

THE BROADCASTER

January 25, 2023

Pastor's Piece

I think the sport that American people love the most is football. On January 2, 2023, there was the Monday Night Football game between the Buffalo Bills and the Cincinnati Bengals. The fans were shocked when 24 year old Buffalo Bills player Damar Hamlin collapsed and suffered a scary injury following a hit from the Bengals wide receiver. When he was collapsed on the ground, I saw his team players surrounded Hamlin and kneeled to pray which was caught on national TV. Both teams, players and fans have flooded social media with messages of prayer and support for Hamlin. Even on live TV, sports commentators also stopped and prayed during broadcasts. It was definitely a scary moment and yet I was able to see this incident bind them together.

Meanwhile, when Hamlin regained consciousness two days after being unconscious, his first question was, "Did we win?" (Did we win?) Which spread across the country and became a buzzword. Now Hamlin was discharged from the hospital nine days after the incident and has since been recovering at home. We are so glad that Hamlin is getting better.

I witnessed once more that this is natural for this country who believe in the power of prayer. In times of crisis, especially in times of life and death, people turn to God in prayer. I have seen the leaders of this country ask people to pray with them. It's all because they believe God can change the situation. Even for the atheists, non-religious people they turn to God and pray with believers in times of crisis. I heard people say, "All we can do is pray for him," and I heard the Buffalo Bills organization say, "We believe in prayer." As a person of faith, I love to hear that kind of story.

It's definitely an exciting time for Americans because Super Bowl 2023 is only 18 days away. The Chiefs are in the play-offs and they will play the Cincinnati Bengals this Sunday. We Kansans remember that we had a tough loss against the Bengals last year but for this year it's our turn to win and it's time to get revenge on the Bengals. I pray for safety and protection of all the players for both teams and I hope the Chiefs make it to Super Bowl and win the championship title this year. Go Chiefs!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ji

THE
POWER
OF PRAYER

OUR PRAYERS FOR

Those Within the Church

**Stacy Barbour, June Fike, Virginia Jost, Jerry Waite Jr (Josh Waite's father),
Olivia Wilbur, Karen Williams**

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...

Dear Church family,

I appreciate the financial donation you've made to me for helping me in my education. It was really kind of you. You did me a big favor. Your contribution will help me do more and handle further expenses during my study in Iowa. I am grateful for your support. You devote your time and money. I truly appreciate your gracious generosity and hospitality. Thank you so much for caring about me and for everything that you do. Thank you so much for your support. Your generosity, your wonderful spirit, and your caring words have been a source of immense comfort and unending support.

Happy New Year!

Jean-Roody Louis

I want to thank my church family for all the prayers, cards and calls during my surgery. A big thank you to Pastor Ji for his visits. It is wonderful to belong to a caring church. We are truly blessed.

Karen Williams



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| 1 Karen Williams | 2 Patrick Edwards | 2 Steve Livengood |
| 2 Madeline Cade | 4 Tom Bartel | 4 Ben Scriven |
| 4 Janace Seyb | 5 Katie Youngers | 5 Saylor Thornton |
| 6 Christopher Edwards | 6 Landen Taylor | 7 Mike McCormick |
| 7 Amelia Devereaux | 9 Marsha Holl | 9 Jason Barbour |
| 9 Susan Saylor | 9 Sarah Ingle | 9 Laura Schumock |
| 10 Jonathan Stiglitz | 10 Susan Scribner | 10 Judy Wilson |
| 10 Scarlett Stockdale | 11 Darrell Henderson | 14 Jennifer Bartel Anaya |
| 15 Jenna Edwards | 17 Jerry Browning | 17 Annalise Hubenett |
| 18 Amy Patrick Stamm | 18 Andi Sayers Stineman | 19 Judie Myers |
| 19 Dorene Ruth | 19 Christian Kennedy | 21 Verna Carter |
| 21 Wendy Koziol | 22 Hazel Moore | 22 Marilyn Hatch |
| 23 Chanda Brownlee | 23 Joey Spratt | 24 Brad Diehl |
| 24 Jett Stockdale | 25 Roger Williams | 25 Austin Boyd |
| 26 Paul Ward | 26 Reid McCallum | 27 Noble Callaway |
| 27 Judy Lann | 28 Mike Spratt | 28 Lindsey Buell |
| 28 Ji Seok Ju | 29 Michelle Holle | |



9 Ron & Terri McKown

18 Don & Kathy Pearson

SERMON SERIES



Beginning February 5, we are going to start three-week sermon series “Hospitality.” Jesus welcomes all of us. If we are a follower of Jesus Christ, then we should practice hospitality. We are going to study and look at the theme of hospitality through Scripture. This series will help us be able to experience and live out the hospitality of God. Come join us!



WEEKLY:

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

SPECIAL:

Lunch & Learn / Eureka Thursday, February 9	Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever Friday, February 10 11:00 a.m. WCC	Book Club Wednesday, February 15 6:00 p.m. FS
Pancake Supper Thursday, February 16 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. WCC	Church Office Closed Presidents' Day Monday, February 20	Ash Wednesday Worship Service Wednesday, February 22 6:00 p.m. SAN
	One Worship Service Sunday, February 26 11:00 a.m.	

SCOUTING GROUPS:

Adventure Crew First Mondays 6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 40021 First & Third Mondays 6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 40316 First & Third Mondays 6:00 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop 494 Mondays 7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 40870 Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts Pack 494 Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.
	Girl Scout Troop 40037 First & Third Thursdays 7:15 p.m.	

fumcvc's GOINGS ON...

January's Book Choice is *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. We will meet **Wednesday, January 25** at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

****UPDATE: THE BUS IS FULL!**** Our February Lunch and Learn will be **Thursday, February 9** from 8:30 a.m. until about 4:00 p.m. We're going to Eureka! Contact the office to get your name on the list.

Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever will meet **Friday, February 10** at 11:00a in the WCC. Please bring a craft to work on and a salad to share.

The Pathfinders Class will be studying the book of Revelations beginning **Sunday, February 12**. DeWayne Morgan is the teacher of this class and they meet at 10:00 a.m. in the middle room of the WCC.

February's book choice is ***A Knock at Midnight: A Story of Hope, Justice, and Freedom*** by Brittany K. Barnett. Brittany K. Barnett was a law student when she came across the case that would change her life forever—that of Sharanda Jones, single mother, businessowner, and, like her, Black daughter of the rural South. A victim of America's war on drugs, Sharanda had been separated from her young daughter and was serving a life sentence without parole for a first-time drug offense. As Barnett studied this case, a system came into focus with widespread racial injustice at the core of America's addiction to incarceration. Moved, Barnett set to work to gain Sharanda's freedom. The memoir is at once Barnett's coming-of-age story and a powerful evocation of what it takes to bring hope and justice to a system built to resist them. We will meet **Wednesday, February 15** (one week early because of Ash Wednesday) at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. The church has a limited number of books available for \$7.00.

2 Ways to Give

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

Souper Bowl Sunday is Sunday, February 12. Please bring a can (or more) of soup and place it under your favorite team emblem. We'll announce OUR Souper Bowl winner on Monday, February 13.



FIFTH SUNDAY BRUNCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

10:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M.

WCC

FREE WILL OFFERING

All proceeds benefit High School
Summer 2023 Mission Trip

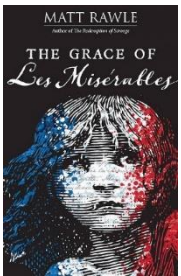
Lenten Studies

If you are interested in any of the following studies, please sign-up at Sign-Up Central (just outside the church office).

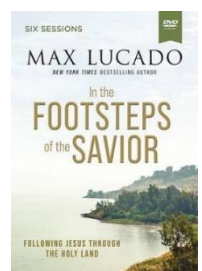
The Chosen – This interactive study for the 8-week TV series *The Chosen* allows you to delve more deeply into each episode as you explore the life of Jesus. You'll come to realize that you are called, cherished, and carried; have been made new and established; are now his witness; and more. This class will meet Mondays beginning **February 13** at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room and will be led by Phoebe McCormick.



The Grace of Les Misérables – The Progressive Class will begin their Lenten Study on **Monday, February 27** at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. **We will meet for a viewing of the 2012 movie adaption on Monday, February 20 at 6:00 p.m.** The running time for this adaption is two hours and thirty-eight minutes. Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables* is a truly epic story. Whether you've tackled the 1,400-page 19th century novel, witnessed the Broadway musical (and memorized its soundtrack), or seen the several screen adaptations of it, you already know the power of its story. In the six-week study *The Grace of Les Misérables*, author and pastor Matt Rawle dives into six ideals found in the story—grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope—each represented by a character in Hugo's story. As these imperfect and relatable characters interact, we can see how these ideals work together (perhaps even in spite of each other) out in the world. In keeping with his previous works, Matt Rawle brings us to the intersection of Church and Pop Culture by drawing parallels between the iconic story and musical and our Christian calling, inspiring us to both understand our faith and live it out in the world. **The cost of the book is \$6.00.**



Join us for **“Tea and Lenten Study”** We will enjoy tea with Pastor Ji and study Max Lucado's book *“In the Footsteps of the Savior.”* With beautiful photographs and thoughtful questions for reflection, you will feel like you are walking in the footsteps of Jesus. Max Lucado will take you on a tour of the Holy Land, through places like Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, the Jordan River, Bethany, Jerusalem, and more. As you see the places Jesus walked from a new perspective, you'll also deepen your connection with the King of the universe who became the Savior on the cross. Pastor Ji will lead this study on **Wednesday afternoons beginning March 1 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.**



Happy 50th Birthday, Pastor Ji!

We will celebrate Pastor Ji on
Sunday, February 26 with one
worship service at 11:00 a.m. and a
meal at 12:00 p.m. Sunday school will
meet at 10:00 a.m. that day.

Please no gifts!



On Martin Luther King Jr Day, some of our UMYF prepared a breakfast for the Ronald McDonald House. We delivered the meal and then received a tour of their new facility.



Ronald McDonald House Charities Wichita

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316 269-4182 tel 316 269-0665 fax

Thank you again for your kindness and support!

Gratefully yours,

Susan

Susan J Smythe
CEO

Thank you so much for the wonderful brunch for the families! They LOVED it and are so grateful! My best to you!

2023 Charitable Contribution Receipt

1/16/2023

Fixed Brunch for the Families

FRIENDSHIP FUND HIGHLIGHT

Our church had the opportunity to help a Ukrainian family who arrived in Kansas near Christmas. The Friendship Fund and Main Street Threads worked together to provide this family with clothing and Christmas gifts. Some individuals in the church stepped forward on a very short time line and provided more support. The thank you note below is from the children who were blessed by these gifts. Please look carefully at the details in the picture. Happy children, a rainbow, the Ukrainian flag, airplanes overhead, and tanks near the bottom. This note represents child-like hope and images of war at the same time. FUMCVC, Thank you for blessing this family with Christ's love in a very tangible form as they arrived in America.



10 IDEAS FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL ASH WEDNESDAY

By Joe Iovino

Ash Wednesday is an important day in the church calendar. It marks the beginning of Lent, a season of preparation for the celebration of Easter. This holy day is not a holiday from work, school, or most other obligations, so if we are not intentional in our observance it is likely to resemble any ordinary Wednesday. To help us find ways to remember the holy in the midst of our routines—something we should strive for every day—we offer some ideas to consider.

1. **Worship** – In a typical United Methodist service, expect times of prayer, singing, confession and pardon, a sermon, and the imposition of ashes. The somber tone helps us reflect on our own mortality and the need for us to confess our sins.
2. **Serve** – On Ash Wednesday, we remember that we are part of the human family, making it a great day to serve others. If possible, find a place to volunteer for the day. Or simply use your lunch hour to hand out sandwiches and sports drinks to the homeless in your city, take an hour to mow a neighbor's lawn, or shovel the snow from their driveway.
3. **Give** – We encourage you to give to your congregation, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, or a service project advance. Alternately, leave your server an above-and-beyond tip. Put money in the instrument case of a street musician. Purchase a paper from the homeless woman on the corner. Find ways to bless others with that which God entrusts you.
4. **Abstain/Fast** – "Giving something up for Lent" is a common practice for many Christians. Often, we give up a favorite food or try to kick a bad habit during Lent. Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is when this begins, but don't confine yourself to food or habits. Can you abstain from gossip or complaining for Ash Wednesday? What about defensive attitudes, fear, or anxiety? You probably won't be perfect at this, but when these attitudes begin to take hold of your day, pause for prayer.
5. **Pray your day** – Pray for the drivers of the vehicles and fellow mass transit passengers with whom you share your commute. Pray as you pass the hospital, police station, and government offices. Lift up the trash collector and mail carrier. Offer sentence prayers throughout the day thanking God for your coworkers.
6. **Make something** – Some of us reflect and pray best when our hands are busy. Get back in the workshop and spend time cutting, sanding, and gluing. Sit at a piano and let the music flow. Take out the paints, glue, clay, and other supplies to create a work of art. As you create, give thanks to our Creator who longs to be in relationship with you.
7. **Be still** – Others find meaning in stillness. Light a candle and pause before the presence of God. Take a holy yoga class. Enjoy a cup of coffee on your deck. Listen for the voice of God.
8. **Clean something** – Ash Wednesday is a good day to get a jump on your spring cleaning. Spend an hour with the junk drawer, that cabinet at work, or organizing the files on your computer. As you remove things you no longer need and reorder those you do, be mindful of the ways God "cleans" us. The Bible tells us "As far as east is from west—that's how far God has removed our sin from us" (Psalm 103:12, CEB). As we get things in order, we remember that Jesus gave his life so that we might be free from our sins and know new life.
9. **Burn something** – When you finish cleaning, take some of the papers you no longer need to the fireplace. Light them and watch as they turn to ashes. The ashes in the fireplace are not the same as the ones used in worship, but can serve as a similar reminder that your sins are forgiven. As the smoke rises up the chimney, know your prayers are rising to God as well.
10. **Forgive and seek forgiveness** – As we pray for God's grace, we should also seek forgiveness from those we have wronged. Ash Wednesday is a great time to go to those you have hurt. It is also a wonderful day to forgive another. Jesus taught us to pray, "Forgive us for the ways we have wronged you, just as we also forgive those who have wronged us" (Matthew 6:12 CEB). Maybe while you are burning those old papers, you might also burn a grudge. If appropriate, let the person know you forgive them. Remember, however, that forgiveness has much more to do about us than the one who offended us.

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Pancake Supper

65th Annual Pancake Supper

Thursday, February 16

5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the WCC.

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