



OUTREACH



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Greetings in the Name of Christ!

Getting connected is an important part of life, no matter to what area of life you refer. But I believe being connected to God... and neighbor... is critical as we live our lives. From the very beginning, God's plan was to connect with human beings, making a special 'garden of Eden' in which to do so. (Genesis 2) It was a place where the Creator and his creation, Adam and Eve, could connect with each other. All Adam and Eve had to do was to stay away from eating the fruit of the tree of good and evil. Of course, that didn't happen, and their punishment (and ours) was to disconnect with God as we were expelled from the garden. (Genesis 3) Out of the garden, we too often chose evil, and distanced ourselves even further from God and neighbor when Cain slew his brother Abel over who had found favor in God's eyes with their sacrifice. (Genesis 4). We become disconnected from God even further, and God decides to permanently disconnect with humanity and creation through a massive flood, but connects with Noah. God then asks Noah to be faithful and build an ark for his family and the animals that will fit on the ark. That connection saves humanity and the animal kingdom, and humanities' lineage connects with Noah's connection with God. The remainder of the Bible speaks of God attempting to make connections with humanity so that we will live our lives, connected with God and each other, in love, grace and harmony. Two thousand years ago, God sent Jesus to be the "Second Adam" (Roman 5:12-21; et al) In effect, through the "Second Adam", Eden was restored, if only we would choose to get connected with him and follow him.

That's why getting connected is so very important. When we connect here at Hays First United Methodist Church with God and neighbor through the "Second Adam", we experience what humanity has been seeking since the fall of the "First Adam". And there are countless ways for connecting with God and each other here. On August 26th, we will focus within our worship and fellowship experiences, the new line-up of classes and gathering for all ages and stages of life. Sunday mornings will be filled with opportunities to 'get connected' with God and each other through our Christian Education classes from 9:35 a.m. to 10:30., and Wednesday evening W.O.W. events and activities will help get you connected with a fellowship meal for all ages (5:00 to 6:00 p.m.), followed by a student led worship service in the sanctuary (5:50 to 6:15), and then choose from an amazing array of Christian Education classes for all ages and stages of life (6:15-7:15).

I would be remiss in my duty as your pastor if I didn't invite you to be a part of my new "Get Connected" Class that focuses on how we get connected with God and neighbor through the expression of our five vows of membership... Prayers; Presence; Gifts; Service; and Witness. It is designed for those who have recently joined the church, those who are interested in knowing more about joining, and those who have been inactive and want to reconnect.

Please email your OUTREACH item to haysumc@hotmail.com before Sunday, September 16, 2018.

Please do not use this as an "Outreach" path of file. On Sunday, August 26th, come and be heard for the Outreach, in the office by **Sunday, September 16, 2018**. The next Outreach should be received by September 20.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Mike

Thank You

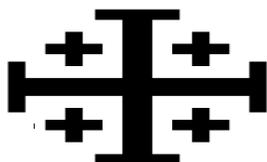
Words cannot express just how very much we appreciate the generous donations to the Hays H.S. food pantry! The students and staff of the Vacation Bible School went above and beyond to ensure that the pantry is stocked with the items needed for the start of school.

Thanks to Don Forsberg for repairing the water fountain in the second floor hallway.

Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble.

But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.

Max Lucado



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
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Asst. Children's Director: Melissa Pyle
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Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family & friends of Dustin, Kristy, Mattison & Keaton Schlaefli on the death of Kristy's father, **Wayne Jacobs**, on July 19th.

Jeff & Marla Copper and family on the death of Jeff's mother, **Frances**, on July 29th.

Don & Vi Hurst and family on the death of Don's brother, **Francis**, on August 1.

Congratulations

to our new members, **Ashley Kamphaus & Dyllan Jacobs, Travis & Michelle Holdeman and children Trenton & Maycie**



to **Maycie Holdeman** on her baptism August 1.

to **Remi Jean Staples** on her baptism on August 12. Parents are Rick & Jessamyn.

to **Wilmer & Lorena Kellogg** on their 53rd wedding anniversary on August 16.



Menus for WOW

Worship on Wednesday

September 5

Hot dogs on a bun
Macaroni salad
Chips
Brownies



September 12

Lasagna
Garlic bread stix
Salad
Green beans
Chocolate pudding cups & Cool Whip

September 19

Jimmy John's Sub-sandwiches
Salad, pickles, carrots
Chips
Watermelon cups

September 26

Chicken strips
Tator tots
Salad
Corn
Cookies

Serving time—5-6 p.m.
Menus subject to change.
Helpers are welcome
Suggested offering \$5.00 for adults, \$2.00 children under 10

Buy Fair Trade coffees in the office. Not only do you get a great cup of coffee but you help support small farmers in developing countries who practice environmentally friendly farming.



School is back in session and we are busy planning fall events for the Children's Ministry

KIDS CORNER

First, I would like to introduce Melissa Pyle to the team! She is taking on the role of Chi Assistant effective August 13. Melissa and her husband Chris have three children; Abig; Amelia. Melissa has been an active part of the children's ministry program as a teacher preschool aged children on Sunday mornings and at WOW for the last four years. We are on staff and excited for the new ideas and energy she will bring to our program.



At the same time, we wish Rebecca Kuehl, my four year P.I.C., a fond farewell as she exits as staff and is free to pursue other avenues. She did mention to me that she might pick up some classes and plans to sub in USD 489 at some point. Her creativity, leadership and dependability will be missed greatly and we wish her the best of luck as she and Robbie enjoy having two middle schoolers and a Kindergartener this year!

VBS was awesome! Highlights: 76 rafters, over 50 dedicated volunteers, lots of giggles & smiles and a whopping 1,517 items donated to benefit both the HHS and HMS pantries. Both schools were SO surprised and pleased when our team of Youth and Matt showed up with bags and bags of goodies! Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make our VBS such a huge success.

Our Summer Sunday School "Bible Treasure Hunt" was a lot of fun with an average attendance of 11 treasure hunters weekly. New Beginnings Sunday, August 19 kicked off a brand new school year where we welcomed teachers and kids to regular Sunday School classes.

We welcome Thomas and Marla Copper to our teaching team, as they have agreed to co-teach the 2nd and 3rd grade Sunday School class this year. This is especially important in our church's area because our bright students will be receiving their own Bible at New Beginnings Sunday. The class will begin an exciting "Your Bible" curriculum beginning August 26. Congratulations to these 2nd graders who received their Bibles: Addison Bozza, Trey Brown, Logan Cunningham, Mason Cunningham, Jacy McMurtrie, Eli Reed, Isaac & Noah Schumacher and Donovan States.



WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) is set to start September 5. More information available at the New Beginnings Information Hour on Sunday, August 26 @ 9:30 in the Welcome Center/Parlor.

Thank you for caring about the children of our church. If you ever have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact either Melissa or I at (pyle_melissa@hotmail.com or jswayne33@gmail.com).

Fall Kick-Off Luncheon—Sunday, September 9 at noon

Menu includes wedding roast beef, chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, green beans, salad, rolls and apple crisp with whipped cream.

Adult tickets are \$8.00 and children under 10 are \$4.00. Tickets on sale through 9-1.

Supper's Eight This is a way to become better acquainted with members of our church in a small group setting. Groups get together once a month. Sign up sheets are in the parlor.

If you would like to help with the **United Methodist Campus Ministry's** Thursday meal and worship by donating a salad or dessert, please call the church office (625-3408).

Matt Dumler, Youth Ministry



...ople will perish...” Proverbs 29:18 . The other night we hosted a lock in for our ol students. It was full of energy, junk food and a very late night. Something else it d vision casting. Around midnight, we rounded up the kids, sat them down and had t casting a vision for the upcoming school year. We talked about the hope that a t hope can build. We discussed those things that can come and steal your vision from you. Everything from mismanagement of time, the inability to say no and even friends, can steer you away from where it is you want to go. We laid out strategies the kids can use to stay on track and to get back when they fall away.

The beginning of a new school year offers the students the chance for a fresh start. They can join new clubs, develop new study habits, make new friends, and even form new personal values. This is also a chance for the “old” students, meaning adults, to sit down and cast a new vision for themselves. It is a chance to evaluate those areas in your life that need a new direction and a new vision. Maybe it’s finances. Maybe it’s a job. Maybe it’s faith itself. With a new vision comes a new hope.

We encouraged our kids to take some time to pray and see the new direction the Lord is taking them. Then, write it down and put it someplace that it can be seen on a regular basis. My wife uses post it notes. It isn’t uncommon to find post it notes stuck to our bathroom mirror, kitchen cabinets, or our kids’ foreheads (just kidding on the last one). Seeing it helps the drive to accomplish never fade away. Seeing it helps it become a reality. I encourage you to do the same.

One of our volunteers has cast a new vision and a new direction for his life. **Brett Bruner** will be leaving us at the end of the month to take a new job out of state. Brett has been an integral part not only to our youth ministry over the years but to the entire church as well. Brett is leaving behind a hole that will probably take more then one person to fill. I want to personally thank him for helping me get through this first year and making it a good one. Brett is one of those volunteers that you wish you had ten of and he will be greatly missed. Good luck on your new endeavor and know that you are welcome back at any time.

PARSONAGE MATCHING FUNDS CAMPAIGN

This year we started a parsonage matching funds campaign to help the church invest in a new parsonage. This has helped ensure that our current pastor has a safe, comfortable home to reside in, as well as subsequent pastors in the future. We wanted to share an overdue thank you to all those who have donated, continued to donate, and/or supported this campaign in one way or another throughout the year.

The finance committee is happy to report that the church has received just over \$31,000 in donations as of 6/30/18! This is the amazing type of support the finance committee was seeking when we started this campaign, and it also means that there is still almost \$19,000 left in matching funds.

Please remember that these remaining matching funds will be utilized to double any contribution you make, dollar for dollar, up to that amount. Simply drop a check in the offering plate on any Sunday with “Parsonage Fund” written on the memo line or keep a look out for special “Parsonage Fund” envelopes placed in church bulletins on the first Sunday of each month.

So, once again, we ask that you prayerfully consider starting your contribution to, or continuing your wonderful backing of, the parsonage matching funds campaign.

The faithfulness of our church family is a wonderful thing to witness.

Sincerely,
The Finance Committee



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Healthy Broccoli Apple Salad**INGREDIENTS**

- * 6 cups fresh broccoli florets (about 2 medium heads)
- * 1/2 cup shredded carrots
- * 1/4 cup diced red onion
- * 2 large apples, finely chopped
- * 1/3 cup sliced dry roasted almonds, or sunflower seeds or nuts of choice
- * 1/3 cup dried cranberries or raisins (optional)

**From Healthy Congregations****DRESSING**

- * 1 5-6 oz. container plain Greek yogurt (3/4 cup)
- * 1/4 cup clean ingredient mayo or additional Greek yogurt
- * 2 Tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- * 1/2 - 1 Tablespoon honey
- * 1/4 teaspoon salt
- * 1/8 teaspoon pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a large bowl combine broccoli, carrots, red onion, apples, almonds, and dried cranberries.
2. To make the dressing, whisk together Greek yogurt, mayo, apple cider vinegar, honey, salt, and pepper.
3. Add the dressing to the salad and toss to coat. Chill until ready to serve.

Coconut Oil Whole Wheat Biscuits

- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 Tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon sugar*
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup coconut oil (placed in the fridge to harden slightly)
- 3/4 cup unsweetened almond milk

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Mix dry ingredients together in bowl. Cut in coconut oil with a pastry blender. Add milk and cut in or stir until dough forms. Do not over mix. Roll out dough to 1/4, or slightly thicker. Cut out biscuits using a cookie cutter or biscuit cutter. Place on baking sheet. Bake 10-12 minutes, or until bottoms are slightly brown. Cool on cooking rack.

These can be eaten warm. Store in airtight container up to one week. Keep in refrigerator for longer storage and heat 10-15 seconds in the microwave to warm.

Serve with butter, honey, biscuits and gravy, egg and avocado, the options are limitless!

*coconut sugar or honey can be used in place of the sugar.

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).



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Upcoming Events



August 26, 9:30 a.m.
and after 10:45 service

August 29 , 10 a.m.

September 4, 4 p.m.

September 5, 5 p.m.

September 9

September 10

September 13, 9 a.m.

Ministry Fair for Adults-Parlor

Peddler's Fair Planning Meeting

Loving Hands, Loving Hearts

Worship on Wednesday begins

Fall Festival all church dinner

Red Cross Blood Drive

Crafters