

April 2023



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Revelation

A Note From Your Pastor:

Yesterday, I had a few friends visit me. It was an occasion in which some pastors like me got together to talk about things in our lives. We call it an 'accountability group.' I had a chance to share my thoughts with them. Lately, I have been thinking a lot about prayer. Of course I have strong faith in the power of prayer. I know why we pray. I also know that our prayers never go unheard. During the twenty-five years in ministry, countless prayers I offered have been answered. Even so, I still want to know why many prayers are not answered, at least when and how I want them to be answered.

We keep hearing about terrible things. We are sick and tired of mass shootings. Three nine-year-old children and three adults were killed in a school shooting two days ago. Natural disasters ravaged through parts of the nation. Elsewhere in the world, a war is still going on. People are suffering everywhere, and good Christian people pray for them. Yet, nothing seems to change. I shared with my friends my frustration, asking, "What is the point? Why should we keep praying while nothing seems to change?"

Someone shared her story. She exchanged text messages with her friend in Korea, wishing each other a blessed new year. Her friend texted her, "May all of your prayers be answered in 2003." Obviously, it was a typo. It should have been 2023. Yet, she said, it gave her to look back to 2003 and what she prayed for that year. Then, she said, "I was amazed to realize that all of the prayers I offered that year have been answered!"

Her remarks helped me remember many prayers that God heard and answered for me. I am convinced that in the middle of human suffering, God is there. If not now, if not the way I want, my prayers will be answered. What I need is trust. Trust God and his goodness. The resurrection of Christ, the glorious Easter, came after the suffering and death of Jesus. Our suffering is not the end of it all. There will be Easter morning for us, because God hears our prayers.

Kibum Kim, Pastor



Community Baby Shower

During March we partnered with the Cloud County Health Department to host a Community Baby Shower that had 22 participants (11 new or expectant mothers) and 27 participants from 13 community partners. We were thrilled to hand out layette sets to families in person!



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.



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.** The Food Bank can be utilized once each month; an appointment must be made 24 hours in advance to pick up food at the Food Bank.



There are several other upcoming events at the CCRC, including:

Writing Workshop for anyone who wants to discuss ideas, brainstorming, editing, collaborations, and getting published. The group meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the CCRC.

The **Layers of Love Fundraiser** for the new 5th Street House will be held on Friday, March 31st from 5:30 – 8:00 pm. A Lasagna dinner will be served for \$5 per person that includes lasagna, garlic bread, side salad, dessert, and drink. Orders can also be placed for whole lasagnas for \$35 each. Orders can be picked up on Saturday, April 1st from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm.

The **Have a Heart TNR Fundraiser** will take place on Friday, April 21st from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Meals that include a bierock, cheesy hashbrowns, a dessert, and drink will be served for \$6 per person. Orders can also be placed for bierocks and cheesy hashbrowns by contacting the CCRC by April 18th. Orders can be picked up on Saturday, April 22nd from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm.

If you need more information about any of the activities listed above or would like to volunteer at the CCRC, please contact Tonya Merrill at 785-243-1065 or ccrc@nckcn.com.

Little Free Pantry



Thanks for your continued support of the Little Free Pantry. Please place your donations directly in the pantry. You may also leave food donations in the food box in the entry of the church for future use.

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 Pam Campbell and Lisa Valcoure for helping to place food from our store in the pantry daily!

Missions and Outreach

Don't forget to return your **Lenten box!** All money collected will go to Mission Agency Support in the Great Plains Conference. For a list of missions agencies who receive support through this giving, go to www.greatplainsumc.org/missionagencysupport.

We collected \$76.10 in Missions Buckets in March for the UMCOR Sunday special offering. Visit https://umcmmission.org/umcor_sunday/ for more details.



We will pass Missions Buckets on April 16th and 23rd for Change the World Food and Supplies.

Trustees Update

In February, the church council reached a settlement with the insurance company for damage that occurred during a storm in the spring of 2021.

A new roof has been completed on the church along with the installation of new guttering. The ceiling tiles on the main floor in the suspended ceilings have been replaced. In the coming weeks, work will begin to repair the water stains on the walls and plaster ceilings in the chapel, sanctuary, and fellowship hall.



While the majority of the work will be funded by the insurance claim, we will be responsible for covering the deductible. **If you would like to make an extra gift to help cover that expense, please place a note on your check "Insurance".**



An all-church work day has been scheduled for Saturday, April 1st at 9:00am to clean the upstairs of the church. There was 60 years of accumulated dirt on top of the old ceiling tiles! Many volunteers will make the job go faster!

We are looking for some volunteers to haul the old freezer to the transfer station, and pick up the new one at Town and Country. If you can help with this, please contact the church office at 785-243-4560.

Commodities Distribution

20 volunteers from Concordia 1UMC, 12x12 Recovery, OCCK, North Central Kansas Medical Center, American Legion, National Guard Armory and Concordia Residents helped to unload the F&A truck, pack up boxes and deliver to individuals, couples and families waiting in their vehicles.

We served 28 families, 28 couples and 54 singles. For a total of 110 boxes and 228 total individuals. Thank you to all the Volunteers who spend part of their day helping others in need!



Change the World Sunday 2023

Our 12th Annual Change the World Sunday is coming on **May 7th!** This year the event will take place at Concordia FUMC.

Event Schedule

8:30 – 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00—9:30 am	Church Service
9:30 am—Noon	Projects & Random Acts of Kindness
Noon—1:00 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm	Sharing Projects
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Cleanup



Projects Planned

- Yard/Cleanup Project at The 5th Street House
- Planting Flowers in the Downtown Planters
- Neighboring Project
- Preparation and Delivery of May Baskets
- Random Acts of Kindness
- Other Activities – Trash Pickup, etc.

We also need lots of people to participate in the projects! Please invite your friends and family to join us for this event. There is also still time to plan your own project for others to join on the day of the event.

We also need volunteers who are willing to help serve breakfast, serve lunch, and donate food items. Please invite your friends to join us. **Sign-up sheets will be posted on April 16th!**

Please wear sturdy shoes, sunglasses, a hat, a jacket, 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 you favorite pair of garden shears or scissors.

Plan to wear one of your Concordia FUMC T-Shirts!
T-shirts will be available starting on April 16th
for a suggested donation of \$5 each.



Please bring one of the following items to donate to 12x12 Recovery and The 5th Street House
– items can be left in the food box in the church entry through May 7th:

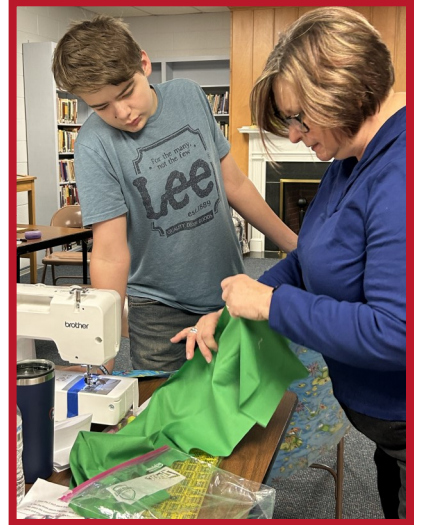
Toilet Paper, Paper Towels Clorox Disinfecting Wipes, Lysol Spray, Laundry Detergent

Additional items needed can be found on the Walmart Registry using this link:

[12x12 Recovery Anytime Registry](#)

HIGH FIVE SEWING

March 15-16, 2023



We have hired a new Christian Ed. Director!

Let's give a huge welcome to Angie McConkey-Gabel! Her projected start date will be on June 1, 2023. She will have regular office hours, between 10-15 hours a week, to be announced at a later date. Thank you Angie for accepting this position, you will be an amazing Christian Ed. Director!!!



Baptism & Confirmation Sunday

*April 9, 2023
10:30am*



*Jagger Johnson Krue Johnson
Nevaeh Valcoure Dakota Valcoure
Carly Brown*



Potluck to honor the Confirmation Class:

April 16th

at

11:30 am





**Palm Sunday
Services
Sunday April 2, 2023
10:30am**
Kids & Youth may join the Palm
Procession during the service!



*Maundy
Thursday*
**April 6, 2023
6:30pm**



**Good Friday Services
Friday April 7, 2023
Concordia First United
Methodist Church
12:00N
Combined with the
Lutheran
& Presbyterian Church**



**Hungry Hollow Ministries:
Seder Meal with Potluck
Friday, April 7, 2023
5:30pm
Fellowship Christian Church**



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICES
SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023
ARRIVE BY 6:45AM
@ PAM CAMPBELL'S
1347 WAGON RD.
LIGHT BREAKFAST
TO FOLLOW.




Directions to 1347 Wagon Rd.: Go north on Highway 81 three miles. Turn west (left) at Vale Rd. At the next intersection, turn north (right) on 140th Rd. Go one mile and turn west (left) on Wagon Rd. ½ mile. My house is on the north side of the road.



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PASTOR KIBUM KIM



Sunday April 9, 2023
9:30am
Children's Activities
10:00am
Easter Egg Hunt





Mat Yoga Class
Choir Room
at 6:00pm on April 16, 2023
All are Welcome!
Contact Angie Gabel McConkey
or Mary Thoman for more details!

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There is Still time to become an
IMPACT Mission Trip Sponsor!

Catch one of the Kids, Jason Johnson or there are forms on the Bulletin Board:

Peyton Johnson Gentry Thomas
 Nevaeh Valcoure Carly Brown or Zac Allen



Each Item is \$20.00
 April 9th for Easter One Dozen Cinnamon Rolls!
 May, Mothers Day Hand-Crafted Gift!
 June Father's Day Gift for a Guy!



CHAIR YOGA CLASSES
FOR ALL AGES!

Choir Room
at 6:00pm on April 2, 2023
All are Welcome! Contact Angie Gabel McConkey
or Mary Thoman for more details!



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All We need is:

A Cup of



A Few



And a



Full of Jesus!

LADIES COFFEE
JITTERS
9:00AM.
APRIL 15, 2023
ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH
ARE WELCOME!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1~Pam Campbell

3~Victor Emmel

7~Sadie Mosher

11~Steven Palmquist

12~Hadrian Currier

13~Sydney Conner

14~Artina Huff

16~Dakota Valcoure

17~Neil Losh

17~Bill Martin

21~Marsha Wentz

25~Lisa Valcoure

27~Hayden Losh

27~Davin Strait

28~Patty Mosher

30~Loren Swenson

30~Nancy Wentz

April



Sunday Morning Volunteers

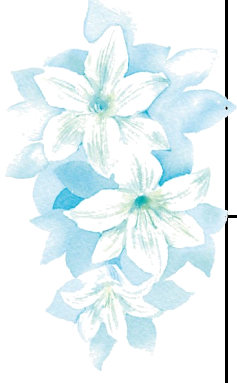
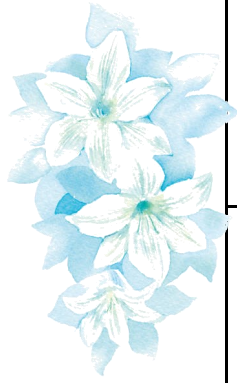
April	2	9	16	23	30
Worship Leader		Loren			
Sound	Monte				
Media	Nancy				Lisa
Greeters					
Nursery Helpers					
Children's Moment	Pastor Kibum		Nancy		
Scripture Reader					
Ushers					
Acolytes					
Coffee Bar	Marsha	Marsha	Marsha	Marsha	Marsha
Alter Flowers	Lisa	Lilies	Lilies		

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!

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 April Fool's Day! 9:00 All Church Work Day
2 9:30 Crusade 9:30 searchers 10:30 Palm Sunday Services	3	4	5 5:00 Sitting With Jesus 5:30 Choir Practice 6:00 Table Talk Meal 6:30 Classes Begin	6 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Services	7 12:00pm Good Friday Services	8
9 6:45am Sunrise Service 9:00 Choir Practice 9:30 Crusaders, Searchers Easter Activities & Hunt 10:30 Easter Sunday Services	10 5:00pm FUMC Council	11	12 5:00 Sitting With Jesus 5:30 Choir Practice 6:00 Table Talk Meal 6:30 Classes Begin	13	14	15 9:00am Ladies Coffee at Jitters
16 9:00 Choir Practice 9:30 Crusaders Searchers 10:30 Worship	17 5:30 M&M's (Missions & Ministry)	18	19 5:00 Sitting With Jesus 5:30 Choir Practice 6:00 Table Talk Meal 6:30 Classes Begin	20	21	22
23 9:30 Crusaders Searchers 10:30 Worship	24	25	26 5:00 Sitting With Jesus 5:30 Choir Practice 6:00 Table Talk Meal 6:30 Classes Begin	27	28 Wedding rehearsal	29 Wedding
30 9:30 Crusaders Searchers 10:30 Worship						



Concordia First United Methodist Church

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Pastor: Rev. Kibum Kim

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Sunday Services:

Crusaders: 9:30am

Searchers: 9:30am

Worship: 10:30am

Wednesday Night Services:

Sittin' with Jesus 5:00pm

5:30pm Table Talk Meal

6:30pm Classes for all ages