

THE BROADCASTER

April 24, 2024

Pastor's Piece

Graduation season is around the corner. This year, eleven graduates from our church will graduate from school and advance to higher schools or enter society. My son Jeffrey is graduating from college, and he is going to be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the army and my daughter Jenna is graduating from high school and going to college. It's definitely an exciting time of year for my family.

Whenever I see the graduates, especially the graduates from high school, I think to myself this is the result of the parents' endless care and support, and their hard work bears fruit. The graduation is the reward for their parents' support and the fruit of their own efforts. We sincerely congratulate the parents who supported them and all the graduating students. I pray that God's grace will always be with them in their future journey.

Graduation is a time when the end and the beginning intersect as one chapter of life's journey ends and a new chapter unfolds. This is a point where the past and the present coexist. At this point of graduation, as I look back on my past school life, I feel both a sense of accomplishment and a sense of regret. I am sure as you enter advanced school or enter society, you will experience a mixture of expectations and fears. In times like these, I encourage all of our graduates not to be tied down by the past, but to let the Lord lead you and guide you into the future. I hope you start anew with the belief that something new and surprising will be achieved.

In Isaiah 43:18-19, God says, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!"

Dear graduates, do not look back but look forward and walk into the next chapter of your life with faith. God is with us. I pray that God will do new things and amazing things in the future through all of you. I also pray you will enjoy your life wherever you may be in the Lord.

Congratulations!!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ji



OUR PRAYERS FOR

Those Within the Church

**Don Bennett, Floris Blocher, Bob Kutz,
Verlene Kutz, the family of Sue Livengood at her passing**

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

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

Thank You To...

Thanks to all good friends of the First United Methodist Church. Your calls and visits made time go faster. Bless each of you.

Ed Verlin

*Easter Sunday, we had three baptisms!
Welcome to the family of God!*



Josie Doolen



Brynn McDonald



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| 1 Judy Freed | 1 Annie Barr | 3 Bill Lampe |
| 4 Liam Blumanhourst | 5 Katie Rice | 5 Emmett Henderson |
| 6 Jordan Buell | 8 John Seyb | 9 Paige Vannaman Olson |
| 9 Casey Qualls | 10 Denise Newfer | 11 Anne Wilson |
| 11 Joni Klaus | 12 Crystal Henderson | 14 Braden Holle |
| 14 Payton Williams | 14 Bristol Watkins-Held | 14 Denver Snyder |
| 15 Dylan Dunn | 15 Sarah Schaar | 15 Nathan Schaar |
| 16 Terry Ishman | 16 Christian Kallenbach | 16 Ron McKown |
| 16 Barbara Leewright | 16 Jenna Ju | 16 Jace McGinn |
| 17 Mary Stout | 17 Larry Lafferty | 19 Barrett Smith |
| 20 Judy Taldo | 22 Ed Verlin | 22 Martha Campbell |
| 22 Stella Clark | 23 Marvin Richards | 23 Feryl Potter |
| 25 Darren Edwards | 25 Jami Dessenberger | 25 Angie Girtz |
| 25 Max Williams | 25 Rainbow Norris | 26 Emily Reffner |
| 26 Hadley Ishman | 27 Jade Dundas | 28 Steve Richards |
| 28 Amy Sears | 28 Syllas Spaulding | 28 Maryn Rich |
| 29 Doug Kirkland | 29 Sue Hadley | 30 Marv Kallenbach |
| 31 Lynn Bartel | 31 Donna Conway | |



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| 17 Josh & Jamie Neally | 23 Tim & Jill Lipke |
| 28 Eric & Keri Scriven | 30 Bud & Vera Koehn |
| 30 Joe & Jami Dessenberger | 31 Roger & Karen Williams |



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		UMYF 6:00p FH/14B/15B		
	Progressive Class 7:00p FS		WOW ZONE! 6:00p WCC/Basement		

SPECIAL:

Book Club / April's Book Wednesday, May 1 6:00 p.m. / CR	Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever Friday, May 10 11:00 a.m. / WCC	Graduation Reception Sunday, May 12 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. / WCC
Memorial Sunday Sunday School @ 9:00 a.m. Blended Worship @ 10:00 a.m. Church Potluck @ 11:00 a.m.	Church Office & Building Closed / Memorial Day Monday, May 27	Book Club / May's Book Wednesday, May 29 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.
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...

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. **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 Progressive Class meets Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

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

Our May Lunch and Learn takes us to Kingman! We will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. on **Thursday, May 16**. Currently, the bus is full, however we usually have cancellations so contact the office to get on the waiting list!

The Church Office and Building will be closed Monday, May 27 for the Memorial Day Holiday.

May's Book Club selection is ***This Outside Life: Finding God in the Heart of Nature*** by Laurie Ostby Kehler. Has your breath ever caught at the sight of a sunset? Have you ever stopped in your tracks to listen to a birdsong? When was the last time you stood in awe of the world around you? Using stories, practical application, and reflective questions, Laurie Kehler invites you on a journey of discovery to escape the crazy and reset your spiritual compass to explore pathways of peace. Are you ready to set out on a new kind of adventure? Consider this your trail guide for uncovering God's signposts in the world and revealing his fingerprints on your life. **The church has a limited number of copies available for \$1.00. We will meet Wednesday, May 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.**

2 Ways to Give

May's giving for Open Door and the Valley Center Food Pantry is canned vegetables and canned fruit. **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.



CONGRATULATIONS 2024 GRADUATES!

Abby Anderson

Bryce Burdick

Jenna Ju

Gage Koschney

Lance Koschney

Caleb Newfer

Julie Schultz

Garrett Smith

Daniel Stiglitz

Hank Welu

College Graduates

Jeffrey Ju

Graduation Reception - Sunday, May 12 immediately following the 9:00 a.m. worship service in the WCC. Come by to say, "Congratulations!" to our 2024 graduates.

First United Methodist Church of Valley Center's 2024 Vacation Bible School



CAMP FIRELIGHT



June 10 – 14, 2024 / 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Preschool children (4-year-olds as of Monday, June 10, 2024, through entering Kindergarten) should be taken directly to their classrooms and picked up on the east lawn daily.

First Graders through Fifth Graders will meet and be dismissed from the east lawn daily.

All grades are determined by the 2024/2025 school year.

All children must be picked up by an adult or a fifth grade or older child.

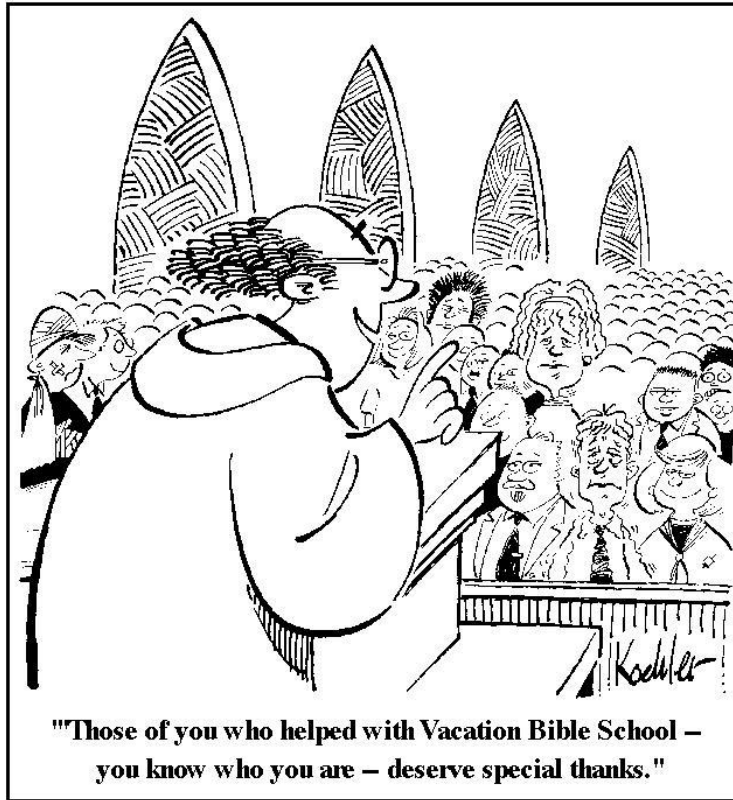
CHILDREN WILL NOT BE TAKEN TO THE PARKING LOT TO MEET PARENTS.

During the week, we will collect items for Paxton's Blessing Box (located in the southeast corner of our parking lot). The Blessing Boxes are for any nonperishable food items such as any canned goods (soups, vegetables, fruits) – pop top lids are the best! Other items suggested are: peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, pasta, dried fruit/nuts/trail mix, snack crackers and cookies, granola bars, and personal hygiene products.

VBS t-shirts will be given to those children registered by Monday, May 10, 2024. Those registered after May 10 will receive a shirt as supplies last.

Register online at
<https://fumcvc.mycokesburyvbs.com/>





Contact the office if you are willing to help with
FUMCVC's Vacation Bible School this summer!

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