

January



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Revelation

Dear Friends,

This is my last letter to you this year. It has been six months since I came to you. Looking back, I am reassured that God led me to you. Even as we are being challenged by the pandemic, we are in a better place as a church. I am very content with my life here in Concordia. I know I am blessed to have you all in my life.

There was a time when we felt we were out of the woods regarding pandemic. Yet, we all know the truth. People are getting sick. A new variant came along, and it is spreading fast. Even in the middle of it all, you have been faithful. You have been attending worship services faithfully. Your giving has been good. Our youth group is active and growing, and so are our kids. You volunteered for many things with a joyful heart. Indeed, we have had many exciting things happen among us.

We want to thank Eudora for her work as we celebrated our 150 years in ministry. I am sure the celebration was meaningful to you. It was very meaningful to me, as I am new to the church. Learning about the history of the church is learning about you. Our history came to life at the skillful hands of our church historian, Eudora. Thank you!

I also want us to thank the leadership of our church. Their dedication and faithfulness keep us going, and their leadership pushes us forward. Indeed, we are where we are thanks to their leadership, and they will continue to lead us into God's future. I urge you that you continue to keep them in your prayers, and do whatever you can to help them, to help our church.

No one knows what next year will bring. My guess is that we will still be dealing with Covid and many problems that stem from the pandemic. Our denomination may see some changes in its direction. Am I anxious? Yes. I do not want any of you to get sick. I do not want any of you to go through financial challenges. Am I afraid? No. I trust that, with God's help, we can thrive even as we are surrounded by those challenges. Indeed, you have shown resilience every time you faced challenges. We have faith in God who gives us strength. So, we welcome the year 2022 with excitement!

Kibum Kim, Pastor



Hanging of the Greens

Thanks to all who helped with the Hanging of the Greens! More than 15 volunteers came to help decorate the church for Christmas!



Children's Christmas Program

The Not-so-Silent Night



These kids put on an amazing program!
Directed by Kathy Poore and Jason Johnson.
The Cast (from Left to Right):
Casey Pearson, Nevaeh Valcoure, Kinsleigh Bethune, Carly Brown, Jagger Johnson, Brooks Kindscher, Dakota Valcoure, Carson Tholstrup, Krue Johnson, Gannon Brown, Alisha Torres.



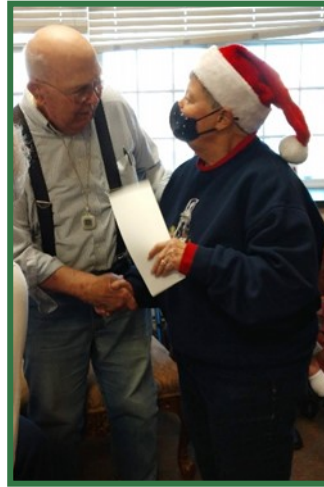
Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Thanks to the 15 volunteers who helped to ring the Salvation Army Bells at Walmart! We helped to raise \$619.68!



Christmas Caroling

A great time was had by all as we resumed our annual Caroling event! We had 14 carolers travel around town to visit 13 members and friends! Following Caroling, a soup supper was enjoyed by all!





We Wish You A Merry Christmas!!
We wish you a Merry Christmas!!
And a Happy New Year!!!



Missions Tree

Thank you for your donations of 112 food items, 20 toys/games/backpacks, and 63 hats/scarves/mittens/blankets! We also collected \$500 in Missions Buckets!

These donations made it possible for the CCRC to provide Holiday Baskets for many families during this holiday season.



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.

Missions and Outreach

We will pass the Missions Buckets on January 16th 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>.



Food Distribution

On December 15, 2021, 15 Volunteers helped to unload 244 cases of food to be distributed to not only Concordia but to 7 other communities around the area. Then they proceeded to unbox our portion (95 boxes), repack those boxes of assorted food items for our community.

Total boxes 106, which served: 27 Families, 19 Couples, 60 singles. Total # of people served 215!

Total for 2021: Boxes:1139

Families: 276

Couples: 258

Singles: 1139

Total # of People served: 2201

Volunteers: 200



Little Free Pantry



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, Nancy Wentz, 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/Wednesday/Friday from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.**

If you would like to volunteer at the CCRC, please contact Tonya Merrill at 785-243-1065 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.





150TH ANNIVERSARY COFFEE CUPS



COFFEE CUPS TO CELEBRATE OUR CHURCH'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY WERE ORDERED AND RECEIVED IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS. EACH FAMILY MAY TAKE ONE CUP FROM THE TABLE IN THE FOYER. ANYONE WANTING MORE THAN ONE CUP MAY MAKE A DONATION IN THE OFFERING PLATE PROVIDED THERE. DONATIONS RECEIVED IN JANUARY WILL GO TO UMCOR TO HELP THOSE AREAS AFFECTED BY RECENT WEATHER DISASTERS.

CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS CELEBRATING OUR 150TH ANNIVERSARY WERE ALSO ORDERED AND SHOULD ARRIVE MID-JANUARY. A NEW ORNAMENT FOR YOUR 2022 CHRISTMAS!

ATTENTION:

LOOKING FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO FILL THE AMAZING SHOES OF EUDORA PETERSEN FOR OUR CHURCH ARCHIVES. THIS PERSON WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING UP THE CHURCH HISTORY. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE STOP BY THE CHURCH OFFICE.





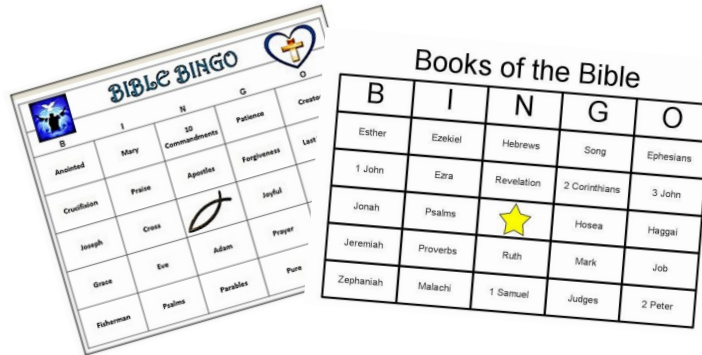
Wednesday Night Church to resume:

January 12, 2022
5:00pm Sitting with Jesus
5:45pm Table Talk



All Church Sunday!

- Plan on attending All Church Sundays, the 3rd Sunday of the month, at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall. Activities for all ages.
- We will begin January 16 with an opportunity to get together for Bible Bingo.



Attention Youth:

Sunday School to begin February 6, 2022!

Youth in 5th grade and older, look forward to joining the FUMC Puppet Theatre. Practice will be the 1st and 2nd Sunday of the month starting at 9:30am. 1st practice is starting February 6. Contact Jason Johnson for details.





Sunday Morning Volunteers



	January 2	January 9	January 16	January 23	January 30
Worship Leader	Amanda	Loren			Angie
Sound	Jason	Jason	Mark	Jason	Mark
Media	Lisa	Mary Lisa	Lisa	Janice	Janice
Greeters					
Nursery Helpers					
Children's Moment					
Scripture Reader					
Ushers					
Acolytes					

*Happy
Birthday*

- 1— Gary Strait
- 4— Gwendolyn Stiles
- 4— Ashton Lawrence
- 6— Sonia Erkenbrack
- 8— Joyce Peterson
- 8— Karla Lawrence
- 9— Ayden Krohn
- 10— Nichole McDaniel
- 10— Terry Gantz
- 13— Lyle Pounds
- 15— Terry Peltier
- 20— Noneral Steinert
- 22— Judy Edwards
- 22— Chris Ukens
- 23— Erica Johnson
- 25— Seth Retter
- 26— Marcy Johnson
- 26— Taryn Mosher
- 26— Phillip Bentz
- 27— Doreen O'Neil
- 28— Susan Breault





January 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30am Crusaders 9:30 Searchers 10:30am Worship	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 9:30am Crusaders 9:30 Searchers 10:30am Worship 1:00pm Unhanging of the Greens	10 5:30pm FUMC Church Council	11	12 5:00pm Sitting with Jesus 5:45 Table Talk 6:30pm Classes	13	14	15
16 9:30am Crusaders 9:30 Searchers 9:45 Whole Church Activities 10:30am Worship	17	18	19 10:00am Commodities 5:00pm Sitting with Jesus 5:45 Table Talk 6:30pm Classes	20	21	22
23 9:30am Crusaders 9:30 Searchers 10:30am Worship	24	25	26 5:00pm Sitting with Jesus 5:45 Table Talk 6:30pm Classes	27	28	29
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Concordia First United Methodist Church

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Pastor: Rev. Kibum Kim

Administrative Assistant: Lisa Valcoure

Christian Ed. Coordinator: Angie Gabel-McConkey

Choir Director: Renata Knox

Organist: Pam Campbell

Nursery: Jan Novlan

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Sunday Services:

Crusaders: 9:30am

Searchers: 9:30am

Worship: 10:30am

Wednesday:

500pm Sittin' with Jesus

5:45pm Table Talk

6:30pm Classes begin