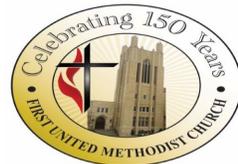


OUTREACH



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First United Methodist Church

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I have been listening to the most joyous sound from my church office. It is the sound of hammers on the sanctuary roof. Who knew that one could find solace in the pounding noise of roofers. While construction is going on during the week, we encourage you to park away from the building in the 8th Street lot. The crane must have plenty of room to maneuver through the lot to the various piles of tile and equipment. Caution is also given when entering through the handicap accessible entrance. The best place for tile to be loaded and unloaded is directly above that entrance. Keep a watchful eye when entering or leaving that space.

A reminder to make your reservation for the October 29th luncheon and workshop hosted by the Endowment Committee. Rev. Dr. Dustin Petz will lead a workshop after lunch about legacy giving. Conversation will be had around estate planning and how to support those people and places you love long after your death. Lunch is free and is being catered by The Rose Garden. The menu includes honey pecan crusted chicken, chicken and noodles, sides, and dessert.

Looking ahead to November. Our annual Church Conference will be held Sunday, November 19th. To make this a fun and joyful day, our children and youth will be leading our morning worship. There will be one service at 10:00 am. Following worship will be a potluck thanksgiving feast. The Education Committee will be providing the turkey. You are asked to please bring deviled eggs. Oops! Please bring your favorite thanksgiving side or dessert...especially if it is deviled eggs. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Zach Anderson, will then lead us directly into our annual church business session. Turkey, pie, and our annual meeting – oh my! Did I mention deviled eggs?!

Finally, a word from Bishop David Wilson of the Great Plains Conference:

I ask that you join me in prayer that God will share wisdom and mercy with all involved in the war escalating between Israel and Hamas. As you no doubt have seen, Hamas made an unusual move by invading Israeli territory from the Gaza Strip. Israel has every right to defend itself, and its government has the responsibility to protect its people. Likewise, Palestinians — Muslim, Christian or otherwise — have for decades been treated as second-class citizens. With harsh restrictions even on basic services such as electricity and water, Palestinians living in Israel have every right to push for equity for their people. But violence is not the answer. Terrorism is not a negotiating tactic. And bloodshed cannot be condoned. These barbaric acts have done nothing to further the cause of equity and, in fact, have forced Israel's hand in acting to defend its people. A conflict that stretches back thousands of years can only be resolved through the love and peace from the Creator of all involved. So please join me in prayer seeking God's intervention in this situation, particularly for God's peace to wash over all involved so that enemies might become friends and that lives could be saved.

Pastor Craig

Outreach articles are due the **third** Sunday of each month. Please email your OUTREACH item to wendy@haysfumc.com before **Sunday, November 12, 2023**. Items may also be placed in the office, labeled **for the Outreach** by **Sunday, November 12**. The next Outreach should be received on Nov. 16.

Thanks

A sincere thank you to Kara & Gordon Kuntz, Sheryl & Gary Blair, Kathy Harper & Virginia Johnson for delivering Meals on Wheels in October. Your service is appreciated.

If you or a family member are in the hospital, please call the church office if you would like to be on the prayer list or to let the pastor know at 625-3408.

Only 5 more people are needed to help with the Campus Center's Thursday night meal by bringing a dessert. If you could help, call the church office (625-3408)

Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, October 25

5:30-7:30

Trunks & candy are needed



INTRODUCING OUR STAFF

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Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family & friends of

Ed & Dixie Janzen on the death of their granddaughter, Jennifer Goetz, who died September 13.

Sean Peteete on the death of his brother, Kelly.

Congratulations

to Karl Cochran and Christine Webster who were baptized and joined as members on October 8.

to Olivia Dan Younger who was baptized on October 15. Parents are David & Nichole and siblings are Viola and Derrick.

Maria Circle met Wednesday, October 11 at 6:15 in the dining room. There were 25 members present.

We are a community of women whose purpose is to know God, experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

The group made prayer beads & will continue to pray for each other.

In the next session we will address a Global Thank Offering. It is a way for United Women in Faith members to show spontaneous gratitude for God's blessings to also improve the lives of women, children, and youth. This will support the overall mission program carried out through the national office of United Women in Faith in the United States and around the world.

Circle News



The Peddlers' Fair is coming up on Saturday, November 4. The Pastry Shop will be needing some of your delicious homemade goods to fill the table. Best sellers are pies, jellies, jams, home canned items, cinnamon rolls, fruit breads and cakes. But remember, any and all baked goods are appreciated. There can never be too many items in the Pastry Shop!

Please bring any baked goods to the church after 1:00 p.m. on Friday (3rd) afternoon or on Saturday (4th) between 7:30 & 8:00. Thank you for supporting the missions of our United Women in Faith circles.

Patty Nicholas

Peddlers' Fair Silent Auction

Looking for members who would like to contribute to this year's Silent Auction. We're interested in hand crafted and homemade items from our congregation with special talents. Please bring your item to church between November 1 and November 3rd.

Naomi Circle met Wednesday, October 11 in the home of Nancy Jones. Thirteen members were served by Nancy & Becky Johnson, co-hostess. Two upcoming events include Peddlers' Fair on November 4th and Cookies & Carols on December 4th.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8.

Trunk or Treat

As I think about Halloween growing up, I don't know that I can recall a single Halloween costume that I had. I am sure that I got excited each and every year to find the perfect costume, the one that was going to set me apart from all of the rest and make the homeowners give me a second helping of candy. Chances are it never worked and I got the same as everyone else but it's a fond memory nonetheless. While I can't recall any of those well planned out costumes, I do remember seeing all of the kids as they walked around the neighborhoods trick or treating. As I look back, I recognize the amount of community and fellowship that those adventures built.



Each year we get to help foster that same feeling of community with our Trunk or Treat. If you've never been to one, I want to encourage you to attend this year. You'll see kids both young and old come and enjoy trick or treating, fellowship and games. You'll see young kids light up as they run from booth to booth wondering what prize awaits them at their next destination. You'll be able to connect with not only church members present and past but possibly church members of the future. The night will be filled with the laughing of kids and the joy of conversation. And before you know it the night will be over before you really want it to be.

So where do you fit in in this equation? The simple answer is we always need trunks, we can never have too many. You don't have to be creative or artsy to come up with a trunk. You don't even have to decorate. Your presence is the most important thing you can give. Sure, if you want to decorate a trunk you can go all out, but if not, simply show up with a lawn chair and greet the families. This event is one moment where we can show the community who we are as a church. It may seem insignificant, but there's a lot of people simply looking for a warm greeting and light conversation. There are a lot of people out there looking to make any kind of connection with a church and that connection may start with a simple piece of candy.

So here's hoping every member, both young and old, new member or veteran member, active member or one who has been away for a while, and everyone in between will consider coming out and joining us on October 25th at 5:30 p.m. Come and help us show the community who we are as a church and help foster memories in young kids for years to come.

Heritage Sunday Honorees—2023

Congratulations to our Heritage Sunday Honorees for 2023.
Their faithful service is an inspiration.

Betty Calvert	69 years
Jeff Curtis	56 years
Ernie Fell	51 years
Barbara Grabbe	51 years



Jeff Curtis was a member of youth choir and chancel choir. He was active in MYF and attended Camp Lakeside. Special church memories are the music, choir and organ and having the pews & balconies full at both services when he was growing up in this church. Jeff's grandparents Carl & Bertha Lebsack were members of FUMC. His parents Marge & Rex Curtis were married at FUMC in 1950, as well as his brother and sister-in-law, John & Laurie Schlegel, in 1979.

Barbara Grabbe served on the Missions Committee. She fondly remembers her friendship with Rev. Miller. He baptized her two children and married Barbara & her husband Jr., who also joined the church. Her daughter and granddaughter's weddings were celebrated at FUMC. Barbara has especially enjoyed taking Bible courses. She has two children, Brian Watte & Jackie Ann Sulzman.



Menus for November

November 1

Lasagna casserole
Salad
Green beans
Dessert

November 8

Sloppy Joes
Baked beans
Mac & cheese
Salad bar
Dessert

November 15

Fried chicken or chicken nuggets
French fries
Corn
Salad
Bread sticks
Dessert

November 22nd

No WOW –Happy Thanksgiving

November 29

Subway sandwich
Potato salad or chips
Dessert



History & Heritage A Second Church is Proposed

There was some thought that perhaps a second church was needed. There were people who were dissatisfied with things as they were. Rather than have them leave the Methodist faith entirely, why not let them build a new church? Perhaps that was the answer. The old church was in the south end of town-build one in the north end. Hays was growing; the college would soon have 5,000 students. The idea found fertile ground and it spread.

Rev. Beebe announced in November, 1966, that a minister would be appointed to this new church in June, 1967. A new congregation, St. Andrews, was organized and Rev. Delbert Hahn came to Hays. At first the group met at 8:00 a.m. in the First Christian Church, then switched to Wilson School. A small office-type building was erected on land which had been purchased some years before at the corner of 27th and Oak. However, the undertaking proved too much for the small congregation of about twenty families. The members began attending other churches, and the project was abandoned in 1970. The building was moved to Camp Alubra at Cedar Bluff Reservoir.

In May, 1967, Rev. and Mrs. William (Carolyn) Miller came to Hays, and a new era began. His eloquence and his gentleness began to win back and unite some who thought of leaving. Instead of leaving, they began to turn toward solving problems. A big problem was looming. What to do with Wesley Hall and how to provide space for the growing needs of the Sunday School and youth classes?

It was inconsistent that adults could enjoy their sermons in air-conditioned 20th century comfort, while children and youth were in outdated classrooms, where even the fire escapes did not meet minimum standards. The gentle sincere voice of Rev. Bill Miller kept reminding members, "These are our children; investing in our building would be investing in our youth." Teachers kept struggling with the older facilities, hoping something would be done.

Meetings and planning continued through the fall of 1969. Enthusiasm for the project grew with the realization that perhaps the best solution was to strip Wesley Hall and the parlor and start over; to rip out the old wire and plumbing, redesign the interior on all four floors and make every usable inch of space available.

The congregation voted to approve the project. Men of the church removed the old bathtubs, doors, windows and plumbing and offered them for sale, all at bargain prices. Financing had been arranged, demolition and reconstruction began. Maska Construction was the general contractor and construction started in the summer of 1970. For the next twelve months, the physical plant was in somewhat of a turmoil.

All church school classrooms, nursery, youth area, parlor, library, chapel and church offices were remodeled, wide new corridors were provided, with all essential mechanical equipment such as new stairs and new boilers provided. Exterior stone was sand-blasted and sealed. All old windows in the educational wing were removed, and new aluminum frames were installed. Consecration services were held August 29-September 21, 1971.

New Pledge Cards for 2024 Giving - If you are choosing to give using automatic bank withdrawal as you prepare your new pledge card for 2024, please remember to send a voided check or a new Auto Payment Form (available at the Church website or in the office) with your Pledge Card. These must be renewed each year, so we need the documentation for each one.

Thank you so very much for your continuous generosity and extra support, especially at a time when the needs are great.

FUMC Financial Snapshot

	September 30, 2023	Year to Date
Checking Account*	\$39,971	
Operating Gifts	\$31,697	\$434,281
Operating Expenses	\$48,008	\$440,005

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

Endowment Moment

The operating document that governs the activities of the Permanent Endowment Committee outlines six general funds. This month's Endowment Moment will focus on three of these general funds of the Church's Permanent Endowment.

Missions and Outreach: Income from this pooled fund shall fund Missionary support, work camps, advance specials, and missionary projects locally, nationally, or globally, and in addition local and community-based relief efforts and ministries.

Children and Youth: Income from this pooled fund shall provide funds to increase participation by children and youth in worship, education, fellowship; expand services provided by the Church for children and youth; and support the Christian development of children and youth.

Education: Income from this pooled fund shall be used for special educational or evangelism programs, camperships, scholarships, leadership training of workers, and special workshops or seminars.

Gifts to any of the funds can be made at any time during one's lifetime or as a bequest.

Greg Daughhetee, Chairman

Endowment Committee

The annual mitten tree collection will begin on November 1, 2023. Please bring new hats, mittens/gloves, and scarves for students of all ages (kindergarten through high school) to the church. Please place them on the Mitten Trees or in one of the collection baskets.



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.

Again, 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.

4 Ways Daily Bible Reading Will Change Your Life Neal Samudre

In today's busy world, it can be difficult to prioritize daily Bible reading. Many of us are dashing about as soon as we wake up, and don't stop moving until we go to bed at night. Even if the desire is there, life often takes precedence over reading the Bible consistently.

Yet, on the days when I don't read God's word because I haven't stopped moving, I notice something—I'm in a bad mood. This is not a coincidence. We were created to operate within a godly rhythm of work and worship. When all we do is work, we're stretching our body to operate without the essential praise experience we need to replenish ourselves. If we are to live the lives God designed for us, we must get back to what's essential for us to thrive. We must move against the grain that tries to quicken our pace, slow down and pick up our Bibles. As a result, we'll begin to see the world in a new lens, one colored with the hope and optimism we need to face the day. As I made it a priority to read my Bible in the morning each day, I found my outlook on life was changing for the better.

Here are the four ways reading the Bible each day can change your life:

1) You'll gain a new insight on your problems.

Bible stories are timeless because they deal with universally human themes like stress, worry, fear, love and hope. The disobedience of the Israelites in the Old Testament, for example, can help you see the messes of your life—and God's mercy and grace towards you—in a new light. Whatever you're struggling with, let the powerful stories of the Bible better clarify what you're going through.

2) You'll see God in a new light.

It's difficult to notice God throughout your day when you forget how He operates. By reading the Bible each day, you can keep the nature of God and how He works at the forefront of your mind so you'll always notice when He's working in your own life.

3) You'll refocus your attention on what's important.

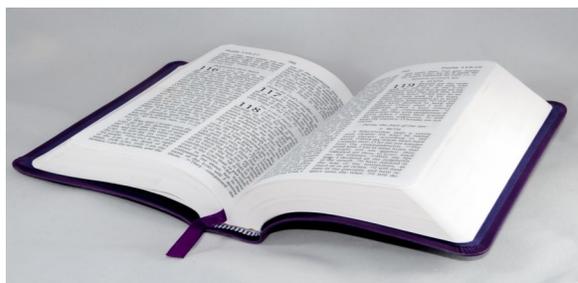
When you're busy, your mind is focused on yourself, what you have to do and how you're feeling. But reading the Bible expands your perspective. It reorients you back to what's important, like giving God His due time with you first and attending to your family, friends and neighbors in love.

If you find your mind is stuck on yourself, let the words of the Bible carry you to a godly perspective—that everyone in your day matters.

4. You'll make better choices.

The Bible teaches us that, "out of the heart the mouth speaks." Without even being conscious of it, we can store up sinful things in our heart based on what we spend our time thinking about or consuming in the media. Over time, these harmful items can transform our outlook into a negative one and can cause us to act or speak in ways that aren't godly or loving. That's why we're called to guard our hearts against such things. So you need to be intentional about storing up healthy things in our heart.

By reading the Bible each day, we can be sure to maintain a healthy and life-giving soul which will flow out of us in every facet of our lives. Don't let your fear of missing a deadline or being late to work stop you from making a daily connection with God first. Slow yourself down and read the Bible each day and watch how your life will change.



Congregational Bible Readings for the month of November

Day	Date	Reading	
306	Nov. 1	Acts 24:1-26:32	
307	Nov. 2	Acts 27:1-28:31	
308	Nov. 3	Romans 1:1-3:20	
309	Nov. 4	Romans 3:21-5:21	
310	Nov. 5	Romans 6:1-8:17	
311	Nov. 6	Romans 8:18-10:21	
312	Nov. 7	Romans 11:1-13:14	
313	Nov. 8	Romans 14:1-16:27	
314	Nov. 9	1 Corinthians 1:1-3:23	
315	Nov. 10	1 Corinthians 4:1-6:20	
316	Nov. 11	1 Corinthians 7:1-9:27	
317	Nov. 12	1 Corinthians 10:1-12:31	
318	Nov. 13	1 Corinthians 13:1-16:24	
319	Nov. 14	2 Corinthians 1:1-3:18	
320	Nov. 15	2 Corinthians 4:1-7:16	
321	Nov. 16	2 Corinthians 8:1-10:18	
322	Nov. 17	2 Corinthians 11:1-13:13	
323	Nov. 18	Galatians 1:1-2:21	
324	Nov. 19	Galatians 3:1-4:31	
325	Nov. 20	Galatians 5:1-6:18	
326	Nov. 21	Ephesians 1:1-2:22	
327	Nov. 22	Ephesians 3:1-4:32	
328	Nov. 23	Ephesians 5:1-6:24	
329	Nov. 24	Philippians 1:1-2:30	
330	Nov. 25	Philippians 3:1-4:23	
331	Nov. 26	Colossians 1:1-2:23	
332	Nov. 27	Colossians 3:1-4:18	
333	Nov. 28	1 Thessalonians 1:3-3:13	
334	Nov. 29	1 Thessalonians 4:1-5:28	
335	Nov. 30	2 Thessalonians 1-3:18	

The Day indicates which devotion to read.

October OUTREACH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 22	Heritage Sunday
Wednesday, October 25	Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 29	Legacy Sunday
Wednesday, Nov. 1	Senior WOW
Saturday, Nov. 4	Peddlers' Fair
Tuesday, Nov. 7	Loving Hands/Loving Hearts
Sunday, November 19	Church Conference