

February



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Revelation

## From Your Pastor

### Remember the 740 Breakthrough Prayer Initiative we did in 2018?

That spring and throughout the rest of the year, we committed ourselves to praying daily for our church. I believe 2021 is a perfect time to resurrect this effort as we move forward in mission and ministry. Won't you commit once again to praying for our church each day?

Set your phones to remind yourself to stop at 7:40 am and/or 7:40 pm each day to pray for our church and the mission and ministry we are called to do.

What is breakthrough prayer? Breakthrough prayer is a petition to God to do new things, beyond our imagining, bigger than we could possibly do on our own – without boundaries, without limits, without anticipated outcome.

*"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us." (Ephesians 3:20)*

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)*

(Where did we come up with the number 740? It is our street address number here at FUMC. And 7:40 am or pm seemed like a good time to stop and pray. Of course you can choose another time. The important thing is to pray daily for our church.)

Please pray that:

\*God would lead us and equip us for the living out of our purpose: *To provide a place for all to BELONG to our community; BELIEVE in and experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and BECOME His disciples.*

\*God would help us to break through our limitations, to open our minds to new possibilities, and to embolden our hearts to live out God's vision.

\*God would help each of us to be a follower of Jesus Christ committed to being part of the Body of Christ, the Church (living a life of worship & hospitality); becoming more like Jesus (living a life opening to and obeying Jesus); and joining Jesus in ministry (living a life of service and generosity).

Of course, do not forget to pray for others: our family, friends, and neighbors; as well as our community, country, and the world. The scriptures above apply just as much to the needs of our country and world as they do to us personally. Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on each person living today that we may be transformed in love.

Pastor Melanie



# Readiness 360

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First United Methodist Church needs YOUR input! Take the Readiness 360 survey. Dear Congregation, Beginning on Feb. 8th you will have an opportunity to help the leadership of our church determine the direction of our church's mission and ministry by completing an online survey. We are beginning a planning process called "Readiness 360" or R-360 for short. R-360 is an online survey tool designed to help congregations identify opportunities for strengthening our multiplication DNA through assessing our 1) spiritual intensity, 2) dynamic relationships, 3) missional alignment, and 4) cultural openness. After a critical mass within our congregation takes the online survey, we will report back our findings and discover next steps together. Watch for an email which will include instructions on how to log in and take the survey. Each member of your household (teenage and up) are invited to take this survey. If you do not have internet access and want to take the R-360 survey, please call the church office and you will be assigned a proxy who will help you with taking the survey. The world around us is changing rapidly and the church needs to do what it takes to make and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ. We are excited to begin this process.

For the good of the mission field,

Rev. Melanie Adams and the Administrative Council



## Online Worship

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Have you been joining us for Facebook worship? Join us at [www.facebook.com/concordia1umc](http://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

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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.

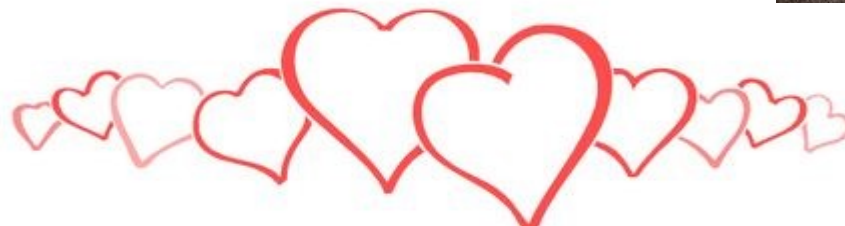
Through online giving, you have the option to give with a credit card or to setup direct deposit from your checking account. These gifts can be setup for a one-time gift or as a recurring gift. There is even an option to increase your gift to cover the cost of credit card processing fees!

**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

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The Trustees would like to thank you for the support of the pew cushion replacement project. We are getting close to our goal. **As of January 11<sup>th</sup>, we were just \$1,125.78 short of fully funding the project.** A sample of the new Pew Cushion is available to try out in the narthex.



## Missions and Outreach

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Lenten boxes will be available in a basket outside the sanctuary during Lent. Money collected in Lenten boxes will go to Missions Agency Support. Missions Buckets will also be passed on February 21<sup>st</sup> for Mission Agency Support.

For a list of missions agencies who receive support through this giving, go to [www.greatplainsumc.org/missionagencysupport](http://www.greatplainsumc.org/missionagencysupport).



## Little Free Pantry

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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!

## Cloud County Resource Center Needs

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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](mailto:ccrc@nckcn.com).



## Meals on Wheels

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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.



# PARKING LOT

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Thank you Pastor Melanie and ADCO for the moving Christmas Eve Services! The decorations were beautiful! There were approximately 85 people in attendance!



# 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!

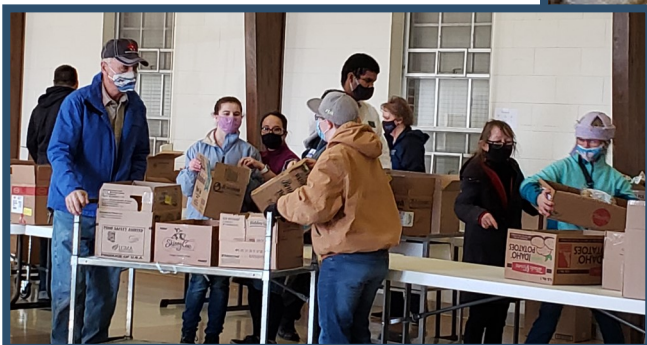
What's your thoughts? Should we hold our secret sisters for another month or year? What other suggestions do you have?



## January Commodities



- \* 97 households
- \* 24 Families
- \* 24 Couples
- \* 49 singles
- \* 185 people total



Thank you to all the Volunteers for coming out to help with January Commodities! 25 volunteers from the Community include: Concordia 1st UMC, OCCK, American Legion, USD #333 students, Hungry Hollow Ministries, Latter Day Saints Missionaries, and Lions Club!

Next Commodities Date:  
February 17, 2001

### **Marquis Place**

205 W 21st St  
Rita Callaway  
Stanley McMillan  
Dallas Nsadine

### **Sunset Home**

620 2nd Ave  
Les Hemphill

### **Concordia Residents**

Marge Cruzen  
809 1<sup>st</sup> Ave

Amy Gerber  
1416 Highland Dr

Steve Lawson  
1017 W 11<sup>th</sup> St

Richard & Joyce Peterson  
1305 N 145<sup>th</sup> Rd

Dorothy Torgler  
816 Cedar St

Dorothy Swenson  
2126 Republican St

### **Out-of-Town Residents**

Betty Everitt  
2251 E Crawford St, #125  
Salina, KS 67401

Kay Peters  
1008 Kay Valley Park Cir, Apt 404  
Wamego, KS 66547

Paul & Peggy Nelson  
1205 SW 29th  
Topeka, KS 66611

### **Mount Joseph**

1110 W 11th St  
Janyce Matthew  
Ed Wright

Anita Chartier  
720 E 12<sup>th</sup> St

Gene Johnson  
109 W 18<sup>th</sup> St

Joan Lawton  
1828 Crestview Dr

Robert & Delores St. Pierre  
703 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave

Branson Wilcox  
729 E 8<sup>th</sup> St

Bill Erhardt  
700 Cloud St, Apt 9


Carolyn Hoffman  
20455 SE 140th St  
Umatilla, FL 32784-7842

Liz Steinle  
2150 S Sagamont, #104  
Springfield, MO 65807

Margaret Thornton  
6117 119th St  
Overland Park, KS 66209



*Are you  
making  
your  
Valentines  
Day card  
list?  
Consider  
adding  
some of our  
members  
and friends!*

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# February Birthdays

2 Cindy Kocher

4 Clay Campbell

12 Amy Gerber

12 Karla McMilian

13 Allison Poore

13 Wayne Neel

13 Dave Thoman

15 Mallory Thompson

15 Krue Johnson

17 Nevaeh Valcoure

18 Jacqueline Ramsey

19 Maddie Johnson

20 Susan Haver

20 Erin Reedy

21 Dennis Reedy

24 Mary Lisa Thoman

24 Dylan Terrill

27 Christy Hasch

28 Genna Strait

29 Aiden Poore



# February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:00p Trustee's	3	4	5	6
7	8 7:00p Finance	9	10	11	12	13
14 Scouting Ministries Sunday. 	15 5:30 ADCO Presidents Day	16	17  6:30p Via Zoom	18	19	20
21 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT 	22	23	24	25	26	27
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**Return Service Requested**  
**First United Methodist Church**  
**740 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street**

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

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Parsonage: 785-262-4224  
Website: [www.concordiafumc.com](http://www.concordiafumc.com)

**Pastor: Rev. Melanie Adams**  
Administrative Assistant: Lisa Valcoure  
Christian Education Coordinator: Angie Gabel-McConkey  
Groundskeeper: Devin Pearson  
Choir Director: Renata Knox  
Organist: Pam Campbell  
Nursery: Jan Novlan