filled two years. Fun due to the new friendships, the creative freedom this job allows and the many laughs I've shared with our church family. Frustrating because I was challenged to learn new skill sets and adjusting to the fact that committees have to be consulted before decisions are made. Faith filled ... Dave and I found our church home, I found a life of gratitude and a mentor of faith.

Thank you all who have been patient, kind and supportive, as I learn the ropes and travel this new journey. ~ Lisa

## **T-Shirt orders are due on or before September 8th.**

### **Reasons you want a new FUMC shirt:**

- #1 Promote our church's new logo
- #2 To be easily identified as a FUMC member during community events.
- #3 Your old one is showing wear and tear.
- #4 They are super soft and comfortable to wear.

Order forms located on the hallway bulletin board, in the office or by Email. Youth and Adult sizes available. See order form for pricing.



FUMC will have a food booth at Fall Fest on Saturday, September 28th.

We are looking for volunteers to run the booth, monetary donations to purchase supplies as well as, food donations of brownies, cookies and puppy chow.

Please see the sign up sheet on the hallway bulletin board for more information and to volunteer.

Proceeds from the booth will go towards the 2019 Budget.



## Mystery Trip History

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The first Crusaders Mystery Trip for the Crusaders was in 1997. They were started after a trip (not Mystery) to the Barn in Valley Falls, Kansas. That trip was planned as a dinner out that I thought would be more fun if we went somewhere for the weekend. That trip spurred the concept of an annual trip that I suggested to be a Mystery Trip, with only a few of us knowing the destination. Burnell and Gwydotta Ukens helped Mike and I plan the first trips, most recently they have been planned by me. Since 1997 we have been to approximately 185 different Kansas towns, eaten in 122 different restaurants, stayed at 28 hotels or Bed and Breakfasts, seen 168 interesting sites and attended worship at 20 United Methodist churches, all these activities have been in Kansas. We have driven countless miles across this beautiful state.

A total of 438 people have been on these trips. Several have been on every trip. We have included Lutherans, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, and Baptists.

This year's trip (number 20) included stops in Miltonvale, Mentor, Durham Goessel, Benton, Andover, Augusta, Goddard, Wichita, Towanda and Burrton. We ate at the Kountry Café in Miltonvale, Main Street Café in Durham, Sugar Shane's Café in Augusta, Ginger's Asian Cuisine in Goddard, Mama Nith's Crawfish in Wichita and The Barn in Burrton. We visited Rex's Car Museum in Mentor, Mennonite Heritage and Ag Museum in Goessel, Infinity Art Glass in Benton, Tanganyika Wildlife Park in Goddard, Frank Lloyd Wright Allen House in Wichita, and the Paradise Doll Museum in Towanda. Church on Sunday was at Pleasant Grove UMC south of Burrton.

We invite all to join us on these adventures. They include lots of fun, food and fellowship. ~ Marsha Wentz

## Mission Buckets and Muffins for Missions

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Thanks for giving generously in August. We collected \$62.13 for the Native American Ministries Special Offering. For more details, visit: <http://www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/native-american-ministries-sunday>.



On **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**, we will pass the Missions Buckets and hold our annual Muffins for Missions event! Stop by the kitchen on your way into church for a muffin and juice or coffee. All money raised will go to Mission Agency Support in the Great Plains Conference. Mission Agency giving supports more than 20 programs including Wesleyan University in Salina. For more details, visit <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/missionagencysupport>.



## Table Talk News

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Table Talk will resume on Wednesday, September 11th. Meals will be served every Wednesday evening beginning at 5:45 pm. Classes begin at 6:30 pm. Make plans to join us as we journey in faith.

Know someone who isn't a member of our congregation who might be interested in Table Talk? Invite them!!! Our goal is to touch as many lives as possible during our journey on this earth.

## Little Pantry

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Our little free pantry is most in need of protein-based items: peanut butter, canned tuna, canned chicken, or other canned meats! We DO NOT need macaroni and cheese at this time.

Please consider purchasing items to fill the pantry the next time you shop for groceries! Your items can be placed directly in the pantry- it is still warm so be mindful of items placed in the pantry that could easily spoil in warm conditions. 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

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Thanks for all your donation of 108 school supply items! These items were delivered to the CCRC to be used in backpacks for kids and some items were distributed through our Little Free Pantry.

Help is needed with the monthly food truck delivery on September 11th. Help is needed to unpack boxes, remove barcodes, and stock items. For more information, contact Tonya Merrill at 243-1065 or [ccrc@nckcn.com](mailto:ccrc@nckcn.com).

CCRC invites you to “Fall into the Holiday Spirit by donating items for the Holiday Store. A list of items needed can be found on the Mission Bulletin board in the church hallway.

## Commodities Day

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Commodities distribution day is set for Wednesday, September 18th. Volunteers are wanted for unloading the truck, unpacking food, packing boxes for recipients and serving lunch. Please see the sign up sheet on the hallway bulletin board for more information or to volunteer.

# Healthy Congregations

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By completing the Healthy Congregations training program last year, our church received a \$1,000 grant from the United Methodist Health Ministries Fund for projects in the coming grant year. Some of the planned projects include:

## *Fifth Sunday Fellowship Time*

Each quarter there is a “Fifth Sunday” in one month and on those Sundays, the Healthy Congregations team will sponsor Fellowship Time after church and offer healthy food options! **Join us on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> for our first Healthy Fellowship Time!**



## *Chair Yoga Classes*

Chair Yoga classes will be starting in **mid-October on Sunday evenings!** The class will take place every other week. 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 for more details!

## *Stop the Bleed Training Class*

**A Stop the Bleed class will be conducted by the Concordia Fire Department on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** (time TBD). Stop the Bleed is a national campaign to cultivate grassroots efforts that encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. The Stop the Bleeding Coalition’s goal is to support Stop the Bleed. If you are interested in more information about this class, contact Sydney Conner or Nancy Wentz for more details.



## *Reusable Shopping Bags*

We still have Reusable Shopping bags available in the church entry, next to the food box. They provide a great way to save the environment AND advertise our church!



To improve health, be active! We don't like to use the word "exercise" here because a lot of people start shaking their heads and say, "Nope, I am NOT exercising!" Exercise can be a scary word, so let's just say "be active"!

Find an active activity! A walk, hike, bike ride, yoga (FUMC Chair Yoga coming soon!) step ups, body weight movements, balancing, etc. This list is long! Body weight movements are movements you can do around your house with just your body. Squats, pushups (even wall pushups!), lunges, planks, kicks, sit ups, jumping jacks, are all examples of body weight movements.

Being active just means moving your body. You don't have to sweat and be close to passing out! Just get moving and raise your heart rate a little. Make your body work. Even better if you can involve a friend or family member for the added bonus of social time!

## IMPACT Update

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**We want to, first of all, thank everyone who came out and enjoyed some ice cream, the stories/testimonies of those of us who went on mission trips to Green Bay, Wisconsin and the Dominican Republic. One more time, thank you all for your support and thank you to the United Methodist Men for allowing us to tag along on their annual ice cream social.**

**September is finally here!!!! That means that the IMPACT group will come back together on Wednesday nights. I've spoken to many of the youth and they are excited to meet again. We will jump in with both feet, so to speak. Scripture-based lessons, allowing the youth to dive into their Bibles and apply it to their lives is our goal. We will also immediately begin talking/prepping for our Haunted House. Also, be on the lookout for an "All-Family/All-Church" Table Talk night with activities for the whole family and a time for God's children of all ages to meet together.**

**This will be a year of rebuilding and stimulating our IMPACT group. Many of the faces will have changed, but our desire to meet together, have fun, learn about God's love and his plan for our lives is still the same. Thank you all for your prayers and support! - Jason & Kathy**



## Ice Cream Social Update

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The United Methodist Men raised \$274.50 from their Ice Cream Social on August 11th. The men gifted the money to IMPACT to be used at their discretion. Tons of Gratitude goes out to: Marvin Petersen, Dallas Nading and all who donated and volunteered, to make the Ice Cream Social a great event.





## Community Outreach

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The first ever Community Baby Shower was held in our Fellowship Hall on August 11th. This amazing event was the organized by the Cloud County Health Department and our Missions Team. Lois Riley presented the ABC's of Safe Sleep. Twenty new or expectant mothers participated and were gifted a new Pack N' Play as well as a swaddle blanket. Forty guests attended along with thirteen Cloud County organizations. Concordia High School FFA members volunteered their time to assist with Pack N' Play loading. Thank you to everyone who made this event an enormous success!!



## Congrats to Genna Strait

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If you see Miss Genna, let her know we are proud of and rooting for her. She has been nominated for Homecoming Queen 2019.

Homecoming is September 20th, show Genna some love...the poor girl will have to wear a dress.

**Congratulations!**

# September Heroes

Worship Volunteers	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22	Sept. 29
<b>Greeters</b>	Lori Raccagno	<b>Praise on the Plaza</b>	Phil Gilliland Julie Cory	Dave Brewer Lisa Brewer	David/& Judy Edwards Lori Racagnno
<b>Media Sound</b>	Janice Swenson Jason Johnson	<b>Praise on the Plaza</b>	Nancy Wentz Monte Wentz	Lisa Brewer Mark McConkey	Lisa Brewer Mark McConkey
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Susie Haver	Jason Johnson	Loren Swenson	Angie Gabel-McConkey	
<b>Liturgist</b>	Patty Mosher	<b>Cindy Kocher</b>	Dan Gerber	Marsha Wentz	Marcy Johnson
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Jason Johnson	<b>Praise on the Plaza</b>	Gwydotta Ukens		Mary Thoman
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b>	Alberta Neel	<b>Praise on the Plaza</b>	Joyce Swenson	Nonnie & Carol	Healthy Congregations
<b>Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)</b>	Lori Raccagno	<b>Praise on the Plaza</b>	Kathy Poore	Amy Gerber	Healthy Congregations
<b>Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)</b>	Carol Ruud	<b>Praise on the Plaza</b>	Marcy Johnson	Carol Ruud	Healthy Congregations
<b>Fellowship Cheese/Crackers</b>	Peggy Nelson	<b>Praise on the Plaza</b>	Connie Bentz	Gwydotta Ukens	Healthy Congregations

Area to Clean	Volunteers
<b>Sanctuary</b>	
<b>Chapel/Entry/Balcony</b>	Mary Thoman
<b>Bathrooms</b>	Marsha Wentz
<b>Nursery</b>	
<b>Parlor &amp; Kitchen</b>	Marvin & Eudora Petersen
<b>Classrooms/Choir Room</b>	
<b>Fellowship Hall</b>	
<b>Halls/Stairs</b>	Cindy Kocher
<b>Youth Room</b>	Youth
<b>Kitchen</b>	Lisa & Nevaeh Valcoure

# September 2019

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<b>1</b> 9:30 am S/S 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00 pm Trustees	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:30 am Morning Cluster	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Praise on The Plaza 9:45 am Worship Followed by brunch and games	<b>9</b> 7:00 pm Finance	<b>10</b> Office Staff in Salina for Fall Clergy Meeting	<b>11</b> 5:00 pm Sittin' w/ Jesus 5:30 pm Choir Practice 5:45 pm TT Meal 6:30 pm TT Classes	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8:30 am All Church Work Day
<b>15</b> 9:30 am S/S 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am Missions	<b>16</b> 5:30 pm ADCO	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 5:00 pm Sittin' w/ Jesus 5:30 pm Choir Practice 5:45 pm TT Meal 6:30 pm TT Classes	<b>19</b> 12:15 pm UMW-Exec. 1:00 - General	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:30 am S/S 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 5:00 pm Sittin' w/ Jesus 5:30 pm Choir Practice 5:45 pm TT Meal 6:30 pm TT Classes	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Fall Fest Food Booth
<b>29</b> 9:30 am S/S 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship	<b>30</b>					

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



To A Friend of the Church

**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

**Pastor: Rev. Melanie Adams**  
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