

Update: Wow, what an incredible first service/ open house we had at Heartland Faith on Sunday, November 5, 2023. We could feel His presence as Peggy Alford led a beautiful church dedication. Thank you to everyone who attended and made it such a special day.

As shared, the people of the first church weren't perfect, but they knew how to "do church." The Bible says they were steadfast in their doctrine, in fellowship, in sharing of gifts, and in prayer. People who model these characteristics of the early church can give us HOPE!

We are excited to share the reports from Daena Gallegos & Ivy Rodenberg, who attended the Heartland Convening Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church (GMC). As a gesture of thankfulness, we will be joining Community Baptist Church for Thanksgiving Sunday.

On Christmas Eve, we will be hosting a candlelight service at Heartland Faith with a message from Pastor Warren Baldwin. We wish you a wonderful month ahead filled with God's blessings, love, and joy.

Giving: Thank you for giving to the Lord. We collect tithe for Heartland Faith during worship services. You can also mail giving to: Heartland Faith Church PO Box 192, Ulysses, KS 67880

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A GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH ULYSSES, KANSAS

### **NOVEMBER 2023**

Sunday, November 12 at 9:30am Sermon by Craig Hampton

Sunday, November 19 at 9:30am Sermon by Clayetta Wise

\*Sunday, November 26 at 10:15am Join Community Baptist Church Sermon by Pastor Steve Swann 831 N. College St. - Ulysses, KS 67880

Sunday, December 3 at 9:30am Sermon by Shannon D. Evans

Location: Heartland Faith Church 220 N. Simpson | Ulysses, KS 67880

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<u>Childrens & Youth</u> Wednesday Children's Group: 4pm - 5:45pm Heartland Faith (basement)

### Wednesday Youth Group: 6pm - 7:45pm Heartland Faith (upstairs)

\*To donate snacks for children please contact or give donations to Daena Gallegos at 620-353-0496 \*To donate a meal for the youth group please contact Paige Kratzer at 620-397-3338.

#### Adult Small Groups

Tuesdays; Bible Questions led by Clayetta Wise 7pm at Heartland Faith (main floor)

Wednesdays; Drawing Near led by Javin Keaton 6pm at at Heartland Faith (main floor)

Prayer Requests: We want to pray for you! Feel free to email prayer requests to heartlandfaithchurch@gmail.com or you can text Kelley Baker 620-353-8202.



# HEARTLAND CONVENING ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH (GMC) | NOVEMBER 2-4, 2023

### Daena Gallegos Report

Friends,

I foremost would like to thank God for the opportunity to serve Him and His church. Thank you, Heartland Faith Church for allowing Ivy and I the privilege of representing you at the Heartland Convening Annual Conference.

As I reflect on the conference, I can tell you that I am confident in the leaders that are a part of the Heartland Conference. They are spirit filled, humble, full of gratitude and most importantly hungry for the Lord! They are focused on God and His will for the Global Methodist movement. The worship and sermons were powerful, and the presence of the Holy Spirit was with us! He was palpable in the room every time we gathered. His presence moved among us and was poured out as we sang, prayed, and heard the word of God preached. It's a powerful thing when believers who are seeking the Lord with their full being come together in the name of Jesus!

I was overjoyed when speaking with Jordan McFall, the president of the Heartland Conference, as he informed me that Heartland Faith Church has been on the leadership team's heart and that they have been praying for us! They see us church and they are watching what God is doing for us! Rick Just confirmed that they have their eyes on us and that they are working diligently at getting a pastor to us. "We will get you taken care of," he said.

I attended two breakout sessions, "Responding to the Call" and "Creating a Culture of Prayer in your Church." I know that we all have been praying and trusting God to guide us and our faithfulness in prayer has moved us to where we are today. I urge you to continue to pray for Heartland Faith Church. "Prayer is essential to everything we do!" How else do we get to know the Father and know His will for us? I continue to pray that there will be an outpouring of the Spirit in our congregation, young and wise (not old)! God has big plans for us as a church and for each of us individually! Over and over, it was reiterated that a church should be known as "A House of Prayer," and my prayer is that Heartland Faith will be just that. I have a vision to begin a prayer group or groups. Let's come together, study prayer, learn to pray, and pray the scriptures so that our faith walk would be strengthened as we seek Him and His will. And the best reward of prayer is knowing the heart of the Father!

Let's not miss what God has in store for us, Heartland Faith! Hebrews 12:1 & 2

Blessings,

Daena Gallegos







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## Ivy Rodenberg Report

Hello church family!

Wow, what a whirlwind of activity, fellowship, learning, praising, sermons, excitement, joy, and thanksgiving I was humbled to be a part of. I have never attended a church conference before, so I went in not sure of what to expect. Thank you leadership team for trusting me with the task of lay leadership and casting Heartland Faith's vote in the conference. I will learn what it truly means to serve you all in this capacity for now and moving into the future. (Apparently I will need to take some classes, it has been a while so I might have to relearn how to learn!)

The Holy Spirit was SO present in our worship services. I'm not a crier (usually), but I walked out of Friday night's service without a bit of makeup left on my face because of all the tears I shed in the outpouring of thankfulness of just what God has done for all of us! Yes, business was done, but in such a joyful manner. Transparency, honesty, humbleness, and grace abounded over the course of the 2 ½ days with a leadership team who is completely focused on God and tuned in to the Holy Spirit and what it means to be disciples. We have leaders who stand for scripture, honesty, and following Jesus with their entire being!

I am sure the question on everyone's mind is "When will we (Heartland Faith) get a pastor?" Rest assured my friends, they are actively searching for one for us. Our little congregation has been prayed over by both Rick Just and Jordan McFall personally as well as many others within the Heartland conference. Our assigned elder is Elizabeth Winger-Young and she and I have already been in contact. You may remember that she has given us several sermons as well as her husband Wes, who was ordained as a deacon on Saturday. She is excited to partner with us and grow in the faith and practices! She was tickled to get the few pictures I took on Sunday, excited for us as we move into God's plan for Heartland Faith.

I attended two breakout study sessions in my time at conference. The first was on <u>Following the</u> <u>Wesleyan Way</u> and highlighted practicing discipleship every day and what that can mean for your relationship with God and your family/community. I will be introducing some of the practices over the next few months so we can all start growing in our faith. The second one was <u>On Reaching the Next</u> <u>Generation</u>. Did you know that statistics show that 78% of college students polled want to know more about Jesus or have NEVER EVEN HEARD OF HIM? I am passionate about reaching our youth and the youth in our community. We cannot fail them church! It saddened me to hear how our society is failing to teach our young people. Let's partner together to make Heartland Faith's youth know Him and not be a statistic! I am excited to start sharing what I learned with you all and implementing these ideas into our church family.

Blessings being prayed over all of you. In Christ,

lvy Rodenberg



