

March 11th, we took a special offering for UMCOR Sunday. During Holy Wiggle Time the kids came up and we put together 10 Hygiene Kits to ship to UMCOR for people who are in need during a disaster. These kits include: 1 hand towel, 1 washcloth, 1 toothbrush, 6 adhesive bandages, 1 bath-size soap, 1 comb, 1 nail clipper, \$1 for toothpaste all put together in a plastic bag. We had 14 kids help with it! What awesome kids we have at our church!

# Superior United Methodist Church

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### Lets Go to Camp!

It's a proven fact that more kids learn more about God and a relationship with Jesus in one week of camp than they do in fifty-two weeks of Sunday School. This summer, along with Pastor Natalie, middles schoolers are going to embark on a journey to Arkansas City, Kansas to spend five days at Camp Horizon for Middle School Camp. This camp cost \$280 per camper. We have asked the students to pay \$100 and are praying that you will consider giving a campership of any amount to offset the rest of the cost. If you have ever attended camp, think back on the impact that made on your life

and consider paying it forward in order to help these students have similar experiences. On April 29th we will be having a special offering of Camp Sunday as an opportunity to contribute to these camperships. A camp counselor from Camp Horizon will be with us that morning to share with all of you about camp and the impact it had on their own life. Make sure to join us on this impactful Sunday.



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I love spring! The smell of the fresh cut grass, the dew in the morning, the sound of the birds singing in my ear in the morning. Every morning, I run outside to see the grass slowly changing to that beautiful shade of emerald green, the flowers that might begin poking through the soil, that this year are a surprise to me as I haven't had a spring in this house before. I used to survey my hydrangeas (which are my favorite flowers by the way and I plan to plant here as well) I planted to make sure they will choose to grace us with their beautiful flowers for another year (because all winter I was always sure they were just dead sticks poking out of the ground), and to check the shoots of the lilies poking themselves through the soil...not sure that they want to trust the sun that is telling them it's okay to come on out...

Isn't that reflective of us, as Christians...wanting to trust the Son...wanting him there to guide us into a new world? But after all the mistakes we've made, all the sin that is in our hearts, not sure if we can totally trust that Christ can actually make sure we aren't going to freeze in that one more burst of arctic air.

I love the promise of spring though! It tells us, like hydrangeas, that even as Christians, sometimes we begin to feel dead inside, again...but there is the promise that someday, as dead as our spirits might be feeling, that Christ is here to renew us and bring us back to life, to be beautiful and loved by not only Him but by everyone...

So enjoy this day...and the following, the promise of spring, the renewal of life and the resurrection of our Savior who brings the dead to life.

Blessings, Pastor Natalie



# Administrative Council

The Administrative Council met on March 25, 2018.

Present: Beverly Beavers, Marsha Ray, Jeff Guilkey, Sue Guilkey, Judy Corman, Gail Breen, Linda Cox, Gene Frerichs, Jana Marr, and Rev. Natalie Faust.

Minutes of the February meeting were reviewed and approved.

Finance: Jana discussed changing the maintenance and supply agreement for the office copier. There had been a \$600.00 extra fee charged for exceeding the number of color copies printed on the current agreement. The new agreement would allow 18,000 color copies and an extra 12 cents for any over that amount. It would allow for 30,000 black and white copies and additional 2 cents for any over that amount. The new agreement would be \$314.00 per month, an increase of \$14.00 per month. Motion (Corman/Breen) to upgrade the agreement. Motion carried.

Trustees: Jeff indicated the new cement had been completed. Gutters still need to be placed and the air conditioner needs to be reconnected.

Memorial: Rev. Natalie will get the pictures of the type of bench that the Merwyn Wyatt family would like purchased with his memorial funds.

SPRC: The committee will be working on the covenant on 03-27-2018.

Education: Rev. Natalie discussed a Conference Middle School Camp that she would like to take 4 students to in June. The cost per student is \$280.00. The parents of the students will pay the first \$100.00. The UMW will help fund the students . April 29, 2018 will be Camp

Sunday and donations will be collected to collect the balance needed. The camp will be in Arkansas City, KS. Rev. Natalie discussed having a Conference intern come to Superior for the summer to help assist with VBS. The Church has applied to be a network approved church which would allow other churches in the area to attend the activities. Costs would include \$500.00 for travel and the intern would need a place to stay during the summer. Motion (Cox/Corman) to have the Church proceed with becoming a network approved church. Motion carried. May 06, 2018 will be the last day of Sunday School. There will be a Breakfast Buffet at the City Park and church services will be held in the park afterwards.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Natalie asked if Jaimey Bryant could design the newsletter. She is interested in graphic design, and would like to use the newsletter as part of her portfolio for the Kansas City Art Institute. Motion (Corman/Cox) to approve Jaimey designing the newsletter. Motion carried.

Old Business: Rev. Natalie had spoken with the representative for updating the Church's directory. There are two directories available: one the same size as the one done 4 years ago and a smaller one that in 2 or 3 years a minimum of 15 people could be added. Motion (Breen/Corman) to proceed with the planning of a new directory. Motion carried.

Rev. Natalie closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jana Marr, Ad Council Secretary

# United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. Co-President Sue Rose called the meeting to order with prayer. Ten members were present. Joline Allington served as hostess for the afternoon. The minutes of the February 21, 2018 were approved as read. Treasurer, Sylvia Imhoff: reported a balance on hand of \$2,307.82. President Rose reminded members of the April 14<sup>th</sup> Prairie Rivers United Methodist Women's District Annual Spring Meeting. A thank you note from the Nuckolls County Food Pantry for the blanket and quilt donation was read. Esther Martin thanked the group for serving Lester Wissing's funeral lunch. Esther has made and donated 5, 8x10 pillows, and 5 ice bags which were needed by the hospital.

Elaine Guilkey shared Epworth Village information with emphasis on the Little Jewels Child Care and Enrichment Center. They are currently reaching out to assist thirty troubled families. The group has been asked to serve the treats on April 22nd bell choir concert. Esther Martin will act as chairman and be assisted by Avis Shaw. Morning and afternoon treats will also be provided by the group for the April 28th Priscilla Shirer telecast event. Avis Shaw will serve as chairman. Pastor Natalie reports that several youth are interested in attending camp. UMW will pay half of their camp fee according to the standing rules. Carol Thompson, Karen Fox, and Sylvia Imhoff will be the committee in charge of serving the Thursday Lenten breakfast. The May 5th brunch was also discussed.

Scripture from Exodus 1:6-23 and 2:1-10 was part of the program "Maternal and Child Health" presented by Esther Martin. The next meeting will be held April 18th at 7:00 p.m. Athelda Thompson and Carol Thompson will be the hostesses.

Respectfully submitted,

Avis Shaw Secretary Pro Tem

# Worship Assistants

#### **Greeters:**

April 1- Linda Cox

April 8- Karen Fox

April 15- Elaine Guilkey

April 22- Sylvia Imhoff

April 29- Bonnie Langer

#### **Ushers:**

April 1- Arnold Ross, Larry, and Jody Langer

April 8- Steve Fox, Tony Studer, and Joe Wilson

April 15- Avis Shaw, Roger, and Linda Nelson,

April 22- Bob, Alaina, and Ashlyn Brown

April 29- Frank Langer, Bill Hamilton, and Gail Breen

#### **Sound Technicians:**

April 1- Angela Garver

April 8- Jeff Guilkey

April 15- Marsha Ray

April 22- Sandy Borden

April 29- Teresa Erickson

#### **Acolytes:**

April 1- Jocelyn Woerner

April 8- Cooper Ehlers

April 15- Lilly Edwards

April 22- Jordan Brown

April 29- Jordan Duncan

**Communion Steward:** Esther Martin

**Counter All Month:** Beverly Beavers









# What's Happening this Month?

### Calendar

**April 1:** Easter Sunrise Service at Evergreen Cemetery

No 8:15 Service; No Sunday School

Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 7:45 a.m.

Easter Service in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.

Easter egg hunt during Holy Wiggle Time: Bring Faster Baskets!

April 4: Bells 6:15 & 7 p.m.

April 9: Bingo at Good Sam 2:00 p.m.

**April 11:** Bells 6:15 & 7 p.m.

April 12: Chapel at Kingswood Court 4:00 p.m.

April 17: SPRC 6:00 p.m.

Finance 7:00 p.m.

April 18: UMW 7:00 p.m.

April 21: Men's Breakfast at Webber UMC

April 22: Administrative Council Meeting following late service

Bell Choir Concert in Sanctuary 2:00 p.m.

April 25: Community Movie Night featuring The War Room at The Crest 7:00 p.m.

**April 28:** Ladies' Day Out in Sanctuary

8:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

April 29: Camp Sunday in both services

May 5: UMW Brunch 11:00 a.m.

May 6: Sunday Funday Celebration & Worship in

### **Weekly Groups**

Sundays--Confirmation Class 3:00-4:00 p.m. Tuesdays--Mental Health Group 6:15-8:15 p.m.

Wednesdays--Needle Huddle 9:00-11:00 a.m.

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