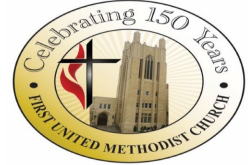




OUTREACH



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First United Methodist Church

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Good News!

The last time I wrote in this space, I was notifying you of some immediate needs for our church building and properties. For the roof alone, we needed to raise by our calculations \$50,000. The First United Methodist Endowment agreed to match \$25,000 to raise the needed funds by the end of June. We also highlighted the collapse of the plumbing line at the 8th street parsonage and the replacement costs for two heat/ac units on the third floor of the education building. The generous response has been incredible.

As of Friday, June 16, 2023, the church received gifts totaling \$62,130 for all the projects. The Endowments matching grant brings us to \$87,130. Well done my friends! Through the prayers of many and the generous response to the plea, we should be able to meet our expenses for all three projects. Should our funds exceed these three projects, our next focus is on carpet replacement for the youth center which is needed after multiple leaks into that space and the age of the carpet. A major project awaits us in the sealing of the outside stone on the sanctuary and tower.

In case you missed it, First UMC has embarked on a journey of expanding our ethnic outreach into the community. A group of about 25 Hispanic worshipers, being led by Pastor Troy, has made the decision to follow the United Methodist path of discipleship and unite with First UMC.

This new movement creates some exciting challenges. First, we are now in a joint effort to explore and discover each other's cultures and familial practices. Second, speaking multiple languages diversifies the practice of worship in both Spanish and English. Third, we are now in a two-campus setting for our worshipping community utilizing both the main church building and the chapel on Elm Street which is part of the UM Campus Center.

With these exciting movements of the Spirit of God, the Great Plains Conference of the United Methodist Church has recognized our vision and purpose and awarded us two grants. The first grant came a little over a year ago. It was \$2,000 to explore this relationship that was being forged. A second grant begins in July of this year. This grant is \$54,300, paid out monthly over the next year, to afford us the opportunity to update the worship space at the Elm Street Chapel under the guidance of the campus center board. In addition, funds are being set aside for marketing, translation services, curriculum, and coaching by leaders in this multi-ethnic adventure. What an amazing affirmation of God's leading!

Hats off to Matt Dumler, Director of Discipleship, Michelle Holdeman, and Sandy Henningsen for pursuing support from the Hanson Foundation for a church and community effort to build up families. Their efforts resulted in a \$1,600 grant. You will be hearing more as fall approaches about a special class designed to help strengthen the relationship between parents and children.

God is moving among us, and great things are happening. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! We are 150 years young! Celebrate and rejoice that God is letting new life spring up all around us.

Pastor Craig

Outreach articles are due the **third** Sunday of each month. Please email your OUTREACH item to wendy@haysfumc.com before **Sunday, July 16, 2023**. Items may also be placed in the office, labeled **for the Outreach** by **Sunday, July 16**. The next Outreach should be received on July 20.

Thanks

Dear Members of FUMC,

We wanted to thank you for your very generous donation to the food program at USD 489. Your generosity helped several families that were struggling with unpaid meal debt. Thanks again & God Bless!

USD 489 Nutrition Service

Would you like to help a veteran?
Looking for a couple people that would be interested in volunteering to transport veterans to doctor appointments a couple times a month. Vehicle provided.
If you would like more information contact Greg Daughetee at 2gds@ruraltel.net

A sincere thank you to Kara Kuntz, Glenna Clingingsmith, Kathy Albers and Virginia Johnson for delivering Meals on Wheels. Your service is greatly appreciated.
Our next time for Meals on Wheels will be October 2.

INTRODUCING OUR STAFF

PROGRAM STAFF

Pastor: Pastor Craig Hauschild
Congregational Care Director, Troy Miller
Director of Music: Alexandra Rome
Special Music Coordinator: Meredith Cory
Organist:: Hannah Barrett
Charlotte Rathke
Pianist: Sharon Graham
Handbell Choir Dir. Hannah Barrett
Marijo Rooney
Director of Discipleship: Matt Dumler
Asst. Children's Director: Melissa Pyle
Outreach Editor: Wendy Beougher

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Administrative Assistant: Wendy Beougher
Financial Secretary: Liz Harper
Childcare Director: Melissa Pyle
Building Supervisor: Alan Nelson

Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family & friends of

Howard Wilcox, Brennan, Kirsten and families on the death of Cathy, May 25 in Olathe. They were members of FUMC from 1975-2003.



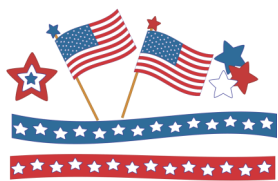
You're invited to Fellowship Night at the Arc Park

*Enjoy food from the local Food Truck
Enjoy the splashpad, accessible playground equipment or fellowship with friends!*

*Sunday, June 25th
from 6-8 p.m.*

3300 Hillcrest Dr.

Please bring a lawn chair and a dessert to share.



*July 2, Red, White & Blue Jean Sunday
Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Potluck Brunch at 9:00 a.m. in the dining room.*

Ideas for the brunch: muffins, bacon, donuts, breakfast casseroles, fruit. Plates, utensils & beverage will be provided.

*Wild West Festival Parade
July 1 at 10:00 a.m.*

Come walk, ride your bike, bring a wagon, or sit on the trailer with us & throw candy & represent our church to the community.

First Call for Help is collecting supplies for Backpacks for Kids. There is a collection box in the parlor. The boxes will be picked up **July 7 or 8th**. Monetary donations are also accepted. Supplies needed are:

- 1 subject spiral notebooks
- 3X3 Post It notes
- 10 pk. Crayola washable markers
- 12 pk. Colored pencils
- 1" 3-ring binders
- Glue sticks (no gel)
- Elmer's glue (4 ox.)
- 2-pocket folders
- Large pink erasers
- Notebook paper -wide & college ruled
- Tab index folders
- Backpacks-no wheels
- 24 pk crayons
- Plastic school boxes, pencil bags
- Highlighters & dry erase markers
- Composition notebooks
- Pointed scissors
- #2 Yellow pencils
- Small headphones/earbuds
- Combination locks
- Pens-red, blue & black ink
- Graph paper

Hygiene items:
Shampoo
Deodorant
Bar soap



There will be a Women's Fellowship lunch at Frontier Park on Thursday, June 22 at 11:30. Bring a sack lunch.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Harvey & Susan Jansonius on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.



Kids Corner

The curriculum has been picked out, the volunteers have been asked, registration is open and the excitement is in the air. Yes, it's that time of year again, it's VBS time. Every year our church welcomes numerous kids not only from our church but many from outside of it and throughout the community into the walls of our space in order to share God's word with them. They come seeking an experience with Jesus. It's our goal to help them find that.

The theme of this year's VBS is Heroes Hotline. The goal of this year's VBS will be to look at how God has provided since the beginning of creation. We look at characters such as the midwives who helped keep Moses safe when pharaoh was out to destroy him. We will look at Paul's friends who lowered him in a basket to keep him out of the arms of danger. We'll look at Jethro, Moses's father-in-law, as he came to give advice to one of the most faithful men in the Bible. These are just a few examples of the biblical characters we will be studying and learning about this year.

Every year we seek to help with our VBS mission. This year's mission will go towards First Call for Help's Backpack For Kids. We have added a twist to it this year though. Not only are we challenging the kids to bring in school supplies to help provide for their fellow classmates, but church we're challenging you as well. We're going to layout the challenge to see who can provide more, the church congregation or the kids. I think there's something to be said when the kids can see the adults rallying around their cause. I think it gets them fired up and it inspires them to do far greater things than they thought they were capable of.



Registration for VBS is now open. The links can be found on our Facebook page and on our website, haysfumc.com. The dates for VBS this year are July 11th through the 13th. Each night we will begin at 6:00 PM with music in the sanctuary. The kids will then go through four different rotations and we will conclude at 7:45. Any kid is welcome, they don't have to be a member of our church to show up.

As I stated earlier the volunteers have been asked, however, that doesn't mean we can't use more help. We realize we don't know everyone's heart. If you have it on your heart that you would like to help in VBS in some way shape or form, let us know. Call up to the church and leave your information and we'll get back to you. There is no job too small that we couldn't use help with. We have security members, snack members, group leaders, music leaders, station leaders, and everything in between. There is a place if you want one. There is no one too young or too old that should be left out.

VBS is a very exciting time in our church. We are so excited for this year's. We are excited to see Jesus move in these kids' lives. We're excited to see the change that will come in them. We're excited to see the beginning of the journey for some and the next step for others. Church, come join us at VBS this year.



The Servicio de Adoracion en Espanol

Sunday, June 18, the Hispanic church celebrated fathers with dinner, dessert and gifts. Feliz dia de Padre! All the dads were awarded a cape because they are Super Papas!

Hays First United Methodist Church Financial Snapshot

	May 31, 2023	Year to Date
Checking Account*	\$56,343	
Operating Gifts	\$42,935	\$255,817
Operating Expenses	\$56,532	\$255,683

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

Endowment Moment

In November 2007 a permanent investment fund called the Altar Foundation was formed at First United Methodist Church of Hays. The intent of the fund was to permanently invest funds for the long-range needs of the church through a 2008 Charter Member drive commemorating 135 years of Methodism in Hays. A plaque hangs in the church parlor commemorating those Charter Members. In that first year there were about 150 family units that made the \$135 contribution. If you are not already a member of the Altar Foundation, consider joining with a \$150 donation commemorating 150 years of Methodism in Hays. It would be great to have 150 family units support this worthwhile cause during our 150th year celebration.

I was asked several times during the charter campaign what the Endowment Committee hoped to accomplish with this fund. Creating an endowed pool of money that could help support the future needs of the church and raising awareness of Legacy giving to the church were the goals. Since that charter campaign 15 years ago \$270,000 has been donated to the Altar Foundation in annual support, \$69,000 in grants have been awarded from the funds, with the first grant awarded in 2014, and the Altar Foundation invested balance at the end of 2022 was \$444,000. Your annual support of the Altar Foundation is greatly appreciated and provides annual support for church initiatives.

Greg Daughhetee, Chairman Endowment Committee



History & Heritage

It's Time to Build

It had taken \$196,465.33 to finance the church construction up to 1944. And that was only the basement, the parlor and Wesley Hall. Now it was time for the sanctuary itself. It was needed. It was wanted. The congregation was determined to have it! Preparatory plans had been made in 1918, and needed to be brought up to date.

The building committee, inactive for three years during WWII, was reactivated. But to launch another financial campaign? To build a sanctuary? After what the membership had experienced for the past 20 years? An angel was needed. The angels appeared in the persons of the Hadley family-Mark and his sisters, Lily and Dollie.

When the Hadleys came to Kansas, their possessions were few. The father, Henry, had died in Illinois where they lived on a 240 acre farm near Gridley, 40 miles east of Peoria. The widowed mother, Sarah, with her five growing children, moved to Jewell County in Kansas. Later, they established a home in a sod house in northern Ellis county along the Saline River. Early years were tough; there were the grasshopper years, and then the droughts. But the Hadleys thought they "could make it go" with cattle. And Sarah Hadley was a devout Methodist.

It was oil, not cattle, that lit the Hadley financial torch and made them wealthy. Oil was discovered in 1935, and in 1945 Mark was asked how many oil wells they had. "Fifty-three" was his taciturn reply. Conservative estimates of their income was \$125,000 a year.

Carl Kraus remembers, "We had an architectural study done. Some fellow came up from Hutchinson in 1942, and we arrived at a figure of \$197,000. Mark had indicated that he would be glad to help out on a church, and had said to Fred Albertson, "If you need any help, let me know." When they told Mark how much it would cost, he said, "We'll give you that \$197,000."

Were the Hadleys religious? The Kansas City Star of March 25, 1945 quotes Dollie as saying, "Lily was an active church member as far back as I remember. It is for her that we are making this contribution to finish the church at Hays. I, myself, don't attend church as often as I should." The article continues: "Mark Hadley said he was not a member of any church. Yes, he believed in churches and was glad to help all he could; but he felt that religion was a personal matter and the man who tried to behave himself as best he could might get along without being a church member."

Our Caring Friends

We have had a full month over here at Deep Water! We are still consistent with our outreach and we are beginning to see that through time and consistency, our safe presence is known in the community.

One night we were spending time with some women on the streets, catching up and reflecting on how quiet business has been lately. After some time, a few more people stopped and asked what we were doing, what we were meeting about. One of the ladies replied: “These are our caring friends who make sure we are well taken care of. They’re very kind and generous, and they make sure we never go to bed on empty stomachs.” We are so honored to be seen as their caring and supportive friends.



Thandekile, a member of our board, writes: “The Deep Water team has given me the opportunity to reach out to people whom most people are not comfortable to associate with. It’s an organization that gives hope to those young ladies who are having it tough and giving them a safe place by talking to them and they open up. I also learnt to love and give to someone without any expectations. Deep Water shows the young ladies God’s love. Despite their circumstances, God is there to love and care for them. Deep Water is reaching out to the young ladies who form part of the community, giving them a sense of belonging.”

One of our highlights this month was a workshop facilitated by Sibumba Eswatini. With a heart and passion to gain a deeper understanding of those who experience intense stigma, discrimination and abuse in our nation, the Deep Water team sat with Sibumba Eswatini to hear stories of the LGBTQI+ community and engage in conversation about topics such as sex, gender, sexual orientation, homophobia and more.

We are praying for an office space in Manzini, continued opportunities to dive deeper with God and our community, continued provision. Thank you for all your support in this journey. For those wishing to donate: Checks can be made out to “The Cause” with Deep Water in the memo line and mailed to:

The Cause, Inc.
4225 Oceanside Blvd.
Suite H-325
Oceanside, CA 92056

Diving in,
Rachel

Highlights from the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

June 7-10, 2023, LaVista, Nebraska

Bishop David Wilson, the first Native American ever elected to the episcopacy, opened his first annual conference session with praise for the Great Plains and acknowledgement of the losses suffered. The losses included laments for the Native American land taken in the two states of Nebraska and Kansas, the changes the church made during COVID, and the loss of connection due to disaffiliations.

In his first address to the Conference, Bishop Wilson affirmed the sense of loss of 156 churches from the conference after a vote during a special online session of the annual conference the week before. He praised the work of district superintendents, who provided information and counseling to churches before voting took place. The Great Plains still celebrates 750 churches, the most in the South Central Jurisdiction.

Adam Hamilton, chair of the Great Plains delegation to General and Jurisdictional Conference, said a regionalization plan will likely be among the first orders of business at the 2024 General Conference. This would allow all the various regions of the world to modify some aspects of the Discipline to fit their country or regions needs. This is currently the case in the Central Conferences outside the US. However, the US does not currently have that option.

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Great Plains Conference, *continued*

This year's ordination class included 50 elders and deacons, as well as provisional elders and deacons. It is the largest group in the history of the Great Plains Conference.

The conference did reject both a petition and a resolution to extend the deadlines for disaffiliation. The conference did pass resolutions that supported the creation of a regional conference that would encompass the United States separately from the rest of the denomination.

Lastly, the conference approved a \$15.1M budget for 2024 reflecting a decrease of \$672,000 or 4% from the 2023 budget. \$500,000 from reserves was released to assist the conference congregational excellence department to provide support for churches whose congregations were split by disaffiliation votes.

The 2024 annual conference will be June 6-9 – Thursday thru Sunday – at the Younes Conference Center North in Kearney, Nebraska.

Where am I

Matt Dumler, Director of Dicipleship

I have had several conversations lately with people regarding how their Bible reading plan has been going this year. Some simply say it's been good, some say they enjoy it, some say they have grown so much, some say it's complicated, some say it's frustrating, some say they've read things they've never read before, some people say they're behind, and some just kind of shrug their shoulders as if they don't know how to answer it because they think I'm looking for a certain answer. The truth is, is that all of these answers are correct. All of these answers are the truth for the individual who gives them.


I think all of the above answers teach us one very important truth, and that's this: if we want to get to where we want to go we have to first figure out where we're at. I think often in our faith we like to look at it as though we are 10 steps further than we actually are. On the other hand, some like to look as though they're 10 steps behind where they actually are. I think no matter where you're at in your faith journey the most important thing to do is to be truthful with yourself and figure out where exactly you are along the path.

In the beginning part of Proverbs, it speaks of wisdom and knowledge. It speaks of beginning with the fear of the Lord. It then goes on to talk about the importance of the fear of the Lord and what happens if you don't have it. But notice it gives you a starting point. I think sometimes we look at our own starting points and don't like the truth of it and so we try to exaggerate it or tell ourselves it's not what it really is. It's easy to deceive ourselves into thinking we're farther along than we actually are or humble ourselves too much and not realize how far we've come. I think the truth about our starting point is the thing that enables us to grow the most. It allows us to assess what has worked for us in the past and it allows us to set goals for the future. It allows us to look at what the next step is and then rest in that fear of the Lord that he'll be with us as we take it.

I think this is an important task for not only us as individuals but for us as a church. I think as the collective body of Christ it's important for us to look at ourselves and be truthful about where we are as a church. What are the things that work for us, and what are the things we are still holding onto because of tradition? I think figuring out where we are as a church allows us to set dreams and visions and goals. It allows us to evaluate the mission field around us and what it is we need to do to reach that field. I think sometimes we want to rest in who we were or who we want to be and allow those two points to be our definition of our current self.

My challenge for you is to step back from where you think you are and to evaluate where you really are. Do you have the fruits in your life that Paul writes about or do you simply want them. What does the fear of God look like in your life? How important are the different spiritual disciplines in your everyday walk? The answers to these questions aren't meant to frustrate you rather they are meant to give you a starting point to the next step. So church what's your status quo, and what's the next step beyond it?

Congregational Bible Readings for the month of July

Day	Date	Reading	
183	July 1	Isaiah 5:1-7:25	
184	July 2	Isaiah 8:1-11:16	
185	July 3	Isaiah 12:1-16:14	
186	July 4	Isaiah 17:1-23:18	
187	July 5	Isaiah 24:1-27:13	
188	July 6	Isaiah 28:1-31:9	
189	July 7	Isaiah 32:1-35:10	
190	July 8	Isaiah 36:1-39:8	
191	July 9	Isaiah 40:1-44:28	
192	July 10	Isaiah 45:1-48:22	
193	July 11	Isaiah 49:1-52:12	
194	July 12	Isaiah 52:13-55:13	
195	July 13	Isaiah 56:1-59:21	
196	July 14	Isaiah 60:1-66:24	
197	July 15	Jeremiah 1:1-4:31	
198	July 16	Jeremiah 5:1-8:17	
199	July 17	Jeremiah 8:18-12:17	
200	July 18	Jeremiah 13:1-16:21	
201	July 19	Jeremiah 17:1-20:18	
202	July 20	Jeremiah 21:1-24:10	
203	July 21	Jeremiah 25:1-29:32	
204	July 22	Jeremiah 30:1-33:26	
205	July 23	Jeremiah 34:1-38:28	
206	July 24	Jeremiah 39:1-45:5	
207	July 25	Jeremiah 46:1-49:39	
208	July 26	Jeremiah 50:1-52:34	
209	July 27	Lamentations 1:1-2:22	
210	July 28	Lamentations 3:1-5:22	
211	July 29	Ezekiel 1:1-5:17	
212	July 30	Ezekiel 6:1-11:25	
213	July 31	Ezekiel 12:1-16:63	

The Day indicates which devotion to read.

June OUTREACH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, June 22	Women's Fellowship at Frontier Park
Sunday, June 25	Church Bash at ARC Park
Wednesday, June 28	Youth Putt Putt
Thursday, June 29	Youth Service Project
Saturday, July 1	Wild West Parade
Sunday, July 2	Red, White & Blue Jean Sunday
Tuesday, July 4	Office closed
Wednesday, July 5	Red Cross Blood Drive
July 11,12,13	Vacation Bible School
Wednesday, July 12	Youth –working at the ARC
Thursday, July 13	Youth service Project
Sunday, July 16	Church Larks night



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