



# CLARION CONNECTION

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
Live-stream worship:  
**YouTube  
Channel GBFUMC**  
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**Special Sunday  
Worship** — 10 a.m.

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## Give Thanks for the Blessings God Has Given

*“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,  
give thanks in all circumstances,  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*

-1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

As we approach the start of November, we begin to think about Thanksgiving and, before we know it, the Advent season. I want to take this time to thank each of you for your support of First United Methodist Church over the last few months. It has been an honor to work with you and worship with you during this time.

Starting in December, your new pastor Rev. Robert Selvakumar will officially begin. During December, our guest preachers will continue and integrate Pastor Robert into worship as you begin your ministry together. Many of you have stepped up to fill various roles and helped me learn about your church during these months. Thank you! I pray you will offer your new pastor the same support and care that you have offered me to lay a solid groundwork for the coming years.

Thanksgiving also leads me to think about the ways in which we give thanks. One of those ways we give thanks in a spiritual sense, is through our tithes and offerings. Offerings are a response to the blessings God has given us and become an outwards sign of our faith and commitment to the inbreaking of God's kingdom in our community. We give so that others may know and experience Christ through our church.

As you think about your year-end giving and finances, we ask that you take some time and pray over how God may be calling you give to the church at this time. As we grow in our ministry and mission, we know that it requires more resources as well. Please consider helping us reach more people and expand God's Kingdom through your giving and support for our ministry together.

Letters were sent recently to our mailing list to share some about our finances and offer ways to give to the church. Included in that letter is an electronic funds transfer (ACH) form if setting up automatic payments is helpful to you.

If you have questions, didn't get the letter and/or need a form, please contact the church office.

Grace and Peace,

*Zach*

SHARE in Worship



## Sundays In November

**November 3<sup>th</sup>** — Preaching: Rev. Zach Anderson (*Communion – both services*)  
**All Saints Sunday**

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** — Preaching: Rev. Richard Fitzgerald  
**Veterans' Day Sunday**

**November 17<sup>th</sup>** — Preaching: Rev. Richard Fitzgerald  
**Thanksgiving Sunday** — One-service Sunday at 10 a.m.

**November 24<sup>th</sup>** — Preaching: Rev. Karen Rice Ratzlaff  
**Hanging of the Greens**

- \* *Sunday Service times are 9 a.m. for the Traditional Service and 11 a.m. for the REVIVE! Service.*
- \* *One-Service Sundays happen on 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, Holidays and Special-Event Days. Service is at 10 a.m., like for our Special Sunday service this month on November 17<sup>th</sup> for our Thanksgiving Celebration with worship in the Sanctuary and dinner following in the Fellowship Hall.*
- \* *If you can't worship with us in person, the services may be found on our YouTube channel: GBFUMC*



## Members of Ten Congregations to Attend Conference

Charge Conference  
 November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 3 p.m.  
 in the Sanctuary

Charge Conference will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> in our sanctuary.

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

and Stafford.

Our REVIVE! Band will be playing during the conference and Rev. Zach Anderson will be presiding over the conference.

People from each congregation will be sharing about one or two of

their missions.

Committee reports, budgets and such will be approved during the conference.

Everyone is invited to attend Charge Conference.



Jill Boultinghouse,  
 Nancy Gale and  
 Crystal Marzolf,  
 Angle Tree Committee

## Angel Tree Ornaments Available Soon

Our annual Angel Tree will be up and decorated by the end of the month.

Watch for announcements in our Sunday bulletins about the tree and be ready to select a child's ornament and fill that child's wishes for a want, a need, a book

and a clothing item.

We get names of foster children from St. Francis Academy in Great Bend, as well as the Great Bend Girls and Boys Homes.

We may also have names of a few of our preschool children this year.

<b>OCTOBER Attendance</b>			
	9:00	11:00	TTL
Oct. 6	59	34	93
Oct. 13	44	46	90
Oct. 20	50	102	152
Oct. 27	One Service		81

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

# GROW in Faith

## EYG Combines Bible Study with Fun Activities

EYG will finish the program “move” when God calls.

In October we helped make jump ropes, carved pumpkins and filled shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

In November we will begin practicing our Christmas program Campfire Carols.

We will NOT meet on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving (November 27<sup>th</sup>.)

We will be helping with the parade float for the Home for the Holidays parade November 30<sup>th</sup>.



The youth’s activities in October included carving pumpkins, making jump ropes and filling Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes.



Vivian Harbaugh  
EYG Teacher



### October in Pictures



Mid-High Youth Group  
Meets on  
Wednesdays  
5:30-7:30 p.m.  
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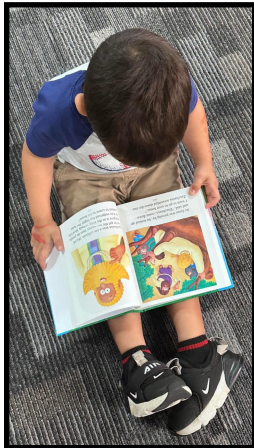
High School Youth Group  
Meets on  
Wednesdays  
7-8:30 p.m.



# GROW in Faith



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



Pre-K students will continue to practice writing their names.

**Kaylee Keilman,**  
NAP Director

## New Teacher, Excited Students Kick Off New School Year

Miss Kaylee's class was overjoyed to receive their bibles. The children were thrilled to flip through the pages and look at the pictures of some of the stories they've been told. "We had some tears when it was time to put (the bibles) in backpacks to go home."



### Concerts

Noah's Ark Preschool children sang during the REVIVE! Service on Children's Sabbath, doing favorite songs with hand and body movements..

This month the children will begin practicing the Christmas songs for their December 19<sup>th</sup> program.

### Fundraiser

NAP children will be selling Perkin's Pie

Certificates during the first half of November. Cost is \$20 and the funds go to helping with scholarships and other needs of the preschool.



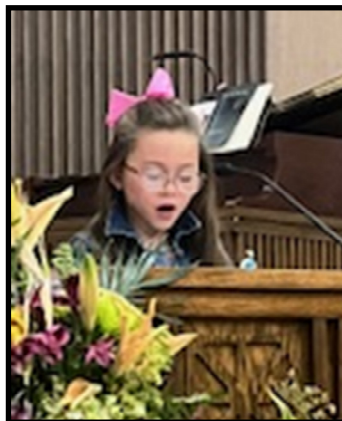
### Stone Soup

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, the children will be bringing

an item to make Stone Soup, which they will get to eat. The soup is an example of Jesus feeding the 5,000/the boy who shared his lunch.



## Our Youth Help with Children's Sabbath Services



Children's Sabbath was celebrated with several of our children participating as liturgists reading the Call to Worship and scriptures, as well as helping serve communion. Pictured are Cora Calcara, Brock Bauer and Madilyn Scheurman.

# SERVE Others

## Ooey Gooley Children’s Church



**Sunday Children’s Church: 11:00 a.m.**

We will continue our curriculum Ooey Gooley. Were Jesus meets us all 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.



**November 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Mess with a Purpose: Kids will learn, “God can use messy situations for His glory.”

**November 10<sup>th</sup>:** Death is Messy. Kids will learn, “Even death is not too big of a mess for Jesus.”

Along with the Ooey Gooley curriculum we will finish our Virtues class. In these final lessons we will learn how Kindness ripples and about how “kind” words can be so powerful!!! Take a look at our Wall of Gratitude up in the third floor hallway. We will be adding to this wall in our

final lesson about kind words.

**November 17<sup>th</sup>:** We will not meet because it’ll be a one-service Sunday and our Thanksgiving meal.

**November 24<sup>th</sup>:** We will start a new Christmas Curriculum with the Advent Countdown. We will learn about waiting for Christmas.

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*This series uses readings from the Revised Common Lectionary for November 28 - December 26, 2021 to help explain the significance of the Christmas season.*

**Larissa Graham,**  
Director of  
Children’s Ministries

## Let’s Gather ’Round the Christmas Campfire

**Wednesday Nights:  
MOPs/Kids Klub  
5:30 p.m.**

We are starting a new curriculum in November that goes with our Christmas Play entitled: *Campfire Carols*.

**Gather ’Round  
the Christmas Campfire!**

Winter may not be the best time for a camping trip, but if you’re going to do it, you

may as well sing some Christmas carols! This fun camping themed Christmas curriculum will use four classic Christmas carols to teach kids the Christmas story.

**November 6<sup>th</sup>:** Away in the Manger. Jesus is born. Kids will learn that Jesus’s birth



was promised by God.

**November 13<sup>th</sup>:** Angels We have Heard on High. Kids will learn that Jesus’ birth is good news for everyone.

**November 20<sup>th</sup>:** We Three Kings/Star of Wonder. Kids will learn that God wants us to follow after Jesus.

**November 27<sup>th</sup>:** No Kids Klub because of Thanksgiving.



**Larissa Graham,**  
Director of  
Children’s Ministries

## Rehearsals Start for Campfire Carols

Rehearsal for the annual Children’s Christmas Program is underway.

The Children’s Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday

December 8<sup>th</sup> during the 10:00 a.m. service (This will be a one-



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



## SHARE In Worship



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

We are starting to gather names. If you know of a family that needs a food box this year, contact the church office.

# GATHERING FOOD FOR CHRISTMAS

Since early October we have been collecting food for our annual Christmas Food Boxes.

We need 75 of each item to meet our goal for this year's Christmas boxes.

Items needed for the rest of the project:

### Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>

1. Plastic jar peanut butter
2. Plastic containers of jelly (grape or strawberry)
3. Cans of corn

### Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>

1. Box mashed potatoes
2. Cans of green beans

### Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>

1. Pack hot dogs
2. Bologna
3. 12 oz. bacon

### Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup>

1. 1-pound hamburger



2. Container of stick butter

### Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>

1. 12-count cartons of eggs
2. 5-pound bag of potatoes

### Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>

1. Loaf of bread (Check dates for furthest out)
2. Half-gallon of milk (Check dates for furthest out)

At press time, we were still needing: 36 cereals, 30 spaghetti, 18 spaghetti sauces, 29 peanut butter,

and 49 jellies (in plastic jars).

All of the cold items will start being collected in late November. Coolers will be at each exit door to place items into and then the items will be frozen until the food boxes are prepared/distributed on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

If you'd like to donate cash to the project, make checks payable to GBFUMC and note "Food Boxes" on the memo line. Funds will be used to fill in items where needed.

If you have any questions, contact Larissa Graham or the church office.

## FOOD AT THE CENTER OF MISSION PROJECTS

### GRISWOLD CAR

Tana and Mike Newkirk are doing their Griswold Car fundraiser again this year.

Reservations begin November 1<sup>st</sup>. For \$50 you can have the car parked in front of a home or business. And for \$50 the one who got Griswold'd can find out who did it to them.

Book through Tana and Mike. Checks are made payable to GBFUMC. All funds go to support the Community Food Bank of Barton County.

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### CORE MEAL

Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup> our church is down to provide the Core meal just because we usually have leftovers from our Thanksgiving meal.

So we want to do turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, rolls, and pies.

Core is now having lots and lots of people and kids.

If you'd like to help, contact Larissa Graham.

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### PHOEBE'S KITCHEN

Phoebe's Kitchen's cupboards are bare.

We'd like to take up an Alm's Offering on the first two Sundays this month in order to buy ingredients to make some meals for this ministry.

Judy Turner and her band of cooks will have a cook day at 9 a.m. November 12<sup>th</sup>.

This ministry delivers meals to people in our church who are ill or have a need.



### Dream Center Meal

The October Dream Center meal was greatly appreciated by all who attended. Next meal will be December 15<sup>th</sup>.

# First United Methodist Church — NOVEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Find our Calendar Online					<b>1</b> Church Office Closed	<b>2</b> Private Party 1-3 in FH
<b>3 All Saints Sunday</b> 9 am and 11 am – Services in Sanctuary & live on YouTube 10 am Discovery Hour	<b>4</b> 7 pm Christian Education Committee	<b>5</b> 5:30 pm TOPS 7 pm Vintage Car Club	<b>6</b> 5:30-7:15 pm Kids Klub/ EYG/MHYG 6-7 Neighboring Movement 7-8:30 pm SHYG	<b>7</b> 5:30 CORE Community New Class Orientation Night 7 pm NA 7 pm Praise Band	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10 Veterans Day Sunday</b> 9 am and 11 am – Services in Sanctuary & live on YouTube 10 am Discovery Hour	<b>11</b> 1:00 pm Memorial Committee Meeting 6-7:30 pm GS Troop	<b>12</b> 9:00 am Phoebe's Kitchen Cook Day 5:30 pm TOPS	<b>13</b> 5:30-7:15 pm Kids Klub/ EYG/MHYG 5:30 pm MomCo 6-7 Neighboring Movement 7-8:30 pm SHYG	<b>14</b> 5:30 CORE Community 7 pm NA 7 pm Praise Band	<b>15</b> New Pastor Arrives in KS 9-3 Quilt Guild	<b>16</b>
<b>17 Thanksgiving Sunday</b> 10 am Service in Sanctuary & live on YouTube 11:30 am Thanksgiving Dinner	<b>18</b> OCC Boxes Shipped	<b>19</b> 5:30 pm TOPS	<b>20</b> 1:30 pm MW Circle 5:30-7:15 pm Kids Klub/ EYG/MHYG 5:30 pm MomCo 6-7 Neighboring Movement 7-8:30 pm SHYG	<b>21</b> No NAP P.M. Classes 5:30 CORE Community 7 pm NA 7 pm Praise Band	<b>22</b> No NAP Classes	<b>23</b> Set up for Thanksgiving Dinner
<b>24 Hanging of the Greens</b> 9 am and 11 am – Services in Sanctuary & live on YouTube 10 am Discovery Hour	<b>25</b> 6-7:30 GS Troop	<b>26</b> 7 pm NA 7 pm Praise Band	<b>27</b> No Children's/Youth Group Meetings	<b>28 Thanksgiving</b> Church Office Closed No NAP Classes	<b>29</b> Church Office Closed No NAP Classes	<b>30</b> Christmas Parade— Float

SHARE in Worship — CELEBRATIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS



## Albers' Baptism

Sophie Aileen Albers was baptized October 13<sup>th</sup> by Rev. Zach Anderson.

in Lyons and resides with her family in Ellinwood.

Sophie is the daughter of Kate and Kyle Albers and the sister of Louis Albers, age 2.

She was born August 8<sup>th</sup>



### NOVEMBER Birthdays

- 2 Kelsey Scheuerman
- 4 Annie Freund
- 4 Colin Immenschuh
- 5 Emma Fanshier
- 8 Clare Stephenson
- 10 Alan Clark
- 13 Melody Johnston

### NOVEMBER Anniversaries

- 7 Rob & Andrea Bauer
- 25 Bob & Lisa Baum



- 13 Rod Cory
- 17 Robert Loss
- 17 McKayla Smith
- 18 Terry Turner
- 19 Sue Roberts
- 19 Amber Sisson
- 22 Kristen Yarmer
- 23 Alyvia Vinsonhaler
- 24 Stephanie Harbaugh
- 25 Joel Carpenter
- 26 Donna Holl
- 30 Bo Jerome Arnberger



### WE REMEMBER THESE IN OUR PRAYERS:

**The Family of John Schreiber**

**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, 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; (*Azria*) Cindy Phillips; (*Brookdale*) Harriet Herzberg, Eugene Hoelscher, and Eileen Ingersoll, (*River*

*Bend*) Imogene Christenson, Carol Thier, Janice Schmidt; (*other facilities*) Roberta Bartlett, Larned; Mary Ann Boyle, Ellinwood; Barbara Lear, Colorado

**All Those Serving Our Country in the Military:**

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



# GROW in Faith

## Shoeboxes Here & Ready to Pack

Filled shoe boxes are being turned in for this year's Operation Christmas Child mission project.

All boxes need to be turned in by Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, as they will be blessed before they begin their journey on the 18<sup>th</sup>,

Loose items must all be turned in by November 10<sup>th</sup> as they will be boxed up on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

And don't forget we have the option of packing a box



The youth in EYG put together 30 boxes

online — see our QR code at right and on the "gift suggestion" list. Using our code allows us to keep track of our numbers.

If you have any questions or need help with your selections, contact Jann Sherman, mission project chair.



Our OCC QR Code

## WHAT AN AMAZING TIME/WHAT AN AMAZING COLLECTION

A great time was had in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> at the Sunday Worship/Brunch /Silent Auction! And what a success it was! We collected over \$4,000!

We were blessed to have Lisa Armstrong, founder of the Mission in Honduras, with us to share about the happenings at the Mission.

She was very appreciative on behalf of the Mission for the continued support by our congregation! We were able to watch pictures of activities during the morning to help us feel connected to our long-distance friends in Honduras, whom we have been helping for almost 25 years.



Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of this event — contributors and buyers alike!! The auction items and bidding were amazing. We send out big thanks to

the kitchen guys who prepared and served our pancakes-and-sausage brunch, and all who helped get the Silent Auction and Fellowship Hall ready for the morning!



During the Silent Auction, Dennis Sherman, Marc Webster, Terry Turner and Judy Turner pose with Lisa Armstrong, center. They were all part of one of groups who went to Honduras to build the foundation for the mission school.

**Jann Sherman.**  
Missions Chair

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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 & 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS**

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

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**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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