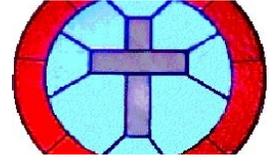


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Perspective

Greetings in the Name of Christ!

Long ago in John's gospel, the Risen Christ met the disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. He had prepared a wonderful breakfast for them, after directing them to a miraculous catch of fish. During the breakfast, he spoke to his disciple, Simon Peter. Jesus said to him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Peter replied, "Yes Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Jesus said to him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus replied, "Tend my sheep." He said to him a third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him a third time. "Do you love me?" and he said to Jesus, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." (John 21:16-18)

I am reminded of that story as we begin our fall stewardship campaign to support the ministries of this community of faith. The campaign is based on John Wesley's three simple rules of giving, which is to "earn all you can; save all you can; and give all you can". The "Earn, Save, Give" fall stewardship campaign actually began last March, when our Finance Committee's stewardship team, led by Kevin Swayne and John Booze, reviewed the program and decided it was something that would benefit each member-family of this church family. They were excited about the prospect of each church-family being given a free copy of the book "Earn, Save, Give", discussing what God is doing in their lives and how they might covenant to respond to God's generosity with their own. They also like the prospect of each member-family learning and growing in the spiritual aspects of generosity and giving, literally, feeding Christ's lambs and sheep, and tending to them through their love of Jesus. So that each member-family could receive a copy, hundreds of the "Earn, Save, Give" books would be purchased, but how?

Through the generosity and loving support of our Endowment Ministry Team, who saw the book's importance and graciously funded their purchase. Inasmuch, this year, the "Earn, Save, Give" program has begun with the distribution of the books after each worship service to those in attendance (If you haven't received your copy of the book, please stop by or call the church office and one will be mailed to you. We want *every member-family to have and read the book.*)

So my challenge to you is this:

- * First, to prayerfully read and discuss the attributes of the book with your family.
- * Second, please attend worship on Sunday and one of the Sunday school or Wednesday evening classes that will also discuss it. (it will begin October 29th).
- * Third, to prayerfully decide how God is calling you and your family to support the mission of Christ's church for 2018 and to prayerfully fill out and submit and estimate of giving card at one of the Consecration Sundays (November 19 & 26).
- * And finally, to attend the All Church Celebration Sunday Pot Luck Luncheon on December 3rd at noon as we celebrate the mission and ministries of our church.

Thank you for your love and support of Jesus through your pledge of generosity as we look to 2018 with great anticipation and joy!

Grace & Peace, Pastor Mike

Please email your OUTREACH item to haysumc@hotmail.com before Sunday, November 12, 2017

Please place the name "Outreach" in the subject line...or place your item, clearly labeled **for the Outreach**, in the office by **Sunday, November 12, 2017**. The next Outreach should be received by November 16th.

Thank You

We're really grateful for your commitment to help us with food for our clients.

Theresa Hill & Laurie Moring, Co-Directors
Community Assistance Center
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Remember to bring non-perishable food items on Sunday to help stock the pantry at the CAC. Supplies are needed continually.

Thank you to Keith Eilts at Genuine Appliance for replacing our worn out freezer with a brand new one. The UMW members were thrilled to receive this generous gift! It was greatly appreciated.

A sincere thank you to all for your thoughts, cards, and prayers. The prayer shawl is so special and surrounds me with your warmth. God bless you,
Virginia Johnson
Via Christi

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- Building Supervisor: Aaron Van Der Wege

Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family & friends of

*Carol & Tom Pitner, on the death of Carol's sister, **Linda Blackstone**, on 9-25.*

*Ed & Dixie Janzen on the death of Ed's brother, **Thelbert**, on 9-30.*

*to Virginia & Harold Kraus on the death of Virginia's sister, **Margaret Wilhelm**, on 10-6.*

***Darlene Farr**, who died 10-11.*

*to Wilmer & Lorena Kellogg on the death of Wilmer's brother, **Charles**, on 10-14.*

Thanks to all who have sent cards and food. They are much appreciated.

Ron Herrman

Dear Church family & friends,
Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers, visits, cards, food and flowers during and after my sister, Linda Blackstone's illness and death. She will be missed as my "baby sister" but so glad to believe she is now in a much better place. Your thoughts and prayers definitely have helped me through the past few years. Tom thanks you too.

God bless you each and everyone,

Carol Pitner



Circle News

Naomi Circle met at the church on October 11th with Melody Davidson hosting 13 members. Debra McDonald led in prayer and shared devotions, "Five Christian Pumpkins". The business meeting was chaired by Debra. Final plans were made for the Hospitality table for the October 14th Hays District meeting. Virginia Kraus and Sheryl Blair are in charge of set up and serving, with Naomi members bringing goodies to share. Prior to the meeting, Naomi ladies made snack mix to put in decorated jars for the Peddler's Fair. Sheryl Blair decorated the jars and coordinated the project. Peddler's Fair was discussed and it was decided to discontinue the ham and turkey sales this year. The November 8th meeting will be held at the church with Mary Alice Brent and Ruth Briney co-hosting. The meeting was closed with the Mizpah benediction.

Rebekah Circle met at the church on Wednesday, October 11 with 11 members present. Hostesses were Theresa Rose, Betty Innes & Barbara Jones. Lucy Bain, Communications Director of the Hays Public Library presented information on the programs and activities available at the library. Rebekah Circle is the Good Samaritan Circle and will serve the luncheon for the November General Meeting.

A sincere thank you to Karen & Norman Owings and to Donna Weaverling for delivering Meals on Wheels in October. This service is greatly appreciated.

KIDS CORNER

Kids Club is going strong with over 50 kids registered! Right now not all 54 have been at WOW on the same Wednesday, so prayers will be appreciated the days all our families can make it work with their schedules . What a GREAT problem to have!! We have been learning about Moses and his ministry. It's been a fascinating study and the kids are really enjoying getting to know the real person Moses was and how God did amazing things through him.

Sunday School and Kids Prayze is kicking along this busy fall season! Our overall numbers have remained consistent with last year, but because of the busyness of our active church families, not everyone can make it all on the same Sunday so our attendance averages are down just a tiny bit. The younger kiddos are working with the Deep Blue curriculum and the 2/3 graders are continuing on their "route" through the Bible, while the 4/5 grade class has been busy planning their trunk for Trunk or Treat and discussing ways they can be involved in our church.

Children/Youth Sabbath is right around the corner on October 22!! The Youth have been hard at work on an amazing worship service so please make every attempt to be here. The children will be singing, alongside the Youth Prayze Band, and even some fun decorations will be present in the Sanctuary for our special day. You do not want to miss our children and youth at work in our church, so mark the date today!

Trunk or Treat will be on Wednesday, October 25 from 5:30-7:00 in the North parking lot. This is a fun filled evening with our church family and a great outreach for the Hays community. If you haven't already signed up, you can bring your car, open the trunk and hand out treats to all the trick-or-treaters OR donate candy/treats for others to hand out OR bring your lawn chair and enjoy the evening and fellowship with your church family. We'll have the parking lot blocked off to traffic after 4:30 so you are welcome to park anytime after that to set yourself up for the fun.



Dates to put on your calendar:

Stewardship Sundays – November 19 & November 26

Christmas Pageant Tryouts – November 19 @ 3:00

Christmas Pageant for WOW – December 13

Christmas Pageant for service – December 17



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Habitat for Humanity of Ellis County is selling delicious Mar-Con pies. Pick up an order form in the church office. Pies are \$15 and can be picked up at the church on Nov. 16th from 5-8 p.m. The deadline for orders is **October 25th**.

Shalom Circle met at the church October 9 at 7:00 p.m. President Linda Beech called the meeting to order. The roll call, "What's one thing on your bucket list?" was answered by 9 members. Shalom circle members prepared and served supper for 20 members the evening before and lunch the day of the 44th annual meeting of the Hays District UMW on Oct. 14th. Members decorated clementine oranges as Jack-O-Lanterns and delivered those and candy to our shut-ins for Halloween.

Life through Faith

John writes that we should love not through words or speech, rather we should love through actions and truth. Last night 34 youth and adults gathered together to collect food for the Community Assistance Center through Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat. That's 34 people who gave up an hour and a half each to serve those less fortunate and receive nothing in return. Together they amassed 51 hours of service, or a week's worth of work plus overtime for no reward.

Throughout scripture it is written that our faith is more than just the words we speak. James writes what use is it to say you have faith but have no works. Not that works produce faith, but rather faith produces works. The works that we do are a result of the faith that we have. In fact, James goes further and says that a faith without works is dead.

This is a lesson that is the main goal of the youth ministry at the church. We try to help them realize that having faith is so much more than saying you do or showing up on Sunday morning. We try to help them understand that Jesus taught that with true faith you are born again and live a life of love and selflessness towards others. We try to teach them to filter all that they think, say and do through the faith they profess to have.

My challenge for you is the same. Your faith should be the driving force of your life. Your faith should be the number one priority in your life. Beginning letting your faith produce those good works for love, service and self-sacrifice.

Matt Dumler, Youth Ministry Director

PEDDLERS' FAIR 2017



Sat., Nov. 4, 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM.

Everyone is invited to help by baking, making, & attending! This is an annual bazaar sponsored by the United Methodist Women. Proceeds go to United Methodist supported missions & for improvements to our church.

You can help support this event by baking-and-making, and donating those items to be sold. A few examples of the many food and craft items could be: any kind of baked goods, jams & jellies, pies, relishes, creative crafts-whatever your specialty! Anything CHOCOLATE is most welcome! Start finding those sale type items that are "like new" for the Peddler's Pack room (east of kitchen).

Then, come, enjoy, and fulfill some of your seasonal shopping needs! Tell all your friends!

Lunch 11AM-1PM: *Adults \$8; Ages 3-10 yrs. \$3. *Suggested Donation

The UMW Luncheon & General Meeting were held September 20th in the church dining room. Naomi Circle provided a delicious salad luncheon for 24 members and two guests, Marilea Beougher & Louise Schultz of Grainfield.

The UMW Singers, accompanied by Sheryl Cox, provided special music. A report on the Native American Conferences in Oklahoma, North Dakota and Alaska was presented by Marilea Beougher. This was a Mission U class at Kansas Wesleyan in Salina, held in July.

The business meeting was conducted by president Marsha Swanson. Plans are in progress for hosting the Hays District Annual Meeting on October 14th. Peddler's Fair will be November 4th. The quilt is displayed in the parlor and tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00, available in the parlor on Sundays or in the church office. All were reminded to complete projects.

Great Plains Annual Conference notes from GP Connect

Conference votes on constitutional amendments

Clergy and lay members to annual conference will have to wait for results from a single ballot taken on the floor.

Like conferences around the world, the Great Plains voted on five proposed constitution amendments. The results will be made public once all of the annual conferences have voted.

The proposed amendments:

- Adding language on gender justice, comparable to its rights on racial justice.
- Adding “gender” (meaning male and female) to the constitution to affirm and protect the United Methodist Church’s commitment to gender equity throughout the worldwide connection.
- Firming language that delegates be elected by their annual conferences rather than being appointed by their bishops.
- Calling for episcopal elections in the central conferences to take place in the regular sessions of the conferences.

Changing language that was ruled unconstitutional that held individual members accountable for decisions by the Council of Bishops.

Next Year’s Annual Conference to be held in Wichita

The Rev. Nan Kaye-Skinner, pastor of Trinity UMC in Lincoln and conference secretary, announced that next year’s annual conference session will be June 13-16, at the Century II convention center in Wichita.

Conference votes to keep health allowance

Clergy in the Great Plains Conference voted Saturday morning to maintain its system of providing a health insurance stipend.

The conference’s Pension and Health Benefits team had proposed a group health plan through Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kansas, as an alternative.

Both plans would cost churches the same amount, \$15,850, said the Rev. Gary Beach, treasurer and director of administrative services.

A motion from the floor suggesting that full-time clergy contribute 1 percent of their base compensation into a pool for assistance for financially challenged pastors to pay their premiums was referred to the Pension and Health Benefits team after discussion on the floor.

Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr. said the discussion was fueled by the uncertainty of the national health care status. “Let’s leave some space for the creative spirit of God to find a way forward,” he said.

John & Colleen Eisenberg—Missionaries Leaving Paraguay

How does one say goodbye after 17 years in a place? Time flew by in July and some of August as we officially turned our ministries over to Paraguayans and said our good-byes to our dear, dear brothers and sisters in Paraguay. We shed mutual tears and shared words of encouragement. New Horizon Methodist School, the Methodist Bible Institute and the National Church celebrated God’s faithfulness with wonderful send-off parties for us. The foundation that we have laid in overseas ministry is the base for whatever ministry lies ahead.

We are adapting back into the States and re-tooling for employment. Getting a job is not easy. Colleen is being treated for osteoporosis. We just purchased a house in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, due east of Tulsa, Oklahoma. We are in a big learning curve as we **truly** enter American culture for the first time in 27 years! We thank you all **so much** for your prayers and support as we “**find our feet**”

I wish to thank the wonderful members and friends of our church for the calls, texts, cards, and prayers while I was recovering in and out of the hospital. I know all of the above helped with my recovery!

Darlene Gilchrist

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Upcoming Events



Sunday, October 22	Children & Youth Sabbath
Wednesday, October 25	Trunk or Treat, FUMC Parking Lot
Saturday, November 4	Peddler's Fair
Sunday, November 12	Church Conference, 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 16	Habitat for Humanity pie pick-up
Sunday, November 19 & 26	Consecration Sundays