



OUTREACH



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Whatever You Did For Others, You Did it For Me!

There is a scripture passage in Matthew 25 that talks about the return of Christ as king. He gathers all people to give an account of their lives. The passage reads, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger, and you invited me in, I needed clothes, and you clothed me, I was sick, and you looked after me, I was in prison, and you came to visit me.' It appears that these acts of kindness and love are really important to God.

Looking back on the past year, I notice the many ways our congregation faithfully lived out the love of Christ in our community. We were not content with an actionless faith, we stepped out and joined Jesus in the very things he did, i.e. ministering to those who are vulnerable and in need among us. The Bible is clear that the poor and the suffering are very close to the heart of God. He cares deeply about them. In the above scripture when the multitudes come to give an account of their lives, we are told that the sheep are applauded for their work, and they wonder when they did these wonderful things to Jesus. Here is his reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

In the year 2026, you and I have been gifted another opportunity to join God in his mission of sharing his love in the world. If you are looking for a way to respond to God's calling this year, there are many places you could do so. The church is looking for people to join the capital campaign committees. We are getting ready to renovate the church to ensure that our building is here and in good condition, providing a meeting place for God's people and a launching ground for continued ministry in our community. We need people to pray, plan events, write thank you notes, engage youth ambassadors to check on people and people to disseminate information. Signing up as a volunteer is a great way to serve.

Other areas of service include donating food and clothes to the needy, serving in the Feed Hays program that provides meals for those in need in the Hays community. Volunteering at The Hearth, formally called The Hays Cold Shelter, which is a ministry that provides a warm and safe place for community members without housing to spend the night, and using your talents in the church in various areas of ministry e.g. children ministry, teaching Bible studies, ushering and greeting people in the spirit of hospitality, etc.

I invite all of us to serve God this year as a way of thanking him for the gift of life. Purpose to share your money, time, talent, energy, and ability as you are able. When we finally give an account of our lives, we will rejoice to hear the words, "well done good and faithful servant". Let us continue making a difference in our community and bringing God's kingdom here and now by responding to his call. Amen.

Pastor Susan

Outreach articles are due the **third** Sunday of each month. Please email your OUTREACH item to wendy@haysfumc.com before **Sunday, February 15, 2026**. Items may also be placed in the office, labeled **for the Outreach** by **February 15**. The next Outreach should be received on February 19.

Thanks

Thanks to all those who have served on church committees this year. These members are stepping down or working in other capacities: Dylan Bryant, Sandy Henningsen, Mary Meckenstock, Randy Clinkscales, Hannah Barrett, Jessica Luck, Josh Zweifel, Harvey Jansonius, Dandy Henderson, Kathy Bannister, Magdalena Hernandez, Avi Herrera, and Alyssa Dees. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

Thanks to Edison & Emmaline Leuschner who have also served as ushers this year. Your service is appreciated.

First United Methodist, We are so grateful to have you as our 2026 Laundry Love Sponsor! We appreciate all you do to support us at First Call for Help and those we serve.

Thank you,
Macey Pfeifer
Executive Director

Have a care lest the wrinkles in the face extend to the heart.

Marguerite De Valois

INTRODUCING OUR STAFF

PROGRAM STAFF

Pastor: Pastor Susan Murithi
Associate Pastor: Pastor Troy Miller
Special Music Coordinator: Meredith Cory
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Charlotte Rathke

Pianist: Sharon Graham

Handbell Choir Dir. Hannah Barrett
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SUPPORT STAFF:

Administrative Secretary: Beverly Bearley
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Financial Secretary: Marsha Swanson
Childcare Director: Melissa Pyle
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Congratulations

to Cam Daughetee and the Hays High team who won the State Unified Bowling Championship.

to Dean Warrick on his baptism on January 11. Congratulations to parents Gabe & Maris who joined Hays FUMC on January 11. Welcome!

There is a sign up sheet by the office if you would like to help with the Campus Centers ministry this semester. Sign up if you could bring a dessert for 12 on Thursdays.



Two volunteers are needed each Thursday to help with Feed Hays from 5-7:30 at St. Michaels Episcopal Church at 2900 Canal. Volunteers are needed for food prep and serving. The sign up sheet is by the office.



Learn to speak Spanish

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 at Hays FUMC, 6 month course starting Jan. 20, \$45 per month

Covers conversational skills, basic grammar, cultural information, and pronunciation.

Contact Pastor Troy for more information.

Circle News

Rebekah Circle met Wednesday, January 14 in the church parlor. Kathy Albers and Barb Clinkscales served 11 members. Jarilyn Staab gave devotions. Patty Nicholas gave the pledge service program.

The business meeting was conducted by Elaine Ford and Peggy Stull. The Love Offering for the year was given to the Community Assistance Center. Proceeds from the bake sale was announced. Dates were discussed for the Spring Brunch. The Missions Committee will be collecting can openers for food pantries. Kathy Albers was presented with a special recognition pin.

Naomi Circle met Wednesday, January 14 at the church with seven members attending. Joys and concerns were shared and a prayer submitted by Caitlin Glassman was offered by Debra McDonald. Roll call was answered by "A word that describes how you feel today."

Our circle was able to donate monies to the Food Bank of USD 489 and to the Women Who Lead the SOS program which provides a variety of needs for the students in our school district. A thank you note was received from the Community Assistance Center for the food baskets. Our new 2026 program books were distributed. A big thank you was extended to Glenna Clingingsmith for typing and editing the books.

Our next meeting will be held on February 11th at 9:15 at the home of Debra McDonald. The program will be the pledge service.

Join us for a new Women's Bible Study. Class will be on Fridays at noon beginning, Friday, January 23rd and lasting 11 weeks.

Twelve Extraordinary Women by John MacArthur

FUMC Financial Snapshot

	December 31, 2025	Year to Date
Checking Account*	\$57,572.45	
Operating Gifts	\$95,125.69	\$568,419.39
Operating Expenses	\$68,675.23	\$602,008.90
Parsonage Mortgage Balance	\$73,818.61	
Organ Fund	\$8,329.99	

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

The sustaining gift for the Altar Foundation 2026 is \$153.

Mission Moment

The Mission Committee is collecting manual can openers to distribute to the local food banks. Hotel soaps, shampoos and conditioners are also being collected to donate to The Hearth which is the cold weather shelter in Hays. The Hearth is adding a shower facility for individuals utilizing the shelter. Collection boxes are located in each foyer.

Capital Campaign Volunteer Organizational Meeting

Sunday, February 1st, 12:00-1:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall - Lunch provided

Please join in the Capital Campaign kick-off event as we organize and train our six campaign ministry teams:

- Prayer • Youth • Events • Ambassadors • Thanks • Communications

Each team member will receive a manual outlining expectations and a check list of tasks to be accomplished. We are asking for a three-month commitment through April 2026, with Pledge Sunday on May 3rd.

Please RSVP in the sign-up sheets at the door or online, you may also call the church office to let us know you plan to attend the lunch. If you have already signed up for a team, we have your lunch count, and are excited to see you on February 1st at 12:00 noon



Menus

Serving time is 5:00-6:00
 Five dollars per person
 All menus are subject to change
 To go meals are available-call 625-3408

January 28

Roast beef & mashed potatoes
 Green beans
 Pea Salad
 Rolls
 Dessert

February 4

Spaghetti & meatballs
 Green beans
 Breadsticks
 Dessert

February 11

Fried chicken
 French fries
 Pea salad
 Breadsticks
 Dessert

February 18

Scrambled eggs
 Hashbrowns, sausage, bacon
 Pancakes
 Blueberry muffins
 Fruit cups

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 19-23

FUMC delivers Meals on Wheels

Saturday, January 31

Western District UWF Planning meeting

Sunday, February 1

Capital Campaign Organizational meeting

Monday, February 2

Red Cross Bood Drive 12:30-6:30