

# OUTREACH



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## Perspective

Greetings in the Name of the Caring Christ!

Armin Kelly, Pastor Kayla Mangrich from Plainville UMC and I attended the week-long Stephen Ministry Leaders Training Course in Dallas and we are excited to announce that we will be inviting Hays 1st UMC members to apply to become Stephen Ministers. So what is a Stephen Minister and what does the Stephen Ministry training and subsequent supervision require?

A Stephen Minister is a highly trained and supervised person who helps an assigned individual who is going through a difficult time in a confidential, one-on-one caring relationship over a period of months or even years. The Stephen Minister is commissioned only after completing 50 hours of training, which is broken down into twenty- 2.5 hour training sessions that aid in developing caregiving skills with topics such as:

- Feelings: Yours, Mine, and Ours
- The Art of Listening
- Distinctively Christian Caregiving
- Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly
- Confidentiality
- Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving
- Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief
- Caring for People Before, During and After Hospitalization

Supervision groups meet every other week, once the Stephen Ministers are commissioned. The confidential groups help make sure that the best level of care is provided for the Care Receivers and help develop the Stephen Ministers through continuing education.

Stephen Ministry changes lives... certainly the lives of those who receive this distinctively Christian Care are changed, but also the lives of the Stephen Ministers. It is a way for those who feel called into the ministry of Christian Caregiving to help others through difficult times and also to develop skills that will positively affect most every aspect of their lives throughout their life. It is initially a two-year commitment, but many Stephen Ministers continue in the program for years, some even taking the week-long Stephen Leaders Training to not only be a Stephen Minister, but also a Stephen Leader.

Is God calling you to become a Stephen Minister? A new Stephen Ministry Training Class is set to begin at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5th and culminate on February 6th. The new Stephen Ministers will be commissioned Sunday, February 11th. Please contact me, the church office (785.625.3408) or Armin Kelly (785.737.7045) if you have questions or would like to apply to become a Stephen Minister.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Mike

Please email your OUTREACH item to [haysumc@hotmail.com](mailto:haysumc@hotmail.com) before Sunday, September 17, 2017  
Please place the name "Outreach" in the subject line...or place your item, clearly labeled **for the Outreach**, in the office by **Sunday, September 17, 2017**. The next Outreach should be received by September 21st.

## Thank You

Thanks to these ushers who serve so faithfully all year:

Harvey Jansonius

Glen Ginther

Harvey Davidson

Eric Rathke

Tom McDonald

Rick Robinson

Kevin Homburg

Kevin Swayne

John Booze

Josh Zweifel

Bill Hayden

Jarrod Jones

Duane Steffan

Shaun Musil

Greg Daughhetee

Larry Good

Shawn Schwarz

Dave Hendrickson

Tim Markus

Don Branda

Rick Wolfe

Russ Henningsen

Don Barton

Bob Cox

Paul Jones

## Sympathy

*Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family & friends of*

*Bob & Pam Gillen on the death of Bob's mother, **Dottie**, on 7-25.*

*Jeff & Marla Copper on the death of brother-in-law, **Jim Tegethoff**, on 8-7.*

*Kathy and Jim & Corrine Clark on the death of son*

**Scott**, on 8-14.

**Joan Henry** died on 8-18.

*Joan was a member of FUMC 58 years.*

*Jimmy Joe Patterson, on the death of his wife, **Ruth Ann** on 8-19.*

## Congratulations

*to our newest members, Luke & Jodi Coker (Dylan & Brooke Dillinger).*

*to Christopher & Melissa Pyle on the birth of a daughter, Amelia Dawn, on July 7th. Abigail & Andrew welcome their new sister.*

*To these second graders on the presentation of their Bibles:*

*Andrew Cain*

*Dylan Coker*

*Madison Heslet*

*Martha Miller*

*Abigail Miller*

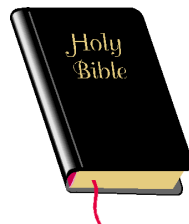
*Abigail Pyle*

*Kaylee Stuart*

*Leah Thomas*

*Cidnee Werth*

*Maddy Wilkins*



Heart to Heart Dessert Challenge will be Saturday, September 23 from 1-3 p.m. at the Big Creek Mall. Proceeds will benefit Hosea's Heart building project in Swaziland, Africa. Participants will provide and serve their dessert samples. Gift baskets are also needed. For more information contact Lisa Bide 785-259-4652 or [terryl@ruraltel.net](mailto:terryl@ruraltel.net)

*Please check the information Center in the parlor for Suppers 8 sign-up sheets. Suppers 8 meets monthly in small groups for an event or meal to become better acquainted with church members. Everyone needs to sign up even if previously involved. There will be coffee and cinnamon rolls at 9:30 on Sunday, September 10 for those interested. Please join us. Cutoff for sign-up is **September 10.***

## Meet Aaron Van Der Wege

FUMC welcomes Aaron as the new Church Facilities Technician. Aaron is 28 years old and says he went to church at least three times a week. His father is Lew Van Der Wege who is currently serving as a UM pastor in Phillipsburg. Aaron grew up in Norton and has lived in Salina when his dad was the DS there. Aaron likes to read in his spare time. Please let him know if you require assistance with building needs.

I wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers & visits while I was in the hospital. I treasure all of you.

Don Forssberg

## INTRODUCING OUR STAFF

### PROGRAM STAFF

Pastor: Pastor Mike Rose

Director of Music: Johnny Matlock

Special Music Coordinator: Meredith Cory

Organist:: Charlotte Rathke

Pianist: Alexis Robinson

Handbell Choir Director: Shawn Henderson

Children's Ministry Director: Jo Swayne

Asst. Children's Director: Rebecca Kuehl

Youth Director: Matt Dumler

Outreach Editor: Wendy Beougher

### SUPPORT STAFF:

Administrative Secretary: Beverly Bearley

Administrative Assistant: Wendy Beougher

Financial Secretary: Don Forssberg

Childcare Director: Sandy Henningsen

Building Supervisor: Aaron Wan Der Wege

## KIDS CORNER

What an amazing week of VBS!!! We had 78 superheroes fly in to learn how we get our strength from God!! A HUGE THANK YOU to the 50+ volunteers we had helping out. We could NOT do this without your willingness to be a part of our craziness ! During the week we collected food items and built a “boys” skyscraper and a



“girls” skyscraper. Each day the items were counted to see who donated the most items. After four days, our superheroes brought 385 items!! The youth helped by taking all of this much needed food to the Ellis County Community Assistance Center. Talk about being God’s superheroes in the world! We not only learned about it, but lived it . We ended the week with around 40 superheroes, in capes and masks, singing a couple of our VBS songs for worship on VBS Sunday.



To end this busy summer, the Children’s Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Board are hosting “Messy Church Games” on Sunday, August 13, 7-8:30 pm on the West lawn. We thought a great way to wrap up Pastor Mike’s “messy” sermon series, AND enjoy one last summer fling, AND get messy.....would be to invite the ENTIRE church family out for some good messy fun. Bring your lawn chair & camera for fun socializing, taking pics and of course, gettin’ messy!

The Education Work area is trying something different this year and having TWO New Beginnings! On August 20 we will hear from the leaders of children, youth & college students, thus Student New Beginnings Sunday @ 9:30 in the Sanctuary on Sunday, August 20. The following week, we will hear from our adult leaders about all the adult fall programming options, Adult New Beginnings Sunday on August 27 @ 9:30 in the Sanctuary. Hope to see you all in church as we gear up for fall!!



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Also on August 20 during both services we will be sharing a special blessing for all teachers, leaders and educators as they begin this new school year. Don’t forget to bring your backpacks to church for a Backpack Blessing too! A very special church tradition, is to give all of our incoming 2nd Graders their own Bible. This will also take place during both services on August 20. It’s a very busy day, but so important in the life of our church and in the lives of our children. Please come be a part of it!

VIP date to put on your calendar.....WOW will begin Wednesday, September 13, which means KIDS CLUB!

BLESSED TO SERVE- Jo Swayne, Children’s Director & Rebecca Kuehl, Children’s Ministry Assistant  
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### Smoky Hill Chorale, Fall 2017

The Smoky Hill Chorale is a mixed ensemble of post-high school voices, and members come from Ellis, Rooks, Rush, and Trego counties. The Chorale is open to all experienced singers-no audition is necessary-and there are openings in all sections. A particular need is for male voices. Rehearsals begin Monday, September 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Palmer Recital Hall in Malloy Hall on the FHSU campus.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is accepting applications for the Worship on Wednesday Meal Coordinator position for Fall, 2017 through Spring 2018. The Meal Coordinator is responsible for the planning, preparation, staffing, serving, and clean-up of Wednesday evening meals for W.O.W. For a job description or more information, please stop by the church office or call 625-3408.

Helping Hands/Helping Hearts ministry with the knitters from the Quilt Shop made and presented 20 prayer shawls to the Hays Police Department for distribution to those in need or crisis.

**VBS was AWESOME! Thanks To YOU** our amazing volunteers!

Rebecca Kuehl & Jo Swayne

### Hero Central Station Leaders

**Assembly Leaders** - "Captain Shield" Mallory Henderson & Peyton "Flame" Unruh

**Bible Story** - Sandy Henningsen

**Crafts** - Rebecca Kuehl & Lexi Burton

**Recreation** - AJ Thomas, John Booze & Chris Isbell

**Science** - Brett Bruner

**Music** – Shawn, Marie, Mallory & Nate Henderson and the rest of the **Harmonizing Heroes Band** (Ashton Koerner, Isabelle and Johanna Jones) also Kay Dees

**Meals/Snacks** - Marla Copper, Carol Purdy, Sarah Schumacher, Armin & Vicki Kelly, Ray Hobart & Linden Pacey

**Mission**– Abby Kennemer, Trevor Henningsen & the God Squad

### Hero Central Guides

**Preschool (4yrs) Leaders** – Sarah Bose, Sara's Mom Lois, Meghan Brown, Emily & Thomas Decker and Peyton Unruh

**PreK (5-6yrs) Leaders** – Susan Dumler, Andrea Graham, Kristi Lang, Corbin Luck & Hannah Garcia

**K/1 Leaders** – Molly McMurtrie, Sue Rouse, Brad Schumacher & Cade Swayne

**2/3 Grade Leaders** – Megan Askins, Marilyn Davidson, Matt Dumler, Jessica Luck & Xander Swayne

**4/5 Grade Leaders** – Darci Cain, Jacinda Johnson & Joey Roth

### **Photographer**

Jolie Green

### **Registration & Greeters**

Armin & Vicki Kelly, Sandy & Trevor Henningsen & Xander Swayne

### **Name Tags**

Abby Kennemer

### **Tech Guru & Sound Tech**

Marie Henderson & Mike Cooper



### **Decorators**

Megan Askins, Megan's Mom, Sarah Bose, John Booze, Meghan Brown, Brett Bruner, Marla Copper, Emily Decker, Matt & Susan Dumler, Rick & Jolie Green, The Henderson Family, Sandy & Trevor Henningsen, Jacinda Johnson, Kristi Lang, Jessica Luck, Molly McMurtrie, Carol Purdy, Haley & Joey Roth, Sarah Schumacher, Kevin, Xander & Cade Swayne, AJ Thomas and Peyton Unruh and anyone else I didn't mention.



There is an urgent need for funds to assist people in need. Please give if you are able.

Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 p.m. at Lincoln Elementary, 1906 Ash  
Question & Answer session on the school bond issue to be voted on Nov. 7.

Dessert Challenge for September 23. Please confirm by e-mail to Lisa Blide, [terryl@ruraltel.net](mailto:terryl@ruraltel.net).

If you are interested in serving as a liturgist at Sunday worship services, please call the church office, 625-3408.

Peddler's Fair Planning time has arrived. The UMW welcomes anyone who is interested to attend this meeting August 30th at 11 a.m. in the Alcove.



## Off To Thailand!

As I'm writing this, I am at the Denver airport to catch my first flight on my journey to Bangkok. I was able to spend three weeks in American in July and it was absolutely wonderful. I've been able to connect with family and friends and get some rest before the next big adventure. I've been able to process and grieve my two years in Swaziland, Africa and to prepare for the next chapter.

I have made connections through mutual friends and will be met at the airport by new friends who will help get me to my new home. I start Thai classes at Dukke Language School and I'll have orientation at Night-Light. I will be working with women escaping trafficking and will be organizing outreaches to the red-light district to connect with these women and help offer hope and a means out of their current situations. I will probably wait to start full-time ministry until late August or early September, to allow myself some time to adjust to the new city and language.

Thank you for all your support and prayers through this transition. When I arrived in the U.S. I had about \$2,000 raised for my 18 months in Asia. Now, I'm halfway to my goal of \$15,000. I am so amazed and humbled at how God works. Ideally, I would like to be fully funded by the beginning of September. If you would like to join me on this journey by supporting me financially, tax-deductible checks can be made out to FUMC. Monthly support is also welcome. Thank you again for all your love and support! God is using each one of us to spread His light in the darkest corners of the world.

Rachel Palmberg



## Charge to our Youth

In Paul's first letter to his friend Timothy, he wrote that no one should look down on him because of his youth. Paul instructs Timothy to stand as an example to other believers through his conduct, love, spirit, faith and purity. (1 Timothy 4:12) Paul laid out a goal for Timothy to stand as a leader in his faith to all those that lay witness to him regardless of his age or theirs's.

As we approach the coming school year and the beginning of this new direction of youth ministry for FUMC, I pause to look back at the end goal of this ministry. Like Paul's charge to Timothy, my vision for the youth of our church is to stand firm in their faith and be the example regardless of the audience. My goal is for their faith to be so evident that people will know what they stand for without them having to say a word. The evidence of a true Christian is found in their love, humility and grace rather than the words they say.

So many times, this young generation gets labeled as a bad, lazy, unmoral generation. The stereotype that gets thrown around is of one that can't get away from some sort of screen, who only cares about themselves, and has no moral compass. I have to say that we, as a church, are lucky. During my short time here, I have witnessed our youth give sacrificially of their time and talents. I have listened as they discussed ways they can be the change. I have seen them love on people they didn't know.

I have to brag on a few boys we took on the Kansas City trip a few weeks ago. We were riding in the car and came upon a man begging for help. With all sincerity one of them asks if they could give him some money. I responded that it was their choice and if they desired to help him they could. Without any discussion, three of them reached into their own pockets and gave to a complete stranger. They received no recognition for this and no earthly rewards. However, their generosity did not go unnoticed by the Father.

The future of our youth is bright. I am confident that they will embrace what we have coming up. I am confident that they will prove many people wrong with the heart they have. I am confident that they will be the example Paul challenged Timothy to be. Just wait and see what God has in store for the youth of FUMC.

Matt Dumler, Youth Ministry Director

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## Upcoming Events



**Sunday, August 20**

**Sunday, August 27**

**Wednesday, August 30**

**Sunday, September 10**

**Monday, September 11**

**Wednesday, September 13**

**Thursday, September 14**

**Saturday, September 23**

**Student New Beginnings**

**Stephen Ministry Sunday**

**Adult New Beginnings Sunday**

**Peddler's Fair Planning**

**9:30 Suppers Eight Sign Up**

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

**WOW begins**

**Crafters**

**Heart to Heart Dessert Challenge**