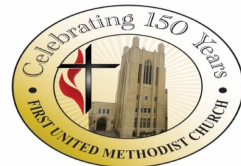


OUTREACH



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Perspective



150th Anniversary Homecoming

You are invited to a special celebration weekend at Hays First United Methodist Church. Events are listed below. Please purchase tickets by April 10, 2023, for the luncheon. You may purchase them in the church office or on the church's website: www.haysfumc.com.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 15—A Walk Through Time

2:00 pm—Come take a stroll from where Methodism had its beginning in Hays. Leaving from the 8th St church parking lot, we will walk to the various locations the Methodist's worshiped & met through the years.

3:15 pm—Refreshments at the church with memorabilia & storytelling.

Sunday, April 16—Worship & Luncheon

9:00 am—Visitation with coffee & light refreshments in dining room

10:00 am—Worship in the Sanctuary

11:45 am—Luncheon at FHSU Ballroom. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Adults: \$12.00 Children: \$6.00

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

Thanks



to Debra McDonald and Julie Giess for giving the kitchen a much needed deep cleaning. Thanks for making the kitchen shine!



All ladies are invited:
Annual Spring Brunch

Sat., April 22 @ 9:30 a.m.
First United Methodist Church,
7th and Ash, Hays

Featured Speakers:
Stacey & Isabelle Jones
"Volunteer Eyecare Missions in Guatemala"
Sponsored by United Women in Faith (formerly UMW).
Bring a guest!!

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

SUPPORT STAFF:

Administrative Secretary: Beverly Bearley
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

Mary McClain, who died February 24.

Norris Artman who died February 28, in North Platte, Nebraska.

Lester Look who died March 7.

Thanks to Matt Dumler for cleaning the Custodial Closet.

Thanks to Phil Stahlman for working on bathroom doors.

Just wanted to do a real quick thank you to everybody: Volunteer cleaning team, you guys are amazing! First couple of weeks Jan & I received lots of great foods. Everything was so good. Matt Dumler came to shovel our sidewalk of snow. Kathy Albers did light housework & grocery shopping. Ray Brent for driving me to the grocery store a lot! Greg Daughhetee for driving me to Wichita for my doctor appointments. Troy & Sarah Miller for stuff at Walmart, some wearable things.

Pastor Craig for overnight stays before my early surgery. Hey, do you want to know what really made my day? What really perks me up? I received a large packet of Valentine day cards from lots of you kids, hand made, mind you. So cute, thank you.

Joe Edwards

Welcome to Alan Nelson, our new building supervisor. Joe will be the Sunday Custodian.

Circle News

Naomi Circle met March 8 at the church with 17 members present. Evelyn Zellmer and Glenna Clingingsmith served as hostesses.

Linda Stahlman and Evelyn Zellmer shared experiences involved when delivering the baby quilts plus we were blessed to see the quilts Gwen Daughhetee lovingly stiches.

The program, Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, was presented by Julie Giess. She presented an overview of what the Call to Prayer offering would go towards and proceeded to give a program on Jesus' Ministry of Love.

Upcoming events include: Spring Brunch, April 22 at 9:30. Speakers will be Isabelle & Stacey Jones.

The May meeting will be held at a later time on May 10, followed by a potluck lunch with Rebekah Circle. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 12 at 9:15 at the church. The program will be "What's New at the Methodist Campus Center?" by Troy Miller.

Maundy Thursday service will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The Chapel will be open on Good Friday from 9-5. Members are encouraged to come to the chapel for a time of prayer and reflection.

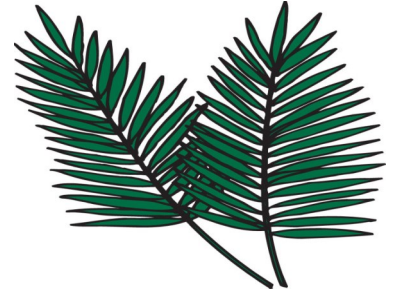


The Altar Foundation is \$150 this year, celebrating 150 years of Methodism in Hays.

Kids Corner

April is an exciting time for our kids here at Hays First United. We are offering anything from our regularly scheduled WOW events to special Easter activities as well. I wanted to highlight a few of them for you and encourage you to come participate in as many as you can.

The first one is our annual Palm Sunday Palm Parade. Our kids get to experience the excitement of welcoming Holy Week just as the people did when Jesus took his donkey ride into Jerusalem. They will dance and celebrate as they welcome the joy of Palm Sunday. We will have parades at all three of our regularly scheduled services. Come to one or come to all.



Next, is our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Morning. We will be hosting it out on our west lawn at 9:35. Rumor has it that there will be 1,000 eggs filled with candy, treats and toys. Our G1 students will be doing the honor of hiding these eggs and they have reassured me that this year will be a true Easter Egg Hunt and not just a dash and grab. We will also be welcomed by a certain bunny.

Then on Sunday April 23rd, we will be hosting our annual Camp Bake Sale in conjunction with our annual Camp Sunday. This event helps us send as many kids to camp as we possibly can. This year is especially important as we have partnered with the Untied Women of Faith and the Endowment committee to send every one of our kids to camp for free. We have posted all the of the camps on our Facebook page. We are also looking for bakers to help fill the tables with baked goods. We need anything from cookies to breads to muffins to any other sweet, delicious treat.



This same day, we will be hosting a representative from Camp Lakeside during our Camp Sunday. Come hear not only about the exciting opportunities that they are offering but more importantly, come hear why camping is so important. Camping helps build relationships not only with other kids from our church, but from other churches as well. Kids are challenged to grow in their faith, something that many of our kids have taken with them as they continue on in their journey.

April has a little something for everyone. Come find something that can help get your kid connected. Better yet, invite a friend to come with them and experience it for themselves.

Matt Dumler,
Director of Discipleship



Senior WOW

April 5, 9:00 a.m., Epworth Towers Community Room, 2800 Augusta Lane

Coffee & donuts at Epworth Towers Community Room, Greg Daughhete & Debra Staab will give a presentation on senior housing and recent renovations at Epworth Towers.

May 3, 4:00

Stacey & Isabelle Jones will present a program on their mission trip to Guatemala.

Love Without Expectations

Valentine's Day is a big deal in eSwatini, and thanks to a generous donation from one of our local church partners, we were able to organize an outreach in honor of the holiday where we passed out earrings and chocolate. Our outreach methods are driven by love without expectations. The people we meet in the after hours community are often confused when they first interact with our team, because most of their experiences are transactional, with expectations forced upon them. We give love freely, asking nothing in return. We have hope and faith for transformation, but we do not put that expectation on anyone we meet. We want our community to know that they are loved just as they are.



As the year begins, we are diving deep into outreach and our team is consistently spending time at two locations. Deep Water also had the honor of being invited to attend a workshop hosted by the European Union on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment. We love being a part of the nonprofit community in eSwatini and any opportunity to work together. We are excited to continue to reach out and watch what God is doing. We pray for continued wisdom and strategy in developing the team. We pray for doors to open to connect with more individuals and organizations and for continued provision.

Thank you all again for all your support in this journey. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions! For those donating financially from the U.S., your donation is tax deductible. Checks can also be made out to "The Cause, Inc." 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 Palmberg



History & Heritage

A Parsonage is Built and the Church Remodeled

A parsonage was erected in 1905 on a lot adjoining the church property on the east, purchased from Harry Freese and wife for \$150. In 1906 a barn was built. The house was moved several locations east and was later used as a nurses' home for Hadley Memorial Hospital; then the house was sold and moved.

The Fort Hays Normal was established in 1902 and within a few years Methodist-preference students began to come to town. Drought occurred, dust storms hit, grasshoppers reappeared, but the church moved forward. In 1909 Mrs. Gottlieb Riedel made the first donation toward a new building and work was begun in October, 1909.

The old church building was divided, and the two parts were used for the north and south wings. Between them a new sanctuary was constructed, the whole forming the shape of a cross. Inclement winter weather set in, but work was resumed in the spring and on March 29, 1910, Bishop W.F. McDowell laid the cornerstone, "in the midst of a howling dust storm". He was assisted by the pastor, A.N. Smith. It was dedicated July 31, 1910 by Dr. T.C. Iliff. The trustees were F.W. Kraus, H.H. Pierce, Frank Bice, Jerry Fellers, and W.S. Harrison. During construction services were held in the G.A.R. hall (in 1973, the Hays City Hall).

Early membership in the new church probably waxed and waned with the rather short supply of preachers, exhorters, and lay preachers. The first preacher, Rev. Turner, tried and after two or three failures, did establish a Sunday school. He distributed his services rather widely over the territory, organizing Methodist churches in various places, beginning with Ellis where he lived. Some of the churches received sufficient pastoral care, but the work at Hays evidently languished toward the end of the year. He did not return and no pastor was appointed in his place.


The Rev. W.G. Miller, a local preacher living twenty miles north of Hays, near the Saline River, was a "supply pastor" during the next year, but there is no record that he preached a single sermon in Hays.

The 1912 Report, differs as to the minister who succeeded Rev. Turner. It says, "Mr. Turner was followed by Mr. Brundage who had a farm near town and who probably did not rely upon a salary for his support. No records of his work is at hand.



If God sends you down a stony path
May he give you strong shoes

Congregational Bible Readings for the month of April

Day	Date	Reading	
92	Apr. 1	1 Chronicles 10:1-12:40	
93	Apr. 2	1 Chronicles 13:1-16:43	
94	Apr. 3	1 Chronicles 17:1-22:1	
95	Apr. 4	1 Chronicles 22:2-27:34	
96	Apr. 5	1 Chronicles 28:1-29:30	
97	Apr. 6	2 Chronicles 1:1-5:1	
98	Apr. 7	2 Chronicles 5:2-9:31	
99	Apr. 8	2 Chronicles 10:1-13:22	
100	Apr. 9	2 Chronicles 14:1-16:14	
101	Apr. 10	2 Chronicles 17:1-20:37	
102	Apr. 11	2 Chronicles 21:1-24:27	
103	Apr. 12	2 Chronicles 25:1-28:27	
104	Apr. 13	2 Chronicles 29:1-32:33	
105	Apr. 14	2 Chronicles 33:1-36:23	
106	Apr. 15	Ezra 1:1-3:13	
107	Apr. 16	Ezra 4:1-6:22	
108	Apr. 17	Ezra 7:1-10:44	
109	Apr. 18	Nehemiah 1:1-4:23	
110	Apr. 19	Nehemiah 5:1-7:73	
111	Apr. 20	Nehemiah 8:1-10:39	
112	Apr. 21	Nehemiah 11:1-13:31	
113	Apr. 22	Esther 1:1-4:17	
114	Apr. 23	Esther 5:1-10:3	
115	Apr. 24	Job 1:1-5:27	
116	Apr. 25	Job 6:1-14:22	
117	Apr. 26	Job 15:1-21:34	
118	Apr. 27	Job 22:1-31:40	
119	Apr. 28	Job 32:1-37:24	
120	Apr. 29	Job 38:1-42:17	
121	Apr. 30	Psalms: 1:1-4:8	

The Day indicates which devotion to read.



April Menus for WOW

April 5

Biscuits & gravy
Pancakes
Potato patties
Scrambled eggs
Frozen fruit cup
Dessert

April 12

Chicken strips
Mashed potatoes & gravy
Corn
Garlic sticks
Dessert

April 19

Cook's Choice

April 26

Last WOW—picnic outside
Barbecue pulled pork
Hotdogs
Chips
Dessert

Why Are We Doing This

How's your Bible reading going? I love asking people this with an anticipation of what their response will be. The answers given are usually in a wide range of things from everything from I love it, I'm learning so much, I can't wait to see what comes next, to this is so hard, it's so long, the content is so difficult to understand, there are things I don't understand why God did what he did, to this has challenged me to look at my faith differently. My response to all of those: good. We should be challenged in our faith. I hope you have been challenged in your faith, that's the idea.

First, if you're feeling that the task is overwhelming you're not alone. You have been given a difficult challenge. It is a time commitment. It does take training. If you were to look back on your scripture reading patterns before we started this what would they look like? For some people that particular spiritual practice is something they did a couple of times a week. For some people it was a spiritual practice that was done everyday. For others, it's something that was never done. Whatever your beginning point is, whatever comes next will be a challenge. But that's how you grow. Some people have decided that while they may not get done in a year, they're going to keep going and get done whenever they get done. I love that decision. The idea behind this is not to get done in a year and to see how fast we can do it, the idea behind this is to learn to develop the practice of reading scripture. Maybe you're right on track, maybe you're a day or two behind, maybe you're a month behind, whatever it is, the suggestion is the same: Just keep going. Evaluate where you're at, adjust, and keep moving forward.

Now what about this pesky Old Testament that we're in? It's difficult isn't it. There's a lot of violence, vulgarity, questionable decisions, and things that just don't make sense to who the God is that we've followed. But I love the Old Testament because it gives us a bigger picture of who God is and what it looks like under the umbrella of God's grace and love. You see we see people fall away from God in very gruesome ways but yet God always welcomes them back. We see them confront their own sin and God still pours his grace out upon them. It may look different than what we think it should but it's still his grace. We also see the constant need for Jesus even before Jesus came. We can see how God had a plan for Jesus throughout the history of Israel. We see the need for a savior. We may not understand why God did what he did, I call that a question for the creator. But we do get glimpses into God's character about how he has plans for his people and how he continually forgives his people and brings them back to him even when the people turn away. Just keep that in mind as you read through these difficult passages.

I also want to remind you of something very important, just because it's in scripture and it says the people did something doesn't mean that it was God ordained. Pay attention to when it says that God told them to do something and pay attention to when the people just did it. You see the Bible is full of history. We all have a history. Some of our history we are not proud of because it's full of decisions that we would not make again given the choice. It's no different for the nation of Israel. If they had a chance to go back and remake some of their decisions I think they probably would. But it's important that we know their history so we don't repeat their mistakes. So pay attention to God's commands and people's decisions as you're doing your reading.

The important part of this is to just keep going. Set out on a journey to know God more each time you sit down with your Bible. Start with a prayer that says God show me your heart just a little bit more today. Then open the scriptures up and watch God work.

Matt Dumler, Directory of Discipleship

LIBERATE BOOKS PROJECT

MICAH 6:8

WHO WE ARE

The Liberate Books Project is a special project under the umbrella of the Micah 6:8 at Hays First United Methodist Church.

OUR MISSION

- Our mission is to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly by addressing social concerns in our community and beyond.
- We strive to increase interest in reading and provide a variety of new and relevant titles to all Kansas county jails and prisons.

WHY BOOKS?

Books occupy idle minds.
Books help develop positive behavior.
Books improve education and dramatically reduce recidivism.
Books help readers overcome personal problems.
Books provide mental and emotional healing.
Books equip readers to make necessary life changes.

An inmate spoke to a dark past and how important it is to have access to books. *"I would like a big dictionary and a book of how to have a good relship (sic) with your wife and a book how to make some one to forgive you for hurting them."*

GET INVOLVED

BOOK DONATIONS: You may drop off your new or gently used books at Hays First United Methodist Church located at 305 W. 7th or at the United Methodist Campus Ministries Center located at 507 Elm in Hays.

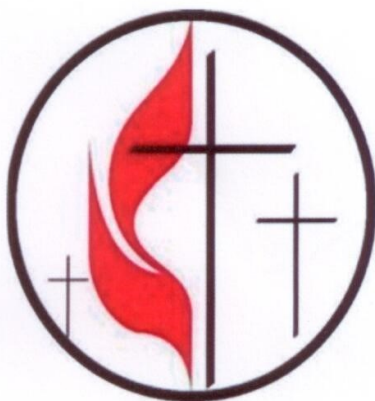
**We are still accepting children's books and stuffed animals.*

FINANCIAL DONATIONS: Make your financial contributions payable to Hays First United Methodist Church. Make sure to write Liberate Books on the memo line of your check.

BOOK DELIVERIES: If you would like to assist in book deliveries, please contact Dr. Sarah Broman Miller at sebmiller@fhsu.edu.

BOOKS EXAMPLES

Almanacs and dictionaries
Self-help
Religious
Drawing and how-to art
Fantasy
Electrical wiring
Exercise
Graphic novels
How-to auto & mechanic manuals
Investing & financial literacy
Law dictionaries
Manga & Anime
Healthy living
Young Adult (YA)
Paperback carpentry guides
Paperback plumbing guides
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 4	Loving Hands/Loving Hearts
Thursday, April 6	Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 7	Good Friday, 9-5, come pray in the chapel
Sunday, April 9	Easter Sunday
Saturday, April 15	A Walk through Time
Sunday, April 16	Homecoming Service & Luncheon