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WORSHIP
9:00, 11:00 a.m.
Live-stream worship:
YouTube
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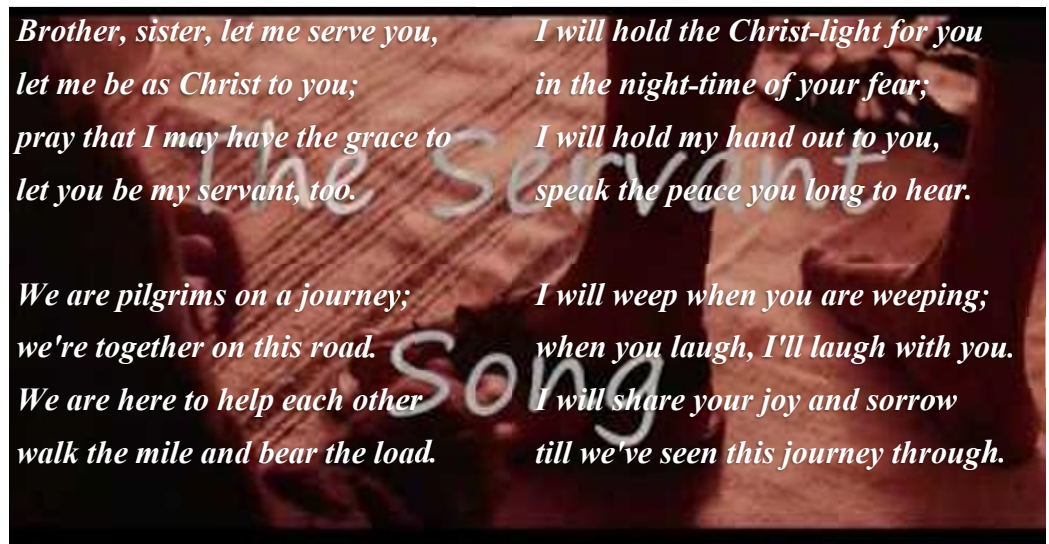
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We Are Pilgrims on a Journey

I often find in times that I'm in a loss for words to put to my feelings, or unsure of how to respond to the world around me, music creeps its way into my thoughts and helps me say, "That's what I've been trying to come up with!"

Lately, this has once again been true for me. As I find myself on a journey of many new things in my ministry, one song jumped out to me during a recent worship service I was present for.

The song this time was one I was very familiar with and count among my favorites when it comes to worship music. It was "The Servant Song" by Richard Gillard. You can find it in *The Faith We Sing* #2222. Matthew 20:26b-28 provides the primary scriptural background for the song: ". . . Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave — just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (NIV)



Hearing the song again during this season of life, I was caught by how interconnected our lives are to be and how much we are to serve one another.

I often get asked what hope is there for the church. In this text from Matthew 20 and these lyrics it shows us if we journey together, focus on serving and caring, then we will be walking in the ways of God through the light of Jesus Christ.

This should be our guiding force in division, fear, and incivility we see all around us.

Grace and Peace,
Zach

SHARE in Worship



Sundays In August

August 4th — Preaching: Austin DesLauriers

August 11th — **Blessing of the Backpacks** — Preaching: Zach Anderson (Communion)

Blessing Noah’s Ark Preschool School Supplies and the backpacks of our children. Also blessing all children, teachers and the coming school year. Bibles will be given to: 3rd graders moving from Kids Club to Elementary Youth Group (EYG): **Wesley Bauer, Zowie Harbaugh and Ava Tripp**; and 7th graders moving from EYG to Mid-High Youth Group: **Jayden Mayhugh, Brenna Prendergast and Zelaina Tripp Harbaugh**

August 18th — Preaching: Rev. Karen Rice Ratzlaff

August 25th — Preaching: Rev. Richard Fitzgerald

- * *Sunday Service times are 9 a.m. for the Traditional Service and 11 a.m. for the REVIVE! Service,*
- * *If you can't worship with us in person, the services may be found on our YouTube channel, GBFUMC*



Education Committee

August 11th

Noon — FH

Leadership Sought for High School Youth Group

Anyone who would be interested in helping with the older youth groups is invited to join the Education Committee for a light luncheon at noon on August 11th in Fellowship Hall.

During the meeting they will be discussing curriculum, making a rotation teaching schedule

and thinking about the timing of the groups’ meeting.

Larissa Graham is the Kids Klub teacher for youth age 3 -2nd Grade and Vivian Harbaugh teaches Elementary Youth Group (EYG), for 3rd-6th graders.

This meeting will address church members working

with our youth in mid-high and high school groups.

For more information, contact Larissa.

June/July Attendance

9:00 11:00 TTL

June 30	<i>One Service</i>	62
July 7	50	46 96
July 14	44	52 96
July 21	52	5 57
July 28	66	34 100

These numbers are for those who attended worship for the four Sundays in July



Come Help UWF With Mission Projects

We need help!!

United Women in Faith will be putting goodie bags together on August 21st at 1:30 p.m. to deliver to our shut-ins, those in nursing homes and those dealing with medical issues.

We hope to make about 30

bags containing water, Kleenex, Chapstick, lotion and other goodies!! We also would like help delivering. Thanks

Also watch newsletters and bulletins for future mission projects of jump ropes and cookie bags!

LaVonne Gerritzen
UWF President

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VBS 2024 Full of Music, Laughter, Children, Love

VBS Mission Project:

Brett Spaugh Zoo

\$86.80

65 items

Attendance

Daily Average

29 youth

25 staff



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NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL (NAP)



Open Enrollment

August 6th

8 a.m.-1 p.m.

& 2-6 p.m.

Movie Night

6 p.m. August 10th

Kaylee Keilman,
NAP Director



OPEN ENROLLMENT SET FOR AUGUST 6TH

A few spaces remain in the Fall Semester classes. If you have a child aged 3 -years-old to Pre-Kindergarten age, contact Ms. Kaylee as soon as possible.

NAP will host a day of enrollment August 6th from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-6 p.m. Parents and students may tour the classrooms and meet the teachers.

A Christian-based preschool, NAP offers two sessions:

- Morning Class - 8:00-11:00 a.m. Monday-Friday
- Afternoon Class - 12:00-3:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday

NAP will hold a Back-to-School Movie Night at 6 p.m. on August 10th. All students and their parents are welcome. Popcorn and drinks will



be provided.

Summer Fun ended in July with the children hosting a

Lemonade Stand that made \$215 for school scholarships, making tie-



dyed t-shirts and painted cross windchimes, and group play activities.

Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday on August 11th

August 11th is our Blessings of the Backpacks Sunday.

Events during worship will include blessing backpacks and school supplies, doing Bible Presentations to the

3rd graders, and the 7th graders, and teacher appreciation for all teachers and nursery workers.

If you'd like to help in purchasing the school

supplies for the preschool, there are lists of needs on the table at the back of the sanctuary and you can sign-up at the front of the sanctuary.

SERVE Others

Youth Attend Summer Camp/Share with Church

Four members of our Youth Group went to Camp Joy, a little Bible Camp outside of Republican City, NE.

They loaded up in the church van (top picture) and headed out with Jack and Mary Ann June as driver and chaperon.

The girls — Sydney James, Jayden Howell, Paige Trendel, and Bella Tripp — spent five days at Camp Joy where they were immersed in Christian camp activities.

The girls came to service the Sunday after camp to thank the congregation for sending them to camp and to tell us about their experience.

The girls' first impressions were of spider webs and a little mouse in their cabin, but they soon learned that

camp was about learning about God, working with their "devo groups" and worshipping bringing them closer to God.

One of their lessons was about forgiving and not holding a grudge.

The girls said they were given a rock and told to throw it down, to thus "let go of the grudge by throwing the rock."



Lower picture, with Larissa, the girls are l-r, Paige Trendel, Bella Tripp, Jayden Howell & Sydney James.



Thank you
to the van drivers
who took the girls to
camp and brought
them home:

Jack and Mary Ann
June

Stephen and Lisa
James

Summer Fun Ends; Regular Classes Start Up

Water Fun Night

August 7th will end our summer First Kids with a Water Fun Night at 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

We will start in the classroom with a snack and small bible lesson and go outside for water fun. (Parents can pick up their child outside by the playground).

Youth Groups Back in Session

August 21st will welcome back Kids Klub, EYG and

Youth Group. They will have a meal at 5:30 and activities from 6-7:15.

EYG and Youth Group will start the new year with a 10' banana split. So, kids, come and bring your appetite!

Kids Klub in August

Wednesday Nights: curriculum. "Now That's Embarrassing."

Wednesday August 21st: Turning Red. Kids will learn, "Jesus' opinion of me matters more than anyone else's."

Wednesday August 28th. Keeping It Together. Kids will learn, "I can boldly talk about Jesus with others."

Children's Church - 11 a.m.

August theme is *God is Love*. "Love" is a word that gets thrown around a lot. But what does it really mean to love the way God loves?

The answer to that question is written throughout the Bible, and is really highlighted in 1 Corinthians 13.



Larissa Graham,
Director of
Children's Ministries

SHARE In Worship



HELP COOK OR SERVE FOR THE DREAM CENTER MEAL

Dream Center Meal

Sloppy joes are on the menu for the Dream Center on Sunday, August 18th, at 5:00.

We'll need the following:

- 3 cooks bringing sloppy joe hamburger mix to feed 8
- 3 packages of buns
- 2 bags of potato chips

**Sunday, August 18th
5:00 p.m.**

- 2 large salads
- 2 or 3 desserts of cook's choice
- 4 or 5 servers

Sign up at church starting on August 4th, or call or text Judy Turner at 620-617-6082.

This is a long-standing outreach of our church.

While a few regulars volunteer frequently, we welcome new people helping us in food preparation and/or in serving the food on the 18th.

Thanks in advance for helping with this mission project.

Judy Turner

Event Chairperson



MSC. THINGS PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH ARE DOING

BCC Athlete Meals

Volunteers are needed to help with meals for the Barton County College Athletes who come in for practices before the college cafeteria open.

While other churches and groups are handling some meals, we'll be doing meals: August 5th, 13th, and 16th.

Sign-up sheets are at the back of the sanctuary if you can help with food or serving.

Monopoly Games Needed

Do you have Monopoly game just sitting around unused and gathering dust? Kaitlin Adams Sill is needing Monopoly games for her new job!

Please bring games to the church office or give to

Kaitlin or LaVonne Gerritzen.

Youth Go on Mission Trip to Kansas City

Sydney James had an amazing opportunity to go on a mission trip to Kansas City, Missouri, with a friend and her church group.

The girls helped to spread the gospel.

“It was the most fun I've had in a long time,” Sydney said. “All credit goes to Grace Community Church in Great Bend.”

Real Kids, Real Faith

Larissa Graham has been taking a mini-class over the summer through Real Kids, Real Faith about gratitude with kids.

They have been doing mini lessons on various virtues and will end the lessons on August 4th.

Car Show Features Local Enthusiasts

Larry Gale and other members of the Vintage Wheels Car Club will be exhibiting their cars at the Rolling Sculpture Car Show 2024 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on August 24th at the Barton County Historical Society.

Ask Larry if you need more information.



Musician Shares His Trumpet

Marc Webster shares his musical talent during the summer by playing in the Great Bend City Band, the Wilson City Band at the Czech Fest (pictured), and at the Rush County Fair.

The bands include musicians from all over this part of the state.



Rolling Sculpture Car Show 2024
Saturday, August 24 • 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Concessions by Barton County Historical Society
Flatlanders Stonefired Flatbreads



Children must be supervised by an adult. No bicycles or dogs allowed on show grounds.

First United Methodist Church — August 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Find our Calendar Online: 			1 5:30 pm CORE Community 7 pm NA 7 pm Praise Band	2	3
4 9 am and 11 am – Services in Sanctuary & live on YouTube 10 am Discovery Hour	5 (Food for BCC Athletes — Taco Bar)	6 NAP Enrollment Day 5-7:30 Healthy Families - FH 5:30 pm TOPS 7 pm Vintage Wheels	7 6 First Kids — Water Fun	8 5:30 pm CORE Community 7 pm NA 7 pm Praise Band	9	10 6 pm NAP Movie Night in FH
11 Blessing of the Backpacks 9 am and 11 am – Services in Sanctuary & live on YouTube 10 am Discovery Hour 6 pm Girls Scouts	12	13 (Food for BCC Athletes — Chicken on a Bun) 5:30 pm TOPS	14	15 NAP Classes Start 5:30 pm CORE Community 7 pm NA 7 pm Praise Band	16 (Food for BCC Athletes — Sack Lunches) 9-3 Quilt Guild	17
18 9 am and 11 am – Services in Sanctuary & live on YouTube 10 am Discovery Hour 5 pm Dream Center Meal	19	20 5:30 pm TOPS	21 5:30 pm Kids Klub/EYG/ YG	22 5:30 pm CORE Community 7 pm NA 7 pm Praise Band	23	24
25 9 am and 11 am – Services in Sanctuary & live on YouTube 10 am Discovery Hour	26	27 5:30 pm TOPS	28 5:30 pm Kids Klub/EYG/ YG			

SHARE in Worship — CELEBRATIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS



AUGUST Birthdays	14 Susan Tammen	22 Tana Newkirk
2 Michael Davis	14 Amy Christopher	22 Noah Fanshier
2 Paige Thexton	17 Robert Kennedy	23 J.D. Rein
2 Vivian Harbaugh	18 Cora Calcara	24 Kathleen Kennedy
4 Gayle Fanshier	19 Loren Phillips	27 Darlene Beaumont
4 Tami Ireland	19 Nayomi Olivas	29 Brooklynn Keilman
7 Kadynce Jean	20 Earl Schmidt	30 Bob Baum
8 Leonard French	20 Darlene McDorman	30 Cole Fanshier
8 Karen Menzies	20 Nancy Gale	30 Joline Fuhr
9 Lindsay Barton	20 Kaitlin Adams Sill	31 Tim Johnson



AUGUST Anniversaries	9 Khris & Rachel Thexton
6 Jim & Tami Ireland	10 Dennis & Jann Sherman
6 Dale & Rhonda Phillips	19 Larry & Nancy Gale
7 Rick & Karen Garrett	23 Robert & Rosemary Luthi



WE REMEMBER THESE IN OUR PRAYERS:

<p><u>The Family of Leonard French</u></p> <p><u>All Those Who are Involved in Cancer treatment and recovery:</u></p> <p>Earl Schmidt, Amnee Brown (April Harbaugh’s sister), Dick Lytle, Linda Essmiller, Leonard Bunselmeyer, Lisa Baum, Kathy Rogers, Dana Cheney, Gary</p>	<p>Cheney, Suzie Evans, Carol Bird, Roberta Bartlett</p> <p><u>All Those Who Reside in Nursing Homes/Care Facilities or are home-bound:</u> (<i>Aster Estates</i>) Jackie Curtis, Claire Stephenson, and Ivy Webster: (<i>Brookdale</i>) Harriet Herzberg, Eugene Hoelscher, Eileen</p>	<p>Ingersoll, and Mary Joiner ; (<i>River Bend</i>) Imogene Christenson, Carol Thier, Earl & Janice Schmidt; (<i>other facilities</i>) Roberta Bartlett, Larned.</p> <p><u>All Those Serving Our Country in the Military:</u> <i>All our men & women in the armed forces including Bryan Farthing.</i></p>
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GROW in Faith

THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH MY SCHOOLING

Dear Scholarship Committee,

My name is Macy Nachtigal and I am a 2024 graduate of Great Bend High School. First and foremost, I would like to thank you for selecting me to be one of the recipients of (the George and Doris Penner Scholarship and the H.H. Jennie Kopke Scholarship).

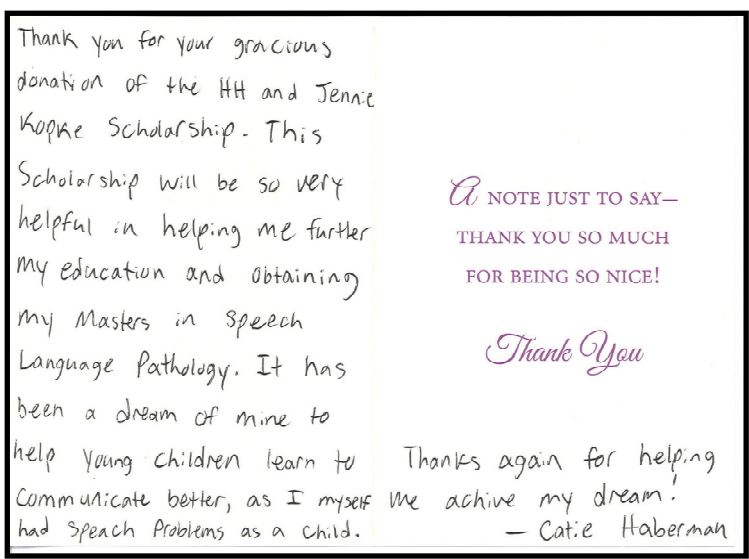
This truly is an honor. Being awarded this money, I will be able to use this on not only my schooling at Barton but my plans for schooling afterwards. Receiving this scholarship will help me tremendously because my parents will not be paying for my college, therefore it is on me.

This allows me to follow my dreams and live out what I love to do, which is the volleyball team. After Barton, I plan to go to an instate college that has the requirements offered to allow me to get my degree as a Physician's Assistant. Thank you again for this award. It is truly a blessing.

Sincerely,
 Marcy Nachtigal

Charley C Byers
 Scholarship Committee,

Thank you guys so much for the generous amount of



money you have given to me. I can not thank you all enough. This scholarship will help me tremendously towards paying for my education at Fort Hays. I plan to be a math teacher.

Thank you so much!
 Paige Thexton

Members of the Scholarship Committee,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude and heartfelt thanks. I feel extremely blessed to have been chosen as a recipient of the Stone-Reinhardt memorial Scholarship this year.

I am deeply appreciative of the support in helping me obtain my goal of pursuing a degree in Health Science, with a Pre-Physical

Therapy/Athletic Training emphasis, and a minor in Sports Management and Business at Kansas Wesleyan University. Their mission is to promote and integrate academic excellence with spiritual - being in balancing my faith and education, and one that would encourage me to grow professionally while building character and a strong sense of values.

By awarding me your scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden of attending a private, Christian college, which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school: learning.

Thank you again for your generosity!

Sincerely,
 Parker Dicks



Thank you notes

from the a some of the students who received scholarships for 2024-2025 school year.

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WORSHIP @ FUMC!

SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Discovery Hour
- 11:00 a.m. REVIVE

Virtual Worship Services:

- Both Services on YouTube channel
GBFUMC

SPECIAL SUNDAYS & 5TH SUNDAYS

10:00 a.m. Worship Service (see church calendar)

COMMUNITY GROUPS that meet each week, bi-weekly or monthly at FUMC are CORE Community, Girl Scouts, NA, TOPS, The MomCo (MOPS), Central Kansas Thread Benders Quilt Guild, and Vintage Wheels of Great Bend.

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