

THE BROADCASTER

March 22, 2023

Pastor's Piece

This year Easter is on Sunday, April 9. I think of Easter as a homecoming because we wear our best dress or new dress. Our new Easter outfit symbolizes that as we put on Jesus, we celebrate the new life he gives us.

We also celebrate homecoming with music, dance, and beautiful decorations. We are going to celebrate this Easter with lots of music: the children will sing Easter songs, our choir will sing exciting Easter music including Hallelujah at the end, and we too, sing lots of Easter hymns. We even encourage you to dance a little bit when the Easter music is played. We will decorate our church with Easter lilies, the empty tomb, the cross, and welcome homecoming folks.

We are excited to celebrate Easter as homecoming but some of us still don't realize that we are home and we are welcomed. The day when Jesus was resurrected Mary Magdalene went to his tomb. She didn't find Jesus' body and she cried outside of the tomb. Jesus was there with her and even talked to her but she didn't recognize him. She thought he was a gardener. When Jesus called her name, "Mary" she turned around to him and cried out, "Rabboni!" She cried with joy and excitement, "my teacher, my savior!" At that moment she experienced an amazing homecoming in Jesus' presence.

I invite all of us to our Easter homecoming on Sunday, April 9 and have the same homecoming experience that Mary had on the first Easter Sunday. Jesus accepts us as we are, he loves us always even when we were sinners and he died for us. Above all he conquered death and welcomed all of us to his eternal life. Welcome home!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ji

WELCOME
HOME



OUR PRAYERS FOR

Those Within the Church

**Phil Bell, Marilyn Grandfield, Al Hobson, Marvin Kallenbach, Phil Lampe,
the family of Steve Morrison at his passing, Phoebe McCormick's sister Grace,
Dennis Newfer at the passing of his step-father, Joy Page, Deb Phelps at the passing of her
father, Pat Postlethwait, Doug Vannaman**

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...

We want to thank you all for the prayers & concerns for our daughter, Marci Law. She is home and doing much better now.

Thank you all so very much,
Don & Susan Sayler

Thanks so much to all of you for making my house look so nice! It looks good! Thanks again!

Love and Prayers,
Alta Hickock
Sharon & Joe Bishop



During the Spring Break Service Week, suncatchers were made for those in care facilities and some of our local homebound members. We have deliveries to Valley Center, Newton, Hesston, and Wichita. If you would like to help us deliver those suncatchers, please contact the office.



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| 1 Dan Luce | 1 Jana Rosebaugh | 2 Rick Southards |
| 2 Kambry Kirk | 2 Cooper Reeves | 2 Joe Barr |
| 3 Josh Neally | 3 Wilma May | 3 Jaycie Scriven |
| 3 Sammi Blumanhourst | 6 Lonnie Ruth | 6 Todd McFarland |
| 6 Phil Zivnuska | 8 Glenn Jost | 10 Tommy Spratt |
| 12 Dawn Stiglitz | 13 Katherine Dundas | 13 Gabrielle Henderson |
| 14 Bethany Reeves McDoniel | 15 Haley Boyd | 15 Chloe Scriven |
| 16 Josh Dessenberger | 17 Roger Tennyson | 17 Quentin Kirk |
| 17 Megan Barnes | 17 Brandi Gillean | 18 Verlene Kutz |
| 18 Jacob Williams | 19 Virginia Pilcher | 19 Michelle Watkins-Held |
| 20 Ethan Hogan | 20 Brittany Waite | 21 Bill Stratton |
| 21 Kim Pritchard | 22 Phil Lampe | 22 Karter Hall |
| 22 Baylor Smith | 24 Anne Hainlen | 25 Jordan Seacat |
| 26 Paul Melton | 27 Tyler Botts | 27 Brennon Petrie |
| 27 Alexa Tormey | 27 Ben Blumanhourst | 28 Casey Carter |



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| 4 Greg & Deb Jaquis | 9 Ron & Jane Smith |
| 14 Kelly & Tammy Taylor | 15 Harvey & Jane Diehl |
| 16 Mike & Lin Neal | 18 DeWayne & Erlene Morgan |
| 21 Bill & Gayle Williamson | 23 Darrell & Crystal Henderson |
| 29 Ed & Julie Seidl | 30 Tom & Lynn Bartel |
| 30 Josh & Brittany Waite | |

APRIL

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:

Maundy Thursday Prayer Walk Thursday, April 6 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. WCC	Good Friday Service Friday, April 7 7:00 p.m. SAN	Church Office Closed Monday, April 10
Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever Friday, April 14 11:00 a.m. WCC	Lunch & Learn / Pratt Thursday, April 20	Valley Center Preschool Open House Thursday, April 20
Lions Club Pancake Breakfast Saturday, April 22 6:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. WCC		Book Club Wednesday, April 26 6:00 p.m. FS

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...

The Church Office will be closed Monday, April 10.

Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever will meet **Friday, April 14** at 11:00a in the WCC. Please bring a craft to work on and a salad to share.

Our April Lunch and Learn will be **Thursday, April 20** from 8:30 a.m. until about 4:00 p.m. We're going to Pratt! Contact the office to get your name on the list.

April's Book Club choice is *Daughter of Cana (Jerusalem Road, Book 1)* by Angela Hunt. Thomas and Tasmin, twin siblings hired to oversee a wedding feast in Cana, worry when the host runs out of wine—until a guest tells Tasmin to have the servants fill the pitchers by the gate with water from the cistern. Reluctantly, she obeys and is amazed when rainwater turns into the finest wine ever tasted in Cana. When Thomas impulsively decides to follow the teacher from Nazareth, he and Tasmin argue. Tasmin can't accept losing her brother to some magician-prophet. She decides to follow the Nazarene's group, do whatever she must to mend the fractured relationship with her brother, and bring him home. We will meet **Wednesday, April 26** at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. The church has a limited number of books available for \$13 each.

Save the date! The Women's Retreat will be **Saturday, July 8, 2023** from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Watch for more details!

Ways to Give

March's giving for Open Door and the Valley Center Food Pantry is peanut butter and jelly. April's giving is pancake mix and syrup. **Donations can be brought to the main foyer and put in the storage cabinet on the south wall.**

Valley Center Spirit Night Fundraiser – **Tuesday, March 28** from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at Chick-fil-A at 21st and Maize. Chick-fil-A will donate 20% of sales from all supporters back to Valley Center Preschool. Tell your order taker that you are there for Spirit Night, or type "Spirit Night" in the "Special Requests" box if you are placing a mobile order.

UMYF High Schoolers and Middle Schoolers Monthly Mission for April is canned pasta for Paxton's Blessing Box. Please bring donations on **Sunday, April 2.**

Easter candy for the FUMCVC Easter Egg Hunt can be brought to the church anytime before **Monday, April 3.**



Spring Break Service Week

Thank you to everyone who participated! We were able to bag-up about 300 baggies of laundry soap for Open Door distribution, paint suncatchers for some of our older members, clean areas around the church, do some landscaping around the church, and do some repair work at Alta Hickok's house.



Holy Week & Easter Sunday Schedule

Palm Sunday – **Sunday, April 2** – Celebrated by the waving of palm branches at both worship services.



Wednesday, April 5 at 6:00 p.m. WOW ZONE! will experience Holy Week stations.

Maundy Thursday Prayer Walk – **Thursday, April 6** from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the WCC. FUMCVC staff will be on-hand to help guide you through the Prayer Walk.



Good Friday Worship Service – **Friday, April 7** at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday – **Sunday, April 9** – we will have our regular worship services. We will also have an Easter Egg Hunt for babies/toddlers through those in fifth grade at 10:40 a.m. on the east lawn. Children will play bells at both worship services.





Join us Easter Sunday!
Sunday, April 9

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

10:40 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

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