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Friday, May 20  
7pm Youth High School Lock-in

Saturday, May 21  
9am Angel Food Distribution - WC

Sunday, May 22  
8:30am Worship - Chapel  
9:30am Sunday School  
9:30am Youth Breakfast - WC  
10:45am Worship - Sanctuary  
2pm IHS Graduation  
No Youth Group

Monday, May 23  
6pm Cub Scouts - WC

Wednesday, May 25  
9:30am UMW Mission Team - Rm 101  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice  
7:30pm Men's Bible Study - Rm 202

Thursday, May 26  
5:30pm CUFF Meal - Episcopal Church

Sunday, May 29  
8:30am Worship - Chapel  
9:30am Sunday School  
9:30am Youth Breakfast - WC  
10:45am Worship - Sanctuary  
5:30pm Youth Group  
6pm Jubilation Ringers Practice

Monday, May 30  
Memorial Day  
Office Closed

Tuesday, May 31  
12 noon Staff Meeting - Gault Kitchen

Wednesday, June 1  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice  
7:30pm Men's Bible Study - Rm 202

Thursday, June 2  
5:30pm CUFF Meal - Episcopal Church  
6pm Staff Picnic - Wallis Home

Sunday, June 5  
8:30am Worship - Chapel  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:45am Worship - Sanctuary  
6pm Jubilation Ringers Practice

**Upcoming Events**

Mid - High Youth Lock In — June 10  
Summer SS Adult Series — July 10-July 31  
VBS — July 25-29, 8:30-11:30am

**Pastor Dee's contact information.**

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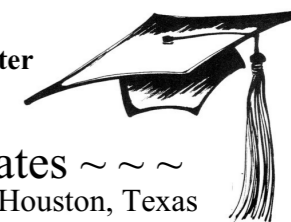
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May 20, 2011

~ ~ ~ Our High School Graduates ~ ~ ~

- Seth Boyer
- Alex Ferm
- Kelby McGrath
- Dalton Mott
- Julia Stafford
- Scott Strycker
- Jackie Webb
- Garrett Webster



~ ~ ~ Other High School Graduates ~ ~ ~

- James Yancy Belcher, Belcher Grandchild, Home School, Houston, Texas

~ ~ ~ Post High School Graduates ~ ~ ~



- Rachel Friesen  
Belcher Grandchild  
double BA in Art and Peace, Conflict & Justice from Goshen College
- Shane Ferguson  
Associates from Coffeyville Community College
- Elizabeth Gregory  
MA in Mechanical Engineering from University of Hawaii
- Dean Allen Hayse, Jr.  
BS in Economics from University of Kansas
- Cameron Johnson  
BA in Petroleum Engineering from University of Kansas
- Lauren Lester  
BA in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Biology with a Concentration in Pre-Optometry from Kansas University
- Philip Newkirk  
Dentistry from University of Missouri at KC
- Sarah Newkirk  
MA in Orthotics & Prosthetics from Easter Michigan University
- Adam Taylor  
double BA in Economics and Business from Baker University
- Abigail (Belcher) Williams  
Belcher Grandchild  
Doctor of Physical Therapy from Wichita State University

**Graduate Recognition. Do you have a graduate?** It does not matter who it is, where they are graduating from or what they are graduating in. If you got a reason to celebrate, let us know so we can celebrate with you!!!! Call the church office and let us know who, what it is and where it is from.



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

**May 29 is “Camping Ministries Sunday”** Special Guests will talk to us about Camp Chippewa.

**Jessica Thompson**, Director of Camping Ministries for our Conference. She is a graduate of Barclay College in camping ministries, with over 10 years of experience in youth and camping ministry. She is an active member of the Episcopal Church and Independence is her hometown. She comes to camping ministry in the UM Church with great enthusiasm for our future and what we can do with the sacred space we have at Camp Chippewa. She can be reached at Camp Chippewa, 785-242-6797, facebook or office@campchippewa.org.

**Brenda Davids** is the Director of Student Ministries for the Conference. She is a graduate of Saint Paul School of Theology and will also be serving St. Peter's UMC in North Topeka in August 2011. She and her husband have four children and reside at Ottawa, Kansas. Her husband, Don, serves in law enforcement. She can be reached via the conference website or bdavids@kansaseast.org. Please check the conference website (kansaseast.org) often for updates and information on conference youth events. She does quite a bit of our youth ministry on Facebook, so feel free to befriend her.

**Disaster Relief Opportunities**

We have all seen the pictures and heard the reports of the massive damage in the Southeast from the recent severe storms. The Kansas East Conference is sending teams to Alabama and St. Louis to help with the relief effort. On May 9 and May 16 teams left for Alabama and on May 22 a team will be going to St. Louis. Is this something you would like to do? There are trainings coming up that mission trip participants will need.

- Wednesday, June 1, from 7-9pm, there will be a Basic disaster training in Frontenac.
- Saturday, June 4, from 8:30am-4pm, there will be an ERT training in Frontenac
- a person would also need the Safe and Sacred Space training. Contact church office to find out when and where trainings will be.

These trainings will facilitate a person who is interested in becoming a ERT person for the conference. Anyone interested in joining a team or taking part in the training should contact Lonnie Bailey 785-272-9111, e-mail: lbailey@kansaseast.org or Julie Pohl, e-mail: kseastvim@yahoo.com , cell 816-390-0324, office 913-365-5816.

**Needed!!!**

- 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.



**UMW News**



UMW Mission Team will meet at 9:30am on Wednesday, May 25, in Rom 101

**Artist:** Ariel, age 15, Epworth Children and Family Services, St. Louis, Mo. Epworth Children and Family Services is a UMW supported national mission institution.

**Mission Thought:** “I sensed my call into ministry through a vivid dream of a woman living in her car. She was thirsty with no source of water. I now teach GED at a shelter to empower homeless men and women. A GED helps them realize a more secure future for their families.” Deaconess Sue Lewandowski, GED/ESL transition specialist, Spotsylvania, Virginia.

**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.

**We Uphold First United Methodist Church:**

**by our prayers...**

- **Our prayers are with** Geraldine Pittman and family at the death of Harry Pittman.
- **Hospitalized:** Peggy Coder, Martha Scott, and Martha Marshall
- **Recovering away from home:** Jim Brown (Bradford), and Lew Boys (Kansas City).
- **Recovering at home:** Terry Killman
- **Also remember:** Dorothy Cretcher, Dixie Jensen, Irene Magill, Jamie Rathjen, Erica Schultz, 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.
- **Matt Hastings**, along with seven others from Sterling College will be leaving Wednesday, May 18 for Nepal on a 2 week mission trip. They will be spending time in the villages ministering in local churches and will also be teaching basic hygiene and English, and reaching out to women and children. Please pray for the team and for those they will be ministering to.
- **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 1 | May 8 | May 15 |
|---------------|-------|-------|--------|
| Early Worship | 43    | 44    | 52     |
| Sunday School | 78    | 78    | 125    |
| Late Worship  | 211   | 223   | 186    |

**by our gifts...**

|                | May 1    | May 8    | May 15   |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| General Budget | \$ 8,447 | \$ 4,880 | \$ 8,709 |

**Designated Gifts**

|                            | Goal     | YTD  |
|----------------------------|----------|------|
| • Pastors Discretionary    | \$ 3,800 | 1885 |
| • TV Ministry              | 3,600    | 985  |
| • FAST Program             | 1,500    | 245  |
| • Independence Food Basket |          | 310  |
| • Home Sweet Home Homeless | 800      | 175  |
| • Vacation Bible School    | 1,000    | 245  |
| • Flood Buckets            |          |      |
| • Nursery Supplies         |          |      |



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 - \$875. Total gifts received to date - \$35,201.

**Did you know** that a CD is made of every sermon of Pastor Dee's? If you would like to hear a service that you have missed please let the office know. A CD can be made for you. Two CD players are available to check-out at the office desk if you need to borrow one. A portable DVD player is also available to see the service that is on Cable Channel 10 each Thursday evening at 7pm.

VBS 2011 Will be held from July 25- July 29. Our theme this year is "Shake It Up Café." We are going to have a lot of fun!!! Plan on joining us. We need to start raising funds for VBS 2011 so if you would like to help, make your check payable to FUMC and note VBS.



**"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.



### Lectionary

June 5, 2011  
 Ascension Sunday  
 Seventh Sunday of Easter  
 [White or Gold]  
 Acts 1:1-11  
 Psalm 47 (UMH 781)  
 Ephesians 1:15-23  
 Luke 24:44-53

June 12, 2011 Pentecost, [Red]  
 Acts 2:1-21  
 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826)  
 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
 John 7:37-39

June 19, 2011 Trinity Sunday  
 (First Sunday after Pentecost)  
 [White]  
 Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
 Psalm 8 (UMH 743)  
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
 Matthew 28:16-20

June 26, 2011 Ordinary Time  
 Second Sunday After Pentecost  
 [Green]  
 Genesis 22:1-14  
 Psalm 13 (UMH 746)  
 Romans 6:12-23  
 Matthew 10:40-42



**Last Day of School is May 26.**

## June Birthdays and \*Anniversaries

June 1  
 \*Del & Sue Prince

June 2  
 \*Robert & Joyce Bever

June 3  
 Kyle Taylor  
 Jackie Webb

June 4  
 Zach Schroeder

June 5  
 Dorothy Merritt  
 Ben Webb  
 Erin Wesselowski  
 \*Walter & Sandra Nelson  
 \*Bob & Marilyn Sprague

June 6  
 Devin Burr  
 Amanda Decou  
 Eric Smith  
 Jordan Tucker

June 8  
 Marilyn Jensen  
 Dianne Mitchell  
 Alberta Smith  
 \*Galen & Mary Lou Palmer

June 9  
 Alta Michaelis  
 Duane Sitton  
 \*Devin and Amy Burr

June 10  
 George Belcher  
 \*Jerry & Jan Rogers

June 11  
 Wanda Cox  
 Sarah Derrick  
 \*Joe & Bev Smith

June 12  
 Dorothy Cretcher  
 Hillary Farmer  
 Andy Shepherd  
 \*Gary & Karen Knox

June 13  
 Don Aitken  
 Myron Fahler  
 Andrea Sitton  
 \*Kyle and Allison Dollins  
 \*Bill & Dolly King

June 14  
 \*Bob & Diana Schroeder

June 15  
 Hub Meyer  
 \*Rick & Kyra Mott

June 16  
 Samantha Crittenden  
 Rose Jesseph  
 Rachel Torbett  
 \*Bill & Connie Journot

June 17  
 Madison Lumm  
 Jan Vining  
 Rhonda Webb  
 \*John & Nell Updegraff

June 18  
 Alan Orr  
 Kelsey Stelling

June 19  
 Darrin Botts  
 Mark Woods  
 \*Robert & Melissa McDaniel

June 20  
 Laura Keller

June 22  
 Tresa Fahler  
 Cindy Thomison  
 Matt Wallis  
 \*Randall & Rayma Bishir  
 \*Ron & Ann Schwatken  
 \*Greg & Sandra Webster

June 23  
 Jeannine Cobb  
 Cole Keller  
 Bob Schroeder  
 Kathy Shepard

June 25  
 Jillian Stafford

June 26  
 Donna Green  
 Chance Martin  
 Logan Null  
 Cammy Ruch

June 27  
 Linda Swenson  
 \*Mike & Nancy Estes  
 \*Bob & Joyce Pierce  
 \*Art and Sidna Small

June 28  
 Jana Rombeck (Gruver)  
 Jill Gruver  
 (soon to be Hendershot ☺)  
 \*Michael & Carla Murray

June 29  
 Emily Johnson  
 Mary June Null  
 Cole Pasternak  
 Jude Stafford  
 Betty Wohltman  
 \*Kirk & Becky Bruening

June 30  
 Marlene Corn  
 Julie Driskel  
 Bill Peyton  
 Leseley Simpson  
 \*Bill & Becky Peyton

