

THE BROADCASTER

April 27, 2022

Pastor's Piece

Around this time of year, I am reminded of my own high school days. I knew I was looking forward to getting out of school! I knew once I got out I didn't have to learn math, algebra, physics, chemistry, and things like that. I had problems especially with math. Why should I learn all these? All I have to know is how to use calculator. But I tried hard to get better on math. Eventually I discovered that you have to be born with some mathematical sense. So, I always envy those who are good at math. Guess who is taking care of the check book in my family.

I graduated in 1991, and 30 years is a long time to remember everything about anything. I usually forget what the choir practiced the previous Wednesday. So it does not surprise me at all that I don't remember what it meant to me to graduate. Yet, now, being an older and wiser man, I think I understand at least a little bit what graduation is all about. I believe that in a sense it is when one's lifelong search for something begins, isn't it? So as I congratulate fifteen seniors from our church who will graduate this month, let me share with you some of my thoughts on 'searching for something'.

One time I heard somebody say, "If I could go back to one certain point of my life and start over my life, I would go back to the day I graduated from high school." He didn't want to go back to high school days, for there were too many tests, and having been a vertically challenged boy, he was teased by his schoolmates.

The thing that interested me was that this guy was a successful entertainer. He is famous and popular. He has earned a lot of money. He's got a wonderful and happy family. He's got almost everything any ordinary person can wish for. Yet, he was talking about starting over his life. I imagine that as he grew older, he realized that there was something missing in his life. And probably he was searching for that something.

King Solomon, one of the wisest kings in the Bible who wrote Ecclesiastes. During his lifetime he was searching for meaning of life, but he keeps finding everything to be meaningless. King Solomon tries to be powerful, successful, and wealthy. He gains greater wisdom and knowledge than any other kings, but he realizes that none of it matters.

After all of Solomon's searching, he finally concludes, "A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God." (Ecclesiastes 2:24)

Dear graduates, do you know what you were searching for? I wish you will all accomplish your college work, get a good job, buy nice car, build nice house, find Mr. or Miss Right, and have family. But I hope you will continue to search for Jesus and find his love which is accepting and forgiving love. It's the greatest love that human beings have ever known. And it's the kind of love that we can find only in Jesus. Yes, Jesus loves us. What else are we searching for? What else do we need?

Congratulations!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ji



Congratulations!

OUR PRAYERS FOR

Those Within the Church

Don Bennett, Kenny Carter, Dean Dellinger, Brad Edwards, the family of Martha Fransham at her passing, Marvin Hatch, DeWayne Morgan, Erlene Morgan, Walt Southards, Kelson Taylor

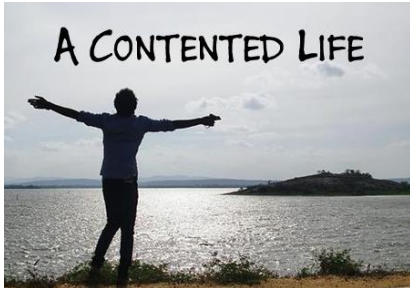
Our Leaders

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 | † MSGT Leah Oakleaf – Walt & Janet Southards' granddaughter |
| † Kristopher Dewitt – Mary Stout's grandson | † SGT Steven Pearce – Walt & Janet Southards' nephew |
| † Chance Greenhoff – Army | † Erik Ralsten |
| † James Harris (MP) – Bill & Joy Page's grandson | † CPL Bethany Reeves McDoniel |
| † Austin Kroeger | † AIC Bradley Southards – Walt & Janet Southards' grandson |
| † Jeffrey Ju – United States Merchant Marine Academy | † CMSAF Jeffrey Stockwell – Melissa Lampe Stockwell's husband |
| † Sydney Lang – Navy | |

Sermon Series



Are you contented with your life today? Are you satisfied with your circumstances? Or is your life full of worry, restlessness, and fear? True contentment comes from our genuine relationship with God. Whatever situations you face, God desires you to be content. On April 24 we are going to start a five-week sermon series called "A Contented Life" where we are going to learn what the Bible teaches about the idea of contentment. We hope the series will help each of us to find contentment in our life with God.

Interested in baptism or becoming a member of First United Methodist Church Valley Center? Please contact the office.





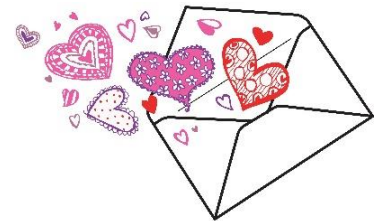
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| 1 Alta Hickok | 2 Phyllis Scarlett | 3 Bill Lampe | 4 Liam Blumanhourst |
| 5 Katie Rice | 5 Emmett Henderson | 9 Victoria Dundas | 10 Denise Newfer |
| 11 Anne Wilson | 11 Joni Klaus | 12 Crystal Henderson | 14 Payton Williams |
| 14 Bristol Watkins-Held | 15 Dylan Dunn | 15 Sarah Schaar | 15 Nathan Schaar |
| 16 Ron McKown | 16 Barbara Leewright | 16 Jenna Ju | 17 Mary Stout |
| 17 Larry Lafferty | 19 Barrett Smith | 19 Dayton Watkins | 20 Judy Taldo |
| 22 Ed Verlin | 22 Bill Williamson | 22 Martha Campbell | 22 Stella Clark |
| 23 Marvin Richards | 23 Feryl Potter | 25 Darren Edwards | 25 Jami Dessenberger |
| 25 Angie Girtz | 26 Emily Reffner | 26 Hadley Ishman | 27 Jade Dundas |
| 28 Icel Lee Russell | 28 Amy Sears | 28 Sylas Spaulding | 29 Doug Kirkland |
| 29 Sue Hadley | 30 Marvin Kallenbach | 30 Welden Stanley | 31 Lynn Bartel |



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

Card Showers

Phyllis Scarlett's birthday is May 2.
Her address is:
Presbyterian Manor Assisted Living
1200 E. Broadway #206
Newton, KS 67114



Icel Lee Russell will be 100 years old on May 28. Her address is:
416 N Burns
Valley Center, KS 67147




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, May 2 6:00 p.m. CR	Trustees Wednesday, May 4 6:00 p.m. FS	Fellowship & Missions Team Thursday, May 5 6:00 p.m. 3A
Staff Parish Relations Committee Thursday, May 5 6:00 p.m. FS	Graduation Sunday Sunday, May 8	Finance Committee Tuesday, May 10 6:00 p.m. FS
Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever Friday, May 13 11:00 a.m. WCC	Administrative Church Council Thursday, May 19 6:00 p.m. FS	Book Club Wednesday, May 25 6:00 p.m. FS
One Worship Service & Church Picnic Sunday, May 29 10:30 a.m.		Church Office Closed Memorial Day Monday, May 30



In honor of mothers everywhere, our Fellowship and Missions Team donated \$100 for diapers that will be given to the Valley Center Food Pantry.



Native American Ministries Sunday is **May 1**. Funds from this special giving are used to develop and strengthen Native American ministries in the Annual Conferences, Native American rural, urban, reservation ministries and communities relating to the General Board of Global Ministries. It also provides scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology. This fund is distributed by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministries and The General Board of Global Ministries.

Win a Quilt! A beautiful quilt has been donated to raffle as a fundraiser for the UMCOR Ukraine Relief Project. Tickets will be on sale in the main foyer **Sunday, May 1**. You can also purchase tickets through the week at the church office until Friday, May 6. The winner will be announced Sunday, May 8. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.



UMYF High Schoolers and Middle Schoolers are going to participate in a Monthly Mission. May's giving is diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5, 6, and pull-ups) for the VC Food Pantry. Please bring donations on **Sunday, May 1**.

May's Book Club choice is *Tomatoland, Third Edition: From Harvest of Shame to Harvest of Hope* by Barry Estabrook. We will meet **Wednesday, May 25** at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. If you would like the church to purchase a copy for you, the cost is \$5.00.



Book Club will *not* meet in June, July, or August.



VBS Mission Project – We will make meal kit bags for the Union Rescue Mission in Wichita! We would like monetary donations so that items can be purchased by the church in bulk. Bags should cost about \$5.00 each. Any money not used for meal bags will be given to the Union Rescue Mission.

UMYF 2022 Mission Days & Retreat – **June 6 – June 10, 2022** – The cost per youth for the week should be about \$60. If you would like to contribute to the UMYF Mission Days and Retreat Fund, we would greatly appreciate it! Thank you for your continued support of our youth!



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



CONGRATULATIONS 2022 GRADUATES!

KYLA JURDICK

KAMBRY KIRK

COLLIN SEARS

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

Graduation Reception – **Sunday, May 8** immediately following the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Come by the main foyer to say, "Congratulations!" to our 2022 graduates.

You're invited to a

CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, May 29, 2022

One Worship Service @ 10:30 a.m.

Picnic @ 11:30 a.m. / WCC

We will have one worship service that day at 10:30 a.m. and then a church picnic following in the WCC. UMYF is in charge of the picnic and all proceeds will go to the UMYF Mission Days. Join us for hamburger, hot dogs, baked beans, chips, and ice cream sandwiches!



Food Truck Party

June 6 – 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).

Preschool children (4 year-olds *as of Monday, June 6, 2022*, through entering Kindergarten) should be taken directly to their classrooms and picked up in the gym (WCC) daily.

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

All grades are determined by the 2022/2023 school year.

All children must be picked up by an adult or a 5th grade or older child.

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

On our last day of VBS (Friday, June 10), we are going to do a service project instead of a craft project.

We will make meal kit bags for the Union Rescue Mission in Wichita! Our goal is for each kiddo to assemble one meal bag. Each meal bag will include tuna lunch kits, applesauce to go, peanut butter crackers, raisins, and a bottle of water. We would like monetary donations so that items can be purchased by the church in bulk. Bags should cost about \$5.00 each. Any money not used for meal bags will be given to the Union Rescue Mission.

VBS t-shirts will be given to those children registered by Monday, May 23, 2022.

Those registered after May 23 will receive a shirt as supplies last.

Please fill out this form and return to the church by: May 31, 2022.

Child's Name:										
M / F	Age:	DOB:	If 5 years old, will this child be attending Kindergarten next year?					Y / N		
Grade for the 2022/2023 School Year:			Pre-K	K	1	2	3	4	5	
T-SHIRT SIZE		XS	YS	YM	YL	AS	AM			
Address:										
Household Email:										
Parent/Guardian's name:										
Phone where parent can be reached during VBS:										
In case of emergency, parents will be contacted. If parents are unreachable, the following name is an emergency contact:										
Allergies:										
Person(s) who may pick up child other than parents:										
Do you agree to allow photos of your child to be used in church presentation or church promotional materials? YES / NO										
Church attending presently:										
<i>Children who walk home alone need a signed note stating permission to do so.</i>										

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN IS NOW UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

NEW YORK, N.Y., Mar. 2, 2022: United Methodist Women is now United Women in Faith! The move is part of a refreshing of the organization that includes a new logo and an array of new and improved programs to nurture current members and welcome new women to join to put their love in action on behalf of women, children, and youth.



United
Women
in Faith

The organization announced the new operating name in the March-April edition of response, its bimonthly magazine for members, and is launching the rebrand with a new website and Face Book event March 3 at 1 pm ET.

The new programs are fruits of research conducted over the past five years with more than 24,000 United Methodists and women of other Christian traditions participating in the surveys, focus groups and interviews. This input informed the prayerful discernment of staff and elected leaders.

The changes are designed to address the different needs and life stages of current members and new women and expand options for membership and engagement. The new name also aims to welcome current members whose local churches may choose to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church as well as women of other faith traditions who want to join.

New and innovative programs will be rolled out throughout 2022, including:

- **A new, easier to navigate website** with a homepage designed to pique new women's interest in United Women in Faith and a special portal set to come online later this year where members can log in to access additional resources.
- **A new "All-Access" National Membership Option** enabling women to join United Women in Faith via the new website and participate online or in person at local units or larger events
- **Soul Care Retreats**, a pilot recruitment program for members and their nonmember friends and new women focused on nurturing women's bodies, minds, and spirits.
- **Innovations to Mission u**, the organization's longtime spiritual growth and transformative education program. Beginning in spring 2022, Mission u will introduce new curricula each year—one for children, one for youth and one for adults—all focused on a shared biblical theme. The new Mission u curricula will be more adaptable for use in small groups, local churches, vacation Bible schools, retreats, and other settings. Through these vibrant, relevant, justice-oriented, and biblically centered curricula, Mission u will continue its commitment to learning together for the transformation of the world and expand its impact.

"This is an exciting time for our organization!" said Harriett Jane Olson, CEO of United Women in Faith. "Looking back, we see the through lines for our organization—faith in God, love for each other and commitment to putting our faith into action supporting women, children, and youth. These commitments have been expressed in different ways at different times using different names, always calling women to world changing action. This combination of a new look, more accessible resources for members and new ways to participate, positions us for impact in our own journeys and in how we engage the world that God so loves."

'Ainise 'Isama'u, United Women in Faith board president, said the changes express the organization's core values in ways that will excite current members and invite new women to join us.

"I'm confident our members will be excited about these changes," she said. "Together we are creating more opportunities for engagement with more women through new programs and updates of long-standing programs that embody our core values. Things change. People change. But God remains, and that continues to be the purpose behind everything that we do in this organization."

The organization remains incorporated in New York as United Methodist Women and is doing business as United Women in Faith.

United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/united-methodist-women-is-now-united-women-in-faith>

ASK THE UMC

Why do we confess our SIN, not SINS, in communion?

When we talk about *sin*, we are referring to the *state* of sinfulness / brokenness / incompleteness in which we live. In that *state* of sin, we also commit *sins*, specific things we do (or fail to do) that are contrary to the will of God.

We know our need to confess our sin before God and one another. Before receiving communion, when the pastor says, "Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another," we are being invited to confess and repent (turn) from the state of sin in which we find ourselves and from the sinful acts we have done.



Together we pray a confession of sin - the ways we as the Body of Christ, made up of its individual believers, have not lived into all we are called to be and do. The spoken prayer acknowledges the sinful ways of life in which we have continued as individuals (individual sin), as a gathered community (collective sin), and as part of larger bodies in which we participate (corporate sin). The time of silent prayer between the unison confession and the words of pardon provides opportunity for each person to acknowledge to God their specific sins and their commitment to turn from them toward God's ways (repent).

Together, corporate confession of *sin*, individual confession of *sins*, and seeking God's forgiveness and power to turn from our sinful ways and deeds are how we "earnestly repent of our sin."

After the prayer of confession, United Methodists share words of pardon to remind us of the grace freely available to all who repent. "In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!"

Sin is a persistent force in our lives. It is only through acknowledging our sin and its hold in our lives that a process of restoration can begin. The good news is that when we confess our sin, God promises to forgive us (1 John 1:9).

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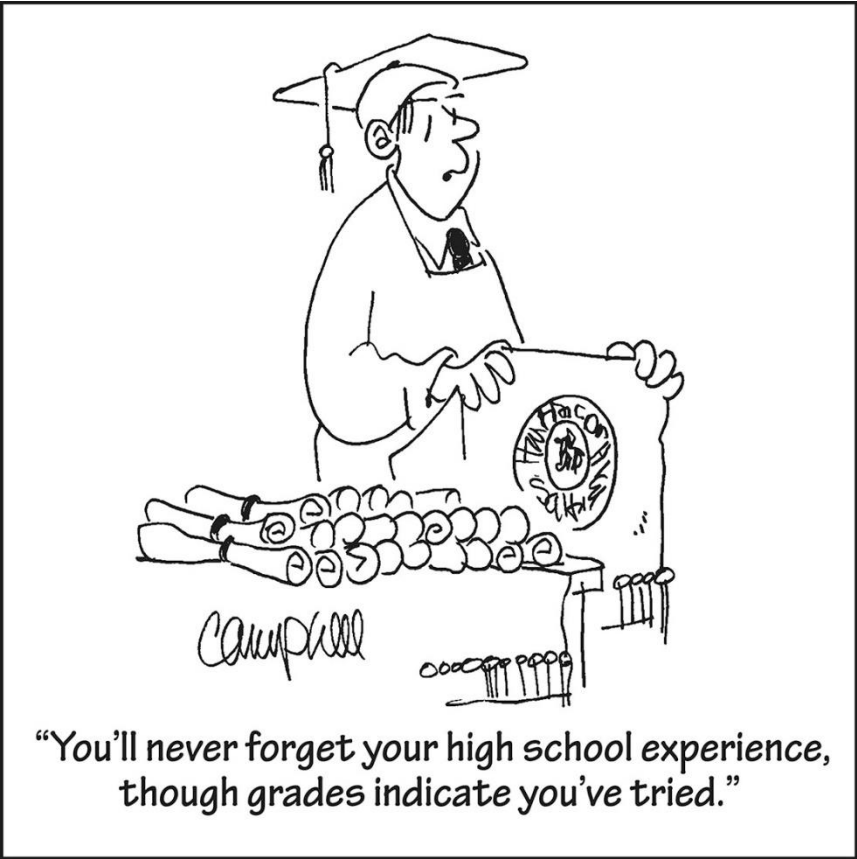
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GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10



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