

REVELATION  
October 2019



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Revelation

## From Your Pastor

On Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, we kicked off our *Growth in Gratitude Movement*, a six week journey into living with gratitude for our church, as well as for the many other blessings God has given us. On that day we also began a “gratitude chain,” a paper chain which is created from the gratitudes we write on each paper link.

I know that many of you have already contributed to the gratitude chain, and it is growing longer and longer! It’s going to be fun to see how long the chain gets by the end of our six week focus.

I thought I would share with you some of the things I’m grateful for as far as our congregation is concerned:

1. Warm, caring, inviting people who are passionate about God and about the mission and ministry of our church.
2. Our various small groups which meet for spiritual formation, service, and fellowship: IMPACT youth, Table Talk kids, Table Talk adults, the NEW “Faith, Food, Fun” multi-generational opportunity, Sunday school classes, UMW, Sittin’ w Jesus, choir.
3. The many participants who serve on our many committees and teams, or serve as individuals, each one a vital part of what we do.
4. The fun we have together!
5. The knowledge that God can, as the scripture says, “do far beyond all that we can ask or imagine by his power at work within us.”

I celebrate this congregation! When I stop to think about all we do together, and how we care for each other, our community and the world, I am truly grateful.

If you feel the same way, don’t keep it to yourself. Tell others about our church and how much it has changed your life. Invite them to come with you to church and our other activities.

See you in church on Sunday and/or Wednesday evening’s Table Talk activities.

Melanie



## Mark it on your Calendar

**Trustees: October 1st @ 7:00 pm**

**Finance: October 14th @ 7:00 pm**

**Missions: October 27th @ 11:30 am**

## UMW News

**Altar Flowers- Nonnie Steinert**

**Executive Meeting: October 17th @ 12:15 pm**

**General Meeting: October 17th @ 1:00 pm**

**Morning Cluster: October 1st @ 9:30 am**

**Evening Cluster: No Meeting**

## T-Shirts Available for Purchase

Did you pre-order a T-Shirt? If so, it is available for pickup after church or in the office.

Did you forget to order a T-Shirt? No worries, we ordered extra and they are available for purchase in the office. Shirts are \$10 each or \$8 each for three or more.

### 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.

A graphic for an event featuring four colorful splashes: green for 'FAITH', purple for 'FOOD', orange for 'FUN', and red for 'FEST'. The text is in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

**Wednesday, October 9, 2019**  
**Meal: 5:45 pm**  
**Spiritual Growth Time: 6:30 pm**

**Everyone is invited, bring a friend or 3!**  
**This is a multi-generational event.**

Table Talk is going multigenerational on October 9, 2019!!

Everyone is invited to a feast for their heart, soul, mind and body. The meal begins at 5:45 pm followed by spiritual growth time, the evening concludes with communion.

## Growth in Gratitude Movement

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Sending Gratitude to everyone who has embraced our Gratitude Chain project. Our chain of Gratitude is growing and we look forward to meeting our goal by October 27th. The goal is to have a chain that is 6 times the length of the sanctuary. Need more slips?... See Lisa in the office.

A “How We Worship” Gratitude survey and Gratitude Journal sheet was included in the September 29th bulletin. Please take a minute to fill out the survey as well as work on your gratitude journal.

Our Growth in Gratitude Movements continues and here is 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



## Potluck

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**Sunday, October 13th**  
**11:30 am**

*Join us for food, fellowship and fun!!!  
Bring a dish to share, your table service  
and an appetite!!*

# Office News

Saturday, October 12th: “Sewcial” ~ 8:30 am  
Sunday, October 20th: Hay Rack Ride ~ Time TBA  
Thursday, October 31st: Haunted House ~ 7:30-10 pm  
Saturday, November 2nd: Haunted House ~ 7:30-10 pm  
Sunday, November 3rd: Missions Super Sunday ~ 11:30 am  
Sunday, November 17th: Thanksgiving Dinner ~ 11:30 am  
Sunday, November 24th: Hanging of The Greens  
Monday, November 25th:  
Church Conference @ Trinity ~ 6:30 pm



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

**Phil & Connie Bentz  
Cindy Kocher  
Marvin & Eudora Petersen  
Mary Thoman  
Marsha Wentz  
Lisa & Nevaeh Valcoure  
Youth**



**We are searching for  
volunteers to help keep  
our church clean. Please  
see the October volunteer  
sign-up sheet located on  
the hallway bulletin board.**

## Worship Notes

### October Sermon Series: Four Dirty Words

*These aren't REALLY dirty words, but sometimes we act as if they are...*

- Oct. 6** Week 1: “God” Scriptures: 1 John 4:7-19  
World Communion Sunday, Plus our Growth in Gratitude Movement continues!
- Oct. 13** Week 2: “Holy Spirit” Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21, Galatians 5:22-23  
Growth in Gratitude Movement continues!
- Oct. 20** Week 3: “Evangelism” Scriptures: Matthew 28:16-20  
Growth in Gratitude Movement continues!
- Oct. 27** Week 4: “Bible” Scriptures: Romans 15:4-6  
Growth in Gratitude Movement concludes with Commitment Sunday!

## Hayrack Ride History

Carl Swenson, Loren's dad, started the Hayrack Ride when Loren was a child. Mr. Swenson taught Sunday school at the Concordia Baptist church and decided in the 1950's to incorporate a hayrack ride into the October events. Everyone would meet at the Swenson farm, jump on the hay trailer and away they would go to the "Cabin" for a bonfire and wiener roast.



The "Cabin" was built by Carl and Emil (Loren's Uncle) Swenson in the 1930's, when they were just boys. They cut the logs, mixed the concrete and built the cabin all by themselves. The total cost for the project was \$16.34. The "Cabin" was the location for many parties and picnics through the years.

The first few years of the hayrack ride the hay trailer was pulled by two of the Swenson's horses, "Queen and Bird." Mr. Swenson then switched to using his little Ford 8N tractor to pull the trailer. When Loren left for college, his dad stopped hosting the hayrack ride event.

Joyce and Loren Swenson moved back to the farm in 1977 and became Youth Leaders at Concordia First United Methodist Church. They began the annual Hayrack Ride that same year. The entire church family is invited to join in on the fun every October. The farm equipment used in 1977 was a little tractor that pulled a hay trailer. Later Loren started using a pickup to pull a fifth wheel trailer. The trailer is easier to access, has blinkers and brake lights hooked up for safety when traveling on the blacktop.

This year the Hayrack Ride and Weiner Roast is scheduled for Sunday, October 20th. More details to come....watch your bulletin for updates.

## All Church Work Day



Huge thanks to the 18 volunteers who helped give our church some much needed TLC during our All Church Work Day. Your time and efforts are appreciated greatly!!

## Mission Buckets

Thanks for giving generously in September. We collected \$181.54 for Mission Agency Support in the Great Plains Conference. For more details, visit <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/missionagencysupport>.

**On Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, we will pass the Missions Buckets for the World Communion Day Special Offering.** Envelopes will be provided if you prefer to return your gift later in October. For more information, visit <http://www.umcsgiving.org/ministry-articles/world-communion-sunday>.



## Little 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 October 9<sup>th</sup>.** 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

**HUGE THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED**

**SEPTEMBER 2019 COMMODITIES**

**Gracias!!!**

**Our church family volunteers were joined by community volunteers to make Commodities Day, September 2019 a huge success. We provided food to 101 people and served over 40 lunches.**

**It takes a village and our village ROCKS!!**

# Healthy Congregations

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Chair Yoga classes will be held on:

**Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm**



Classes will be held in the Green Room. Participants 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> at 8:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall.



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.

If you are interested in more information about this class, contact Sydney Conner or Nancy Wentz for more details.



## **To improve health, be active!**

Find an activity! A walk, hike, bike ride, yoga, 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!

## **Reusable Shopping Bags**

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!



# Layette Set Project

Our church has received a \$1,050 grant from the Community Foundation to help with our annual Layette Set Project in 2019! Our goal is to prepare 65 sets this year. Ways to participate are listed below.



Join us on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall to make Layette Set Blankets!

Everyone is welcome—no experience required!

Bring your sergers, rotary cutters, mats, cutting boards, rulers, scissors, tape measures, irons, and ironing boards. Neutral colored serger thread would also be welcome.

All fabric will be provided.

Donation of items for Layette Set includes:

Diapers (size 1 or 2) – MOST NEEDED ITEM!

Baby Wipes

Baby Shampoo (full size bottles)

Onesies – one piece undershirt with snaps (size 0-3 or 3-6 months)

Baby Socks (size 0-3 or 3-6 months)

Please no premie size diapers, onesies, or socks! The layette sets may not be delivered immediately after birth and we want the items included to fit the baby!

Items can be left in the baby carriage in the church entry.

Please bring all items by Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.



## MISSIONS



## SUPER SUNDAY

Join us on November 3<sup>rd</sup> after church for Pizza, Layette Set Assembly, and Haunted House Tear-Down!

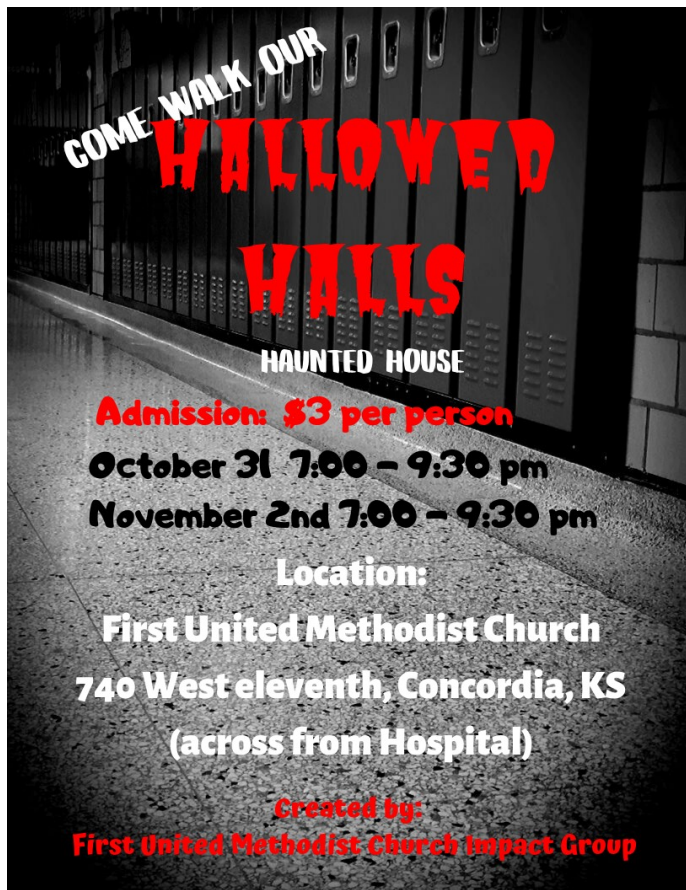


## IMPACT Update

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First of all, let us start by telling you that September has brought a great start to Table Talk activities on Wednesday nights. It is amazing how much the dynamic of our group has changed over the course of the summer. We have gone from an upper classman heavy, veteran group of kids who could take on any challenge we threw at them to a group this last Wednesday night that had seven 7th graders with plans to invite more. Might I add that we had 5 guests in our group, 4 of which had never been in our church before! God works in amazing ways. Be in prayer for that we are guided by God's plan for this group.

October is an exciting month for IMPACT! Here is what we have going on this month. On October 9th, we will have a new event, FAITH, FOOD, FUN Fest during Table Talk. The whole church, plus all of the families of the kids who attend on Wednesdays are invited to come and have a meal and enjoy some fun activities. Attendees will also hear a little bit about what goes on at FUMC! October 20th, will be the Annual Hayrack Ride and we hope many of you will join us for that fun filled evening.



**COME WALK OUR HALLOWED HALLS HAUNTED HOUSE**

**Admission: \$3 per person**

**October 31 7:00 - 9:30 pm**  
**November 2nd 7:00 - 9:30 pm**

**Location:**  
**First United Methodist Church**  
**740 West eleventh, Concordia, KS**  
**(across from Hospital)**

**Created by:**  
**First United Methodist Church Impact Group**

Also, in October, drum roll please, yes you guessed it! The Haunted House makes it's return to the fellowship hall! This year's theme is "Hallowed Halls" and we will be decorating it up like a haunted school. Science Room, Cafeteria, Principal's Office, Fallout Shelter, Showers and so much more. Beware as the Principal warns you that this is no longer a normal school, but one that has become haunted!

As always thank you all for your kind words of support and your prayers. We believe we have an amazing opportunity this year to reach out to youth and their families in our community. Be in prayer for those we don't know yet, but may come through our doors on a Wednesday night with a friend to check out what we are all about.

- Jason & Kathy

## October Heroes

Worship Volunteers	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
<b>Greeters</b>	Dave Brewer Phil Gilliland	John Culley Linda Culley	Dave Brewer Lisa Brewer	Judy Edwards David Edwards
<b>Media Sound</b>	Janice Swenson Mark McConkey	Nancy Wentz Monte Wentz	Lisa Brewer	Janice Swenson Mark Swenson
<b>Worship Leader</b>				
<b>Liturgist</b>	Lisa Valcoure	Steven Palmquist	UMW	David Edwards
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Angie Gable- McConkey	Pastor Melanie	Mary Thoman	Jason Johnson
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b>		Potluck	Mike & Marsha Wentz	Angie Gable- McConkey
<b>Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)</b>		Potluck		
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<b>Fellowship Cheese/Crackers</b>		Potluck	Peggy Nelson	Marge Cruzen

Area to Clean	Volunteers
<b>Sanctuary</b>	
<b>Chapel/Entry/Balcony</b>	
<b>Bathrooms</b>	Marsha Wentz
<b>Nursery</b>	
<b>Parlor &amp; Kitchen</b>	Phil & Connie Bentz
<b>Classrooms/Choir Room</b>	
<b>Fellowship Hall</b>	
<b>Halls/Stairs</b>	
<b>Youth Room</b>	Youth
<b>Kitchen</b>	Lisa Valcoure

# October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:00 pm Lay Leadership 7:00 pm Trustees	2 5:00 pm Sittin' w/ Jesus 5:30 pm Choir Practice 5:45 pm TT Meal 6:30 pm TT Classes	3 9:30 am Morning Cluster	4	5
6 9:30 am S/S 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship	7 10:30 am-3:30 pm Great Plains Retired Clergy Meeting	8	9 5:00 pm Sittin' w/ Jesus 5:30 pm Choir Practice 5:45 pm Faith, Food & Fun Fest	10	11	12 8:30 am "Sewcial"
13 8:30 am Stop the Bleed 9:30 am S/S 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Potluck	14 7:00 pm Finance	15	16 5:00 pm Sittin' w/ Jesus 5:30 pm Choir Practice NO TABLE TALK FALL BREAK	17 12:15 pm UMW-Exec. 1:00 - General	18 Haunted House Build Hake/Martin Wedding	19 Hake/Martin Wedding
20 9:30 am S/S 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship Hayrack Ride/ HH Build	21 5:30 pm ADCO Haunted House Build	22	23 5:00 pm Sittin' w/ Jesus 5:30 pm Choir Practice 5:45 pm TT Meal 6:30 pm TT Classes	24	25	26
27 9:30 am S/S 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am Missions	28	29	30 5:00 pm Sittin' w/ Jesus 5:30 pm Choir Practice 5:45 pm TT Meal 6:30 pm TT Classes	31 Haunted House 7:30 - 10:00 pm		Haunted House 7:30 - 10:00 pm

**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**  
Administrative Assistant: Lisa Brewer  
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Groundskeeper: Devin Pearson  
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