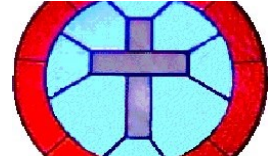


# OUTREACH



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## Perspective

Greetings in the Name of the Risen Christ!

Long ago the prophet Jeremiah wrote, “For surely I know the plans I have for you’, says the LORD, ‘plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.” (Jeremiah 29:11-12) Through Jeremiah, God was announcing plans for a future with hope for God’s people. Here at Hays 1st, God is working through the Staff-Pastor/Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC) to prayerfully ascertain a plan for the needs of this church and how a new staffing plan might best accommodate those needs. For the last six months, the SPPRC has worked diligently and prayerfully to address those needs by beginning a process to restructure the staff, making the best use of our financial and human resources. During that time, health issues required that our longtime custodian, Ron Herrman, take permanent disability leave as of May 1st, allowing for SPPRC to take a new look at our present and future custodial and maintenance needs.

Inasmuch, on behalf of the SPPRC, I’d like to announce the staffing changes and associated events below:

- \* The Associate Pastor position has been eliminated beginning July 1st. Sunday, June 4th at noon, we will celebrate the ministry of Pastor Alice Koech with a covered dish dinner in the dining hall. Please bring a salad or dessert. SPPRC will provide the entrée, tableware, and beverages. There will be a basket for greeting cards for Pastor Alice for her two years of service here.
- \* A Summer Youth Intern will be hired for June through early August to meet the active needs of the youth ministry of the church for the summer.
- \* A Full-Time Youth/Social Media Director will be hired to meet the needs of our growing youth program. Our search for this important position is ongoing, so if you know of someone who might be a good fit, please encourage them to call the church office, check out the church website or FaceBook page, or contact me personally.
- \* A Part-Time Congregational Care Pastor will be appointed next year. To better help meet the pastoral care needs of the congregation, a new part-time Congregational Care Pastor will be staffed in 2018.
- \* A New Full-Time Facilities Technician position will replace the position of Custodian for the church, to not only meet the cleaning needs of the building, but to also handle light maintenance for the building and grounds. As with the Youth/Social Media Director position, our search for this important position is ongoing, so if you know of someone who might be a good fit, please encourage them to call the church office, check out the church web site or FaceBook page, or contact me personally.

As the Senior Pastor at Hays 1st United Methodist Church, I am so very grateful for this hard working SPPRC who has prayerfully considered the plan that God has for us. I am also so very grateful for the good work of Pastor Alice and Ron Herrman, and pray God’s blessing upon them as they move forward in their lives. And finally, I’m grateful for this caring congregation and ask that you pray for the church as it carries out the plans that the Lord has for us!

Grace and Peace, Pastor Mike

Please email your OUTREACH item to [haysumc@hotmail.com](mailto:haysumc@hotmail.com) before Sunday, June 18, 2017  
Please place the name “*Outreach*” in the subject line...or place your item, clearly labeled **for the Outreach**, in the office by **Sunday, June 18, 2017**. The next Outreach should be received by June 22nd.

## Thank You

United Methodist Campus Ministry at FHSU sends a big THANK YOU to our extended family at Hays First UMC for all the love, support, and food you provide to our center throughout the year. As a fruitful academic year of ministry comes to a close, we are grateful for the many people at FUMC who share time, talent and resources with us. UCMC at FHSU is a community growing in God's grace, feeding students' body and soul. Thank you for supporting our Christian mission.

Kathy Bannister

Thanks to everyone for thinking about me and sending cards.

Ron Herrman

## Congratulations

to our newest members

Nancy Jackson

Meredith & Darris Lewallen

and to Brooklyn, Makayla, Sydney & Tayte Lewallen on their baptisms on April 30.

## 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*

**Doris Faulkner** who died 4-10.

*Marillyn & Virgil Wasinger on the death of Marilyn's son-in-law, **John Van Dyke**, on 4-15..*

**Loyde Imhof** who died 4-29.

**Nancy Bates** who died 5-6.

*.Nancy was administrative assistant at Hays FUMC for about 28 years.*

**Marilyn Marshall** died 5-13.

*Marilyn on the death of her husband, **Dale Brooks**, on 5-24.*

*Condolences also to Travis, Corey, Vanessa & Lance.*

*Healthy Congregations is hosting their final class on Reducing Fall Risk through Physical Therapy and Medication Education. Come on Sunday, June 4th 9:30-10:30 in fellowship hall.*

*Denise Ring, Physical Therapist, will share about ways to reduce fall risk in your home and places you go. Exercise bands & pedometers will be given away. A pharmacist will be present to review risk of falling from prescription and over the counter medications. Free blood pressure checks available.*

## AAMeetings

Back to Basic (785-259-6688)  
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## Circle News

**Shalom Circle** met May 8 at the church at 7:00 p.m. Darlene Gilchrist & Julie Giess were hostesses. President Kathy Clark called the meeting to order and gave a devotion, "Watch What God Does, Then Do It". Mary Akins presented the program "Healthy Lifestyle". Mary explained the 8 basic emotions and talking boundaries as well as conducting a Peace of Mind survey. An International program called Strengthening Families will begin May 21 and run through July 30.

**Naomi Circle** met on May 10 at the home of Sheryl Blair. Linda Palmberg served as co-hostess and they served 16 members and two guests, Barbara Jones & Wendy Beougher. Ruth Briney conducted the business meeting and Sammy Miller presented devotions on "Setting Priorities:.". Roll call was answered by members telling about their collections. The Crafters would like more help with the Peddler's Fair projects and anyone is welcome to help with this. Barbara & Wendy presented the program about their button collection.

## Congratulations

### Confirmands of 2017

Sage Zweifel  
Brooklyn Lewallen  
Hope Schumacher  
Jaren Kanak-McGrath  
Mallory Henderson  
Olivia Rankin  
Summer Schneider  
Garrett Wellbrock  
Avry George

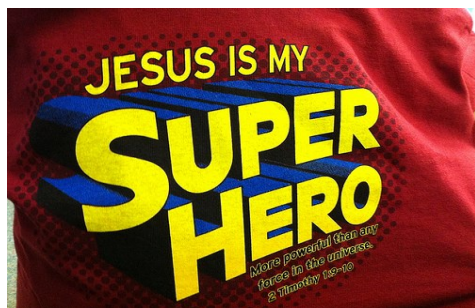
## KIDS CORNER

Summer is almost here!! Beginning Sunday, June 4, we will combine all kids 4th Grade – Preschool into one classroom for the summer. This is based on the grade they just “graduated” from. Our 5th Graders are invited to join the Youth this summer for Sunday School and other activities! Our theme this summer is “Board Games.” I’m excited to see exactly what Biblical knowledge we can learn from Checkers, Battleship and Connect Four....aren’t you?? Join us in the KidsZone on 2nd Floor (the 4/5 Grade classroom) Sunday, June 4 @ 9:30. Don’t forget to bring a friend! We have prizes.....

Can you say....RECORD BREAKERS?!?!?! We once again broke our previous campers’ record and are sending 44 kids to church camp this summer! Yes, 44!!! We’ll have a display set up in the parlor with note cards and a list of the campers attending the next camp. Please swing by and write them a note. I’ll get them all sent so they receive letters from their church family while they are at camp. The list of total campers can be found on the office window.



We had another very successful bake sale, raising \$1,028. THANK YOU CHURCH FAMILY!! As you can imagine, sending 44 kids to camp is expensive and our church is providing half of those registration fees. We do have enough set aside in our Camp Fund for this summer, but will always accept donations to start building it back up for next summer.



Hero Central VBS is July 17-20 so mark your calendars now for an amazing week!! If you’d like to help, we are always looking for volunteers.

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).

### Thanks to our teachers and volunteers!

Sandy Henningsen  
Melissa Pyle  
Erica Berges  
Jessica Luck  
Carla Thomas  
Brenna Garcia  
Rebecca Kuehl  
Lisa McGrath  
Joey Roth  
Molly McMurtire  
Carol Purdy  
Sue Rouse  
Kristi Lang  
Meghan Brown

Sara Teeter  
Sandy Aldrich  
Jo Swayne  
Shawn Henderson  
Brett Bruner  
Trevor Henningsen  
Pastor Alice Koech  
Josh Clinkscales  
Andrea Clinkscales  
Deb Gross  
Sarah Schwarz  
Kristina Heinrich  
Jill Arensdorf  
Stacey Jones

Mark Hantla  
Mike Cooper  
Pastor Mike  
Josh Zweifel  
Shauna Zweifel



Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

What a blessed Confirmation Sunday we had on May 21st! Congratulations to all the confirmation youth! You have begun your faith journey and I wish you all the best! I know that you will all do amazing things in God's kingdom!

Congratulations to all high school graduates and college graduates. I would like to especially congratulate one of our youth sponsors who received his Doctorate: Dr. Brett Bruner!

By now many of you know that I will no longer be your Pastor as of July 1st (though it has not been officially announced).

This is bitter-sweet for me. I'm sad that I'm leaving you all. I will miss you terribly. I'm sad that I will not be able to work with the youth any more.

The last two years have gone by so fast and I was just starting to get acclimated to the work here at Hays First.

On the other hand, I leave this position and this place having met the most incredible, most generous, most loving people I know! You all welcomed me as your Associate pastor/youth pastor with open arms. You have demonstrated God's love to me and my family and I will forever cherish that.

I have had wonderful times with the youth and I'm sure they have heard tons of stories about Africa from me. Some of the stories might have made them think that Africa is all jungle or all villages, ha! Though that is not entirely far from the truth, Africa has some of the most beautiful scenery and modern infrastructure. I did not feel the need to share about sky scrapers and malls. I hope I somehow intrigued some of the youth to want to travel to see other parts of the world. But most importantly, I hope I inspired them to live for Christ and to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and to be compassionate and caring towards those who are less fortunate.

I would like to mention how grateful I am to everyone who made my work/ministry at Hays FUMC a blessing. First, I would like to thank Trevor Henningsen, Brett Bruner, Deb and Sam Gross, Josh and Andrea Clinkscales and Ben Clinkscales, Kristina Heinrich, Tammy Wellbrock, Rev. Kathy Bannister, Shawn Henderson, and Marijo Rooney. I would also like to thank the church staff; Pastor Mike, Jo Swayne, Bev, Wendy, Rebecca, Don, Ron, Sandy, and Joe Edwards. You all made it worthwhile to come to work every day and I would not have asked for better staff to work with (my prayers are with Ron who is battling cancer). I enjoyed the times of laughter, the times we prayed together, the times we cried together, and everything in between. Blessings on you all.

I would also like to thank everyone who helped me in youth ministry in one way or another. The success of youth ministry has not been the work of one person. The following people helped as youth sponsors, Sunday school teachers, confirmation teachers and mentors, chauffeurs, etc: Josh and Shauna Zweifel, Sarah Schwarz, Trevor and all the youth parents who helped in so many ways. Thank you all so much! I wouldn't have done it without you!

Finally, many have asked me what my plans are beginning July 1st. I will not be posted anywhere for now. Instead, I chose to stay home with my family and support my husband in his ministry as the pastor at Trinity UMC, Russell and take care of my fast growing high schooler and middle schooler. I will also continue my involvement with the Kenya mission project whose goal is to provide clean water in remote villages. I will most likely travel to Kenya before the end of the summer to be part of the next phase of the project (if we receive a grant that we applied for through UMCOR).

I would appreciate your prayers and I will be praying for you as well. Keep in touch. Jeremiah 29:11- "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." Kwaheri na Baraka, Bye and blessingsJ

Pastor Alice Koech

Dear Friends & Family,

I want to thank you once again for all your faithful support over the past five years of international mission work. It's hard to believe that I first journeyed to Swaziland in 2012, and that it's been my home for nearly two years now. Whether you've been part of this supportive community since the very beginning, or this is your first support letter, please know that I am forever grateful for your commitment to God's work across the world.

Over my two years in Swaziland, God has revealed my heart for women trapped in the sex industry. There is a great need for help for these women in Swaziland, yet few opportunities to do so. In order to learn how to effectively reach these women, the Lord has called me to NightLight International, a ministry reaching to the red light district in Bangkok.

From the NightLight website:

Thailand is a source, destination and transit country for trafficking in persons according to the 2014 report by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of International Labor Affairs. In fact, in this report, Thailand was downgraded to the lowest rank possible in terms of their efforts to combat human trafficking. Fueled by a growing demand, countless women and children from around the world are victimized by gender inequality, poverty and cultural obligations. They are sold or pressured into prostitution and trafficked in and out of Bangkok to sustain an increasingly global network.

In addition, thousand of uneducated Thai women from impoverished rural villages migrate to Bangkok each year in search of work to support their families. They are at risk of sexual exploitation because they lack the basic job skills and education needed to support themselves. Estimates are that 80% of Thai men frequent women in bars and 60% of foreign men entering Thailand participate in the sex industry, generating approximately US \$1.2 billion annually.

The NightLight outreach team maintains a presence in the red-light district of Nana Sukhumvit, building relationships with women and children, who come from as many as 20 different countries, and offering them a way out of their situation. As a part of the NightLight team, I will be organizing outreaches to the red light district and teaching English, job and computer skills.

I have a heavy heart as I prepare to leave my beloved Swazi family, but I am incredibly excited to begin this new journey. This adventure begins in July. I will be in the U.S. for a few weeks while transitioning from Africa to Asia. I am required to raise my own salary. To cover my 18-month commitment, my goal is to raise \$15,000 before my departure:

Flights, \$3,000; Visa, \$200; Rent, \$2,50 per month; Thai language school, \$200 per month; Food, phone & toiletries, \$150 per month; Transport, \$60 per month; Fun, \$30 per month; Emergency, \$30 per month.

Please prayerfully consider joining me financially on this journey, whether by making a one-time contribution, or pledging a monthly amount. Checks can be made out to Hays FUMC which my name in the memo. All checks are tax-deductible. Online donations can be sent via PayPal to racheldanell@gmail.com.

While finances are important and necessary to get me from Swaziland to Bangkok, prayer is what really drives this mission forward. This is not an easy transition, nor an easy field to enter, so your prayers are crucial. Thank you,

Rachel Palmberg

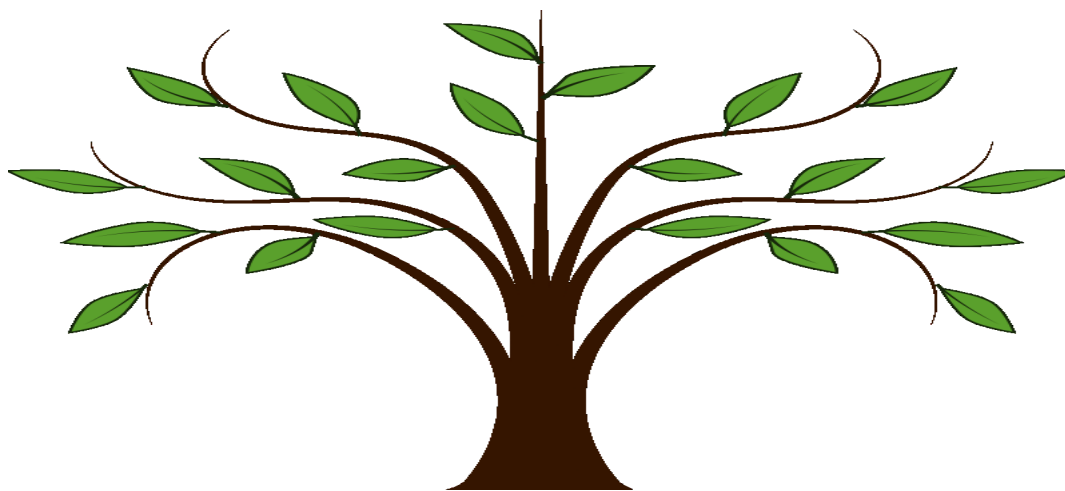


## Strengthening Families

Healthy Congregations learned about ways to reduce the risk families face every day in this world from drugs & alcohol, anxiety, depression, and more. **The Board of Global Ministries learned of The Strengthening Families Program** and so believed in it, created a grant to train leaders of those churches who have a Healthy Congregations group. Sandy Aldrich led the way as we learned about this program and then enrolled two teams thru our church to take the training. We were blown away by the research presented. This is a brain-based, research-based, evidence-proven program of over 30 years, now in all states of the nation and over 30 countries world-wide. Healthy Congregations learned about ways to reduce the risk families face every day in this world from drugs & alcohol, anxiety, depression, and more. **The Board of Global Ministries learned of The Strengthening Families Program** and so believed in it, created a grant to train leaders of those churches who have a Healthy Congregations group. Sandy Aldrich led the way as we learned about this program and then enrolled two teams thru our church to take the training. We were blown away by the research presented. This is a brain-based, research-based, evidence-proven program of over 30 years, now in all states of the nation and over 30 countries world-wide.

Strengthening Families began with a grant from the National Institute of Drug Abuse. It is an evidence-based parenting program designed to help parents and kids develop happier family relationships, improve mental health outcomes, and help decrease youth alcohol and drug use, violence, and delinquent behavior.

Our first 11 week class began Sunday May 21st. Sorry, our class is full for this summer. Word of mouth spread fast. We “plan” to teach it again in the fall at WOW, and beyond that in the community. If you are interested in taking the class sometime in the future, let us know, or if you are interested in taking the training to be a class leader.



“When we pray to God for patience, does God give us patience or the opportunity to be patient?  
 When we pray to God for courage, does God give us courage or the opportunity to be courageous?”  
 Of the many things we may pray for, I’m guessing we don’t have to look too far to see our many  
 endless opportunities. Opportunities to be agents of peace, of patience, of grace, of forgiveness, of kindness, of joy, of  
 hope and of love. As we see the world around us, in fact, opportunities abound.  
 Courtney Fowler, Conference Lay Leader  
 GP Connect, Spring 2017, p. 3

Remember your church membership vows this summer...

I will be faithful by my prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.



# Congratulations, Graduates!

## Hays High School

Colton Adams	Tigist Bannister	Isys Bearley	Ryan Fort
Chantz Brungardt	Sam Crowley	Riley Kenton	Dylan Scheibler
Xander Swayne	Hannah Thomasson	Hannah Norris	

## College and University Graduates

**Joseph Borra**, son of John & Lucinda Borra, is graduating from FHSU with a BS in Biology and an emphasis in Wildlife Biology.

**Lisa Brening**, daughter-in-law of Shiela Brening and granddaughter-in-law of LaVaughn Hull, is graduating from FHSU with a Masters in Nursing Administration.

**Adam Brening**, son of Shiela Brening and grandson of LaVaughn Hull, is graduating from FHSU with a Masters in business Administration.

**D'Layna Brening**, daughter-in-law of Shiela Brening and granddaughter-in-law of LaVaughn Hull, is graduating as a Nurse Practitioner from FHSU.

**Lisa Hull**, wife of Douglas Hull and daughter-in-law of LaVaughn Hull, is graduating from FHSU with a Masters in Technology.

**Millie Copper**, daughter of Jeff & Marla Copper and granddaughter of Gary & Lela Eller, is graduating from Kansas State University with a BS in Marketing & Public Relations. She will also receive a Selling Certificate from National Strategic Selling Institute.

**Joshua Dykens**, grandson of Don & Leora Forssberg, is graduating from Western Oklahoma State College with an associate degree in Music and Computer Science.

**Tate Elizabeth Gilchrist**, granddaughter of Larry & Darlene Gilchrist, is graduating from Kansas State University with a BA in Biochemistry, a secondary major in Gerontology and a minor in French.

**Abbey Homburg**, daughter of Kevin & Marla Homburg, is graduating from North Central Kansas Technical College as a Pharmacy Technician.

**Brady Kenton**, son of Bart & Karla Kenton, is graduating from Kansas State University with a BS in Biology and Philosophy.

**Zachary Kuntz**, son of Gordon & Kara Kuntz, is graduating from Kansas State University with a Masters in Industrial Engineering. He will also be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

**Christopher McGowne**, son of Pam McGowne and grandson of Arris & Virginia Johnson, is graduating from the Denver University School of Law.

**Trenton M. Meckenstock**, grandson of Mary Meckenstock, is graduating from Kansas State University School of Pharmacy.

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## Upcoming Events



<b>Sunday, May 28</b>	<b>Thomas Cole Eagle Scout Court of Honor</b>
<b>Sunday, June 4</b>	<b>Summer Sunday School begins</b>
<b>Sunday, June 4, 9:30</b>	<b>Healthy Congregations, Fall Risk</b>
<b>Sunday, June 4, 9:30</b>	<b>Heritage Sunday</b>
<b>Thursday, June 8, 9:00</b>	<b>Crafters</b>
<b>Thursday, June 22, 7:00</b>	<b>Kansas City Bell Choir Concert</b>