# A Note From Your Pastor,

Like most of us, I do not remember my baptism. I was a baby and had no idea of what was happening. My parents made the decision for me. In a sense, I signed up for something I did not know, and it was not my choice.

It is impossible to help babies understand the meaning of baptism. Yet, the United Methodist Church baptize them. We let the parents decide for them. I have baptized many babies in my ministry of 25 years. I also have had many parents choose to wait until their kids can make their own choice. Either way is just fine.

There was a TV show in which a seasoned police officer was planning to have his baby baptized. He was one of those who described themselves as spiritual but not religious. Yet, he wanted his baby to be baptized because he was afraid of bringing his baby into the world full of evil. He said he wanted to add another layer of protection upon his baby.

I can understand where this police officer was coming from. Yet, he had it wrong. Baptism is more than a protection. It is initiation into the body of Christ. It is when we declare we belong to God. It is when God declares that we are his beloved children. Baptism is not an individual event. It is communal. The whole church participates in the sacrament of baptism. We make and renew covenant with each other in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Confirmation class is offered to help those who were baptized as babies understand the teachings of Christ as well as the meaning of their baptism. We have five young people starting the confirmation journey. As it is the case with baptism, the confirmation journey is communal. It means that the whole church journeys with our kids. You do it through prayers. You are welcome to bring things such as snacks or even some pizza to show your support. Let us surround them with love!

Pastor Kibum Kim



You must Love the
Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your being,
and with all your mind.
Matthew 22:37

# **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.

### **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.



# **Commodities Food Distribution**

The cold, bitter, rainy day did not stop the F&A truck and 17 Volunteers from handing out Commodities to those in need. They served: 18 families, 14 Couples and 51 Singles for a total of 83 boxes and serving 159 total individuals. There will be commodities in February.

Once again THANK YOU to all who helped to make this happen.

### **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 <a href="mailto:ccrc@nckcn.com">ccrc@nckcn.com</a>.



## **Little Free Pantry**

Keep in mind that 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. Thanks to Pam Campbell and Lisa Valcoure for helping to place food from our store in the pantry daily!

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. Your donations in 2022 helped to purchase supplies to assemble 92 Chili Kits with the Table Talk youth! It only took 8 minutes for 20 youth and 6 adults to assemble the kits!



### **Missions and Outreach**

Don't forget to pick up your **Lenten box!** Boxes will be available in a basket outside the sanctuary during Lent. All money collected in Lenten boxes and from the Missions Buckets on February 19<sup>th</sup> for Mission Agency Support in the Great Plains Conference. For a list of missions agencies who receive support through this giving, go to <a href="https://www.greatplainsumc.org/missionagencysupport">www.greatplainsumc.org/missionagencysupport</a>.



Thanks for your gifts of \$48.83 in January for the Human Relations Day Special Offering. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.umc.org/en/content/human-relations-day-sunday-ministry-article">https://www.umc.org/en/content/human-relations-day-sunday-ministry-article</a>.

# **Change the World Sunday**

Our 12<sup>th</sup> annual Change the World event will happen this spring! If you have a project idea, please let any member of the Missions Team know! Team members include: Pam Campbell, Julie Cory, Cindy Kocher, Bruce Nutter, Marvin Petersen, Branson Wilcox, and Nancy Wentz.



# **Community Baby Shower**

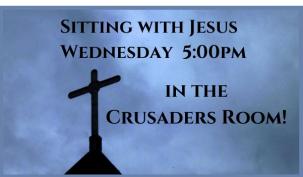
We will be helping the Cloud County Health Department sponsor a Community Baby Shower on the afternoon of **Sunday, March 26**<sup>th</sup> **from 2:00 – 4:00 pm!** All expecting families are invited to attend – there will be lots of free give-away item and we will be distributing Layette Sets!



If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, contact Nancy Wentz at <a href="mailto:ndwentz@gmail.com">ndwentz@gmail.com</a> or 785-614-2599.









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!





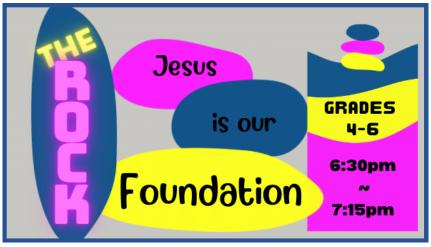


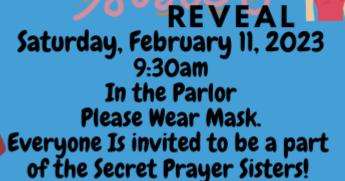


Table Talk for Adults

In the Parlor

6:45pm ~ 7:30pm





# Secret Sisters From 2022





# I said a Prayer For you Today

And know God must have heard. I felt the answer in my heart, although He spoke no Word.

I asked for happiness for you in all things great and small, but it was for His loving care I prayed the most of all.







# CHAIR YOGA CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

at 6:00pm on February 5, 2023
All are Welcome! Contact Angie Gabel McConkey
or Mary Thoman for more details!







Mat Yoga Class
Choir Room
at 6:00pm on February 19, 2023
All are Welcome!
Contact Angie Gabel McConkey
or Mary Thoman for more details!



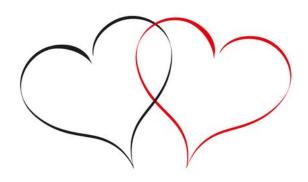






# GOOD SAMARITIAN FUND Donations are now being accepted.

This Fund helps people who are in need of Emergency assistance.





# COMMODITIES

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 15, 2023
ALL VOLUNTEERS WELCOME
WE WILL MEET IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL OR BACK
PARKING LOT.

# Happy Birthday



1-Jacob Pounds

2- Catlin Craig

2-Cindy Kocher

4-Clay Campbell

4-Jane Jewell

5-Grant Lackamp

6-Melissa Stiles

10-Keenan Edwards

11-Donna Farrell

12-Loretta Brown

12-Karla McMillan

12-Amy Gerber

13-Dave Thoman

13-Wayne Neel

13-Allison Poore

15-Mallory Thompson

15-Jody Patterson

15-Krue Johnson

17-Nevaeh Valcoure

18-Laura Barta

**18-Jacqueline Ramsey** 

19-Maddie Johnson

20-Susan Haver

20-Erin Reedy

21-Dennis Reedy

21-Mary Lisa Thoman

27-Christy Hasch

28-Genna Strait

29-Aidan Poore



# Sunday Morning Volunteers



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February	5	12	19	26
Worship Leader	Susie Haver		Cindy	
Sound	Monte			
Media	Nancy			
Greeters				
Nursery Helpers				
Children's Moment	No Children's Moment			Cindy
Scripture Reader				
Ushers	Lyle	Lyle	Lyle	Lyle
Acolytes				
Coffee Bar	Marsha	Marsha	Marsha	Marsha
Alter Flowers				

Please Contact the Church Office If you can help with any of the Volunteer Opportunities! Sunday Morning Volunteers Please gather for prayer with Pastor Kibum in the Chapel at 10:20am.





# FEBRUARY 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:00Sitting with Jesus 5:30 Choir Practice 6:00 Table Talk Meal 6:30 Classes Begin	2	3	4
5 9:30 Crusaders 9:30a Searchers 10:30 Worship 6:00 Chair Yoga	9	2	S:00Sitting with Jesus 5:30 Choir Practice 6:00 Table Talk Meal 6:30 Classes Begin	6	10	11 9:00 Secret Prayer Sister Reveal
12 9:30 Crusaders 9:30 Searchers 10:30 Worship	13 5:30 FUMC Council	14 Valentines Day!	15 5:00Sitting with Jesus 5:30 Choir Practice 6:00 Table Talk Meal 6:30 Classes Begin	16	17	18 9:00 Ladies Coffee Jitters
19 9:30am All Church Activity Bible Bingo 10:30 Worship 6:00 Mat Yoga	20 5:30 M&M's (Missions & Ministry) President's Day!	21	22 5:00Sitting with Jesus 5:30 Choir Practice 6:00 Table Talk Meal 6:30 Classes Begin	23	24	25
26 9:30 Crusaders 9:30 Searchers 10:30 Worship	27	28				



# **Concordia First United Methodist Church**

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### **Sunday Services:**

Crusaders: 9:30am
Searchers: 9:30am
Worship: 10:30am
Wednesday Night Services:
Sitting with Jesus 5:00pm
5:30pm Choir Practice
6:00pm Table Talk Meal
6:30pm Classes for all ages