



OUTREACH



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Daring Greatly



I do shame very well.

Tuesday, October 12 – I hit the road with a clergy friend to Colorado Springs and the Franciscan Retreat Center. We would be gathering with Bill Selby and a small group of clergy colleagues from Montana, Colorado, Oregon, and Kansas. I packed my backpack carefully with files, zip drives, and books so I could knock out some work that I am behind on. “I will cut out time to work even on retreat,” I said to myself.

Work harder. Shame.

Wednesday, October 13 – Day two passed. Lots of stories. Struggles wrestled with. Laughter shared. Family stuff unpacked. Computer plugged in. WIFI password entered. Nothing accomplished on the work in the backpack.

Failure. Shame

Thursday, October 14 – Morning started early with a walk. Last gathering with this group of friends and colleagues. Have shared this journey for five years. Grief over the loss. More laughter. Sorting through feelings. Emotions running high. Got to get my head in the game. So much to do. Pull out files in the car? Didn’t happen.

Work harder! Shame.

Friday, October 15 – Ran errands. Got groceries. Cooked. Opened some boxes in the basement. Readied house for company. My daughter. My son. Three grandkids. Energy. Excitement. Where did I put my backpack?

Failure! Shame.

Don’t even get me started on Saturday and Sunday. Didn’t preach. Didn’t go to church. Missed three meetings. Three! Three!! Let people down. Played Candyland. Read children’s books aloud. Played Ninja Turtles. Built block towers. Colored. Got takeout. Walked through Home Depot with my daughter daydreaming and scheming. How could I have forgotten finance meeting?!

Don’t make mistakes! Shame.

Webster’s dictionary defines the term “SHAME” as a “...feeling of disgrace or guilt...a feeling of inferiority or unworthiness.” Shame is that negative feeling or emotion we get on the inside of ourselves when we know we’re not acting the way we’re supposed to act...when we know we’ve done something we had no business doing. In the Bible, shame is described as that awareness in the innermost part of our being that we’ve offended the very presence of God in our hearts.

Beginning Sunday, October 24, join us on a journey in worship as we ponder what it means to Dare Greatly as we face our future. Utilizing Brene Brown’s insights and work by the same name, we will go deep into the Biblical story to uncover God’s work to move us forward. Shame and all.

Blessings, Pastor Craig

Please place the name “Outreach” in the subject line...or place your item, clearly labeled **for the Outreach**, in the office by **Sunday, November 14**. The next Outreach should be received by **Nov. 18**. Please email your OUTREACH item to haysumc@hotmail.com before **Sunday, November 14, 2021**.

Thanks

A sincere thank you to Liz Harper, Kathy Harper, Steve & Marilyn Wood, Ernie Bryant, Delbert Stanton, Gary & Sheryl Blair and Virginia Johnson for delivering Meals on Wheels in a very busy week in September. This service is greatly appreciated. The next time our Church will be responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels will be

INTRODUCING OUR STAFF

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Pastor: Pastor Craig Heuschild

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Director of Music: Alexander Rome

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Thanks to Pastor Craig & Dayna

and Pastor Troy & Sarah for

their leadership and care.

October is pastor appreciation month.

Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family & friends of

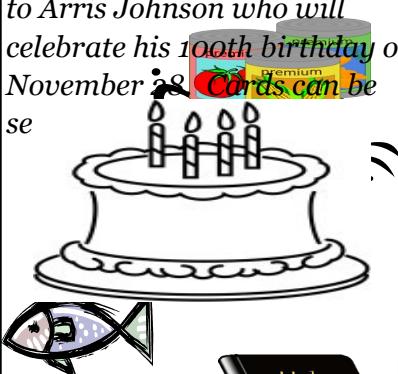
Lorena Kellogg on the death of her husband, Wilmer, on September 24.

Congratulations

to Troy Miller on his appointment as a licensed local pastor who will serve as Associate Pastor and the Campus Center minister.

to Barbara Jones who will celebrate her 95th birthday on November 17. Cards can be sent to 2601 B Augusta Lane.

to Arris Johnson who will celebrate his 100th birthday on November 28. Cards can be sent



to Kylie Schmidtberger and Braden Beagley who were married on September 25.

to Kristen Sulzman and Zachery Schilowsky who were married October 9.

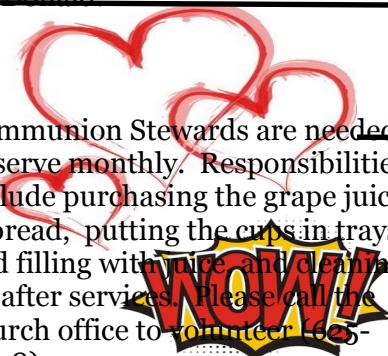
to Courtney Storer and Ryan Gushi who were married Oct



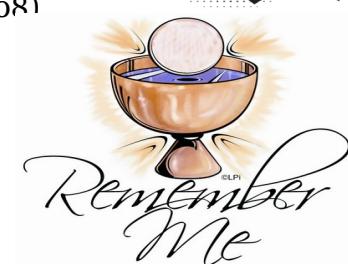
Circle News

Naomi Circle met in the meeting room of Ellis Estates on Wednesday, October 13. Virginia Kraus and Sheryl Blair served eleven members and two guests. Many topics were discussed during the meeting including Peddler's Fair alternative fund raising for missions, donating UMW books from the church library to Bonding With Books, and the MeTour 2022 to Red Bird Mission from June 11-19 for girls 15-20.

The program consisted of creating stocking stuffers to sell during a few Sundays prior to Christmas with the proceeds going to missions. The next meeting will be held on November 10 in the home of Debra McDonald



Communion Stewards are needed to serve monthly. Responsibilities include purchasing the grape juice & bread, putting the cups in trays and filling with juice, and cleaning up after services. Please call the church office to volunteer 1625-3408!



Sometimes our journeys might seem uncertain and without purpose, but every step we take brings us closer to understanding why we are here.



KIDS' CORNER

Yup, like KIDS' CORNER in a sweater, with another jacket on because my office is cold, b-----

What an amazing time we had at Pa's Pumpkin Patch, October 6! Be sure to check out all the Facebook page. Many, many thanks to Jeff & Marla Copper and their family for hosting us all!



"Faith Fails" will be taught in Kids Club up until the Thanksgiving break. It's nice to know that God loves us and that God is always faithful to forgive us. We must change direction, turn away from our own ways (i.e. sin) and walk God's way for our lives.

G1 is going great with seven 5th graders consistently attending! There is lots of space for friends so be sure to invite them to join you at WOW and learn how to "Be Bold" in your faith walk.

We are testing out a Sunday School hour from 9:45-10:45 upstairs for Preschool-5th graders. Check out our video on Facebook for more information on checking children in and out of Sunday School based on the worship service you attend.

Trunk or Treat So Others Can Eat will be Wednesday, October 27 from 5:30-7:00 in the North parking lot.
Ways to get involved:

Decorate a trunk,

Donate candy to handout

Donate food to stock our local elementary school's in-house food pantries

Share our event online, take pictures or come and visit!

Guaranteed to be an awesome time of fellowship AND community outreach.

Children/Youth Sabbath will be on Sunday, November 14. This a special day because the Youth will be in charge of all three worship services that morning! The children will add a craft element to decorate each worship space to fit the theme.

Casting for the Children's Christmas Pageant will be Sunday, November 14 from 4:00-5:30 in the Sanctuary.
More details as we get closer to that date.

Upcoming activities to put on your calendar:

December 8 Children's Christmas Pageant @ WOW



December 12 Children's Christmas Pageant @ 10:45

December 12 Cookies for Camp Fundraiser in Dining Room after each service

December 15 Caroling & Cookies @ WOW

Blessed to Serve - Melissa Pyle (pylemelissa06@gmail.com) & Jo Swayne (jo@haysfumc.com)

John Wesley had three simple rules about voting:

To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy.

To speak no evil of the person they voted against.

To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side.

Early voting begins October 18.

Vote on **November 2** for local school board & city commission candidates.



The Mitten Trees

November 7 through December 12, 2021

The annual mitten tree donations will begin on November 7, 2021. Please bring new warm hats, mittens/gloves, and scarves for students of all ages, kindergarten through high school to the church, and place them on the Mitten Trees. All of the items collected will be donated to USD 489 schools. This First United Methodist Church annual project has been greatly appreciated by families within the school district who cannot afford to purchase these important items.



Please bring your hats, mittens/gloves and scarves to the church and place them on the trees or in the baskets located in the parlor and in the dining room of the church. Every item donated helps keep a youth or child warm during the cold winter months.

Thank you,



Your Church and Society Committee
Your Education Committee
Your Missions Committee

United Methodist Student Sunday

To be celebrated December 5, 2021

One of 6 churchwide Special Sundays with offerings, United Methodist Student Sunday is a time to honor and celebrate students in our congregation and around the world. Across the country, the people of The United Methodist Church are serving the people God loves in Jesus' name. The reality for most of us is that our responsibilities...home, family, work...do not allow us to engage with every need we would like to meet.

Right now, there are UMC young people who might not have had the resources to attend a school of their choice or for some, any school at all. These young people have been sent by the United Methodist Church into the world God loves because of your giving to United Methodist Student Day. When you give generously you are supporting these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge. What no one person or congregation can do alone, we can do together as a global church.

The son of two addicted parents, Ricky Blue had grown up without much hope for a future. But when Ricky's church family, Louisiana's Luling UMC, raised \$4000 for Ricky to begin college, hope was born. The Gift of Hope Scholarship, made possible only by your generous giving to UMC Student Day, allowed Ricky to continue with his education. Today Ricky is a certified candidate for ministry in the Illinois-Great Rivers Annual Conference.

When you support United Methodist Student Day, you make it possible for more students like Ricky to serve the world God loves. So, although you cannot meet every need you would like of Christ's body to do it in Jesus' name.

First United Methodist Church will be celebrating Student Sunday on December 5, 2021. Come prepared to donate. (umc.org)

**Jesus Taught
us how to
Serve Others**





Hey Fall! Autumn has always been my favorite season and I hope you are enjoying the beauty of the changes God provides us during this colorful season. Little by little, I am doing some more work in the church library and would like to bring you up to date.

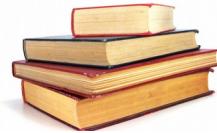
Earlier this year, Sandy Aldrich (head of Healthy Congregations) and I went through the books left by the now-defunct Parish Nurse Ministry. There are a good number of books we chose to keep and add to the church library. Their subjects range from tackling depression to dealing with cancer. I have been working on cataloging and classifying these materials and they will have their own section within the library.

The church library received a grant from the Church Endowment for the purchase of several items. Thank you! One of the areas that the library is sorely lacking materials for is the youth ministries. I have placed an order for a few books, both fiction and non-fiction, of subjects of interest to our pre-teens and teens. They are in the process of being shipped to me and I will get them processed for the library within the next month.

One of the ideas that I have been working with is bringing the library to you, the congregation. Please stay tuned for more information on this project.

I would also like to spotlight something that the public libraries offer that many of you could take advantage of if you are looking for Christian reading or listening materials. Hoopla is a great resource for books with Christian themes. It is offered by several public libraries in Hays and the surrounding area at www.hoopla.com. If you have questions on how to use it or any questions about our church library, please let me know. My email is pattyn@ruraltel.net

Patty Nicholas, Church Librarian



November



November 3	Chili Crackers, cheese Veggie tray Cinnamon rolls
November 10	Sloppy Joes Tator tots Baked beans Dessert
November 17	Chicken sandwiches Salad, pickles Dessert
November 24th	No WOW Happy Thanksgiving



Serving time from 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Price to be announced each week.

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Upcoming Events



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| October 27 | WOW Trunk or Treat So Others Can Eat |
| November 7 | Charge Conference at 7:00 p.m. |
| November 8 | Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:30-6:30 |
| November 14 | Children & Youth Sabbath |
| November 14 | Casting for Children's Christmas Pageant, 4:00 |
| November 21 | Church luncheon—Youth soup & dessert competition |