



OUTREACH



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First United Methodist Church

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Sunday, October 8, will begin a series of worship experiences focused on “Abundant Living.”

In John 10:10, Jesus said, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” Unlike a thief, the Lord Jesus does not come for selfish reasons. He comes to give, not to get. He comes that people may have life in Him that is meaningful, purposeful, joyful, and eternal. We receive this gift before we are even aware it exists. God’s grace is moving and shaping us. From the moment we take our first breath, God’s grace is leading us into abundant living. When we recognize that gift of grace, we then lean into it by responding with a Christlike life – which includes living in community, practicing compassion, and extending justice and love.

To culminate the series on October 29, Rev. Dr. Dustin Petz from the Kansas Methodist Foundation will be preaching in our morning worship services. At noon, he will lead a workshop on legacy giving.

Worship: His sermon will focus on “Giving to Change Lives.” The focus text will bring us back to our more current readings in Matthew 25:14-30.

Workshop: The noon workshop is called “Giving Generously & Leaving a Legacy”. In his presentation, Rev. Dr. Dustin Petz will focus on giving now and estate planning. Petz will share ways to maximize your giving during life and provide general information about estate planning and considerations for charitable giving through an estate to support the church and ministry.

The First United Methodist Church Endowment Committee is hosting the workshop. A catered lunch from the Rose Garden will be provided free of charge for those who would like to attend. Please RSVP to the church office at 785-625-3408 or bev@haysfumc.com.

Blessings,

Pastor Craig

Outreach articles are due the **third** Sunday of each month. Please email your OUTREACH item to wendy@haysfumc.com before **Sunday, October 15, 2023**. Items may also be placed in the office, labeled **for the Outreach** by **Sunday, October 15**. The next Outreach should be received on Oct. 19.

Thanks

Thank you for your support of Salina Grace. We are grateful that you made the trip to Salina to learn more about what we do. Thank you for your generous donation of \$300. And we are very thankful that you are listening to what God is placing on your hearts to help those in need in Hays. May God Bless your work!

Thank you,

Kelly Brown
Board Member
Salina Grace Foundation

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.

Marvin & Kay Fisher, along with their sons Lee, Lynn, and Lance, would like to invite friends and family to a reception celebrating 60 years of marriage on Sunday, October 1. The reception will be from 2-4 in the church's dining hall. Marvin & Kay were united in marriage on 9-21-63 in Ellis.

INTRODUCING OUR STAFF

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Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family & friends of

Liz & Jim Harper on the death of Liz's mother, Amelia Scrapper, who died August 29.

Alan Nelson on the death of his uncle, John Weber.

Rick & Gail Kuehl's great-niece died September 10 at the age of 2 months.

Sue Jordan, on the death of her grandson, Carey, on September 12.

Teri Hart who died September 15.

Congratulations

to Tessa Koehn and Aaron Van Der Wege who were united in marriage on August 26.

to Andrew Joseph Wasinger who was baptized on Sunday, August 27. Parents are Brenna Garcia and Matthew Wasinger.

to Rylea Rains & Tanner Crist who were married on September 9.

to Cole Schmidtberger & Jalyn Dinkel who were married on September 23.



Circle News



Mark your calendars now!

The United Women in Faith will host their annual Peddlers' Fair Saturday, November 4th 9:00-1:30

New, like new, or gently used items needed for the Treasure boutique tables at this year's Peddlers' Fair held Saturday, November 4th. Please bring your treasures any time prior to the event to the Peddlers' Pack room, located east of the kitchen. Thank you!

Peddlers' Fair Sneak Preview Table, along with Rada Cutlery pre-orders, and quilt drawing tickets (1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00) will be set up in the Parlor beginning Sunday, October 22nd.

Naomi Circle met Wednesday, September 13 at the church. Ruth Briney, Virginia Johnson and Linda Stahlman served sixteen members.

Phil & Linda Stahlman presented the program, sharing their adventures of traveling to Africa, specifically Kenya and Tanzania. The wildlife, the people, the geography and personal experiences were the highlights.

Peddler's Fair will be November 4th. Lunch will feature hamburger/vegetable soup as well as chili.

The next meeting will be October 11 at the home of Nancy Jones.

Endowment Moment

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

- Undesignated Ministry
- Missions and Outreach
- Children and Youth
- Education
- Building
- Non-Endowed Building

Since almost all the current Endowment Fund Balance is undesignated, the remainder of this article will discuss the Undesignated Ministry Fund and future Endowment Moments will focus on the other five funds.

Undesignated Ministry - This pooled fund includes the Altar Fund. This fund will receive gifts and bequests which are not designated for a particular purpose or restricted in any way. Income from this fund will be used to fund the ministries or missions selected by the Permanent Endowment Committee.

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

Greg Daughhete, Chairman, Endowment Committee

FUMC Financial Snapshot

	August 31, 2023	Year to Date
Checking Account*	\$56,218	
Operating Gifts	\$41,544	\$402,584
Operating Expenses	\$35,292	\$391,997

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

What are your plans for these girls?

Naomi, a key gatekeeper in one of our communities walked over and sat across from me as our team served tea and played cards with our usual crowd. This wasn't my first interaction with Naomi-she is genuinely curious and challenged by our consistent presence. The behaviors, language, and appearance of the community aren't always kind, yet we always show up. Why?

We're here to learn. We're here to sit and listen. We're here to see

People nobody else sees, or wants to see. We're here to show love and respect, because we believe everyone deserves love and respect.

This sparked a conversation that lasted nearly half an hour before our team had to leave. While there is a Time and place to come in with resources, solutions, and alternatives, it's impossible to know what those should be without first building a solid foundation of trust. Over the years, this particular community has experienced dozens of individuals and organizations coming in with resources and programs first-only to disappear months later. It could be due to lack of funding, relocation, other time commitments, or any numbers of reasons. Much of the community has internalized these disappearances as a lack of love and care, as disappointment and shame-that they aren't worthy of help. As Deep Water, we sit and listen to the pain and internal struggle. It's not that they don't deserve resources and programs-we are so excited for a season when we can start trying different interventions, whether that's next year, in two years, or in five years. Until then, we sit and listen, just as Jesus did with the Samaritan woman at the well. Just as He did with Zacchaeus at his home. Just as He does with each one of us in our own journey.

We are so excited to announce that Deep Water is embarking on our very first Awareness Campaign in the U.S. this fall! We will be venturing through Denver, Fort Worth and parts of Kansas throughout the month of October to share what's happening in Manzini. Thank you all again for your support in this journey!

Call the church office to see how you can help financially. Diving in, Rachel Palmberg



Menus for October

October 4

Chili or Green Bean dumpling soup
Veggie Tray
Cinnamon Rolls

October 24

Chili Cheese dogs
Chips
Salad
Peach cups & cookies

October 10

Taco Pockets
Salad
Chips & Salsa
Dessert

October 31

Cheese enchiladas
Chips, cheese & salsa
Salad
Dessert

October 17

Chicken fried steak
Mashed potatoes & gravy
Corn
Salad
Dessert



History & Heritage

Reprinted from the Topeka Capital Journal, April 13, 1966

When L.T. Griffin undertakes something, he sticks to it with bulldog tenacity until it's completed. Take that elevator in the First Methodist Church for instance. Griffin is custodian at the church and he'd seen handicapped members of the congregation try to negotiate steps within the four-story structure. At one time he had been bedridden with inflammatory rheumatism and knew of such problems.

He decided an elevator should be installed and his action put into motion an enterprise that has attracted antique and bargain hunters from all over Kansas and many other states. He set up a "country store" in three rooms of the basement of the church and most of his off-duty hours are spent in loading, hauling, sorting, pricing and selling items that parishioners and others have contributed. Every Thursday, Griffin holds a sale, and he has held four other big auctions. Every morning, he sets out a huge pot of coffee for the elevator.


The first thousand dollars came hard, Griffin said, but he recalled his Irish grandfather's words to him as a boy: "Whenever you get your teeth into something worthwhile, see it through if it takes hide and hair and all." Parishioners were skeptical. Some said he couldn't raise \$1,500 for an elevator, others were almost hostile, and some called it "a nutty idea". But the 62 year old custodian began collecting the money. Suddenly he had \$3,000. The Board of Trustees made an offer to Griffin: Raise \$7,500 and we'll match it and put the elevator in.

Griffin stepped up the temp of his "store". He accepted all donations, even when people said "that'll never sell," and sold them. A barber chair sat in the store for months, then sold to a delighted customer. Another couple gave Griffin their household furnishings when they left town. A \$400 windfall for the collection resulted. Griffin went to other auctions and purchased items to stock his store. His judgement was well founded. He bought an old-fashioned washstand, with water pitcher for \$3 and sold it for \$20.

All of his work has paid dividends. The elevator has been installed in the church and Griffin has raised more than his half of the cost. With the money he's raised-or is raising-past the original \$7,500, Griffin has his eyes set on buying a bus with special loading ramps to serve a dual purpose. It can be used to transport handicapped persons to and from church and can be used by the youth groups for trips. Many of the doubters in the First Methodist Church at Hays have revised their opinion of Griffin. They figure that if he says he's going to get a bus, he'll get it.

Thanks, Leslie Griffin!

Congregational Bible Readings for the month of October

Day	Date	Reading	
275	Oct. 1	Luke 10:1-11:36	
276	Oct. 2	Luke 11:37-12:59	
277	Oct. 3	Luke 13:1-14:35	
278	Oct. 4	Luke 15:1-16:31	
279	Oct. 5	Luke 17:1-18:43	
280	Oct. 6	Luke 19:1-48	
281	Oct. 7	Luke 20:1-21:38	
282	Oct. 8	Luke 22:1-71	
283	Oct. 9	Luke 23:56	
284	Oct. 10	Luke 24:1-53	
285	Oct. 11	John 1:1-2:12	
286	Oct. 12	John 2:13-3:36	
287	Oct. 13	John 4:1-54	
288	Oct. 14	John 5:1-6:21	
289	Oct. 15	John 6:22-7:9	
290	Oct. 16	John 7:10-8:59	
291	Oct. 17	John 9:1-10:42	
292	Oct. 18	John 11:1-12:50	
293	Oct. 19	John 13:1-14:31	
294	Oct. 20	John 15:1-17:26	
295	Oct. 21	John 18:1-19:42	
296	Oct. 22	John 20:1-21:25	
297	Oct. 23	Acts 1:1-2:47	
298	Oct. 24	Acts 3:1-5:16	
299	Oct. 25	Acts 5:17-7:60	
300	Oct. 26	Acts 8:1-9:43	
301	Oct. 27	Acts 10:1-12:25	
302	Oct. 28	Acts 13:1-15:21	
303	Oct. 29	Acts 15:22-17:34	
304	Oct. 30	Acts 18:1-20:38	
305	Oct. 31	Acts 21:1-23:35	

The Day indicates which devotion to read.

September OUTREACH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Sept. 30	FHSU Parade
Wednesday, Oct. 4	Pa's Pumpkin Patch
Sunday, October 15	FHSU Singers
Thursday, October 19	Rachel Palmberg at Campus Center
Sunday, October 22	Heritage Sunday
Wednesday, October 25	Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 29	Legacy Sunday
Sunday, November 19	Church Conference