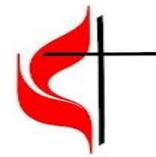


OUTREACH



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First United Methodist Church

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Greetings in the Name of Christ!

As you read this, or if you're reading this between the dates of February 23 and February 26, I hope you are in prayer for this great faith tradition known as United Methodist. Started by John Wesley as a movement within the Anglican Church in England in the early 18th century, it has grown into the largest Christian Protestant denomination in the world with just under 12 million members. The Methodist Movement within the Anglican Church became the Methodist Episcopal Church after the American Revolutionary War, when the Anglican church was no longer welcome due to its representation of the British Royal establishment. Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke became the first Bishops of the new Methodist Episcopal Church on Christmas Eve in 1784 in Lovely Lane Chapel in Baltimore, Maryland. As the United States grew and expanded westward, so grew the Methodist church through circuit riding preachers.

Over the years, there have been numerous groups that have splintered from the larger denomination. One of the first, shamefully to the larger denomination, was the split of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1787. A group of African Americans were 'pulled from their knees while praying' at the altar with others in Philadelphia and forced to sit in the balcony of the church. African American pastor Richard Allen organized the African Methodist Episcopal Church from this racial exclusion. Even though John Wesley was a fierce abolitionist, his church in America chose to segregate people of color solely because of their race. The main body of the Methodist Episcopal Church (like the United States as a whole would later by means of a terrible Civil War) split in 1844 over the issue of slavery. The Methodist Episcopal Church North and the Methodist Episcopal Church South would not come back together again until 1939, becoming the Methodist Church. In 1968, the Methodist church would become the United Methodist Church when they merged with the Evangelical United Brethren Church (EUB), becoming the largest Protestant denomination in the world.

As in 1844, this Church is facing similar theological crossroads today. The issue is basically this: Should we fully include or exclude people who are born differently than us, or is this a sinful chosen behavior that the church should not tolerate? Our stance as the United Methodist Church has been to tepidly welcome members of the LGBTQI communities into worship and church membership, but not allow them inclusion into the clergy, even after receiving a call to do so from God. We also affirm sexual intimacy as a gift from God for those who are married and monogamous, yet offer no way for that to happen in the LGBTQI community. Some would say that only by offering same-sex weddings can that injustice be corrected, while others say that marriage is only to be between a man and a woman. It is a complex issue, and one that a number of people are passionate about.

The debate over this issue is so intense that it might split once again the People Called United Methodists. The Commission on A Way Forward studied the issue for 18 months before recommending three different plans for a Special Session of our General Conference on February 23 to February 26 in St. Louis. The General Conference is composed of 864 delegates from around the world, representing the almost 12 million members of this great church, and a decision will be made regarding these issues.

Please email your OUTREACH items to mysuma@hotmail.com by **Sunday, March 17, 2019**. Please place the name "Outreach" in the subject line. If you have to add this, clearly label it **for the Outreach**, in the office by **Sunday, March 17, 2019**. The next Outreach should be received by **March 21**.
Grace and Peace, Pastor Mike

Thank You

Members of First United Methodist,
Thank you so very much for your continued support of the Hays High Pantry! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!
Hays High Staff



The Altar Foundation for 2019 is \$146, an endowed gift to celebrate 146 years of Methodism in Hays.

Great Plains Conference

Delegates to the special called General Conference can be contacted at:
GCDelegates@greatplainsumc.org

One e-mail will go to all of the delegates and to our Bishop.

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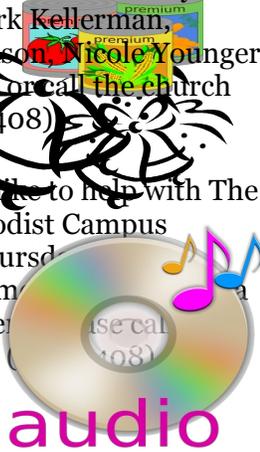
Sympathy

*Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family & friends of Lexie, Rick, Ashley & Bethany Robinson on the death of Lexie's brother, **John Schnelle**, on January 18. Darlene & Larry Gilchrist on the death of Darlene's sister, **Helen Sanders** on February 11.*

*Pauline & Don Branda on the death of their brother -in-law, **Ernie Hanzlicek**, on February 15.*

The **Audio/Video Team** is still needing two or three volunteers to help with the audio and/or video equipment on Sundays. If you might like to explore the possibility of joining our merry band, get in touch with Tony Anthony, Mark Kellerman, Marsha Swanson, Nicole Younger, Mike Cooper, or call the church office (625-3408).

If you would like to help with The United Methodist Campus Ministry's Thursday worship and meal, salad or dessert, call the Church office (625-3408).



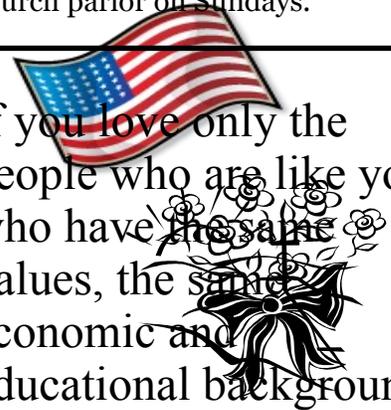
Circle News

Eleven members of **Naomi Circle** and one guest, Nancy Piatt, met in the church dining room on Wednesday, February 13, with Sammy Miller and Linda Palmberg hostessing. Those in attendance responded to the roll call of, "What warms your heart?" Joys and concerns were shared, prayer was offered up by Sharon Carlson and devotions were given by Sheryl Blair. Linda Stahlman and Evelyn Zellmer shared the latest on the baby quilt project and Ginny Lehman encouraged thoughts regarding Peddler's Fair craft projects that could be initiated in our homes. Ruth Briney shared Focus on Missionaries taken from the UMW Prayer Calendar. Upcoming Events include the March 20th General Luncheon which will feature the program, "The 150 Year History of UMW," the Spring Brunch on April 6 with Lisa McGrath presenting the program based on her book "Joy in the Journey." On May 5, Shelly Cox Petz will be the guest speaker for UMW Sunday.

The program was "God's Box of Chocolates reflecting on Forrest Gump's "Life is Like a Box of Chololates".

It's time to sign up for **Suppers 8** again. The hope is you get to know the people of Hays FUMC better and form a closer relationship rather than just acquaintances. Each group sets its own dynamics & meets once a month. Sign up sheets will be in the church parlor on Sundays.

If you love only the people who are like you- who have the same values, the same economic and educational background- you're not really doing much except loving



KIDS CORNER

February has us trying to figure out if it's spring or still winter as WOW was canceled one week for freezing rain! Gotta love Kansas weather.

We're off to a great start with Kids Club and have recently implemented a Reward Tower for the kids to earn points for following our classroom rules. So far the children are loving the fact that they can choose to earn a weekly treat or keep accumulating points for an even bigger reward!

Always looking for anyone in the church family that would like to share a 3-5 minute Children's Moment during worship. I have some great online resources for those who haven't ever done one, but are interested in serving in this small way with huge impact! Contact Jo with questions.

Sunday, March 3 at 3:00, the Children's Advisory Board is hosting the 2nd Annual "Let Your Light Shine" Talent Showcase with silly sundaes. Look for the registration form in this newsletter.

January and February are regroup months, giving our ministry the opportunity to catch up and plan for fun Easter, spring and summer activities. Be on the lookout for more information next month about upcoming activities! For now, mark March 6 on your calendar for Ash Wednesday as we kick off Lent.

Teaser Alert! Something new for our 4/5 Graders to be announced soon;) Be on the lookout!

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 (pyle_melissa@hotmail.com) or Jo Swayne (jswayne3@gmail.com).



Let Your Light Shine



What: Talent Showcase & Silly Sundaes
Who: All Talents, All Ages welcome!!!
 Talent can be a stage performance (Under 3 minutes please), as well as a craft, hobby, art, or other skill or project that can be displayed.
When: Sunday, March 3, 3:30 p.m.
Why: Send Kids to Camp Fundraiser!! (Free Will Donation)

Join us in the gym for the on-stage talent show. Following the show you will have a chance to show off how talented you are at ordering a silly sundae. You will be given a menu of ingredients with which items you would like for your sundae. For example how does a snowball with black confetti sound? MMM delicious! Enjoy your sundae and view the non-stage talent on display.



Entry Form

Name: _____

Stage Talent Display: _____

Talent: _____

Title (if applicable, ie, song title): _____

Equipment needed: _____

Return form to church office or Lisa McGrath (lisadjennison@hotmail.com) by Feb. 24th

March Healthy Congregations Report

An AED (automatic external defibrillator) has been ordered for the church! As soon as this arrives, we will consult with the administrative board to determine the best location for placement. We also then will coordinate training sessions at the church regarding how to use the AED in the event that someone goes into cardiac arrest during an event on church grounds. Early intervention with an AED in cardiac arrest has been proven to increase the chances for survival!

The Health Congregations committee will be offering another healthy cooking class, likely at the end of March. We will determine a date soon and put an announcement in the bulletin to give you an opportunity to get this on your calendar. Come for a few hours to learn how to make a healthy meal/snack and taste test the food as well!

March is National Nutrition Month. We are fortunate to have a Registered Dietician, Sam Gross RD, on the committee. Dieticians have extensive education (4 year degree) and training in counseling patients on proper nutrition for disease states including but not limited to high blood pressure, diabetes, congestive heart failure, kidney failure, and COPD/emphysema, in addition to counseling regarding weight loss or weight gain. They advise physicians and advanced practice providers such as APRNs and PAs on diet and nutrition plans on patients in both the hospital and clinic settings. Be sure to thank Sam for the work he does to improve the health of this congregation!

If you would like to be a part of the work that we are doing to improve the spiritual, physical, and mental health of the church, then please let the church office know or come to our next meeting. We will next meet upstairs in the Church Parlor on Ash Wednesday, March 6th, at 7:30 pm.

Lynn Fisher, Healthy Congregations Chair Committee

Turkey Chili from Healthy Congregations Serving size 1 1/3 cup

Ingredients

- * Cooking Spray
- * 1 1/2 Tbsp. canola or corn oil
- * 1 medium or large onion, chopped
- * 20 oz. ground, skinless turkey breast
- * 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- * 2 tsp. chili powder
- * 1/2 tsp. pepper
- * 1/2 tsp. ground cumin
- * 15.5 oz. canned, no-salt-added pinto beans (rinsed, drained)
- * 15.5 oz. canned, no-salt-added black beans (rinsed, drained)
- * 14.5 oz. canned, no-salt-added, diced tomatoes (undrained)
- * 1 3/4 cups fat-free, low-sodium chicken broth
- * 1 cup frozen whole kernel corn
- * 6 oz. canned, no-salt-added tomato paste
- * 4 medium green onions ((green part only), sliced)



Directions

Lightly spray a Dutch oven with cooking spray. Add the oil and heat over medium-high heat, swirling to coat the bottom. Cook the onion for 3 minutes, or until soft, stirring occasionally.

* Reduce the heat to medium. Stir in the turkey. Cook for 5 minutes, or until browned, stirring frequently to turn and break up the turkey.

* Stir in the garlic, chili powder, pepper, and cumin. Stir in the remaining ingredients except the green onions. Cook for 5 to 7 minutes, or until heated through, stirring frequently. Just before serving, sprinkle with the green onions.



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an exciting, eventful, adventurous start, and I'm so excited to share with
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passed out 1,770 gifts to women working in the red light district. These gifts included nail polish, chocolate, an encouraging note, and an invitation to our Christmas party at the outreach center. Twenty-six women came to our Christmas party, where we enjoyed food and games together. After much practice and help from my Thai friends, I was able to share the Christmas story with the women completely in Thai! While I'm still not fluent in the language, I am pleased with the progress I have made in the past year and a half.

NightLight closed for two weeks over Christmas and New Year's in order to give all our staff and employees a break before starting the next season. During this time, I made a surprise visit to the U.S. to visit family and attend the One Thing conference in Kansas City. It was a short trip, but so much fun to reconnect with family and friends!

NightLight reopened for 2019 in early January, and we've hit the ground running. At the beginning of the year, the Billy Graham Association in Thailand hosted a banquet for women and ladyboys working in the Bangkok sex industry. Seven ministries were involved in inviting people to the event, including NightLight. In total, 183 women and ladyboys attended the event. One of our NL founders, Annie Dieselberg, shared a powerful message about the Father's love and redemption.

For the past eight years, NL's outreach center has received a majority of its funding from one major source. A few weeks ago, we received an email from that source saying their funds are short this year, and they can no longer continue to support the outreach center. This came as a surprise to all of us, but we trust that God has a bigger plan in this season, and it's been amazing to watch Him continue to provide for all of our programs. Please join us in prayer as we search for new donors to support the outreach center.

We are hosting a party for our salon clients, and we will hand out 700 Valentine's Day gifts to women working in our area. We are so excited for this opportunity to share Christ's love in this way.

In April this year, my director, Annie, has invited me to attend the International Christian Alliance on Prostitution (ICAP) conference with her in Sierra Leone. ICAP focuses on prostitution in seven different regions globally, and this particular conference covers topics on prostitution and trafficking throughout the entire African region. We are both very excited to have the opportunity to attend this conference, especially since most of the internationally trafficked women we meet in Bangkok come from Africa, and I still plan to return there after my season in Thailand is finished. To cover the conference registration, accommodation, visas, and flights, I need \$3,000 to make this trip happen. Most of the funds will go towards flights and visas. If you are interested in helping support this opportunity, checks can be mailed to me at 1111 Noose Road, Hays, KS 67601. Online donations can be sent via PayPal to racheldanell@gmail.com.

Thank you all for your prayers and support. Please continue to keep our team in your prayers this season as we seek God's will and plan in everything we do. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

God bless,
Rachel

Prayer for Acceptance

O! Thou God of all beings, of all worlds, and of all times,
We pray that the little differences in our clothes,
in our inadequate languages, in our ridiculous customs, in our imperfect laws, in our illogical opinions, in our ranks and conditions which are so disproportionately important to us
and so meaningless to you
that these small variations
that distinguish those atoms that we call men,
one from another,
may not be signals of hatred and persecutions!
Voltaire, 1756

February OUTREACH

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Upcoming Events



Sunday, March 3, 3:00

Wednesday, March 6, 6:15

Sunday, March 10

Saturday, April 27, Save the Date

Talent Showcase & Silly Sundaes

Ash Wednesday

Girl Scout Sunday & cookie sale

Workday at Camp Lakeside