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1. Pastor Natalie with our graduates, Trent Tietjen and Braxton Webber. 2. Worship at Kingswood Court in May.
3. Novellas 4. Bellissimos

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Vacations We Really Need

It is difficult for me to believe that summer is in full swing. The temperatures continue to rise, school is out and kids are already going crazy. We all try to find some time away from our normal work and routines. This summer as we worship together, I want us to reflect on what vacation really means and what kind of vacation we really need.

I love going on vacation with my family, but that too often the vacation does not have a lasting effect on our mood or way of being once we return home. Vacations are not just about getting away from work, from school, from our daily routines, and other activities. Vacations are supposed to be times for renewal and refreshment that are not only exciting and pleasing while we are away from our normal routines, but also impactful when we return to normalcy.

This summer when you have a couple of days or a week to break free from the routines of life what difference will it make when you return? What are you really vacationing from? Are you simply getting away from the problems and circumstances of your life, or are you taking a vacation from the things that can really separate you from the life God intends for us to have? I propose that this summer we all try to take a vacation from things like, stress, worry, guilt, selfishness, wanting, doubt, and fear. If we use our vacation time and summer wisely, our lives will continue to be transformed by God, and we will follow more closely the life God calls us to live. Join us at FUMC as we seek to take the vacations we really need.



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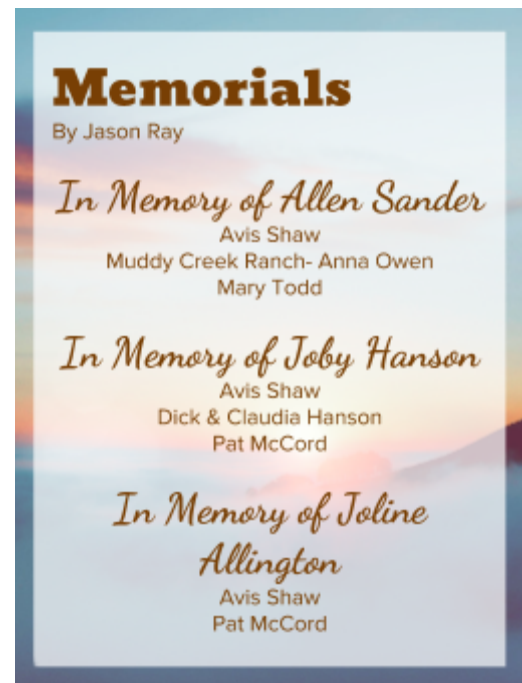
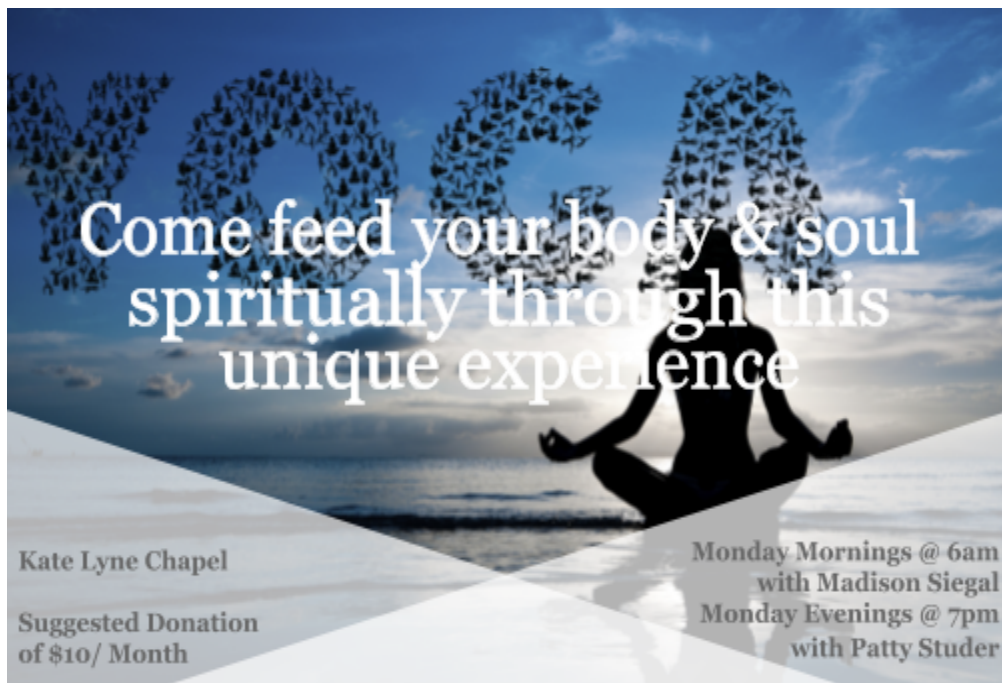
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Have you ever gone through something where you just start to feel as though you're losing faith, losing hope that anything is ever going to get better? It's easy at times to feel so overwhelmed with all that life may seem to be throwing at you that you really just don't see any end to it, and struggle and struggle to keep your head above the water.

Once, I was asked to teach a Sunday School class, and as I opened up the book to begin preparing, I read these words: Thankfully, after two Bible lessons hearing the relentless pronouncements of divine wrath and judgment, the closing verses of Zephaniah sing a different tune: joy. Not just hope (which we have gotten glimpses of all along), but joy—the joy of a faithful remnant of Israel, at last recipients of Yahweh's redeeming love, and the joy of the Lord now reconciled to the people. At last, an assurance rather than a warning. This faithful remnant will praise and worship differently than they had been. (Adult Bible Studies Teacher Book, June 19th, 2016 pg. 39) I had someone ask me two years ago if I was okay, that they just hadn't seen the joy that I used to exude. It really hit me, that they were right. That hope and joy hadn't been a part of my life for a little while. Believe it or not, pastors too struggle with seeing hope and finding joy. Someone else also mentioned to me that with Christ, we always have hope. I may have mentioned before that I feel God by listening to music and in that moment I heard the lyrics to the song from Brian and I's wedding:

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine (Oceans by Hillsong United)

I love this song for the promise it brings. That's why Brian and I chose it for our wedding. With Christ, we always have the promise of hope and joy. I just need to allow my soul to rest in His embrace. A scripture I reminded myself that I love, after rereading some posts on my blog is this: "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith unto this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character, and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us." (Romans 5: 1-5)

So take heart, my friends. Know that the bible says suffering produces perseverance, perseverance, character, and character, hope. So find joy in knowing that Christ has whatever you and I are going through in his control, and we will be okay.

Blessings,
Pastor Natalie

Happy Anniversary to you...

July 5: Jahn & Shelly Kile
July 12: Phil & Mary Ann Dean
July 15: Jeff & Sue Guilkey
July 18: Larry & Beverly Beavers
July 26: Bill & Mary Hamilton
July 29: Randy & Susan Williams
Aug 12: Leo & Betty Zadina
Aug 15: Curt & Julie Drake
Aug 16: Bob & Linda Cox
Aug 17: Cane & Twilla Frerichs
Aug 21: Arnold & Phyllis Ross
Aug 23: Mark & Cindy Batka
Aug 26: Harlan & Mary Ray
Aug 28: Dave & Joann Taylor
Aug 31: Dale & Charleen Adcock

Happy Birthday to you...

July 1: Sierra Kile
July 2: Maragret Breen & Tonya Pohlman
July 3: Beverly Beavers, Maylie Gay, & Ty Young
July 4: United States of America
July 5: Charlotte Bryn
July 7: Jana Marr & Teriesa Wilson
July 8: John Ray & Jack Ray
July 10: Lorna Wilton
July 15: Stuart Tietjen
July 16: Stephanie Shaw
July 17: Emma McKinney
July 18: Margie Alexander
July 21: Gail Breen & Blake Edwards
July 24: MacKenna Peterson
July 25: Rebecca Corman
July 26: Anders Webber
July 29: Donnetta Clark
July 31: Brett Ross
Aug 3: Zak Corman
Aug 4: Mark Betka, Lilly Edwards, & Garrett Roe
Aug 5: Judy Corman, John Guilkey, & Phyllis Ross
Aug 6: Kathleen Frerichs, Linda Frerichs, & Jason Hamilton
Aug 10: Avis Shaw
Aug 12: Larry Beavers
Aug 16: Ashlyn Brown
Aug 18: Danny Corman & Linda Cox
Aug 19: Harold Sweet & Martha Young
Aug 20: Jody Langer
Aug 23: Tracy Taylor-Page
Aug 24: Harold Nelson
Aug 29: Teresa Erickson & Claudia Hanson
Aug 30: Robert Brown & Valerie Woerner
Aug 31: Jo Wilburn

What's Happening this Month?

July Calendar

July 1st: Confirmation Sunday!

July 11th: Wed. VBS Volunteer Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

July 12th: Thurs. Worship @ Kingswood Court @ 4 p.m.

July 17th: Tues. Memorial Committee 5:05 p.m.
Trustees 6:30 p.m.
SPRC 7:30 p.m.

July 21st: Sat. Men's Breakfast @ Webber UMC @ 8 a.m.

July 22nd: Sun. Pope's People will sing @ 10:30 service

July 23rd-25th: Mon-Wed. VBS! 6-9 p.m.

July 26th: Thurs. Lifetouch Church Directory Team Meeting @ 6 p.m.

August Calendar

August 9th: Thurs. Worship @ Kingswood Court @ 4 p.m.

August 12th: Sun. Blessing of the Backpacks!

August 14th: Tues. Back to School Pictures 9-12 a.m. & 1-3 p.m.

Weekly Groups

Mondays-- Yoga 6:00 a.m & 7:00 p.m

Tuesdays--Mental Health Group 6:15-8:15 p.m.

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



2018 VBS REGISTRATION

COME CATCH THE WAVE OF GOD'S LOVE

Student Information

*Student Name: _____

Nickname: _____

Gender: M F *Age as of August 1, 18: _____ *Grade just finished _____

*T-Shirt Size: YXS YS YM YL YXL/AS AM AL AXL AXXL AXXXL

Medical Information

Allergies: _____

Medical Issues or Special Needs _____

*Medical Release:

_____ I give my permission for the VBS staff to administer basic first aid to my child (named above) in the event of an injury. I understand that the VBS staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury and all expenses for such emergency services will be paid by me.

Parent Personal Information

*Parent Name: _____

*Address: _____

*City: _____ *State: _____ *Zip: _____

*Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

*Emergency Contact Name: _____

*Emergency Phone: _____

*Alternate Pickup Name: _____

*Alternate Pickup Phone: _____

Home Church _____

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2018 VBS REGISTRATION

COME CATCH THE WAVE OF GOD'S LOVE

*Photo Release:

_____ I hereby grant the above-named church permission to copyright and use photographs/videos taken at VBS of the minor designated above in any manner or form for any purpose lawful at any time. I waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or written copy, that may be used in conjunction therewith, or the use to which it may be applied.

*Permission to Attend:

_____ I give permission for my child (named above) to attend the Vacation Bible School (VBS) listed above. I understand that the information I give for this registration will only be used by the VBS hosting church, and that all registration information will be removed from the hosting site by December 31, 2018.

DON'T FORGET IF YOU'RE A PARENT WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOUR HELP FOR VBS! IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HELPING SEE PASTOR NATALIE!



We need your help!

Help us with your presence, support, and donations! A few things we will need include...

- Napkins
- Plastic/ paper cups
- Paint brushes
- Cardboard sheets
- Wood (2x4 or 4x4)
- Wooden Pallets
- Fishing nets (large nets that can be cut, not aquarium nets)
- Beach balls
- Surf boards
- Water tubes
- Tin baking pans
- Flour/Sugar/ powdered sugar
- Rope
- Coolers for water and ice
- Small beach toys of any sort

To register as a volunteer, please contact Jaimey Bryant, Natalie Faust, or Natalie Soukup or go online to <https://vbsmate.com/events/superiorfumc/16909>

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Months Minutes

Administrative Council

The Administrative Council met at the Methodist Church on 05-20-2018. Present: Marsha Ray, Sue Rose, Jana Marr, Patty Studer, Curt Drake, Jeff Guilkey, Sue Guilkey, Linda Cox, Gail Breen, Gene Frerichs, and Reverend Natalie Faust. Jana called the meeting to order at 11:25 A.M. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as submitted.

Finance:

Jana reported to the Council on the monthly finances. The sidewalk project was paid for by the donation from the Lila Corman family and the Memorial Committee.

Trustees:

Jeff reported that the committee is currently working on the new guttering. Gregg Brazil will be doing the project. The new custodian, Dan McKeown cleaned up the tile in the Fellowship Hall's closet. More work is still needed in the closet to solve the water problem.

UMW:

4 youth are going to camp. Sylvia Imhoff, UMW Treasurer, will write the check for the camp fees. Renee Sinclair was the speaker at the UMW Brunch on 05-05-2018. She demonstrated the art of making soap.

Memorial:

Sue Guilkey reported the committee is working on the bench in memory of Merwyn Wyatt. The bench will be located at the bottom of the Sanctuary steps. The Trustees will place pavers for it to sit on. Memorial funds in honor of Allen Sander will go to

the Men's Ministry.

SPRC:

Patty reported that Dan McKeown is the new custodian. The intern for the summer will stay with John and Marsha Ray. She will be doing Sunday services, hospital visits and other duties while Reverend Natalie is at youth camp. She will also help with the June 10, 2018 late service in the City Park.

Pastor's Report:

Reverend Natalie reported that Annual Conference will be in June at Wichita, KS. She has been appointed the District Chairperson starting July 1, 2018. Vacation Bible School meeting will be 05-21-2018. Vacation Bible School will be held in July in the evenings.

New Business:

Sue Rose asked about a possible time change in the Ad Council meetings. Beverly Beavers wanted to switch the date & time back to Tuesday evenings at 7:30 P.M. The Ad Board discussed having the monthly meetings in between Church services at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The next meeting will Sunday, July 15, 2018 at 9:45 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

Meeting adjourned 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Jana Marr, Ad Council Secretary

United Methodist Women

---On Saturday, May 5, in the UMC Fellowship Hall, UMW members and guests gathered for the annual May Brunch. The group sang "Jesus Loves Me" and the "Doxology", followed by a welcome from Pastor Natalie Faust.

A delicious brunch was served by Carol Thompson, chairman, Twilla Frerichs, and Esther Martin.

Renee Sinclair presented an informative and entertaining program on Soap Making. She told of the history of making soap in the early days of the Bible down through the ages to the present time. She also demonstrated the various steps and methods used as she has learned recently. Door prizes of a bar of soap she has made were given to all in attendance.

Renee was presented with a beautiful hanging basket of purple petunias. Carol Thompson was honored with a corsage for mission.

Next UMW meeting will be on June 20 at 7:pm. Linda Cox and Charlotte Bryan will present the program and act as hostesses.

---On Wednesday, June 20, Jana Marr opened the meeting with prayer. Ten members were present. The minutes of the 5/5/2018 meeting were read by Jo Wilbern and approved as corrected.

Sylvia Imhoff reported balance in treasury of 4/18/18 was \$3,755.50 and balance for 5/5/18 was \$3,075.92.

Committee Reports: Doris Worm volunteered to replace Joline Allington as chairperson of Courtesy Committee. She will send a card to Harlan and Mary Ray. Linda Cox will purchase large coffee filters for large coffee pot. Elaine Guilkey reported that we served lunch after funeral for Joline Allington. She thanked all who helped. She also reported that we will assist with the July Good Sam Birthday Party on July 27 at 2pm. Doris Worm will provide Karaoke music for entertainment. Mission Kits were taken to the general conference last week.

Old Business: Linda Cox made motion to decrease the amount of nuts to sell at Harvest Festival and to sell only pecans, seconded by Sylvia. After discussion amended by Linda to read will sell 8 cases of pecans and 2 cases of walnuts. Seconded by Sue Rose .. motion carried.

Margaret Breen volunteered to coordinate Journey in Faith since Mary Ray has moved.

The July Meeting will be July 18, 2018 at 5:30pm. Officers and Mission coordinators only.

Following the business meeting Linda Cox presented a program reporting on Annual Conference and some of the activities going on in the United Methodist Church. She reported on Angel House and Redbird Trail which are both Methodist Missions. Dessert was served by Linda Cox and Charlotte Bryan.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jo Wilbern

Worship Assistants

July 2018

Greeters:

July 1- Dorothy Rust

July 8 - Linda Cox

July 15 - Karen Fox

July 22 - Sylvia Imhoff

July 29 - Elaine Guilkey

Ushers:

July 1- Judy, Danny & Zak Corman

July 8 - Gail Breen, Phil Dean, Gene Frerichs

July 15 - Steve Fox, Roger & Linda Nelson

July 22 - Linda Cox, Anders Webber, Jordan Brown

July 29 - Joe Wilson, Jeff & Sue Guilkey

Counter All Month: Jana Marr

Sound Technicians:

July 1 - Sandy Borden

July 8 - Angela Garver

July 15 - Marsha Ray

July 22 - Jeff Guilkey

July 29 - Teresa Erickson

Communion Steward: Esther Martin

Acolytes:

July 1- Jocelyn Woerner

July 8 - Teegan Duncan

July 15 - Lilly Edwards

July 22 - Zak Corman

July 29 - Anders Webber