



# OUTREACH



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## *Members and Friends of Hays First UMC:*

Thank you! Thank you for your financial support for the 2021 budget year. Our church has been able to have a robust program and mission success due to all the resources you have given.

The Finance Committee crafted a visionary budget for the year with some anxiety about meeting the set goal. The Administrative Board approved that budget knowing that the potential pledge numbers did not meet the bottom line. You, the members and friends of the church, have responded in a manner that is allowing the church to do its work.

Thank you. The church has a growing and vibrant children/youth program. These kids are the future members and leaders of our church and churches everywhere.

Thank you. The church offers adult study programs that mesh well with broad theological thirsts. Our souls are fed and, while we may have some differences, we learn to serve God as one body.

Thank you. Our church building is a work of art and is our spiritual home. The building requires upkeep, and it is expensive. We have made considerable investment in its maintenance.

Thank you. We are serving others. Many in our community and our world are not as fortunate as we are, through no fault of their own. In their place, we would have their same needs. Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) we help, in a way an individual church could not, to meet a vast array of needs. When a child was asked what he had in his cloth bag provided by UMCOR, he said "everything". We (you) are part of that.

Thank you. First United Methodist Church of Hays is in the process of developing and enriching the relationship with the FHSU UMC Campus Ministry. To our knowledge, the only Protestant community based Spanish speaking congregation in Hays is meeting there. We are building a relationship with this congregation.

Thank you. First United Methodist Church of Hays has the opportunity and responsibility to be the flagship congregation in the Hays District of the Great Plains Annual Conference. We are doing that well. Area clergy are mentored here, we are meeting our Mission and Ministry obligations (M&Ms), and the bishop and the Great Plains cabinet look to us as a leadership example in Northwest Kansas.

The church budget for 2021 was \$514,977. We as a body gave \$550,526.98. Estimated budget revenue excess over expenses is \$46,552.69. Thanks! Wow! Each item in the budget is considered carefully and we are frugal. Particularly, with support and maintenance of the church building, current and ongoing costs continue.

Thank you again for all that each of you have done. Our work is not finished. As we continue to do the work God has called for us to be about, the stewardship of 2021 is required for 2022 and for all the years before us.

~~We are near the 150-year anniversary of the founding of this congregation. We are alive and strong. We have~~

a calling, and we continue to meet that expectation. In case you missed it, thank you! The Finance Committee

Please email your OUTREACH item to [haysumc@hotmail.com](mailto:haysumc@hotmail.com) before Sunday, February 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, February 20. The next Outreach should be received by February 23rd.

# Thanks.

A heartfelt thanks for the cards, calls, and visits to help us celebrate birthdays and our anniversary. It has been a time that we will always treasure. God has been so good to us and we are thankful for all the friends who have made our lives here in Hays and in the Methodist Church so special. Blessings on each of you.

Arris & Virginia Johnson & family

*Marsha and Betty Swanson are grateful for the prayers and concern of our church family for Carla Cornett, daughter and granddaughter, as she neared the end of a difficult pregnancy. We are happy to report that mom, dad, and baby are all doing fine.*

*Thanks for all the cards & prayers. Sheryl's last day of treatment was Tuesday, January 4, and then home to Oakley for further healing. Thanks again!*  
*Blessings,*  
*Steve & Sheryl 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*

*Melissa & Chris Pyle, Abigail, Andrew & Amelia on the death of Melissa's grandmother, **Vilta Merryfield**, on December 21.*

*Mary Paul who died December 28.*

*Armin & Vicki Kelly on the death of Armin's mother, **Elsie Jean Kelly**, on December 31.*

*Betty Mills on the death of her husband, Marvin, on January 1.*

*Viola Hurst who died January 9. Condolences to the Joyce & Al Klaus, Marsha & Cary Stremel & Ardith & G's families.*

*Chelsea Dickey & Bill Werth, Cadence, Cullie, Cidnee & Ashton on the death of Chelsea's grandmother, **Ann Baker**, who died on January 15.*

# Congratulations

*to Weston Alan Sherman who was baptized on January 9th. Parents are Trevor & Calie Sherman and grandparents are Alan & Regina Borthwick. Weston has a big brother, Lincoln.*

*Thanks to Carol Purdy & Meredith Cory, for faithfully serving as communion stewards.*

# Circle News

**Naomi Circle** met Wednesday, the 12th of January at the church with Evelyn Zellmer and Mary Alice Brent serving thirteen members. An upcoming event, Grab N Go Soup sale, will be held January 30th. Pre-orders of the vegetable and chili soups will be taken and delivery can be arranged. Spring is around the corner! The Spring Brunch may be held around April 9. Ruth Briney presented the Pledge Service which focused on joy, giving and healing.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 9 at 9:15 at Ellis Estates.

**Rebekah Circle** met on January 12th at the church with 10 members present. Barbara Jones and Sharon Barton were the hostesses. Wendy Beougher was presented with the Mission Recognition pin for outstanding work in UMW. Carol Purdy opened the meeting with devotions. **WOW!** The budget as presented in the Executive Board Minutes was approved. A discussion was held on the Grab N Go soup project. Patty Nicholas presented the Pledge Service program.

Center for Life Experiences  
103 C East 27th

Wednesday, January 26, 7-8:30  
Family Support Group

**NAMI of Hays** is an organization of families, friends & individuals whose lives have been affected by mental illness. Together we advocate for better lives for those individuals who live with a mental illness.



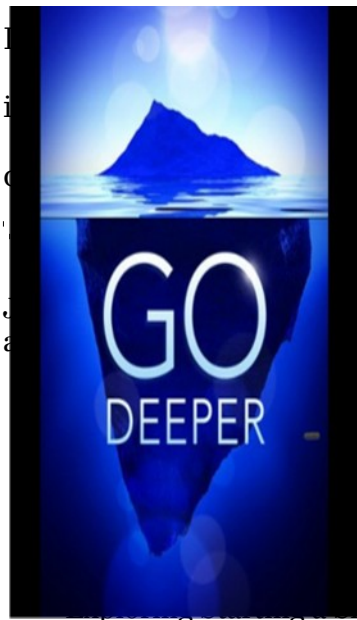
And we're off... Happy 2022! WOW officially kicked off our winter session on January 12 and would like to thank you for joining us! Every Wednesday, you and your family are invited to come enjoy a meal any time between 5-6, then attend our quick praise & worship service in the gym from 6:00-6:15 followed by Kids Club, Ignite Youth and a couple of adult class options from 6:15-7:15. For the next seven weeks we will all "Go Deeper." Every class is focusing on getting to know your Bible and digging into scripture. Please see our website for all the details on suitable classes for everyone in your family!

Sunday mornings have a slightly different look with a four-person volunteer team leading each week. Data collected through the fall showed that we have enough children attending regularly to break into two age groups. This new model allows us to separate the children into a younger and older group so that the Bible story and activities can be tailored for the class. If you would like to be a part of our rotating group of volunteers and help in either classroom, please let Melissa or I know, and we'll plug you in.

Sunday school runs from 9:45-10:45 on the second floor. If attending the second worship service at 9:45, you have the option of sending your children to Sunday School for the entire hour or sending them halfway with a volunteer who comes to the gym at 10:15.

It's time to update your KidCheck accounts!! Be sure that all contact information is accurate and relevant info updated for your children. We do use this database to communicate and are finding new ways to do so effectively using this platform.

We ask every time you come into the building for a children's ministry event. We've gotten a bit out of the habit during the last couple of years and want to stress the importance of having each kid checked in by a parent or older sibling. We are trying to keep your children safe and accounted for and need your help in making sure check in is completed every time. There is no need to check kids out, we'll do that on our end, but you must come pick them up at the location ministry is happening. \*\*\*Volunteers present may not know you so please be prepared to show your guardian receipt.\*\*\*



We are so happy to have been able to continue ministry through a couple of weeks. We're hoping for a great year for you this year! Thank you for caring about the children of our church. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact either Melissa Pyle (whitney\_melissa@hotmail.com) or Joanne (joanne@fumc.com).



Starting on January 12 to "GO DEEPER" into scripture. The focus will be on getting better at reading and understanding scripture by targeting 2nd-4th Graders and their parents. Anyone wanting to go deep into scripture, please contact us.

Classes will be going deeper into applying the scripture to life. Each class will focus on a single book of the Bible.

Prayer and Bible Study Small Group - learning how to lead others to go deeper into scripture - led by Sandy Henningsen

\*Understanding the Bible – going deeper into the origin, growth, historical background led by Pastors Craig and Troy

Meal on Wednesday served from 5:00-6:00

Worship Devotion 6:00-6:15

Classes 6:15-7:15

Optimism is really rooted in gratitude. Optimism is sustainable when you keep coming back to gratitude, and what follows from that is acceptance. *Michael J. Fox*

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St. The Altar Foundation is one of the funds overseen by the permanent endowment committee. established as a way to build a permanent endowment within the church by encouraging an endowed fund, and to provide an endowed fund that could be supported through estate bequests.

Annually, the contribution amount is set at the number of years since Methodism arrived in Hays, with this year being 149 years or \$149. These annual contributions amount to about \$10,000 thanks to the support of many who were founding members of the foundation in 2008, and still contribute today, and others who have joined along the way. In addition, two estate bequests have been received since inception.



In 2014 formal grant proposal guidelines were adopted and put in place. These guidelines provide an avenue to request funds from the Altar Foundation in support of physical facility needs or programmatic initiatives. Additional information can be found on the church's website at [www.haysfumc.com](http://www.haysfumc.com) or by contacting any endowment committee member.

Thank you for your continued support of the Altar Foundation.

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On Saturday, the AUMW will be selling their 'famous' Peddler's Fair Soups for you to pick up and enjoy at home. They will be offering Chili and Vegetable Beef soup at \$8.00 per quart and \$4.00 per pint.

Pick up at the church dining room from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm on the 30th, while supplies last.

Pre-orders will be taken, but are not required. Call Debra McDonald at 785.623.1554 if you have any questions, or would like to pre-order. The ladies will also offer an option for delivery. All proceeds will go to missions.

*"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)*

Each time a new year rolls around, I still feel the nudge somewhere in my spirit to make my "lists." I don't call them "New Year's resolutions" anymore. I've broken too many. Still, I can't help evaluating the previous year to see if there are some things I could do better or some attitudes I could change. Like most, I long for my life to emanate Christ's character more and more.

**Jesus Taught us how to Serve Others**

One day I was reading in Psalms and noticed that the Psalmist writer, David, wanted those same things. But his "list" did not smack of self-motivated resolutions but of affirming commitments. David's shepherd heart knew the power of trusting in God through all kinds of difficulties. Even in the midst of danger, he determined to choose the right action and attitude.

Now as I stand on the threshold of each year and face new choices, I try to adopt some of those same affirmations David wrote about here in Psalms: How will I choose to handle adversity? "I will bless the Lord at all times" (Psalm 34:1 NASB). What will I think about? "I will meditate on your wonders" (Psalm 119:27, NASB). How can I make God known? "I will tell of your greatness" (Psalm 145:6, NASB).

Working on those commitments—and so many others—requires more than an "I will" on my part. It means trusting that on the other side of "I will" is Jesus' promise of, "I can."

**February 6**  
 Chicken pot pie  
 Cinnamon rolls, crackers  
 Veggie tray

**February 13**  
 New New New New  
 Call the church office (According to IHOP menu that is all aged 55+) Thank you IHOP

**February 9**  
 Jimmy John's sandwiches  
 Chicken  
 Pudding cups  
 Applesauce

Please join us at First United Methodist Church  
**Rocking & Rolling to a Red Hot Valentines Dinner Theater**  
 February 19, 2022, 5:30-9:00 p.m.  
 Tickets are \$15 for Adults and \$7.50 for Children (5-12 years)  
 Tickets are on sale from January 18-February 1  
 Starting Wednesday, February 2  
 Sundays in the parlor or call the church office, 625-3408

**February 16**  
 Chicken Enchiladas  
 Carnitas  
 Brownies

Menu: Tossed salad, Smoked pork chops, California mixed vegetables, Mashed cheesy potatoes, Whole wheat bread, Heart shaped chocolate cake with strawberries and whipped cream  
 Musical entertainment is Kerry Beach from KC Missouri  
 Solo Act with a Big Sound Musical Style  
 Singing Classical Rock from the 40's, 80's and Pop  
 Sponsored by EyeSmile, Drs. Jarrod & Stacey Jones

**February 23**  
 Chicken patties  
 Mac & cheese  
 Corn  
 Cookies

FUMC Middle & Senior High Youth, proceeds go to mission trip in July  
 Watch for more details on March 6 when we ponder "Laughter in the Bible"



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## Upcoming Events

<b>January 30</b>	<b>Grab N Go Soup Sale</b>
<b>February 2</b>	<b>Senior WOW</b>
<b>February 13</b>	<b>Boy Scout Sunday</b>
<b>February 19</b>	<b>Valentine Banquet</b>