

September
2023



First United Methodist Church

Revelation

Pastor Peddling's:

"You have everything backward! Should the potter be thought of as clay? Should what is made say of its maker, 'He didn't make me'? Should what is shaped say of the one who shaped it, 'He doesn't understand'?" ~ Isaiah 29:16

One of my favorite devotional readings is the one put out daily by the Center for Action and Contemplation out of Albuquerque, NM. For those of you familiar with any of his works, the Center was started by Ftr. Richard Rohr, a Franciscan priest, who has written numerous books. The above passage was part of one he referenced recently in a morning meditation, but I feel it speaks to something I am directly working on right now.

Lately, I have begun conducting interviews with people in the community who work with folks living in poverty as a segway to identifying needs that our United Methodist congregations can address. My focus is not just offering people processes for healing, but it also has to do with my own healing. And I am starting to believe this is a call within my 27-year-old call to ministry.

For years, I often got things wrong. It wasn't because I didn't want to do things the right way; I got things wrong because of my makeup and some of what my own character defects. For the better part of the last 50 years, I protected what I would refer to as my scared child, which developed when I was about 7- or 8-years-old. I recognized that I was protecting that scared child because of the secrets I'd keep, the fears I'd carry, the shame that I let weight me down, and the anger that held me back, all of which protected that scared child from the light of day and the play that is so important for a child to grow.

Discovering that I was protecting this scared child, however, meant I wasn't moving forward and I couldn't heal. Put differently, this has been an overriding feature of my life for so long that I didn't realize what it was doing to me. Recognizing, however, how healing happened for me has provided a new outlook on ministry and it is an outlook I know I must explore and move toward. I remember hearing once that we are what others grow beyond. Eventually the student outgrows the teacher.

Oh. I have ideas about how to proceed beyond the research, but the research I'm doing has blown me away with insights I never could have predicted and when insights come like that, I believe they come because God has a hand in it. That's not to say I won't make mistakes, and it's not to say I haven't made some doozies since I've come to live in Concordia, but it is to say that I feel like God has placed on my heart a singular focus for what our churches can do for the community and, perhaps, what the community can do for our churches.

I wanted to share this with you because one very important, vital part of it necessitates your participation. So, I ask for your prayers because I can't say I've been more dedicated to something than when I was working on my doctorate and I graduated with my doctoral degree in children and poverty in 2014. In time, I will welcome others into this unfolding process and in time, I believe it will give each of us opportunities to grow and serve as we live out our faith.

Until next month ... just keep pedaling – providing it isn't 110 degrees outside in the shade by 10 a.m.

Pastor Mark Crist

T-Shirts



Do you have a FUMC T-Shirt? We have all sizes available for a suggested donation of \$10 each. Stop by the church office to pick one up today.

If you have a gently used shirt that no longer fits, please consider dropping it off at 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.

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



Thanks for your continued support of the Little Free Pantry. Please place your donations directly in the pantry, but please be mindful to not leave perishable items or canned items in the pantry on particularly hot days. 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. Thanks to Pam Campbell and Lisa Valcoure for helping to place food from our store in the pantry daily!

Missions and Outreach

Thanks for your generous donations of \$42.35 in August for Chelsey Horkman's Mission Work in Senegal! Chelsey works at an English center for college students. At the end of each English class, she does a Bible study with her students, many of whom have never before read anything from the Bible. Chelsey also trains Senegalese and other African Christians to share the Good News about Jesus with children through Bible clubs.



Cloud County Resource Center Needs

The CCRC packed more than 400 school back in August! Thanks to those who helped at the packing events.

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.**

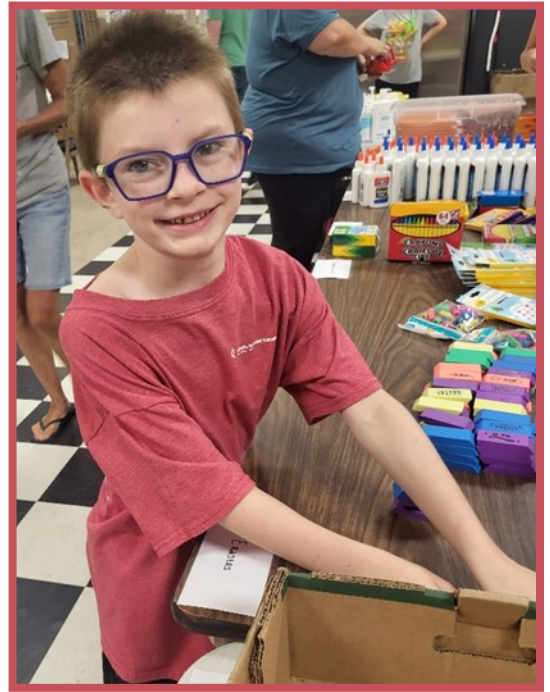
The Food Bank can be utilized once each month; an appointment must be made 24 hours in advance to pick up food at the Food Bank.

There will be a large food truck delivery on Wednesday, September 6th and the CCRC could use help with unloading and unpacking food items throughout the day!

The CCRC is holding monthly **Writing Workshops** 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.

There are more activities coming at the CCRC in September, including a '90s Trivia night on September 15th and a Breakfast for Fall Fest on September 23rd – watch the church bulletin board for more detail!

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



Commodities Food Distribution

Commodities will be Wednesday, September 20, 2023. We start unloading the truck at 10:00am. We received an email stating there will be an increase in food. If you are able and have some extra time that day, please join us to unload and pack boxes.

To be eligible for Commodities, your household's total monthly income must be below:

1	\$1,580
2	\$2,137
3	\$2,694
4	\$3,250

For each additional family member add \$557.

• Call 785-243-4560 for more information.



We have received a grant from the Cloud County Community Foundation to help with our Layette Sets Project this year! Our church is the only organization that makes the layette sets and our goal this year is to make 75 sets (each set costs about \$45 to make).

Donation of items needed for Layette Set includes:

- Diapers (size 1 or 2) – MOST NEEDED ITEM!
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Shampoo (full size bottles)
- Onesies – one piece undershirt with snaps (size 0-3 or 3-6 months)
- Baby Socks (size 0-3 or 3-6 months)

Please no premie size diapers, onesies, or socks! The layette sets may not be delivered immediately after birth and we want the items included to fit the baby!



Items can be left in the baby carriage in the church entry starting on **Sunday, September 17th**. Please bring all items by **Sunday, October 8th**. We know that it may be difficult to get out to purchase or even find these items. **If you prefer to make a monetary donation, Missions buckets will be passed on September 17th for this project.**

We also need volunteers to sew blankets again this year. All of the fabric has been purchased and will be cut to size in advance. **Materials will be ready for pickup on September 17th. When completed, the blankets we make this year will be longer than a football field when laid end-to-end!!**

Watch for more details in the October Newsletter on assembly of the sets!

Community Baby Shower

We will be helping the Cloud County Health Department sponsor a Community Baby Shower on the afternoon of **Sunday, October 22nd 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, sign-up on the Missions Bulletin Board or contact Nancy Wentz at ndwentz@gmail.com or 785-614-2599.



Christian Education News

Youth Mission Trip

Youth leader, Jason Johnson, took five of our youth, Nevaeh Valcoure, Zach Allen, Carly Brown, Peyton Johnson and Gentry Thomas to Loveland, Colorado for a week long mission trip. September 20, 2023 the youth will be talking about their experiences that evening at 6:30. Everyone is invited to dinner at 6:00pm.

Church on the Plaza

This is our annual church service at Broadway Plaza. A potluck breakfast will be served starting at 9:30. Please bring your favorite breakfast dish to share with the congregation. Worship will begin at 10:00 am followed by activities for all ages sponsored by the Christian Education committee. Dress casual as you never know what the activities may be!

Table Talk

Table Talk begins Wednesday, September 13th. Dinner served at 6:00 pm. The Church is welcome join us for Food and Fellowship at 6:00pm every Wednesday night. Lessons start at 6:30 pm.

–JAM- The 4yr olds to 3rd graders will begin with the Hero Hotline Vacation Bible School curriculum which will include a nightly bible story lesson with a craft and a science activity. This curriculum will take us into October when we will begin a series of Advent lessons from the Deep Blue curriculum.

–The Rock- 5th-7th graders will continue with the Big Bold Curriculum designed for Pre teens. In November the pre-teens will join IMPACT in a Christian based movie study about The Blind Side.

– IMPACT- 8th-12th graders will begin the year with a curriculum from Fathom: The Teachings of Jesus, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. In November, they will watch and discuss the Christian values of the movie The Blind Side together with the pre-teens.

Dates to Remember

Sunday, October 15th— Hay Rack Ride

Sunday, December 10th— Christmas Program at Church

Table Talk
A Ministry of The First United Methodist Church
Christian Education for Children and Youth
Pre K-12th grade

JAM- Jesus and Me: 4 year olds-3rd graders
The Rock: 4th-7th graders
IMPACT: 8-12th graders

Wednesday Evenings-Dinner served at 6:00 pm
Classes 6:30-7:30 pm
Begins September 13, 2023

Call FUMC office at 785-243-4560 or
Angie at 785-275-1232

Cruise-in Ice Cream Social

Thanks to all who donated food items, volunteered, and attended the Ice Cream Social! We had more than 75 people attend and saw some cool vehicles!



Trustee's Update

Work has been done to prepare the Fellowship Hall for repainting and other refurbishments! Thanks to all who helped prepare for the work to begin!



Coffee Office
with Pastor Mark
Jitters Coffee
10am-12pm
Thursday
Mornings



Attention:
Choir Practice!
Wednesday nights
at 5:30
Starting September 6, 2023!
NEW VOICES WELCOME!



SITTING WITH JESUS
WEDNESDAY 5:00PM

IN THE
CRUSADERS ROOM!



BLESSING
OF
Workers

SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2023
BRING AN ITEM WITH YOU
TO SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
THAT REPRESENTS
YOUR OCCUPATION.



Girl Scouts
GARAGE
sale

September 9, 2023
(Time to be announced later)
Lower parking lot.
If you would like to donate
please bring your items to the church by September 7.



CHURCH ON THE PLAZA SEPTEMBER 10, 2023



9:30AM~BRUNCH
10:00AM~WORSHIP
11:00AM~FUN AND
GAMES FOR ALL AGES



YOGA CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!



Starting on
September 10, 2023
In the Choir Room

at 5:30pm every Sunday evening.

All are Welcome! Contact Angie Gabel McConkey
or Mary Thoman for more details!



Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

September 10, 2023

6:30pm

following Yoga

in the Crusaders Room



Youth Mission Trip Talk Summer of 2023

The 5 Youth Mission Trip attendees and their Sponsor will be talking about their experiences on their Mission Trip this past summer.

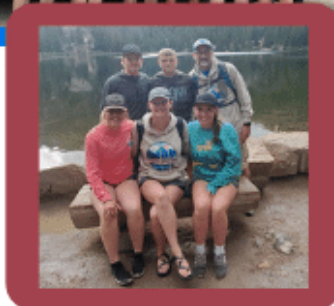
Please Join us
September 20, 2023

6:00pm

Dinner Provided

6:30: Youth will be giving us insight on what it was like on the Mission Trip to Loveland, Colorado

Let's show our support
for our Church Youth!



FALL FEST

SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

FUMC FOOD BOOTH

ALL HELP IS WELCOME!

SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR HELP,
BROWNIES AND RICE CRISPIES TREATS!
MONETARY DONATIONS WELCOME.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

5:30PM

CONCORDIA PLAZA

EVERYONE IS WELCOME





All We need is:

A Cup of



A Few



And a



Full of Jesus!

LADIES COFFEE

JITTERS

9:00AM.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH
ARE WELCOME!

COMMODITIES

WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

ALL VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

WE WILL MEET IN THE

FELLOWSHIP HALL OR BACK

PARKING LOT.



Other upcoming events to
mark your calendar:
October 8 ~ Potluck
October 15 ~ Hay Rack Ride
October 29 ~ Charge Conference



September

Happy Birthday!

2~Gene Saltzman

3~Emma Waterman

3~David Lahodney

12~Rachel Hasch

13~ Audrey Weir

13~Hershel Hutchinson

15~Crystal Wilson

16~Jodi Rehbein

17~Kody Halfhide

17~Brett Erkenbrack

18~Howard Larkins

18~David Edwards

18~Jan Novlan

20~Jeremy Coons

21~Marissa Parker

26~Amanda Waterman

26~Madelyn Stiles

27~Michelle Johnson

27~Dennis Reiwald

29~Kale Pearson

29~Brandon Ruud

29~Curtis Wilson

SEPTEMBER 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30 Crusaders Searchers 10:30 Worship With Communion Blessing of Worker	4 Labor Day 5:00pm Girl Scouts 5:30pm FUMC Council	5 1:30pm Communion to shut-ins	6 5:00 Sitting With Jesus 5:30 Choir Practice	7 10-12 Coffee Office with Pastor Mark at Jitters	8 10-12 Coffee Office with Pastor Mark at Jitters	9 Girl Scouts garage sale in bottom parking lot
10 9:30 Church on the Plaza 5:30 Yoga 6:30 Emotionally Healthy Spirituality	11 5:00pm Girl Scouts 5:30 M&M's (Missions & Ministry)	12	13 5:00 Sitting With Jesus 5:30 Choir Practice 6:00 Table Talk Meal 6:30 Classes Begin	14 10-12 Coffee Office with Pastor Mark at Jitters	15 10-12 Coffee Office with Pastor Mark at Jitters	16 9:00 Ladies Coffee @ Jitters
17 9:30 Crusaders Searchers 10:30 Worship Mission Buckets ~Layette Sets	18 5:00pm Girl Scouts	19	20 10:00 Commodities 5:00 Sitting With Jesus 5:30 Choir Practice 6:00 Table Talk Meal 6:30 Classes Begin	21 10-12 Coffee Office with Pastor Mark at Jitters	22	23 Fall Fest
24 9:30 Crusaders Searchers 10:30 Worship	25 5:00pm Girl Scouts 5:30 Safety Team Meeting 5:30 Blessing of Animals	26	27 5:00 Sitting With Jesus 5:30 Choir Practice 6:00 Table Talk Meal 6:30 Classes Begin	28 10-12 Coffee Office with Pastor Mark at Jitters	29	30



Sunday Morning Volunteers



September	3	10	17	24
Worship Leader	Cindy Kocher			Beth Whisler
Sound	Jason Johnson		Monte Wentz	
Media	Lisa Valcoure	Lisa Valcoure	Nancy Wentz	
Greeters	Lori Raccagno Joel Thornburg	David & Judy Edwards	Patty Mosher	Jim & Ann Lanoue
Nursery Helpers	Patty & Taryn Mosher	xxxx	Patty & Taryn Mosher	Patty & Taryn Mosher
Children's Moment		Jason Johnson	Angie Gabel-McConkey	Cindy Kocher
Scripture Reader				
Ushers	Lyle Pounds	Lyle Pounds	Lyle Pounds	Lyle Pounds
Acolytes		xxxx		
Coffee Bar		xxxx		
Alter Flowers		xxxx		
Drivers for Shut-In's			Sweet Memorial	Sweet Memorial

Sunday Morning Volunteers Please gather for prayer with

Pastor Mark in the Chapel at 10:20am.

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



Concordia First United Methodist Church

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Organist: Pam Campbell

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Sunday Services:

Crusaders: 9:30am

Searchers: 9:30am

Worship: 10:30am

Wednesday Night Services:

Sittin' with Jesus 5:00pm