

# From Your Pastor

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September 2020



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Revelation

Greetings church family!

I have just returned to work after a restful two-week vacation. Thank you to Wendy Holt and Jason Johnson for filling in while I was gone. I have heard good things about both Sundays!

If you haven't yet heard, Amanda Terrill has accepted another job which allows her to be near her children and her home. We were blessed to have her with us for a month and will continue doing some things for us remotely via her home computer until we have hired a new administrative assistant. Amanda did a terrific job for us when she was here in 2016, and it was a joy to have her back for a time.

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With the pandemic, things have not been "as normal" around here, but it is that time of year that our Lay Leadership Team (nominations) seeks persons to serve on our various committees and teams. If you are serving on a committee or team and wish to continue, let me know. If you wish to go off of a particular committee or team, let me know. If there is a new team or committee on which you'd like to serve, let me know. There are two committees that have a three year rotation: trustees and staff parish. If you are set to rotate off, but are interested in serving another three year term let me know that as well. If you are NEW to our church and want to serve in some way, contact me.

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We will be continuing with both in-person worship AND online worship going forward. On Sunday mornings, I will do a Facebook Live broadcast at around 7:30 am, from my home. Then I will go to Trinity for their 9 am service, followed by our 10:30 service here at First Church. We will continue to follow our guidelines for social distancing and mask wearing.

Speaking of wearing masks, PLEASE wear your mask when volunteering at the church in the midst of other people. I am specifically talking about the COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION days. I have had reports from both inside and outside our congregation that some of our own members are not wearing masks. This has resulted in us losing some volunteers from the community who are not comfortable with working near someone not wearing a mask. It could potentially put others at risk, as well.

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God bless each and every one of you! May you continue to know the love and grace of Jesus Christ in these times in which we live, and always.

Melanie

## Good News

Congratulations to Dallas and Nancy Nading on the arrival of a new great-grandson.

Cash was born in May.

Cash's dad, Scott, is the Nading's grandson.

Congratulations to Scott and his wife!



**If you have any "Good News" you would like to share for next month's Newsletter, Please call the Church Office or email and let us know 785-243-4560/concordia1umc@gmail.com**

### Home Worship Kits

*Contact the church office to get yours!*

During this time of continued caution concerning the ongoing pandemic, many people are not feeling very comfortable coming to worship on Sunday mornings. We understand that feeling and that is why we have created a "Home Worship Kit." A Home Worship Kit certainly doesn't take the place of worshiping together in our church building (and you are always welcome), but worship comes in many forms and we hope you find this a helpful tool to draw you closer to God.

Inside this kit you will find prayers, scriptures, a battery powered candle, a wooden cross (*made by Lynette Saltzman*), and even a brief printed liturgy for a form of holy communion appropriate for individuals and families.

You are invited to use this kit to create a sacred space in your home for worship, devotions, or just a quiet time alone with God. Use all of it, or just part of it. You may also want to add some of the following to enhance your time with God:

- \*a cloth/scarf on which you can place your items.
- \*a Bible and possibly a hymnal/book of songs that have sacred meaning to you
- \* a small rock or stone (or several) to remind you that Christ is your rock.
- \* any item that has sacred meaning to you.
- \*invite the children in your household to contribute items to your sacred home worship space.

Pastor Melanie

*Thank you to Pam Campbell, Wendy Holt, Lynette Saltzman, Loren & Joyce Swenson, and Renata Knox for their help in making and collecting materials for the kits, putting the kits together, and helping to distribute them.*

**BELONG!**

**BELIEVE!**

**BECOME!**

## Mission Buckets

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### Missions and Outreach

Thank you for your gifts over the past few months!

\$25.00 in May and June for the [COVID-19 Advance Fund](#).

\$157.16 in July for the Cloud County Resource Center to use for food and school supplies.

\$14.63 in August for the [Peace with Justice Special Offering](#).



The Missions Team has made a \$50.00 contribution to the missions work for Chelsey Horkman. Chelsey is currently working in the Sudan with Sudan Interior Mission (SIM).

If you would like to learn more about her work, visit [www.simusa.org](http://www.simusa.org). You can also e-mail Chelsey to be added to her newsletter distribution at [chelsey.horkman@sim.org](mailto:chelsey.horkman@sim.org).

## Meetings and Office News

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**Trustees: Tuesday, September 1st @ 7:00 pm**

**Finance: Monday, September 14th @ 7:00 pm**

**SPPRC: Tuesday, September 15th @ 5:30 pm**

**ADCO: Monday, September 21st @ 5:30 pm**



### Cloud County Resource Center Needs

The Food Bank is open and accepting donations of cash or food items for distribution on Monday and Friday from 9 am – 12 pm and Wednesday from 9 am – 2 pm.

If you would like to volunteer at the CCRC, please contact

Tonya Merrill at 243-1065 or [ccrc@nckcn.com](mailto:ccrc@nckcn.com)



## Please Remember...

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- ◆ The upper and lower doors are open and the lower hallway is now open.
- ◆ Please wear a mask-masks and hand sanitizer available at each entrance.
- ◆ Ushers will provide guidance to your seat and also be taking attendance.
- ◆ Please maintain social distancing.
- ◆ Please exit the church immediately after service.

## September Birthday Blessings

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Sept. 2nd—Gene Saltzman

Sept. 6th—Gene Johnson

Sept. 8th—Joan Lawton

Sept. 13th—Audrey Krohn

Sept. 13th—Hershel Hutchinson

Sept. 18th—Corda McMillan

Sept. 18th—David Edwards

Sept. 18th—Jan Novlan

Sept. 29th—Kale Pearson

## Christian Education

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FUMC will be starting Fellowship and Christian Learning with the children Kindergarten-5th grades of our church on Sunday evenings beginning on September 13th from 6:30-7:15 pm. We look forward to seeing the young people of our church for some Fellowship and Christian education! Please explain to your children they CANNOT bring balls or toys from home. We will expect them to have masks, but will hope to spend most of our evenings outside, mask free. We will be provide a schedule of future dates that evening.

## Online Worship

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Have you been joining us for Facebook worship?  
Join us at [www.facebook.com/concordialumc](http://www.facebook.com/concordialumc)!  
Pastor Melanie will broadcast a devotional at 7:30  
am on Sunday mornings. If you need help getting  
setup to view the service online, contact the church  
office.



## Enhanced Online Giving

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Additional options have been enabled for online giving through our web site. You can access [Online Giving](#) or scan the QR code with your phone.

Through online giving, you have the option to give with a credit card or to setup direct deposit from your checking account. These gifts can be setup for a one-time gift or as a recurring gift. There is even an option to setup giving by text!



**We encourage you to create an account using the e-mail address you receive e-mails on from the church so your giving is associated with your account in the ChurchTrac membership system and will appear on your annual giving statement.**

By creating an account, you will also have access to all of the giving options mentioned above. If you do not want to create an account, there is an option to give as a guest.

**\*Please note** there is a fee for online giving. You have the option to mark ‘add the service charge to the amount of giving’ **to add the cost of the fee to your gift.**

# Food Distribution

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Commodities was held on August 19th, serving 177 individuals and 68 households.

Thank you to all who volunteered this month to help with the distribution; we could not do it without you all!



# Little Free Pantry

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Thank you for your continued support of our Little Free Pantry! We know there is continued demand as COVID-19 continues and students return to school.

**If you would like to help feed those in our community who are food insecure, we ask you to place items directly into the pantry at your convenience. If you prefer, you can also make a monetary donation to help purchase food for the pantry. This helps us to provide a variety of food on a daily basis.**

Thanks to those that have been placing food from our store in the pantry daily: Cindy Kocher, Pam Campbell, Melanie Adams, and Amanda Terrill!



## Meal on Wheels

The Senior Center is looking for volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels. To volunteer, call **243-1872**. Meals on Wheels provides a hot meal and human contact for the homebound.

# Healthy Congregation

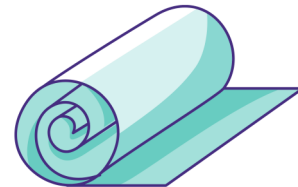
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## Yoga Classes will resume in September!

The dates for this are September 13th & 20th.

- \*All classes will be held in the Fellowship Hall.
- \*Participants are asked to wear a mask as they enter and leave the building. Masks are not required during the class, but social distancing will be required. Attendance will be taken.
- \*Participants will be cleaning the area of the Fellowship Hall used for class when class is complete.
- \*Classes will last around 45 minutes and are open to all skill levels (including beginners).
- \*Participants may want to bring a mat or towel for the floor and a small pillow or towel to sit on.



Contact Angie Gabel-McConkey ([angie.gabel@usd333.com](mailto:angie.gabel@usd333.com)) for more details!



# September Heroes Needed

Worship Volunteers	Sept. 6th	Sept. 13th	Sept. 20th	Sept. 27th	Oct. 4th
Greeters					
Media Sound	Nancy Wentz Monte Wentz		Nancy Wentz Monte Wentz		Nancy Wentz Monte Wentz
Worship Leader	Jason Johnson		Susie Haver	Loren Swenson	
Liturgist					
Children's Moment	None until further notice	None until further notice	None until further notice	None until further notice	None until further notice
Fellowship Hosts	None until further notice	None until further notice	None until further notice	None until further notice	None until further notice





# September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting	2	3	4	5
6 10:30 am Worship	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13 10:30 am Worship	14 7:00pm Finance Meeting	15 5:30 pm SPPRC	16 10:00 am Commodities	17	18	19
20 10:30 am Worship	21 5:30 pm ADCO Meeting	22	23	24	25	26
27 10:30 am Worship	28	29	30			



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

*Sunday Services*  
 Worship at 10:30 am  
 Join us for a Sunday Morning  
 Devotional on Facebook!  
[www.facebook.com/concordialumc](http://www.facebook.com/concordialumc)  
 If you need help setting up Facebook,  
 contact the church office.

**Pastor: Rev. Melanie Adams**  
 Administrative Assistant: Amanda Terrill  
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 Groundskeeper: Devin Pearson  
 Choir Director: Renata Knox  
 Organist: Pam Campbell  
 Nursery: Jan Novlan

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