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The One Event 2019

WORD Speaks to 900-Plus Youth, Leaders at Sixth-Annual OneEvent- by David Burke

Whether they grooved to the music, learned from the message or enjoyed the fellowship and fun, more than 900 youth and their leaders spent a full weekend at the Tony’s Pizza Events Center in Salina on Jan. 5-6.

“We’re all United Methodists, and we’re all worshipping together,” said the Rev. Nicole Conard, young adults and campus ministry coordinator for the Great Plains Conference. “Seeing 900 people together and worshipping as United Methodists is a pretty new and pretty inspiring thing for many of our churches.”

The sixth-annual OneEvent, with the theme of “WORD,” brought sixth- through 12th-graders from Kansas and Nebraska together for worship that featured the Rev. Michelle Manuel, associate pastor of The Loft at The Woodland United Methodist Church, north of Houston; BonRay, a praise band of siblings from Philadelphia; Joe Castillo, a sand artist who created biblical images that changed within seconds; DJ-rapper Big Al Cherry; and Christian comedian Daren Streblow.

Breakout sessions included discussion about relationships, a Zumba class and a session with pastoral counselor the Rev. Dr. Gary Nelson, as well as a roundtable discussion for youth leaders. Free time was taken by painting stations, inflatable bungee races and an inflatable, oversized version of Hungry Hungry Hippos, as well as Gaga ball and nine-square in the air, as well as numerous

booths from the Great Plains colleges and camps.

Many first-time attendees were impressed with what they saw. Taylor Vermillion, a freshman from Plains, Kansas, at her first OneEvent, said she enjoyed the worship, but the session with Nelson – who talked about mental health and teenage suicide – really hit home.

“That really opened my eyes and helped me through some struggles I’ve had in the past,” she said. It also left Vermillion wanting more. “I really want to come back next year,” she said.

Conard said a decision on a OneEvent for 2020 would be made in time for the Great Plains Annual Conference session in late May. She praised the work of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries and her fellow staff members on the Congregational Excellence team for their work to prepare for OneEvent.

“Both of them have been planning for six months for this event, figuring out how to resource churches and make this an event where people can experience Christ in a new way and live out Scripture,” Conard said.

Conard was impressed with the sermons provided by Manuel, who used the text of Jesus’ healing at the pool of Bethesda in John 5: 1-6 as an invitation to name their problems and give Jesus a way to solve them.

Conard also was grateful for the fellowship that took place between youth from the churches in large and small communities throughout the two states.

“It was a chance for our churches to know that we’re part of a greater church,” Conard said.

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Administrative Council

The Administrative Board met on January 23, 2019 at the Church. Present: Beverly Beavers, Marsha Ray, Jana Marr, Patty Studer, Linda Cox, Judy Corman, Sue Guilkey, Carole Thompson, and Pastor Natalie Faust.

Beverly Beavers called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and Pastor Natalie opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the December 18, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Old Business: Dates for the 2019 Ad Council meetings were scheduled for Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. on February 19, March 19, April 16, and May 21. There is no meeting in June. Sunday July 14th at 9:30 a.m.

Finance: The elevator repair expenses were discussed. The recent repairs were \$8407.09. Beverly is going to call Eletech and review the charges. The elevator was purchased in 1994. It is a residential elevator and the Church has been told that it needs to be a commercial elevator. The Church renewed its membership with their Superior Chamber of Commerce for \$100.00. The Chamber helps advertise the Church's activities on their Facebook page if you are a member. The Mission Soup Supper will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken. Proceeds will be used to help replace the heating & cooling system in the Sanctuary. Donations to date for the new system are \$1350.00. Jaimey Bryant made a request of the Church for their financial support with a Church-Match scholarship she would like to receive. The \$500.00 scholarship would be a 50-50 match. Scholarships have not been budgeted.

It was suggested that Jaimey address the congregation regarding the matter. The Church will budget for a scholarship program next year. Carole Thompson stated she would ask the UMW if they would help with the funding.

Trustees: Pastor Natalie indicated two members of the Trustees are going to check the basement and furnace at the parsonage. There is moisture damage on the ceiling next to the wall in the boys' bedroom.

The current lease on the office copier is up on February 28, 2019. The current plan is to switch from Capital Business System Inc. to Eakes Office Supply and either buy or lease a new copier. Shannon McCord is currently working on the pros and cons of whether to buy or lease. He is checking monthly service charges and maintenance coverage. The initial contract from Eakes is cheaper than the one from Capital Business System has been. Shannon will be getting the complete figures

before the end of the month. Motion (Patty Studer/ Judy Corman) to change to Eakes Office Supply for the copier. Motion carried. Motion (Sue Guilkey/ Linda Cox) to allow the Finance Committee to make the final decision on whether to lease or buy the copier once all the details are determined. Motion carried.

The nativity set needs to be replaced. Pieces of it are broken due to them falling over from the wind and winter weather. Jeff is going to check out possibly making a metal cut-out of one.

Lights need replaced in the kitchen and educational wing.

UMW: UMW met January 16, 2019. Bonnie Langer led the Pledge Service. The group donated \$1200.00 to be used towards the 2019 Church's utilities.

Education: The attendance at Sunday Funday has been down. SPRR: Patty Studer indicated they were doing a study on Pastor & Parrish.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Natalie discussed applying for a \$1,000.00 Youth Service Fund Grant to start a youth group. The Board approved of applying for the grant. Pastor Natalie indicated the group will include 7th through 12th graders and would start in the fall of 2019. Pastor Natalie requested a dedicated youth space to use on Sunday evenings for the group. She suggested updating the Kate Lyne Chapel. Painting the walls, adding a tv screen and removing the curtains. The Chapel would still be used as a worship area. The Board said previously the room north of the fellowship hall had been used as a designated youth area. The area is usually only used for the Harvest Festival. It could be updated and used instead of the Kate Lyne Chapel. The Board told Pastor Natalie to have some design plans of both areas and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

A sermon series and Bible study on Forgiveness will be done during the Lenten season. There are five children in the confirmation class.

Jaimey Bryant is participating in a school sponsored internship with Hannah Shroyer in graphic design. The new look of the newsletter is a product of the program that Jaimey is learning through the program.

Pastor Natalie closed the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jana Marr, Ad Council Secretary

United Methodist Women

On January 16, the Superior UMW met in the fellowship hall. Esther Martin opened the meeting with prayer. Eleven members were present.

Minutes and treasurer's report from previous meeting were read. Current treasury balance on January 16 was \$4,835.5. Sylvia Imhoff reminded the group that budget allowances of \$1,200 for Church utilities and \$1,000 for pledge to missions may be paid.

Committee Reports:

New World Outlook magazine has completed publication and refund for unfulfilled issues will be donated to UMCOR.

Linda Cox has purchased program and prayer booklets which are available for members' use when preparing programs. Reports: New Roasters for the kitchen are here and ready for use.

Elaine Guilkey reported there were no funeral lunches to serve the past month. Also Bingo at Good Sam had a good turnout to play and also that she welcomes any ideas for prizes.

Doris Worm reminded members to notify her if we know of people ill or in hospital and she will send cards. Members sent notes on a card for Gale and Margaret Breen.

Avis Shaw, Sue Rose, and Sylvia Imhoff visited shut-ins and delivered Gifts of Love at Christmas Time.

Other Business:

The basement supply room is being straightened and cleaned. Boy and Girl Scout leaders have been notified of areas in the room where they can store their Christmas decorations which they have taken down after the holiday.

Following the business meeting, the Pledge Service for Missions was conducted by Bonnie Langer with participation and a Litany from members.

During the 150th year of UMW, we honor and pay tribute to many women whose ministry and mission have grown throughout the years. They have been an inspiration to all.

Following the service, Doris Worm and Bonnie served a delicious lunch. Next meeting will be February 20 at the church.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo Wilbern, Secretary

February 2019 Worship Assistants

Greeters:

Feb 3: Bonnie Langer

Feb 10: Drake Family

Feb 17: Judy Corman

Feb 24: Sylvia Imhoff

Ushers:

Feb 3: Frank Langer, Steve & Karen Fox

Feb 10: Bill & Mary Hamilton, Linda Cox

Feb 17: Joe Wilson, Phil Dean, Tony Studer

Feb 24: Danny & Zak Corman, Gale Mikkelsen

Counter all Month: Avis Shaw

Sound Technicians:

Feb 3: Marsha Ray

Feb 10: Sandy Borden

Feb 17: Jeff Guilkey

Feb 24: Angela Garver

Communion Steward: Ester Martin

Acolytes:

Feb 3: Zak Corman

Feb 10: Teegan Duncan

Feb 17: Dylan Edwards

Feb 24: Cooper Ehlers

Sunday Funday Leaders

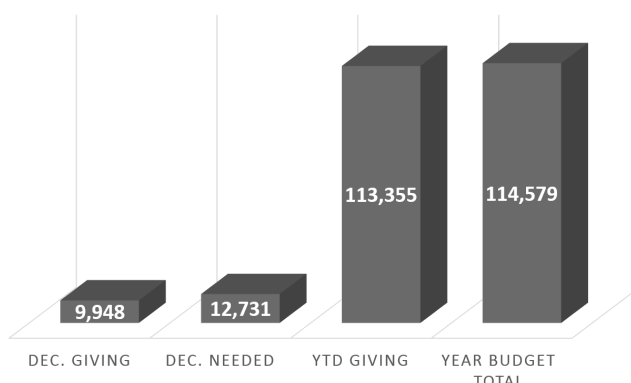
Feb 3: Leader: Haley Coffey, Helper: Mary Tietjen

Feb 10: Leader: Shannon McCord, Helper: Julie Drake

Feb 17: Leader: Jana Marr, Helper: Ashley Siebeneicher

Feb 24: Leader: Angela Garver, Helper: Katrina Hansen

MONTHLY OFFERING SNAPSHOT
FOR DECEMBER 2018



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Natalie's Notes

In the next few weeks, United Methodists from around the world will be gathering in St. Louis, Missouri, focusing on human sexuality in the future of the United Methodist Church.

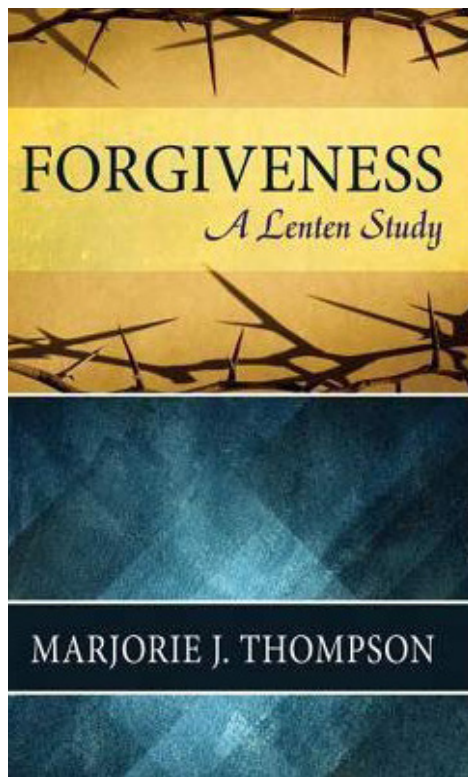
More than 4,100 people attended 18 town hall meetings, which took place from Aug. 25 to Nov. 17. In each meeting, Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr. shared details of the structure of the denomination and a history of its stance on LGBTQ issues, as well as outlining the three known plans – One Church, Connectional and Traditional – that will be discussed from Feb. 23-26 in St. Louis.

What does this mean for us? It means we need to be in prayer. I often am not someone who publicly shares how I stand on issues, mainly because I want to be approachable to all people, in order to assist in offering people a relationship with Jesus. Recently, however, I saw something that hurt my heart. Someone publicly shared how they feel on the LGBTQ and other issues as well, in turn showing that they have a heart that condemns, shows not tolerance or grace.

I've shared before in meetings that I'm not quite sure where I stand on this issue, other than I stand with Jesus Christ. Jesus said to love sinners. Jesus himself ate with sinners, heals sinners, seeks after sinners. Pharisees claimed in Luke 15.2: "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." Jesus responded with this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he

comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance."

I know this: we are called to love as Jesus loves. We welcome all and we let God be the judge of our sins. In the meantime we show grace to all and let them know that Christ loves them as he loves us.



A Lenten Study

Forgiving others and humbly asking for forgiveness are central disciplines for all Christian believers. Lent, a time to reflect on our Christian journey, is an appropriate time to deepen our understanding and practice of forgiveness. This Lenten Season, beginning March 3rd, we will be looking at Forgiveness in worship based on a book Forgiveness by Marjorie J. Thompson, author of the best-selling book Soul Feast. We will be taking a close look at our understanding of forgiveness in this encouraging study. We will be addressing such questions as the following: *Is forgiveness a Christian duty under all circumstances?*

Or are there situations when Christians do not need to forgive?

Is forgiveness a matter between individuals, or is it meaningful only in the context of communities?

Is forgiving the best route to healing for the injured?

How do we get past emotional barriers to real forgiveness?

We will also be examining this book during a Lenten bible study that will take place on **Mondays at 1 or 6 p.m. beginning March 4th.** Using biblical examples and and real-life situations, Thompson illustrates each chapter's theme in an informative and engaging way. A study guide is also included at the back of the book that is appropriate for either individual reflection or group discussion. With clarity, insight, and sensitivity, this book is the perfect resource for examining both our ability to forgive and our own need for forgiveness. Let the office know if you would like to participate in the study so we can get books ordered for you.

Happy Birthday

Friday, February 3: Camie Kroeger

Monday, February 4 : Ashley Siebenneicher

Tuesday, February 5: Jordan Duncan, Lauren Tietjen, and Shannon McCord

Wednesday, February 6: Braylin Siebenneicher and Kristen Corman

Thursday, February 7: Dee Thompson

Friday, February 8: Brandi Cox

Tuesday, February 12: Katherine Coffey and Ron Thompson

Thursday, February 14: Zade Hansen

Friday, February 15: Margaret Simonsen

Saturday, February 16: Brett Garver

Monday, February 18: Gary Crook, Rick Alexander, and Timothy Shaw

Tuesday, February 19: Athelda Thompson

Wednesday, February 20: Patty Studer

Saturday, February 23: Frank Borden

Sunday, February 24: Steve Fox

Tuesday, February 26: Marilyn Hayes

Anniversaries

Tuesday, February 12: Basil & Ilene Johnson

Thursday, February 14: Danny & Becky Corman

Thursday, February 14: Jack & Donnetta Clark

Saturday, February 16: Don & Melinda Duncan

Monday February 18: LeRoy & Joy Barnes



Upcoming Events

February Calendar

Thursday Feb. 7th: Chapel at Good Sam, 10:00 a.m.

Friday Feb. 8th: Winter Jam at Wichita KS, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Feb. 10th: Children Sing , 10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday Feb. 11th: Bingo at Good Sam, 2:00 p.m

Thursday Feb. 14th: Valentine's Day Chapel at Kingswood, 4:00 p.m.

Saturday Feb. 16th: Men's Breakfast at Webber UMC, 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Feb. 17th: Bellissimo Bell Choir, 10:30 a.m. Worship

Valentines Dinner at Webber UMC @TBA

Tuesday Feb. 19th: Commodities, 10:00 a.m. SPRC, 6:30 p.m.

Finance, 7:00 p.m.

Ad Co, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday Feb. 26th: Mission Soup Supper, 5:00 p.m.

Weekly Groups

Sundays: Community Cantata Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m. Beginning Feb. 3rd.

Mondays: Yoga, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: Needle Huddle 9:00-11:00 a.m. Confirmation, 7:00 p.m.