

From Your Pastor

January



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Revelation

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Well, 2021 is here! We knew it would come. 2020 is finally over. It was a tough year for so many reasons. But there have been blessings, too. God has been present and will continue to be present as the days of the new year roll forward.

What is your deepest prayer for 2021? My prayer is that as we continue to practice social distancing, mask wearing, and so on, AND as the vaccinations continue to become available, we will see our lives return to a more "normal" kind of life.

Still, nothing will ever be quite the same. We, as a people, are forever changed. We have lost people dear to us because of this virus. Some people have long lasting health issues, financial issues, spiritual or psychological issues. For some, the challenges have brought out new gifts and strengths, and the discovery of new ways to do things. We are learning about new medical advancements that have come about due to the challenges of dealing with the virus. These advancements will help many in the future. So no matter how you look at it, the world has indeed been changed.

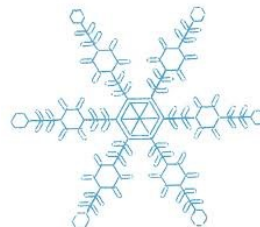
So my prayer is also, *"God help us all to take the lessons we've learned from this difficult time and use them to make the world better. Heal us, comfort us, lead us, inspire us, and forgive us. May we always remember that we are your children, upheld by grace and love. And may we always remember to follow the example of Jesus in how we relate to your people in the world."*

My prayer also includes prayers for healing and peace, so that the hate, intolerance, bigotry and selfishness that we've seen so much this year will not be a lasting legacy. May 2021 be a year when we look into the eyes of others, no matter who they are, and see the face of a beloved child of God.

2021 will bring it's own challenges and joys. We enter this new year, knowing that God is always present. May each of you find joy and fulfillment this year and always.

Thank you to all you who have sent cards and other greetings to me this season, as well as the get well prayers and wishes when I was ill in November. I so appreciate your love and care. God bless you!

~Pastor Melanie

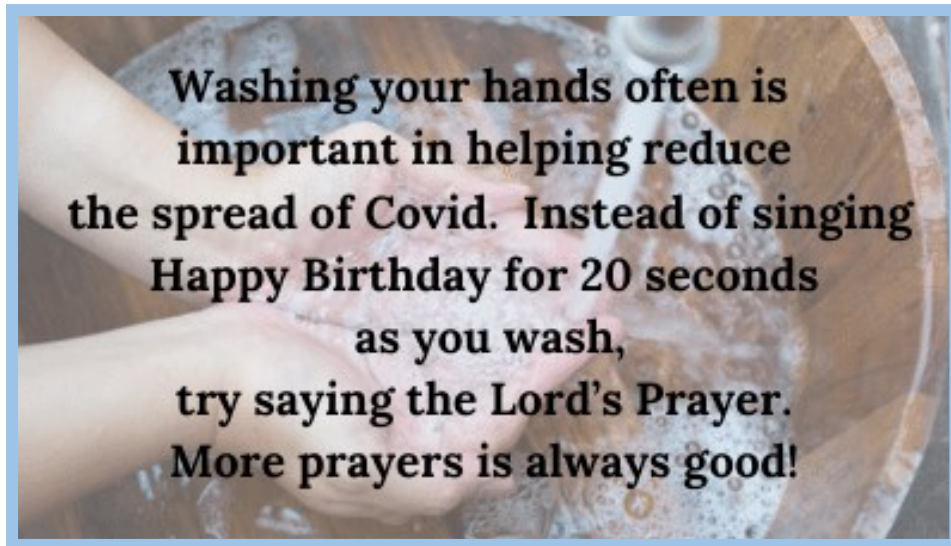




SHOUT OUT to FBLA

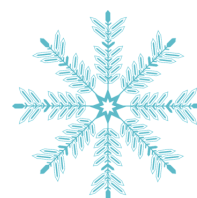
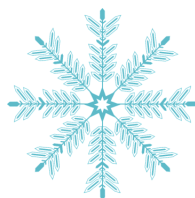
FBLA of Clyde held a food Drive in November. They donated 127 boxed and canned foods for our Little Free Pantry.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness!!!



Church Ladies with a SECRET SISTER:

Due to Covid regulations, we are unsure what we will be able to do for a coffee/reveal for this year, but we have not forgotten about you. More details to come!



Online Worship

Have you been joining us for Facebook worship? Join us at www.facebook.com/concordia1umc! Pastor Melanie will broadcast a devotional at 7:45 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 gift 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.

Trustees Update

The Trustees are raising funds to purchase new Pew Cushions! The estimated cost for the project is \$19,000. To-date, approximately \$14,000 of the needed funds have been raised. A sample of the new Pew Cushion is available to try out in the narthex.



Thank You!

Thank you to all my church family for the loving words, prayers, food, and memorials as Gerald made his way to heaven. I have felt your hugs and prayers from afar. You have been a tremendous support to me and to our family through this very difficult time.

Much love to all!
God Bless You,
Pam Campbell & family

Farewell to the Nelsons

A Farewell Parade was held for Paul and Peggy Nelson as they prepare to move to Topeka. More than 40 cars participated! The Nelson's new address is:

1205 SW 29th, Apt 324

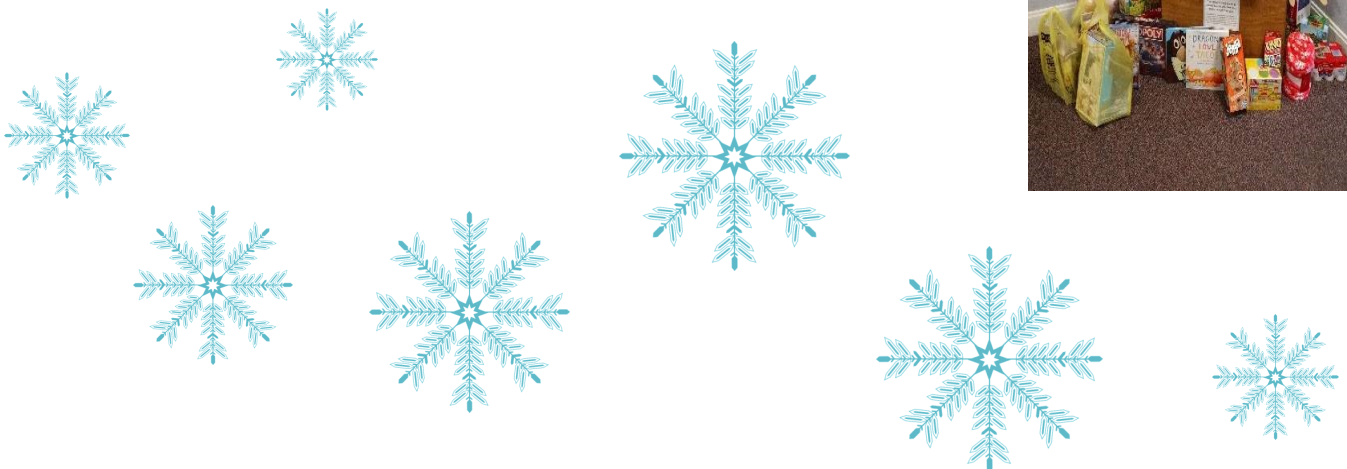
Topeka, KS 66611



Missions Tree

Thank you for your donations of 31 toys/books/gifts, 3 blankets, 3 handmade quilts, 69 cold weather accessories, 63 food items for the CCRC Holiday Baskets!

These donations made it possible for the CCRC to provide Holiday Baskets for many families in need during this holiday season. The church also made a donation of \$500 to the CCRC which was partially funded by directed giving in December.



Alternate Caroling

Thanks to the 10 volunteers who helped to deliver a special recorded Christmas message to 13 individuals at their homes! We also delivered to 8 residents of local care facilities and mailed to 5 out of town members. Check Facebook or our web site if you would like to hear the recording we delivered.

A special thanks to Pam Campbell, Melanie Adams, Renata Knox, and Tyler Knox for helping make the recording. Thanks also to Marsha Wentz who crafted the Santa bag packaging for the recording devices.



Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Thanks to the Strait Family, Pam Campbell, Melanie Adams, Marsha Wentz, Wendy Holt, Carol Ruud, Nevaeh Valcoure, Cindy Kocher, Mary Thoman, Julie Cory, Taryn Mosher, Patty Mosher, and Nancy Wentz for helping ring the Salvation Army bells at Walmart!



Missions and Outreach

We will pass the Missions Buckets on January 17th for the Human Relations Day Special Offering. Learn more about this offering at <https://www.umc.org/en/content/human-relations-day-sunday-ministry-article>.



Little Free Pantry



Winter is here! Please do not leave items in the pantry that could freeze when the weather is predicted to be extremely cold. In particular, canned goods can freeze and spoil. **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: Pam Campbell, Cindy Kocher, Jan Novlan, Melanie Adams, and Lisa Valcoure!

Commodities

Thank you to everyone who has helped with Commodities this year! During December Commodities we helped 100 households! 166 people total! Volunteers packed 824 boxes in 2020!!!! What a great group of volunteers!!!!



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 for any of the activities listed above, 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.



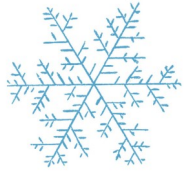
January Birthday's !!!

*1 Gary Strait
4 Ashton Lawrence
8 Joyce Peterson
8 Karla Lawrence
9 Ayden Krohn
13 Lyle Pounds
15 Terry Peltier
20 Noneral Steinert
22 Judy Edwards
26 Phillip Bentz
26 Marcy Johnson
26 Taryn Mosher*

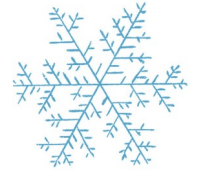


How many sides are there in typical snowflakes?

- A. 5 sides*
- B. 6 sides*
- C. 7 sides*



January 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 7:00pm Trustees	6	7	8	9
10	11 7:00 Finance	12	13	14	15	16
17 Missions Buckets for Human Relations Day.	18 5:30 ADCO	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Return Service Requested
First United Methodist Church
740 West 11th Street

Sunday Services:
Facebook Devotions: 7:45am

Pastor: Rev. Melanie Adams
Administrative Assistant: Lisa Valcoure
Christian Education Coordinator: Angie Gabel-McConkey
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