

THE BROADCASTER

October 26, 2022

Pastor's Piece

October 21 the families of young children of FUMCVC had their second Annual Fellowship Night at Ron and Jeanette Stanley's farm. There were about 25 moms and dads and their children who came to the event. Everybody enjoyed spending time together as they rode the hayride, roasted hot dogs and s'mores, decorated pumpkins, and put on Halloween tattoos. It was a short two hours of fellowship and yet everyone has left Ron's farm with a wonderful memory. I felt there was a sense of unity among those families as we enjoyed their fellowship together. As I was hanging out with these wonderful group of people I came to realize that our church is blessed to have them and that we have a bright future because of those families who love God and love their church.

There is a book called "When the Church Was a Family" written by Joseph H. Hellerman. In the book the author points out that in the New Testament church they didn't try to be like a family. Their reality of church especially in the early church is that they were the family. I believe our families are designed to be like a church and that our churches have always been designed to be like a family. When we actually follow God's blueprint for the early church, the church truly was a family.

We need to learn from the early church how we go about building the family, especially building the kingdom family. Acts 2:42-47 is an excellent example of how we are to build that such family. "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ji



OUR PRAYERS FOR

Those Within the Church

**Stacy Barbour, Don Bennett, Marsha Callaway, Hazel Moore, Phyllis Neaderhiser, Lin Neal,
Olivia Wilbur, Bev Winter, Seth & Bailey (Hogan) Worstell**

Our Leaders

Law Enforcement Officers in our community and in the nation, the persecuted Christians around the world.
God's Guidance and Strength for President Biden, Our Troops and their Families

Our Military

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| † Michael Barbett – Darryl & Val Wall's son-in-law | † CPL Jay McDoniel |
| † CPL Cody Blair – Judy Lann's grandson | † Erik Nott & family – Doug & Gay Vannaman's son-in-law |
| † Dennis Burns Jr (DJ) – Dennis Burns Sr & Lisa Soetebier's son | † MSGT Leah Oakleaf – Walt & Janet Southards' granddaughter |
| † Lt. Col. Adam Coffman – Gladys Coffman's grandson | † SGT Steven Pearce – Walt & Janet Southards' nephew |
| † Kristopher Dewitt – Mary Stout's grandson | † Erik Ralsten |
| † Chance Greenhoff – Army | † CPL Bethany Reeves McDoniel |
| † James Harris (MP) – Bill & Joy Page's grandson | † AIC Bradley Southards – Walt & Janet Southards' grandson |
| † Austin Kroeger | |

Thank You...

To Our Church Family, Words cannot express how much I appreciated our church family during my recent illness. The cards and prayers from everyone really helped me. Thanks to Pastor Ju for his visits and prayers.

Virginia and Glenn Jost

The Lord's Diner has expressed their thanks for the many items we have given them for their Food Pantry.

Thank you to the Valley Center Preschool for cleaning the carpets in the Fireside Room, Preschool Hallway, and WCC Hallway! It is much appreciated!





November

BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Bryce Wall | 1 Olivia Santiago | 2 Michelle Royse |
| 3 Don Bennett | 3 Linda McFarland | 3 Brooklyn Watkins-Held |
| 3 Josh Waite | 4 Brad Edwards | 4 Bryson Voth |
| 5 Loraine Browning | 5 Gayle Williamson | 9 Gary Long |
| 9 Asher Blumanhourst | 10 Jeannie Kellums | 10 Kyle Stamm |
| 11 Scott Holle | 11 Lisa Diehl | 14 Kade Blumanhourst |
| 16 Cheryl Ward | 16 Paris McGinn | 17 Jake Kirkland |
| 17 Jeff Pritchard | 18 Chuck Potter | 19 Harmon McCallum |
| 19 Kirby McCallum | 19 Joy Page | 20 Mac McCallum |
| 20 Quinn Sears | 20 Sid Sears | 21 Nancy Korber |
| 21 Violet Stockdale | 22 Ron Zane | 22 Levi Brownlee |
| 24 Gus Barr | 26 Kim Sutphin | 29 Darlene Richards |
| 30 Randy Stone | | |



17 Dennis & Denise Newfer



“Count your **blessings** . Once you realize how **valuable** you are and how much you have going for you, the **smiles** will return, the sun will break out, the music will play, and you will finally be able to move forward the life that **God** intended for you with grace, strength, courage, and confidence.”

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November



WEEKLY:

SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
Traditional Worship 9:00a	Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC		Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC		Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC
Sunday School 10:00a	Progressive Class 7:00p FS		JOY Group 9:30a FS		
Contemporary Worship 11:00a			Chancel Choir 5:00p SAN		
UMYF MS & HS 5:00p WCC			WOW ZONE! 6:00p		

SPECIAL:

Daylight Saving Time Ends
Sunday, November 6

Book Club
Wednesday, November 16
6:00 p.m. FS

Lunch & Learn / Herington
Thursday, November 10

Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever
Friday, November 11
11:00 a.m. WCC

Church Office Closed
Thursday, November 24
Friday, November 25

*The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.*

Isaiah 40:8

FUMCVC'S GOINGS ON...

PECANS ARE BACK! United Methodist Women will be selling pecans in the main foyer after the 9:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday mornings. They have bags of halves and pieces. The cost is \$13 per bag.

FUMCVC's Church Conference will be **Sunday, October 30** at 2:00p in the Sanctuary.

Kechi UMC (4533 E 61st St N, Kechi) Turkey Dinner – Saturday, November 5 from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. CARRY OUT ONLY! Menu: Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dressing, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, and choice of Apple or Pumpkin Pie. All for \$10! Since this is a Carry Out Only event, you can place your order with the church office, pay \$10 (cash), and then plan to eat with others from our church at 5:30 p.m. Mike Neal and Amy Patrick Stamm will go to Kechi, pick-up the meals, and bring them back to the church. **Contact the church by Friday, November 4 at noon if you want to join in the fun .**



Daylight Saving Time ends on **Sunday, November 6** at 2:00 a.m.

Remember to **set your clocks back one hour** before you go to bed Saturday night!

Our November Lunch and Learn takes us to Herington, KS. Join us **Thursday, November 10** from 8:30 a.m. until about 4:00 p.m. Contact the office to get your name on the list.

Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever will meet **Friday, November 11** at 11:00a in the WCC. Please bring a craft to work on and a salad to share.

The Progressive Class will begin a new study, *Birth of Jesus for Progressive Christians* by Donald Schmidt, on **Monday, November 21**. The Christmas story most people know comes from pageants, carols, or perhaps a television movie or two. But what we recall – and what many people seek to replicate each year – is an odd mixture of the two quite different stories contained in the gospels of Matthew and Luke, with certain pieces almost always present (even though they are not in the Bible at all) and with others sadly missing. The point of those versions of the story seems to be to nurture a warm, fuzzy feeling that leaves us cooing over a baby so we can then put the whole thing away as soon as possible after December 25 and get back to life as usual. But that's not what the gospel writers had in mind. *Birth of Jesus for Progressive Christians* is a five-session study guide that invites readers to explore the birth of Jesus with a new perspective. This will open up wonderful times of conversation within small groups, but also provides inspiration and guidance to how the birth story of Jesus is still relevant and important in the life of the church and its people today. **The Progressive Class meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.**

Ways to Give

UMYF High Schoolers and Middle Schoolers Monthly Mission – October's giving is Halloween candy that will be used at Valley Center's Trick-or-Treat Street. Candy can be brought to the church anytime before **Friday, October 28** at noon.

November's UMYF Monthly Mission is Weather Related Items for the Homeless Resource Center. Items needed are Shower Liners (used for bed rolls to prevent moisture from getting on blankets/sheets), Ponchos, Hats/Gloves, Thermal Underwear, Hand Warmers, and Freezer Bags. Items can be brought to the church on **Sunday, November 6**.

November's giving for Open Door and the Valley Center Food Pantry is boxed cereal. **Donations can be brought to the main foyer and put in the storage cabinet on the south wall.**

Book Club Selections

November's Book Club choice is *Finding God in a Bag of Groceries: Sharing Food, Discovering Grace* by Laura Lapins Willis. If your pantry was empty, your children hungry, your electricity cut off for nonpayment, and you saw no prospect of support, what would you do? For a decade in a rural Tennessee community, you went to a shabby building behind a church and found Laura Willis. Running a program to help the needy, Laura discovered a world of people she never knew: the lonely and unemployed, chronically poor families, and middle-class folks surprised to be struggling in a great recession. And to each, she offered a bag of groceries, a compassionate ear, and a heart of love. Taking a tiny food pantry and watching it grow to feed hundreds, Laura learned about her own hunger for God and began to discern her own spiritual directions, learning how her calling card—a bag of groceries—could be a gift to others and to herself of abundance and grace. We will meet **Wednesday, November 16** at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. ***If you would like the church to purchase a copy for you, the cost is \$5.00.***

December's Book Club selection is *Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography* by Harold Ivan Smith. More than 50 years after her death, Eleanor Roosevelt is remembered as a formidable first lady and tireless social activist. Often overlooked, however, is her deep and inclusive spirituality. Her personal faith was shaped by reading the New Testament in her youth, giving her a Jesus-centered spirituality that fueled her commitment to civil rights, women's rights, and the rights of all "little people" marginalized in American society. She took seriously Jesus's words and despite her life of privilege, she made the needs of those on the margins her priority. *Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography* provides insight into one of America's most famous women, particularly the spiritual influences that made her so active in social justice issues. ***Book cost is \$6.00 and requests are due to the church office by Wednesday, November 16. We will meet Wednesday, December 14.***

The Chosen Episodes One and Two of Season Three is coming to theaters. What is The Chosen? It is the first-ever multi-season series about the life of Christ. It is a viewer-funded series which beautifully portrays the life of Christ. It introduces the disciples as ordinary men whom Jesus called to follow him. "Come and See"!

A group from FUMCVC plans to meet at the Warren East Theater on Saturday, November 19 for the 12:00 p.m. showing of The Chosen. If you would like to attend, you can purchase tickets online on your own. If you need help, contact the church office and Amy can help you. Once you have purchased tickets, contact the office so that we can look for you at the theater.



FIFTH SUNDAY BRUNCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

10:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M.

WCC

FREE WILL OFFERING

All proceeds benefit High School
Summer 2023 Mission Trip

Smoke Detectors It is recommended that when you change your clocks for Daylight Saving Time (**Sunday, November 6, 2022**), you also change the batteries in your Smoke Detectors. If you have trouble with your Smoke Detectors (battery is chirping or you can't get to it or reach it), you can call 911 and the Valley Center Fire Department will come out and assist you! Be sure you thank our fantastic first responders for their time and efforts in keeping us safe!



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