

REVELATION  
November 2019



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Revelation

## From Your Pastor

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your many expressions of appreciation in the past week or two for “Pastor’s Appreciation Week.” Your encouragement and love make me want to work all the more for our church to help us be all that God is calling us to be. You have no idea how much your notes and calls mean to me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

I also want to share with you a prayer that I read recently that has helped me keep my focus on God. May it be helpful to you, as well. I do not know the author.

*Lord, throughout our journeys, we are challenged to search our lives, to look deep into our souls, and to root out that which does not work for life. Help us to find the courage we need. Help us to understand that until we look deep inside and embrace who we really are, we cannot come to you in sincerity and integrity.*

*We admit that sometimes our lives are a bit empty and we are not able to approach you as we should. Be by our side, gracious God.*

*Constantly encourage us to find the strength to continue. Fill us with determination to grow toward maturity of mind and spirit. Fill us with a passion for mission and to become the people you want us to be. Fill us with understanding of your grace and mercy. In gratefulness we pray. Amen.*

As we move into the final months of 2019, may we each know God’s presence which guides and comforts us, and equips us to love others as Jesus loves us. And may this knowledge bring each of you joy and peace! ~ Pastor Melanie

## REWORKING HOW WE

# WORSHIP

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH ~ 5:30 PM

PARLOR

Everyone is invited to this innovative evening!!!

This is your church and we want to hear your thoughts on How WE Worship.

Do you have ideas? We want to hear them.

Now is the time to plan for our future.

# Upcoming Events

**ANNUAL  
THANKSGIVING DINNER**  
**Sunday, November 17th**  
**11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

**WE NEED HELP WITH SERVING,  
CLEAN-UP, AND DELIVERING MEALS.**

**SIGN-UP ON THE MISSIONS BULLETIN BOARD  
IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP!**



**2019  
CHURCH  
CONFERENCE**

*Monday, November 25th*  
6:30 PM CONCORDIA  
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH



**HANGING OF THE  
GREENS**  
SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 24TH  
2:00 PM



**ANNUAL COOKIE DAY**  
**Saturday, December 7**  
9:00 am



**CHRISTMAS  
CAROLING**  
12.08.2019  
3:00 PM

JINGLE BELLS



**CHRISTMAS  
PROGRAM**  
DECEMBER 15TH  
During Worship  
10:30 am



**SALVATION ARMY  
BELL RINGING**  
DECEMBER 22ND  
12:00 - 6:00 PM



12.24.2019  
5:30 pm  
**CHRISTMAS  
EVE  
SERVICE**



## All Saints Day

**All Saints Day**  
November 3rd



Larry Lagasse



Susan Martin



Jean Wilcox



Lucille Blecha



Keith Fuller

Join us for a special time of remembrance for those we lost this past year. The families have been invited to attend, everyone is welcome to place a flower on the altar in memory of a loved one. (flowers are available if you forget)

Timeless God, we thank you for all those before us who have kept the faith to the end. We thank you for brave souls of deathless fame, and also for those whose names are remembered only by you. Give us wisdom to understand your will, and courage to live as your people in this day; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Missions Super Sunday

Join us right after church on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> for Missions Super Sunday!

We need lots of helpers for the following projects:

Assemble 65 Layette Sets

Tear down the Haunted House and Clean-Up the Fellowship Hall

A pizza lunch will be served at around 12:30 pm. Everyone is welcome – bring a friend!



Thanks to the 12 volunteers who helped iron, cut, and assemble 58 blankets at the Sewcial! A great time was had by all!

# Meetings and Office News

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**Trustees: November 5th @ 7:00 pm**

**Finance: November 11th @ 7:00 pm**

## UMW News

**Altar Flowers- Evening Cluster**

**Executive Meeting: November 21st @ 12:15 pm**

**General Meeting: November 21st @ 1:00 pm**

**Morning Cluster: November 7th @ 9:30 am**

**Evening Cluster: No Meeting**

### Victory over Depression

Monday, November 18th ~ 6:30 pm

Belleville Blair Theater

1310 19th Street

Belleville, KS



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

**Phil & Connie Bentz  
Cindy Kocher  
Carol Ruud  
Gary & Cynthia Strait  
Janice Swenson  
Marsha Wentz  
Lisa & Nevaeh Valcoure  
Youth**

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

We have T-Shirts available for purchase.

Upcoming events where you could wear your new shirt:

1. Missions Super Sunday
2. Thanksgiving Dinner
3. Caroling
4. Hanging of the Greens

See Lisa in the church office to purchase yours.



# Commodities Day

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Commodities distribution day is set for Wednesday, November 13th. 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.

# Fall Happenings

## Fall Fest Booth



Fall Fest Day was a rainy one!!! Regardless of the weather we profited \$817.00. Proceeds went towards our 2019 Mission Shares. Huge thanks to everyone who worked and/or donated.

## Hay Rack Ride



# Thank You from The Campbells

To Our Church Family,

Thank you so very much for all the love, prayers, cards, and support you have given us! Somehow, the words "Thank You" just do not seem nearly adequate.

God is so awesome! And we give him all the praise and glory for being with us during kidney transplant and the "issues" that followed. His Love sustained us, and we are so grateful to the donor family.

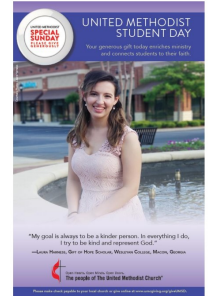
Thank you and Much Love,  
Gerald & Pam Campbell

## Mission Buckets

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In October, we collected \$70.94 for the World Communion Sunday special offering. Learn more about this offering at <http://www.umcsgiving.org/ministry-articles/world-communion-sunday>.

We will pass the missions buckets on November 17<sup>th</sup> for the United Methodist Student Day special offering. Learn more about this offering at <http://www.umcsgiving.org/ministry-articles/united-methodist-student-day>.



## Little Pantry

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We continue to see daily traffic at our Little Free Pantry. **Please consider bringing an item for the pantry when you are coming to a meeting or activity at the church – or on Sunday morning!** 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

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**Help is needed with the monthly food truck delivery on November 6<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).

The 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 our web site ([www.concordiafumc.com](http://www.concordiafumc.com)) or on the Mission Bulletin board in the church hallway.

**The CCRC invites you to Crockpots for Charity on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm at the CCRC.** Local organizations will be cooking against each other for bragging rights and a place in the top three. All proceeds will go to the Food Bank. Tickets are available for \$10 at the CCRC, Senior Center, Chamber of Commerce, Travel and Tourism, and Britt's Fountain and Gifts.

## Hometown Holidays Hot Cocoa Bar

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The Marketing Team is organizing a free Hot Cocoa Bar for the Chamber of Commerce Hometown Holidays event on **Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**. Our goal is to show our church in action in the community during the holiday season.



**Volunteers will be needed from 4:30 – 8:30 pm to help serve cocoa and greet customers.** A sign-up list will be available in early November on the bulletin board next to the office. Please consider joining us for an hour to spread some holiday cheer!

# Healthy Congregations

## *Stop the Bleed Training Class*

Six participants completed a Stop the Bleed class in October! Thanks to Sydney Conner for arranging the training and Johnnie Mastin with the Concordia Fire Department for conducting the training.

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, contact Sydney Conner or Nancy Wentz for more details.



## *Chair Yoga Classes*

Our Chair Yoga classes started in October – thanks to all who participated! Thanks to Angie Gabel-McConkey for arranging the classes and Kelsey Larson for providing the training. November classes will be held on:



**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday, November 10<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!



## **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!



# Holiday Missions

How can we help others in  
Cloud County during the  
holiday season?  
Here are some ideas!



**Bring these items to the Concordia 1st UMC Missions Tree by December 8th for use in Holiday Baskets prepared by the Cloud County Resource Center (CCRC) and the Girl Scouts/Toy Run:**



Toys	Mashed Potato Flakes
Cranberry Sauce	Macaroni and Cheese
Canned Green beans or Corn	Boxed Dinners or Dry Pastas
Evaporated Milk	Cereal
Pumpkin Pie Filling	Biscuit, Bisquick or Pancake Mixes
Tuna or Canned Chicken	Spices or Baking Supplies
Boxed Stuffing Mixes	

*Donations of Frozen Turkey (including just breasts), Ham (including half hams), Hamburger, Bread, Pre-made Pie Crusts, and Whipped Topping are also needed and should be delivered directly to the CCRC (open 11 am—1 pm, M/W/F). Toys for Holiday Baskets can also be dropped off at the First Christian Church or Alliance Insurance.*

**Bring Hats, Scarves, and Gloves for all ages items to the Concordia 1st UMC Missions Tree by January 5th:**

These items will be delivered to the Cloud County Resource Center.

**Select an Angel from the Angel Tree at Walmart!** These items are included in the Holiday Baskets prepared by the Girl Scouts/Toy Run!



**Give money for CCRC Holiday Baskets!**

We will pass the Missions Buckets on **December 1st and 8th** and all money will be used to help families in need. You can also make a donation or adopt a family directly by contacting Tonya Merrill at the CCRC (243-1065, ccrcc@nckcn.com). Each basket costs \$35.00 to prepare; the CCRC does not have grant money this year to with the expenses.

**Volunteer to help with the following activities:**

- ★ Holiday Store on **December 5th (5–7 pm) and December 14th (9–2 pm)**. Volunteers are needed to help children select gifts and to wrap gifts. Donations of gift bags and items to use in the store are also needed. See our web site ([www.concordiafumc.com](http://www.concordiafumc.com)) or the missions bulletin board for more details. In 2018 volunteers wrapped more than 2,000 packages at the Holiday Store! In 2019, 160 children were served.
- ★ Help pack Holiday Baskets on **December 16th (5-7 pm) and December 17th (1-4 pm)**.



Contact Tonya Merrill at the CCRC (243-1065, ccrcc@nckcn.com) to volunteer.



**Volunteer to help ring the Salvation Army Bells at Walmart on Sunday, December 22nd from 12:00–6:00 pm!**

A sign-up list is on the Missions Bulletin Board. 90% of the funds collected stay in Cloud County to purchase food for the food bank and provide people in need with assistance in paying utility bills. In past years, \$800+ was raised during the time Concordia 1st UMC was ringing the bells! If you aren't available on the 22nd, contact Toby Nosker (614-2070, tobynosker@yahoo.com) to volunteer for another time.



## IMPACT Update

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November is here! The first nine weeks of school are well and gone. Fall is in the air! The Haunted House has been drug out, set up and been packed back away for another year. As I say every year and every year it is true, IMPACT is so thankful to be a part of a church that allows us to have a haunted house in the basement! Thank you for all your support and donations. This year's haunted house has been interesting, so many of our youth are new to the group and it has been a bit of a learning curve. I think our group really needed the project of the Haunted House this year. We are such a split group with a handful of upper high school classmen and a handful of brand new junior highers, with nothing in between. It has really given them a chance to get together for larger amounts of time, get to work with each other and perhaps know each other a little better.

November will see normalcy return to our group, if there is such a thing. With Haunted House packed up our Wednesday nights will turn from talk of Haunted High Schools and move into the beginning of our "Fathom" lessons. Our talks will center around the origins of the Bible and what it means to us. We will be challenging the youth to bring their own Bibles each and every Wednesday night. This month will also give you all a chance to see the youth in action. Lastly, thank you all for your support and prayers. Keep up those prayers as Kathy and I bring messages from the Bible to these youth this month, that our words and God's word may do work in these kid's hearts. - Jason & Kathy



## Worship Notes

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### **November 3 All Saints Remembrance and Communion**

You may bring a flower to place on the altar in memory of loved ones who have passed. (There will also be plenty of flowers available if you do not wish to bring your own or forget.)

Holy Communion is always very special on All Saints Sunday!

Sermon: "Ordinary Saints" Scriptures: Ephesians 1:11-23, Luke 6:20-23,27-31

**November 10 Sermon: "What's with All the Excuses, Moses?"** Scriptures: Selections from Exodus 3 & 4.

**November 17 Special Hymn Sing!**

We will have fun singing our faith with our favorite songs. Be thinking about what you want to sing!

**November 24 Sermon: "The Problem with End-Time Thinking"**

Scriptures: Isaiah 65:17-25, Luke 21:5-19

# November Heroes

Worship Volunteers	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
<b>Greeters</b>	Dave Brewer Lisa Brewer	Nonnie Steinert Pearsons	Dave Brewer Lisa Brewer	Judy Kircher Lori Racagnno
<b>Media Sound</b>	Lisa Brewer Mark McConkey	Janice Swenson Mark McConkey	Lisa Brewer Mark McConkey	Nancy Wentz Monte Wentz
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Angie Gable- McConkey	Loren Swenson		
<b>Liturgist</b>	Ashley Hutchinson	Mary Thoman	Bill Thompson	Janice Swenson
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Loren Swenson	Melanie Adams	Bill Thompson	Cindy Kocher
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b>	Alberta Neel	Donna Reedy	Thanksgiving Dinner	Joan Krohn
<b>Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)</b>	Lori Raccagno	Carol Ruud	Thanksgiving Dinner	Cynthia Strait
<b>Fellowship Cookies (3 doz.)</b>	Karla Lawrence	Lisa Valcoure	Thanksgiving Dinner	Cindy Kocher
<b>Fellowship Cheese/Crackers</b>	Lisa Brewer	Gwydotta Ukens	Thanksgiving Dinner	

Area to Clean	Volunteers
<b>Sanctuary</b>	
<b>Chapel/Entry/Balcony</b>	Phil & Connie Bentz
<b>Bathrooms</b>	
<b>Nursery</b>	Gary & Cynthia Strait
<b>Parlor &amp; Kitchen</b>	Marvin & Eudora Petersen
<b>Classrooms/Choir Room</b>	
<b>Fellowship Hall</b>	Jason Johnson/Youth
<b>Halls/Stairs</b>	Cindy Kocher
<b>Youth Room</b>	Youth
<b>Kitchen</b>	

# November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:30 pm Swenson Rehearsal	2 3:30 pm Swenson Wedding 7:30 pm Haunted House
3 9:30 am S/S 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am Mission Super	4	5 7:00 pm Trustees	6 5:00 pm SWJ 5:30 pm Choir 5:45 pm Meal 6:30 pm TT Classes	7 9:30 am Morning Cluster	8	9
10 9:30 am S/S 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship	11 7:00 pm Finance	12	13 10:00 am Commod 5:00 pm SWJ 5:30 pm Choir 5:45 pm Meal 6:30 pm TT Clas- ses	14	15	16
17 9:30 am S/S 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Thanksgiving Dinner	18	19	20 5:00 pm SWJ 5:30 pm Choir 5:45 pm Meal 6:30 pm TT Classes	21 12:15 pm UMW Exec. 1:00 pm UMW Gen.	22	23
24 9:30 am S/S 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship 2:00 pm Hanging of the Greens	25 6:30 pm Church Conference @ Trinity	26	27 Thanksgiving Eve	28 Thanksgiving Office Closed	29 Office Closed Hot Cocoa Bar during Hometown Holidays	30



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

**ANNUAL**  
**THANKSGIVING DINNER**  
**Sunday, November 17th**  
**11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

Suggested donations:  
 \$10 for adults  
 \$ 5 for children (ages 10 and under)

Takeout and delivery available - call 243-4560



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

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 Website: www.concordialumc.com

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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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