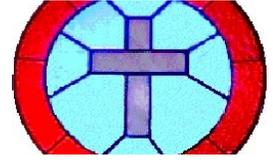


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Perspective

Greetings in the Name of the Transfigured Christ!

Matthew's gospel tells us this important part of the story of transfiguration and salvation: Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. (Matthew 17:1-8)

In this important text, we find that Jesus "soars high above the bar" with three of his disciples on a mountaintop and is transfigured into something we humans find difficult to describe. Even stranger was that two long-dead heroes of the faith- Moses and Elijah appeared and visited with him, followed by the voice of God saying, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him."

As one who has heard the voice of God (I'll tell you about it in another writing...), I can tell you it is life changing...some might say life transfiguring! Regardless, God's admonition echoes down the halls of history for us... maybe even especially, for today.

So how might we be bold enough to 'listen to him'? As we begin the Holy Season of Lent, let us make a pact with God and each other to not only listen, but to act on what we hear and believe. Below is a list of ways that can transfigure you:

- * Attend the Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1st.
- * Attend the 1st Sunday of Lent on March 5 Morning Worship and Taize Service at 5:00 p.m.
- * Attend the 2nd Sunday of Lent on March 12 Morning Worship and Taize Service at 5:00 p.m.
- * Attend the 3rd Sunday of Lent on March 19 Morning Worship and Taize Service at 5:00 p.m.
- * Attend the 4th Sunday of Lent on March 26 Morning Worship and Taize Service at 5:00 p.m.
- * Attend the 5th Sunday of Lent on April 2 Morning Worship and Taize Service at 5:00 p.m.
- * Attend the Palm Sunday Morning Worship Service on April 9 and Taize Service at 5:00 p.m.
- * Attend the Holy Thursday Service on April 13 at 7:00 p.m.
- * Attend the Good Friday Service on April 14 at 7:00 p.m.
- * Sign up and attend the Good Friday to Easter Sunrise Prayer Vigil in the Chapel....
- * Attend the Easter Sunrise Service on April 16
- * Attend the 8:30 or 10:45 a.m. Easter Worship Celebration on April 16.
- * Participate in the Creed study and sermon series beginning Sunday, April 23.

After his transfiguration, Jesus told his disciples 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone." May it be so for us this Lenten Season and forever more.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Mike

Please email your OUTREACH item to haysumc@hotmail.com before Sunday, March 19, 2017

Please place the name "Outreach" in the subject line...or place your item, clearly labeled **for the Outreach**, in the office by **Sunday, March 19, 2017**. The next Outreach should be received by Mar. 23rd.

Thank You

Thank you for the many thoughts and prayers this past year when our son Michael was deployed.

Jeff & Marla Copper



A very special thank you to my church family for all you did for me and my family when I had knee surgery. Thank you, Pastor Mike & Pastor Alice, for the hospital visits. All your prayers is what got me through!

Blessings,
Bev Bearley

Thanks to Steve Paul of Paul Wertenberger Construction and the Dave Hendrickson family for seeing that the top of the communion rail has been refinished. We are so blessed to have dedicated, committed individuals in our congregation. Thanks to Don Forssberg for helping with plumbing issues.

INTRODUCING OUR STAFF

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Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family & friends of

*DeeDee Peteete on the death of her father, **Von Davis**, on January 26.*

*Johnnie & Mary Ann Craig on the death of Johnny's sister, **Anita**, on January 26.*

*Jo, Kevin, Xander & Cade Swaye on the death of Jo's aunt, **Evelyn Hamilton**, on February 10th.*

*Celia Nicholson on the death of her husband, **Larry**, on February 11th. Condolences to Eric & Jill.*

*Norm & Karen Owings on the death of Karen's brother, **Gregg Nanninga**, on February 16.*

Congratulations

to our newest members:

*Cassandra Quillen
Becky Martin (and family Tim, Breckyn, Kyndal & Kyler)
Darryl Smika
Daniel & Valerie Yu*



If you are a young woman between the ages of 15-20 you have the opportunity to apply for the Mission Education Tour (METour). This exciting trip May 27-June 3 visits mission sites in Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Nebraska. Pick up a flyer in the parlor. Registration deadline is April 1.

Circle News

Rebekah Circle met at the church on February 8 with 10 members present. LaVaughn Hull was the hostess. Betty Innes gave the program on Prayer and Self Denial. A collection was taken for Days for Girls, an organization helping mothers and daughters everywhere. The distribution of funds from the Peddler's Fair was approved as submitted. Rebekah is the Good Samaritan Circle and will serve the meal for the next General Meeting in March.

Naomi Circle met on February 8 with Nancy Jones. Sheryl Blair assisted and served 14 members. Debra McDonald conducted the meeting. Linda Stahlman presented devotions about 'God's Conversational Heart.' Naomi Circle served 3 meals in January. Ruth Briney presented the 'Call to Prayer & Self Denial' program focused on 'Maternal and Child Health'.

Bette Milleson James, Hoxie, author of *Angels Flying out of Hell*, will be the guest speaker on March 15 following the UMW luncheon at 12:00 noon. James' story is about the 7,000 mile journey of 'Operation Babylift Orphans' out of Vietnam in 1975. This is the story of the children's journey; how they traveled so far while so young and helpless. Please come, have lunch, and enjoy this wonderful program. Guests are most welcome!



KIDS CORNER

Love WOW started February 15 with a new adult class "Stretch with God." As usual, we still have Kids Club, Youth, Fast Track Disciple and Spirit Ringers so everyone can come for Love WOW and plug in! Come first for a church meal any time between 5-6, worship in the Sanctuary with Shawn Henderson and the Youth Prayse Band 5:50-6:10 and Kids Club, Youth and various class options for adults from 6:15-7:15. It's fun for the whole family!!

In Kids Club, where we're averaging 36 kids, we have recently been discussing parables. We've even started acting a few of them out, so if you hear lots of noise and giggling, it's just us!! We are looking forward to Ash Wednesday and the Lent/Easter Season. Plan on attending a very special Ash Wednesday service March 1 with a Children's Moment challenge.

Kids Prayse continues on Sunday mornings with Shawn and Nate Henderson in the gym from 9:30-9:45 so look for us to sing in church in the coming weeks! Our Sunday School teachers are hard at work teaching our kiddos, averaging 28 each week.

Upcoming dates that will be here before we know it:

- * Ash Wednesday kicks off the season of Lent on March 1
- * Palm Sunday is April 9
- * Easter Sunday is April 16
- * Camp Sunday is April 23



Thank you for caring about the children of our church. If you ever have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact either Rebecca Kuehl (rebeccarg@hotmail.com) or Jo Swayne (jswayne33@gmail.com).

Do you play an instrument or sing? Do you know someone who does? Please contact Meredith Cory at 785-259-6744 or singingchef55@gmail.com to share your talent during worship.

If you did not update your Dillon's Community Rewards in January, it's time to do it again. For the church to receive the reward money, call one of the numbers and designate your reward points to First United Methodist Church, 305 W. 7th, Hays. 620-669-3111 or 629-669-3432 or 620-669-3404

What: Bus trip to Kansas City Royals Game



When: Saturday June 3, 2017

Cost: \$125 per person for bus transportation to Kansas City and back and your lower level Field Plaza ticket.

Details: The bus will depart from the church at 7:00 am for the 1:15 pm game at Kauffman Stadium against the Cleveland Indians, and return to the church after the game. Stops will be made in route both ways at Junction City with the return stop a supper break.

Council on Ministries

The five committees that make up the Council on Ministries here at FUMC are constantly working to plan and implement everything from Sunday worship to special projects and programs for our congregation and the community of Hays. The Worship committee meets weekly to plan our services. The Membership committee is working on a video that will introduce new members to our church. The Missions committee has multiple projects in the works, including visits to Camp Lakeside, helping the hungry and doing small tasks through ServeLocal. Healthy Congregations is currently sponsoring the Walk to Jerusalem. The Education committee is extremely active planning events that involve the children and youth of our church. The Church and Society committee is in need of committee members and is looking at new projects to focus on. Call the office if you would like to serve on a committee. It is a very rewarding way to get involved in the life of our church!

Why are YOUTH, adults and families flocking to Taize, France?

They have found a different style of worship that is meeting a deep spiritual need. It doesn't answer all the questions of life. It is not the best and only style of worship. It is different. It is set in a quiet scene with candles in the sanctuary. This is meditative common prayer. Gathered into community, in the presence of God we sing uncomplicated repetitive songs, uncluttered by too many words, allowing the mystery of the Holy One to become tangible, through the beauty of simplicity. Scripture is followed by silence instead of preaching, to allow us to listen to the voice of God deep within. There is also a time of intercession.

This began through a man now known as Brother Roger, who sought to answer the call from Matthew 25 about feeding, clothing, providing shelter to those who were hurt, homeless, and hungry during WWII in Europe. He moved from his home in Switzerland to Taize, France to begin this ministry, inviting other brothers across Christian denominational lines to join him. There are now over 100 brothers in 30 countries in this type of ministry.

To be able to worship together across so many languages they wrote short, simple songs of praise & intercession so they could be more easily sung in four languages of English, French, Spanish, & Latin. Their simple lifestyle led them to a simple style of worship as well.

We are ALL, YOUTH, adults, and families invited (& challenged by Pastor Mike) to flock to the HAYS UMC sanctuary on the Sunday evenings of LENT to experience a Taize style of worship, 5:00-6:00pm. Childcare provided.



As a child, Jesus is wrapped with strips of cloth. As a Savior, he is wrapped with a seamless linen cloth. The shredded cloth of humanity has been redeemed and made whole in Christ. Friends, we are privileged to own warm clothes. It is by grace we have access by faith to the wrapping warmth of God's hope, peace, love and joy to face all days with courage. Many around us find themselves spiritually and socially cold, and numb, rightly wrapped in fears and doubts, hopelessness, violence, aimlessness, abuse and injustice, experiencing alienation from God and neighbor. In these cold months of winter, let us offer the wrapping of God's warm embrace and invite people out of the cold into God's warmth in Christ.

Bishop Ruben Saenz



HEALTH FAIR

SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH
9 A.M.-12 P.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL

9:00	Dustin Smith, Registered Pharmacist	<i>Medications, Fall Risk</i>
9:45	Denise Ring, Physical Therapist	<i>Physical Safety, Exercise</i>
10:30	Sam Gross, Registered Dietitian	<i>Nutrition & Healthy Living</i>
11:15	Mary Akins & Nancy Jackson	<i>Stress Management, Mind, Body & Spirit</i>

Free Blood Pressure Screening

Free BMI Screening

Healthy Snacks

Several Booths

Strengthening Families is a research based program that is proven to reduce stress/anxiety and reduce substance abuse for all participating members. Are you interested in being trained as a facilitator for a scripted parenting course to members of our community? If so, please contact Sandy Aldrich at saldrich@usd489.com. The dates of the training are to be determined. The first meeting will take place in Hutchinson.



The Board of Trustees will be accepting letters of application until March 15, 2017 from persons interested in providing lawn care for FUMC. The job description can be picked up at the office or it can be found on-line at the FUMC website.



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Upcoming Events



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| March 1 | Ash Wednesday Service, 6:00 p.m. |
| March 4 | Bishop's Confirmation Rally, Youth, McPherson |
| March 5 | Taize Service, 5:00 p.m. (Mar. 12, 1926, Ap. 2, 9) |
| March 7 | Loving Hands/Loving Hearts, 4:00 p.m. |
| March 9 | Crafters, 9:00 a.m. |
| March 12 | Girl Scout Sunday |
| March 15 | UMW Luncheon and Operation Babylift Orphans program |