



OUTREACH



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First United Methodist Church

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150th Anniversary
 First United Methodist Church
 Community Celebration
 September 16, 10:00 am
 Dining Room

Last April, our church family gathered to celebrate 150 years of Methodism here in Hays. We took a history walk, gathered in fellowship, ate together, and worshipped to give thanks, praise God, and remember the saints who came before. It was a grand homecoming weekend. When you think about it, it was really all about us and the people who have called this church home through the years. As Pastor Mike Rose would say, "It was a grand and glorious weekend!"

The question became "how do we get the broader community involved in helping us celebrate?" Let's throw a big party! We set our sights on September to rejoice and have some fun with the community. What better way to celebrate than free food, games, cotton candy, popcorn, shaved ice, and bouncy houses!

But wait. What if no one comes? Remember the wedding feast in the Bible and no one came?

Our goal in involving the community was to practice hospitality and allow others to see our fellowship at its best, celebrating and rejoicing in the great love and grace of God. A new idea was born.

What if instead of inviting the community to us, we go to them? What if instead of food and bounce houses, we surprised the Hays community with 150 acts of grace? Scratch that. 300 acts of grace! 150 for our anniversary and 150 for the next 150 years. And what if we did it with twenty-dollar bills.

On Saturday, September 16, we want to send you out from the church with a \$20 bill and a written note celebrating God's amazing grace to First United Methodist Church and its people. Our plan is to disperse throughout the community to various locations approaching random strangers with the gift and the note.

Grace is a gift given without thought to how it will be repaid. God knows grace. By the end of the morning on September 16th, three hundred people in Hays will know of God's grace. Plan to meet at 10:00 am in the church dining room to plan for how we will disperse throughout the community, pray for God's Spirit to move through us, and go out to touch 300 lives.

Pastor Craig

**Funding for this event is through our budget for the 150th anniversary celebrations and an Endowment grant.

Outreach articles are due the **third** Sunday of each month. Please email your **OUTREACH** item to wendy@haysfumc.com before **Sunday, September 17, 2023**. Items may also be placed in the office, labeled **for the Outreach** by **Sunday, Sept. 17**. The next Outreach should be received on Sept. 21.

Thanks

Thanks to our ushers who serve so faithfully all year:

Bill Hayden, Don Branda, Tom McDonald, Josh Zweifel, Jarrod Jones, Bob Cox, David Hendrickson, Keith Eilts, Paul Jones, Phil Stahlman, Kevin Homburg, Rob Kennemer, Brandon Kennemer, Greg Daughhetee, Harvey Jansonius, Rodney Ruff, Eric Rathke and Chuck Ames.

Thanks to Master Cleaners for cleaning the communion cloths for no cost.

If you or a family member are in the hospital, please call the church office if you would like to be on the prayer list or to let the pastor know at 625-3408.

Marvin & Kay Fisher, along with their sons Lee, Lynn, and Lance, would like to invite friends and family to a reception celebrating 60 years of marriage on Sunday, October 1. The reception will be from 2-4 in the church's dining hall. Marvin & Kay were united in marriage on 9-21-63 in Ellis.

INTRODUCING OUR STAFF

PROGRAM STAFF

Pastor: Pastor Craig Hauschild
Congregational Care Director, Troy Miller
Director of Music: Alexandra Rome
Special Music Coordinator: Meredith Cory
Organist:: Hannah Barrett
Charlotte Rathke
Pianist: Sharon Graham
Handbell Choir Dir. Hannah Barrett
Marijo Rooney
Director of Discipleship: Matt Dumler
Asst. Children's Director: Melissa Pyle
Outreach Editor: Wendy Beougher

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Administrative Secretary: Beverly Bearley
Administrative Assistant: Wendy Beougher
Financial Secretary: Liz Harper
Childcare Director: Melissa Pyle
Building Supervisor: Alan Nelson

Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family & friends of

Rev. Melanie Adams whose father Rev. Loren Marler of Salina died on June 10. He pastored in Kansas West.

Phil & Linda Stahlman on the death of Jean Stahlman, sister-in-law in Fargo, Oklahoma.

Dr. Jerry Akers who died July 13.

Jane Ann Lundy-Matlock who died July 18.

Brielle Alexis Affolter, infant daughter of Nathan & Laurel Affolter, was born with her angel wings on 7-26-23 at 10:13 a.m. She weighed 2 pounds 7 oz. and was 11 inches long. Our family is so grateful for all the prayers from your church family throughout the past few months while she was with us. We would ask for continued prayers for peace at this time and know that Brielle is being rocked in God's arms. Brielle was Leora Forssberg's great granddaughter.

Congratulations

to our newest members, Lee, Shannon and Cameron Lindsey and Carlee Lindsey Cokeley who joined July 30.

To Duane & Shirley Steffen who celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary.

If you would like to help with the Thursday night meal at the Methodist Campus Center by providing a dessert, please call the church office (625-3408) or sign up at the table outside the church office.



WOW! Menus September

Sept. 6 Welcome back to WOW
Pizza
Salad
Dessert

Sept. 13
Hamburgers, bun & toppings
Chips
Dessert

Sept. 20
Lasagna casserole
Salad
Green beans
Bread sticks
Dessert

Sept. 27
Chicken nuggets
Mac & cheese
Corn
Salad
Dessert

All meals are subject to change.
To go boxes are available.
Meals are \$5.00 per person

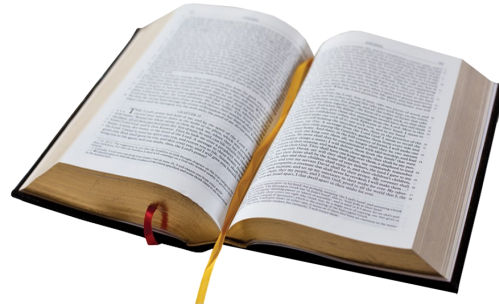
Susan is looking for substitutes. If interested call her at 650-2404.

Kids Corner

Congratulations to the Third Graders who received their Bibles

Briella Brown
Garrett Lang
Olivia Meder
Weston Moeder
Andrew Pyle

Warren Stuart
Breckyn Sturgeon
Evelyn Bryant
Ben Wilkins
Rylee Young



What's next

Matt Dumler, Director of Discipleship

What an incredible summer we had. It was a summer filled with reconnecting of old friendships, creating new ones, and experiencing new things. As an education team we set out to go against the status quo of taking the summer off of church and instead focus on each other. We had everything from lawn games to parades to movies to Larks games and several things in between. We got to have conversations with people we hadn't seen in a long time. We got to get out into the community and show them who we really were. If I had to sum it up, I would say it was a life giving summer. However, the question is what comes next?

The feedback we received was amazing. We had lots of people tell us how much they appreciated all of the things that went on. But if I'm going to be completely honest, our goal was not all of the things that we did. It goes much deeper than that. Our goal was to begin to set the foundation of what the next 150 years would look like. We realized that we have focused so much on programming and ignored the very thing that built this church to begin with, relationships. So we set out to rectify that.

However great the summer was, we don't want you to be content. We don't want to look back in five years and say that was an amazing summer we wish we would have continued. We want to look back in five years and say that was the summer that started it all. So what's next? That answer is up to you. Your challenge is to grab ahold of those new relationships, those reconnected ones, that feeling of community and run with it. While the church will continue to have events, it's up to us, altogether, to help it grow and foster a vision for the next 150 years. It's up to us to take that feeling of togetherness and make it more than just events. It's up to us to take that feeling and create a church out of it. It's up to us to take that feeling and bond together and find a mission. It's up to us to take that feeling and allow it to be the salt and light in the world.

Church, what comes next is up to us. Find your place in the church. As the children were challenged a few weeks ago, find your talents. Find where the relationships and your talents can connect and God can use them to better his Kingdom. The answer to what's next is still to be written and it's up to us to be the author.



Reflections from the Salina Day Trip Sponsored by Micah 6:8

Bishop Will Willimon states, “Mission is what happens when the gospel is taken over boundaries, the gospel going public, by word and deed, explained and enacted, to those who have not yet heard the news that God is taking back what belongs to God.”

On August 9th, 13 folks traveled to Salina to learn about organizations who are taking Willimon’s statement to heart. The Ashby House, the Salina Grace Day Shelter, and the Salina Rescue mission are lighthouses in the community providing guidance, love, support and the basic needs of living to folk who are in poverty and/or addiction.

The Ashby House mission is to restore hope to individuals and families facing homelessness or housing instability by breaking the cycle of poverty and addiction. The Ashby House has several different “houses”. They provide an emergency shelter for women and children, a Sober Living House, as well as a Free Store. Prior to COVID, they purchased another house that will become the Sober Living House once the renovations are done but it has been quite the challenge to complete.

Salina Grace Day Shelter is located behind The Ashby House on 7th Street in Salina. This shelter was born out of a winter shelter located at Grace UMC church. It has humble beginnings in the church with only mats on the floor, a pillow and a blanket to provide warmth for those who needed shelter from the cold temperatures. Now in the facility on 7th Street, people can come in, connect with a case manager who helps them find other Salina agencies who can best address their needs. A free lunch is provided on weekdays when the day shelter is open.

The Rescue Mission is housed in a remodeled dormitory at the old Schilling Base. Within this dorm, men are given addiction counseling, job skills and learn to work so they can begin a new life built on the love of Jesus Christ.

From those who participated, this is a list of reflections generated by the group. They discovered the:

- Dedication of providers
- The agencies are community based, well-run, and complex in nature
- Reminder that homelessness is bigger than not having a home—many factors lead up to homelessness.
- Amount of money constantly needing to be raised to keep the shelters operating.
- Generosity of the Salina community

Micah 6:8 committee offered this opportunity to learn about the complexity and factors contributing to homelessness. Those who went on the trip are currently processing this experience so it can provide direction to help us discern God’s leading on how we as disciples need to address poverty and the factors contributing to homelessness in Hays.

Learn about the history and philosophy of Hospice, advance directives, care of the dying person, spirituality and the role of the volunteer.

Hospice Volunteer Training
 Wednesday, September 20, 2023
 8:30-4:30 p.m.
 Hays Med
 2220 Centerbury, Hays
 Registration is due by Friday, September 8

Contact Hospice of Hays Medical Center at 785-623-6200 for further information.

Hays/Dodge City District LSM Committee Fall Class

All persons interested in being a Lay Servant are welcome to attend. Questions? Ask Mary Meckenstock-Gribben (mlmecken@netscape.net) or 785-623-1473.

To be held at Camp Lakeside – September 22-23, 2023

Offering 2 Classes: Basic Class and Advanced Course

When: Friday, September 22 – class begins at 6pm sharp
Saturday, September 23 – Class ends at approx. 4pm

Cost -\$80 for food and lodging.

Basic Class is your introduction into Lay Servant Ministries
Basic Class will be taught by: Kevin Dixon
Title of Basic Book you are to purchase and study ahead of time:

Lay Speaking Ministries

(Participant book by Sandy Ziegler Jackson with Brian Jackson) www.cokesbury.com or www.amazon.com
(this book available in Kindle Edition, also)

Advance Course: Opening Ourselves to Grace: Basic Christian Practices
It focuses on grace in terms of the classic Wesleyan understanding of works of Piety and works of Mercy.

The participants guide is available only as a pdf download at:

UMCDiscipleship.org/resources/lay-servant-ministries-advanced-courses

There is no charge listed for the participants guide in the catalog so it may well be free.

Final day to register – September 14, 2023

Send your registrations via e-mail or letter to registrar:

Nancy LePell PO Box 21 Colby, KS 67701 E-mail: (nelp@st-tel.net) Telephone (785-462-7428)

Upon registration, more information will be sent to you.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Class desired - Circle One Basic Advanced

Your Church _____

Endowment Moment

Have you ever wondered how the Endowment Committee decides a funding level for grant requests? This month's Endowment Moment will delve into how that works.

The annual funding level is determined by a formula that is contained in the Endowment operating document, that has been approved by the church, and is used by the committee to carry out the mission of the committee. Each January a calculation is made, and the committee approves a budget based on that calculation. For 2023 the approved budget is \$78,186. That is the maximum amount of grants that can be funded by the committee. This amount was derived by adding the December 31, 2022, 2021, and 2020 endowment fund balance, and dividing that sum by 3. That resulting total is then multiplied by 5%. So, the annual budget is 5% of the average balance for each of the preceding 3-year ends.

In addition to the above, a revision was made to the operating document in 2022 that established a non-endowed building fund. This fund would allow for contributions to be made towards building improvements and maintenance without being subject to the 5% spending policy outlined above. In addition, the Endowment Committee has authority to transfer any unspent budgeted amount to this non-endowed account on an annual basis.

So far in 2023, a total of \$44,157 in grant have been funded by the Endowment Committee.

Greg Daughhetee, Chairman Endowment Committee

FUMC Financial Snapshot

	July 31, 2023	Year to Date
Checking Account*	\$60,205	
Operating Gifts	\$55,997	\$361,040
Operating Expenses	\$54,019	\$356,705

*Also known as Unrestricted Operating Account that funds our operating budget.




History & Heritage

The year 1951 will long be remembered, not so much for the Hammond organ purchased for Wesley Foundation, not for Dr. and Mrs. William Brewer's gift of redecorating Wesley Hall parlor with new rugs, lamps, drapes, modern-fold doors and a new piano. The year 1951 will be remembered as the year of the flood. Rain had fallen on a water-logged countryside daily for almost three weeks, climaxing with an 11 inch downpour near Yocemento. Water came sweeping in off the hills from the west, and the entire south end of Hays was under three to five feet of water in a matter of minutes. The basement of the church was filled, and high water marks are still noticeable in Friendship Hall. Men and women of the church worked for weeks cleaning out mud and debris, restoring the building. Most of the old records and files stored "safely" in the concrete tunnel were ruined.

Undaunted, the church moved ahead and launched a debt retirement plan in 1953. by May 9, 1954, the debt was paid and the church was dedicated with Bishop Dana Dawson presiding, assisted by Rev. Clyde Brewster, Hays minister.

In 1955 Rev. Brewster proposed that two Sunday morning services be held, rather than one; one at 8:30 , one at 10:45, with Sunday School at 9:30. In 1956 the church parsonage was remodeled (it had been built in 1921). The street in front of the church was widened to permit diagonal parking, two small houses back of the church were purchased in anticipation of a future parking lot.

Congregational Bible Readings for the month of September

Day	Date	Reading	
245	Sept. 1	Matthew 5:1-48	
246	Sept. 2	Matthew 6:1-34	
247	Sept. 3	Matthew 7:1-8:34	
248	Sept. 4	Matthew 9:1-10:42	
249	Sept. 5	Matthew 11:1-12:50	
250	Sept. 6	Matthew 13:1-58	
251	Sept. 7	Matthew 14:1-15:39	
252	Sept. 8	Matthew 16:1-18:35	
253	Sept. 9	Matthew 19:1-20:34	
254	Sept. 10	Matthew 21:1-46	
255	Sept. 11	Matthew 22:1-23:39	
256	Sept. 12	Matthew 24:1-25:46	
257	Sept. 13	Matthew 26:1-75	
258	Sept. 14	Matthew 27:1-28:20	
259	Sept. 15	Mark 1:1-3:35	
260	Sept. 16	Mark 4:1-5:43	
261	Sept. 17	Mark 6:1-56	
262	Sept. 18	Mark 7:1-8:38	
263	Sept. 19	Mark 9:1-10:45	
264	Sept. 20	Mark 10:46-12:34	
265	Sept. 21	Mark 12:35-13:37	
266	Sept. 22	Mark 14:1-72	
267	Sept. 23	Mark 15:1-16:20	
268	Sept. 24	Luke 1:1-80	
269	Sept. 25	Luke 2:1-52	
270	Sept. 26	Luke 3:1-4:13	
271	Sept. 27	Luke 4:14-5:39	
272	Sept. 28	Luke 6:1-49	
273	Sept. 29	Luke 7:1-8:39	
274	Sept. 30	Luke 8:40-9:62	

The Day indicates which devotion to read.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, August 30	Peddlers' Fair Planning Meeting
Friday, September 8	Red Cross Blood Drive
Saturday, September 16	FUMC's 150th Acts of Grace
Sunday, October 15	FHSU Singers
Sunday, October 29	Legacy Sunday
Sunday, November 19	Church Conference