



OUTREACH



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perspective

I wrote to you in April of this year in this column about what was happening in the United Methodist denomination. There is no playbook for how all of this is supposed to work.

To dive deeper into the subject and help answer questions, I have arranged, at the encouragement of the Administrative Board, for Rev. Zach Anderson, Hays UMC District Superintendent, to be with us on Sunday, September 25, at noon. Eat a big breakfast or bring a snack! His information session will last around an hour depending on questions. In addition, on our church website, www.haysfumc.com, you will find a new section on the homepage linking you to two podcasts about where the UMC currently sits. There is also a "Question and Answer" sheet link just added on August 18 that is helpful.

United Methodist Communications has been fielding lots of questions. The biggest is this:

Is the UMC splitting at this time? No. The term "split" applies when there is a negotiated agreement within the denomination to divide assets and resources. No such agreement has been made in The United Methodist Church. The earliest point at which such an agreement could be made would be at the next General Conference to be held in 2024. A more accurate term, as suggested by the Rev. William Lawrence, retired dean of Perkins School of Theology and former member of the Judicial Council of The United Methodist Church, is "splintering." What is happening is that some traditionalist leaders have decided to create their own denomination (the Global Methodist Church). Leaders of that denomination and other unofficial advocacy groups, such as the Wesleyan Covenant Association, which created it, are encouraging like-minded United Methodist congregations and clergy to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church and join their denomination instead.

Do United Methodist Churches have to take a vote?

No. A church may choose to continue as they currently are.

A question I have been asked is will Hays First UMC have to take a vote?

No. the church does not have to vote. However, the information meeting on September 25 at noon will help to provide some clarity.

As we continue in this process, please be in prayer for your church and its leaders. As I indicated earlier, there is no clear path to how this is all supposed to work. Let's work together at doing no harm, listening carefully, and being God's hands and feet.

Peace, Pastor Craig

Please email your OUTREACH item to haysumc@hotmail.com before **Sunday, September 18, 2022**. Please place the name "*Outreach*" in the subject line...or place your item, clearly labeled **for the Outreach**, in the office by **Sunday, September 18**. The next Outreach should be received by **September 22**.

Thanks

We are so blessed by your continued support. We appreciate your donation towards feeding the poor and needy of our community.

Community Assistance Center

*Church Family,
What a blessing we have had in Memphis on the Youth Mission. We have met so many kind, loving, and faithful people, young and old. We have learned so much about their culture. We have enjoyed getting to know people's personal stories, which we can all relate to. Thank you for supporting us as we shared God's words and Jesus's love. We touched so many lives, but especially our own!*

*Thanks,
Melissa & Abigail Pyle*

Dishwashers are needed for WOW from 5:30-6:30 on Wednesdays. Call Susan Jansonius(625-2404) if you could help.

INTRODUCING OUR STAFF

PROGRAM STAFF

Pastor: Pastor Craig Hauschild
Congregational Care Director, Troy Miller
Director of Music: Alexander Rome
Special Music Coordinator: Meredith Cory
Organist: Noah Erichsen
Pianist: Sharon Graham
Handbell Choir Dir.,
Children's Ministry Director: Jo Swayne
Asst. Children's Director: Melissa Pyle
Youth Ministry Director: Matt Dumler
Outreach Editor: Wendy Beougher

SUPPORT STAFF:

Administrative Secretary: Beverly Bearley
Administrative Assistant: Wendy Beougher
Financial Secretary: Liz Harper
Childcare Director: Melissa Pyle
Building Supervisor: Joe Edwards

Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family & friends of

Vera Storer who died July 26.
Condolences to Lisa & Troy Renz and family.

We are grateful to Shawn Henderson for his service to our congregation as Bell Choir Director the last seven years. We have been so blessed to be the beneficiaries of his skills and talents. As many of you know, Shawn is principal of Hays High School. The work will soon commence on creating and building a new high school facility. His cup was full already. It will be overflowing very soon. Shawn has decided to step down as the Bell Choir Director, but he will continue his ministry with the Gathering Praise Band. Thank you, Shawn, for all you do for First UMC and the Hays community!



THANK YOU, Church Family! The *Paisley Pear* will celebrate our five-year anniversary the weekend of September 9th & 10th, and we want to say, "Thank You" to our church family for all your support these past five years. From the beginning, our church family was there to help us move in and set up. Over the years, we thoroughly have enjoyed seeing you in our store and visiting with you. You have also helped us with our kids, either transporting them or taking care of them while we were working. Thanks for your continued love & support of our family & business.

Shaun & Heather Musil

District VP Greetings from Teresa Albert to United Women in Faith

Reminder: Please send a copy of your program book to Vice-President, Teresa Albert at 14091 160 Road, Smith Center, KS 66967 that we might share ideas on unit programs and activities. We will display them at the annual District meeting also. Thank you.

I look forward to meeting you in Oct. for our Hays District annual meeting in Quinter on October 8. Instead of officer break-out sessions, this year we'll be featuring a panel with computer led discussion of the Conference Website and how to find forms and information pertaining to our local unit reports and information. Ember Hope will be our "Ingathering" this year. A representative will be there to speak. Monetary gifts are welcome but they need diapers if you wish to bring items.

This year's offering will go to Epworth village. Please make any checks directly to the agencies, not to the Hays District.

For officers and those who wish to travel to Quinter the night before, I have reserved a block of rooms at the Castle Rock Inn in Quinter, 785-754-3600, 1095 Castle Rock Street, one block north of the 1-70 exit. See you there. It is always an enjoyable day of fellowship and information. Have a great day!

Teresa Albert

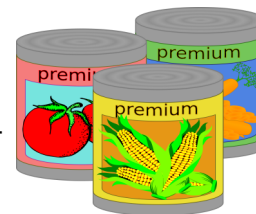
Registration forms are available in the church office or in the information station in the parlor.

Calling all cooks to be in ministry with the Campus Center. If you could bring a salad or side or dessert for their meal on Thursdays, please call the church office—625-3408.

Kids Club

Church camps were all open and we sent six kids and one adult to experience God in nature this summer. We used \$700 of our Camp Fund to pay half the registration costs. Thank you all for sending notes and supporting the camping ministry!

VBS was fun, as always. We had 40 “chefs” and 32 volunteers for our three day “Food Truck Party.” Our mission was to provide non-perishables for all four of the elementary schools in USD 489. The Local Food truck’s donation of \$160 inspired a couple of donation matches so along with a box full of food items, each school was also presented with a check for \$120. WOW! Thank you all so very much for supporting the VBS mission and our children.



WOW is kicking off August 24 with a potluck from 5-6. The Education team will provide sloppy joes, table service and drinks. All we need is you and a side or two to share. Regular WOW programming will begin August 31. The schedule for WOW is a meal from 5-6 p.m. This year with higher food costs, we’re asking for a \$5 donation per person to help us cover costs. Menus will be posted in the bulletin, online and via text reminders each week. After the meal, we meet in the Gym for a brief worship segment from 6-6:15. Programming for all ages is from 6:15-7:15. Nursery is available for newborn to PreK. Kids Club is for K-4th grade, G1 is for 5th graders, Ignite Youth is for 6-12th grade and we’ll also have two adult classes. Check our Facebook page, website, and flyers around church for all the details.

Fall is quickly approaching and with it come busy schedules. Be sure you plug into church too! It provides necessary fuel to get you through the rest of your schedule.

Thank you for caring about the children of our church. If you ever have questions or concerns, don’t hesitate to contact either Melissa Pyle (melissa@haysfumc.com) or Jo Swayne (jo@haysfumc.com).



Nursery will no longer be offered at 1st Service on Sunday until we get a request from families. Starting new in September, the nursery will be provided for newborn to pre-k during the Sunday School hour from 9:45-10:45 with a lesson and coloring, etc. Nursery will also be provided during the 3rd service with the same format.

Blessings,
Melissa Pyle, Nursery Director

Hays First United Methodist Church -Financial Snapshot –7/31/2022

	July 2022	Entire Year
Checking Account Balance*	\$35,912.94	
Operating Gifts	\$49,126.15	\$299,233.29
Operating Expenses	\$44,951.25	\$323,370.35
Net Operating Gifts/Expenses**	\$ 4,174.90	\$ (24,137.06)

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

** Amounts in parentheses indicate we spent more than we received.

Give it up!

Hey church! We need your help. Let’s GIVE IT UP FROM July 1– September 30. Here is how to make a difference. Find something in your budget you can give up for three months (eating out as often, coffee, movies, travel, etc.) Instead of spending money on that particular thing, donate that amount to the church.

Ways to give: 1) Donate in one of the *Give it Up* special boxes in the sanctuary or basement worship center, 2) Donate online with the tithe.ly app-go to the drop-down menu and select “Give It Up”, 3) Donate with cash or check-memo– Give It Up.

FUMC Pictorial Directory—September 26, 27, 28



A pictorial directory is a powerful tool in our church to help each of us know each other better. Our last directory is now outdated (7 years old) and it is time for a new one.

Please make an appointment to have your picture taken by going to our church's website at www.haysfumc.com and follow the link. The link is also available on the FUMC Facebook page. Call the church office if you need assistance.

Your participation will help the church and yourself. Every family photographed for the directory will receive a copy of the directory and an 8 X 10 portrait at no cost. So please, sign up today!



Menus

August 24

Sloppy Joes
Potluck-bring a salad or dessert

August 29

Hot dogs
Mac & cheese
Tossed salad
Dessert

September 7

Lasagna
French bread
Green beans
Relish tray
Dessert

September 14

Chicken nuggets
French fries
Corn
Ice cream bars

September 21

Subway sandwiches
Topping tray for sandwiches
Chips
Dessert

September 28

Bierocks-taco & cheese flavor
Chips & cheese
Corn
Dessert

Menus are subject to change. Meal is \$5.00 per person.

Calling all book lovers! Stories move us, shape us, enlighten and transform us. Once a month, Rev. Dayna Hauschild will host a book club in which participants use their faith to interpret and connect with selected fictional texts. God's story continues today and sometimes it is through fiction. Fictional stories provide insight and challenge us to think of our Christian faith in new ways. The books selected will not be easy reads and may make you uncomfortable at times. This study will occur in the church library on the **first Wednesday evening beginning at 7:15 p.m.**

September-*Great Small Things* by Jodi Picoult, October-*A Place at the Table* by Susan White, November-*Educated* by Tara Westover, December-Christmas get together, January-*My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult, February-*Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano, March-*The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett.

Please contact Rev. Dayna Hauschild at dlhauschild@gmail.com if interested or sign up in the church office. Books need to be read prior to the class.

Campus Center Grand Opening

Dr. Sarah and Pastor Troy want to invite everyone to the new grand opening of the United Methodist Campus Ministry at Fort Hays State University. The center will be open on Thursday, September 15, 2022, from 5:30pm until 8:00pm with special guest, the newly crowned Miss Kansas 2022, Ayanna Hensley.

The campus center is beginning a new mission and ministry focused outreach to the students at FHSU. In cooperation with the College of Education at FHSU, and Hays Masonic Lodge #195, we are creating a space for the FHSU Language and Literacy Center headed by Dr. Sarah Broman Miller. By engaging students in the mission to help struggling readers of all ages, along with helping people who are seeking to learn English as a second language, we will build lifelong discipling relationships with students.

Miss Hensley, who hails from Dodge City, was crowned Miss Kansas this past June. She is a recent graduate of FHSU and has an absolutely inspiring story she will be sharing. Having grown up in a home full of drugs and many other struggles, she tells of how a very special second grade teacher she had created a "book club" just for her. The two read together almost every day. Ayanna credits the connection she made with that teacher, and reading, for helping her become someone who could break the vicious cycle of generational drug abuse, violence, and poverty.

This is a story you will want to hear, and a ministry you will want to be a part of, along with your children and grandchildren. Please, mark your calendars and plan to join us, during this come-and-go open house, on Thursday, September 15, 2022, from 5:30-8:00pm. The campus center is located at 507 Elm Street, Hays, Kansas

Hays/Dodge City District LSM Committee Fall Class

The Spirit and Art of Conflict Transformation-Creating a Culture of JustPeace

Camp Lakeside
Friday, September 16 -6:00p.m
Saturday-ends at 4:30 p.m.

Cost is \$75 for food & lodging

Books are to be purchased by you prior to class

The final day to register is August 31. Call or stop by the church office for a registration form.



Calling all choir members and singers!

Chancel choir rehearsals will begin Wednesday, August 31 at 7:15 in the chapel.

Calling all bell ringers!

Bell choir rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 7 at 6:15.

Call the church office (625-3408) or Hannah Barrett (639-5039) if interested.



Senior WOW will be Wednesday, September 7, at 9:00 a.m.

We will meet in the park (to be determined and announced soon) for coffee, rolls, and devotions.

August OUTREACH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 31** **New WOW classes begin**
- September 5** **Church office closed**
- September 7** **Church Women of Faith board meeting**
Rev. Dayna's Book Club at 7:15
- September 9** **Red Cross Blood Drive**
- September 15** **Campus Center Open House**
- September 16** **Camp Lakeside**
- September 18** **Youth/Adult softball game**
- September 26** **Church Directory pictures**
- September 27** **Church Directory pictures**
- September 28** **Church Directory pictures**