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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 June, along with Pastor Natalie and Patty Studer, middles schoolers are going to embark on a journey to Arkansas City, Kansas to spend five days at Camp Horizon for Middle School Camp. Then we have one high schooler planning on going to High School Camp in July. 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 May 5th 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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Whats Up at FUMC?

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Natalie's Notes



When I got married, Brian learned something about me ...I like the dark. Any of you who have been to my office at all can probably attest to this. I love the comfort of lamps and candles over the bright glaring light of an overhead. After I'm done in a room, I will turn the light off. I have to sleep in a completely dark room, though I have gotten better about leaving a curtain open on occasion. I have even been known to shower in the dark. I am not someone who fears it, but finds comfort in it to a certain extent...as long as I know my surroundings and am in my own comfort zone.

However, recently I read a blog in which shared the opposite, that the reader was scared of the dark even though she knows rationally there is nothing there. She claims that she hates the dark because she loves the light of Christ. And I buy that, but then it made me wonder, what does that say about me and my love of dark? It seriously has made me ponder that question very deeply. Scripture says this about light: You are my lamp, O LORD; the LORD turns my darkness into light. 2 Samuel 22:29; I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them. Isaiah 42:16; Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105; The night is nearly

over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Romans 13:12. And these don't even include all the references in the gospel of John about light and dark. Obviously light is important.

A few weeks ago the Confirmation class reminded me about the movie "Heaven is for Real" and I remembered there is a scene in which the father and mother walk out of a restaurant after dinner and as they look up into the night sky, the father says something to the effect of "The lights in the sky are so much brighter the darker it is." Don't get me wrong. It's not that I don't like light. Gloomy days get me down. I much prefer the bright sunny days. But I think in the dark, I remember all the dark places I've been in my life, and how God has brought me through them. I don't have to be afraid because I do know that the day is almost here. It won't be dark forever, and the light will come again. I'm not afraid because I know I'm not alone and never will be, even in those dark places. Even in the darkest places there is light. So the next time you feel a little nervous in the dark (and this references the dark places of our life as well), think of it as a comforting blanket and know that the Lord is your lamp, the day will come again, and you are NEVER alone.

Blessings,

Pastor Natalie

2019 Mission u - July 14-18 in Salina KS, July 26-28 in Kearney NE, and Mini Mission u August 9-10 in Topeka KS

2019 Great Plains Conference Cooperative Mission u is sponsored by United Methodist Women & Mercy & Justice Team and is open to everyone: clergy, laity, men & women, children & youth "Learning Together for the Transformation of the World"! Mission u offers three opportunities: A weekday study in Salina, KS, July 14-18th for adults, children, and youth; a weekend study in Kearney, NE July 26-28th; and a mini Mission u at Countryside UMC in Topeka, KS August 9-10th. Studies will include "Practicing Resurrection - The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship" with study leader, Rev. Jerry Brabec, and "Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission" with study leaders Karen Dunlap, Lisa Maupin, and Barbara Jo Burns.

Registration is not yet available, but hopefully will be on site toward the end of March. Print off the Health Form to bring with you.

2019 Weekend Mission u Kearney NE FLYER

2019 Mission u Information and Paper Registration forms (pending)

2019 Weekday Mission u Salina KS Online Registration (pending)

2019 Weekend Mission u Kearney NE Online Registration (pending)

2019 Mini Mission u Topeka KS Online Registration (pending)

Health Form for Mission u 2019

May 2019 Worship Assistants

Greeters

May 5: Elaine Guilkey

May 12: Alicea Gentry

May 19: Drake Family

May 26: Sylvia Imhoff

Ushers

May 5: Gale Mikkelsen, Gail Breen, Phil Dean

May 12: Bob, Alaina & Ashlyn Brown

May 19: Bill & Mary Hamilton, Joe Wilson

May 26: Roger & Linda Nelson, Gary Crook

Counter All Month: Mary Hamilton

Sound Technicians

May 5: Beverly Beavers

May 12: Sandy Borden

May 19: Marsha Ray

May 26: Jeff Guilkey

Communion Steward: Esther Martin

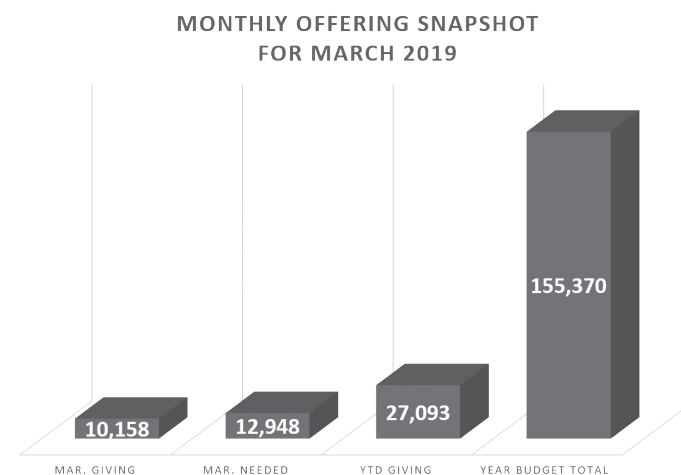
Acolytes

May 5: Lilly Edwards

May 12: Jordan Brown

May 19: Chloe Drake

May 26: Jordan Duncan



June 2019 Worship Assistants

Greeters

June 2: Sue Guilkey

June 9: Carole Thompson

June 16: Dorothy Rust

June 23: Esther Martin

June 30: Judy Corman

Ushers

June 2: Jeff Guilkey, Steve & Karen Fox

June 9: Arnold Ross, Gale Mikkelsen, Eldon Thompson

June 16: Joe Wilson, Gail Breen Frank Langer

June 23: Linda Cox, Avis Shaw, Judy Corman

June 30: Danny & Zak Corman, Phil Dean

Counter All Month: Jana Marr

Sound Technicians

June 2: Angela Garver

June 9: Jerred Ehlers

June 16: Beverly Beavers

June 23: Marsha Ray

June 30: Sandy Borden

Communion Steward: Linda Cox

Acolytes

June 2: Teegan Duncan

June 9: Cooper Ehlers

June 16: Dylan Edwards

June 23: Jocelyn Woerner

June 30: Jordan Duncan

Happy Birthday

Wednesday, May 1: Teresa Wilson
Thursday, May 2: Linda Nelson
Saturday, May 4: Sue Guilkey
Sunday, May 5: Callum McCord
Tuesday, May 7: Olivia Smullins
Wednesday, May 8: Marsha Ray
Monday, May 13: Kathleen Ross
Tuesday, May 14: Jaylen Kile
Wednesday, May 15: Norrisa Flores
Thursday, May 16: Brian Faust
Friday, May 17: Emmett Gentry, Ilene Johnson, & Katrina Hansen
Sunday, May 19: Carole Thompson & Joe Wilson
Monday, May 20: Melissa Guilkey
Tuesday, May 21: Colin Ross & Jessica Hamilton
Wednesday, May 22: Evan Ross
Thursday, May 23: Cooper Sheely
Friday, May 24: Ann Reyelts & JoAnn Reed
Saturday, May 25: Tracy Duncan
Monday, May 27: Ambyr Tatro & Ethan Ross
Tuesday, May 28: Natalie Faust
Wednesday, May 29: Lori Harris
Thursday, May 30: Jacob Hamilton
Friday, May 31: Cliff White

Anniversaries

Wednesday, May 8: Tony & Patty Studer
Saturday, May 18: Todd & Camie Kroeger
Tuesday, May 21: Todd & Jennifer Jantzi
Friday, May 31: Natalie & Brian Faust

First United Methodist Church
UMW Brunch
Sat. May 4th, 11 a.m.
Please RSVP to Carole Thompson

National Day of Prayer Breakfast
Thu. May 2nd, 7 a.m.
Living Faith Fellowship

Upcoming Events in May

May Calendar

Thursday May 2nd: National Day of Prayer Breakfast @ 7 a.m. @ Living Faith Fellowship
Saturday May 4th: UMW Brunch @ 11 a.m.
Wednesday May 8th: Senior Baccalaureate @ 7 p.m.
Thursday May 9th: Chapel @ Good Sam @ 10:30 a.m.
Chapel @ Kingswood @ 4 p.m.
Saturday May 11th: Superior High School Graduation @ 2 p.m.
Sunday May 12th: Mother's Day and Graduation Sunday!
Monday May 13th: Bingo @ 2 p.m.
Friday May 17th: Volunteer @ Crest Theatre @ 7 p.m.
Saturday May 18th: Men's Breakfast @ Webber UMC @ 8 a.m.
Tuesday May 21st: Memorial @ 5:05 p.m.
Trustees @ 5:30 p.m.
Finance @ 6:30 p.m.
Ad Co @ 7 p.m.
Tuesday May 28th-29th: Great Plains Annual Conference in Topeka, KS

Weekly Groups

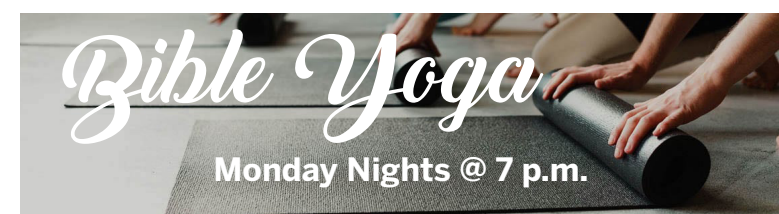
Mondays: Yoga @ 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Needle Huddle 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Happy Birthday

Wednesday, June 5: Connie Hayes & Cora Flores
Thursday, June 6: Charlotte Coffey & Vicki Sweet
Friday, June 7: Nancy Miller
Sunday, June 9: Ty Betka & Wayne Reed
Thursday, June 13: Gene Bruening
Tuesday, June 18: Neil Bouray
Wednesday, June 19: Jack Clark
Friday, June 21: Braxton Webber & Sue Rose
Saturday, June 22: Katelyn Brown, Mikynzie Hansen, & Steve Henderson
Monday, June 24: Kenny Corman
Tuesday, June 25: Jordan Brown
Thursday, June 27: Eldon Thompson

Anniversaries

Thursday, June 6: Gale & Nancy Mikkelsen
Friday, June 7: Kenny & Judy Corman
Wednesday, June 12: Frank & Sandy Borden
Tuesday, June 18: Harold & Vicki Sweet



Upcoming Events in June

June Calendar

No Administrative Council this month!
Sunday June 9th: Pentecost Worship in the Park at 10:30 Wear Red!
Potluck lunch following Sunday Worship in Fellowship Hall
Thursday June 13th: Chapel @ Good Sam @ 10:30 a.m.
Chapel @ Kingswood @ 4 p.m.
Saturday June 15th: Men's Breakfast @ Webber UMC @ 8 a.m.
Sunday June 16th: Father's Day!
Monday June 17th: Bingo @ 2 p.m.
Monday-Friday June 17th-21st: Middle School Camp @ Camp Horizon
Wednesday June 19th: UMW @ 7 p.m.

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Administrative Council

The Administrative Council met on April 16, 2019 at the Church. Present: Marsha Ray, Patty Studer, Linda Cox, Esther Martin, Carole Thompson, Jana Marr, Judy Corman and Pastor Natalie Faust. Marsha called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Pastor Natalie opened with prayer. The minutes off the March 19, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Finance:
Jana discussed the Church's current assets for the past month. Tithes and offerings were up. The elevator is currently not working. The repairman has been contacted, but he is on vacation and will be contacted again to come and repair it. Scott's TV and Appliance got the bid for the new heating and cooling system for the Sanctuary. \$11,000.00 has been donated towards the system. The Memorial Committee contribute \$5,000.00. The Foundation contributed \$2,000.00 and the remaining \$4,000.00 has been donated by the congregation. \$775.00 has been collected for Jaimey Bryant's scholarship. \$221.00 was collected for UMCOR and \$1353.00 was collected for the Flood Relief Fund.

Trustees:
Pastor Natalie reported that Troy Scott has the old air conditioner in the Sanctuary ready to work if it is needed before the new one is installed in May. The termite treatment has not been done yet at the parsonage. No repair to the parking area behind the Church has been done yet.

UMW:
Carole reported UMW will host the Lenten Breakfast on April 18, 2019 at 7:00 a.m. UMW will have it's April meeting on April 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The May Brunch is scheduled for Saturday, May 04, 2019.

Sunday FunDay:
The Easter Egg Hunt will be in the Sanctuary during Holy Wiggle Time on Easter Sunday.

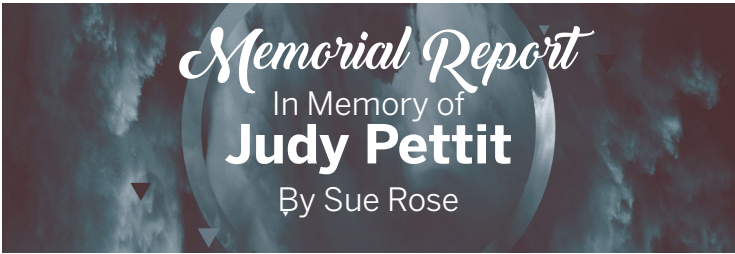
SPRC:
The Committee completed the Pastor's assessment. They also discussed upcoming Church events and activities that will be happening during the next couple of months.

Pastor's Report:
Attendance has increased at the Church services. Pastor Natalie discussed Maundy Thursday Services that will be held on April 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The Webber Church will be having Good Friday Services on April 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Confirmation will be on Sunday, April 28, 2019. Sunday, May 12, 2019 Epworth Village will be giving the message. Worship services and a pot luck dinner will be held in the City Park in June. Pastor Natalie will be on vacation during the 4th of July weekend. Sunday, August 25, 2019 a musical duo featuring a violinist and a pianist will play during the worship services. Jaimey Bryant will be in charge of VBS again this year. There will be a Sunday night kick-off pool party to start VBS off for the children.
Pastor Natalie discussed continuing having Jaimey make the monthly newsletter when she goes to college. The software program that she currently uses can only be done on an Apple Mac computer. Natalie is going to check the cost of a refurbished one with her professional discount figured in and see if the Church would pay for the computer so they could be printed as they have been.

Natalie closed the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jana Marr, Ad Council Secretary



United Methodist Women

On April 17, Superior UMW met in the fellowship hall. Carole Thompson, president, opened the meeting with prayer and recitation of the UMW Purpose. Eleven Members answered roll call. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Jo Wilbern, secretary, and approved as corrected by Elaine Guilkey. This stated that donation from family of John and Kay Adams will be used specifically to help purchase the new HVAC system for the church. Sylvia Imhoff reported the treasury's current balance as of 4/17/19 was \$3,718.41.

Committee Reports:
Carole Thompson reported the Lenten Breakfast will be held at UMC, 7am on April 18. Menu is planned and food will be served by the committee. Esther Martin will be guest speaker.
May Brunch will be May 4 at 11am in the fellowship hall. Committee members will plan and serve members and guests. Jo Wilbern will call members to remind of the brunch by May 1. Pastor Natalie offered that Jaimey Bryant will add news of the May Brunch to Facebook and Newsletter.

Avis Shaw reported that "Gifts of Love" Bookmarks were distributed to 15 shut-ins and also to 5 Confirmands of the current class at Superior UMC. Sylvia Imhoff reported that 10 Health Kits and 37 School Kits have been made and will be delivered to Annual Conference in June.

New Business: After discussion regarding amount of donation to high school and middle school camper fees, A motion was made by Linda Cox to pay up to half as needed. This will be added to the standing rules. Avis seconded, motion was carried.
Starting this day, UMW secretary will send Gifts of Memory cards to loved ones of previous UMW members who have been deceased.
Following the business meeting, Carole presented a program "Women Witnessing to New Life". This reminded us of the contributions of women leading up to, and during the Resurrection of Christ. Carole and Esther served coffee and "Lemon Fizz Cake" to the group. We will meet again on May 5 at the May Brunch.

Respectfully Submitted

Jo Wilbern, Secretary

Join us to celebrate our graduates!

Reception for our seniors on May 12th at 9:30.

SVEN'S GRADUATION

class of

2019



FRIDAY, MAY 10TH

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6pm to 8pm



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Celebrate with us following from 5-8 p.m.

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