

THE BROADCASTER

June 28, 2023

Pastor's Piece

It seems like this summer is going really fast. There's a lot going on. We just had our Vacation Bible School. And our youth group is going on a mission trip next month to Loveland, CO. Our children are busy with sporting events and activities. What is your daily summer calendar like? Can you keep up with all the schedules that are marked on this calendar? If you can, then you are superman and superwoman. Sometimes my wife and I wonder if we'll ever get a break.

I had a very special time in May because my parents were able to come and see us from Korea this year. It has been four years now since I saw my parents. We haven't seen them that long due to the covid-19 pandemic. So I was so excited to be reunited with my parents. Then we took a family vacation to Cancun, Mexico which was an amazing trip where we spent a wonderful time together. This trip was more special because my parents went with us.

I hope this summer you all get enough rest from work, whether it's from your company work, whether it's from schoolwork, whether it's from your housework, whatever it may be. As Christians we need to think about what it means to have true relaxation, what it means to rest in God because I believe God is interested in our rest. He is interested in our recreation. You remember God Himself had rest on the seventh day of creation.

In the Gospel of Matthew 11 Jesus talks about rest. He says, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." It is one of my favorite Bible verses that whenever I read and hear it, it gives me peace of mind.

My prayer is that this summer all of our FUMCVC members will find a time to rest in Jesus. I also hope you all have a wonderful vacation time with your family as you take time to rest and build memories of a lifetime together. Have a great summer! God bless you all!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ji



OUR PRAYERS FOR

Those Within the Church

**Jane Diehl, Marilyn Grandfield, Dean Killen, Tammy Taylor,
Brittany Waite and family at the passing of her father, Karen Williams**

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

I want to say thank Amy Patrick Stamm and Mike McCormick for leading the UMYF for the last three years, especially thank them for leading the youth group during the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for loving them and sacrificing your time, energy, and talents to serve our youth group. Our youths are blessed beyond measure by the footprints you both have left.

Now I would like to welcome and introduce our new interim youth director Denise Newfer to FUMCVC. The Staff Parish Relation Committee has had a difficult time finding a youth director for our church. Denise, however, jumped right in and started leading our youth group. Now she is excited to see what the Lord has in store for her time with UMYF! Please support and pray for Denise as she helps our teenagers to find Christ here at FUMCVC.

Rev. Dr. Ji Seok Ju



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| 1 Charlie Davis | 1 Aaron Wiebe | 2 Debbie Gilbert |
| 4 Marsha Callaway | 5 Keri Scriven | 5 Brian Scriven |
| 9 Dennis Phelps | 9 Lauren Ishman | 10 Elaine Taylor |
| 10 Ara Ju | 12 Darryl Wall | 14 Charla McNown |
| 15 Hannah McGettigan | 17 Gage Clevenger | 19 Lynne Chappell |
| 21 Gary Kerth | 21 Phil Hubenett | 22 Harvey Diehl |
| 23 Goldie Robinson | 23 Brendon Scriven | 25 Annabelle Koch |
| 25 Wyatt Lindstrom | 27 Dakota Hoffine | 28 Chase Ishman |
| 28 Donna Schupp | 29 Olivia Seacat | |



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| 2 Darrell & Barbara Jarman | 2 Rod & Laura Schumock |
| 7 Gene & Judy Taldo | 8 Don & Cleo Mounday |
| 10 Darryl & Val Wall | 11 Brad & Stacy Barbour |
| 11 Aaron & Bethany Lindstrom | 12 Mike & Maggie Spratt |
| 14 Charlie & Connie Davis | 17 Glenn & Virginia Jost |
| 17 Tim & Rebecca Schultz | 18 Rod & Melinda Reeves |
| 29 Dennis & Deborah Phelps | 30 Kenny & Carol Carter |
| 30 Clayton & Kennedy Nicholson | 31 Paul & Cheryl Ward |



WEEKLY:

SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
Traditional Worship 9:00a	Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC		JOY Group 9:30a FS		Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC
Sunday School 10:00a	Progressive Class 7:00p FS		Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC		
Contemporary Worship 11:00a			UMYF 6:00p WCC		

SPECIAL:

Church Office Closed Tuesday, July 4	Women's Retreat Saturday, July 8	All Church Pool Party Sunday, July 9 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	UMYF Girls Book Club Wednesday, July 12 Wednesday, July 26 12:00 p.m. FS
Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever Friday, July 14 11:00 a.m. WCC	Ice Cream Social Wednesday, July 19 7:00 p.m.	Lunch & Learn / Salina Thursday, July 20	Book Club Wednesday, July 26 6:00 p.m. CR

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.
Boy Scout Troop 494 Mondays 7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 40870 Tuesdays 6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts Pack 494 Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.
	Girl Scout Troop 40037 First & Third Thursdays 7:15 p.m.	

fumcvc's GOINGS ON...

Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever will meet **Friday, July 14** at 11:00 a.m. in the WCC. Please bring a craft to work on and a salad to share.

****UPDATE: THE BUS IS FULL**** July's Lunch and Learn takes us to Cottonwood Falls. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. on **Thursday, July 20** and should return about 4:00 p.m. Contact the office to get your name on the list!

July's Book Club selection is *Phoebe: A Story* by Paula Gooder. When the apostle Paul wrote to the church in Rome around 56 AD, he entrusted his letter to Phoebe, the deacon of the church at Cenchreae. But who was this remarkable woman? In her debut novel, biblical scholar Paula Gooder tells Phoebe's story—who she was, the life she lived, and her first-century faith—and in doing so opens up Paul's theology, giving a sense of the cultural and historical pressures that shaped Paul's thinking, and the faith of the early church. ***We will meet Wednesday, July 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. The church has a limited number of copies available for \$10.00.***

Branson Getaway – **November 1-3, 2023** – Bus trip through Village Tours. Highlights include The Oak Ridge Boys in concert and “Queen Esther” at the Sight and Sound Theatre. Contact the office for more details. Interested? Please call 1.800.333.0312 to book by phone or book online at vtravel.live/brasonvcumc. Reservations and a down payment are due soon. The balance is due September 2, 2023.

Ways to Give

July's giving for Open Door and the Valley Center Food Pantry is canned pasta. **Donations can be brought to the main foyer and put in the storage cabinet on the south wall.**

HORNET HANGAR SUPPLIES DRIVE – This year we will collect yellow highlighters for the Hornet Hangar Supplies Drive. All donations need to be to the church before **Sunday, July 23**. We will have a collection tub in the main foyer. Our goal is 150!



2023 Women's Retreat

"When Life Gives You Lemons..."

Saturday, July 8

8:30 AM to Noon

First United Methodist Church

560 N. Park, Valley Center, KS

Please join us for:

Breakfast

Praise Singing

Speakers: Virginia Anderson and Judy Eskridge

Door Prizes

And more!

Cost: \$15

RSVP to Amy Stamm at:

amy@fumcvc.com or 755-1112

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him and He will make your path straight." – Proverbs 3:5-6



FUMCVC Pool Party
Sunday, July 9
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
at the Valley Center Pool
Please bring a snack to share!

Ice Cream Social
Wednesday, July 19
7:00 p.m. in the WCC



FIFTH SUNDAY / YOUTH MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION



On Sunday, July 30 we will have one worship service at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Fifth Sunday Brunch in the WCC. During our time in the WCC, the youth will give a presentation about their Mission Trip to Colorado.

CLAY IN THE HANDS OF OUR CREATOR

Great Plains Annual Conference Report | By Bruce Campbell

Opening his first annual conference as episcopal leader, Bishop David Wilson reprised the themes of his installation sermon talking about how pottery can be both decoration and functional.

He said, “My friends, in this room alone is a great wealth of talented and gifted people. However, there is also a wealth of talents and gifts that are going unused for the Kingdom of God not just in the room but across the Great Plains Annual Conference.

“God has gifted us all with various gifts to be used to transform lives and the world despite the loss of churches – the conference – numbering more than 750 congregations after the recent disaffiliations and closings – is excited for the future.

“They are excited to see what God will do through us in the days ahead. We are ready to put this chapter behind us and ‘get into the best’ as Paul said.”

Bishop Wilson is the first Native American bishop. He is of Cherokee and Choctaw heritage. For twenty years he was with the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. His goal is to create an atmosphere of goodwill.

Conference churches had until December 31, 2023, to disaffiliate. Disaffiliation must be approved by the Annual Conference so in the Great Plains Conference that meant the date to disaffiliate was April 24, 2023, so it could be voted on in the June Annual Conference. To avoid unnecessary expenses and travel for those who wished to disaffiliate, disaffiliation requests were approved in a Zoom meeting on May 31, 2023. The conference approved the disaffiliations of 156 churches and closings of ten others.

During the in-person session, Great Plains clergy and laity rejected both a petition and a resolution that would have extended the deadline for disaffiliations through 2024.

So, in total since 2021, our conference has lost about 225 churches through closings and disaffiliations. This is almost 25%.

But we have 750 churches staying and are still the largest in our region.

Adam Hamilton spoke. He reported that we were driven by conflict but now by agreement and the hope of the future. We have the most churches in the South-Central Region and now more than Texas. In the Great Plains Conference almost all of the churches were small and in western Kansas and Nebraska. No large churches disaffiliated. Only about half will go to the Global Methodist. Overall, the drainage in the Great Plains budget from 2023 to 2024 will decrease about 4.26%. The Great Plains conference has remained one of the most stable. This is not true in the south.

So, this is how it is likely to play out though it could possibly change. At the General Conference, there will be a vote on a so called “Christmas Covenant” which is having regional conferences that are UMC but can have their own rules. US, Africa, Asia, Europe, Philippines would be separate regions. After that the US can change to Book of Discipline to what it was from 1764-1971, that is without homosexual clergy and homosexual marriage references. (We voted to support this.)

There are no doctrinal changes. The world regions will decide on homosexual clergy. Pastors will decide who they marry. A speaker likened our experience to the burning of the Flint Hills pasture. It appears scorched but then there is lush regrowth.

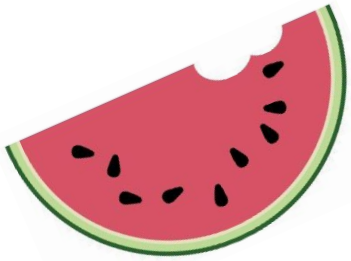
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So let's strive for the things
that bring peace and the
things that build each other up.
Romans 14:19

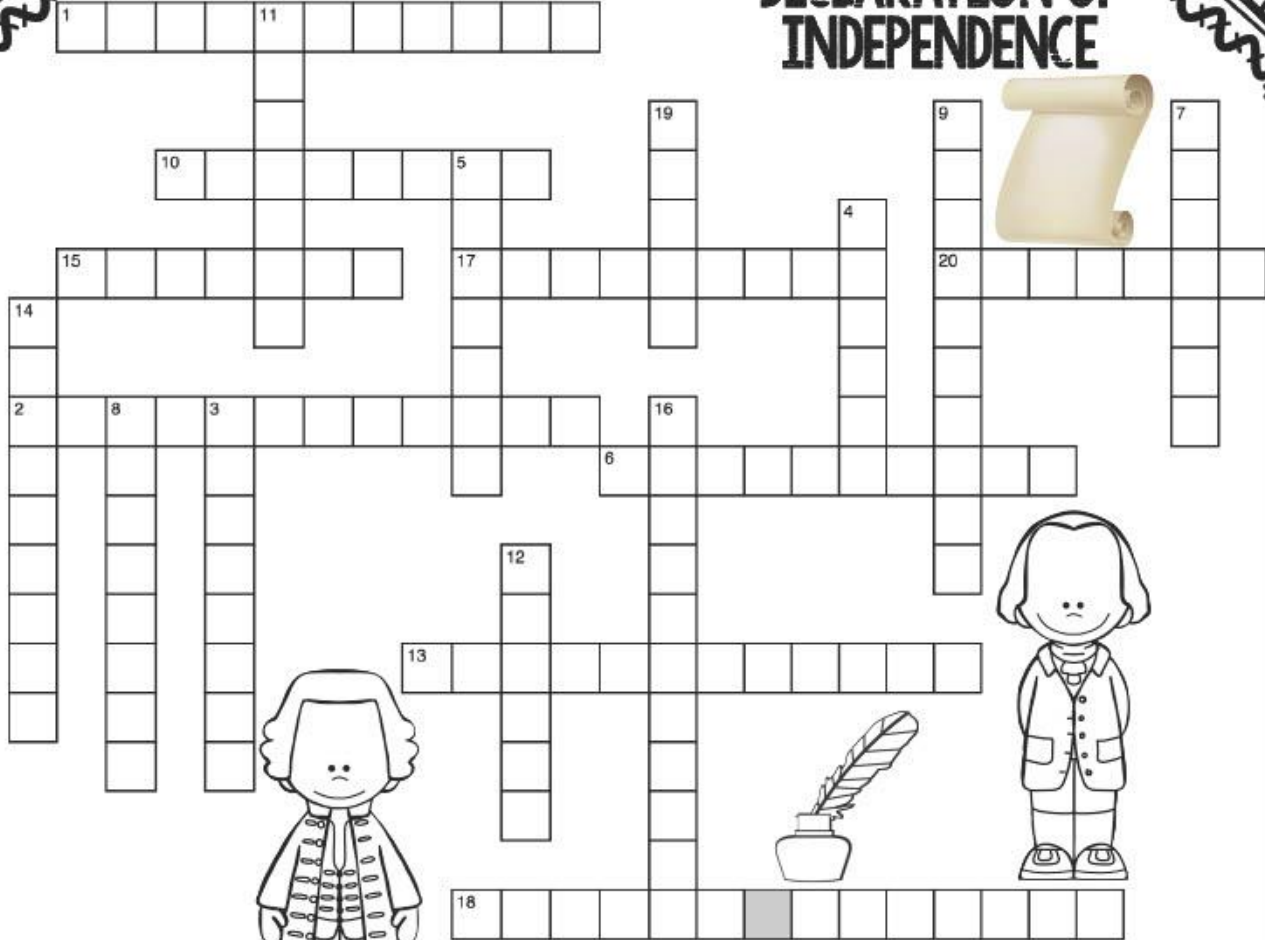


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DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE



Across

- 1. a formal statement
- 2. self-government
- 6. a formal charge of a crime
- 10. another word for a representative
- 13. something is obvious and needs no proof or explanation; a truth
- 15. an act intended to harm one's own government
- 17. the attempt to defy, or go against, the authority of government
- 18. a person's country of origin; for most American colonists
- 20. to be given; this means that God has given people unalienable rights

Down

- 3. the beginning of a document
- 4. unfair
- 5. abuse of power
- 7. freedom to do as one pleases
- 8. written, drawn, recorded, and presented ideas on paper
- 9. a system by which a community or state is controlled
- 11. to outlaw or get rid of
- 12. a state owned and ruled by another country
- 14. a formal complaint
- 16. unable to be denied; a person's rights that cannot ever be taken away
- 19. an ink pen made from the feather of a bird

Word Bank:

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| INDEPENDENCE | MOTHER COUNTRY | ABOLISH | ENDOWED | QUILL |
| TYRANNY | SELF-EVIDENT | DELEGATE | GRIEVANCE | INDICTMENT |
| LIBERTY | DOCUMENT | TREASON | COLONY | REBELLION |
| UNALIENABLE | PREAMBLE | GOVERNMENT | DECLARATION | UNJUST |

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