

May 2021

Happy Mother's Day

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Revelation

From Your Pastor,

This will be my last "From Your Pastor" article. Next month, I will invite your new pastor, Rev. Kibum Kim, to write something as a way of his introduction to all of you. As I said in the email sent out earlier, Kibum and I go way back. He and I went to seminary together, and he was my District Superintendent while I was at Independence First, just before I moved here. I feel I am leaving you in good hands!

I am going to miss you all so much! You have been part of my life for the past five years. I have greeted you at worship and at many church activities. I have celebrated joyful days with you and walked with you during times of grief. We have weathered a pandemic together when there were no rules for how to move through such a time!

I hope to keep in touch with you, but as you know, I will not be able to come back as your pastor in any capacity. That is part of the process. Still, I will keep you in my prayers.

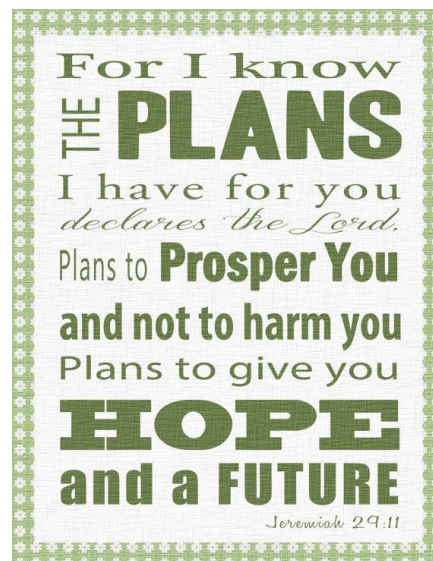
My last Sunday with you will be June 13th. I am not sure as of yet what day I will move. I am in the process of buying a house in Hays and will close on that house the first week or so of June.

My new house is going to be quite small, so I am having a moving sale! The sale will be Friday, May 21st from 4 to 7 pm, and Sat. May 22 from 8 am to 3 pm. Stop on by! I am getting rid of loads of stuff!

Also, I am getting rid of most of my pastor's library. The books are free for the taking and are in room 203 of the church (the room next to the office).

I have a month and a half left with you and look forward to seeing each of you to say good-bye!
Blessings!

Pastor Melanie



Easter Egg Hunt and Games!
Thank you Education Committee
for hosting this event!!!



Online Worship

Have you been joining us for Facebook worship? Join us at www.facebook.com/concordia1umc! Pastor Melanie will broadcast on Saturday evenings that you can watch any time! 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 new pew cushions have arrived! **We are just \$350 short of fully funding the project.**



Change the World Sunday 2021

Our 10th Annual Change the World Sunday is coming on **May 2, 2021!**

Event Schedule

9:00—9:30 am	Church Service in Sanctuary
9:30 am—Noon	Projects & Random Acts of Kindness
Noon—1:00 pm	Lunch in Fellowship Hall
12:30 pm	Sharing Projects
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Lunch Cleanup



Projects Planned

- Preparation and Delivery of LOTS of May Baskets (including baskets for all residents in local care facilities)
- Random Acts of Kindness
- Picking up Trash and Raking Leaves
- Painting the Little Free Pantry
- Downtown Planters Project

Keep your eye out for those around Concordia who might need a little help cleaning up trash or debris in their yards. If you plan to participate in an outside project, please wear sturdy shoes, sunglasses, a hat, clothes that can get dirty, and sunscreen! Also bring your work gloves and any tools that might be helpful (like a rake). Trash bags will be provided. If you plan to help with May Baskets bring your favorite pair of garden shears or scissors.



Plan to wear one of your Concordia FUMC T-Shirts to the event!
T-shirts are available for a suggested donation of \$5 each.

We need to replenish our pantry stores! Instead of asking for donations of food for the Change the World event, we ask that you help to fill the food box in the entry of the church!

You are also welcome to place items directly in the pantry. 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.



Missions and Outreach

Don't forget to return your Lenten box! Money collected in Lenten boxes will go to Missions Agency Support. For a list of missions agencies who receive support through this giving, go to www.greatplainsumc.org/missionagencysupport.

On May 16th, we will pass the Missions Buckets for the Native American Ministries Special Offering. More details about this offering are available at <https://www.umc.org/en/content/native-american-ministries-sunday-ministry-article>.



Food Distribution

April Commodities:
We served 161 people
85 boxes- Which broke down to:
54 Singles
12 Couples
19 Families



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.

Healthy Congregations

All in favor of a COVID-19 vaccine,
raise your arm.



Did you know the COVID-19 is being administered in our Fellowship Hall by the Cloud County Health Department? It is just one way we are helping to reach out to our community during the pandemic.

All adults over the age of 16 are now eligible for the vaccine. To schedule an appointment with the County please contact the CCHD at 785-243-8140. Vaccines are also available at local pharmacies:

[Auburn Pharmacy](#), [Funk Pharmacy](#), [Panther Pride Pharmacy](#), and [Walmart](#). You can also visit www.KansasVaccine.gov for more details on the vaccine.



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. If you have a specific mask need, please contact the church office. We are still accepting donations of masks and making them available to those receiving their vaccinations at the church. If you would like to make and donate masks and need supplies, please contact Nancy Wentz (ndwentz@gmail.com).

The Healthy Congregations team has purchased two new High Chairs that are in the Storage Closet in the Fellowship Hall!



Special upcoming event:



**WELCOME
BACK!**



Opening Day

Sunday, May 9, 2021

1st UMC Nursery!!!



Mother's Day & Graduate Recognition
MAY 9, 2021

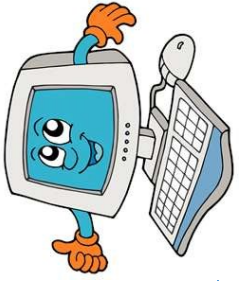


COFFEE BAR

is Back



BEFORE CHURCH SUNDAY MORNINGS!





Sunday Morning Volunteers



	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30	June 6	June 13
Worship	Nancy Wentz	Amanda Morgan	Loren Swenson	Susie Haver	Christy Hasch		
Sound							
Media	Janice Swenson						
Greeters							
Nursery Helpers		Reopening day !!! Karla Lawrence					
Children's Moment	No Children's Moment	Loren Swenson		Donna Reedy			
Scripture							
Reader							
Coffee Bar 	Nancy Wentz	Joyce Swenson Patty Mosher	Joyce Swenson	Donna Reedy Lisa Valcoure	Alberta Neel Nonnie Steinert		



happy birthday

Jagger Johnson May 1

Julie Cory May 3

Jacob Palmquist May 6

Caleb Strait May 8

Dallas Nading May 11

Marc Wentz May 12

Jeremy Mosher May 12

Kenton Kocher May 13

Jason Townsdin May 14

Bill Thompson May 15

Ethan Cory May 16

Stanley Krohn May 23

Lowell Thoman May 26

Gwydotta Ukens May 27





Steve Lawson May 27

Janyce Matthew May 28

Amanda Townsdin May 31

Nancy Smith May 31

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 	3	4 7:00pm Trustees	5 5:00pm Sitting With Jesus	6 <i>National Day of Prayer!</i> 	7	8
9  9:30am Crusaders 9:30am Searchers 10:30am Worship Senior Recognition	10 7:00pm Finance	11	12 5:00pm Sitting With Jesus	13	14	15
16 9:30am Crusaders 9:30am Searchers 10:30am Worship	17 5:30pm ADCO	18	19 Commodities 5:00pm Sitting With Jesus	20	21	22
23 9:30am Crusaders 9:30am Searchers 10:30am Worship 2:00pm Fishing for Fellowship	24	25	26 5:00pm Sitting With Jesus	27	28	29
30 9:30am Crusaders 9:30am Searchers 10:30am Worship	31 <i>HAPPY Memorial Day</i> 					



Concordia First United Methodist Church

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Pastor: Rev. Melanie Adams

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Catch us on Facebook
on Saturday Evenings
Sunday Services:
Crusaders: 9:30am
Searchers: 9:30am