



HEARTLAND



A GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH
ULYSSES, KANSAS

WINTER 2024

Greetings Heartland Faith Family,

As we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving, we find ourselves reflecting on the many blessings that enrich our lives and our church family. This year, we witnessed an incredible outpouring of generosity through Operation Christmas Child, where Shirley's initial goal of sending 50 boxes blossomed into a remarkable achievement of 100 boxes, thanks to your generous monetary donations and personal contributions. This collective effort is a testament to the strength of Christ's Love, and spirit of our church family. As we transition into the Christmas season, we are excited to share a variety of upcoming events, including the Hanging of the Greens, Caroling, Christmas Family Night Bingo, and our cherished Christmas Eve service.

In addition, we are excited to announce the creation of a church-wide directory, and we invite everyone to participate by sending in photos to Katie (heartlandfaithchurch@gmail.com). If you do not have a current family / individual photo, please feel free to visit the church and take a photo with our festive Christmas decorations in December.

Please also take a moment to review the summary of our annual charge conference and enjoy a brief photo recap of our vibrant fall events. As we look ahead to the New Year, we embrace the opportunities for spiritual growth and adventure that await us, and we are eager to continue building relationships and supporting one another to best serve our mission "to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe."

from the Pastor's Desk

We have just entered a special time and season.

We need to pause and express gratitude to God for His abundant blessings. The season I am talking about is Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving has deeper roots in the Christian faith, reminding us of God's provision and grace. Scripture encourages us to "give thanks in all circumstances," (1 Thessalonians 5:18), reminding us that gratitude is an essential part of our relationship with God.



Let us take the opportunity to reflect on His faithfulness, thanking Him not only for material blessings but also for spiritual gifts—love, mercy, and salvation through Jesus Christ. As we sit around the table, let us remember God's call to community and compassion. In sharing food and fellowship, it is a reminder that we are called to care for one another. By giving thanks together, we acknowledge God's love, which binds us as one family in Christ. Let this Thanksgiving be a time to renew our gratitude, deepen our relationships, and strengthen our commitment to live out the teachings of Jesus—Give thanks and share love with a grateful heart.

-Pastor Pezzy



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

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Special Events

Please find our upcoming events on Facebook and invite your family & friends to join us. We have so many special ways to get connected!

Wednesday, December 4th at 6:00 PM

Hanging of the Greens

The Church will provide Chili and Cinnamon Rolls starting at 6PM. Decorating will start at 6:45PM.



Sunday, December 8th at 9:00 AM

Join the Church Sunday

As members of Heartland Faith Church, you vow to support us with your "prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness." Join the Church Sunday is a great opportunity to take membership vows in a group setting.

Sunday, December 8th at 11:00 AM

Youth Celebration Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser

Let's celebrate our new membership and support our youth!

\$10 for adults

\$7 for children 12 & under

+ Silent Auction to Support Youth Camps & Activities



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

Sunday, December 15th at 4:30 PM

Christmas Caroling & Hay Ride

Let's spread the holiday spirit throughout our community and bless them with the sounds of Christmas. Invite your friends and family!

Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30 PM

Christmas Family Night

Join us for a night filled with fun Christmas traditions for all ages. Christmas BINGO! Hot cocoa bar and popcorn. Wear your festive Christmas gear! Invite your friends!

Tuesday, December 24th at 6:00 PM


Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Tuesday, December 24, 2024 at 6 PM

Meet you at Church

9AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
7PM	TUESDAY WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP
4:00 - 5:45PM	WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S GROUP snacks, games, songs, Bible lesson and worship. K - 5th
6:00 - 7:45PM	WEDNESDAY YOUTH GROUP dinner, games, Bible lesson and worship. 6th - 12th
6PM	WEDNESDAY ADULT SMALL GROUP
7:15PM	WEDNESDAY MEN'S SMALL GROUP

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HEARTLAND FAITH START-UP COMMITTEE REPORT

CHARGE COUNCIL | NOVEMBER 12, 2024

Heartland Faith Church Families,

Thank you to everyone that joined us for the recent Charge Conference. Packets are available if you were not able to attend. Please email Katie if you would like to receive a full report.

Summary of 2025 Capital Improvement Project:

As we have settled into our new church building, we have continued to assess the needs of our church building and after continuing to receive feedback for improvements from the congregation. Thanks to generous designated donations in 2024, we are thankful to be able to make these needed improvements that will enhance our worship experience and make our church more welcoming to all members and visitors. We have allocated the funds towards the completion of the following top priorities.

Below is what the money in 2024, will be used for:

- Paint the Sanctuary wood paneling and ceiling -- \$22,500
- Reconfigure the stage area in the Sanctuary -- \$22,500
- Update & repair the balcony area in the Sanctuary -- \$15,000
- Continue improvements on electronics -- \$15,000

Thank you for your support of Heartland Faith Church. Your support and dedication to our church have been instrumental in our success. With the Lord's help, we can achieve great things together. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful group of individuals who share our vision and are willing to go above and beyond to help spread the word of the Lord. Thank you for all that you do. We are honored to have you as part of our Heartland Faith Church family.

Blessings,
Heartland Faith Startup Committee/Board




2025 Heartland Faith Financial Budget Report

Tithes-Cash/Checks/Mail \$200,000


Youth Group \$5,000

Interest/Dividend \$1,500

Total Income \$206,500

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Payables / Receivables: In the event that you have reimbursements or invoices we encourage mailing to our PO Box or contact Sarah Ledesma at 620-575-5634.

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Recap of Activities

family Back to School Bowling

8/14/24 Back-to-school family bowling night was so much fun! So blessed to be growing in relationship with one another & Christ together!



Youth Kickoff Night

9/12/24 An amazing time at our Youth Group Kickoff! So grateful for everyone who came out to Frazier Park. Big thanks to our Men's Group for grilling for us!



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Recap of Activities

fall family Night & Soup Contest

10/30/24 A wonderful time of food and fellowship! Thanks to all who made this happen and all who joined! We're already looking forward to next year!



Trick-or-Treat Trail

10/31/24 An incredible time filled with fun, laughter, and community! We loved connecting with everyone who came out! We passed out candy and a coloring card to invite everyone to visit Heartland Faith



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Bell Choirs Perform

11/10/24 What a joy it was to experience the beautiful bell choir performances from our children and adult bell choirs. As Psalm 100 says, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!"



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

11/13/24 This year, we witnessed an incredible outpouring of kindness and generosity through Operation Christmas Child, where Shirley's initial goal of sending 50 boxes blossomed into a remarkable achievement of 100 boxes!! Thank you, Heartland Faith, for showing the world the power of kindness and compassion. This collective effort is a testament to the strength of Christ's Love, and spirit of our church family.



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Upcoming Calendars

NOVEMBER 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Parent and youth meeting following service	11	12 Charge Conference 6:30PM	13 OCC Packing Party 6pm	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 No Youth and Kids Groups	28 Thanksgiving	29	30

DECEMBER 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Hanging of the Greens 6pm	5	6	7
8 Join the Church Sunday Youth Spaghetti Feed 11 Am	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Caroling 4:30PM	16	17	18 Family Christmas Night 6:30	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 No Youth	26	27	28
29	30 Katie Gone	31	1 No Youth	2	3	4