

# THE BROADCASTER

April 28, 2021

## Pastor's Piece

Graduation is around the corner! This year is a lot more special to my family because Jeffrey will graduate high school next month. How time flies! I just can't believe he is graduating because I remember the time when he was holding Ara's hand and going to a preschool. He was a little cute boy but now he is a fully grown man who is about to start the next chapter of his life. Ara and I are super proud of him and are excited about what God has in store for him.

When I graduated in 1991, which was 30 years ago, I had no idea 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 life long search for something begins. So as I congratulate my son and those who will graduate next month, let me share with you some of my thoughts on 'searching for something' and the scripture readings for us to remember.

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 being 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.

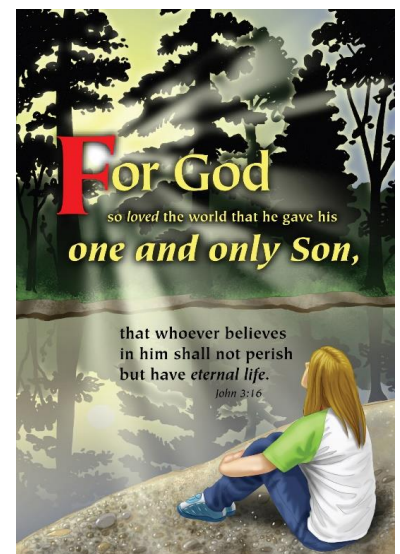
Dear graduates, do you know what you are searching for? Have you found it in Jesus? Honestly, I didn't know what I was searching for when I graduated from high school. But one thing that I know for sure about me and my life is that I loved Jesus and wanted to follow him. I had no idea at that time that I would be a minister in America. But I knew that I was searching for Jesus and I ended up right here in our faith in Christ. Because that is where the answer is. Jesus is the way, and the truth, and the life.

You wonder what I have found in Christ? Same thing as what you have found. It's love. It's accepting and forgiving love. It is self-giving 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?

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ji



# OUR PRAYERS FOR

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## Those Within the Church

**The family of Judy Dellinger at her passing, Jody Lewis and family at the passing of her brother George Maskrid, Hazel Moore**

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## 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

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## 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

† Lt. Col. Adam Coffman – Gladys Coffman's grandson

† Kristopher Dewitt – Mary Stout's grandson

† Chance Greenhoff – Army

† James Harris (MP) – Bill & Joy Page's grandson

† Austin Kroeger

† Sydney Lang – Navy

† SGT Bryant Leinen – Warren & Jeanne Leinen's grandson

† Erik Nott & family – Doug & Gay Vannaman's son-in-law

† SGT Steven Pearce – Walt & Janet Southards' nephew

† Erik Ralsten

† CPL Bethany Reeves

† David Ruckman – Roy & Linda McFarland's nephew

† AIC Bradley Southards – Walt & Janet Southards's grandson

† CMSAF Jeffrey Stockwell – Melissa Lampe Stockwell's husband

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## Thank You To...

Thank you to the church family for the loving kindness showered on Del and Betty James during their illnesses and passing. Your prayers, visits, calls, cards, food and other acts of caring continue to bring us comfort and blessing.

The Family of Del and Betty James – Terry and Mike Foster, Tammy and Hugh Barker and Families

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## Sermon Series



On May 11 we will begin a new sermon series "Esther." Esther is one of the best known Old Testament books. In this book, God shows us how He uses imperfect but willing people to accomplish His perfect plan to preserve and protect the Jewish people. Over the four weeks in May, we will unfold the story of a young Jewish girl named Hadassah, her cousin Mordecai, the conniving Haman, and the bumbling King Ahasuerus. I hope you'll join us!



# MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Alta Hickok        | 2 Phyllis Scarlett   | 3 Billy Lampe           |
| 5 Emmett Henderson   | 6 Jordan Buell       | 9 Brenda Chandler       |
| 9 Paige Vannaman     | 9 Victoria Dundas    | 9 Casey Qualls          |
| 9 Collin Rook        | 10 Denise Newfer     | 11 Anne Wilson          |
| 11 Joni Klaus        | 12 Crystal Henderson | 13 Marilyn Carey        |
| 14 Braden Holle      | 14 Payton Williams   | 14 Bristol Watkins-Held |
| 15 Dylan Dunn        | 15 Nathan Schaar     | 15 Sarah Schaar         |
| 16 Terry Ishman      | 16 Chris Kallenbach  | 16 Ron McKown           |
| 16 Barbara Leewright | 16 Jenna Ju          | 16 Jace McGinn          |
| 17 Mary Stout        | 17 Larry Lafferty    | 17 Whitney Shelton      |
| 19 Barrett Smith     | 19 Dayton Watkins    | 20 Judy Taldo           |
| 21 Suzanna Jacobs    | 22 Ed Verlin         | 22 Bill Williamson      |
| 22 Martha Campbell   | 22 Gus Massaglia     | 23 Marvin Richards      |
| 23 Feryl Potter      | 25 Darren Edwards    | 25 Jami Dessenberger    |
| 25 Angie Girtz       | 25 Max Williams      | 26 Ethan Bauguess       |
| 26 Emily Reffner     | 26 Hadley Ishman     | 27 Jade Dundas          |
| 28 Icel Lee Russell  | 28 Steve Richards    | 28 Amy Sears            |
| 28 Sylas Spaulding   | 28 Maryn Rich        | 29 Doug Kirkland        |
| 29 Sue Hadley        | 30 Marvin Kallenbach | 31 Lynn Bartel          |



# MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2 Frank & Linda White | 8 Justin & Heidi Moran    | 17 Joshua & Jamie Neally   |
| 23 Tim & Jill Lipke   | 28 Eric & Keri Scriven    | 30 Joe & Jami Dessenberger |
|                       | 31 Roger & Karen Williams |                            |

## Therefore Go 5k

The Second Annual Great Plains Conference Virtual Race. This year's theme: **Abide in Me and know that I AM God!** We will be inviting people to do the race on their own. Participants will be sent information to support their training and spiritual/scriptural motivational videos for encouragement. T-shirts and Medals will be mailed to each participant. We are asking for a \$15 suggested donation for adults and a \$10 suggested donation for anyone under 18 years old. These donations will go toward a special initiative of the United Health Ministry Fund for Mental Health First Aid Trainings in Great Plains Congregations. Since this is a virtual race you can register and complete your race any time between Saturday, May 1 and Monday, May 31. If you would like to walk with a group from FUMCVC, you can join us **Saturday, May 1** at 8:00a. We'll start off at the church and walk around Valley Center. Contact the office for the link to register online.



## Monthly Mission



UMYF High Schoolers and Middle Schoolers are going to participate in a Monthly Mission. The first Sunday of most months, we will have a table set-up in the main foyer to accept donations for that month's mission project. Those donations will then be taken to the organization the next day. All of the organizations are local. Some are even in Valley Center. Please help as you feel led. May's giving is baby items that will then be donated to Open Door. Items such as bottles, blankets, disposable diapers, baby powder and baby oil, formula (regular and soy), sleepers, and receiving blankets can be brought to the church on **Sunday, May 2**.

## Volunteer Opportunities

- We need someone to work at Main Street Threads on Thursdays from 12:00p-2:00p beginning **May 6** and at least through the month of May. Please contact the office if you can help even one of those days!
- During the school year, we have a great group of volunteers deliver meals each Friday. We like to give them a break during the summer and also allow others who are only able to volunteer in the summer a chance to help with this. Summer delivery will begin **Friday, June 4**. Please contact the office if you'd like to help.



## Graduation Reception

We will have a cupcake and punch reception to honor our high school graduates on **Sunday, May 23, 2021** at 10:30a in the WCC. Stop by and congratulate them on a job well done!

UMYF helped clean up areas around the church on Good Friday. Then they came inside, packaged Teen Patient Care Bags that were then taken to Wesley Children's Hospital, and stuffed Easter eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. On Easter Sunday, they helped with the Easter Egg Hunt and also dressed as the Easter Bunny and her Black Sheep Sidekick! On Sunday, April 18, they packaged 120 lunch sacks that were then taken to the Homeless Resource Center.





PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

# GRADUATION PARTY!

*Jeffrey Jinwoo Ju*

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021

1:00 P. M. - 3:00 P. M

FirstUnited Methodist Church  
560 N Park Ave.  
Valley Center, KS 67147



SENIOR

# Graduate

VALLEY CENTER HIGH SCHOOL

**DOMINIC SANTIAGO**  
class of 2021

Come celebrate. May 01, 2021, 2-4p.  
Whispering Winds Camp, 9601 W. 73rd Street North, Valley Center, Kansas





*Congratulations 2021 Graduates!*

*Kathryn Carlson*

*Dylan Dunn*

*Sophie Girtz*

*Taylor Hill*

*Jeffrey Ju*

*Alyson Knoblauch*

*Dominic Santiago*

*Quinn Sears*

*Sid Sears*

*Jesse Spencer*

*Kaleb Waller*

*Aaron Wiebe*

"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

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First United Methodist Church of Valley Center's 2021 Vacation Bible School

# KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE

June 7 – 11, 2021 / 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Registration for FUMCVC kiddos only from  
April 11, 2021 through Sunday, May 9, 2021.**

**Registration forms can be found outside the sanctuary.**

**Registration opens up for community kiddos on Monday, May 10, 2021.**

Cokesbury's VBS, *Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor*, invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God. Kids will take on the role of brave Knights and begin their quest each session by opening the King's Book. They'll explore Old and New Testament stories and discover different pieces of protective armor—the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation—at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters, and explore how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God. Help kids take up the gauntlet this summer and accept the challenge to "armor up" and be strong by remaining with God and sharing God's love in a world that needs it more than ever.





2021 Women's Retreat

“LOVING AND TRUSTING GOD  
THROUGH CHALLENGING TIMES”

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2021

8:30A - 12:00P IN THE WCC \* ONLY \$10

Speakers from our church family will share how God has walked with them through challenging times in their lives.

Tickets are on sale in the main foyer on Sunday mornings.



# ASK THE UMC

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## WHAT IS PENTECOST?

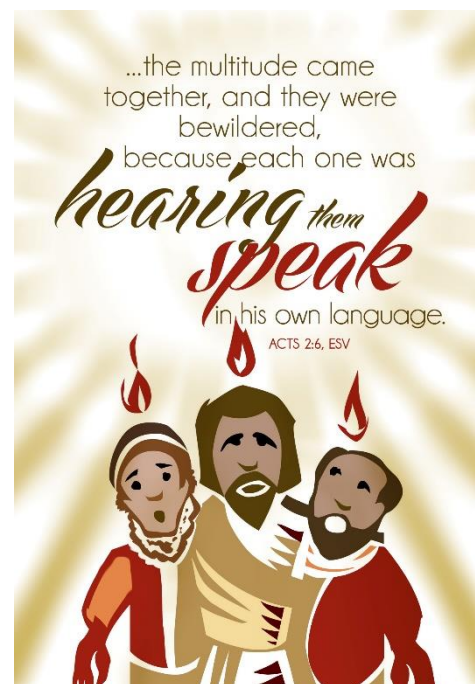
On Pentecost Sunday, we remember the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a special way. The story in Acts 2 describes a powerful wind and tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit was poured out on people from all over the world who came to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish feast. At the first Pentecost over 3000 people were baptized, creating the first church. This is why Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Christian church.

The word Pentecost comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth. The Jewish Festival of Pentecost (called *Shavuot*, meaning "weeks" in Hebrew) falls on the fiftieth day after the original Passover. On that day, God gave the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. The Christian festival of Pentecost falls on the 50th day after the resurrection of Jesus.

Pentecost for Christians culminates the celebration and work of the church begun on Easter Day. In early Christianity, Easter Day was the primary day for baptisms. The newly baptized were then trained in basic Christian doctrine, including the meaning of the sacraments they had now experienced, as they prepared to take up their ministries in the life of the church. On Pentecost, Christians celebrate the commissioning of new members into ministry.

Two colors are historically associated with Pentecost. Red is a visual reminder of the "tongues of fire" that empowered the apostles and others to proclaim the good news of Christ's resurrection in many languages to the crowds of pilgrims from many lands (Acts 2:3). White is also used because Pentecost was the major day for baptisms in the early church. Those being baptized were given new white robes to wear as a sign they had taken off the world, died to sin, and were raised with the risen Christ to new life. This is why Pentecost may be referred to as "Whitsunday" or "White Sunday."

The Season after Pentecost is the time of the church year to support new disciples and the whole congregation in living out the gifts we have been given in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.





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