

First United Methodist Church

FUMC Vision and Purpose:

We come to know God
and go to love people.

FUMC Mission Statement:

Our Congregation will strive to ...

- Strengthen worship;
- Develop a deeper understanding of Christian faith and the Bible; and
- Provide increased opportunities for discipleship.

Today is Peace with Justice Sunday.

This Special Sunday offering supports ministries that advocate for peace with justice. Up to 50 percent of the offering remains in your annual conference to support local peace and justice programs.

FUMC support efforts: A second trip to help our tornado stricken neighbors took place on June 11, Joe Smith took a group of 10 workers to Joplin Missouri to help with the clean up efforts there. Those participating were: Joe and Bev Smith, Randall Bishir; Carl Boldra, Vicki Thompson, Zakery Thompson, Miller and Ethel Landis, Ron Schwatken and Paul Stoner.

Be watching for other opportunities to help

We still need:

- Greeters, the coordinator is Andrea Sitton. Call the church office.
- Ushers, call the church office, the coordinator is Dale Boyd. Ushers serve for 1 month at a time, twice a year. Call the church office.
- Volunteers for VBS, the coordinator is Susan Ward, Call the church office.

Pastor Dee's contact information.

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See the complete Church Calendar at
www.fumcindy.com
click on "Church Calendar"

Sunday, June 19

Father's Day
Food Basket Sunday
8:30am Worship - Chapel
9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship - Sanctuary

Monday, June 20

6pm Media Team - Rm 101
6pm Missions - Rm 107
7pm Council on Ministries - Rm 107

Tuesday, June 21

5pm FCA Rally planning meeting - Rm 101

Wednesday, June 22

7:30pm Men's Bible Study - Rm 202

Thursday, June 23

5:30pm CUFF Meal - Episcopal Church

Saturday, June 25

9am Angel Food Distribution - WC

Sunday, June 26

8:30am Worship - Chapel
9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship - Sanctuary

Wednesday, June 29

12 noon Staff Meeting - Gault Kitchen
7:30pm Men's Bible Study - Rm 202

Thursday, June 30

5:30pm CUFF Meal - Episcopal Church

Sunday, July 3

8:30am worship - Chapel
9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship - Sanctuary

Monday, July 4,

Independence Day
Church Office Closed

Wednesday, July 6

7:30pm Men's Bible Study - Rm 202

Thursday, July 7

5:30pm CUFF Meal - Episcopal Church

Sunday, July 10

Blood Pressure Checks - Comfort Room
8:30am Worship - Chapel
9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship - Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

Summer SS Adult Series — July 10-July 31
VBS — July 25-29, 8:30-11:30am

The CareLink



Open hearts.
Open minds.
Open doors.

The people of the United Methodist Church

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June 19, 2011

Sermon Series: Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

This Sunday will be the final sermon in our series. Over 10 years ago, The United Methodist Church 'branded' itself as a church with: Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors. Though this slogan was not put in place as a theological statement about The United Methodist Church, it has served to raise a positive awareness about The United Methodist Church. We are taking a glimpse at this slogan that is plastered on our websites, letterhead and conference journals. We are looking at each statement, Open Minds, Open Hearts and Open Doors, from a theological perspective using our Gospel Lectionary scriptures. The Sermon title this week is "Open Doors ... Go ye therefore!!"



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church™



Adult VBS

Adult Vacation Bible School - Telling the Stories Bible Study, July 25-28, Monday thru Thursday, from 7-8:30pm in Gault Hall. This year we will focus on the stories of the Bible. We will visit 4 selected stories and exam the familiar and the peculiar of the stories. We'll spend time thinking about how each story connects to everyday life and or where we find ourselves in the story. We will discuss how we can share parts of these stories to witness our

faith to others who may not know the stories or may not have thought of the story in that way before.

What to bring to class: A study Bible, notebook, pen and an open spirit. You can bring bible dictionaries and commentaries if you like...however some historical reference materials will be available.

The study this year is designed to help us re-engage the scriptures with familiar stories. And it will help those who may be unfamiliar with the bible and create an opportunity to inquire more about what the bible is about. So, I encourage you to come out one night and join in this study. And let's gather around the Word of God and exam the scriptures together.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? Or do you enjoy sewing? If you do I (Pastor Dee) would like to know. Recently, I received a prayer shawl in the mail from the prayer shawl ministry at Towanda, UMC. What a blessing receiving that shawl has been. It reminded me of the times I spent making prayer shawls in the past a few years ago for others...however I did not realize the impact those shawls make to the receiver until I received one....I invite you, if you are interested, to join me in creating a prayer shawl ministry here at First United Methodist. We will initially meet on Wednesday, June 22 at 6:30pm in the Parlor. Please contact the church office by phone or email to let me know you are interested. Remember... our prayers do change things!



— Pastor Dee

MS Read-A-Thon Elizabeth Murray is organizing a Read-A-Thon to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. It will run from June 15 to August 15 and is for grades K- 8. Sign up by July 15 to ensure you get a prize! Once you are signed up, you ask family and friends to sponsor you and then read, read, read! For more info, go to www.readathon4ms.wordpress.com or email msreadathonks@gmail.com or call Elizabeth at 620-205-7095.

College Scholarships: Members of the congregation planning to attend a United Methodist College that has a local church matching scholarship program may apply for a scholarship from Independence FUMC. The application is a letter, due June 30, giving the following information:

- The name of the United Methodist College and the name of the scholarship program which will provide matching funds;
 - a request for a scholarship;
 - and a paragraph describing how the student has been involved in the life and ministry of FUMC and how that involvement has contributed to growth as a follower of Christ.
- The Endowment Committee will meet following June 30 to determine which students will be granted scholarships and the amount of each grant.

From Stewardship Committee This year's stewardship theme is "Grace and Gratitude."

- The Noisy Change Offering is off to a great start. It is collected during the second Sunday of each month in worship. Money collected in May and June totaled right at \$270 and will go towards Vacation Bible School. Third quarter monies will be given to the Joplin tornado relief. Thank you for supporting this.
- Stewardship is also sponsoring the Giving Bowl concept. Cards are being placed in the Care Link, on the table at the back of the chapel, and in the pews in the sanctuary. Simply fill out the card, designating a need you might have or a service you would be willing to offer to church members. Some possible needs could be asking for someone to visit, flowers being watered/weeded, light bulbs changed, rides to appointments, light housekeeping/yard needs, etc. Service gifts would be for about an hour time frame and could be from an individual, small group, or even a Sunday School class. All requests are confidential and will be addressed through the church office. Please contact the church office if you have questions.



UMW News

The next **general gathering** for the UMW will be July 20, from 9:30 - 12 Noon at Nell Updegraff's home.

A few things to remember this summer.....

- Continue to save your Best Choice labels or UPC as we will need 1,000 to use our Bonus Certificate for \$30 by Dec.31. Marvin's is no longer being supplied by Associated Wholesale Grocers, Inc. If you are shopping in Cherryvale or Neodesha at G & W Foods or in Coffeyville at Country Mart you can still buy Best Choice products. The Best Choice money is for our local kitchens.
- Also continue to save the Campbell's soup labels for Education and Box Tops for Education to help our mission schools.
- Nell Updegraff showed a new book at our Mission Team meeting donated by Rayma Bisher, "Remember Me". She asked members to continue reading through the summer.
- The Circle of Esther (Lunch Bunch) served a funeral lunch for the family of Marian Bean on Tuesday, June 14. Sue Prince is the chairman of this circle.



Artist: Francis, 15, Crow Creek Reservation, Central South Dakota.

Mission Thought: United Methodist Deaconess Patricia

Croley serves as an elementary school teacher with the Dakota people on the Crow Creek Reservation. "My mission is to extend God's love to the Dakota people, many of whom believe that God has abandoned them. God's love provides hot meals for children who otherwise might be hungry, and that love provides diapers for babies. I use the artwork of the children in cards and calendars so they can value their own talent."

We Uphold First United Methodist Church:

by our prayers...

- **Hospitalized:** Peggy Coder
- **Recovering away from home:** Jim Brown (Bradford Place), Lew Boys (Gansel House) and Laverne Harris (Regl Estates).
- **Recovering at home:** Terry Killman and Martha Marshall.
- **Also remember:** Dorothy Cretcher, Dixie Jensen, Marilyn Jensen, Irene McGill, Jamie Rathjen, Erica Schultz, Martha Scott, and Dick and Phyllis Smith.
- **Military:** That they might be kept safe from all harm and used as instruments of peace.
- **Global concerns:** earthquake/tsunami victims in Japan; tornado and flood victims in the South; our global missionaries, our neighbors in Reading, Joplin and Oklahoma.
- **Local and National:** our government leaders; community and school concerns.
- To be included in prayer, call the office, 331-3840; call Corky Sanford, 331-4750; place a prayer card in the prayer box or offering plate.

by our presence...

	May 29	June 5	June 12
Early Worship	54	53	49
Sunday School	74	90	93
Late Worship	131	149	154

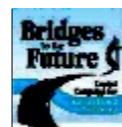
Please welcome Independence area guests who registered last Sunday: Dan Castellanos; Michael and Emily M'Cambridge; Doug Rinck, and Teresa Smith.

by our gifts...

	May 29	June 5	June 12
General Budget	\$ 4,482	\$ 6,688	\$ 3,902

Designated Gifts

	YTD	Goal
• Pastors Discretionary	.....1945	...\$ 3,800
• TV Ministry	.....1225	.....3,600
• FAST Program	.....245	.....1,500
• Independence Food Basket	... ..405	
• Home Sweet Home Homeless	... ..220	..... 800
• Vacation Bible School	... ..320	.....1,000
• Flood Buckets	... ..115	
• Nursery Supplies	... ..10	
• Missouri Storms	... ..220	
• Kansas Storms	... ..135	
• UMCOR general	... ..155	
• FUMC teams going on clean up mission trips (gas and water)	.. ..880	
• Camp/ Institute Scholarships	.. ..15	



Bridges to the Future — Capital improvement campaign for the Kansas East Conference. We have begun the fourth year of five to raise \$5.3 million. FUMC's goal is \$43,000. We have received in 2011 - \$1,551 Total gifts received to date - \$36,747.



Camp Chippewa and Institute - Are you attending Camp or Institute this summer? Would you like to attend? Contact the church office if you need information, 331-3840. Scholarships are available thru the local church and Parsons District.



Safe & Sacred Spaces

A Safe & Sacred Spaces training will be led by Amy Brodman here at FUMC on June 18 from 8am to 12 noon. Childcare will be available. You must have this training if

you plan to help with: Live B.I.G., Youth, Sunday School, or become a Early Response Team participant through the Kansas East Conference. Call the church office, 331-3840 to sign up.

Disaster Relief Opportunities

- We can take **monetary donations** and send them to the specific places you wish. Make your check payable to FUMC and write one of the following in your memo line...
 - **FUMC Disaster Response.** This will stay in the church office and be used to help Ed Epp and the people going to help in Joplin - Reading for things like water and gas. We had both vans go on Saturday to help with clean up in Reading.
 - **General disaster relief.** This will go straight to UMCOR
 - **Missouri Storms.** This will go to Julie Pohl with the Kansas East Conference and specifically help Joplin.
 - **Kansas Storms.** This will go to Julie Pohl with the Kansas East Conference and specifically help Reading)
- **There is also a need for flood buckets.** Our mission team is accepting donations to help prepare flood buckets. If you would like to contribute, make your check payable to FUMC and note Flood Buckets.

“Raising Awareness”

‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’
— Matthew 25:40

- July 10 — Det. Harry Smith will talk about the problem with drugs, gangs, in Independence
- July 17 — Chuck Schmidt will talk about the school policy as it relates to drugs, weapons etc. and then will go into the poverty issues within the school system.
- July 24 — Derek Schmidt, our new Attorney General will talk about the new health changes in regards to Medicare and poverty issues in Kansas.
- July 31 — Angie Pearson will talk about the senior citizens and problems related to poverty and health issues.



FUMC Pre-school Enrollment for the Fall has begun. Speak to Nancy Estes, our Pre-school Director, 331-0719 or pick up information in the church office.



VBS 2011
July 25-29

“Shake It Up Café.” We are going to have a lot of fun!!! Plan to join us. We are raising funds for

VBS 2011 so if you would like to help, make your check payable to FUMC and note VBS.



July Birthdays and *Anniversaries

July 1

Randall Romans
*Jim & Dianne Mitchell
*Don & Becky Reynolds

July 2

Dean Hayse

July 3

Cole Fredrickson

July 4

Amina Kurtz

July 5

Arlene Jensen
Aric Journot
Jennifer Sprague

July 6

Chase Null
Paul Stoner

July 7

Elizabeth Reynolds
Julia Stafford

July 8

David Torbett
Megan Williams

July 9

*Marty & Aimee Palmer

July 10

Nancy Estes
Devin Thompson

July 11

Brent Alvarez
Taylor Goodman
Ryan Stoner

July 12

Glenda Bryant
*Jeff & Bev Chubb
*David & Jennifer Peterson

July 13

Bertha LaSalle
Bill Shepherd

July 14

Adam Hayse
Mark Johnson
Jackson Stafford

July 15

Arlene Brown
Jacquoin Boyle
Zachary Davidson
Sarah Shoemaker

*Darrin & Rickenia Botts

July 16

Gracie McClain
Ingrid Papan

July 17

Walter Nelson
Mary Jo Wallis

July 18

Alaina Pinnick
Connie Richardson
*Rick & Kim Lee

July 19

Rick Mott
Angela Pearson
Zach Webb

July 20

Becky Bruening
*George & Tausha Purdunn
*Phil & Elvi Schroeder

July 21

Brady Palmer
Dru Searcy

July 22

Corky Lavery
Phil Schroeder
Judy Shepherd
*Mark & Trudy Bryant

July 23

Marilyn Gregory
Drew Pasternak
Ann Schwatken
Mark Vining

July 24

Bill King
Max Sutherland

July 25

Matthew Hastings

July 26

Nathan Coltrane
Gary Simpson
*Dan & Kit Pasternak

July 27

Lee Horning
Spencer Null
Cee Cee Riddles

July 28

*Bill & Karen Newkirk

July 29

Zackery Wallace

July 30

James Arnwine
Jim Brown
Gregory Chubb

July 31

*Todd & Janelle Taylor
Maxine Lehman
Bridget Penrod

Thanks ...

- to Treca Jackson and Michelle Rutherford for filling in for Karen Knox at the organ and piano while she is taking some leave.
- From Sandi Caler: Thank you so much for your kind words, prayers, hugs and thoughts during the weeks following Al's passing. Your generous contributions to the Cancer Research are also much appreciated.

- From Dale Russell: We would like to thank everyone for all the cards, prayers and expression of sympathy at this time during the loss of my brother, Floyd Russell. Be assured that they were very much appreciated by all of his family.
- to Lowell Baker and his brother who detailed the two church vans for a huge discount. They look great!!!

