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OCTOBER 2024
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**SUNDAY
 WORSHIP**

9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
 Live-stream worship:
**YouTube
 Channel GBFUMC**

**Special Sunday
 Worship — 10 a.m.**

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Let Us Prepare for the Coming Year

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

-Matthew 6:21

It's hard to believe that October is here, and we are looking towards the end of 2024 already. I always find that I'm becoming aware of the changing seasons as we are already well into them. It seems like it was just time to take summer trips, and now I'm thinking about Advent and Christmas. In the life of the church, this also means Church Conference season and the preparing of plans for the next calendar year.

One of the big ways I've always prepared for the next year as a pastor is to start thinking about our stewardship of resources and the preparing to financially support our vision and mission for the coming year. The finance committee is currently leading our different committees and teams through the budget process right now to prepare the budget for our November 3rd Church Conference.

The thing about budgets is that they only work if we can fund them. Giving is an important aspect of our ministry. It's also an important part of our faith life. In the Sermon on the Mount we hear from Jesus about how we are to live our life and he says, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” How we give of our time, our talents, and yes, even our money reflects our faith life. In later October and into November, I will work with leadership to share how the current year is going financially for the church and share what our needs for 2025 will be. In the meantime, I encourage to begin praying about how you will support the ministry of First UMC in the coming year so that you may respond in faith to what God is calling us to do in this community.

Grace and Peace,
Zach

Let's Help New Pastor Get to Know GBFUMC

October is Pastor Appreciation month so let's help our new pastor get to know all the families (even if you're a family of one) at First UMC by putting together a "Book of Members".	available Sunday October 6 th on the back table.	provide names and contact information.
Each family is asked to take a template page that will be	On this sheet the family will list their names, include a family picture, and write a brief note about themselves including anything they want the new pastor to know about their family.	Bring the completed forms back to the church by the end of October. The first week of November, they will be assembled into a book that will be given to Rev. Robert Selvakumar and his family when they arrive.
	At the bottom, be sure to	

SHARE in Worship



Sundays In October

October 6th — Preaching: Rev. Richard Fitzgerald (Communion)
World Communion Sunday (special offering)

October 13th — Preaching: Rev. Zach Anderson

October 20th — Preaching: Rev. Jeff Clinger (from Topeka)
Children’s Sabbath

October 27th — Preaching: Todd Scheuerman — Silent Auction for Edibles
Special Sunday Service at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

- * Sunday Service times are 9 a.m. for the Traditional Service and 11 a.m. for the REVIVE! Service
- * One-Service Sundays happen on 5th Sundays, Holidays and Special-Event Days. Service is at 10 a.m., like for our Special Sunday service this month on October 27th
- * If you can’t worship with us in person, the services may be found on our YouTube channel, GBFUMC



Lots of Work/Reports Needed for Charge Conference

First UMC will be hosting Charge Conference this year for the 12 churches in our group.

The churches are Great Bend First, Great Bend Trinity, Great Bend King, Hoisington, Hanston, Larned, Garfield, Kinsley, Lewis, St. John, Antrim, and Stafford.

Conference is set for 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 3rd.

Everyone is invited to attend Charge Conference.

Committee Reports

Committee reports from all church committees must be completed for Charge Conference and turned into the church office by



Charge Conference

Conference is set for 3 p.m. Sunday, November 3rd

October 15th.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office or ask Rev. Zach Anderson when he is with us on October 13th.

Hosting

As we are hosting, we’ll need volunteers to help make sweet breads or cookies to serve to our guests from the 11 other

churches that will be present.

A sign-up sheet is at the back of the Sanctuary if you’d like to help make treats.

SEPTEMBER Attendance

	9:00	11:00	TTL
Sept. 1	53	34	87
Sept. 8	50	30	80
Sept. 15	61	44	105
Sept. 22	51	43	94
Sept. 27	One Service		74

These numbers are for those who attended worship for the five Sundays in September

All Committee Reports due to church office by October 15th.

Volunteers needed to make sweet breads or cookies for conference-day treats.

GROW in Faith

EYG Combines Bible Study with Fun Activities

We've been working on the books of the Bible and putting tabs in our Bibles.

Our lessons are "Move". Move away from temptation, move quickly like Abram when God tells you to move or like Lot when he was told to leave Sodom and Gomorrah.

Upcoming lessons:

1. We always get into trouble when we run away from God, so always move toward God.
2. God asks us to share Jesus' love with



The kids learned that when God says move, we move and God goes with us and watches over us.

everyone.

We've had lots of fun with games that keep us moving like Twister, Simon

says, three-legged race, musical chairs and playing with balloons and beach balls.



Vivian Harbaugh
EYG Teacher

Search for Christmas Play Underway; Children Need to Sign-up Now

Planning for the annual Children's Christmas Program is underway.



The Children's Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday December 8th during the 10:00 a.m. service.

If your child would like to be a part of this, please contact Vivian Harbaugh for more information.

The Christian Education Team's next meeting November 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Children's Sabbath is set for Sunay, October 20th. Several of our children will be helping with first service duties.



During the REVIVE Service, Noah's Ark Preschool students will be singing a couple of songs for the congregation.

Come and enjoy the youth in our church!

The community Truck or

Treat event around Jack Kilby Square is set for 11 a.m.



Saturday, October 26th.

First UMC Kids Klub and Elementary kids and Noah's Ark Preschool will be helping with the Community Trunk of Treat

Come out and see us.

Anyone who'd like to donate candy or funds for the event for this event may bring it to the church by October 20th.



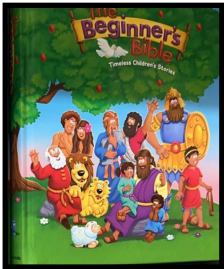
Mid-High Youth Group
Meets on Wednesdays 5:30-7:30 p.m.

High School Youth Group
Meets on Wednesdays 7-8:30 p.m.

GROW in Faith



**NOAH'S ARK
PRESCHOOL (NAP)**



Pre-K students will be receiving a beginner's Bible.

Memory Verse:
"You can trust God."
1 Corinthians 10:13

Kaylee Keilman,
NAP Director

New Teacher, Excited Students Kick Off New School Year

Noah's Ark Preschool will be singing during the REVIVE! Service on Children's Sabbath, October 20th.

The children are learning several songs they will be singing.

NAP Parent/Teacher conferences to discuss students' progress will be the week of October 21st.

The students are getting excited about Halloween's fast approaching. The holiday will include a party on the 31st with face painting, going on a spooky



LEFT: During recess, one of the NAP students was found reading her Bible to her friends. RIGHT: Shane and Jill Boultinghouse take individual and class pictures of all the NAP students.



walk, playing games and watching a movie.

During September the classes had school pictures

taken. Picture packets went home with the children in late September, to the delight of their parents and family.



Changing of the Guard; Judy Turner Steps Down

A big THANK YOU to a couple of gals for stepping up to new positions of leadership in the church!

Dort Hertel is our new coordinator for GB First's commitment to serve our bi-monthly community meal at the Dream Center. She's been a go-to contributor to that mission, is a great cook with



endless menu ideas and will do a bang-up job.

Then a lesser known, but equally important job is keeping two church bulletin boards current. They are at the top of the stairs at the west entrance and the big one in the hall between the sanctuary and church office. Phyllis Brack has agreed to share her creative talents with us for



this task. I don't need to tell you what an excellent job she'll do!

Lots of worthwhile efforts are given without the benefit of a committee and next time you see Dort and Phyllis, I hope you'll join me in thanking them for taking on these new responsibilities as I retire from being in charge of these projects.

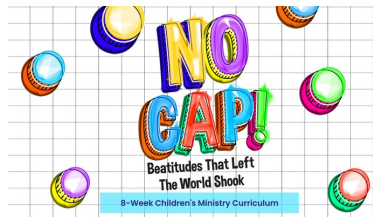
Blessings, *Judy Turner*

SERVE Others

There's No Cap! On Wednesday Night Fun

Wednesday Nights in October will include the "Basic", "Weak Sauce" and "Shook" chapters of the No Cap! Curriculum.

To say "no cap" means that someone is speaking truthfully and not lying. Jesus' words in the Beatitudes might seem "cray cray" to us sometimes, but he was speaking the truth about God's kingdom. When we follow Jesus' way of



doing things, we will find ourselves going from "basic" to "extra" in no time at all.

October 2nd: "Basic" Kids will learn "Blessed are the pure in heart."

October 9th: "Weak Sauce". Kids will learn "Blessed are the peacemakers."

October 16th: "Shook". Kids will learn "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteous-ness."

October 23rd: Pumpkin Activity

October 30th: Halloween Party. "Pumpkins".



Larissa Graham,
Director of
Children's Ministries

Ooey Gooley Children's Church

Children's Church at 11 a.m. on Sundays in October will focus on "Ooey Gooley. Jesus meets us in our mess".

Jesus met many people during his earthly ministry. Each person had their own story and their own struggles, but He invited everyone to follow him, regardless of their past. The same is true of us. Jesus

wants to meet us right where we are.

October 6th: Messy Inside: Kids will learn, "Jesus can heal painful messes."

October 13th: Larissa will be gone. No Children's Church



October 20th: Messy Outside. Kids will learn, "Jesus meets us in our mess."

October 27th: No Children's Church as this is a Special Sunday with a 10 a.m. Service in conjunction with the Silent Auction for Edibles Auction that supports our mission in Honduras.



Larissa Graham,
Director of
Children's Ministries

Methodist Women Craft Snowmen/Jump Ropes

The Methodist women's group will hold a t-shirt jump rope workshop on Wednesday, October 23rd at 5:30 p.m.

The jump ropes will be placed in the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

In September, the women made candy/gloves snow-



men, which will be given to the NAP preschool children in December.



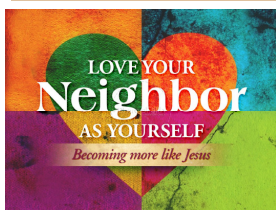
Everyone is encouraged to come to the craft workshops.



T-Shirt Jump Rope Workshop
Wednesday, October 23th at 5:30 p.m.

LaVonne Gerritzen
President

SHARE In Worship



Won't you be my neighbor?

First UMC Neighboring Movement Resumes October 2nd

You're invited to join the First UMC Neighboring Team as we embark on our final leg of the Good Neighbor Experiment (GNE).

Join us Wednesday, October 2nd, from 6-7 p.m. in Room 25 to learn more



about the GNE and what we've learned so far - it's a great time to jump in if you've been curious.

Then, from October 9 - November 6, we'll meet on

Wednesdays to go through the abundance lab together.

This series will help us create an inventory of resources, talents, and gifts in the First UMC Neighborhood.

For more information, contact Andrea Bauer at andrea.bauer09@gmail.com.



Dort Hertel Plans Her First Meal for Dream Center

Sunday
October 20th
5 p.m.

Sunday, October 20th, is the date for the next Dream Center Community Meal.

The meal planned is:
Baked Mac and Cheese
Hot Dogs
Root Beer/Coke Floats

Dort will be making the baked Mac and Cheese, but needs the following ingredients:

- 2 lbs elbow macaroni or other pasta

- 6 cups milk
- 1-8oz shredded cheddar
- 3 pkg (8 oz American cheese slices

Also needed for the meal:

- 1 8 oz bag of plain potato chips
- 5 pkgs of 8 wieners and hot dog buns
- 1 - 2 L Coke
- 1 - 2 L Root Beer
- 1 - 5 qt pail vanilla ice cream

Please have all the ingredients to church kitchen fridges on Friday, October 18th, marked for Dream Center.

If anyone wants to help cook the Mac and Cheese, Dort would appreciate the assistance!

A sign-up sheet to donate items will be in the back of the sanctuary.

For more information, contact Dort Hertel at 316-650-7143



Let's All Bring Food Items Each Week For Christmas Food Boxes

Our Goal is to do at least 75 Food Boxes this year

This year we are going way back to a time when we brought items to help fill our annual Christmas food boxes.

You'll find collection boxes at the exit doors each Sunday starting October 13th where you may place

your weekly items

A list of the suggested items to bring each week will be available in the Sunday, October 6th bulletin.

If you would like to donate money instead to help purchase items, please put "food boxes" in the memo

line of your check or donation envelop, and put in offering boxes or give to an usher on Sundays.

Look for more information in December about how to help with packing and distributing the boxes on December 13th and 14th.

First United Methodist Church — October 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 10:30 am Mary Joiner Funeral @ Bryants—Funeral Dinner here 5:30 pm TOPS	2 9:30 am Bible Study 5:30-7:15 pm Kids Klub/EYG/MHYG 5:30 pm MomCo 6-7 Neighboring Movement 7-8:30 pm SHYG	5 1:30 pm UMW Board Mtg 5:30 CORE Community 7 pm NA 7 pm Praise Band	4 No NAP Classes	5 Jerry Jasnoski Funeral Dinner (Noon)/Graveside Service
6 World Communion 9 am and 11 am – Services in Sanctuary & live on YouTube 10 am Discovery Hour	7 No NAP Classes	8 5:30 pm TOPS	9 9:30 am Bible Study 5:30-7:15 pm Kids Klub/EYG/MHYG 6-7 Neighboring Movement 7-8:30 pm SHYG	10 5:30 CORE Community New Class Orientation Night 7 pm NA 7 pm Praise Band	11	12 Earl Allen Schmidt 11 am Funeral 12 Luncheon
13 Pastor Appreciation 9 am and 11 am – Services in Sanctuary & live on YouTube 10 am Discovery Hour	14 6-7:30 GS Troop	15 5-9 p.m. Child Care Training—FH 5:30 pm TOPS	16 9:30 am Bible Study 1:30 pm UMW Circle 5:30-7:15 pm Kids Klub/EYG/MHYG 5:30 pm MomCo 6-7 Neighboring Movement 7-8:30 pm SHYG	17 5:30 CORE Community 7 pm NA 7 pm Praise Band	18 No NAP Classes 9-3 Quilt Guild	19
20 Children's Sabbath 9 am and 11 am – Services in Sanctuary & live on YouTube 11 am Service - NAP singing 10 am Discovery Hour 5 pm Dream Center Meal	21 4:30 pm Trustee 5:30 pm Finance	22 5:30 pm TOPS	23 9:30 am Bible Study 5:30-7:15 pm Kids Klub/EYG/MHYG 5:30 Jump Rope Workshop 6-7 Neighboring Movement 7-8:30 pm SHYG	24 No NAP P.M. Classes 5:30 CORE Community 7 pm NA 7 pm Praise Band	25 No NAP Classes	26 Trunk or Treat on Courthouse Square
27 Silent Auction For Edibles 10 am Special Sunday Service/Brunch in FH	28 6-7:30 GS Troop	29 7 pm NA 7 pm Praise Band	30 9:30 am Bible Study 5:30-7:15 pm Kids Klub/EYG/MHYG 6-7 Neighboring Movement 7-8:30 pm SHYG	31 Halloween 7 pm NA 7 pm Praise Band	Find our Calendar Online: 	

SHARE in Worship — CELEBRATIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS



OCTOBER Birthdays

1 LaDonna Lytle
 2 Andrea Stalcup
 2 Michael Davis
 2 Karter Cory
 3 Rachel Thexton
 5 Linda Jerke
 5 Julie Mitchell
 5 Casey Boultinghouse
 5 Duncan Anderson
 5 Tom Harbaugh
 6 Harriet Herzberg
 6 Jann Sherman
 6 Bonny Boultinghouse Smith

6 Eric Riggs

8 April Harbaugh

9 Brian Buckbee

9 Dorothy Hertel

10 Heather Smith

10 Rachel Carpenter
Morgan

14 Todd Scheuerman

16 Ava Stalcup

18 Chad Barton

18 Jordyn Harbaugh

19 Rylee Mawhirter

20 Angela Fanshier

21 Linda Bunselmeyer

21 Kolbie Thexton

23 Aubrey Noonan

26 Eleanor Fertig

27 Gary Hinson

28 Thomas Rein

30 Reta Schreiber

30 Rebecca Peak

31 Clare Anderson



OCTOBER Anniversaries

4 Marvin & Delora Baldwin

17 Carl & Carol Anderson

22 Phillip & Margaret Bartholomew

25 Derek & Ashley Vonada



WE REMEMBER THESE IN OUR PRAYERS:

The Families of Mary Joiner, Earl Allen Schmidt and Jerry Jasnosi (*Wayne [Buzz] Bank's son*)

All Those Who are Involved in Cancer treatment and recovery:

Amnee Brown (April Harbaugh's sister), Dick Lytle, Linda Essmiller, Leonard Bunselmeyer, Lisa Baum, Kathy

Rogers, Dana Cheney, Gary Cheney, Suzie Evans, Carol Bird, Roberta Bartlett, Bill Koelling, Valerie Peak

All Those Who Reside in Nursing Homes/Care Facilities or are home-bound: (*Aster Estates*)

Jackie Curtis, Claire Stephenson, and Ivy Webster; (*Azaria*) Cindy Phillips; (*Brookdale*) Harriet Herzberg,

Eugene Hoelscher, and Eileen Ingersoll, (*River Bend*) Imogene Christenson, Carol Thier, Janice Schmidt; (*other facilities*) Roberta Bartlett, Larned.

All Those Serving Our Country in the Military:

All our men & women in the armed forces including Bryan Farthing.

GROW in Faith

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoeboxes Here & Ready to Pack

It's that time again! The shoeboxes are here and ready for you to pack! We delivered 124 shoeboxes to the local collection site last year, but we hope to surpass that this year!

By packing a shoebox, you are helping a missionary somewhere in the world spread the message that God sees each child and loves them!

These shoeboxes are a powerful tool to spread that message. Every shoebox you pack (full of fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items) will reach a boy or girl with the Love of Jesus through these simple gifts.

You will find the shoeboxes at the back of the sanctuary, along with "boy" or "girl" labels, and the list of gift suggestions.



Other ways to help are by donating supplies (drop-off boxes will be in the church entry ways), or by giving a monetary donation to help us buy supplies or cover the \$10 shipping fee.

We once again have the option of packing a box online — see our QR code at right, in the bulletin and on the "gift suggestion" list.

If you choose to do an online box, please use our QR code so we know how many boxes are done by our church.

Any help will not only be a joy to children around the

world, but a blessing to you also!

We will once again be making jump ropes from t-shirts to include in the boxes. Our United Methodist women will sponsor a workshop on Wednesday, October 23rd at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Deadlines for donating loose supplies will be November 10th as there will be a shoebox packing event on November 13th with those supplies.

We will bless the filled shoeboxes on **November 17th**.

Be sure to have your filled boxes at the church by that morning at the latest.

Please plan to participate in this fun and important mission! Thank you in advance for your help!



QR Code to order filled shoeboxes online



Jann Sherman.
Missions Chair

Time to Bake for Silent Auction &/or Prepare to Buy

Fall is here so it must be about time for our annual Silent Auction of Edibles!

We will be bidding on goodies of all kinds on Sunday, October 27th, with the **proceeds going to the Honduras Mission.**

There have been rumors of cinnamon rolls, breakfast rings, pies of varying kinds,

cookies, hot sauce, breads, and cakes to name a few.

We hope you will start thinking now of something you would like to donate.

We will have **one service that week at 10:00 a.m. that includes breakfast** served by the men in Fellowship Hall!

We are excited about an additional treat that morning; **Lisa Armstrong**, from Fellow Man International, will join us!

Plan to come early to check out the auction items and bid on your favorites!

This is a good chance to stock up for the holidays!



Silent Auction of Edibles

One-Service Sunday
October 27th
10 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

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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
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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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