



OUTREACH



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First United Methodist Church

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General Conference Update:

The United Methodist Church denomination held its General Conference from April 23 to May 3, 2024. Over 1000 petitions from individuals, churches, and groups were sorted through and voted on. The General Conference had approximately 850 representatives from around the world. Here are some of the big decisions:

1. **Regionalization:** This is a UMC constitutional amendment that still requires all 133 annual conferences in the world to vote before it is ratified. If passed, regionalization allows different world regions to modify section 6 of our Book of Discipline (the guidebook to our denomination). Section 6 deals with ordination criteria, membership in the church, organizational structures, hymnals and rituals, and judicial administration. Across the denomination, sections 1-5 of the Book of Discipline would remain the same. These sections include our Constitution, General Book, Doctrinal Standards, Ministry of All Christians, and Social Principles. These would continue to apply to all regions equally.
2. **Pension Plan:** The pension plan for pastors was updated to reflect the current financial realities of the UMC. This will impact appointed UMC pastors.
3. **Revised Social Principles:** They define our denominational stances on things like gambling, alcohol, divorce, marriage, war, and a host of other topics. The biggest word change is related to marriage: “marriage is a sacred lifelong covenant that brings two people of faith (adult man and woman of consenting age or two adult persons of consenting age) into a union of one another and into deeper relationships with God and the religious community.”
4. **Deacons Sacramental Privilege:** The UMC has three classes of pastors: Elders, Licensed Local Pastors, and Deacons. Previously, Deacons were prevented from being able to administer Baptism and Holy Communion. This restriction has been removed.
5. **Decisions concerning same-sex marriage and LGBTQ+ pastors:** Previously, the UMC did not permit pastors to perform same-sex weddings or annual conferences to ordain LGBTQ+ pastors. Now decisions on whether or not to perform same-sex weddings will be made by local churches and pastors and decisions on whether or not to ordain LGBTQ+ pastors will be made by annual conferences.
6. **Reduced General Conference Apportionments:** Apportionments are the money we pay to the denomination to support the overall mission and ministry of the UMC. The amount that will go to the General Conference was reduced. How this reduction will affect First UMC is not known at this time.

Pastor Craig

Outreach articles are due the **third** Sunday of each month. Please email your OUTREACH item to wendy@haysfumc.com before **Sunday, June 16, 2024**. Items may also be placed in the office, labeled **for the Outreach** by **June 16**. The next Outreach should be received on June 20.

Thanks



Nichole Younger who is one of our volunteer audio techs, is taking an extended leave of absence. This has opened an opportunity for an addition to our audio or video team. If you have ever thought it might be a way to serve your church, consider volunteering with us. The time commitment is usually limited to Sunday mornings at 8:45 or 10:45 with occasional need for wedding or memorial services. Our current staff is happy to train and support you until you are comfortable with the work. You could explore your interest and decide if it is a good fit for you. Call the church office (625-3408) or Mike Cooper (628-8451) if interested or for further information.

Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family & friends of

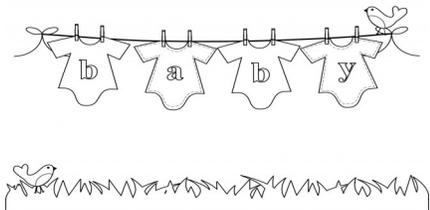
Ron & Karol Katt on the death of Ron's sister, Ellie Gabel, who died April 29.

to Larry Plymell on the death of his wife, Darlene, on May 2.

Congratulations

to Misty Graham for being honored as Family Leader of the Year by the Kansas Head Start Association.

to Abby & Charlie Stieben on the birth of Violet Ellie, born on May 10. Violet has a brother, Griffin. Grandparents are Angie & Darren Stieben and Marla & Kevin Homburg.



Circle News

Naomi Circle met Wednesday, May 8 at the church. Seventeen members met at 10:30 so that a luncheon could be enjoyed together with Rebekah Circle.

Our Baby Quilt project has been extended to the Hispanic congregation. Dr. Sarah Miller will keep the committee informed of babies in that congregation.

May 12 is graduation Sunday. During our lunch with Rebekah Circle, Pastor Craig introduced Pastor Susan who will begin ministry here at FUMC July 1.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 11th of September at 9:15 at the home of Sheryl Blair.

Looking Ahead

June 9, 5:00 Ark Park
Food truck, Sno cone truck
Dessert pot luck

June 16
One church service

July 9-11
Vacation Bible School

July 12
FUMC sponsors The Lark's game

Prayer for peace in the church

God, Your word says, "The Lord gives strength to His people; the Lord blesses His people with peace" (Psalm 29:11 NIV).

Help me and [Your whole church](#) to "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" Ephesians 4:3 NIV).



The gift for the Altar Foundation for 2024 is \$151.

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

Potluck Dinner



Sunday, June 16
One Worship Service at 10:00
Potluck dinner to follow
Pastor Craig's last Sunday



Activities for Families and Kids

Start a garden

Fly a kite

Go on a nature walk

Plan a picnic

Do one new activity each week-let each member of the family take turns choosing something they want to do with everyone-art project, visiting a museum or zoo, game night, family sport, etc.



Women's Fellowship—Saturday, June 8, C2T Ranch

The plan for the day is hiking, yard games, floral arrangements, a fire pit with cobbler baked over the fire and fellowship.

We will leave the church at 10 a.m. to caravan, However, please feel free to come and go during the day.

We need RSVP's by **May 30th** at 785-623-8791. Let us know if you will be coming just for the day or camping for the evening. Detailed information will be provided after you RSVP.

News from Eswatini

This past week we held our first local fundraiser hosted by the Bush Pizzeria here in Manzini. During this time we fellowshiped with the community and gave thanks to God for the past two years of Deep

Water in Manzini. We pray this is only the beginning of amazing opportunities and partnerships such as this one. It doesn't stop there! From here on-

ward a portion of all Friday sale profits at the Bush Pizzeria will be donated to Deep Water! We are incredibly thankful for this partnership and we are praying that God continues to bless their business and presence in our city!



With the winter months rolling in, we have started serving tea to our after-hours communities. With this, we've also seen and taken the opportunity to connect and serve our homeless community, supplying hot tea and coffee on cold nights.

The local police have taken an interest in what we are doing, and we've had great interactions and conversations with them lately. We are excited to see what God has in store for these new relationships, and the opportunities they might bring!

Thank you to every single one of you who supports us financially, through prayer, and through advocacy. None of this would be possible without you! Thank you for your support through 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 and mailed to: The Cause, Inc.

Diving in,
Rachel

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Womens' Summer Bible Study

Table Talks

Two offerings beginning May 21 & May 22

Tuesdays at 2 p.m. and Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sessions:

- *Do I have a seat at the table?
- *A dinner party for 5000
- *Priorities
- *The uninvited guest
- *Who sits at the table
- *Invite yourself over
- *The Last Supper for now

Each session includes

- A recipe
- A main idea
- A head change
- A heart change
- A life change

From the Finance Committee:

Hopefully, we will all continue to unite our appreciation and love for First United Methodist Church, its people, its programs, its influence on the richness of our lives, with the program needs and financial support required to keep our church viable and vital.

Please remember our membership and support promises we give in our core vows as United Methodists. (Both membership and Baptism) They are Prayer, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness. Each of these is equally important. Each of us can engage each of them. As we approach summer, keep them in mind. Our current momentum will not then wane.

Bob Cox, Member of Finance Committee

Summer Giving Campaign

We will have a Summer Giving Campaign to help replenish the General Operating Fund when the offering revenue is less in the summer-fall months. The Summer Campaign will begin in May using Adopt-a-Year from 1 to 151. You can choose a year to adopt and give that amount for Summer Giving. Please designate your offering to "Summer Giving." Watch for more coming on this.

Congratulations to the 2024 Hays High Graduates

Jeston Conger
Trenton Holdeman
Charlie Roe

Kae Dees
Corbin Luck

Nate Henderson
Lilian McGrath



Ryan Fort, son of Joel & Sonya, will graduate from Washington University School of Law with a Juris Doctorate.

Brandon Kennemer, son of Rob & Traci, will graduate from FHSU with a BS in biology.

Easten Wamser, son of Alan & Heidi, will graduate from NCK Tech in Electrical.

Denton Rathke, son of Eric & Charlotte, will graduate from K-State with a Master of Accountancy.

Ethan Klausmeyer, son of Kelly & Sally, will graduate from FHSU with a degree in Computer Science.

Heritage Sunday Honorees – 2024

Ruth Briney has been a member of Hays FUMC for 50 years. Her faithful service has included teaching first grade Sunday School and helping with Bible School. She was a member of the Education Committee. Ruth helped catalog the church library with Lucille Lentfer. An active member of WSCS, UMW and United Women in Faith, Ruth has served as UMW President and as an officer in Circle. Ruth published the Circle membership and meeting booklet each year for many years. Special church memories include serving wedding receptions and funeral dinners as well as delivering quilts from Naomi Circle to new babies born to church members.

Harl & LaVena Stump have been members of FUMC for 52 years. Harl, LaVena, Stephen and Phillip were invited to church by Rev. Bill Miller and Grace Murphy (from Welcome Wagon who visited new people in Hays). Donald Stout was choir director and Bonnie Storm played the organ. In the 70's LaVena was co-chairman of the children's education with Marian Youmans. LaVena has always been a member of United Women in Faith. Harl and LaVena have attended the Miler's Sunday school class since 1972. Harl served on the Staff Parish Committee. Stephen and Phillip attended Sunday School and both went through confirmation class. Phil's Scout group 101 (Bill Losey leader) met at Hays FUMC. In 1983, Phil received his Eagle Scout award at the church. In the late 70's Steve attended a very active youth group led by Carlyle & Sandra Thompson. Our family has many memories of beautiful weddings and memorial services. Hays First United Methodist church has been a big part of our lives for 52 years!

Carol Purdy has been a member of Hays FUMC for 55 years. Carol has served on many committees: Staff Parish, Trustees, Finance, Worship, Membership and Missions. She has helped with Sunday School and Kid's Club. She has served as a lay delegate. Carol has been a co-editor of the Outreach and coordinated Greeters and the Keenagers. Carol treasures working, playing and worshipping with fantastic people and the many friendships she has developed. Being able to help those in need by serving on mission teams in Costa Rico and the U.S. are special memories. Joining Rev. Stanton and church members on a trip to Israel was a special privilege.

Dave & Karen Hendrickson have been members of Hays FUMC for 50 years. Dave has served on the Administrative Board, the Board of Trustees and the Endowment Committee. Dave also serves as an offering counter. Karen & Dave served as Communion Stewards for thirty plus years. Special church memories include their wedding ceremony is the church that was officiated by Rev. Bill Miller in 1974. Both of their children were baptized in the church.

Marcia Bannister Griffin has been a member of FUMC for 51 years.

David Eickbush has been a member of FUMC for 58 years.



Youth Activities

Tuesdays—Youth Bible Study

Service Projects

May 27
June 24
July 1
July 15
July 29

Disk Golf-May 23
Pickleball-May 30
Gaga Ball—June 6
Nine Square-June 27
Board Games-July 11
Lawn Games-July 18
Putt Putt-July 25

Vacation Bible School –July 9-11

HAYS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH COVENANT

This year I will live the Gospel Life by:

Committing to at least two new spiritual practices to deepen my faith.

I will share radical hospitality by:

Making my heart a welcoming place for God.

Inviting a friend, colleague, classmate, or family member to attend worship.

Warmly welcome all who attend.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7

I will be passionate in worship by:

Preparing my heart and mind for worship.

Attending worship regularly.

By finding a daily devotional that works for me.

Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, but let us encourage one another. Hebrews 10:25

I will be intentional in my faith development by:

Praying regularly.

Being part of a group for discussion, study, or prayer.

Discovering my spiritual gifts and talents.

They devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers. Acts 2:42

I will be risk-taking in mission and service by:

Listening more closely for God's call on my life.

Making a positive difference in the lives of others.

Being willing to risk failure for Christ's ministry.

Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me. Matthew 25:40

I will be extravagant in my generosity by:

Offering more of my heart for God.

Supporting the church in our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Giving regularly with tithing a percentage of my income being the aim.

You will be enriched in every good way for your great generosity. 2 Corinthians 9:11

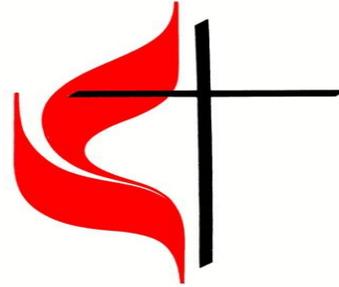
Signed: _____ Date _____

Modern Language—Wesley's Covenant Prayer, Rev. Jeremy Smith

I am not my own self-made, self-reliant human being. In truth, O God, I am Yours. Make me into what You will. Guide me on the easy path for You. Guide me on the rocky road for You. Whether I am to step up for You to step aside for You; Whether I am to be lifted high for You or brought low for You; Whether I become full or empty, with all things or with nothings; I give all that I have and all that I am for You. So be it. And may I always remember that You, O God, and I belong to each other. Amen

John Wesley's Covenant Prayer

*I am no longer my own, but yours.
 Put me to what you will,
 place me with whom you will
 Put me to doing,
 put me to suffering.
 Let me be put to work for you
 or set aside for you.
 Let me be full,
 let me be empty.
 Let me have all things,
 let me have nothing.
 I freely and fully surrender all things
 To your glory and service.
 And now, O wonderful and holy God,
 Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
 You are mine and I am yours.
 So be it.
 And the covenant which I have made on earth,
 Let it also be made in heaven.
 Amen*



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*I am not my own self-made, self-reliant human being.
 In truth, O God, I am Yours.
 Make me into what You will.
 Make me a neighbor with those whom You will.
 Guide me on the easy path for You.
 Guide me on the rocky road for You.
 Whether I am to step up for You to step aside for You;
 Whether I am to be lifted high for You or brought low for You;
 Whether I become full or empty, with all things or with nothings;
 I give all that I have and all that I am for You.
 So be it.
 And may I always remember that You, O God,
 and I belong to each other.
 Amen*

Tile Sorting Party

Come to the church parking lot on **June 1, beginning at 8:00 a.m.** (come & go)
 Help sort the roof tiles into usable & nonusable tiles.

May OUTREACH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, May 20

Women's Fellowship lunch at Professors

Monday, May 27

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, June 4

Loving Hands/Loving Hearts

June 6-8

Annual Conference, Kearney, NE

Saturday, June 8

Women's Ministry-C2T Ranch

Sunday, June 9

Arc Park

Sunday, June 16

One Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

Monday, July 1

Blood Drive

Thursday, July 4

Church Office Closed