

THE BROADCASTER

August 24, 2022

Pastor's Piece

The world is suffering from natural disasters caused by extreme weather conditions. Especially our globe, from Europe to China to the US and Africa, is suffering from a drought that is cracking the ground due to a heat wave that is stronger than usual. According to CNN, as of August 16, 2022, 41.23% of the U.S. and 49.18% of the lower 48 states are in drought. They say an extraordinary drought in the West is drying up the Colorado River and draining the nation's largest reservoirs -- Lake Mead and Lake Powell. The hottest days in the country followed, rivers and reservoirs fell, and many wildfires broke out.

The European Drought Observatory found that 60% of land in the European Union (EU) and the UK was in drought condition as of the end of July. Water levels on Germany's Rhine River are so low that some vessels cannot sail even when empty. In France and other places, wildfire caused a lot of damages throughout countries. There were also a lot of casualties. In the UK, there were 1,700 heat-related deaths in England and Wales alone in the third week of July.

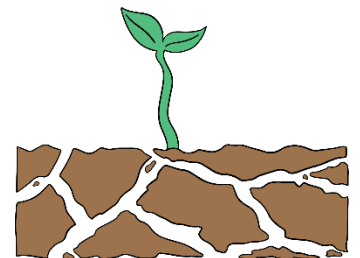
The climate scientists and researchers say that the drought is due to climate change caused by the warming of the earth with carbon dioxide emitted by humans through industry. They say that we should actively take steps to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

As I watched our globe dealing with the drought, I thought about the spiritual drought that we could face as Christians. Many Christians throughout the world have been losing their interests in going to church, spending time in prayer, singing hymns, and meditating on the Word of God. It seems like the spiritual drought is getting worse and worse every year.

We need to ask ourselves some questions. What is your current spiritual state? Are you dealing with spiritual drought? Is it getting dry? Or is the cool water of the Holy Spirit overflowing? Just as we are concerned about the drought in the world, we also need to look and be aware of the spiritual drought. And we must quickly get out of the spiritual drought and always live a life of fullness of faith.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ji



OUR PRAYERS FOR

Those Within the Church

Don Bennett, Marsha Callaway, June Marcy, Alyce Miracle, Hazel Moore

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 | † CMSAF Jeffrey Stockwell – Melissa Lampe Stockwell's husband |

Thank You...

It is so very hard to express the very deepest appreciation to all of you for your kindness in various ways, at the time of knee surgery. All of the prayers, telephone calls, texts, cards, food, coming by for a little chat all have been greatly appreciated. My thanks to everyone in every way.

June Marcy

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Nancy Scriven Memorial Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, which has allowed me to further my schooling and my knowledge. As I start my education at Missouri State University, I am very thankful for receiving this scholarship. Because of your scholarship I will be able to continue doing what I love and make an impact on others while I do it. Thank you again for choosing me to represent the Nancy Scriven Memorial Scholarship.

Sincerely,

Kyla Burdick

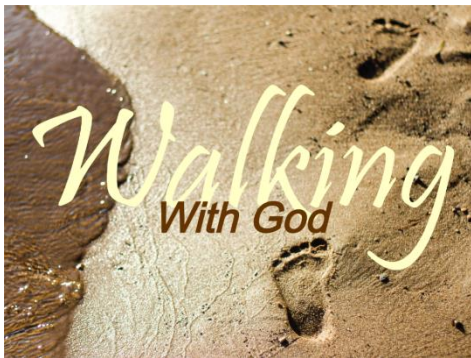


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| 5 Lester Carey | 5 Olivia Wilbur | 6 Melinda Reeves |
| 8 Paul Wiebe | 10 Vicki Stoner | 11 Kathy Ditty |
| 11 Derek Dunn | 11 Rory Sadowsky | 12 Todd Kennedy |
| 12 Pat Postlethwait | 12 Ben Anderson | 12 Austin Southards |
| 13 Chelsi Sturm Adams | 14 Nathan Zane | 17 Rod Reeves |
| 17 Gordon Williams | 17 Kathy Pearson | 18 Joan House |
| 22 Christy Southards | 23 Ben Neaderhiser | 23 Michelle Zane |
| 23 Jane Smith | 24 Allen Wilkerson | 27 Steve Devereaux |
| 27 Janine Voth | 27 Diane Bennett | 27 Connor Thatcher |
| 28 Austin Salas | 28 Logan Seacat | 30 Jamie Anderson |
| 30 Austin Thieme | | |



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| 9 Gregg & Cristi Howell | 11 Ben & Jamie Anderson |
| 17 Jeff & Kim Pritchard | 19 Bruce & Martha Campbell |
| 19 Brad & Debbie Edwards | 23 Mac & Dee McCallum |
| 26 Doug & Jodi Kirkland | 27 Walt & Janet Southards |
| 30 Marvin & Darlene Richards | |

September 11, we will begin a new three-week sermon Series “Walking with God.” In



Christians’ life we realize walking with God is so much better than walking without him because God is always walking beside you and He is going through every situation with you. God is always there for you when you need someone to lean on and a shoulder to cry on; He is always there with open arms. We invite everyone to come to listen to God’s Word: “You shall walk in all the ways that the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may go well with you, and that you may live long in the land that you shall possess.” Deuteronomy 5:33

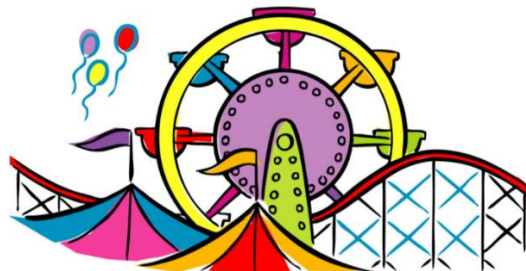


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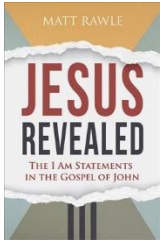
SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
Traditional Worship 9:00a	Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC		Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC		Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC
Sunday School 10:00a	Progressive Class 7:00p FS		JOY Group 9:30a FS		
Contemporary Worship 11:00a			Chancel Choir 5:00p SAN		
UMYF MS & HS 5:00p WCC			WOW ZONE! 6:00p		
			Pastor's Book Study 6:00p CR (beginning September 14)		

SPECIAL:

<p>Church Office Closed / Labor Day Monday, September 5</p> <p>Kick-Off Sunday Sunday, September 11 Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. One Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. Meal Following in the WCC</p>	<p>Lunch & Learn / Arkansas City Thursday, September 8</p> <p>Valley Center's Fall Festival Friday, September 23 Saturday, September 24</p>	<p>Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever Friday, September 9 11:00 a.m. WCC</p> <p>Book Club Wednesday, September 28 6:00 p.m. FS</p>
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JESUS REVEALED, the I Am statements in Gospel of John. Newly released 2022 copyright series. This series is being offered by Insight Class to anyone desiring to explore the I Am statements in John as works of art that resonate throughout the Gospel and all of Scripture. He shows how these words point beyond themselves to the deep mystery of Jesus Christ. Join Matt Rawle on this journey and experience the profound truth at the heart of the I Am statements: that Jesus is light and life, who calls us to himself and offers as the hope of the resurrection. This is a six-week study. This open session invitation is for all ages, men and women beginning **Sunday, August 28** at 10:00 AM in the conference room. Grab a donut and cup of coffee and drop in! Books are \$10.



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 the organizations are local. Some are even in Valley Center. Please help as you feel led. September's giving is aluminum cans to be given to the Valley Center Animal League. You can bring your cans any time before **Tuesday, September 6**. Cans will be given to the VCAL on that day.



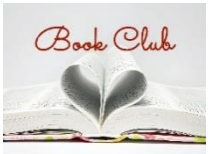
You are invited to join United Women in Faith members and friends in a discussion of Joan Chittister's book *The Time Is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage* on **September 8, 2022** at 7 p.m. ET. This is a virtual discussion and registration is required. Please register only if you have read the book or can commit to reading the book prior to the discussion. All are welcome. There is no cost to participate. *The Time Is Now* is a 2021-2022 Reading Program selection. If you would like to register, please contact the office and instructions will be sent to you.

The Progressive Class will begin a new study on **Monday, September 12**. *When Others Shuddered: Eight Women Who Refused to Give Up* is the story of eight women called to serve God and who, in doing so, changed the world. These women—Fanny Crosby, Mary McLeod Bethune, Nettie McCormick, Sarah Dunn Clarke, Emma Dryer, Virginia Asher, Evangeline Booth, and Amanda Berry Smith—were unique. They were single and married, black and white, wealthy and poor, beautiful and plain, mothers and childless. Yet, each felt called to make a difference and to do something—to meet a pressing need in her world. Their stories inspire us to follow God's calling in our own lives. They teach us that each individual person can make a difference. These eight women will show you how God can use *your* life to change the world. The Progressive Class meets Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. The cost of the book is \$7. **Please let the office know before Friday, August 26 if you would like a book.**



Pastor's Book Study – Rediscover how to pursue your dreams, see beyond limitations, and find clarity in God's plan for your life. The Pastor Study will begin on Wednesday, September 14 and we will study from a book "Dream Big: Know What You Want, Why You Want It, and What You're Going to Do About It." This Bible study will help you understand that God has a plan for your life. Bestselling author Bob Goff provides a step-by-step road map to breaking through the barriers that are holding you back. Each of the five sessions explores a different aspect of what it means to dream big. The study will begin **Wednesday, September 14** at 6:00 PM in the conference room. The cost of the book is \$5. Come and join us!

September's Lunch and Learn takes us to Arkansas City, KS. Details are still being worked out, but we know we will go on **Thursday, September 8**. Contact the office to get your name on the list!



Book Club – After a summer off, Book Club will resume in September. September's Book Club choice is *Tilly and the Crazy Eights* by Monique Gray Smith. We will meet **Wednesday, September 28** at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. If you would like the church to purchase a copy for you, the cost is \$9.00.

Report of Financials for the Valley Center First United Methodist Church through the end of July 2022

Our church budget for the 2022 calendar year is roughly \$450,000.00. The budget is made up to pay for staff salaries and benefits, church missions, church conference giving, utility costs, equipment, supplies, repairs, and maintenance costs.

The revenue to pay those costs is made up of our pledged giving contributions and our faith giving contributions. Our pledges make up 68% (or \$305,000.00) and our faith giving make up the remaining 32% (or \$144,000.00) of the total budgeted contributions.



As of the end of July, our projected expenses for the church were \$262,000.00. The actual expenses through the end of July were about \$243,000.00. Through the end of July, the church has spent about \$19,000.00 less than projected.

As of the end of July, our pledged giving contributions were projected to be about \$178,000.00. Our actual pledged giving was about \$175,000.00, about \$3,000.00 short of projections.

As of the end of July, our faith giving contributions were projected to be about \$84,000.00. Our actual faith giving was about \$41,500.00, or about \$42,500.00 short of projections.

The Church's Finance Committee has made plans to keep the congregation updated on our finances on a monthly basis through the rest of the year to make sure each of you is made aware of where the church's finances stand. If you have questions regarding the church's finances, please feel free to talk to any member of the Finance Committee or Pastor Ji.

Thank you for your continued support of the Valley Center First United Methodist Church.

Larry Clark – Financial Committee Chairperson

Warren Leinen Cheryl Maris Niki Miles DeWayne Morgan Connie Richardson Olivia Wilbur

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH VALLEY CENTER?

PROFESSION OF FAITH – If you have never been a member of any church, you may join by profession Jesus Christ as your Savior, Lord, Teacher, and Friend. If you have been baptized previously, no matter your age, we honor your baptism and do not re-baptize.

RENEWAL OF VOWS OF MEMBERSHIP – If you have been a member of a church at one time, but have been inactive, you may join by renewing your faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior.

TRANSFER – If you are a member of another church, you may unite by requesting that your membership be transferred to First United Methodist Church of Valley Center.

AFFILIATE MEMBER – Sometimes, an individual has reasons for keeping his/her membership in another church but would like to be an active member of First United Methodist Church Valley Center also.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER – If you are a member of another Christian denomination in another city but will be residing in this area, you may unite as an associate member. You will remain membership in your home church but under the pastoral care of Valley Center UMC.

Your Name _____
Best Way to Contact Phone _____ Email _____

I would like to become a member of FUMCVC by:

_____ Profession of faith
_____ Transfer of Membership from the following Church
Name of Church _____
Address of Church _____
City, State of Church _____

You may choose to join FUMCVC privately or you may choose to be introduced to the congregation.

Do you prefer private ceremony? Yes No

If you would like to be introduced to the congregation at the service, is there a date you would like to do this?

Date: _____ Service Time: 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Please note, baptism is required to be a member in the Methodist Church. If you have been baptized previously, no matter your age, we honor your baptism and do not re-baptize. We do honor baptisms from other denominations. If you have never been baptized, please let us know and we can arrange that for you.

_____ Yes, please contact me about being baptized prior to joining FUMCVC



FALL KICK-OFF SUNDAY

Sunday, September 11, 2022

One Combined Worship Service
at 11:00a

Sunday School at 10:00a

Lunch at 12:00p in the WCC

Wear something red, white,
and blue that day!

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