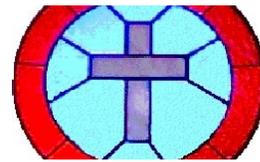


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Perspective

Greetings in the Name of the Messiah!

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. (Matthew 16:13-20)

Long ago, Jesus asked the Disciples, who do you say that I AM? And it was Peter who responded that Jesus was more than a prophet or teacher... Jesus was the Son of God. Because of this bold and brazen statement of belief, Peter became the Rock on whom Jesus would entrust the building of his church. As Easter approaches and we celebrate the affirmation of his suffering, death, and resurrection, that question of faith echoes down the long hallways of history to Christians everywhere... Who do YOU say that I AM? And a second question might also be asked: And what do you believe?

Those two questions are why I’m excited to announce and invite you to participate in the after Easter sermon and study series **CREED: WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE AND WHY** beginning the Sunday after Easter on April 23 and culminating on Sunday, May 28. The study was created by Rev. Adam Hamilton of the UM Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas and will focus on the Apostles’ Creed. The topics will include:

- * I Believe in God April 23 and Wednesday April 26
- * I Believe in Jesus Christ April 30 and Wednesday May 3
- * I Believe in the Holy Spirit May 7 and Wednesday May 10
- * I Believe in the Church and the Communion of Saints May 14 and Wednesday May 17
- * I Believe in the Forgiveness of Sins May 21 and Wednesday May 24
- * I Believe in the Resurrection of the Body May 28 and Wednesday May 31

Don’t let Easter end... Come and join a CREED CLASS! You’ll be inspired as you firm up your faith!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Mike Rose

Please email your OUTREACH item to haysumc@hotmail.com before Sunday, April 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, April 16, 2017**. The next Outreach should be received by April 20th.

Thank You

Dear First UMC family,

Thank you for the many prayers, cards and visits while I recovered from hospitalization. Thank you, too, for the flowers, and for the meals that kept the home front running smoothly. Being so lovingly supported has surely helped with this speedy recovery. Your giving graces are great blessings!

Theresa Rose

We sincerely thank you for your thoughts, prayers, cards and food during and following Tom's heart surgery. The Prayer Shawl was and is a beautiful visual reminder of the power of prayer. Thank you for every stitch and prayer that went into it. Tom has just completed his cardio rehab, the therapists (and we) are pleased with the results. Thank you, too, each of you, for your prayers for my sisters and son. You all remain in our prayers as we thank the Lord for our many blessings.

Tom & Carol Pitner

INTRODUCING OUR STAFF

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Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family & friends of

*Mary Alice Craven on the death of her daughter, **Lois Lee LaRue**, on February 20th.*

***Rainell Goodale** died March 2nd. Condolences to Randy, Jeremy Jerod & families.*

*Leta Stuukesbary on the death of her mother, **Lula "Becky"**, on March 14th.*

*Lester & Avis Look on the death of Lester's brother, **Ralph**, on March 16th.*

Congratulations

to Phil Stahlman on his retirement from Kansas State University Agricultural Research Center after 45 years in the field of crop production and management.

***Shalom Circle** met March 13 at the church. Lois Lutz and Marguerite Stewart were hostesses. Joy Jansonius was introduced as a new member. Virginia Johnson, treasurer, reported \$156 was collected for the Prayer & Self Denial offering. Shirley Green presented a program on Regional Missionaries. In 1868 eight women met at the Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston and organized the women's Foreign Missionary Society, now known as the United Methodist Women. March 23 is know as the Annual Day of Giving which will provide a Legacy Fund so that our mission work can continue for years to come.*

Circle News

Shalom Circle met February 20 at 7:30 at the church. Hostesses were Darlene Gilchrist and Barb Clinkscales. President Linda Beech called the meeting to order. Lexie Robinson read from the Prayer Calendar and Shirley Green led us in a prayer written by a missionary in Africa. The roll call "Do you have a special time or place to pray?" was answered by 12 members and 4 guests, Sheryl Blair, Carol Purdy, Ruth Briney & Mary Akins. Marguerite Stewart gave a short lesson on the Call to Prayer and Self Denial. Rylee Barret gave a slide presentation on the METtour she had taken last June.

Naomi Circle met with Debra McDonald on March 8. Evelyn Zellmer assisted serving 15 members and one guest, Pastor Alice. Marilyn Ginther led members in prayer and Sheryl Blair presented devotions. Upcoming events are the Spring Brunch on April 22 and UMW Sunday on May 7. Pastor Alice presented the program about the Easter Season and the word of God.

Rebekah Circle met on Wednesday, March 8 at the church with 10 members present. Pam Herl, an herbalist, gave the program on medicinal herbs. Sharon Barton and Barbara Jones were the hostesses. Rebekah Circle will serve the funeral dinner on Monday and will provide the meal for the General Meeting on March 15. Local organizations receiving monies from the Peddler's Fair will have an individual at the luncheon to accept the checks.

KIDS CORNER

Easter WOW begins March 29 with two adult options, "Stretch with God," a beginning yoga and prayer class, as well as a Christian movie viewing opportunity. Look for details on the table at the hot dog meal March 29, from 5-6. Then be sure to join Shawn and the Youth Prayse Band in the Sanctuary for informal worship 5:50-6:10, just in time for Kids Club, Youth Group, Spirit Ringers and Adult Programming 6:15-7:15. The Chancel Choir rehearses 7:15-8:30 in Fellowship Hall. Worship on Wednesdays (WOW) has something for EVERYONE!!

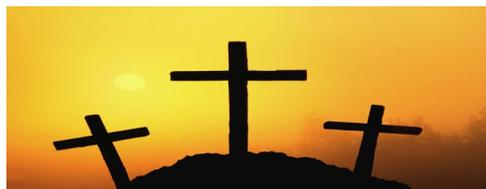
Kids Club numbers have jumped in the last couple of weeks – yay!! We are having a blast, learning about Jesus' ministry as He walks toward the cross, acting out stories and having dance parties! A very special thank you to Marilyn Knowles for gifting Kids Club with money from her husband's memorial. We were able to purchase a cool speaker, complete with light show that we have been using every week since we received it! If you'd like to join us for a dance party, we usually try to end Kids Club with them, around 7:05-7:15.

We are also getting ready to make Resurrection Eggs in Kids Club. Starting March 29 each kiddo will be able to make their own and take it home to share with their family during Holy Week. Any extra hands on March 29 and April 2 for Kids Club would be great!

Kids Prayze has been practicing some new music and are singing for the 10:45 worship services on April 2 and on April 16 for Easter Sunday so be sure to mark your calendars!!

Also coming up on April 23, is Camp Sunday and Bake Sale to raise money for our Camp Fund. Yep, it's already time to start making summer plans...

- * March 29 – Resurrection Eggs project starts in Kids Club
- * April 5 – Resurrection Eggs project completion
- * April 9 – Palm Sunday
- * April 16 – Easter Sunday
- * April 23 – Camp Sunday and Bake Sale
- * April 26– Last WOW – assembling Blessing Bags



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).

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.

Sign up by contacting the church office. Please make checks payable to the church.

Ronald McDonald Houses of Wichita

What Do the Ronald McDonald Houses do?

They provide families stability and resources so they can keep their child healthy and happy. They provide solutions related to the health and well being of children through two Ronald McDonald Houses, a Ronald McDonald Family Room at Wesley Medical Center, and community grants.

Many families travel far from home to get the specialized medical treatment they need for their seriously ill or injured children. The treatment may last a day, a month, or even longer. It is a long time to be away from home, or to divide a family. For children facing a serious medical crisis, nothing seems scarier than not having their mom and dad close by for love and support.

Families are stronger when they are together, which helps in the healing process. Ronald McDonald Houses are a home away from home so families can stay close by their hospitalized child. The Houses are built on the simple idea that nothing else should matter when a family is focused on healing their child, not where they can afford to stay, where they will get their next meal or where they will lay their head at night to rest. By staying at a Ronald McDonald House, parents also can better communicate with their child's medical team and keep up with complicated treatment plans when needed.

They can just focus on the health of their child.

Here is what a family can expect from Ronald McDonald House:

- One private bedroom per family
- Private bathroom with shower
- Kitchen, laundry, playroom facilities
- TV lounges, living room, reading nook, outdoor porch, patio and grill
- Pantry items, fresh foods and meals through donations from the community when available
- Off street parking
- Friendly and supportive environment with other families experiencing similar stresses and concerns
- Access to a computer with Internet access and Wi-Fi



The cost to house one family for one night is \$80. Each family is asked to donate \$15 per night, but no one is turned away if they cannot afford to pay.

The Mission Commission has decided to support the Ronald McDonald Houses as one of our local missions. We have chosen to participate in the Adopt A Family program through the collection of pull-tabs. Collecting pull-tabs is fun and easy. It is also a great way for children, families, and youth to get involved!

As a congregation we ask you to support the Houses through collection of pull-tabs. You can collect the metal piece located on the top of a soda can or any other can with an aluminum tab. These pieces are known as pop tabs or pull-tabs. (Most soup and cat food can tabs are made from tin so unfortunately they cannot be used.)

The tabs are then re-cycled and the money is used to pay for a family's stay at one of the Houses.

Cardboard Houses and blue Culligan jugs are located throughout the church building for collection of the tabs. Please help us to reach our goal of \$2,400, that would pay for 30 nights at \$80 per night.

Please consider how your/our gift can make a difference:

- \$2,400 will provide a one-month stay for a family
- \$1,120 will provide a two-week (14 nights) stay for a family
- \$560 will provide a one-week (7 nights) stay for a family
- \$160 will provide a two-night stay for a family

Camp Lakeside Workday—to assist at the camp as they prepare for summer camping program

April 1, meet at the church at 8:00 a.m., return about 5:30

Bring a sack lunch and wear work clothes

Please RSVP to the church office if you plan to go

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Youth Ministry

- I would like to say Thank You to everyone who helped on Friday, March 17th - Fundraising dinner for the Harvey County Special Olympics team of 65 people. Thanks for your donations and for helping serve and clean up.
- April 1st – All church Mission trip to Camp Lakeside. Youth are encouraged to participate. If your youth needs a ride, let me know. Bring a sack lunch and snacks and wear work clothes. Leave the church at 8:00 a.m. and back by 5:30 p.m.
- April 16th - Sunrise service @ 7:30 a.m. led by Confirmation youth. Confirmation class will be working on the service and parents are encouraged to bring breakfast for their confirmation students.
- April 26th- is the last day of WOW (Worship on Wednesday). Youth will have a game night on that day. We are also in the process of planning for youth summer activities.
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- * April 29-30th – Youth will be taking part in a 30 Hour Famine (all youth 6th-12th grade). This is a fundraiser for World Vision. World vision estimates that it costs \$480 to feed 1 child for 1 year through their program. Our hope is that we can raise that much and if there is anyone willing to match that amount or even half of that, please call the church office or let me know. We would like to raise enough funds to feed at least 2 children for 1 year. Any money raised above that will go towards Camp Lakeside and Camp Horizon camping ministry. Youth will be raising money in April so please consider supporting these ministries.
- As part of the 30 Hour Famine, the youth will be doing mission projects in the community on April 29th. If you know of anyone that needs help cleaning their yard or any light work (remember we will not be eating for 30 hours), please let Pastor Alice know or call the church office.
- May 21st- Confirmation Sunday. All confirmation students, families, and sponsors are requested to plan to be in attendance at the 10:45 a.m. service.

The Conference Council on Youth Ministries (CCYM) is looking for student leaders (grades 7th-12th) who are willing to step up and serve their peers during the 2017-2018 term, which begins July 1, 2017 and continues through June 30, 2018. The mission of CCYM is to support the youth ministries of the local churches and the districts of the Great Plains Conference of the United Methodist Church. Being a member of the CCYM is a servant-leadership role. It guarantees that you will work hard and serve others.

Interested youth can find more information and apply online at www.greatplainsumc.org/ccym

This is due on March 25th.

Happy Easter!!! Pastor Alice Koech

Serve Local

Purpose: To match willing volunteers with people in our community/congregation that need specific tasks performed in and around their homes. These tasks may include painting, general cleanup of yard, moving objects in the home, and basic repairs. Other tasks might include cooking some meals after surgery or hospitalization, transporting individuals to appointments on a short-term basis after surgery or hospitalization or when a caregiver is not available, light house-keeping, or help with laundry.

People in need can be elder orphans, people recovering from illness, and/or persons who lack the resources needed to complete the task or hire it done. These people can either self-refer or be referred to ServeLocal by members of our congregation.

Volunteers can be any member of our church/community that is willing to put forth the time and effort needed to help. Youth and teens can volunteer as well. Referrals will be accepted by email to the church office, in writing via the church office or by phone. Mission committee members monitor incoming requests. This is an ongoing program with projects evaluated, planned and carried out as soon as they are received. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Gail Kuehl at 785-625-5558.

March OUTREACH

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Upcoming Events



Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 1, 8-5:30

Sunday, April 9

Thursday, April 13, 7:00

Friday, April 14, 7:00

Friday-Sunday

Sunday, April 16, 7:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 23, noon

Taize Service, March 26 April 2 & 9

Camp Lakeside Workday

Choir Cantata, Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday Service

Good Friday Service

Prayer Vigil

Easter Sunrise Service

Boy Scout Venture Crew Fundraising Meal