



# OUTREACH



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We are in the middle of a six-week worship journey looking at the book *Being United Methodist Christians: Living a Life of Grace and Hope*. I hope your family picked up a copy of the book. We still have a few available. Thanks to a grant from the Hays UMC Endowment, the books are free.

There is no way to cover all the aspects of United Methodism in six weeks. So, I want to touch on a few things that are central to what we are going through currently.

The first is the United Methodist Church is episcopal in nature. At Jurisdictional Conferences every four years, bishops are elected to lead and provide oversight of local Conferences. For instance, Bishop David Wilson is the bishop for the Great Plains (GP) Conference which includes the states of Kansas and Nebraska. The GP Conference is broken up into districts with supervising elders called District Superintendents. Hays and Dodge City Districts are led by Rev. Zach Anderson.

Connected to this episcopal structure leads me to my second teaching point related to how clergy are then appointed to local churches. The cabinet (comprised primarily of District Superintendents) and the bishop receive feedback and insight from local churches about what they are seeking in a pastor. Pastors share what they see as their gifts and graces for ministry, which have hopefully been affirmed by churches they have served, or by evaluations of the Board of Ordained Ministry for early appointments in a pastor's career. The Cabinet and Bishop confer, and the bishop has final authority to appoint a clergyperson where it seems to be the best fit.

Finally, this highlights the nature of itineracy. To be itinerant means clergy are open to being appointed at the will and direction of the bishop. The needs and skill set of each church and pastor are weighed. This year I requested initially to return to Hays FUMC. The Staff-Parish Committee also requested I return. But early in the process, a church close to my 95-year-old father, siblings, and grandchildren opened unexpectedly. I wrote to several District Superintendents to share my gifts and graces and to open their minds to the potential of my serving that congregation. It was decided by the bishop that it was a match for the church and me to be connected through a new appointment.

This system of appointment-making for clergy is unique to United Methodism. It has pros and cons like any system. I have been a beneficiary of the itineracy. Without it, I may have never had the opportunity to serve Hays First United Methodist Church. You have been such a blessing to me and my family. I look forward to celebrating our time together on June 16. That will be my last Sunday with you as your Senior Pastor.

Pastor Craig

**Outreach** articles are due the **third** Sunday of each month. Please email your OUTREACH item to [wendy@haysfumc.com](mailto:wendy@haysfumc.com) before **Sunday, May 19, 2024**. Items may also be placed in the office, labeled **for the Outreach** by **May 19**. The next Outreach should be received on April 23.

## Thanks

A BIG thank you to those who provided desserts to the Campus Center this semester: Diane Wolfe, Wendy Beougher, Marilyn Wood, Barb Clinkscales, Jarilyn Staab, Tura Clement, Jessi Luck, Mary Meckenstock-Gribben, Virginia Johnson, Evelyn Zellmer, Sammy Miller, Donna Weaverling, Karol Katt and Bev Bearley.

A special thanks to those who signed up twice: Vicki Kelly, Sheryl Cox, Marilyn Davidson, Sherri Brown and to Kathy Sulzman who signed up three times!

Thanks to Sandy Henningsen, Lisa McGrath, Jarilyn Staab, Marie Henderson, Shauna Zweifel and Laura Haffner for planning the Women's Conference.

Thanks to Debra McDonald and the United Women in Faith for greeting and providing decorations & breakfast. Thanks for Charlie, Matt & the men for providing and serving lunch.

Thanks to Endowment for providing the grant money.

## INTRODUCING OUR STAFF

### PROGRAM STAFF

Pastor: Pastor Craig Hauschild  
 Congregational Care Director, Troy Miller  
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 Organist:: Hannah Barrett  
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### SUPPORT STAFF:

Administrative Secretary: Beverly Bearley  
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## Sympathy

*Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family & friends of*

*Valerie Harrington, Brian & Jessie Wright on the death of Valerie's mother, Leona Jones.*

*Sandy Aldrich on the death of her father.*

*Erin Braun on the death of her father, Duane Schroeder, on April 16.*

## Congratulations

*to Megan Rust, Dottie Staab, and Alan Nelson who joined March 24.*

*to our Confirmands who joined April 7:*

*Bekah Clark  
 Martha Miller  
 Abigail Pyle  
 Kaylee Stuart*

*to Josh & Callie Thomas, Jace & Ella who joined April 14.*

*to Alex Crowley & Chelsea Wagner who were married on April 20.*

*Thank you!*

*Thanks to Bill Hayden serving as usher and head usher for 17 years. Thanks for your faithful service to FUMC.*

*Dear FUMC,  
 Thank you for allowing us to use your beautiful building for our meetings! We thought you could use some cookies for WOW, coffee time in the parlor or some other event.*

*Girl Scout Troop 10088*

## Circle News

**Naomi Circle** met Wednesday, March 20 at Ellis Estates. Linda Stahlman and Virginia Kraus were hostesses and served seventeen members. The program was presented by Julie Giess, "Amen—What Does Amen Mean and Why Do We Say It?". Prayer.com and Crosswalk.com were the two references. \*"Experiencing Christ Together" our women's event will be held April 20th at 8:30 at the church from 8:30-3:30.

\*The Spring Brunch will be held April 20th at 9:30 at the church. Dayna Hauschild will present the morning program.

\*Graduates will be honored with a reception in the church parlor on May 12.

\*Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10 at 9:15 in the home of Becky Johnson with Nancy Jones serving as co-hostess.

\*Our May meeting will be held at 10:30 at the church and will be immediately followed by a joint luncheon with Rebekah Circle. Food assignments will be made later.

**Naomi Circle** met Wednesday, April 10 in the home of Nancy Jones with Debra McDonald serving as co-hostesses.

The baby quilt project has been extended to the Hispanic congregation.

The upcoming Spring Brunch will be held Saturday, April 20th at 9:30. Dayna Huaschild will be the featured speaker.

Our May meeting will be held on the 8th at 10:30 in the dining room of the church. This will be followed by a joint luncheon with Rebekah Circle.

The Graduation reception will be held on May 12th.

Today's program "Through the Eyes of Love" was presented by Caitlyn Glassman. This featured a book written by her mother focusing on her life.

*The gift for the Altar Foundation for 2024 is \$151.*

**Menus for****April 24**

Taco salad  
Chips & cheese  
Spanish rice  
Dessert

**May 1**

Hamburgers & drink provided  
Salad & dessert pot luck

Meals are subject to change

Serving times—5-6

Meals are \$5.00 each

To go boxes are available/ call church,  
625-3408 or Susan, 650-2401

**FUMC Financial Snapshot**

	<b>March 31, 2024</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Checking Account*	\$78,951	
Operating Gifts	\$55,836	\$149,349
Operating Expenses	\$50,859	\$162,370

Parsonage Mortgage Balance \$107,819

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

**Looking Ahead**

May 4, 7:30, The Fort  
Adult Night at The Fort  
Finger Food pot luck

June 9, 5:00 Ark Park  
Food truck, Sno cone truck  
Dessert pot luck

June 16, 10:00  
One church service

July 9-11  
Vacation Bible School

July 12  
FUMC sponsors The Lark's game



Thanks to all who contributed to the Easter Heifer project. FUMC raised \$3,062,38 which purchased:

2 water buffalo  
2 heifers  
3 sheep  
4 goats  
3 pigs  
11 flocks of chickens  
2 hives of honeybees  
1 tree sapling



Thanks to all the bakers and buyers who raised \$938 for the fund to send children to camp.

Nichole Younger who is one of our volunteer audio techs, is taking an extended leave of absence. This has opened an opportunity for an addition to our audio or video team. If you have ever thought it might be a way to serve your church, consider volunteering with us. The time commitment is usually limited to Sunday mornings at 8:45 or 10:45 with occasional need for wedding or memorial services. Our current staff is happy to train and support you until you are comfortable with the work. You could explore your interest and decide if it is a good fit for you. Call the church office (625-3408) or Mike Cooper (628-8451) if interested or for further information.

# April OUTREACH

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, April 29**

**Women's Fellowship, Bunco Night**

**Wednesday, May 1**

**Last WOW**

**Saturday, May 4**

**Adult Fellowship, Fort, 7:30**

**Tuesday, May 7**

**Loving Hands/Loving Hearts**

**Tuesday, May 14**

**Women's Fellowship Coffee, Breathe**

**Sunday, May 12**

**Hays High Graduation**

**Sunday, May 19**

**Women's Fellowship at Sandy's**

**Monday, May 20**

**Women's Fellowship lunch at Professors**

**June 6-8**

**Annual Conference, Kearney, NE**