



OUTREACH



Volume 30, Issue 2

First United Methodist Church

February 22, 2018

perspective

Greetings in the Name of Christ!

Time is a fleeting thing, and as the days seem to blend quickly from one to another and one sees winters icy breath melt into an anticipated warm but windy spring, I am reminded of The Teacher from Ecclesiastes who tells us in the first verse of the third chapter "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven". And indeed, there is. I remember fifty years ago in December, when the musical rock band The Byrds, made famous Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 in their folk-rock rendition of Pete Seeger's song "Turn, Turn, Turn". I remember...Fifty years ago.... Lord, have mercy, where has the time gone?

Time is not only fleeting but also a vanity, according to The Teacher from Ecclesiastes... who considered most everything a 'vanity'. In Ecclesiastes 1:14 the Teacher states, "I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind." The word in the text 'vanity' can be troubling, unless one understands that it was a Hebrew translation which was concerned that human beings put too much emphasis on this very short realm of being, when, in fact we should be putting our emphasis on the eternal. As the days quickly pass, our time here on earth is but a vanity, he proclaims, but I personally don't think vanity is as good of a descriptor as the original Hebrew translation. You see, the original Hebrew word that is used for vanity is 'a vapor' or 'a puff of air', and I believe that when one reads and inserts 'a vapor' or 'a puff of air' in place of the word 'vanity' as one reads Ecclesiastes, it gives it a new and fresher meaning. It also gives a clearer picture as we 'chase after the wind'.

The Apostle Paul would somewhat address this issue in his letter to the early church in Corinth, stating "And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13) You see, in the eternal scheme of things, the truly important things in this world and in the world to come...our faith and hope assert... are obtained through acts of love. But what kind of love was Paul referring? The ancient Greeks had several different expressions of 'love': Eros is a love in which we derive the word 'erotic', and I believe that in most cases The Teacher would agree that this is not the kind of love to which Paul was referring. Philios is a 'brotherly love' and while it certainly comes closer to Paul's understanding, the most appropriate is 'agape love' which might simply be described as a 'Godly and Holy love'.

The season of Lent is upon us, and I invite you to become a part of the "He Chose the Nails" Lenten Study (written by Max Lucado) that is available to you on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Chapel and on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 in room 207. It will shape you as a Lenten Discipline in a way that is not a 'vapor or a vanity', but holds the keys to how far agape love goes...both for this world and the next.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Mike

Please email your OUTREACH item to haysumc@hotmail.com before Sunday, March 18, 2018.

Please place the name "Outreach" in the subject line...or place your item, clearly labeled **for the Outreach**, in the office by **Sunday, March 18, 2018.** The next Outreach should be received by March 22nd.

Thank You

Betty and Marsha Swanson, along with James and Caylan Harris, want to thank all those who surrounded Bethany Harris with love and prayers during her recent illness. The love and concern we felt from our church family sustained and comforted all of us as we despaired for our little one. She has recovered and we are grateful.

Thank you,
Marsha Swanson

~~A special, sincere Thank You~~
to Karen and Norman Owings for volunteering to deliver Meals on Wheels in January. Your service is truly appreciated.

~~A very special thank you to each~~
of you who sent prayers, cards, flowers, food. You were a real blessing to me and my family and my surgery was successful. A special thank you to Pastor Mike for being with us in Great Bend. Blessings,
Bev Bearley

INTRODUCING OUR STAFF

PROGRAM STAFF

Pastor: Pastor Mike Rose
Director of Music: Johnny Matlock
Special Music Coordinator: Meredith Cory
Organist:: Charlotte Rathke
Pianist: Alexis Robinson
Handbell Choir Director: Shawn Henderson
Children's Ministry Director: Jo Swayne
Asst. Children's Director: Rebecca Kuehl
Youth Ministry Director: Matt Dumler
Outreach Editor: Wendy Beougher

SUPPORT STAFF:

Administrative Secretary: Beverly Bearley
Administrative Assistant: Wendy Beougher
Financial Secretary: Don Forssberg
Childcare Director: Sandy Henningsen
Building Supervisor: Aaron Van Der Wege

Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family & friends of

*Patty Nicholas on the death of her father, **Robert**, on 1-24.*

*Kari & Charles Schultz on the death of Kari's father, **Steve Camp**, on 2-4.*

*Max Brewer, on the death of his wife, **Roberta**, on 2-10.*

Congratulations

to our newest members:
John & Sharon Irvin and Shelby Casey.

~~Thank you for your support and~~
love shown to me and my family during this sad time after the death of my father, Robert Nicholas. I appreciate the cards, memorials, the luncheon provided by the ladies of the Shalom Circle, the prayer shawls lovingly made by the Prayer Shawl Ministry, and your hugs. Most of all, I am grateful for your prayers.

Warm Regards,
Patty Nicholas

Please call the church office if you could help with the United Methodist Campus Ministry's Thursday night meal and worship by providing a salad or dessert. Call the church office if you could help this semester. (625-3408)

Fair Trade coffees available in the church office.



Circle News

Shalom Circle met in the parlor February 12 at 7:00 p.m. Lois Lutz, co-chairman, called the meeting to order. Eight members answered roll call, "First impressions of your future spouse". Julie moved that we accept the proposed 2018 Peddler's Fair distribution. Virginia seconded the motion and it was approved. Patty Nicholas gave the lesson on "Your Secret Place of Rest and Self Care" and the "Call to Prayer". The meeting was adjourned. Darlene Gilchrist and Melanie Bannister were hostesses.

Rebekah Circle met at the church on February 14 with 11 members present. Betty Innes gave the program on Prayer and Self Denial along with LaVaughn Hull, Rita Barker and Barbara Jones. Hostesses were Louise Younger and Rita Barker. Recommendations for the disbursement of Peddler's Fair funds were approved. Rebekah Circle served the funeral dinner for Roberta Brewer on February 14 and will serve the funeral dinner for Phyllis Bloss on February 23. The luncheon for the General Meeting on March 21 will also be served by Rebekah Circle.

~~The United Methodist Campus Center Ministry will have a fundrais-~~

er soup luncheon after second service on February 25th in the dining room. Soup, salad and desserts will be served. A free will offering will support travel expenses for student conferences and mission trips. UMCM students will make a brief presentation at noon.

~~Scout Troop 101 will have a dinner on March 4 at noon to raise money for camp. Spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert will be served.~~

KIDS CORNER

We are taking these winter months to recoup before the craziness of Easter, Spring and yes, Summer arrives. So enjoy these short notes about what is going on in Children's Ministry.

Kids Prazye sang in church February 11 with the help of Shawn & Nate Henderson and Jeston Conger. We will continue learning new songs and praising Jesus so join us in the gym Sunday mornings from 9:30-9:45.

Sunday School and Kids Club are kicking along learning about Jesus' ministry here on earth.

Children's Advisory Board (CAB) has been hard at work planning a "Let Your Light Shine" Talent Showcase and Silly Sundae event to help raise funds for our kids going to camp this summer. Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 11 and look for more information in this newsletter about how you can join in on the fun.

We've also been discussing a check-in/check-out system for our children and parents. Again, look for more information in the near future as we strive to find the best process to help keep our children safe while they are here at church.

Upcoming dates that will be here before we know it:

* "Let Your Light Shine" Talent Showcase and Silly Sundae Event – March 11 @ 3:00

*Palm Sunday is March 25

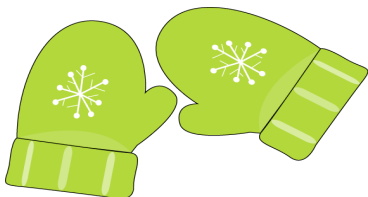
* Easter Sunday is April 1

Thank you for caring about the children of our church. If you ever have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact either Rebecca Kuehl (rebeccarg@hotmail.com) or Jo Swayne (jswayne33@gmail.com).

~~FUMC Mission's Team is asking for your help and support of various missions. Gift baskets for all ages (\$25 value) are needed by March 10th. Baskets may be Easter themed or filled with any other gift ideas! Monetary donations are also accepted for preparation of baskets. Tickets may be purchased Sunday, March 11, 18 and 25 in the parlor between services and after 2nd service. Winning baskets may be picked up after 2nd service on March 25. Details: Lisa Blide (259-4652), Gail Kuehl (625-5558) or Sherri Matlock (623-1401).~~



The Missions Committee has placed a Mitten Tree in the parlor. We are asking that you donate hats, scarves, and mittens/gloves to fill the Mitten Tree. The items will then be donated to USD 489 and distributed to children and youth in need. These items will help keep kids warm through the winter season.



Throw kindness around like confetti.

Jessica DeMenna



PARSONAGE PROPOSAL

CHURCH CONFERENCE

February 25th-12:15P.M.

TOTAL 3716 SQ. FT.

Sq. Ft. 1858 Main Level

Full Basement
with 60% finished

Built 2008 • Local Construction
Sprinkler System • Water Well
Fenced Back Yard • 2 Car Garage

Pros

- Meets conference parsonage standards (space, handicap accessible, etc)
- Family friendly location
- Larger home, not in a flood plain
- Purchase price is well below construction cost and appraised value
- Marketable piece of property
- Helps with recruiting and keeping a pastor
- Current parsonage would be available for other uses
- Cleared snow route from property to church

5 Bedroom • 3 Bath

3 Bed up

(1 Master w/ walk in closet)

2 Bed down

UTILITIES INCLUDED

Washer / Dryer
Fridge • Stove
Microwave
Dishwasher

Cons

- Pastor is further from church
- Paying for parsonage
- Another property to maintain and insure
- Special assessments through 2020 with \$4,918.74 remaining

LET YOUR *light* SHINE

God has blessed us with many talents....will you share yours and bless others !!!

What: Talent Showcase & Silly Sundaes

Who: All Talents, All Ages welcome!!!

*Talent can be a stage performance



as well as a craft, hobby, art, or other skill or project

that can be displayed.*



When: Sunday, March 11, 3:00 p.m..

Why: Send Kids to Camp Fundraiser!!! (Free Will Donation)

Join us in the gym for the on-stage talent show. Following the show you will have a chance to see how talented you are at ordering a silly sundae. You will be given a menu of ingredients with silly names to choose which items you would like for your sundae. For example how does snowball with black oil, clouds, and confetti sound? MMM delicious! Enjoy your sundae and view the non-stage talent on display in the alcove!

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Stage Talent: _____

Display Talent: _____

Title (if applicable, i.e. song title): _____

Equipment needed: _____

Complete form and return to church office or email to Lisa McGrath:

lisadjennison@hotmail.com by March 4th to be included in the program.

February OUTREACH

***First United Methodist Church
305 West 7th
Hays, Kansas 67601***

**(785) 625-3408
haysumc@hotmail.com
www.kaysradio.com
www.HaysFirstUnitedMethodistChurch.com**

**NONPROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
HAYS, KS.
PERMIT NO. 97**

Return Service Requested

Upcoming Events



February 25, noon

March 2 & 3

March 4, noon

March 4, 2:00

March 6, 4:00

March 8, 9:00

March 9, 3:15

March 11, 3:00

March 21, noon

United Methodist Campus Ministry lunch

Course of Study

Troop 101 Spaghetti dinner

Adam Klausmeyer Eagle Scout Ceremony

Loving Hands/ Loving Hearts

Crafters

Youth Winter Jam, Wichita

Talent Show & Silly Sundae Event

UMW General Luncheon