



See the complete Church Calendar at
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Saturday, March 5

11am Lions Club Bean Feed - WC

Sunday, March 6

8:30am Worship - Chapel

9:30am Sunday School

9:30am Youth Breakfast - WC

10:45am Worship - Sanctuary

5:30pm UMY

6pm Jubilation Ringers Practice

Monday, March 7

3:30pm Girl Scouts - WC

5:30pm Discipleship Meeting - Rm 107

6pm Cub Scouts - WC

6pm Trustees - Rm 101

Tuesday, March 8

9:30am Caring and Calling - Rm 101

6:30pm Preschool Board - Preschool

Wednesday, March 9 Ash Wednesday

12:10pm Ash Wednesday service - Gault Chapel

2:30pm Live B.I.G.

6pm Finance - Rm 101

6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

7pm Ash Wednesday service

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

Thursday, March 10

5:30pm CUFF Meal - Episcopal Church

7pm Staff Parish Relations - Rm 101

Sunday, March 13

Blood Pressure Checks - Comfort Room

8:30am Worship - Chapel

9:30am Sunday School

9:30am Youth Breakfast - WC

10:45am Worship - Sanctuary

12 noon Youth/Parent Meeting - Gault

4pm Confirmation - Gault Dining Room

4-5:30pm Episcopal Area Transition Webcast

5:30pm UMY

6pm Jubilation Ringers Practice

Monday, March 14

6pm Cub Scouts - WC

7pm Stewardship Committee - Rm 101

Wednesday, March 16

11:45am UMW Luncheon - Gault

2:30pm Live B.I.G.

3-7pm LOGOS Sale Registration - WC

5:45pm Holy Days - Rm 101

6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice

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

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March 4, 2011



Youth Director

The Staff/Pastor Parish Relations committee regrets that our Youth Director, Libby Boldra, has decided to retire effective February 28, from the leadership role that she has managed so well for several years. We thank Libby for her devotion to this important ministry to the youth of our church and community.

We are thankful that Kyle Dollins has accepted the position of Youth Director effective March 1. Kyle and his wife, Allison, have been helping Libby with the youth activities over the last few months. Please keep Kyle, Allison, and the youth in your prayers.

Acolyte Training is Coming! Calling all 2nd through 4th graders – we're looking for acolytes – and we want you! Please plan to join us in the sanctuary on March 6th 2011 during the Sunday School hour (9:30 – 10:30) if you haven't already been trained in lighting the candles for our church. We'll be going through the training, learning about why this job is so important, and gathering your contact information – as well as putting together a preliminary schedule. If you have any questions, please call Jodi Hayse at 330-5097.



Opportunities for Discipleship: Conference and District Leadership Events:

The Parsons District Council on Ministries will be hosting a Leadership Training on Sunday, March 6th at Parsons Faith UMC, 3035 Crawford, Parsons, KS with the gathering to start at 2 and the workshops being from 2:30 to 4:30. The following workshops will be offered:

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| • "Loss Control and Pre-Disaster Planning" | • "Staff, Pastor Parish Relations Committee" |
| • "Mission Insight - Who are my neighbors-Intro to Demographics". | • "Youth Ministry does not always happen on Sundays" |

Helping Victims of the



Earthquake in Haiti

Haiti Team. A group of four persons from FUMC are headed to Haiti on a disaster relief/rebuilding mission trip March 18 - 27. Paul Stoner, Corky Sanford, Pastor Dee and Ed Epp will be joining a mission team from Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, KS. We will be working in Petit Gave, forty miles west of Port-a-Prince, near the epicenter of the earthquake.

We ask for your prayer support, that we may be God's hands and feet in this hurting country! We also invite you to participate with us in providing coloring books, crayons, bubbles, jump ropes, toothbrushes and toothpaste for the children. Please bring your items to the church office by March 15. There will be a time of blessing and sending forth during the 10:45 worship service on March 13.

Kansas - Nebraska Conference News. Webcast - March 13, 4 to 5:30pm The Transition Team will share its emerging vision in the form of recommendations regarding the new Episcopal area. You are also encouraged to participate in the webcast. Our church, FUMC will be one of the hosts here in the Parsons District. While you can view the website and participate individually from any suitable Internet connection, it is recommended going to a group site where facilitators will be available to record additional discussion and comments. To participate in the webcast, using a high-speed Internet connection go to www.umcneborg.org. And click on the UStream quick link on the lower, right side of the home page. Your questions and comments can be sent now and during the webcast to info@umcne.org or kansasbishop@hotmail.com or by calling 800-435-6107.

Annual Spring Women's Event. Please save Wednesday, March 30, 6:30 p.m. for this annual event to be held in Wesley Center! All women and girls of the church are invited for a lighthearted evening of light supper, sumptuous and decadent desserts, and wonderfully fun entertainment! It will be an evening to relax, laugh, and enjoy the company of our church sisters!

More information will be coming. Be sure to watch for your official invitation! – you won't want to miss!



Women's Event

Lay Speaking -Are you interested? Pastor Dee is looking for those persons interested in pursuing Lay Speaking. What do Lay Speakers do? Lay Speakers are often found teaching Bible Studies, reading scriptures, assisting and leading worship services, serving on committees, organizing groups and training. Lay Speakers will often do devotions and share their faith and serve where they can... and oh yeah preach in the local church. Becoming a local lay speaker is a great way for a person to begin toward parish ministry and it was how Pastor Dee and Marcee Binder got started in pastoral ministry. Do you hear the call? If you are interested let Pastor Dee know and she will tell you more about the ministry of Lay Speaking. The next course is listed below...

The next Lay Speaking Seminar is scheduled for March 25-26 at Parsons Wesley UMC. The Basic Course will be offered as well as Scripture and Bible Interpretation, Pastoral and Congregational Care and Funerals.

Please take the time to fill out your envelopes. Remember if you don't, we have to. It only takes you a moment to fill one out. When the counters have to fill out several, it makes the time they are volunteering to count a lot longer.

Want to help with the UMW Attic Treasures Sale? Designate a box now to begin collecting items for the sale. As you clean around the house and garage, you may find things that you no longer want...but someone else couldn't live without. You know...one person's junk... Then, when sale time is here, you'll already have your items collected. Bring your items on Friday, May 6 and someone will be there to help you set prices and locate the appropriate table for them. The key is to start now!

Pastor Dee wants you to feel welcome to contact her. It is important that you let Pastor Dee or the office know when you have been admitted to the hospital. The hospital staff is not allowed to contact us without your specific request. Please do not assume that we know. Pastor Dee wishes to provide Pastoral Care for you but cannot do so, without knowing it is needed. Pastor Dee can be reached at home, 577-2636, or on her cell, 1-785-554-1562.

Pastoral Care



We uphold First United Methodist Church:

by our prayers...

- **Our prayers are with** Hobart Hildyard and family at the death of his wife, Virginia Hildyard.
- **Our prayers are with** Don and Rose Jesseph at the death of Don's niece and great-nephew, Kandy and Briar Palmer.
- **Hospitalized:** Terry Killman
- **Recovering away from home:** Lew Boys.
- **Recovering at home:** Jim Brown(Regal Estates), Rev. Willie Jones, Vernon Ledbetter.
- **Also remember:** Jamie Rathjen, Melissa Ruberson, and Dick and Phyllis Smith.
- **Military:** That they might be kept safe from all harm and used as instruments of peace.
- **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...

	February 13	February 20	February 27
Early Worship	37	53	49
Sunday School	97	83	90
Late Worship	226	139	176

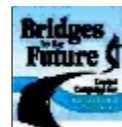
Please welcome Independence area guests who registered last Sunday: Seth Boyer; Dave Clark; Clyde and Holly Durst; Breanna Edwards; Amanda Fenech; Sebastian Goodman; Bill Gooldy; Dan Hoobler; Karla Kemp; Terry, Cody and Clay Sears; Teresa Smith; Christina Stapp; and David and Sharon Tweedie.

by our gifts...

	February 13	February 20	February 27
General Budget	\$ 5,037	\$ 8,191	\$ 3,490

Designated Gifts

	Goal	YTD
• Pastors Discretionary	\$ 3,800	695
• TV Ministry	3,600	260
• FAST Program	1,500	155
• Independence Food Basket		160
• Home Sweet Home Homeless	800	10
• Haiti Mission		110



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 - \$425. Total gifts received to date - \$34,716.

Upper Rooms and birthday lists for March and April are available.

L e n t e n S c h e d u l e



The Epiphany Episcopal church will hold it's annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, March 8 from 5:30-7:30pm. A donation for the meal will be taken and will help church programs. Pancakes, sausage links, milk and juice. Join us for this popular Ecumenical start to our Lenten Season.

Ash Wednesday, March 9. Pastor Dee will have two Ash Wednesday services. The first, from 12:10 to 12:40 pm and the second at 7pm both in Gault Chapel. Make time to come and prepare for the season of lent.



“Joy In The Morning” From Ash Wednesday, March 9 to Good Friday, April 22 the Independence Ministerial Association is sponsoring “Joy in the Morning,” 33 days of reading the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation. First United Methodist Church is signed up for April 14 from 9am to 12 noon. Pastor Dee is looking for 6 readers who will read for 30 minutes from the New International Version of the Bible. Please contact Pastor Dee if you are interested.

Lenten Ecumenical Vesper Services

Three Marks of Lent: Repent, Fast, Forgive
Services at 6pm at Host Church



Date	Host Church	Topic	Preacher
March 27	St. Andrew Catholic Church	Repent	Rev. Phil Adams
April 3	Church of the Brethren	Fast	Rev. Dee Williamston
April 10	First Presbyterian Church	Forgive	Mtr. Kathi Babock

Participating Churches: St. Andrew Catholic, Church of the Brethren, First Presbyterian; Epiphany Episcopal, First Methodist, First Christian

Correspondence...

Peggy Coder's children invite you to participate in a card shower for Peggy's 78th birthday. Her birthday is March 8 and cards can be sent to her at: Peggy Coder, The Gansel House, 3768 CR 5250, Independence, Kansas 67301, (620) 331-3099

Hobart Hildyard - notes of sympathy may be sent to at Hobart Hildyard, 1234 Eagle Crest Drive, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

Lew Boys - correspondence and well wishes may be sent to Lew at Villa St. Francis, 16600 W. 126th, Rm 711, Olathe, KS 66062

Someone Else

Our church was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members. Someone Else. Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than a normal person's share of the work.

Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list, "Let Someone Else do it." Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; "Someone Else can work with that group." It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most liberal givers in our church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would make up the difference. Someone Else was a wonderful person; sometimes appearing superhuman. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone!

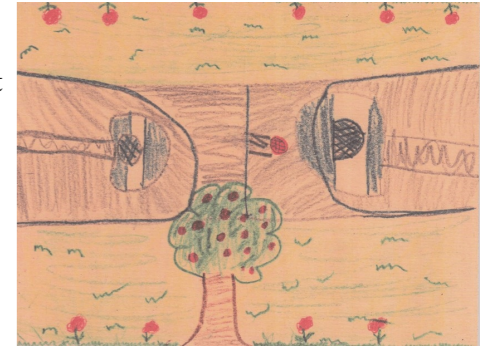
We wonder what we are going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did? When you are asked to help this year, remember— we can't depend on Someone Else anymore. Author Unknown

UMW Mission thought.



United Methodist Women- supported United Community Centers has been working with the Fort Worth community since 1909. The center offers a variety of services, including child care, emergency assistance, GED preparation and English as-a-Second Language instruction. For information go to www.untiedcommnitycenters.org.

Anthony, 10 years old,
United Community Centers,
Fort Worth Texas.



One Great Hour of Sharing (April 3) is one of the six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church. OGHs enables the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to live out its mission to alleviate human suffering.

UMCOR is the humanitarian arm of The United Methodist Church. OGHs gifts underwrite UMCOR's "costs of doing business," meaning that every penny of every gift you make to a specific UMCOR project will be spent on that project—not on office administrative costs. This enables UMCOR to respond to natural or human made disasters.

The OGHs offering makes ministries available in the US and across the globe. In 81 countries in all, you assure the UM Church is in the lead to alleviate suffering through OGHs.



Jesus teaches us to bring healing and restoration wherever we can. That's what the local churches do through the work of UMCOR.

Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation for UMCOR to bring

restoration, healing and hope for tomorrow.

Community Access Center Year End Report for 2010

With your help we assisted 1,859 households during 2010 for a monthly average of 155 families. The number of requests for assistance this past year was staggering. There are many people out of work. For some we were their last resource to keep their utilities on or to pay the rent. Due to our unique coordinating efforts we are able to offer several different program options to people who are in need beyond the programs that we actually administer. Of the programs we administer, and with your combined efforts in 2010 we were able to assist people in the following ways -

FAST - We received \$12,684.00 from local churches, organizations and individuals. With this money we were able to help 198 families living in Independence with rent, utilities and non narcotic medication.

Food Basket - We received \$12,459.00 from local churches, organizations and private individuals. With this money we were able to help 1,115 families for a total of 3,388 people living in Independence. Of these families 135 were new.

Salvation Army - Our funding for Salvation Army comes from our Christmas Kettle donations received here in Independence, local organizations and private donations. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas season for 2010 we received \$11,263.00. We were able to help 114 families living in Northern Montgomery County with rent and utilities.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support
Phil Adams – Community Access Center