

# THE BROADCASTER

March 27, 2024

## Pastor's Piece

The Lenten journey is almost coming to an end. As we go through 'Holy Week,' we remember Jesus who suffered and died on the cross for us and deeply understand the heart of God for humanity. At the end of this week, we will finally celebrate Easter. I can picture that all churches and all believers will celebrate and share the joy of Jesus' resurrection with the world.

When Lent ends and Easter comes, we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord and the new hope contained in it. The atmosphere of worship becomes brighter to give thanks. We sing the Psalms of Glory and 'Hallelujah' that could not be sung during Lent. We can sing powerfully, dance, and shout "Hallelujah."

A common custom related to Easter is handing out eggs. Do you know why we are handing out eggs? There are many stories about it. Eggs represent new life and rebirth, and it's thought that this ancient custom became a part of Easter celebrations. In the medieval period, eating eggs was forbidden during Lent so on Easter Sunday, tucking into an egg was a real treat. It is difficult to know exactly where they originated but just preparing and sharing eggs seems that we were trying to share our joy and gratitude more abundantly.

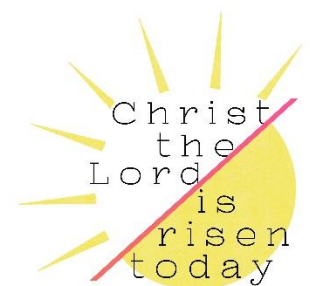
In addition to this, Easter scenes vary in each country. In the United States, there is a parade at Easter. We provide easter egg hunts for children. In Italy children are given chocolate, adults are given 'Colomba Pasquale,' a pigeon-shaped bread on Easter. It is said that there is a tradition of family and friends enjoying a picnic the next day. In Eastern Europe, such as Hungary, Easter is celebrated because of the popular belief that being struck by water will drive away ghosts, purify your mind, and make you more likely to have children. It is also said that there is a custom in the morning where men fill buckets full of water and pour water on women.

Easter is celebrated in various ways in all countries and cultures to express joy and gratitude.

I realize that it is a time of sharing and celebration. In what ways have you spent time with your family and friends? Have you been celebrating the Resurrection? What is the First United Methodist Church's tradition of sharing the joy and gratitude of resurrection? I hope this Easter 2024 you create a new tradition for your families to share the joy and the gratitude of the resurrection. I look forward to it. The Lord is Risen! Happy Easter!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ji



# OUR PRAYERS FOR

Those Within the Church

**Don Bennett, the family of Al Blocher at his passing, Floris Blocher,  
John Conway, Verlene Kutz, Tammy Taylor, Sharon Weishaar**

## 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              | † Erik Nott & family – Doug & Gay Vannaman's son-in-law     |
| † CPL Cody Blair – Judy Lann's grandson                         | † MSGT Leah Oakleaf – Walt & Janet Southards' granddaughter |
| † Dennis Burns Jr (DJ) – Dennis Burns Sr & Lisa Soetebier's son | † 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  | † Joey Thiessen   |
| † CPL Jay McDoniel  |   |

## Thank You To...

To Our Church Family and Friends,

Amanda and I wish to thank you for your concern and prayers for us while we were struggling with our medical issues! November was a very trying month, to say the least.

Amanda was so very sick, and no one could tell us why or how to keep it from reoccurring. Her small intestine was blocked from old surgery scar tissue. They thought she was ready to go home but she went back in for another five days. I selfishly just wanted her well so I could schedule my heart valve replacement surgery.

Andy Spratt, her best friend, visited her twice and brough her a little doggie which was her constant companion. You who know Amanda know how she whoops when her emotions are high! Amanda did not whoop in the hospital, except for a half whoop attempt when Paul Ward visited. It was very sad seeing her so sick.

I was excited to schedule my surgery for the end of November. The entire process (except the ventilator) was an exciting adventure. I could feel your prayers! Staff was so kind. If the need should ever arise that you are found with the surgery, it is totally doable!

Thank you for your continued prayers and concerns. I have had Amanda back to the Emergency Room once in February, but she did not need to stay. Again, they cannot tell me how to keep it from reoccurring. But we know the early signs.

Thankfully and lovingly,  
Mary Jane and Amanda Stauffer

Thank you to everyone for the prayers, calls, and kind words after my father's passing. I am grateful for all of you!

Kathy Ditty



# April BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Dan Luce                 | 1 Jana Rosebaugh     | 2 Rick Southards       |
| 2 Corie Meyer              | 2 Kambry Kirk        | 2 Cooper Reeves        |
| 2 Hayden Rice              | 2 Joe Barr           | 3 Wilma May            |
| 3 Jaycie Scriven           | 3 Sammi Blumanhourst | 3 Stella Sampara       |
| 6 Lonnie Ruth              | 10 Tommy Spratt      | 12 Dawn Stiglitz       |
| 12 Maxwell Doolen          | 13 Katherine Dundas  | 13 Gabrielle Henderson |
| 14 Bethany Reeves McDoniel | 15 Chloe Scriven     | 16 Josh Dessenberger   |
| 17 Roger Tennyson          | 17 Quentin Kirk      | 17 Megan Barnes        |
| 18 Verlene Kutz            | 18 Jacob Williams    | 19 Virginia Pilcher    |
| 19 Michelle Watkins-Held   | 19 Conner Mitchell   | 20 Ethan Hogan         |
| 20 Megan St. Clair         | 20 Brittany Waite    | 20 Emersyn Hill        |
| 21 Bill Stratton           | 21 Kim Pritchard     | 22 Phil Lampe          |
| 22 Karter Hall             | 22 Baylor Smith      | 23 Larry Biles         |
| 24 Anne Hainlen            | 24 Emery Clark       | 25 Jordan Seacat       |
| 26 Paul Melton             | 27 Tyler Botts       | 27 Brennon Petrie      |
| 27 Alexa Tormey            | 27 Ben Blumanhourst  | 28 Casey Carter        |
| 29 Kelly Richardson        |                      |                        |



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



**WEEKLY:**

SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
Traditional Worship 9:00a	JOY Group 9:30a VC		Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC		Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC
Sunday School 10:00a	Community Center		Chancel Choir 5:00p SAN		
Contemporary Worship 11:00a	Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC		WOW ZONE! 6:00p WCC/Basement <i>(ending April 10)</i>		
	Progressive Class 7:00p FS		UMYF 6:00p FH/14B/15B		

**SPECIAL:**

Office & Building Closed Easter Monday Monday, April 1	UMYF Fifth Sunday Brunch Sunday, April 7 10:00 a.m. / WCC	Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever Friday, April 12 11:00 a.m. / WCC
Main Street Threads Garage Sale East Parking Lot Saturday, April 20	Lions Club Pancake Breakfast Saturday, April 20 6:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. WCC	Special Giving Sunday Native American Sunday April 28

**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.
Girl Scout Troop 40870 Mondays 6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 494 Mondays 7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts Pack 494 Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.

## FUMCVC'S GOINGS ON...

FUMCVC Scholarship Applications are available online and on the ledge. Applications are due back to the church office by **Sunday, March 31**.

***The Church Office will be closed Monday, April 1 for Easter Monday.***

The Progressive Class will begin a new study on **Monday, April 1**. We will look at the Bible stories covered in this year's VBS. We will also enjoy a snack each week that goes along with that night's story. The cost is \$5 to cover the cost of the snacks. We meet on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Join us!

FIFTH SUNDAY BRUNCH Join us **Sunday, April 7** in the WCC during the Sunday school hour (10a-11a) for our Fifth Sunday Brunch!

Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever will meet **Friday, April 12** at 11:00 a.m. in the WCC. Please bring a craft to work on and a salad to share.

April's Book Club selection is ***Forgiving My Daughter's Killer: A True Story of Loss, Faith, and Unexpected Grace*** by Kate Grosmaire and Nancy French. Is it really possible to forgive the unthinkable? In 2010, Kate and Andy Grosmaire made national headlines when they did just that--- publicly extending mercy to the man who shot their 19-year-old daughter. Recounting the tragedy, the trial, and the events that followed, Kate describes with breathtaking grace how Jesus helped them show love to an enemy. **The church has a limited number of books available for \$1.00. We will meet Wednesday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.**

The Progressive Class will begin a new study on **Monday, May 6**. We will look at *The Gospel of Mark: A Beginner's Guide to the Good News* by Amy-Jill Levine. Discover the Good News in the Bible's earliest Gospel – Walk through the Bible's earliest source for the life of Jesus with scholar Amy-Jill Levine as she examines John the Baptizer, the Little Apocalypse, the Transfiguration, and several of Jesus's most notable stories and parables. The Good News of the gospel message comes alive in this book as readers see Jesus as divine and human, powerful and weak, approachable yet mysterious. The book features an in-depth study of select passages and illuminates the Gospel in its historical context and as a source for the other gospels. Cost of the book is \$11. ***Please let the office know by Monday, April 1 if you would like to order a book. Money is due when the book is picked up.***

## 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 middle foyer and put in the storage cabinet on the south wall.**

One of the crafts that we will do at Vacation Bible School this year requires 40oz EMPTY AND CLEAN peanut butter jars. Jars can be brought to the office any time.

# Holy Week & Easter Sunday Schedule

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**Wednesday, March 27** at 6:00 p.m. WOW ZONE! will experience Holy Week stations.

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Maundy Thursday Worship Service— **Thursday, March 28** at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.



Good Friday Community Service – **Friday, March 29** from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. We will do some community clean-up at selected parks and along paths and roadways (such as The Wetlands and Arrowhead Parks). We will meet at the Church for assignments and organized rides to the various sites. Participants should bring gloves and appropriate clothing and shoes, plus rakes or extended grabber tools to pick up trash. The City of Valley Center will provide trash bags along with trash dump receptacles.



Easter Sunday – **Sunday, March 31** – 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.



# 2024 GENERAL CONFERENCE INFO SESSION

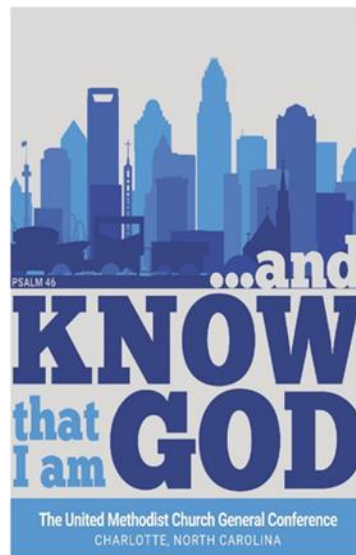
APRIL 2  
6 P.M.

FIRST UMC WICHITA  
MEREDITH HALL

Rev. Amy Lippoldt, delegate



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JOIN US FOR  
General Conference 2024  
Information Session

April 14, 2024 @ 4:00p.m.


Will be held at:

College Hill United Methodist  
2930 E. 1st Street, Wichita, Ks.

Join us for an information session and learn more about what will be discussed and voted on at General Conference. Delegates; Rev. Dr. Kalaba Chali, Rev. Amy Lippoldt and Rev. David Livingston will be here to give us insight into General Conference, and also have a Q&A time. Anyone and everyone is invited.



**There are two opportunities to find out more information about General Conference. One is Tuesday, April 2 at 6:00 p.m. at First UMC downtown and the other is Sunday, April 14 at 4:00 p.m. at College Hill UMC. A group from FUMCVV will attend both sessions. If you would like to attend and want to carpool, please contact the church and we'll get you on the list.**

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# Join us Easter Sunday!

## Sunday, March 31

9:00 a.m. Traditional <sup>a</sup>Worship Service

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

10:40 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 a.m. Contemporary <sup>a</sup>Worship Service

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