



OUTREACH



Volume 34 Issue 2

First United Methodist Church

February 24, 2022



Wednesday night WOW is seeing a great response for training up our kids (and parents) in the faith. A joint class with children and parents is occurring to help train the kids in learning about using their Bibles. The best comment I have heard was a parent who expressed how wonderful the experience was for her and her child. She said, "Growing up, my church did not offer something like this. Yes, my son is learning but so am I!" This is disciple building at its finest. Jo Swayne is leading the class.

March 26 will see the "Declare Youth Event" hosted by a myriad of churches in Hays. Matt Dumler, our youth director, is helping as a lead planner. Your FUMC Endowment has invested a large gift to help make the day happen. What an exciting way to bring youth across Hays together to celebrate Christ's love and grace.

In the office, we are working hard to officially transfer over all of our membership record keeping from a previous version, Shepard's Staff, to Church 360. This is a difficult and time-consuming process. While our administrative assistants, Bev Bearley and Wendy Beougher, have been working at this for over a year, it is difficult to trust all the information is correct and transferred. Working alongside them, we are making good progress to complete this work. If you see mistakes or errors in your labels, emails, or mailings, please notify us.

Choir is stretching itself to learn new music each week and sing on Sundays. We have an amazing director, Alex Rome, who stepped into some big shoes to fill after Johnny Matlock's retirement. Johnny helped us hire both Alex and our amazing pianist, Sharon Graham. Choir is one of the hardest hit groups to rebound from covid. As the virus wanes, we hope you will consider joining with us as we praise God through song.

The Gathering recently took their fifth Sunday worship to some of the shut-ins and elders in our congregation. One of the practices of our contemporary worship service is to take the church outside the church walls on Sunday morning. They delivered cookies and prayed with folk on their front porches. There were tears shed as Sunday morning loneliness became a wonderful connection with church members and friends.

Something new will be happening at the northside entrance off the main church parking lot. A new entrance device will allow you to be let in during the week through an intercom and camera device. There will of course be times when the door is open to allow groups and worshipers to gather easily. But when staff is alone in the building, you will need to be "buzzed" in. One of the great features of this will also be the ability to let individuals in remotely. Forgot your keys or passcode, you can call a staff member who has the app for the door on their phone. They can let you in from their home. What?! Way cool!

This is just a sampling of what is happening at First UMC Hays. What a great witness you are providing! Thanks be to God!

Pastor Craig

Please email your OUTREACH item to haysumc@hotmail.com before Sunday, March 20, 2022. Please place the name "Outreach" in the subject line...or place your item, clearly labeled for the Outreach, in the office by Sunday, March 20. The next Outreach should be received by March 24th.

Thanks.

Thanks to Bob Fairbanks
Armin Kelly & Pastor Troy for
removing the broken organ from
the chapel.

*Thanks to Ray Brent, Meredith
Cory and Carol Purdy for
faithfully serving communion.*

FUMC,
Thank you for your support of
the Hays Police Department
Honor Guard and allowing us to
practice our skills in your
church. We strive to properly
honor our fallen first responders
and your willingness to welcome
us in is truly a blessing. We
appreciate your support.

Hays Police Department Honor
Guard

*A sincere thank you to Jim & Liz
Harper for delivering Meals on
Wheels in December and to
Glenna Clingsmith who
delivered in January. The
recipients are so thankful.*
Virginia Johnson

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., Shawn Henderson
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*

Jim Strine who died January
16.

Dorothy McRae who died
January 20th.

*Avis & Lester Look on the death
of Avis's sister, **Rita Hrabe.***

Congratulations

*to Arris & Virginia Johnson on
their 75th wedding
anniversary*



March 2
Baked chicken
Green beans
Potato Salad
Tossed Salad
Rolls
Dessert



March 9
Meatballs
Peas & carrots
Cheezy potatoes
Bread stix
Dessert



March 16
Spring Break

March 23
Pancakes
Eggs
Bacon or sausage
Biscuits & gravy
Fruit cups



March 30
Taco salad
Chips, cheese & salsa
Dessert

Circle News

Naomi Circle met Wednesday,
February 9 at Ellis Estates. Pat
Johnson and Sammy Miller,
hostesses, served twelve members
and one guest.
Grab 'N Go Soup Sale on January
30 was a hug success having 59
customers purchasing 63 qts. And 11
pints of chili and 67 qts. And 8 pints
of vegetable soup.
The Spring Brunch may be held on
April 9th but further details will be
available in March.
New program books for this year
were distributed among members.

A big thank you was given to Ruth
Briney for her dedicated work on
this project.
The program "A Call to Prayer and
Self-Denial: Love, Justice and
Service, Answering the Call" was
presented by Debra McDonald.
The next meeting will be held at 9:15
on Wednesday, March 9th at the
home of Debra McDonald.

*We have a choice every day
of what we can put into the world.
Please choose love every single day.*

Harry  style  sideposts

Senior WOW will meet Wednesday,
March 2 at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel.
Pastor Craig will present the
program.

If you would like to stay for the
meal, please call the church office or
sign up on the clipboards at each
entrance to the sanctuary.

*Thanks to
Dumler
their help
Banquet*



Kids Church

Going from Sunday to Wednesday has been a great success! The family class "Learning to Use My Bible" has been well attended by students and their parents. G1 has lots of 5th Graders learning more about their Bible and even the youngest kiddos are learning basics about the Bible along with familiar Bible stories. We are excited about the response, that we're working on some "next steps" programming for all ages after Wednesday! All details will be shared at our Ash Wednesday service on March 2 and information about the upcoming Lent and Easter season.



Sunday school for Preschool-5th Grade is Sunday morning, 9:45-10:45 on the second floor. We have an awesome team of volunteers rotating teaching responsibilities and have grown in attendance to split into an older and younger class. We'd love to include you, either as an attendee or a volunteer...we can make either work, just let us know!



Have you updated your KidCheck account? We'd love to have current pictures and contact information. Be sure to check in your children for Sunday School and WOW because it shows us the children who are present for ministry events.

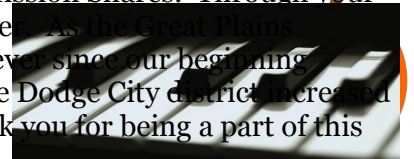
How can we be in ministry with you as a parent? I've recently done some online training about co-discipleship and are realizing we, as a children's ministry team, can do more. If you have any experience in your workplace with ideas on how this looks, please let me know. We'd love to make church and children's ministry alive and viable for each family.

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 (whitney_melissa@hotmail.com) or Jo Swayne (jo@haysfumc.com).

Dear Pastor Craig Hauschild and Hays First UMC,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ! I hope the new year has brought a renewed sense of calling in your life. I want to thank you for all the ways you have been Christ's body in the previous year. We are continually faced with new challenges, and you are adapting and serving your communities faithfully.

I want to personally thank your congregation for paying 100% of your 2021 Mission Shares. Through your generous giving and commitment, we had an amazing year in ministry together. As the Great Plains Conference, we exceeded 90% in receipts, equally or exceeding our best year ever since our beginning together in 2014. Each of the two districts also saw great growth in 2021. The Dodge City district increased Mission Share giving by 11.9% and the Hays district increased by 8.2%. Thank you for being a part of this great effort!



Rev. Zach Anderson, District Superintendent, Dodge City & Hays District

*** UDE* R**

6RXS6DOH



The Hays United Methodist Women would like to thank all of our friends and members of our church family for supporting the Peddler's Fair Parlor sale, the Grab & Go Soup sale, and our very successful Mission Drive. Even though we did not get to hold the annual Peddler's Fair the past two years, with these three projects we were still able to raise \$14,009.60, which will be distributed to local charities, United Methodist Charities and our church. The United Methodist Women organization is 800,000 members strong and continues to make a real difference in the world. Thank you for your support!!!

~~The UMW 2021 Recognition Pin recipient is Wendy Beougher. This is an annual recognition, given by our local unit, to honor and thank someone within our church who exemplifies "Faith, Hope and Love in Action". Thank you to Wendy for all that she does, not only for the United Methodist Women, but for our entire church family.

February OUTREACH

First United Methodist Church

305 West 7th

Hays, Kansas 67601

(785) 625-3408

haysumc@hotmail.com

www.kaysradio.com

www.HaysFUMC.com

**NONPROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
HAYS, KS.
PERMIT NO. 97**

Return Service Requested

Vincent Van Gogh and the Beauty of Lent



A Lenten Devotional guide Available by the worship entrances in the sanctuary and the gym.

Vincent Van Gogh devoted his life to light. The light of creation, the light of painting, the light of God's grace – and the light in humanity, mind, body, and soul. The son of a Christian pastor, Vincent set out to be a preacher and missionary himself, but his ministry eventually took the form of brush strokes and canvases. In ten short years, he created more than 2,000 works of art.

The word lent refers to the lengthening of daylight. As we move from the long nights of winter to the shorter nights of spring, who better to chronicle this journey than Van Gogh. Each week of lent, we will use the biblical texts and Van Gogh's art to open our eyes to God's springtime resurrection.

Pick up your copy of the devotional guide at the church or be watching for the online version that will help you capture the beauty of Van Gogh's works of light.

Lent begins with our Ash Wednesday service on March 2, 6:15 pm, in the sanctuary.