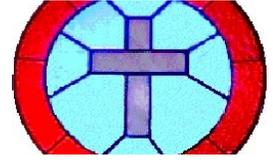


OUTREACH



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Perspective

Greetings in the Name of the One Who Calls Us!

The Risen Christ instructed his disciples to ‘Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and teaching them everything that I have commanded you.’ The Apostle Paul reflected the Risen Christ’s final instruction when he wrote these words in a letter to the very young Christian church in Ephesus: “So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:11-13) In this, Paul acknowledged that the Great I AM was giving the astounding news that Christians were not to be simple spectators of the faith; they were to be full participants. In effect, his call was to ‘UNLEASH THE LAITY’ of believers to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to all people through spiritual growth, worship, fellowship and service. That message of spreading the gospel is still vitally important today.

As your Pastor, I want you to know, that I AM (is) calling each member of Hays First United Methodist into ministry. You are no longer to be spectators of the faith; you are to become participants! Oh, I realize that many of you are already participating, and I give thanks to each who give of their time and talents, gifts and graces to the work of Christ’s Church. But a number of you have been ‘hearers of the word and not doers’ (James 1:22) Inasmuch, I want each of you to be in prayerful consideration as to where the triune God is calling you to be in ministry... and I’m offering a few things that we will be developing this summer and fall for your prayerful consideration...

- Prayer Ministry-are you a ‘prayer warrior’ who lifts up those in need to God? Do you want to develop a ‘conversation with God?’ Maybe God is calling you into Prayer Ministry...
- Stephen Ministry-do you have a caring heart and a listening ear? God may have gifted you with the gift of caring for others who are going through difficult times, the hospital, the nursing home or on hospice. Maybe God is calling you to be a Stephen Minister....
- Worship Leader/Reader-do you read well and love worship? Maybe God is calling you to become a liturgist and worship leader on Sunday morning....
- Preaching Ministry-do you feel that God is calling you to preach the good news from the pulpit on Sunday mornings when a pastor is on vacation or ill? God may be calling you to the preaching ministry as a Certified Lay Minister...
- Ministry to the Poor-does it break your heart to hear or see those in need and feel that God is calling you to do something to help? Maybe God is calling you into ministry to the poor.....
- A ‘God Knows What’ Ministry-God may be calling you to a ministry not listed above and if that is the case, stop by the office...I want to talk with you!

So here is my challenge, dear friends: Each day pray to God this simple prayer: “Lord, what do you want to do through me?” and then listen with your heart. God has called YOU into ministry, so call the church office to find out more about the ministries listed above.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Mike

Please email your OUTREACH item to haysumc@hotmail.com before Sunday, July 16, , 2017

Please place the name “*Outreach*” in the subject line...or place your item, clearly labeled **for the Outreach**, in the office by **Sunday, July 16, 2017**. The next Outreach should be received by July 20th.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve at Hays FUMC the last two years! Thanks especially for the wonderful sendoff luncheon hosted by Staff Parish Relations Committee and attended by many of you. Thanks for the cards and gifts that I received from you all and from SPRC committee. The monetary gifts will be used for my trip to Kenya in July to work on the water project. Keep me in your prayers and keep in touch. Thanks again and may God richly bless you.

Pastor Alice Koech, PhD.

A sincere thank you to Arris and Virginia Johnson for delivering Meals on Wheels in June. The next time our church will be responsible for this service will be in October. This is a service that is truly appreciated.



INTRODUCING OUR STAFF

PROGRAM STAFF

Pastor: Pastor Mike Rose
 Associate Pastor, Youth Pastor: Alice Koech
 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
 Outreach Editor: Wendy Beougher

SUPPORT STAFF:

Administrative Secretary: Beverly Bearley
 Administrative Assistant: Wendy Beougher
 Financial Secretary: Don Forssberg
 Childcare Director: Sandy Henningsen
 Building Supervisor: Ron Herrman

Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family & friends of

***Louise Elliott** who died 5-23.*

Congratulations

To Jim & Jo Hanks on their 50th Wedding anniversary.

Backpack for Kids

Last year 656 students received backpacks. Due to the large number of families seeking assistance, please contribute supplies in the box in the parlor. The box will be picked up around **July 14th.**

Items needed include:

Post-It Sticky Notes
 Small headphones/earbuds
 Combination locks
 8-10 pack washable markers
 12 pack colored pencils
 Glue sticks (no gel)
 1 subject spiral notebook
 4 oz. white liquid glue
 Pocket folders
 Large pink erasers
 Composition notebooks
 Notebook paper
 Tab index dividers
 24 pack crayons
 1" 3-ring binders
 Plastic school boxes
 Pencil bags
 Watercolor paints
 Highlighters/dry erase markers
 New backpacks (Med. & Lg)
 Shampoo, bar soap
 deodorant



Lifeline Screening

Life Line Screening offers a 5-test package to thoroughly check you for risk of stroke, cardiovascular disease and other chronic conditions. The combination of these tests helps detect problems-before you have symptoms so your doctor can still take action...so you can keep doing the things you love.

5 important screenings for only \$149

- carotid artery screening
- Heart Rhythm assessment
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening
- Peripheral arterial disease screening
- Osteoporosis Risk Assessment

When: Thursday, July 13

Where: Hays FUMC

Please call toll-free 888-814-0416 to register for your screening and to receive a \$10 discount. Or visit www.LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners

Red, White & Blue Sunday

Wear your red & white shirt with your blue jeans and bring a covered dish for a Red, White & Blue Jean Lunch. The church will grill hot dogs and hamburgers and provide tableware and drinks. Come & celebrate with your church family.

Thanks to Hays FUMC for the donation of pull tabs which supports the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Wichita.

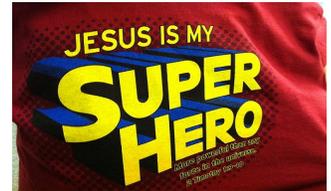
Susan Smythe
 CEO Executive Director

KIDS CORNER

Summer Sunday School is off and running! We've already learned how Chess, Chutes & Ladders and Connect Four help us learn about and draw nearer to Jesus. Don't you want to find out how Life, Sorry, Trouble and Battleship do too?? Join us on Sunday mornings this summer at 9:30 up in the KidsZone, Room 201. Just follow the neon green signs on the floor!

Camp season is in full swing! If you haven't already, PLEASE check out the huge list of campers going to church camp this summer!! While you're there, grab a few note cards and jot a quick note to our campers. They are stepping out in faith, some for the very first time, so a word of encouragement from home will be extra special.

Come "Discover Your Strength in God" at VBS this summer! Hero Central Vacation Bible School is right around the corner and registration is now open. VBS starts Monday, July 17-Thursday, July 20 with a light meal from 5-5:30 and programming 5:30-7:30. You can register online from our church website www.firstunitedmethodistchurch.com or at www.cokesburyvbs.com/haysfumc.



We have our station leaders in place, but are looking for volunteers to be with the kiddos and help them get from one station to another. If you want to help, we have a job!

There will be a short volunteer meeting on Sunday, July 16 @ 4:00 in the Dining Hall. Please plan to come and stay to help transform our church into a place fit for a bunch of superheroes!! We will begin decorating immediately after the meeting, probably around 4:30. Last year, with all of the amazing help, we were out of here between 5:30-6.

If you'd like to donate supplies to VBS, a display and donation board can be found in the church parlor beginning Sunday, June 18. Simply take a "window" or two and bring the requested item back, with the window attached, on or before Sunday, July 2. We thank you all for helping make our VBS a special week for not only our church family and families, but for the Hays community as well.

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).

Heritage Sunday 2017

Duane & Shirley Steffen have been members for 52 years. Duane has served on the Finance & Mission Committees. He has been an usher for 40 years and is on the counting team. He has taught 5th grade Sunday School. He has helped to keep our church in repair by helping with painting, construction and plumbing. Shirley has been on the Trustee committee for 15 years, Nominations for 8 years, and served on Staff Parish. She has taught the Miler's class and K-1st Sunday School. Shirley is a member of UMW and Rebekah Circle. Special church memories include their daughter married by Rev. Miller, Rodger and David's confirmation, Grandson Drew & Dani married by Rev. Nolte, grandchildren Drew, Shelby & Jesse baptized, a great grandson baptized by Rev. Nolte, and having daughter Sonya sing at church. Duane & Shirley have 3 children: Sonya (Danielle, Joe), Rodger (Marcie, Alyssa Jenna), and David (Luann, Drew & Danil, Shelby & Hayley, Jessie & Taylon).

Earl Carlson has been a member of FUMC for 52 years. He has been a regular Sunday School attender. Earl served on the Mission Committee for 10 years, Earl went on mission trips to Sager Brown (3 times), Red Bird Mission (3 times), and made 20 trips to Camp Lakeside to do camp upkeep. Some of his special church memories include the trip to Israel led by Rev. Delbert Stanton, the Confirmations of his four children, funeral service of wife Marilyn and wedding to wife Sharon.

Heritage Sunday – 2017

Don & Pauline Branda have been members of FUMC for 54 years. Don has served as a member of the Epworth Board for 32 years. He has been an usher every Sunday for first service for 12 years and is a counter once a month. Don and Pauline served as co-chairs of the membership committee for 6 years. They have also served faithfully in the Peddler's Pack at Peddler's Fair for 15 years. Pauline taught in the primary department of Sunday School and she is a member of UMW. She & Don have been greeters and Pauline helps every month with the Outreach. They have one son, Timothy, who lives in Long Beach, California.

Sheryl Bemis has been a member of FUMC for 54 years. Sheryl attended Sunday School, MYF, Bible Study, and Camp Lakeside. She helped her mom, Faye Phifer, in the 3 year old Sunday School class, as well as in the nursery. Sheryl has worked tirelessly in Peddler's Pack for Peddler's Fair for many years. She has been a reader, greeter and helped with the Fun Day Carnival. Sheryl's first most special memory was getting to roller skate in Friendship Hall (the basement). Her sister was in MYF and her parents helped, so Sheryl got to go along. Les, the janitor, would have her skates ready every time upon her arrival and then tie them for her, as there were a lot of eyes on those skates! She would always be sad if he wasn't there to help her. Sheryl's 4th grade Sunday School teacher was a gem. The teacher did get a little tired of the class when she would ask what song they would like to sing because they always said, "page 74, The Old Rugged Cross". Sheryl was baptized at FUMC and was married by Rev. Bill Miller to Taylor Bemis in 1971. Their two children were baptized in the church as well. Sheryl's parents celebrated their 50th anniversary here, and both of their funerals were at FUMC. Sheryl and Taylor have a son Dustin (Annie, Kara & Gavin) and a daughter Kristi Koch (Larry, Tee, Trextin, Brodin).

Taylor Bemis has been a member of FUMC for 53 years. He has served as a greeter, reader, in Sunday School & MYF, church choir, and Fun Day Carnival. Special church memories are of Camp Lakeside, Sunday School teachers (Harry Enright, Mr. Schlegel, Esther Kraus), MYF dances and trips, and picnics at Wilson Lake. Taylor also remembers weddings, baptisms, funerals and the support and prayers from church members and clergy during the difficult times.

Wayne & Marguerite Stewart have been actively involved at FUMC for 53 years. Wayne was an early service usher for 20 years. He served on the Trustee/parsonage committee and helped with cleaning, painting, and maintenance of the 8th St. parsonage. Wayne & Marguerite enjoyed home and shut-in visitation. Marguerite taught pre-school and 1st grade Sunday School, accompanied children's choir, helped with Bible School & Kid's Club. She was a member of Council on Ministries, Ad Board and a Stephen Minister. Marguerite has served as a wedding coordinator, trained & scheduled acolytes, and is a faithful member of the quilter's group. She has been a UMW officer, Hays District UMW president, and served on the kitchen & dinner committee. Wayne & Marguerite agree that their best friends have always been their church friends. Their faith journey has been a great learning & spiritual growth experience. Their children are Brenda Hinton, Susan Riley, Brian Stewart & Sharon Bunting. They have 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Darlene & Larry Gilchrist have been members for 52 years. Darlene has served on various committees including Board of Trustees, Evangelism and Nominations. She has been a member of UMW and Shalom Circle for many years. Darlene has been a member of the Loving Hands/Loving Hearts Prayer Shawl Ministry since its beginning. Having always loved music, the music ministry speaks to her in a special way. Memories of their three sons growing up in this church are precious and even though they don't get here often, they still love this church. Larry remembers that their sons grew up during the time of Rev. Bill Miller. They remember him as being God like. We all appreciated him so much that he was asked to marry two of our sons in KC and he agreed to do it. Larry retired from teaching and coaching in 1997 and was able to begin his service to the church. He served on the interview committee when Associate Pastor Phil Fisher was employed. He helped the UMM install Christmas lights and scenes at the Copper Farm. Larry served on the Board of Trustees from 1997-2017 during which time the building stone was repaired, the north parking lot was enlarged, repairs were made to the roof, boiler room, and air conditioning. To conserve electricity, the incandescent lights were converted to florescent lights. The north handicapped entrance was added, as well as many repairs and upgrades to care for our magnificent church. Larry & Darlene have three sons: Brian (Linda, Jacob, Sara, Zachary, Samuel), Jon (Tate, Aubrey, Patrick), and Steve (Ryan, Haley, Kaley and two grandsons Beckham and Calahan).

Heritage Sunday –2017

Arris & Virginia Johnson have been members for 52 years. Virginia taught Sunday School and had charge of the worship and devotions for the upper grades She was a UMYF sponsor. Virginia sang in the choir, substituted on the organ, and played the organ in the chapel for various occasions. Virginia started and directed the bell choir for Kathryn Rogers who gave Art Roger's memorial money to purchase the bells. The FUMC Bell Choir members appeared at various events. UMW was very important to Virginia and she served as president for 2 years of General and was a Circle Leader for several years. Virginia remembers her first connection with FUMC was living in the basement of the dormitory for girls in 1945. This was before the education wing. It was a wonderful experience. At that time there was a very active Wesley Foundation for college students.

Arris taught Sunday School, helped with youth group, sang in the choir, played in the Bell choir and was a member of several committees. Arris also presented some talks on church related topics such as the reliability of the New Testament. Arris first came to FUMC in 1939 when he was a freshman at FHSU. The church was only a basement at that time. He attended regularly until he entered the Army in 1943. When he returned from the service, he finished his degree and came to church regularly when he was in Hays. Virginia & Arris had a son Mark Steven, who went to his heavenly father in 1964 due to a freak accident, snuffing out a very fine young man. Their daughter, Pam McGowne, is the staff accompanist for the music department at FHSU. Virginia & Arris went to this church when it was still a basement facility. They love its beauty today and are so pleased to be a member here.

The Great Transition

Two years ago, on June 18, 2015, I moved to Manzini, Swaziland. My initial commitment was for one year, but I knew in my heart that I would be here longer. In the eyes of my community in America, I was either a hero or a madwoman for picking up everything shortly after college graduation and living halfway across the globe, *without even a salary to show for it*. How do you live without (insert random thing here)? That's really not safe. What about savings, retirement?

For me, moving here was easy. I was so, SO excited. I counted the days until my plane left, a one-way ticket for adventure. Yeah, I miss certain things about America. I miss my friends and family. Sometimes, life feels lonely out here as an expat. The transition here was full of bumps and bruises. It took a while to build a community and to feel comfortable. But overall, I know this is what I wanted, and, more importantly, this is what God wanted.

It's a long story, but through an internet search, I found a volunteer position at a ministry in Bangkok, Thailand that basically describes exactly what I want to do here in Swaziland, except nobody does it here in Swaziland. I wanted to go check out this Thai ministry for short term, but the minimum commitment is 18 months. And there's so much I can learn in 18 months! I can be with people who have been doing this for years and absorb as much as possible from such a well-established ministry. I can grow even more in this new culture and see the world in a fresh new way.

I submitted my application. *Lord, prepare my heart for the news. Prepare my heart for rejection, if the door closes. Prepare my heart to go, if it comes.* One month later, I received an e-mail, *Rachel, NightLight would like to formally accept you to join our team here in Bangkok as the Assistant Outreach Coordinator.* I cried.

Every day is a struggle. It's a test of obedience. Here I have friends, community, and purpose. I don't know anyone in Bangkok. I don't know what to expect of my future there. Saying "yes" doesn't bring you to a destination. It continues your journey. I am still in need of funds for this move to Thailand. Interested in helping out? Email me at racheldanell@gmail.com

Rachel Palmberg

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Upcoming Events



Thursday, June 22, 7:00
Sunday, July 2nd, noon
Thursday, July 13 8-5:30
Sunday, July 16, 4:00 p.m.
Monday, July 17-July 20
Sunday, July 23

Kansas City Bell Choir Concert
Red, White & Blue Jean Lunchd
Lifeline Screening
VBS decorating & Volunteer meeting
Vacation Bible School 5-7:30 p.m.
VBS Sunday