

## Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader: Jason Johnson

*\*(Please stand as you are able)*

### \* Musical Call to Worship

“Church in the Wildwood”

### \*Opening Prayer

Ever present God, we gather to worship you and to receive food for our journey. It is fitting that we come together today here in this place, in the heart of our community, for this time of worship isn't just about us, but about all those we are called to serve in our community and world. Open our hearts to receive your blessings. Amen.

### \*Song of Invitation

“You Who are Thirsty”

### Old Testament Reading Psalm 36:5-10

Liturgist: Cindy Kocher

### Presentation of Bibles to Krue Johnson and Kasey Pearson

### New Testament Reading Colossians 3:8-15

### Sermon

“Heavy Burdens”

Pastor Melanie Adams



### Song

“Step By Step”

### Sharing of Prayers: Gratitude and Challenges

*(Where have you seen God's presence? What gratitude and/or challenge is in your heart or on your mind?)*

### Silent Meditation & Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer #895

### Offertory

“Shout to the North”

(First Church offering to go in the plates.  
Trinity offering, please hand to Matt Lauer.)

### Doxology

“Give Thanks”

### Offertory Prayer [Unison]

Loving and gracious God, you offer us so much more than we can ever ask or imagine. You are our life. You show us the way of love and peace. And so, we are moved to be more loving, more at peace in our hearts, and more generous with our gifts and resources. We dedicate these offerings and ourselves to your service. In Christ we pray. Amen.

### \* Closing Song

“Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone”

### \*Our Purpose

What is our purpose?

To provide a place for all to BELONG to our community, BELIEVE in and experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and BECOME his disciples.  
**BELONG! BELIEVE! BECOME!**

### Benediction

Pastor Melanie Adams

### Benediction Song

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

## PRAYERS

Please see the Prayer Board outside the office for ongoing prayer requests. Pray for our congregation: For the ministry of making, nurturing, and sending out of disciples; because we believe that God's Love is the answer for the most difficult questions of our world today. Jesus changes lives!

**Bob McCollum**

**Betty Miller (Trinity)**

**Jean Wilcox**

Greetings Members and Friends of FUMC!

Wednesday, Sept. 11th is our first night of Table Talk for the year. I invite you to come together with me to talk about 1. Possibilities for an adult class on Wednesday evenings. 2. Talk about creative ways to help our church make young people our priority.

We are looking for creative, out-of-the-box ways to make our Wednesday evenings awesome and spiritually fulfilling for all generations.

Please plan on joining me for a fun conversation at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 11 in the upstairs parlor.

You may also wish to eat a meal downstairs beforehand. Serving time: 5:45 to 6:15.

I am excited about the ways God is leading us! We don't know the future, but God is definitely at work.  
~ Pastor Melanie



**Have you enjoyed your experience during Praise on The Plaza? Thank a member of the Christian Education Committee...show them some Gratitude!!**

**Thanks to:  
Christy Hasch,  
Angie Gable-McConkey,  
Kathy Poore,  
Jason Johnson,  
Cindy Kocher  
and Patty Mosher!!**

**Interested in Membership and/or Baptism?** Contact the church office to set up an appointment to visit with Pastor Melanie.

**Welcome to our guests!** We are glad you are here. We hope you were blessed by your experience at First United Methodist Church this morning and will tell a friend!

**Events this week in church:**

**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>:**

**Praise on the Plaza**

9:45 Worship, followed by Brunch and Carnival Games!!

**Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>:**

7:00 pm Finance

**Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>:**

Office Closed, Fall Church Staff District Meeting in Salina

**Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>:**

5:30 pm Sittin' With Jesus

5:30 pm Choir Practice

5:45 pm Table Talk Meal

6:30 pm Table Talk Classes

**Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>:**

8:30 am All Church Work Day

**Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>:**

**Muffins for Missions**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

11:30 am Fellowship

11:30 am Missions

**Trinity United Methodist family, we are excited to share this day of worship, gratitude, food and fun with you. We hope you enjoy your time with us and are thankful for your presence and this fellowship opportunity!!**



**Our building needs some TLC. Join us on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30 am for some light repairs, a little cleaning and a lot of laughs.**

**Thoughts to Ponder**

Key scriptures from today's message:

“Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive” (*Colossians 3:13 NRSV*).

“Be compassionate just as your Father in heaven is compassionate. Don't judge, and you won't be judged. Don't condemn, and you won't be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good portion – packed down, firmly shaken, and overflowing – will fall into your lap. The portion you give will determine the portion you receive in return (*LK 6:36-38 CEB*).



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**WEDNESDAY: 8:00 AM-3:30 PM**

**THURSDAY: 8:00 AM-3:00 PM**

**FRIDAY: 8:00 AM-12:00 PM**

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