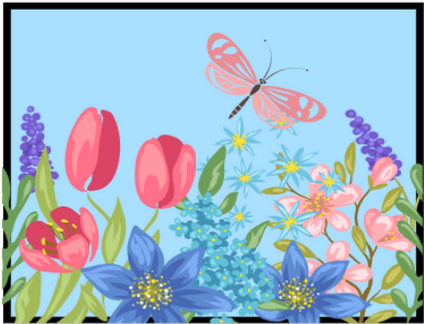


May
2024



First United Methodist Church

Revelation

Pastor Pedalings,

Throughout my years serving the church, I've read the Book of Discipline a few times, and there have been times I suggested it as reading material at night, so it can help people get to sleep.

The Book of Discipline has an interesting history. Until around 1930, the BoD was more like a guidebook that Methodists were to use, not in a legalistic way but almost like a living diary a reader could refer to when they had questions about how to live the Christian faith. It was meant as a supplement to the Bible.

Sometime after then, the BoD started to read more like a legal document that provided for the administration of the church as well as guidelines for how clergy and lay people can be held accountable, how the trustees are to go about their work, how administrative councils can function, as well as issues that affect life in this world we share. Those issues that affect life in this world we share are referred to as the Social Principles.

The Social Principles were last revised in 1972. The Social Principles just underwent the first significant revision in 50 years, and – as I understand it – have been approved by the General Conference which is meeting right now. When General Conference is over, an updated version of the Book of Discipline will be published to guide the denomination for the next four years until the next General Conference.

Since the disaffiliations that started with the 2019 special session of General Conference, what I am seeing at General Conference this year is significant. The Book of Discipline will be experiencing some of the most significant revisions in my 27 years in ministry. None of those changes affect the doctrine of the church (Jesus' teaching), but they certainly have significant implications for the future of our global church and the regions that have been created and are in the process of being implemented into the BoD. I feel like this is one of the most exciting things I've seen come from General Conference and as I've watched GC sessions, I've found myself inspired and I'm excited by the changes coming.

But on a side note: I'm glad the 2024 BoD won't be out for a few months because I have more than enough reading I'm doing right now, and I have a lot more reading to do. One of my summer goals is to get as many of the books read as I can because everything I'm reading has significant implications for our life together in Concordia and what ministry might look like in the future.

So, let me repeat. This is an exciting time for the United Methodist Church and its future. My prayer is that every one of us lives into that future and rejoices what God is in the process of doing in our lives.

On another note: I want to thank everyone who helped out with my transportation and lodging costs to Colorado for my sister's celebration of life. As I think I have shared, Sally and I were very close. I think my childhood helped her become the mother and teacher she became, and I know that aside from my parents, she was the first and probably most influential mentor I had. I know she is with me every day; my hope, wish and effort is to honor her legacy the best way I can.

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Pastor Pedalings, Continued.

As I have been studying grief, I've realized that when loved one's transition from this life to eternal life, they live on in our memory, and every time we think of them, God blesses us as they walk alongside us as guides in our lives. When we take the most positive aspects of our memory of them and their spiritual guidance, I have found that looking ahead in ways that honor and celebrate the better parts of those who have finished their course of faith in this life brings a new reality that makes room for grace, healing and even reconciliation.

So, in my sister's teaching spirit: may that be something each of us can take with us.

Until next time, keep on pedaling!

Pastor Mark Crist

Trustee Update:

Late last year, the church's insurance carrier issued the church a notice of non-renewal – along with many other churches throughout western Kansas. As a result, on January 1st, the church's insurance coverage changed. The new carrier is providing increased coverage at a lower price, but there is a catch. A building inspection was recently completed and there are several required changes and repairs that need to be made, including removal of all combustible material from the boiler and air handler rooms. These requirements give us the opportunity to have a "work day"!

Please join us for a work day on the afternoon of Sunday, May 19th. Work will start immediately after church to remove the items from the mechanical rooms and organize these items along with the cleaning and paper supplies into new homes. If we have enough participants, work is also need to complete some spring spruce-ups, including trimming shrubs around the building.

Things to come:

In April, the church received a generous gift in memory of Anita Chartier from her family. They have requested that those funds be used to: add some control wiring for our heating system in an effort to increase its efficiency, replace the exhaust fans in the kitchen and bathrooms, remove and replace the ceiling grid and tiles in the kitchen, replace the counters in the kitchen, and paint the kitchen walls and cabinets. This exciting gift will help renovate an area of the church that sees a lot of heavy use and has needed attention for quite some time. A committee will be formed develop an overall plan for the renovation project, including selection of materials and colors for the kitchen. If you would like to participate in these discussions, please let Monte Wentz or the church office know.

This winter, it was discovered that the lightning ground cable from the cross on the steeple had broken. The church Council has approved its repair and Hoods should be on site within the next month with a crane to remove the cross, repair the grounding wire, and replace it at the top of the steeple.



Community Baby Shower

We partnered with the Cloud County Health Department to host a Community Baby Shower that had 16 participants (7 new or expectant mothers) and 24 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!

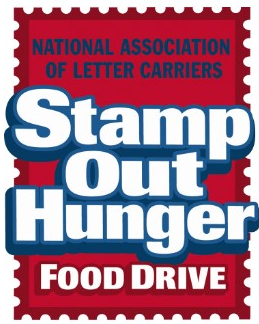


We encourage you to create an account using the e-mail address you receive e-mails on from the church so your giving is associated with your account in the ChurchTrac membership system and will appear on your annual giving statement. By creating an account, you will also have access to all of the giving options mentioned above. If you do not want to create an account, there is an option to give as a guest.

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 and Tuesday/Thursday from 1:00 – 5:00 pm.** Starting on March 1st, 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.





The Letter Carrier Stamp out Hunger Food Drive will take place on **Saturday, May 11th**. Items can be left for your letter carrier to pickup or dropped off at the CCRC from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm on May 11th. Most needed items include: Macaroni and Cheese, Box Dinners, Ramen, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal, Canned Fruit, Canned Meats, Condiments, Bar Soap, Feminine Hygiene Pads, Razors, Baby Formula, Shave Gel, Body Wash.

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 \$279.66 in Missions Buckets in March for the Change the World Food and Supplies!

Missions Buckets will be passed on May 19th to help our youth attend camp this summer.



Change the World Sunday 2024

Our 13th Annual Change the World Sunday is coming on **May 5th!** 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

- Painting Project at Local Parks
- Planting Project at City Park
- Preparing Downtown Planters for Planting Flowers
- Preparation and Delivery of May Baskets
- Random Acts of Kindness
- Other Activities – Trash Pickup, etc.

Please invite your friends and family to join us for this event. We also need volunteers who are willing to help serve breakfast, serve lunch, and donate food items. **Sign-up sheets are posted on the Missions Bulletin Board!**

Plan to wear sturdy shoes, sunglasses, a hat, a jacket, clothes that can get dirty, and sunscreen! Bring your work gloves and any tools that might be helpful. Supplies like 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 are available for a suggested donation of \$5 each.

GRADUATION RECOGNITION
SUNDAY MAY 19, 2024
DURING WORSHIP



LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW IF YOU
HAVE A GRADUATE TO ADD TO OUR LIST.
PLEASE BRING IN A PICTURE BY MAY 10TH.
WE DO NOT WANT TO LEAVE ANYONE OUT!



LADIES *Coffee*
MAY 18, 2024
9:00AM
④ JITTERS



Pentecost Sunday
May 19, 2024
Wear Red





UNITED WOMEN

IN FAITH

(FORMALLY UMW)
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

6:30PM

④ MARY LISA THOMAN'S
1689 RUST ROAD



COMMODITIES

WEDNESDAY
MAY 22, 2024

ALL VOLUNTEERS WELCOME
10:00AM MEET IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
OR LOWER PARKING LOT.
11:15AM - 12:15PM LOAD CARS
BOXES ARE NEEDED, PLEASE!

**PLEASE NOTE:
CHANGE IN DATE!**



COMMODITIES FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Income Eligibility
Monthly Income must be below:

- 1 \$1,580.
- 2 \$2,137.
- 3 \$2,694

For Each Additional Person
add \$557.

EVERY OTHER
MONTH

- JANUARY
- MARCH
- MAY
- JULY
- SEPTEMBER
- NOVEMBER

Good Friday Cross Walk

On Good Friday March 29th, with beautiful weather 7 adult walkers, 2 Youth and 3 participants following in cars, began our Journey. Starting from the church basement parking area, up the hill to Sunflower Dr, turned left on Highland drive, marched back up to Country Club Drive, to West 13th, rounding the corner to Willow, beside the football field to 11th street, turned onto Republican following the sidewalk to Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Each one of us taking turns carrying the cross while singing "Bless the Lord, My Soul". There were stops along the way where we paused to read Scripture. Ending at the Bottom of Republican and 18th street. We placed the Cross on the Corner of the Cemetery as the 16th Scripture was read, (yes that makes 16 blocks total) followed by Singing "Were You There". What an amazing experience this was! Thank you Pastor Mark for taking us on this journey. Thank you Harrell Adams for making this beautiful Cross.



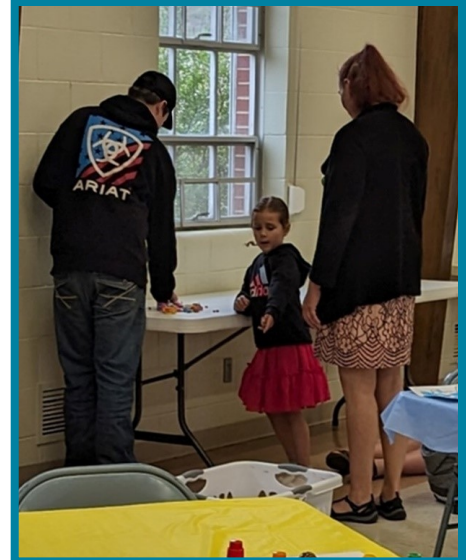
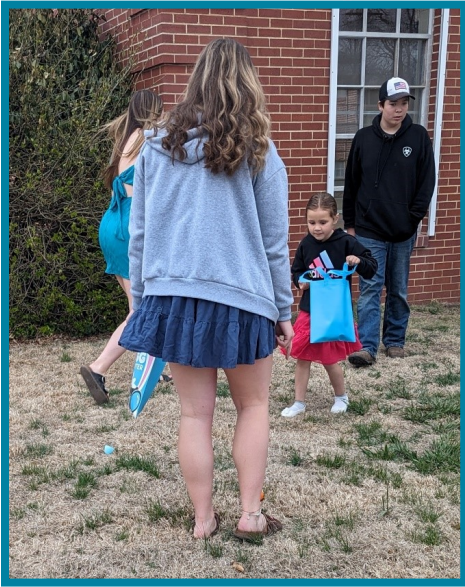


Maundy Thursday





March 31, 2024 Easter Egg Hunt & Activities





“Murder in the Mine”

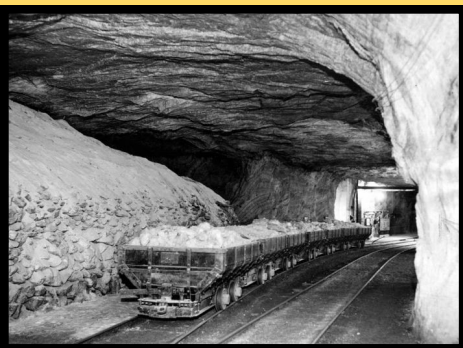
Saturday, April 27, 2024 this fun, crazy group headed to Hutchinson Kansas to see “Murder in the Mine” Some of us had 2nd thoughts of going due to the bad storms, but... “The Show Must Go On!” Our first stop was to Carriage Crossing to shop and have a piece of amazing homemade Pie before heading to the Strataga Salt Mine.

The mine was an adventure from the minute we walked in the front door. After checking in we were given a safety hat, then loaded, no crammed into the mine shaft. Each car held 14 people and 1 staff member, which descended 650 very dark feet underground in 90 seconds. We were not able to tour the whole 150 miles of tunnels. We will save that for another day. We did get to see some of the museum and the gift shop! After spending about an hour in the gift shop and museum we headed to Murder in the mine!

The Wizard arrived in full costume to a full house +1 (seating capacity of 240), mingled around visiting, asking for volunteers to be part of the show! Our own Karla Lawrence was picked to act as the Mirror. (“Mirror, Mirror on the Wall!...”) Watch out Brown Grand! We now have a new actress for you!

Carriage Crossing served the dinner, yes the same Carriage Crossing Restaurant that we enjoyed pie at earlier in the day! Followed by more laughter from the show and another PIECE OF HOMEMADE PIE!!

Everything turned out great, as none of us was the victim or the murderer!
Thank you Angie for putting the trip together!!!



5,000 pounds of Salt!

Christian Education News

Table Talk

****The last week of Table Talk will be May 1st****

JAM has been learning several parables from the bible this semester. The adults working with them have learned a lot as well!

They have been practicing bells to the tune of "This Little Light of Mine", which you saw on Sunday, April 28th during Worship.

The Rock will finish up the semester with lessons from the Big Bold Curriculum. We've had some new faces in that group in the last couple of weeks!

IMPACT has been finishing up the semester with a study of church hymns and secular music.

CAMP

Horizon

A Great Plains UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CAMP



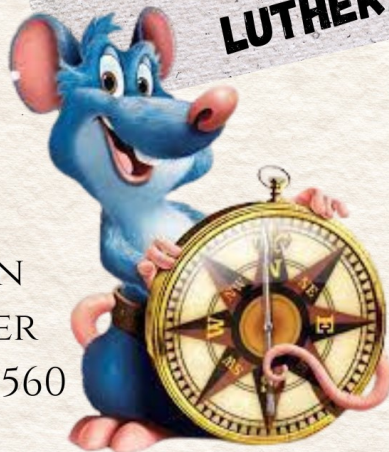
***** Calling all potential Church Camp children and youth! We would like all those wanting to attend Camp Horizon this summer get in touch with Angie- 785-275-1232 or con1umccchristianed@gmail.com. There are camps available all summer for those going into grades 1-college freshman. FUMC and the Christian**

Education team will be offering scholarships to those in need to offset the cost to attend camp. If you or your child will be going to camp this summer, please sign up online. We are offering FUMC Camp Scholarships for those planning to attend camp. If you are planning to attend camp, please ask Angie or the Church Office for a FUMC Camp Scholarship Form to complete so we know who all is requesting scholarships.

SAVE THE

**DATE: JULY 31ST & AUGUST 1ST & 2ND
AT THE CONCORDIA
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

FOR MORE
INFORMATION
OR TO REGISTER
CALL 785-243-4560



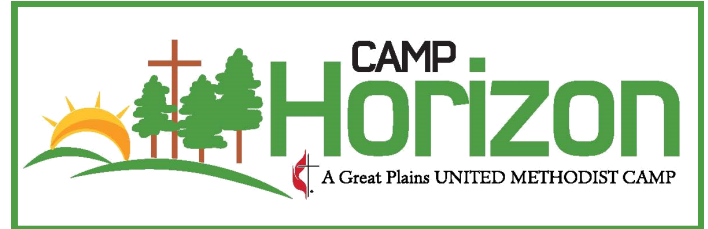


United Women In Faith

We had 11 women from our church attend the first United Women in Faith meeting Saturday, April 13th. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm at Mary Lisa Thoman's house at 1689 Rust Rd just west of Concordia about a mile. We will continue with Psalm 77 and how climate change is impacting indigenous peoples livelihoods. Our next lesson will focus on those living near the border between Mexico and the USA.

Adult Camp Retreat

If you are up to an adventure, mark your calendar for October 3-5, 2024. The adults, men and women, of our church will have the opportunity to get away for a short retreat to **CAMP Horizon** in their Renewal Lodge. Never fear, this lodge has queen, full and twin bed options and you will only need to share a room with one other person! If needed, there is air conditioning and heating. There are several hiking trails, campfire pits, a pickleball court, 18 hole frisbee golf course, a hammock village, canoeing and challenge rope courses and rock climbing walls as well as a prayer labyrinth and garden. Each evening, after dinner, Pastor Mark will have a short reflection and prayer time.



If you think this is an opportunity you would like to participate in, please let Angie Gabel-McConkey know as soon as you can and get me a \$25 deposit towards your stay. Your total cost for this weekend away will be \$185 including your accommodations, all meals and activities. To book the entire lodge for our church members, we will need 16 people. We can have up to 22 people if some of you are willing to sleep in twin beds and share your room with 2 other people. If we have less than 16 people, we may have others sharing the lodge with us. I will need to have all the deposits in place by July 20th to confirm your place.

Day Trip to Rocky Pond

Mark your calendars for Sunday afternoon June 23rd for fellowship and food and chill time at Rocky Pond with your church friends. We will be having a Potluck as soon as we arrive followed by fun in the sun next to the water at Rocky Pond in Belleville. We will carpool to Belleville following the church service so wear comfy clothes to church that day!



Just a few pictures for fun, Children's Moment and Acolyte's!





1~JAGGER JOHNSON
3~KENNETH JOHNSON
3~JULIE CORY
5~DANIELLE MOORE
5~CLAY VERNON
5~PAT WILLS
6~JACOB PALMQUIST
8~RYAN MCMILLAN
8~CALEB STRAIT
8~COOPER HOLMES
11~DUSTIN BREault
11~PHOEBE BUHL
12~MARK WENTZ
12~CHRIS BLACK
12~JEREMY MOSHER
13~KENTON KOCHER
13~BROOKLYN MOSHER
14~JASON TOWNSDIN

15~BILL THOMPSON
15~GRANT HOLMES
16~ETHAN CORY
17~JEREMY HUFF
20~GARY CASPERS
20~KIM KINDSCHER
23~STANLEY KROHN
23~JUDY BAKER
24~KYLE KINDSCHER
25~BROOKS KINDSCHER
26~LOWELL THOMAN
27~STEVE LAWSON
27~GWYDOTTA UKENS
28~DYLAN MOORE
29~KIM PLUMMER
29~TAYE RETTER
31~NANCY SMITH
31~AMANDA TOWNSDIN

MAY 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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5:00 Sitting With Jesus
5:30 Choir Practice
6:00 Last day of
Table Talk

8 9 10 11

5:00 Sitting With Jesus
5:30 Choir Practice
6:30 Women in Faith
(Mary Lisa's house)

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10-00 Commodities
5:00 Sitting With Jesus
5:30 Choir Practice

9:00 Ladies Coffee
@ Jitters

22 23 24 25

5:00 Sitting With Jesus

19:30 Crusaders
Searchers

10:30 Worship
Graduate Recognition
11:30 Lunch & Church
Work Day

5:30 M&M's
(Missions & Ministry)

29 30 31

5:00 Sitting With Jesus

26 9:30 Crusaders
Searchers

10:30 Worship





Sunday Morning Volunteers

May	5	12	19	26	June 2
Worship Leader	Nancy	Cindy	Christy	Angie	
Sound	Monte				
Media	Lisa				
Greeters	Deb	Patty	Ann & Jim	Patty	Ann & Jim
Nursery Helpers	Patty Mosher	Patty Mosher	Patty Mosher	Patty Mosher	Patty Mosher
Children's Moment	xxxxxxxxxx	Angie	Cindy		
Scripture Reader	xxxxxxxxxxxxx				
Ushers	Lyle Pounds	Lyle Pounds	Lyle Pounds	Lyle Pounds	Lyle Pounds
Acolytes					
Coffee Bar	Marsha Wentz	Marsha Wentz	Marsha Wentz	Marsha Wentz	Marsha Wentz
Alter Flowers	Joyce Swenson	Joyce	Darlene Pearson	Darlene Pearson	Darlene Pearson



Concordia First United Methodist Church

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Sunday Services:

Crusaders: 9:30am

Searchers: 9:30am

Worship: 10:30am

Wednesday Night Services:

Sittin' with Jesus 5:00pm