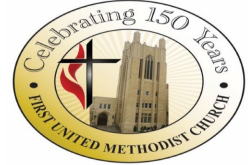




# OUTREACH



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## Salina Mission Field Trip

August 9, 2023

The Micah 6:8 Team (Missions/Social Concerns Committee) of our congregation is excited to announce a field trip to Salina, Kansas, on Wednesday, August 9, 2023.

The field trip will be exploring several mission agencies in the Salina area that specialize in providing emergency housing needs for adults and families. Given the lack of services in Ellis County, especially for transient needs, we often find our dependance on homeless and rescue services in Saline County.

Three places will be toured: the Ashby House, Salina Grace Day Shelter and Salina Rescue Mission.

At this time the schedule is as follows:

7:45 am – Gather at First UMC 8th Street Parking Lot

8:00 am – Depart Hays for Salina

9:30-10:45 am - Tour Ashby House and meet with staff

11:00-11:45 am - Tour Salina Grace Day Shelter ran by the Salina Rescue Mission

NOON – Lunch \$\$

1:00 pm – Tour Salina Rescue Mission and meet with staff who will also share info on their winter shelter that is run at Grand Avenue United Methodist Church.

2:30 pm – Depart Salina for home

Our plan is to carpool. A gas card to help each driver with fuel costs will be provided by Micah 6:8. Please be prepared to pay for your own lunch.

This trip is for all ages. Elementary age children should be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. Youth will be supervised. Please let us know of your plan to attend and if you are available to drive. Call the church office or sign up in the office to RSVP or email [bev@haysfumc.com](mailto:bev@haysfumc.com). Please RSVP by Sunday, August 6.

**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, August 20, 2023**. Items may also be placed in the office, labeled **for the Outreach** by **Sunday, August 20**. The next Outreach should be received on August 24.

## Thanks

*to all the volunteers who count the collection each week. We appreciate you!*

*Church Staff*

We have really appreciated the thoughts, prayers and food that we received from our church family. It's so good to be able to be back in church.

Don & Sharon Barton

Dear Hays FUMC,

Thank you for the letters and cards. I love getting mail. Things are going very well at Calo. We've done boating, canoeing, biked 100 miles, and even played with puppies. I wish the church members well.

Love,  
Cam Daughhettee

P.S. I love mail, and can you give it to my parents to bring to me? Thank you. (or you can bring it to the church office). God's not done writing your story.

## INTRODUCING OUR STAFF

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## Sympathy

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

*Thomas, Emily & Grayson Decker on the death of Thomas' father, Charlie of Flower Mound, Texas on June 21.*

*Pastor Mike, Theresa & Ben Rose on the death of Mike's mother on June 22.*

*Harold Plymell on the death of his wife, Willodean, on June 26. Condolences also to Larry & Darlene. Willodean had been a member for 47 years.*

## Congratulations

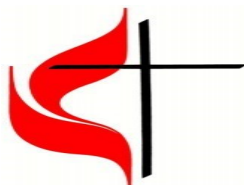
*to Hallie Isabel Stremel who was baptized on June 25. Parents are Bradley & Meagan Stremel.*

*to Wyatt Edward Ladd who was baptized on July 16. Parents are Aaron & Chelsea. Wyatt has a brother, Theo.*



*I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*

*to our newest members Ella Burrows and Sue Schwindt.*



"Come on, Mil," I snapped at her one steamy Saturday morning last year before the day became too hot. "You need exercise."

She gave me one of those pleading looks dogs are so good at and then set out in the direction of the dog run, moving slowly, deliberately. I tried to speed up but she was having none of it.

Finally we arrived. Millie greeted her friends, took a long sloppy drink from the communal water bowl, and settled herself for a nap in the shade, under the bench where I was sitting checking my BlackBerry.

Napping was not exercise. I glanced up and scanned the dog run for a ball I could throw. What I saw slowed me down.

Dogs were everywhere, relaxing in the shade, wading sedately in the big kiddies' pool we all chipped in for, stretching languidly or just sitting peacefully with their people. And everyone appeared very content. Owners read books and newspapers, sunned themselves, chatted and, yes, even napped, heads lolling to the side. A briny breeze wafted softly from the Hudson, rustling the trees. Otherwise, all was quiet.

Millie was right. What was all the hurry about, especially in this heat? Slow down. Take a break.

I turned the phone off, slipped it into my pocket and closed my eyes. Today was going to be one of those days when nothing happened. And that was good.

*Lord, sometimes You need to tell me when to slow down, because I'm not always as smart as my dog.*

*Edward Grinnan*



# Kids Corner

## VBS Wrap Up 2023

What an incredible week, that's all I can say. Another year of VBS has come and gone but the lasting impacts of it are still to be seen. Some kids experienced Jesus for the first time, some kids got to experience him in a new way and others were challenged to take a step further in their faith. As I reflect on the week that was, I can't help but think that the kids weren't the only ones impacted. I saw faces both young and old intrigued by what was going on. I saw station leaders listen intently to a Bible story. I saw the faces of the snack servers as they watched the kids perform their crafts. They lit up with joy at the simple little things the kids did. It wasn't the craft that made them smile, rather the interaction with the kids. I heard kids say how excited they were to come back another night and ask if they could come again on the last night and wondered if we could add another night. None of those things happened because of great planning or great food or great programming. It happened because there was an impact on their lives and they didn't want that impact to stop.

This year, the kids learned all about some of the Bible heroes. They learned about Saul and how God's grace poured out abundantly upon him. They learned how he was given a new name, a new start, a new calling. They learned about the midwives that saved Moses when he was a baby. They learned about the courage that it took for them to disobey Pharaoh's orders. They learned to stand up with courage and boldness even if it meant consequences. They learned about the magi who followed a simple star with a simple belief that they would find the savior.

I can't help but wonder what would happen if we all would attend VBS, say a Bible boot camp. Something that gets the fire going again. Something that challenges us, something that helps us experience Jesus in a new way. Maybe that's what the volunteers got. Maybe they got a taste of their childhood back, fond memories of when they were kids experiencing all that was going on. VBS isn't just for the kids. It's for the church. It's an opportunity to get away from the business of life and just be with Jesus. If you haven't seen the pictures posted to our Facebook page, I encourage you to go check them out.

Thank you church for all that you did to make it a magnificent week. Thank you for the donations of goods, time and service. Thank you for the prayers of support for the kids. Thank you for making a memorable week. I can't wait for next year, I hope you join us.



Thanks to all who helped with Vacation Bible School

Melissa Pyle	Sandy Henningsen	Marilyn Davidson	Brandon Kennemer	Stacy Weiler
Kae Dees	Shane Preston	Dylan Bryant	Jessica Cutting	Krista Stuart
Jenna Sloan	Emily Decker	Karen Wilson	Susan Dumler	Abigail Pyle
Kaylee Stuart	Audrey Yarmer	Carol Purdy,	Linda Stahlman	Pat Johnson
Chuck Ames	Matt Dumler	Craig Hauschild	Hope Schumacher	Hali Bielser
Alyssa Dees	Brad Schumacher	Caylan Harris,	Erica Berges	Ellen Bryant
Emily Yarmer	Brenna Garcia	Dub Stuart	Michael Cutting	Thomas Decker
Ian Henderson				

## Endowment Moment

This month's endowment moment is about grants. The Endowment Committee began granting funds for church related projects beginning in 2013. The very first grant was late in 2013 for some matching funds to help get the air conditioner replacement project to the finish line by the end of 2013. Total grants funded from 2013-2022 from Endowment have been \$221,777.

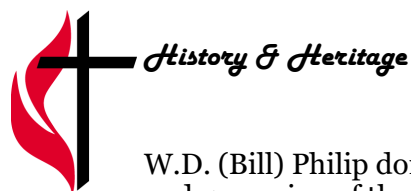
Over the years these grants have helped fund a wide variety of church needs and initiatives, including church facility needs such as computer and audio upgrades, renovation of the gym into a contemporary worship space, and some matching funds used to obtain the Fillmore parsonage. In addition, just last month \$25,000 was approved as matching funds for the tile roof replacement.

Grants were approved in 2020 to provide COVID relief to First Call for Help and the Salvation Army. Also, in 2020 Hays First United Methodist Church members were able to contribute \$25,000 to First Call for Help for their First Step Housing project. This was partially made possible by a grant from Endowment.

Other grants have funded training, mission support, and Christian education initiatives and events. In 2017 the Committee began funding scholarships for graduating seniors that are involved with the church. A simple application process assures that all applicants can participate.

Anyone can come up with an idea to make your church a better place, including you. If that idea needs some funding maybe a grant from Endowment can make that idea a reality. All that is required is the grant request be vetted by the proper church committee before it comes to the Endowment Committee.

Greg Daughhete, Chairman, Endowment Committee



*History & Heritage*


W.D. (Bill) Philip donated all the rock for the church, which came from his ranch near Munjor, and quarrying of the rock began on the Philip Ranch in March, 1946. The church bought a truck and began to haul the rock, piling it adjacent to the site. E.R. Frobenius of the Kansas Natural Stone Company of Russell contracted to dress the rock, and he moved to Hays from Russell. Highly skilled, he did all the stone tracery work in the windows. The glass windows, all hand painted and kiln burned, were done by D.R. Andres of the Jacoby Art Glass Company of St. Louis at a cost of about \$30,000. Building costs did not include pews, carpet, nor leaded glass. "Ham" Dreiling of the Hays Planing Mill built the church pews and church furniture. Carpet came as a gift from Butler Furniture Company. John Weber and Carl Kraus made a trip to Kansas City and stood inline for two days to buy a pair of war-surplus boilers located at Walker Air Base near Hays for \$680.

Construction began in February, 1948. However, skyrocketing inflation had begun its dirty work, and the committee had to go back to Mark Hadley, who had watched the progress closely; the tower couldn't be built. He said, "Well, go ahead and build it. \$65,000? All right." so we did. We got the tower. Not all of the funds for the church building, of course, were given by the Hadleys (who also surprised and delighted the congregation with an additional gift for the church organ).

The first services in the new sanctuary were held on September 18, 1949, with Rev. William Shuler in charge.

Problems were not over once the church was completed. There was maintenance to consider. There was the matter of the remaining debt to be financed, and the matter of a budget for a growing and larger church. Many more material things were needed, especially in the Sunday Schools. In 1950, the Wesley Foundation rooms were redecorated, the worship center was remodeled, and the stage was built.

## Congregational Bible Readings for the month of August

Day	Date	Reading	
214	Aug. 1	Ezekiel 17:1-21:32	
215	Aug. 2	Ezekiel 22-:1-26:21	
216	Aug. 3	Ezekiel 27:1-32:32	
217	Aug. 4	Ezekiel 33:1-37:28	
218	Aug. 5	Ezekiel 38:1-42:20	
219	Aug. 6	Ezekiel 43:1-48:35	
220	Aug. 7	Daniel 1:1-3:30	
221	Aug. 8	Daniel 4:1-6:28	
222	Aug. 9	Daniel 7:1-12:13	
223	Aug. 10	Hosea 1:1-5:15	
224	Aug. 11	Hosea 6:1-10:15	
225	Aug. 12	Hosea 11:1-14:9	
226	Aug. 13	Joel 1:1-3:21	
227	Aug. 14	Amos 1:1-4:13	
228	Aug. 15	Amos 5:1-9:15	
229	Aug. 16	Obadiah 1-21	
230	Aug. 17	Jonah 1:1-2:10	
231	Aug. 18	Jonah 3:1-4:11	
232	Aug. 19	Micah 1:1-4:13	
233	Aug. 20	Micah 5:1-7:20	
234	Aug. 21	Nahum 1:1-3:19	
235	Aug. 22	Habakkuk 1:1-3:19	
236	Aug. 23	Zephaniah 1:1-3:20	
237	Aug. 24	Haggai 1:1-2:23	
238	Aug. 25	Zechariah 1:1-4:14	
239	Aug. 26	Zechariah 5:1-9:17	
240	Aug. 27	Zechariah 10:1-14:21	
241	Aug. 28	Malachi 1:1-2:17	
242	Aug. 29	Malachi 3:10-4:6	
243	Aug. 30	Matthew 1:1-2:23	
244	Aug. 31	Matthew 3:1-4:25	

The Day indicates which devotion to read.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Wednesday, July 26</b>	<b>Youth Gaga Ball</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 9</b>	<b>Salina Field Trip</b>
<b>Wednesday, August 9</b>	<b>Duck Derby</b>
<b>Friday, August 11</b>	<b>Drive in Movie, parking lot</b>
<b>Saturday, September 16</b>	<b>FUMC's 150th Community Celebration</b>