

# THE BROADCASTER

March 23, 2022

## Pastor's Piece

Today is the last Wednesday in March. As we know Kansas weather is unpredictable, but the sun is warm, and it is going to be a beautiful spring. A lot of new grasses have turned to green in the yard and flowers have come up and will bloom soon. A few days ago, I saw three cardinals playing in our back yard. Yes, I feel the spring.

Nevertheless, the world is in turmoil due to the pandemic and wars. The COVID-19 pandemic is not over yet, but Russia invaded Ukraine about a month ago, killing tens of thousands of people including civilians and little children. I got to read a story about a father, William Hubbard of Pittsburgh, Massachusetts, U.S. who entered the battlefield in Ukraine to help his 19-year-old daughter and 8-month-old grandson escape.

His daughter was attending the Kyiv Dance University in Ukraine. Last year, a grandson was also born. William tried to bring his daughter and grandson back to the States, but due to COVID-19, he was unable to obtain a birth certificate and passport for his grandson who was born in a house other than a hospital. War broke out while William, who returned to the United States, was trying to solve the problem.

The father worried about them, so he boarded a plane in early March to enter Ukraine again. Then he arrived in Warsaw via Istanbul. From there, he crossed the border on foot and took a car or train to get to where her daughter was. The distance he traveled was almost 5,000 miles. After passing through such adversity and moving in a procession of refugees, they arrived at the border between Ukraine and Slovakia on the 11th. That's how he led his daughter and grandson to a safe place. He said, "Any father would do it like me." They remain there as they await official documentation and governmental approval from the U.S. and Ukraine to cross to safety.

After running and taking great risks, we would have been able to laugh together in the end.

As I read the story of Hubbard, I questioned myself, "Can I make such sacrifice for my loved one?" I know I will do whatever I can do to rescue them, but it may not be that easy. The story makes me think of the terrible sacrifices Jesus Christ made to rescue me. The more I think of it, the deeper and greater I am touched by his sacrifice and love. As we continue on this Lenten journey, I invite you to reflect on the sacrifice Jesus Christ made for us on the cross and think also about who would be my daughter and grandson around us so that we would go and rescue them.

Today we join in hands in prayer to weep together and pray for their peace.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ji



# OUR PRAYERS FOR

## Those Within the Church

**Dean Dellinger, DeWayne Morgan, Erlene Morgan, unspoken prayer requests**

### 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              | † SGT Bryant Leinen – Warren & Jeanne Leinen's grandson       |
| † CPL Cody Blair – Judy Lann's grandson                         | † CPL Jay McDoniel  |
| † Dennis Burns Jr (DJ) – Dennis Burns Sr & Lisa Soetebier's son | † Erik Nott & family – Doug & Gay Vannaman's son-in-law       |
| † 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                | † David Ruckman – Roy & Linda McFarland's nephew              |
| † Austin Kroeger  | † AIC Bradley Southards – Walt & Janet Southards' grandson    |
| † Sydney Lang – Navy  | † CMSAF Jeffrey Stockwell – Melissa Lampe Stockwell's husband |

### Thank You To...

Pastor Ji, Family, and Congregation,

Thank you so very much for our gift and goodbyes last Sunday. So sorry about the tears. It's sometimes hard to say goodbye – until we see each other again.

Russ & Tonia Sturm



Our custodian has decided to return to Iran to help his sister who has been diagnosed with cancer. If you know someone who be interested in a part-time custodial position, please contact the church office. Hours are 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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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 Sammi Blumanhourst       | 6 Lonnie Ruth        | 6 Phil Zivnuska     | 8 Glenn Jost             |
| 10 Tommy Spratt            | 12 Dawn Stiglitz     | 13 Katherine Dundas | 13 Gabrielle Henderson   |
| 14 Bethany Reeves McDoniel | 16 Josh Dessenberger | 17 Roger Tennyson   | 17 Quentin Kirk          |
| 17 Megan Barnes            | 18 Verlene Kutz      | 19 Virginia Pilcher | 19 Michelle Watkins-Held |
| 20 Ethan Hogan             | 20 Megan St. Clair   | 20 Brittany Waite   | 21 Bill Stratton         |
| 21 Kim Pritchard           | 22 Phil Lampe        | 22 Karter Hall      | 22 Baylor Smith          |
| 24 Anne Carter Hainlen     | 25 Jordan Seacat     | 27 Tyler Botts      | 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 | 22 Russ & Tonia Sturm | 23 Darrell & Crystal Henderson |
| 29 Ed & Julie Seidl        | 30 Tom & Lynn Bartel  | 30 Josh & Brittany Waite       |

UMCOR SUNDAY – **March 27** – Special Sundays are designated Sundays throughout the year that provide opportunities for giving. These special offerings are earmarked and support designated ministries. On these Sundays, we empower our congregations to give toward causes and organizations that promote sustainable life change. These offerings help offer refuge in times of disaster, promote peace and justice, provide scholarships, reach out to the community, teach skills to encourage self-sufficiency and share the love of Jesus Christ with God’s people everywhere. UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters – be it famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire, or other events—to alleviate suffering and to be a source of help and hope for those left most vulnerable. We provide relief, response, and long-term recovery grants when these events overwhelm a community’s ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development.





**WEEKLY:**

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

**SPECIAL:**

UMW Executive Board Monday, April 4 6:00 p.m. CR	Trustees Wednesday, April 6 6:00 p.m. FS	Fellowship & Missions Team Thursday, April 7 6:00 p.m. 3A
Staff Parish Relations Committee Thursday, April 7 6:00 p.m. FS	Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever Friday, April 8 11:00 a.m. WCC	Palm Sunday Sunday, April 10
Finance Committee Tuesday, April 12 6:00 p.m. FS	Maundy Thursday Thursday, April 14 6:00 p.m. SAN	Good Friday Community Service Friday, April 15 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday Sunday, April 17	Church Office Closed Easter Monday Monday, April 18	Administrative Church Council Thursday, April 21 6:00 p.m. FS
FUMCVC Garage Sale Saturday, April 23 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.		Book Club Wednesday, April 27 6:00 p.m. FS

You are invited to the

# CONNIE ISHMAN MEMORIAL FAMILY ROOM

## RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY & GRAND OPENING

Sunday, March 27, 2022, at 10:05 a.m.  
in the room above the sanctuary.



The Connie Ishman Memorial Family Room is located in the first room above the sanctuary. It is for infants and toddlers, accompanied by their parents or guardians, who might need a break from worship in the sanctuary.

It will be open during both worship services and the Sunday school hour.

This room comes equipped with:

- ⚓ TV to watch the livestreamed worship service
- ⚓ Smaller TV for children to watch DVDs
- ⚓ Changing table
- ⚓ Small toys
- ⚓ Pack-n-Play
- ⚓ Rocking chairs
- ⚓ Comfortable seating



This room was made possible by the Connie Ishman Memorial Fund.

Thank you to Tom Bartel, Troy Derby, Jesse Ingle, Ara Ju, Pastor Ji Seok Ju, and FUMCVC staff for their work on this project.

# Holy Week & Easter Sunday Schedule



Palm Sunday – **Sunday, April 10** – Celebrated by the waving of palm branches at both worship services. We will also have a visit during the Sunday school hour on the east lawn from a mule (No donkeys were available!) from Hope in the Valley Equine Rescue.

Maundy Thursday Worship Service – **Thursday, April 14** at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



Good Friday Morning of Service – **Friday, April 15** from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Meet at the church and then we will travel in the church van to Lions Park to pick-up trash. UMYF will walk to McLaughlin Park to pick-up trash. Please dress accordingly.

Easter Sunday – **Sunday, April 17** – 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.







Congratulations to our own Dominic Santiago! In February he won a Student Silver American Advertising Award from the American Advertising Federation of the Heartland located in Joplin, Missouri (four state area). He won for a PSA announcement he voiced and recorded as an assignment and his teacher submitted for an award. He had not done advertising or recorded his voice prior to this assignment.

## Book Club

April's Book Club choice is *Rewired: An Unlikely Doctor, a Brave Amputee, and the Medical Miracle That Made History* by Dr. Ajay K. Seth. We will meet **Wednesday, April 27** at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. If you would like the church to purchase a copy for you, the cost is \$8.00.



VBS 2022



## Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God

Monday, June 6 - Friday, June 10, 2022  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

For those ages four-years-old (as of June 6, 2022) through those entering fifth grade (fall 2022).

Save the Date – The Women's Retreat will be **Saturday, July 9, 2022**.  
Watch for more information.



**FUMCVC Security Updates** – Just a friendly reminder to keep your cars locked and make sure personal information is not visible to passersby. Per the Ark Valley News, on March 13, Valley Center police responded to a report of a burglary at 325 N. Emporia. An unlocked vehicle in the Faith Church parking lot was burglarized. A paycheck stub and a work badge were reported stolen. The items were later found near the intersection of Interurban and Deerfield and were turned in at the fire station. A photo identified a possible suspect in a gray or silver SUV with a 60-day tag. We will make sure our Security Team is aware and patrols the parking lot more frequently.



# Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Main Street Threads!

Come celebrate with us

## Saturday, April 2

Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.!

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