

# OUTREACH



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## Roof Replacement

In December 2021, some of you will recall the devastating windstorm that came through the Hays area. I was in the church building listening as the tiles on the roof were shifting and some literally blowing off the building. I called the Trustee chair during the storm and told him it would be a good idea to go ahead and get on a roofer's list. He did.

It is now May 2023 and what a journey it has been! Between insurance, tile manufacturing, increased costs, lining up with a contractor, and figuring out how to pay for the project, the Trustees have had their hands full. Let me clarify a few things:

First - the Project. Before the storm, the Trustees had already made plans to have repairs made to the flat roof areas of the building. Materials had been purchased. To help with the costs of that project, it was decided to wait until the tile roof was replaced. This allows for the rental of only one crane. Thus, it allowed for cost savings. The Trustees opted to replace the tile roof instead of patch it because of the expense of customized tiles to match the 1940's version currently on the building. Matching color was also an issue plus with new tile there is a 75-year warranty.

Second – the Cost. Since December 2021, inflation has raised its ugly head and made pinpointing costs a little difficult. The final edition of the contract for the tile roof came in at about \$223,000. With the additional flat roof work, the estimate of \$250,000 is the best we have to work with. We have a little over \$200,000. I estimate we need \$50,000 to complete the project.

Third – the Timeline. Our tile is being manufactured as I write this. It is projected to arrive in the first week of June. The contractors have assured us that they will be starting work shortly there-after. The best guess is that the project will be complete by mid-July. We need the funds in place by the end of June.

Fourth – the Financial Plan. The Endowment is putting forward a matching challenge to the congregation of \$25,000. The Endowment will match dollar for dollar up to \$25,000 to make up the funds necessary to pay for the roof replacement.

I am writing to request that you consider giving a special extra-mile gift to the “Roof Replacement Fund.” June is a small window to raise the needed money of \$25,000. But working together, we can complete this important project.

Final Note - If excess funds are raised above the project cost for the roof, those funds will go to replace the heating and cooling units on the third floor that froze this last winter. The “Christmas Surprise of 2022” led to flooding on all four floors of the education building. The units cost a combined total of \$15,000 to replace. Additionally, the sewer line at the 8th street parsonage is having to be replaced as it is collapsing. This is a \$10,000 plus project.

We are blessed with a beautiful legacy in our church building. Your help in keeping it maintained is appreciated.

Pastor Craig

**Outreach** articles are due the **third** Sunday of each month. Please email your **OUTREACH** item to **wendy@haysfumc.com** before **Sunday, June 18, 2023**. Items may also be placed in the office, labeled **for the Outreach** by **Sunday, June 18**. The next Outreach should be received on June 22.

**Thanks**

*Thank You*



*for your Kindness*

to all the wonderful bakers who provided food for the Campus Center this spring semester: Vicki Kelly, Barb Clinkscales, Donna Cooper, Sheryl Cox, Marilyn Davidson, Sherri Brown, Carol Purdy, Ken & Marcia Bannister, Jarilyn Staab, Renee Eilts, Bev Bearley, Wendy Beougher (3), Linda Stahlman, Patty Nicholas, Sharolyn Legleiter, Evelyn Zellmer, Jacinda Johnson, Karol Katt, Donna Weaverling, Sheryl Blair & Jennifer Kitson.

*Thank you for hosting "Lessons From Pandemics Past" with Rebekah Simon-Peter.*

*Congregational Excellence Team*

*Thanks to the United Women of Faith who have voted to contribute \$5,000 to the roof repair*

**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  
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**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*

*Sarrah, Scott, Savannah, and Summer Schneider and Ryan States, Ana, Cora and Donovan on the death of Sarah and Ryan's mother, Carolyn States, who died April 25.*

*Sarah, Brad, Hope, Isaac and Noah Schumacher on the death of Sarah's father, Ken Folsom, who died April 25. Services will be at the church on June 1 at 10.*

*Dottie Kraus died on May 20.*

*Johnny & Sherri Matlock & family on the death of Johnny's father.*

**Congratulations**

*to Chuck Ames who joined FUMC on May 7.*

*to the 2023 Confirmand Class:*

*Olivia Brening, Raylee Brungardt, Brody Burns, Beau Dreiling, Bryson Dumler, Edison Leuschner, Camden Luck, Cyler Luck, Lynsi Kanak-McGrath, Jack McMurtrie, Parker Unruh.*



Thanks to Carol Purdy for documenting in photographs our 150th celebration.

**Used batteries can no longer be dropped off at church, as there is no place to currently recycle them.**

**Circle News**

**Naomi Circle** met On Wednesday, April 12 at Ellis Estates with Sammy Miller, Pat Johnson and Jan Legleiter serving 15 members.

Pastor Troy presented the program "Updates about the UM Campus Center and other Missions of the Church on Campus".

The Spring Brunch is April 22 at 9:30. The speakers will be Stacey & Isabelle Jones.

The May meeting will be a Salad Luncheon. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall at the church on May 10. We are meeting at 10 to set up for lunch and then the luncheon will be at 12.

The May 10th meeting will be held at the church at 10:30 with Debra as hostess. Joint salad luncheon with Rebekah Circle at noon.

**Naomi Circle** met Wednesday, May 10 at the church before joining Rebekah Circle for a noon luncheon. Fourteen members and one guest attended. Special guests were members of Maria Circle from the Methodist Campus Center. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13 at 9:15 at the church.

Dear Pastor Craig and Congregation:

Congratulations on celebrating the 150th anniversary of the First United Methodist Church of Hays.

This incredible milestone is no doubt a testament of the dedication, faith, and commitment of your church and all of its members, past and present. Thank you for making a difference and setting a positive example for so many. First United Methodist has clearly impacted the lives of countless individuals.

Again, congratulations. You should be proud of this incredible celebration of service to God and the community. Best wishes for the future. Please let me know when I can be of service. The church in Hays has been a significant part of my life for decades.

Best wishes,  
Jerry Moran

## Kids Corner

The children of our church have been given a very special opportunity this summer. Several groups from around the church have stepped up and offered our kids an opportunity to go to camp for free this summer. Church camp is an amazing place for kids to grow in connection with each other and in connection with their faith. Countless stories have

come from camp about kids experiencing God in new ways. Often, these experiences are the catalyst for a life of faith.

If you have not done so already, check out the different camp offerings on our Facebook page and more importantly go to each camp's website to find out more about it. Find a camp that works for your kids. I know it can be a scary thing thinking about sending your son or daughter away for a couple of nights. Trust me though, they are in good hands. They will be surrounded by kids their age all seeking the same thing. They will be guided by people who want to walk beside them in their faith journey and who simply want to tell them about Jesus.

If you decide to send your child to camp, when you register just put that the church is paying and you don't have to do anything else. We do need those registrations done before June 1st if you want the church to pay for it. We are excited to see the impact that camp has on the children of our church and then to see the long term response to that impact. The kids have been given a tremendous gift. If you're on the fence about sending your kid, ask yourself this question, "If you're not going to send them when it's free, when will you ever send them?" This isn't a plea to try to guilt you, more it's a call to take a step of faith for you and your children to offer them a chance at a life changing opportunity.

If you have questions about camp, call up to the church and if we can't answer them we'll get you in touch with someone who can. I want to encourage you to at least think about it, think about making it a priority for your kids to offer them a chance that they may never get again. *Matt Dumler, Director of Discipleship*



### Congratulations to our Hays High graduates

Camryn Beauchamp	Shelby Craig
McKenzie Cunningham	Elle Dreiling
Callie Lane	Carly Lang
Corey Musil	Rilee Schwarz
Peyton Unruh	Colton Lane (in memorium)

### College Graduates

**Sam Gilchrist** graduated from KU. He is the grandson of Larry & Darlene Gilchrist.

**Patrick Gilchrist** graduated from KU. He is the grandson of Larry & Darlene Gilchrist.

**Cody Conger** graduated from FHSU with a Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design. He is the son of John & Tina Conger.

**Colter Conger** graduated from NCK Tech with a degree in Automotive Technology. He is the son of John & Tina Conger.

**Savannah Schneider** graduated from K-State with a degree in Human Health & Biology. She is the daughter of Sarrah & Scott Schneider.

**Peyton Thorell** graduated from K-State with a degree in Educational Studies. He is the son of Patsy & Brian Thorell.

**Mulu Bannister** graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Wichita State. She is the daughter of Ted & Kathy Bannister and granddaughter of Marcia & Ken.

**Tigist Bannister** graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the Research College of Nursing. She is the daughter of Ted & Kathy Bannister and granddaughter of Marcia & Ken.

**Jack Fort** graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science from K-State. He is the son of Joel & Sonja Fort.

**Jessica Hauschild** graduated with a PHD in statistics from the University of Nebraska. She is the daughter of Craig & Dayna Hauschild.

### Endowment Moment

During 1997 the Church's Board of Trustees formed an Endowment Committee and the original documents that governed the newly formed committee were adopted at an all church conference held on December 10, 1997. Twenty-Five years have passed since this committee was formed, and planned giving entered the vocabulary of Hays First United Methodist Church.

The following article was penned by Walter Manteuffel, who was the first chairperson of the Endowment Committee, and it was published in the Outreach on April 20, 2000 when the Permanent Endowment Fund was in its infancy. Well said Walt!

Greg Daughhete, Current Chairperson  
The Permanent Endowment Committee

### Secure the Future

Your church sees bequests and living gifts as an essential factor in maintaining and improving the services rendered to this and future generations of those who seek the extension of our Christian way of life.

The next move is yours. Consider your responsibility to dispose of the worldly goods which God has provided for your use. Have you considered tithing your estate?

The manner in which you pass your worldly good on to continue God's work on earth will be a mark of your faith and Christian commitment. Consider carefully how you would like to keep your property working for the Church after you are gone.

Whether your estate is large or small, we are taught that all one possesses is a trust from God. You should, therefore, plan wisely for the Christian use of your estate both during your lifetime and after you are gone. In returning a portion of the goods accumulated through life's work, a Christian passes love and faith to new generations who follow.

The Permanent Endowment Fund is for every person who wishes to extend his or her stewardship through the Christian Church during their lifetime and to perpetuate it in their memory.

Walter Manteuffel, Initial Chairperson  
The Permanent Endowment Fund Committee



### *History & Heritage*

### **Growth Meant Personal Sacrifice**

Anyone telling the story of the building of this church could not fail to mention the real sacrifices which went into making this construction possible. Members of the church actually mortgaged their homes and all their worldly possessions to make possible the completion of a part of the church during the depression.

Funds were depleted during construction in 1924, and money was badly needed to complete the lower part of the church so services could be held in the basement. Members had already contributed heavily; the church was in debt and yet the lower part of the building was not completed. The only means possible to complete the basement of the church was for members to sign personal notes to get a loan to finance the work. Members signed notes for what they were worth to guarantee payment. Backing the note were the homes, businesses, savings and all personal possessions of 39 persons.

The church history from 1924-1944 is largely centered around the terrific struggle to erase debt. These were decades of debt, depression, dust, drought, grasshoppers-and more debt. Large gifts which had been promised in 1920 by the Centenary Funds of the Board of Church Extension failed to materialize because of the church wide decline in missionary contributions.

The grasshoppers returned in 1935 & 1937. But their damage was eclipsed by a far greater scourge-dust. Beginning in 1932 the serious storms continued for seven years. Brown fields, barren and parched pastures, starving cattle and cropless sections. A Dodge City pastor relates two experiences: "One was when we had to delay a burial an hour before we were sure we could see the grave sufficiently well so that the pallbearers would not misstep and fall into the grave. Another was on the Black Sunday when one of our members coming to church rehearsal for the Easter Cantata ran into the building before he saw it."

However, the local congregation never faltered in its loyalty during all these discouraging years, and giving continued on a heroic scale. Even so, the whole project would have failed had not the churches of the Northwest Kansas Conference come to the rescue. In 1938, the debt was refinanced, relieving the members of personal financial obligations. Their mortgages were torn up. A new loan was taken out at the Hays Savings & Loan. Pledges were paid on time, and not one payment was missed from then on. On November 19, 1944, the mortgage on Wesley Hall, the parlor, and the church basement was burned.



## Summer Break?

“Schools out for summer, schools out for ever..” – Alice Cooper. When I was teaching we used to play this song as loud as we could for the kids on the last day of school. The kids would dance and scream. They didn't know the rest of the song but they knew the lyrics. It represented more than a song and dance though, it represented a break, a time of relaxation, a time of escape. It represented a time of freedom if only for a few months. I'm sure if you think back you can put yourself in the same mindset as those kids. You couldn't wait for that time of friends, late nights, lakes, and fireflies. Don't we all wish we could go back to such a simpler time?

I wonder if that mindset is carried over into adulthood at times. Do we use it as justification to call in sick to work, make excuses not to get together with friends, or dare I say skip church. That's right I said it. I think sometimes we take the summer break mentality and apply it to church. Yes, summer is busy with vacations, traveling sports, mornings of sleeping in, and many more things. But I wonder if sometimes we use the old mindset of summer vacation from school and apply it to summer vacation from church. I say this as I look in the mirror at myself and realize I've done it plenty.

This summer I want to encourage you to change your thinking just a little bit. Instead of taking a break completely from church, think of it as changing your approach to church. No, I'm not talking about making sure you join us online or on the radio. I'm talking about changing your approach from thinking about church as a program and thinking about church as a relationship. Think about it as connections that are supposed to go beyond simply being cordial. I have a pastor friend who used to tell his congregation “your best friends are in this room, you just don't know it yet.” I always thought he was full of it and just talking church talk, until I embraced the idea of church as a relationship. Now some of my closest friends are in this church. People who have walked beside me through all kinds of roads in life come from this church.



This summer the church is taking a new approach. Each month we are providing opportunities simply for fellowship. They are times just to get together and get to know each other. I want to encourage you to participate in as many as you can. You don't have to be young or old, married or single, have children or be childless, or even a member of this church to participate. Anyone, and I mean anyone is encouraged to attend our events. There is value in friendships and relationships with people your age. There is value in relationships with people in your stage of life. There is value in people who have similar interests as you. But there's also value in relationships outside of those things that you have in common. There is value in relationships with people who are different than you. Whether that is difference in age, social class, family status or whatever it may be. I want to encourage you to come and just get to know the people you do church with. A postcard with these events have been mailed to you and if you didn't get one let us know. If you want to give some to a family that may not have gotten one or who is outside of this church, grab one or two on your way out of your church service. Come and get to know each other, your best friends are in this church, you just don't know it yet.

Matt Dumler, Director of Discipleship

### Hays First United Methodist Church Financial Snapshot

	<b>April 30, 2023</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Checking Account*		\$ 69,905.14
Operating Gifts	\$56,660	\$212,882
Operating Expenses	\$52,843	\$199,151

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



## Work Day!

Come out to Camp and enjoy God's beautiful scenery and help us put the finishing touches on many things before camping season begins.

**Where:** Camp Lakeside – 300 E. Scott Lake Dr. Scott City, KS.

**When:** June 3, 2023, 9 a.m.

### Work that needs to be done:



Painting projects

Yard clean-up

Building clean-up

Trail clean-up

Light maintenance

Sanding and sealing handrails.




If there is a specific job you are interested in working on, contact us about tools and supplies.

We will provide sandwiches for lunch and then have a hamburger and hot dog feed for supper. Might even end the evening with a campfire and S'mores!

**Please RSVP so we can have the correct count for meals.**

**Call the office at 620-872-2021 or email at [camp\\_lakeside@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:camp_lakeside@greatplainsumc.org)**

## Congregational Bible Readings for the month of June

Day	Date	Reading	
153	June 1	Psalms 131:1-136:26	
154	June 2	Psalms 137:1-140:13	
155	June 3	Psalms 141:1-144:15	
156	June 4	Psalms 145:1-150:6	
157	June 5	Proverbs 1:1-2:22	
158	June 6	Proverbs 3:1-35	
159	June 7	Proverbs 4:1-5:23	
160	June 8	Proverbs 6:1-7:27	
161	June 9	Proverbs 8:1-9:18	
162	June 10	Proverbs 10:1-11:31	
163	June 11	Proverbs 12:1-13:25	
164	June 12	Proverbs 14:1-35	
165	June 13	Proverbs 15:1-33	
166	June 14	Proverbs 16:1-33	
167	June 15	Proverbs 17:1-18:24	
168	June 16	Proverbs 19:1-20:30	
169	June 17	Proverbs 21:1-22:29	
170	June 18	Proverbs 23:1-35	
171	June 19	Proverbs 24:1-34	
172	June 20	Proverbs 25:1-26:28	
173	June 21	Proverbs 27:1-29:27	
174	June 22	Proverbs 30:1-33	
175	June 23	Proverbs 31:1-31	
176	June 24	Ecclesiastes 1:1-2:26	
177	June 25	Ecclesiastes 3:1-5:20	
178	June 26	Ecclesiastes 6:1-8:17	
179	June 27	Ecclesiastes 9:1-12:14	
180	June 28	Song of Solomon 1:1-4:16	
181	June 29	Song of Solomon 5:1-8:14	
182	June 30	Isaiah 1:1-4:6	

The Day indicates which devotion to read.

# May OUTREACH

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Monday, May 29</b>	<b>Church Office Closed</b>
<b>Saturday, June 3</b>	<b>Workday at Camp Lakeside</b>
<b>June 6-10</b>	<b>Annual Conference, LaVista, NE</b>
<b>Sunday, June 11</b>	<b>Church Lawn games</b>
<b>Saturday, June 17</b>	<b>Precision Valley—Men's lunch</b>
<b>Sunday, June 25</b>	<b>Church Bash at ARC Park</b>
<b>July 11,12,13</b>	<b>Vacation Bible School</b>
<b>Sunday, July 16</b>	<b>Church Larks night</b>