



OUTREACH



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Greetings in the Name of the Risen Christ!

'Christ has Risen! Christ has Risen, Indeed!' What a truly "grand and glorious" Holy Week and Easter this year! I'm so grateful for the good work of the Worship Planning Team, Chancel Choir, and so many others that made the 'Palm Sunday to Easter' experience so very meaningful. Just to recap what all went on: Palm Sunday began with the children entering waving palms and continued with the first part of the Easter Cantata "Jesus: The Resurrection of the Messiah". The cantata took worshippers from the joy of the remembrance of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, to the passion of Christ as he was led to the cross. Then on Holy Thursday, worshippers remembered and honored Christ as we shared the cup and broke bread in remembrance of his sacrifice. The next evening, Good Friday brought about a meaningful Tennebrae (darkness) Service, remembering his suffering and death on the cross. The Chapel became the tomb, as the Light of Christ was taken from the Sanctuary altar to the Chapel, where a 36 hour prayer vigil began. I'm grateful for each of the participants who continuously dedicated an hour of prayer, day and night, as Prayer Vigil Monitors waited in the parlor to keep everything safe and secure. Then on Easter morning, the Light of Christ returned to the Sanctuary altar by liturgical dance from the Chapel (tomb) as 'Morning Has Broken' was played. The Chancel Choir then performed the last half of the Easter Cantata, culminating with Chancel Choir Director Johnny Matlock instructing the congregation to stand and sing the traditional Easter hymn "Christ the Lord has Risen Today!". Then a symbolic surprise was offered by our Youth who handed out hundreds of white helium balloons to the Easter worshippers as the hymn was sung. As the hymn ended, I had the honor of announcing the traditional Easter greeting, "Christ has Risen!" and when the congregation responded, "Christ has Risen, Indeed!" hundreds of white helium balloons arose to the heavens...or at least the heights of the Sanctuary! At the sight, smiles of joy, coupled with an occasional tear or two, touched our hearts. Christ has Risen, Indeed!

The next 50 days will prepare us for Pentecost on May 20. Prior to that though, you are invited and encouraged to participate in the events and activities that are listed below:

- * "Unafraid: Finding Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times" sermon series and study. Come to worship and then attend either the Sunday morning class in the Chapel (9:35 a.m.) or the Wednesday evening class (6:15 p.m.) in Room 207.
- * Camping Sunday: Sunday, April 22nd is the date that we affirm our church camp ministries. Camp Lakeside Camp Director Meg Anderson will be in worship and will speak about the opportunities for our youth and children to experience church camp. There will be a bake sale in the Parlor before and after worship to help fund camping scholarships.
- * Vision Quest All-Church Workshop- Nationally acclaimed church consultant Bill Selby will be here on Friday evening and Saturday morning, May 4th and 5th, to help us with visioning for the future. Vision Quest is a process to hear and follow where God is calling Hays 1st UMC to be, as we look to and plan for the future!
- * UMW Sunday- Rev. Kathy Bannister, United Methodist Campus Center Director and Hays 1st UMC member, will deliver the sermon, while UMW will provide the worship experience.
- * Mother's and Other's Day and Graduation Sunday: On Sunday, May 13th we will honor both our Mothers and Others

and our High School Graduates. Please come and affirm both goals!

Please email your OUTREACH item to haysumc@hotmail.com before Sunday, May 20th, 2018. Pentecost Sunday, Sunday, May 20th is Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Christian Church universal. Please come and celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and his work in the church of today!

We have much for which to be grateful. Plan on attending each service and activity in this very special season of Easter.... After all...Christ has Risen! Christ has Risen, Indeed!

Grace and Peace, Pastor Mike

Thank You

Thanks to all for your prayers and caring gifts of food and offers to help. The prayer shawl was a special blessing. Thank you.

Betty Innes

Paul Kraus, son of Virginia & Harold, will be featured on the Discovery Channel's new show, *Sticker Shock*, which will be premiering **May 2 at 9:00 p.m.** Paul will show Harold's 1947 Whizzer bicycle that he restored a few years ago.

May 12 will be Carriers Food I in a bag by you the carrier comes to help the Community Assistance Center restock the food pantry for the summer.



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 Forsberg
Childcare Director: Sandy Henningsen
Building Supervisor: Aaron Van Der Wege

Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family & friends of

Rob, Traci, Abby & Brandon , on the death of Rob's brother, **Rod Kennemer**, on 3-24-18.

Condolences also to Rod's aunt, Lorena Kellogg & Wilmer.

Norm & Karen Owings on the death of **Nancy Hazlett**, Karen's sister, on 3-23-18.

Dorene Sleichter, who died on 4-10-18.

Services for Ray Youmans will be Saturday, May 5 at 2:30.

Congratulations

to Shayla Brummer & Alex Sturgeon who were married on 3-17-18.

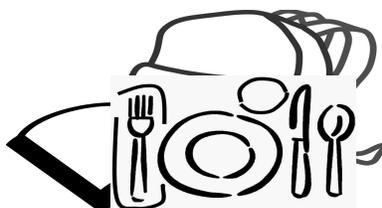
to Charlotte & Eric Rathke who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on 4-16-18.

to Don & Leora Forssberg who celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on 4-11-18.



Rebekah Circle met at the church with 10 members present. Devotions were given by Barbara Jones. Hostesses were Sharon Bar Pur "W

happy and complete for the May meeting Rebekah Circle will meet at 12:30 at Professors for lunch and then will learn about the owner's experiences with growing mushrooms and harvesting honey.



Circle News

Shalom Circle met March 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. President Lois Lutz called the meeting to order. The roll call, "First Sign of Spring" was answered by 9 members and 1 guest, Shelby Casey. Marguerite Stewart will provide cards for the missionaries at our next meeting. Shalom Circle will be hosting the Spring Brunch on April 21st and the menu was discussed. The meeting was adjourned and Julie presented the lesson "The Sacred Space of Legacy/Inheritance". Hostesses were Shirley Green and Lois Lutz.

Shalom Circle met at the church April 9 at 7:00 p.m. President Lois Lutz called the meeting to order. Linda Beech read a devotion about Hope. Nine members answered the roll call, "Your Favorite Easter Hymn". Marguerite Stewart provided a birthday card for a missionary that had served in Nepal. Members signed up to serve and make the food for the Spring Brunch on April 21. Julie and Virginia volunteered to be greeters at UMW Sunday, May 6th. Julie gave the lesson, "The Sacred Space of Grief & Hope". Julie and Joy Jansonius were hostesses

Eleven members of Naomi Circle met April 11 in the home of Sheryl Blair with Nancy Jones co-hosting. Debra McDonald conducted the meeting and Ruth Briney offered prayer and provided devotions. Linda Stahlman reported on the baby quilt project and a birthday card for Jennifer, a missionary through Global Mission Fellows International, was signed by the group. Sherry Matlock, counselor at Hays High School, presented the program on Hays High School Bank. Upcoming events are Spring Brunch on April 21 and UMW Sunday on May 6th. Next meeting will be May 9 at the church with Virginia Kraus hosting.

KIDS CORNER
 We already have 3 kids signed up for church camp this summer! WooHoo!! There is still plenty of time to register and join in on the fun. Anyone interested in church camp is invited to visit the camp table in the Welcome Center/Parlor for more information.

Point of reference: Last year we sent 44 kids to church camp. Because of the generosity of our church family, we were able to pay for half of the registration fees (one camp per child). Last summer we received 172 dollars of registration fees. The average church camp costs \$240 so our children and parents are VERY APPRECIATIVE of the support and financial backing of our church.



Mark your calendars for our Annual Camp Sunday and Bake Sale on April 22. Everyone is invited to come, make and bring goodies. After both services, the Children's Ministry will meet in the Welcome Center/Parlor area. All free will donations will be used to pay for half of

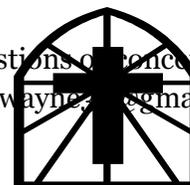


stairs! Our singing time with Shawn and Nate Henderson has moved up to the K/1 area. Please bring all Preschool-5th grade aged children to that room for check-in and

then check-out at 10:30.

Our last WOW of the season will be Wednesday, April 25. There will be a meal from 5-6 and worship from 5:50-6:10. We will then join the Mission's Team in the gym to assemble Blessing Bags. To round out a very fun year, we'll have a party in Kids Club until 7:15. Would LOVE to see you there!

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 (jswayne@gmail.com).



Spring

All UMW members & friends are invited to the April 21st Spring Brunch. Join us at 9:15 on Saturday for brunch provided by Shalom Circle. Meredith Cory will provide special music. Shelly Stafford will inspire us with a program of information about Bethesda Place. She and her husband, Tom, started the small farm for men in 1978. Randy, a first resident, will attend with Shelly. Table centerpieces will be wooden items made by the men. Door prizes will be given. You may win one! Do come!

UMW Sunday

UMW Sunday is May 6th. United Methodist Campus Ministry administrator, Rev. Kathy Bannister, will deliver the message. Karen Owings will be liturgist and Marilyn Ginther will lead the children's time. UMW Singers will be the choir and other members will participate in the service.

Congratulations to Dr. Dustin Petz, husband of Shelly Cox Petz and son-in-law of Bob & Sheryl Cox, who will be the next President and CEO of the Kansas Area United Methodist Foundation of the Great Plains Annual Conference, effective July 1. Bruce Schwyhart, Foundation's Board of Trustees, said, "Dustin's ability to lead, manage and inspire will strengthen the Foundation's effectiveness in generosity and in planned giving to sustain the various ministries in our local churches throughout the Great Plains Conference."

Your church **Audio team** is currently looking for additional volunteers to join our group. No experience necessary. We will train you. Time involved might be once or twice a month for Sunday services or homework is involved.



Requirements include microphone set-up for first and second services, operating the audio console upstairs during services, and putting away mics and stands following the second service. After you become comfortable with the operation, you might be asked to assist Pastor Mike with audio needs for an occasional wedding or funeral service.

The **Audio team** is also looking for 4 volunteers to train to operate our video system which will be coming this year. This would involve two volunteers at the video desk for the 10:45 service each Sunday. The time commitment would be every other Sunday for each pair of volunteers. If possible, we would like a commitment of at least a year. If after you try the work and you decide it's not for you, no hard feelings and we won't say bad things about you.

If you might like to explore the possibility of joining our merry band, get in touch with Tony Anthony, Mark Kellerman, Marsha Swanson or Mike Cooper (or call the church office, 625-3408).

The Education and Missions Committees will be assembling and distributing Blessing Bags over the next 12 months. We are asking for the following items to be donated. These items can be left in the church parlor in a basket located by the "food shelves". These bags are appreciated by those who receive them. If you would like

to help assemble the bags, please join us during WOW on April 25. Our goal is to complete 200 bags. We thank you for your donations and your willingness to help distribute these bags to those in need.

Items needed:

- Water
- Beef Jerky
- Mints
- Chewing Gum
- Individually wrapped hand sanitizers
- Granola/Breakfast Bars
- Individually wrapped peanut butter crackers. These come in boxes with individually wrapped crackers included
- Food coupons and a copy of the New Testament

Thanks to Linda Palmberg (2), Sheryl Blum, Matlock, Karen Wilson, Jarilyn Staab, Kai Jacinda Johnson, Carol Purdy, Hannah B Davidson, Vicki Kelly, Donna Cooper and Ministry's Thursday night meal and worship.



The **Healthy Congregation's Committee** has placed a first aid kit in the dining room kitchen, the parlor kitchen and the kitchenette on the second floor across from the Miler's and Quilter's rooms.



A Thank You From the Finance Committee

This past Easter we asked our congregation to consider a special, "extra mile" donation to the church's general operating fund. To date, this Easter offering has brought in \$4,730! Thank you for your continued support of our church, the staff, and our church's ministries. You are appreciated!

We also want to remind you of the matching fund's campaign. The Finance Committee needs the same enthusiastic support the church showed when approving the purchase of the new parsonage. Remember, we will match donations dollar for dollar up to \$50,000! This means that once we receive \$50,000 in donations from the congregation we will match it...to bring the fund to an even \$100,000. Please prayerfully consider giving to this wonderful opportunity. All you need to do is drop a check in the offering plate on any Sunday with "Parsonage Fund" written on the memo line.

Thank you for your continued support during this exciting time in our church's life!

Sincerely,
The Finance Committee



UMW Meeting, March 21st

Karen Owings presented the devotions and program "What If It's Not a Holy Spirit?" at the General UMW Meeting. Rebekah Circle provided a luncheon for 37 members and guests. Marsha Swanson, president, led the invocation and presided at the meeting.

The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of checks to the following from Peddler's Fair profits:

First Call for Help	Salvation Army
Ministerial Alliance Second Mile Fund	Options
Community Assistance Center	Hospice
FHSU Neuromuscular Wellness	United Methodist Campus Ministry

Other United Methodist missions receiving financial gifts were:

Ember Hope (Youthville)	Camp Lakeside
Genesis Family Health	Lydia Patterson Institute of El Paso, Texas
Ogden House near Junction City	McCurdy School in New Mexico
Cookson Hills Indian Mission in Oklahoma	Grace Medical Center in Wichita
Four Corners Mission	

In appreciation of the wonderful help of our Youth Group in the dining room at Peddler's Fair, they were given a gift of \$200. \$1,000 was giving to the Capital Campaign to make a total of \$5,500 over the three years. We also gave \$1,000 to our church camp scholarship fund. The total proceeds from the Peddler's Fair was \$11,00. We are proud of our accomplishment!

All who supported the Peddler's Fair had a part in making all the mission contributions possible. If you were unable to participate, please mark the date of November 3 on your calendar and join us at our next time of fellowship, working together for missions.

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Upcoming Events

**Sunday, April 22
Wednesday, April 25
Sunday, April 29
Friday May 4 & 5
Saturday, May 5
Sunday, May 6
Thursday, May 10
Sunday, May 13
Wednesday, May 23**

**Camp Sunday & Bak
Youth End of Year Party
HS Graduation Recognition
Bill Selby Workshop
Parent Date Night
UMW Sunday
Crafters, 9:00 a.m.
Hays High Graduation
Middle School Welcome Party**



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