



OUTREACH



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perspective

We are approaching the year end. Before we know it, Christmas decorations will be on store shelves. Oh wait! That has already happened. Okay. I have not heard a Christmas carol yet. Oops! Just heard one of those last week.

With the year end in sight, we are beginning to talk about new goals, how we will focus ourselves for the ministry needs of the community for 2023, and the stewardship of our time, talents, and financial resources. As we enter 2023, I want to encourage you to think both “conservative” and “liberal.” Stick with me.

It is a shame when you really think about it that the words conservative and liberal have been highjacked by our political and theological era. We think of them as opposites. But the true opposite of “conserve” is to throw away, or waste, or squander. To conserve means to hold onto, to keep, to maintain. And of course, that

I let you know if and when I get the dates for that

can be bad if you hold onto what is harmful and good if you hold onto what is true and good and helpful.

And the true opposite of liberal is stingy, tightfisted, uncharitable. To be liberal used to mean to be generous and free-handed. So, before the words became politically and theologically stereotyped, it was good to be both.

Being conservative and liberal in the same breath can be a great thing - - especially when God is involved. To live a God-life involves building a life based on both principals.

1 Thessalonians 5:21 encourages us to “hold fast to what is good.” In Romans 12:9, Paul pleads with us to “cling to what is good.” Love genuinely. Be sincere. Overcome evil with good.

The Apostle Paul speaks of being liberal with what we have when he wrote the church at Corinth for a second time: “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:6-8) Be generous and free-handed with your gifts and with the way you give yourself to making God’s grace and love real through your actions.

Let us not be wasteful or squanderers of God’s great love. Let us not be tight-fisted and uncharitable of the gifts of God. Rather, live boldly. Hold fast to what is true and good and beautiful and precious. And be free-handed and generous and large-hearted with what you have.

Please email your OUTREACH item to haysumc@hotmail.com before **Sunday, November 13, 2022**. Please place the name “*Outreach*” in the subject line...or place your item, clearly labeled **for the Outreach**, in the office by **Sunday, November 13**. The next Outreach should be received by **November 17**.

Thanks

Praise be to God and to this church for your generous gift of food. We so much appreciate your partnering with Community Assistance Center to feed the poor and hungry in our community. Thank you.

Hays, FUMC,
Thank you for your continued support of our food pantry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Becky, Secretary
O'Loughlin School

Thank you so much for the food donation that you gave to our food pantry at Wilson. We are able to provide food to send home with students as needed. The cash donations help us to purchase other staples to send home. We appreciate your generosity.

Mrs. Scheve & Staff at
Wilson Elementary

Senior WOW will meet
November 2 at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

INTRODUCING OUR STAFF

PROGRAM STAFF

Pastor: Pastor Craig Hauschild
Congregational Care Director, Troy Miller
Director of Music: Alexander Rome
Special Music Coordinator: Meredith Cory
Organist: Noah Erichsen
Pianist: Sharon Graham
Handbell Choir Dir. Hannah Barrett
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Youth Ministry Director: Matt Dumler
Outreach Editor: Wendy Beougher

SUPPORT STAFF:

Administrative Secretary: Beverly Bearley
Administrative Assistant: Wendy Beougher
Financial Secretary: Liz Harper
Childcare Director: Melissa Pyle
Building Supervisor: Joe Edwards

Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family & friends of

*Darlene & Larry Plymell on the death of Darlene's sister, **Ivonne Burmeister**, who died September 18.*

Congratulations

to Ted & Kathy Bannister on the birth of a grandson, Henry Leon Admussen who was born September 2 to Hannah and Will. Great grandparents are Ken Griffin and Marcia Bannister.

to Leeson James Glassman who was baptized October 9. Parents are Nick & Caitlin. to our newest member Caitlin Glassman, who transferred her membership on October 9.

to Emersyn Charlotte Rice who was baptized October 16. Parents are Talon & Jessie. Great-grandparents are Duane & Shirley Steffen.



We are looking ahead already to next summer's Wild West Fest Parade! Our church will be entering a float again in the parade and we need your help! **WE NEED CANDY!** We ran out way too early last year and we want to make sure that doesn't happen again. Please consider purchasing some candy the day after Halloween when it's on sale and putting it in your freezer (Please make sure it is non-Halloween specific: regular wrapper on the candy). Any questions, call or text Dandy Henderson (719-433-2383).

United Women in Faith

The Peddler's Fair is coming up on Saturday, November 5. The Pastry Shop will be needing some of your delicious homemade baked goods to fill the table! Please bring any baked goods to the church on Friday afternoon (4th) after 1:00 or on Saturday morning (5th) between 7:30-8:00. Thank you for supporting the missions of our United Women in Faith circles.

Patty Nicholas

Peddler's Fair will have a Sneak Preview in the parlor beginning on October 23.

We're Back!!!!

Mark your calendars now. The United Methodist Women will host the

Peddler's Fair

Saturday,

November

5

9:00 - 1:30

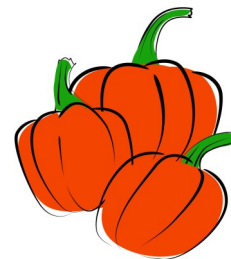


Keith & Kathy Harper will be celebrating 50 blessed years of marriage on November 4. A card shower is being requested. Please mail cards to 1313 W. 43 St. if you are so inclined to wish the couple a happy 50th.

Heidi Wamser

Kids Club

We had an amazingly gorgeous evening of fun and fellowship at Pa's Pumpkin Patch October 5. If you haven't checked out the pictures, be sure to head to our Facebook page and look! We estimated that 150 people came out to enjoy this church family event hosted by the ever-gracious Jeff & Marla Copper. THANK YOU!



WOW is in full swing with Kids Club, G1 and three adult classes currently going on. Come see what WOW is about every Wednesday during the school year. We start in the dining room for a meal, any time between 5-6. Then we join Matt in the gym for a quick worship segment from 6-6:15 and classes begin 6:15-7:15. The bell choir also meet at this time and if you'd like to join the Chancel Choir, they begin practice at 7:15 in the Chapel. Whew....a lot going on every week at WOW!

A few important dates to have on your calendar!

Trunk or Treat on October 26 from 5:30-7 in the North parking lot. The church will be open for bathrooms, but no meal will be served this evening because The Local Food Truck will be here with their full menu! If you did not attend the July event, you must make plans to come to this one! The food is amazing We will need lots of folks to provide a decorated trunk for the extra foot traffic we'll surely have, so please let the church office, or anyone on Education know that we can count on you for a trunk. Plan on treats for 200. If you'd like to donate candy or treats, there will be tubs at each worship space. Because of the food truck, we will not be voting for our favorite trunk with non-perishables this time. This will be such an exciting event for our church and the community as well so make plans to participate!!



November 13 the Youth of our church will be sharing the entire worship service, at all three worship times. This is a highlight of our church year so put it on your calendar.

November 20 the Youth will host a meal after third worship service and then we are all going to chip in and help the Worship team decorate our worship spaces for the Christmas season!

Also, on November 20 from 4-5:30 we will be casting for our annual Children's Christmas Pageant! Catherine Miller is once again sharing her writing and directing gifts with the children of our church. YAY! We will meet in the Sanctuary. Catherine is so wonderful at giving lines to anyone who wishes to have them, and also includes parts for those who do not wish to speak. We'd love for all the children of our church to be involved in some way so please plan to be there and make this year's pageant our best yet!

Thank you for caring about the children of our church. If you ever have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact either Melissa Pyle (melissa@haysfumc.com) or Jo Swayne (jo@haysfumc.com).

Hays First United Methodist Church -Financial Snapshot –9/30/2022

	Aug. 2022	Entire Year
Checking Account Balance*	\$27,978.50	
Operating Gifts	\$44,715.86	\$377,747.55
Operating Expenses	\$46,313.18	\$409,819.05
Net Operating Gifts/Expenses**	\$ (1,597.32)	\$ (32,071.50)

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

** Amounts in parentheses indicate we spent more than we received.

WOW Meal now has To-Go boxes for \$5.00 each. Please call Susan at 785-650-2401 or the church office at 625-3408.



October 26 Trunk or Treat — No WOW—Enjoy the food truck

WOW could use a barbecue grill that could remain at the church. Needs to be in good condition. Call Susan.

WOW Meals

- November 2 Lasagna & Pizza Italian night
Tossed salad
Dessert
- November 9 Chicken breast
Mashed potatoes & gravy
Tossed salad
Birthday Surprise dessert
- November 16 Smoked pork sandwiches
Chips & potato salad
Dessert
- November 23 Gobble gobble turkey week, NO WOW
- November 30 Barbequed hamburgers
French fries
Baked beans
Dessert

COFFEE, FRIENDS AND MINISTRY

SPONSORED BY THE LOVING HANDS/LOVING HEARTS PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Who: Men and Women of all ages

Anyone interested in knitting and/or crocheting, or learning how to knit or crochet

What: An informational meeting regarding the Loving Hands/Loving Hearts Prayer Shawl Ministry

When: Saturday, October 29, 2022, 9:00 – 10:00 am

Where: First United Methodist Church in the parlor

Why: To meet in fellowship with others

To learn to knit if you do not already know how. To learn to crochet if you do not already know how.

To understand the purpose of this ministry in the life of our church and the impact it has on everyone who receives a shawl. Coffee, tea and pastries will be served.

Please RSVP to 785: 625-5558

Endowment Committee Update

The Endowment Committee recently completed a rewrite of the operating document that the committee operates under. This document has been recently approved by the Administrative Board and will be presented at the upcoming Church Conference for approval. Below are highlights of changes made within the new document.

- Currently the church's endowments consist of five funds that are all named for a specific donor and the Altar Fund, which holds funds from many donors. All five of the named funds that were established were unrestricted estate gifts that were made to the church and then transferred to Endowment. The new document provides a menu of six funds that a donor can choose to support through gifts during their lifetime or an estate gift. These funds are Undesignated Ministry, Missions and Outreach, Children and Youth, Education, Building, and Non Endowed building.
- Adding the Non Endowed Building Fund into the document will allow gifts to accumulate in a fund that can be accessed at any time for church building needs. In addition the new document has a provision that allows the Endowment Committee to transfer any amount that is unspent under the annual spending policy to this non endowed account. The intent is to be able to accumulate a larger pool of funds that can be accessed when large church building projects present themselves.
- The new document adds a provision for donor restricted funds should a donor wish to establish a new fund type.
- The new document clarifies some governance issues including establishing a quorum of the Endowment Committee to be more than 50% of the voting members and allowing for non-voting ex-officio members to be appointed.
- The new document clarifies what happens when an undesignated bequest is received by the church. The Finance Committee will administer the bequests under \$10,000. For any bequest over \$10,000, the Finance Committee will administer the first \$10,000 and any amount over that will be transferred to the Undesignated Ministry fund administered by Permanent Endowment.
- Language was added into the document to clarify that endowment assets would be handled consistently with other church assets in the event of disaffiliation.

Should you have additional questions feel free to contact a member of the Endowment Committee or contact Pastor Craig. The complete document is available at the church and will be available at the upcoming Church Conference.



The annual mitten tree donations will begin on November 6 and run through November 27. 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 the items collected will be donated to USD 489 schools. The FUMC annual project has been greatly appreciated by families within the school district who cannot afford to purchase these important items.



Early Voting begins October 24. Election Day is November 8.

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.

Peddler's Fair 50th Anniversary History

The first Peddlers' Fair was in 1972 and held at the National Guard Armory for the first two years because the education wing of the church was under renovation. Since then Peddlers' Fair has been held in the church basement.

The purpose of the first Peddlers' Fair was to raise money to purchase new furniture for the church parlor. The two women that headed the first Peddlers' Fair were Grace Murphy and Bessie Daniels.

Handmade dolls, crafts, patterns, pillows and baked goods were sold at the first fair. There was also a rummage sale. The first few years, a Friday evening soup supper was served. On Saturday a lunch with sandwiches was served. It was later decided that only one meal, a Saturday lunch, would be served and this years will consist of homemade chili and hamburger vegetable soup, assorted desserts, relishes, and a beverage.

Over the years, the complexion of the items sold at Peddlers' Fair has changed. Toll painting was popular years ago and at its height sold \$2,500 worth of items at one Peddler's Fair. Today, there is a Pastry Shop, Silent Auction, Seasonal Décor and Gifts, Hospitality Area, Nuts and Cutlery, Quilt Drawing, and new this year is the Treasure Boutique.

Virginia Kraus is responsible for the artwork of the endearing peddler that was used at the very first Peddler's Fair in 1972. While looking through a decorative painter book she liked the drawing of the peddler in one of the illustrations. After receiving permission from the original artist, Virginia added her artistic touches. While we celebrate 50 years of Peddlers' Fair, the peddler remains the recognizable figure of our long enduring fund raiser.

Over its 50 year history, Peddlers' Fair has endured due to the hard work and dedication of UMW members and the contributions of the church. Today, all members of FUMC have the opportunity to be a part of its success by bringing food for the pastry shop, pies for the lunch, seasonal crafts, and items for the new treasure boutique.

Shopping at Peddlers' Fair and enjoying a homemade chili and soup lunch are a great way to show your support. Don't forget to purchase quilt tickets!

Recipients of Peddlers' Fair proceeds include local community charities, United Methodist Ministries, and funds going to support church projects such as the elevator fund, sanctuary carpet, new north side entrance, and many other projects past, present and future.

Help make this year's 50th Anniversary Peddlers' Fair the best one yet!

Saturday, November 5

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Lunch served 11-1

(Contributions to the history of Peddlers' Fair were made by Grace Murphy's daughter).

Diane Wolfe

A Ten Second Prayer

Years ago, my friend Steve introduced me to the practice of offering 10-second prayers. A pastor who had built numerous churches by [focusing on outreach](#), Steve discovered that asking someone—especially a stranger—“may I pray with you?” almost always resulted in a “no, thank you.” But when he offered to pray a 10-second prayer, a “yes” was much more common. The promise of [a brief prayer](#) seemed to disarm people and assuage their fears that the prayer might put them in an awkward situation.

Encouraged by Steve’s example, I tried it. It worked. I can’t boast a 100% success rate, but I did discover that people welcomed and appreciated [a short, purposeful prayer](#), even in public settings.

On one occasion, my church was presenting a concert in a public park, and people stopped to watch and listen. I saw a woman standing alone by a nearby lamppost, tears streaming down her face. I approached and asked if there was anything I could help with. She shook her head and started to turn away. I asked [if she’d like me to pray](#) a 10-second prayer for her.

“What’s that?” she asked.

“It’s just a short prayer [for God to bless you.](#)”

She nodded and started to tell me more about her situation, as if I would need to know of her health struggles and financial needs in order to pray. I listened, and then asked her if she’d be more comfortable if we kept our eyes open while I prayed. She nodded. I said something like, “God, You heard everything she just told me. I know You love her. Please help her and bless her, amen.”

I don’t know that I ever saw her after that day. I don’t think she ever came to my church. But I believe that our 10-second prayer together had some effect. Maybe it lightened her load that day. [Maybe it brought a ray of hope.](#) Maybe that short prayer was answered in amazing ways.

I’ve prayed more 10-second prayers since then. With a pair of female hikers who’d [lost their way on the trail](#). With a recovering addict who’d invited his girlfriend to church and was hoping she’d show up. With an aspiring writer who was feeling overwhelmed and insecure at a conference.

Over the years I’ve often been surprised at how readily people agree to them—and how even people with no religious affiliation (or even interest) say yes. I think the offer has been accepted more often than not. And even when my offer is declined, the other person usually seems appreciative.

Why not try it yourself? If you see someone who’s [hurting or seems lonely](#), offer them a 10-second prayer. If someone shares a tale of woe, ask if they’d like you to pray a 10-second prayer. If that person is a stranger, say something like, “I know you don’t know me, but may I pray a 10-second prayer for you?” If they agree, of course, stick to your promise and keep the prayer short. And, as you part, you might also pledge to keep praying, silently, as you go on your way. I hope your 10-second prayers will open many doors—and hearts.

Bob Hostetler, How to Pray, Guideposts, 2022



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 26

Saturday, October 29

Wednesday, November 2

Saturday, November 5

Sunday, November 6

Sunday, November 13

Sunday, November 20

Trunk or Treat

Loving Hands/Loving Hearts

Women in Faith Executive

Peddlers' Fair

Consecration Sunday

Children & Youth Sabbath

**Church Youth sponsored meal and
Hanging of the Greens**

**Casting for Children's Christmas
Pageant**