



OUTREACH



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As I reflect on the incredible year we've just walked through together, maybe half year, my heart is full of gratitude for each one of you. You all have demonstrated what it means to be an active, and loving church family. Your dedication to serving, giving, and praying has been incredible. From serving the community kids in VBS in the summer, to helping communities hit by the hurricanes, to helping gather food for Salina rescue, and praying for our church in the Wednesday prayer powerhouse. In addition to serving, I have been able to visit various discipleship classes for men, women, and even youth.

Our worship services have been wonderful. We had kids baptisms, youth sabbath Sunday where they conducted the whole service, the children pageant during advent, and regular services where you all worshiped passionately. Each Sunday, we witnessed the power of God's presence among us, and your faithfulness in attendance and service has been an inspiration. Whether you volunteered in children's ministry, helped with outreach events, or simply prayed for our church and those in need, your love for Jesus has shone brightly, and it has made a tangible difference.

As we look ahead to the coming year, I want to share with you some exciting steps we are taking together as a church family. Our Ad Council has commissioned a visioning team that is prayerfully engaged in a vision-casting process and seeking God's direction for our church. We believe that God has an incredible plan for this church to be a light in Hays—a place where His love, truth, and grace transform lives. Our prayer is that in 2025, we will not only grow in numbers but also in the depth of our commitment to serve as faithful followers of Christ.

In the coming months, you will hear more about how you can be involved in sharing your thoughts and dreams for our community. We will together discern how to live out our calling as a "God Post" in this community. We are therefore asking God to give us fresh vision and new opportunities to reach those who don't yet know the hope we have in Jesus. We envision a church that is alive with passion, one where every person is equipped to make a difference in the lives of others. May we be a people who are bold in sharing the Gospel, generous with our time and resources, and compassionate in meeting the needs of our neighbors.

In the coming year, I invite you to join me with eager hearts as we continue to press into God's purposes for our church. Let us be on fire with a passion to serve Jesus and be His hands and feet in the world. Together, we will build a church that is not only known for what happens inside these walls, but for what God does through us outside them. Let us press on with renewed energy in 2025, trusting that He who began a good work in us will carry it through to completion. I am honored and excited to serve as your pastor, and I cannot wait to see what God will do in and through us as we continue this journey together.

With great anticipation and hope. Happy New Year 2025.

Pastor Susan

Outreach articles are due the **third** Sunday of each month. Please email your OUTREACH item to wendy@haysfumc.com before **Sunday, January 19, 2025**. Items may also be placed in the office, labeled **for the Outreach** by **January 19**. The next Outreach should be received on January 23.

Thanks

Thanks to the ushers who so faithfully serve each Sunday: Don Branda, Dylan Bryant, Dave Hendrickson, Harvey Jansonius, Tom McDonald, Shane Preston, Wendy Beougher, Jarilyn Staab, Jarrod Jones, Josh Zwiefel, Eric Leuschner, Carl Miller, Tura Clement, Marilyn Davidson and Bob Cox.

Thanks to Sherri Brown Pat Johnson Alyssa Dees Vicki Kelly Pastor Susan Marilyn Davidson who went to Salina to help with the food collection for the Salina Rescue Mission.



Thank you for all your prayers and thoughtful notes you have sent us from the passing of Shaun's dad. We truly appreciate knowing our church family is there for us.

Shaun, Heather, Brandon, Corey & Meghan Musil

Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family & friends of

Betty Innes, on the death of her sister, Barbara Spencer.

Nancy Piatt on the death of her husband Bob, on November 24.

Pat Fellers who died November 24.

Linda North who died December 12.

Congratulations

to Abby Kennemer on her graduation from FHSU with a masters in organizational leadership.

Thanks to Rick & Gail Kuehl for collecting and distributing the hats, mittens & scarves to students in USD 489. Thanks to all who contributed.

We want to say, "Thank you," to all of you, our loyal supporters and customers of our business, "The Paisley Pear, for the last severnyears. From the first days of preparing our business with the help of our church family to seeing you in our store, we are eternally grateful for all your love and support.

Shaun, Heather, Brandon, Corey & Meghan Musil

Dear FUMC, Thank you so much for the annual donation of hats & gloves for the students of USD 489. We appreciate it so much! It's so much work to put it all together, so thank you.

Jess Reling, Board Clerk

Circle News

Rebekah Circle met Wednesday, December 11 at the church. Twelve members attended the Christmas potluck. The business meeting was conducted by Carol Purdy. Jarilyn Staab received the UWF pin. Sheryl Cox presented the program, the music of Mark Miller. Members signed up for program & hostess assignments for 2025.

Naomi Circle met Wednesday, December 11 at the home of Nancy Jones with Glenna Clingingsmith serving as co-hostess. Eighteen members were present. Topics of discussion were securing community assistance boxes, the seven star UMF designation and the spirit of Christmas donation. The Spring Brunch will be March 29, 2025 with Pastor Susan presenting the program. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

Thanks to Josh, Callie, Jace & Ella Thomas, Meredith & James Cory, Hannah Barrett, Armin Kelly, Tura Clement, Sharon Graham, Chuck Ames, Carol Purdy & Alan Nelson for decorating the church so beautifully for Christmas.



Thanks to Catherine Trieschmann-Miller for writing and directing the children's Christmas pageant.

Santa says thank you to whomever put together the take-out meal of Sunday, December 15th. It was appreciated.

Santa

Thanks to Greg Daughhete & the Endowment Committee for assembling the flood buckets.

INTRODUCING OUR STAFF

PROGRAM STAFF

Pastor: Pastor Susan Murithi
Associate Pastor:: Pastor Troy Miller
Special Music Coordinator: Meredith Cory
Organist:: Noah Erichsen
Hannah Barrett
Charlotte Rathke
Choir Directotr: Garrett Cole
Pianist: Sharon Graham
Handbell Choir Dir. Hannah Barrett
Marijo Rooney
Director of Discipleship: Matt Dumler
Outreach Editor: Wendy Beougher

SUPPORT STAFF:

Administrative Secretary: Beverly Bearley
Administrative Assistant: Wendy Beougher
Financial Secretary: Liz Harper
Childcare Director: Melilssa Pyle
Building Supervisor: Alan Nelson

Menus for**January 8**

Hot roast beef sandwiches
Mashed potatoes
Peas & carrots
Dessert

January 22

Christmas lasagna
Garlic stix
Green beans
Cake or cookies

January 15

Hamburger steak & gravy
Tater tots
Corn
Dessert

January 29

Vegetable soup or Potato cheese soup
Sub sandwiches
Chips
Veggie tray
Cake or brownies

Serving time—5:15-6:00 p.m.

Menus subject to change

Meals are \$5.00

Take out meals available on request—625-3408

FUMC Financial Snapshot

	Nov. 30, 2024	Year to Date
Checking Account*	\$17,074	
Operating Gifts	\$35,626	\$486,057
Operating Expenses	\$41,770	\$557,641

Parsonage Mortgage Balance \$92,742

Organ Fund \$5,706

Summer Giving Campaign \$13,156

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

Reminder about Year-End Giving

All gifts must be received by the Church or be postmarked by 12/31 to be counted towards your 2024 donation.

To our dear friends of Deep Water,

Thank you so much for all your generous support for our journey in the Kingdom of Eswatini. This year, we are celebrating steps of growth as our team continues to consistently reach the after-hours communities of Manzini. We are fortunate to see glimpses of the impact our safe relationships bring to the lives of those we meet. Every month, our team reaches roughly 100 men and women in the after-hours community.

This year we are celebrating two new volunteers joining the outreach team. We have been blessed with resources to enrich our team with a Bible study, strategic planning sessions, a second annual retreat, and a two week leadership training in Zambia. These enrichment opportunities empower and equip our team to build safe relationships and show the love of Christ in dark spaces. Thank you for all your prayers and support in making these opportunities possible!

As we look forward to 2025, we are prayerfully planning to hire our first full-time local staff member. It is also still our dream to have an office space in Manzini, where we can welcome members of the after-hours community for connection and fellowship. I invite you to prayerfully consider partnering with us, whether through a one-time donation, or monthly support. Contributions of any size have an immense impact. To donate online, please visit our website, www.deepwatereswatini.org/donate.

For those donating financially from the U.S., your donation is tax deductible. Checks can also be made out to "The Cause, Inc." with Deep Water in the memo and mailed to:

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December OUTREACH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services, 7:00 & 10:45

December 25 & 26

Office Closed

Wednesday, January 1

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