



# OUTREACH



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Greetings in the Name of the Christ Who Calls!

I have returned from the United Methodist Great Plains Annual Conference in Wichita, and I must say, I'm glad to be back in the friendly confines of Hays! For those who aren't aware, the Annual Conference is (obviously) a yearly event in which an equal number of United Methodist Clergy and Lay delegates gather together for celebration, singing, praying, and .... sitting! And I would be less than honest if I didn't include the breaking of bread together. We United Methodists do know how to eat!

I went to Wichita on Tuesday of last week for a day of training in the area of clergy mentoring that I do through the Transition into Ministry (TiM) program. While there, I was surprised to be given a small plaque recognizing my work in that area, and while it's not a 'leg lamp', it was an honor to be recognized.

On Wednesday, the Annual Conference session began with a wonderful worship service. It's an awe-inspiring thing to hear 1500 or so United Methodists sing together some of the great hymns and songs of the faith. The theme of Annual Conference was 'Therefore, go!' from the Great Commission of the Risen Christ (Matthew 28:19). I was amazed at the work that the people of the United Methodist Church do for the glory of God and God's people in the world as they and we, have taken the Risen Christ's call to "Therefore, go", seriously and joyfully.

One of those groups that had a huge impact on me that were both serious and joyful is the Great Plains Annual Conference Micah Corp. Micah Corp is a group of United Methodist college-aged interns who "Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God" (Micah 6:8). They work to connect Kansas and Nebraska with social justice issues, especially with our representatives in Washington, D.C. They deal with issues of poverty, food insecurity, immigration, and injustice in whatever forms that present themselves... and injustice seems to abound, these days.

I was given the opportunity to sign a letter of Christian concern regarding what is happening to children and their families as they approach the United States for safety and security. The representatives of Micah Corps will deliver those letters of Christian concern to our senators and representatives in Washington, D.C. If you share my concern about the new U.S. policy and practice of separating children from their families as they come seeking political asylum for safety and security, you can sign a United Methodist Micah Corp letter of Christian concern to be delivered to our senators and representatives by contacting me or by simply coming to worship next Sunday.

Much more will be reported regarding the Great Plains Annual Conference and the things that transpired. However, it will be in a later newsletter. In closing, I'm happy to state the Annual Conference culminated with the setting of clergy appointments. Each year United Methodist Bishops appoint clergy to a particular church for the upcoming year. I am pleased to announce that REACH is appointed to Hays for the year of 2018-2019. Please email your REACH appointment to [daysump@hotmail.com](mailto:daysump@hotmail.com) before Sunday, July 15, 2018. United Methodist Church the name together follow in Christ just sign to. The plaque you'll item, clearly labeled **for the Outreach**, in the office by **Sunday, July 15, 2018**. The next Outreach should be received by July 19.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Mike

### Thank You

We greatly appreciate FUMC for inviting us in and welcoming us. The service was great and the stay was refreshing. It was a wonderful experience in Hays! God bless and many thanks. Carbondale Ill. Grace Youth

Thanks to all the youth who polished the pews. Thanks for making the sanctuary shine brightly.



A sincere thank you to Arris & Virginia Johnson and Pam McGowne for delivering Meals on Wheels in June. Your service is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to the many volunteers who willingly gave of their time and hard work to move the pews during the carpet installation. We appreciate your service!

### 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

Brad & Sarah Schumacher & family on the death of Brad's father, **Ig Schumacher**, died 5-16.

Jessica & Michael Cutting on the death of Jessica's grandfather, **Gene Ochs**.

Billie McCall whose brother, **Wayne Knight**, died 5-24.

Melanie & Mark Bannister on the death of Melanie's mother, **Trudy Johnson**, who died 5-11. Memorial services were 6-8 in Cambridge, Ill.

### Congratulations

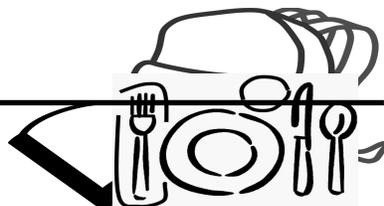
to Derrick Mitcheal Younger on his baptism on 6-17-18. Derrick is the son of David & Nichole .

to Miles Michael Moritz on his baptism on 6-17-18. Miles is the son of Adam & Kyle.



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Remember Back Packs for Kids.



"The Hundred Days of Summer", Hays High School Food Pantry, is located in the parlor. Please bring food items that are not outdated and will be good until the end of the year. Leave your items on the designated shelves in the parlor. Thank you for your generosity.

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School here at FUMC, July 16-19 from 5-7:30 p.m. Please join us for the "Rolling River Rampage". This includes pre-school through 5th grade of this past school year. See you there!

Anyone wishing to donate to VBS can see the list in the Welcome Center or talk to Jo.

Your church **Audio team** is currently looking for additional volunteers to join our group.

No experience is necessary. We will train you. Time involved might be once or twice a month for Sunday services. No tests or homework is involved.

Responsibilities include microphone set-up for first and second services, operating the audio console upstairs during the services, and putting away mics and stands following the second service.

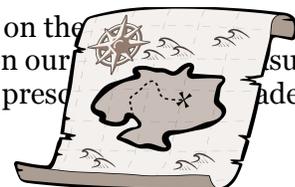
The **Audio team** is also looking for 4 volunteers to train to operate our video system which will be coming this year. This would involve two volunteers at the video desk for the 10:45 service each Sunday. The time commitment would be every other Sunday for each pair of volunteers. If possible, we would like a commitment of at least a year.

If 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).



**KIDS CORNER**  
 We are up to 48 campers!! WOOHOO!! That is an 8% increase over last summer ! Please, please, please take the time to write these campers a note that we can send them while they're at camp. Several of our campers are brand new to camping so a note from home will really help. An example of what you could write is displayed in the Welcome Center, along with note cards, envelopes and the names of all the kids going to church camp this summer.

We're following the trail to find the X that marks the spot of Summer Sunday School on the summer we will be finding treasures in God's word so each week is a new discovery on our journey to unpack. There's still plenty of summer left so grab your sense of adventure and all preschoolers join us from 9:30-10:30 Sunday mornings.

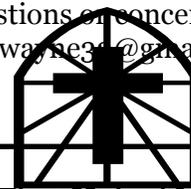


Vacation Bible School is one month away!! Our "Rolling River Rampage" theme will remind us that "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." Isaiah 43:2. VBS will be Monday-Thursday, July 16-19 from 5-7:30 pm. We need lots of volunteers to help us create an exciting and fun atmosphere for our "rafters" so please help us decorate on Sunday, July 15 at 4:45. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help escort our kids around to the various stations can let me know!! We never turn away a volunteer and trust me, you won't want to miss it! All volunteers and station leaders are invited to attend a training meeting Sunday, July 15 from 4-4:30 with decorating directly after.

New Beginnings Sunday is August 19 and the kick off to our fall semester. Mark your calendars!

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 (jswayne31@gmail.com).

### Heritage Sunday—June 3, 2018



We honor and thank these members for their faithful service to Hays First United Methodist Church:  
**Elton Beougher—50 years, Mike & Donna Cooper—50 years, Harvey & Marilyn Deason—50 years, Eric & Carol Harfman—52 years, Wilmer & Lorena Kellogg—50 years**



**Lorena Kellogg** has served on the Education, Church & Society, Nomination and Staff Parish committee and Board of Trustees. Special church memories are the Sunday that Rev. Bill Miller invited a Catholic priest to our church (a first for our church). She fondly remembers the day that their son Brad was confirmed and the beautiful Christmas Eve services.

**Elton Beougher** has been a member of the FUMC for 50 years. He and his late wife, Cecile, joined in 1968. Since 1968 he has served in several different capacities at FUMC. Participation on various committees includes Staff-Parish Relations chair (3 years), Worship chair (2 years), Education (2 years), Social Concerns chair (2 years), Administrative Board and COM (several years). He was a Sunday usher for several years, a Sunday school teacher in grades 7-8 (3 years) and a summer Bible school teacher for kindergarteners. He served as the bus driver for Kid's Club for 10 years. Music ministry has been one of the highlights of church attendance for Elton, singing in the Chancel Choir (36 years), playing in the Bell Choir for 10 years, and acting and singing in two musicals. He has served as a counter of receipts from Sunday collections once a month. He participated in UMM- Thursday morning breakfasts and helping with the Christmas lights display at the Copper farm. He and Cecile both took the Stephen Ministers training. He and his present wife, Wendy, participated in a mission trip to Sager Brown (UMCOR) in Louisiana. Important memories include his daughter's (Tracea) wedding in the church in 1985, his children's (Tracea & Timothy) confirmation, his spiritual renewal through the Lay Witness Mission in 1972, the funeral of his late wife, Cecile, the wedding to his wife, Wendy, and the trip to the Holy Land & Egypt led by Rev. Delbert Stanton.

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### Upcoming Events



**June 28, 1:00 p.m.**

**July 10, 4:00 p.m.**

**July 12, 9:00 a.m.**

**July 14, 6-8 p.m.**

**July 16-19, 5-7:30 p.m.**

**Youth Service Project**

**Loving Hands/Loving Hearts**

**Crafters**

**Parent Date Night**

**Vacation Bible School**