

October 2020

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Well, fall is here! In any given year, it is always difficult to fathom how fast the year has gone. This year, it has seemed at once to go way too fast, and also quite slowly. In some ways, it seems we've lost a year!

For those of you I haven't been able to see in person: I miss you! I pray each of you are doing OK. As we keep reminding each other, we WILL get through this! But I know it isn't easy.

Two of our members have been busy distributing the "Home Worship Kits" that we put together a few weeks ago. If you would like one, please contact the church office. The kits are very simple: a wooden cross, a battery powered candle, and some prayers and scriptures to help you create a sacred space in your home.

We continue with both FB Live worship/devotions AND in person worship each Sunday. I am doing the FB Live worship time at 7:30 am. The great thing about FB Live is that it saves it so that you can go back and watch at any time!

Oct 4th is World Communion Sunday. As you know, we've not been able to have communion since the pandemic started. On October 4th, we will have a modified form of communion. We will have the communion service as we usually do, but you will not come forward to receive the bread and juice. Instead, you will be given a piece of bread to take with you as you leave the sanctuary. You then will be invited to eat the bread after you have left the church building.

In a way, taking the bread with you is symbolic of taking Christ into the world. I anticipate that it will be a sacred moment for many of us.

I am grateful for each and every one of you. Thank you for your part in keeping our church in mission and ministry during these challenging times. You are amazing!

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Revelation

Administrative Assistant!

Thank you for offering me the position of Administrative Assistant! As most of you know I am Lisa Valcoure. I am married to a wonderful man, Bill. We have 4 grown Daughters, 2 sons and 23 grandchildren. We adopted 2 of our grandchildren, Nevaeh and Dakota.

I am very involved with The American Legion as my father, husband and son-in-law all served , so this a very important part of me!

I hope that I can fulfill the needs of the church! Please Call, text or email me if I can assist you in anyway.



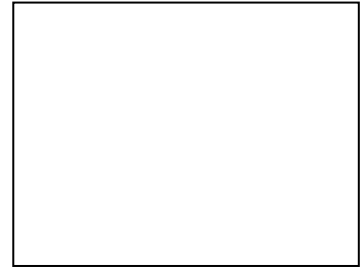
Bridal Shower!

A bridal shower honoring Katie Thompson will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the FUMC Fellowship Hall. Katie will marry Marc Eickhoff on November 14, 2020. Katie is registered at Pottery Barn and Amazon. Come help us bestow our warm wishes as Katie and Marc prepare for their marriage! Social distancing rules and masks are respectfully required. A celebration is in order!



Online Worship

Have you been joining us for Facebook worship? Join us at www.facebook.com/concordia1umc! 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

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 increase your give to cover the cost of credit card processing fees!

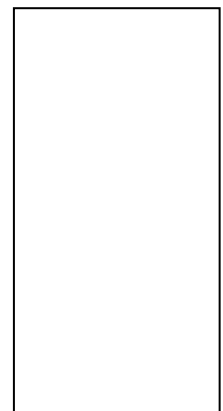


We encourage you to create an account using the e-mail address you receive e-mails on from the church so your giving is associated with your account in the ChurchTrac membership system and will appear on your annual giving statement. By creating an account, you will also have access to all of the giving options mentioned above. If you do not want to create an account, there is an option to give as a guest.

New Pew Cushion Fundraiser

The Trustees are raising funds to purchase new Pew Cushions! The estimated cost for the project is \$19,000.

A sample of the new Pew Cushion is available to try out in the narthex.



Missions and Outreach

Missions Buckets will be passed on Sunday, October 4th for the World Communion Day Special Offering. If you would like an envelope for your offering, they will be available on the ushers' table near the entry to the sanctuary. For more information, visit <http://www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/world-communion-sunday>.



Food Distribution

September Commodities was very busy! We served 69 Households which breaks down to 15 families, 12 Couples and 42 Single boxes. 13 awesome Volunteers helped unload the truck, box up groceries and load cars. 3 from OCCK, 4 from CHS, 2 from the American Legion Aux and from our Church 4! The next Commodities is Scheduled for October 21st. We welcome anyone who would like to volunteer. Please bring a pocket knife if you have one. Masks are required to help with Commodities. Call the Church office if you are interested in helping!

Little Free Pantry



Thank you for your continued support of our Little Free Pantry! Your generous contributions helped purchase food to replenish or pantry store in September! **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, Nancy Wentz, Melanie Adams, and Lisa Valcoure!

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.



Meals on Wheels

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



Annual Layette Set Project

We have received a grant from the Cloud County Community Foundation of \$1,500 to boost the number of Layette Sets we make this year! Our church is the only organization that makes the layette sets and our goal this year is to make 75 sets (each set costs about \$30 to make).

Donation of items needed 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, November 1st**. We know that it may be difficult to get out to purchase or even find these items. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please mark your donation for Layette Sets.

Healthy Congregations

We have resumed Yoga Classes! No classes are scheduled for October – watch for dates in November and December in the next newsletter.

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.

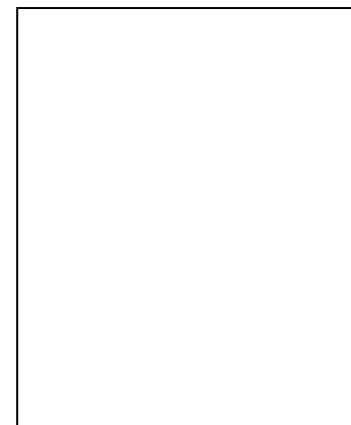
Attendance will be taken.

Participants will clean 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) for more details!

Masks are available as you enter the upper and lower entrance of the church. If you need one or know someone who needs one, please take what you need! We want everyone to be safe and to stay healthy in the coming months. If you have a specific mask need, please contact the church office.



The strength of a political system depends upon the full and willing participation of its citizens

UNITED METHODISTS VOTE!

For more details on how to vote in Cloud County, visit <http://www.cloudcountyks.org/main/voting-information>.

A big shout out to those who provided flowers for the month of September!!!



UMW

October 15th, 1:00pm


General Meeting only.



Jeremiah 29:11

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

OCTOBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:30 am Crusaders 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Impact	5	6 7:00 pm Trustees	7	8	9	10
11 9:30 am Crusaders 10:30 am Worship	12 7:00 pm Finance	13	14	15 1:00 pm UMW	16	17
18 9:30 am Crusaders 10:30 am Worship	19 5:30 pm ADCO	20	21 9:45 am Commodities	22	23	24
25 9:30 am Crusaders 10:30 am Worship	26	27	28	29	30	31 

October Volunteers Needed

Volunteers	Oct.11	Oct. 18	Oct. 25	Nov. 1	Nov. 8
Greeters					
Media					
Sound					
Worship Leader					

Thanksgiving Dinner

The annual Thanksgiving dinner will be November 15th. There will be a few changes this year due to Covid! It will be take out and delivery Only!

Volunteers will be needed to help prepare food at the church, prepare meals, fill orders and deliver meals.





Concordia First United Methodist Church

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Pastor: Rev. Melanie Adams

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Sunday Services:
Facebook Devotions: 7:45
Worship: 10:30

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