

December 2022

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Revelation

A Note from your Pastor,

Right now, people are shopping on-line. They call it Cyber Monday. Last Friday was Black Friday, and they say people did about 9 billion dollars' worth of shopping. And they are expecting there will be 11 billion dollars of sales today. They say that it is the busiest shopping season. Some say it is 'revenge buying.' Whatever it is, people are spending more money than ever while we are hit by inflation. And people are doing it while millions of people are suffering because of war, natural disaster, covid, poverty, injustice, and what not.

I remember a group of Christians. Years ago, in a church I served, they chose not to spend money for themselves during the holidays. Instead, chose to buy a few little gifts and share them with struggling families in the community. They wrapped their gifts in white and brought them to church on what they named 'White Gift Sunday.'

They worked with a non-profit organization. They acquired names and ages of those who would receive their gifts. Then, they went out and bought gifts for them. As they wrote the names of recipients, they prayed for them. When they received the gifts, they also received God's love for them.

I know we are doing the same thing in a little different way. This shows that we are living out God's call to making a difference. I don't know if you are doing this already, but if you are not, please say a little prayer as you wrap the gift for those who will receive it and those who are struggling. May we go into this busy season with compassion and gratitude.

Kibum Kim, Pastor



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.

Commodities Food Distribution

As of July 2022 Commodities is every other month. There were no Commodities in November. Although there were no commodities, I still handed out 10 boxes to 8 families, 1 Couple and 1 Single.

Next Commodities date will be on December 21, 2022. All help is appreciated. We unload the truck at 10:00am. I would like to thank each and everyone of you who have helped with commodities in the last year! This could not be done without you!

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.



Little Free Pantry



We continue to see regular use of the Little Free Pantry. 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 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. See the Holiday Missions flyer for more details on volunteer opportunities.



Missions and Outreach

Thank you for your gifts of \$45.00 for the United Methodist Student Day special offering in November!

Missions Buckets will be passed on Sunday, December 4th and 11th for the CCRC Holiday Baskets program. Our goal is to give \$500 to this program again this year.



Christmas Caroling

Please plan to join us for Christmas Caroling Sunday, December 18th! The Missions team will provide lunch right after church in the Fellowship Hall with caroling to immediately follow. We will be going by car; please plan to wear a mask when entering the care facilities.



Children's Programs

Wednesday night continues to be busy for the children that attend Table Talk. Dinner starts at 6:00pm with classes starting at 6:30. The Rock and JAM (Jesus and Me) attendance runs from eight to fifteen children. Darlene Pearson has introduced bells to the JAM students and practice is included during class. On the 3rd Wednesday evening of the month, kids from JAM, Preschool-4th, and Rock, 5th and 6th, come together for a whole group activity with Cindy Kocher and adult helpers.

The last Table Talk activity for this semester is December 14th. It will start up again in January.



How can we help others in Cloud County during the holiday season? Here are some ideas!



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Bring these items to the Concordia 1st UMC Missions Tree by December 11th for use in Holiday Baskets prepared by the Cloud County Resource Center (CCRC) and the Girl Scouts/Toy Run:

Hats, Scarves, and Gloves for men, women, and children	
Toys	Stuffing Mix
Cranberry Sauce	Macaroni and Cheese
Canned Fruit	Ramen Noodles
Soup	Cereal
Pumpkin Pie Filling	Hygiene Products
Evaporated Milk	Pet Supplies



Food items can also be delivered directly to the CCRC (open 9 am—5 pm, M/W/F) and toys can be dropped off at CloudCorp or Alliance Insurance for the Toy Run. Specific items for children or seniors can be purchased by visiting the Angel Tree at Walmart.

Give money for CCRC Holiday Baskets!

We will pass the Missions Buckets on **December 4th and 11th** and all money will be used to help families in need. You can also make a donation or adopt a family directly by contacting Tonya Merrill at the CCRC (243-1065, ccrc@nckcn.com). Each basket costs \$75 to prepare.



Volunteer to help prepare and distribute Holiday Baskets at the CCRC!

The CCRC will need lots of help packing holiday baskets and wrapping Christmas gifts! Watch the Missions Bulletin Board, Facebook, and your e-mail for specific dates and times help is needed. For more details, Contact Tonya Merrill at the CCRC (243-1065, ccrc@nckcn.com).



Volunteer to help ring the Salvation Army Bells at Walmart on Sunday, December 11th from 12:00—6:00 pm!

A sign-up list is on the Missions Bulletin Board. More than 95% of the funds collected stay in Cloud County. In past years, \$800+ was raised during the time Concordia 1st UMC was ringing the bells! If you aren't available to volunteer on December 11th, contact Toby Nosker (785-614-2070, tobynosker@yahoo.com) to volunteer for another time.



Spread a little cheer by joining us for Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 18th!

Join us after church for lunch in the Fellowship Hall with caroling to immediately follow. A list of members will be included in the December Newsletter if you would like to send cards or letters.





Merry
CHRISTMAS



Christmas Card Mailing List

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

Marquis Place

205 W 21st St
David Lahodny

Sunset Home

620 2nd Ave
Les Hemphill
Aline Luecke
Stanley McMillan
Robert St. Pierre
Ted Thoman

Concordia Residents

Marge Cruzen
809 1st Ave

Amy Gerber
1416 Highland Dr

Sue Gustafson
701 3rd Ave

Steve Lawson
1017 W 11th St

Joan Lawton
1828 Crestview Dr

Jan Novlan
1515 State St

Marvin & Eudora Petersen
545 W 18th St

Richard & Joyce Peterson
1305 N 145th Rd

Jean Shankle
1405 Crescent Ln

Dolores St. Pierre
703 3rd Ave

Branson Wilcox
729 E 8th St

Out-of-Town Residents

Anita Chartier
2701 Cabrillo Dr
Winfield, KS 67156

Sue Collins
114 S High St
Clyde, KS 66938

Bill Erhardt
1007 Johnstown Ave
Salina, KS 67401

Wendy Holt
920 S 4th St
Lakeview, OR 97630

Judy Kircher
1007 Wilson St
Great Bend, KS 67530

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

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

Margaret Thornton
6117 W 119th St
Overland Park, KS 66209

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Youth and Children's Christmas Program

The Christmas Program will be held during the 10:30 service on **December 11, 2022**. We hope that your child will be part of the service! IMPACT & ROCK students will lead Sunday Morning worship and have a presentation and the younger children will ring the bells.

Everyone is important to the program.

Please plan on having the JAM (Pre-4th grade) students in the classroom by **10:00 on December 11th**. Your help may be needed to put on costumes.

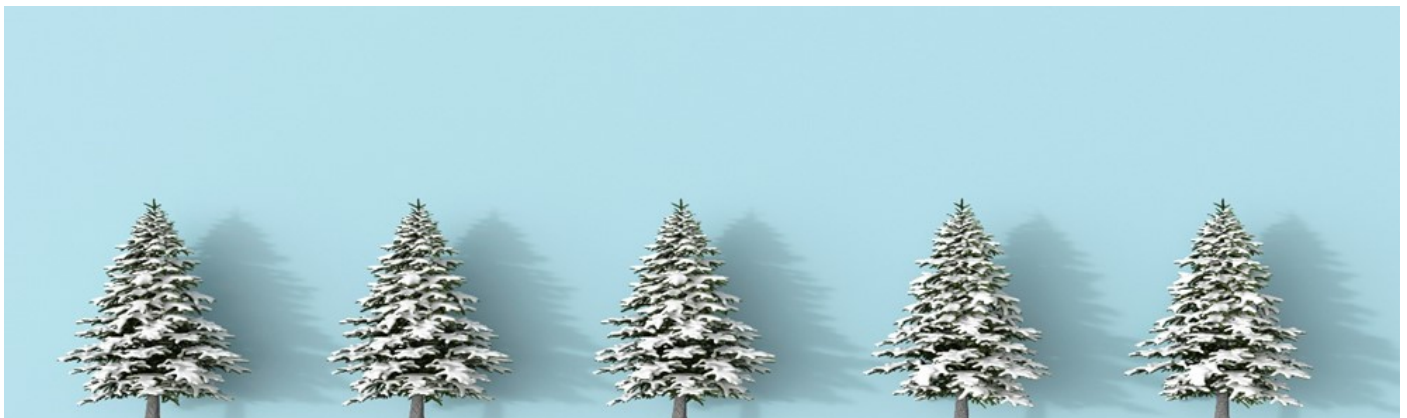
Following the church service, the congregation and families are invited to join in a celebration downstairs in the Family Life Center. Refreshments will be served and there will be a "surprise" with a very special visitor.

December Table Talk Events

- **December 7 Table Talk and Program Practice**
- **December 11 Christmas Program**
- **December 14 Table Talk and Christmas Activities**

January Table Talk Activities will be announced later.

Merry Christmas from the Concordia FUMC Christian Education Committee!



SITTING WITH JESUS
WEDNESDAY 5:00PM

IN THE
CRUSADERS ROOM!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT
TABLE TALK
6:00PM MEAL

6:30 ~ 7:15 PRESCHOOL ~ 1
6:30~7:15 ~ GRADES 2~6
6:30~7:45 ~ GRADES 7-12
6:45-7:30 ~ ADULTS



Make a joyful noise
unto the Lord
Psalm 100:1

Choir practice on Wednesdays at 5:30pm. All people who like to “make a joyful noise” (Psalm 100:1) are encouraged to come, even if you don’t feel you can make it to every practice.

Our Director, Renata Knox, is looking forward to seeing a full choir loft!



Impact

YOUTH LEARN TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

GRADES 7-12
6:30PM - 7:45PM

THE
ROCK

Jesus

is our

Foundation

GRADES
2-6

6:30pm
~
7:15pm

JAM!

Jesus and Me!

Preschool ~ 1st grade

Wednesday nights

6:30pm ~ 7:15pm

Table Talk for Adults

In the Parlor

6:45pm ~ 7:30pm

Merry Christmas



Mat Yoga Class Choir Room

at 6:00pm on December 4, 2022

All are Welcome!

Contact Angie Gabel McConkey
or Mary Thoman for more details!

All We need is:

A Cup of



A Few



And a



Full of Jesus!

LADIES COFFEE

JITTERS

9:00AM.

DECEMBER 10, 2022

ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH
ARE WELCOME!



Poinsettias



Orders are due (with Payment) December 6th

Please Check one

_____ 6" = One Stem \$25.00

_____ 8" = Three Stems \$45.00

In Honor of: Memory of:

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

Make Checks Payable to FUMC



First United Methodist Church
Christmas Eve Services

December 24, 2022

5:30pm

A PLACE FOR YOU THIS CHRISTMAS



*First United Methodist Church
Christmas Day Worship*

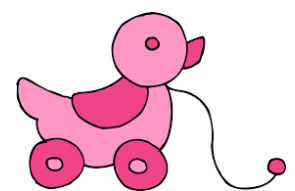
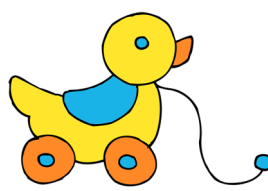
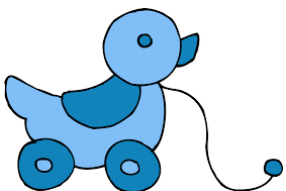
Sunday, December 25, 2022

10:30am



Annual Layette Set Project

Thanks to all who donated and supported the assembly of 75 layette sets! Additional funding for this project is made possible by a grant from the Community Foundation for Cloud County.



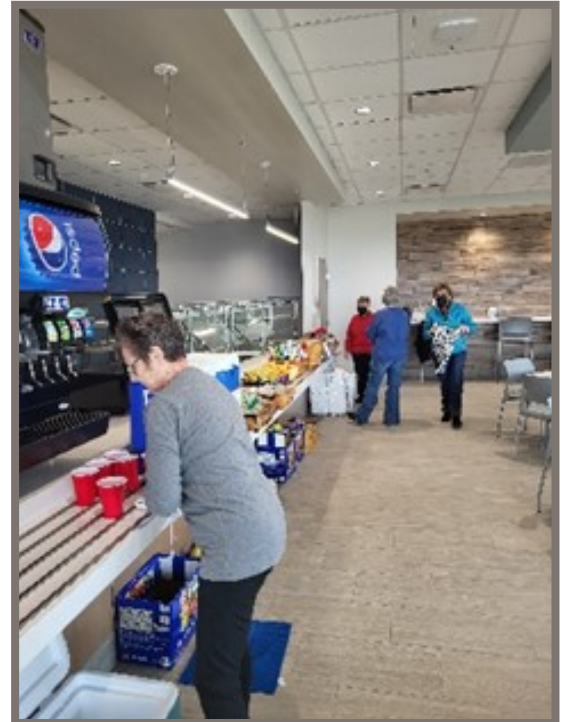
Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanks to the dozens of volunteers who helped with the Thanksgiving Dinner! We served 240 meals and delivered 11 meals!



Hospital Lunch

Thanks to those who donated dessert items and volunteer to help serve lunch to 140 community volunteers during the move to the new hospital! Funding for this meal was made possible by our annual Healthy Congregations grant from the United Methodist Health Ministries Fund.



Hanging of the Greens

Thanks to the more than 20 people who helped decorate the church for Christmas! Don't miss out on seeing our beautiful new Christmas tree – thanks to the Crusaders for helping to purchase it!





Sunday Morning Volunteers



December 4

December 11

December 18

December 25

Worship Leader				
Sound				
Media		Lisa		Lisa
Greeters				
Nursery Helpers				
Children's Moment				
Scripture Reader				
Ushers	Lyle/Steve	Lyle/Steve	Lyle/Steve	Lyle/Steve
Acolytes				
Coffee Bar	Marsha	Marsha	Marsha	Marsha





Sunday Morning Volunteers Please gather for prayer with
Pastor Kibum in the Chapel at 10:20am.

Please Contact the Church Office If you can help with any of the Volunteer Opportunities!



December 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:30am Crusaders 9:30am Searchers 10:30am Worship 5:30pm Mat Yoga	5	6	7 5:00 Sitting With Jesus 5:30 Choir Practice 6:00 Table Talk Meal 6:30 Classes Begin	8	9	10 9:00 Ladies Coffee at Jitters 
11 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Searchers 10:30am Children's Christmas Program	12 5:30pm FUMC Council	13	14 5:00 Sitting With Jesus 5:30 Choir Practice 6:00 Table Talk & Christmas Practice	15	16	17
18 9:30am Crusaders 9:30am Searchers 10:30am Worship 11:30 Lunch & Christmas Caroling	19 5:30 M&M's (Missions & Ministry)	20	21 10-00 Commodities 5:00 Sitting With Jesus	22 Winter Break for Concordia Schools December 22- January 2	23	24  5:30pm <i>Christmas Eve Worship</i>
 25 10:30am <i>Christmas Day Worship</i>	26	27	28 5:00 Sitting With Jesus	29	30	31  NEW YEAR'S EVE



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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

Impact: 9:30am

Worship: 10:30am

Wednesday Night Services:

Sittin' with Jesus 5:00pm

6:00pm Table Talk Meal

6:30pm Classes for all ages