

**JULY 2021**

**GROW IN FAITH | SHARE IN WORSHIP | SERVE OTHERS**

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

**9:00, 11:00 a.m.**

**9:00 Live stream  
worship on YouTube  
Channel GBFUMC**

We continue to monitor the situation in our state and county regarding in-person worship decisions.

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## TIME WITH TIM

A guy decided to show off his skills by walking a tight rope over a waterfall. But before he began, he asked the crowd, “How many have the faith that I can walk this tight rope?” The crowd cheered him on, and when he made it to the other side, they cheered for him again.

He then silenced the crowd and asked, “How many have the faith that I can do it blind-folded?” The crowd cheered him on, and when he made it to the other side, they cheered for him again.

He then silenced the crowd, looked toward some construction equipment where there just happened to be a wheelbarrow. He asked the crowd, “How many have the faith that I can push this wheelbarrow, blind-folded across this tight rope?” The crowd cheered him on, and when he made it to the other side, they cheered for him again.

He then silenced the crowd and said, “I want to thank you for the enormous amount of faith you have shown to me, but I am not finished yet! How many have the faith that I can walk this tight rope, blind-folded, pushing this wheelbarrow... with someone in it?” The crowd began to cheer him on, but he stopped them cold with one last request ... “May I have a volunteer?”

I am totally jazzed about the opportunities that lay ahead for First UMC. I know it’s a little scary coming out of a pandemic plus having a new pastor, right? I hear a lot of people say that we don’t know what the church will look like now. Well that’s just silly. The church will look like a place where we Grow in Faith, Share in Worship, and Serve Others. How we do that will probably look a little different but we will still be the church.

I’ve read the stats and history of our church and I have talked with a few of you already. At this point I feel very comfortable telling you: I’m ready to jump in that wheelbarrow and ride to the other side with you as Jesus pushes us into the future.

How about you? Are you ready to come out of this time of transition with bolder faith, a stronger church, and a mission field in Great Bend that is better off because of the love of Christ shown by FUMC throughout the community? Let’s start by praising and worship God together every Sunday in July. See you then!

**In Christ,  
Pastor Tim**



**Rev. Tim and Marva Bever**

## GROW in Faith — CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### SUMMER FUN AT NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL



Water activities; field trips to the zoo and wetlands; and playful activities to keep up learning skills highlight the Tuesday and Thursday activities in July. The Summer Program includes three classes meeting from 8-11 a.m. and include about 30 participants.

### Kids Klub & EYG

EYG (3rd- 6th grade) and Kids Klub — (3 yrs-2nd Grade) meet from 6-7 p.m. on Wednesday nights in July to enjoy summer fun.



Snacks and fun will be provided. All children are welcome to join at any time!

For more information, contact Larissa Graham.

### YOUTH NEWS



Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. at the church. The room and game room are open at 5:30. Dinner is served at 6:30'ish.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The GBFUMC website contains a calendar of events where you can look for times and dates of GBFUMC events. Go to [gbfumc.org](http://gbfumc.org) and click on "Grow in Faith." To get your event, including details and even a graphic or video, posted on the calendar, contact the church office. Then when participants want to check out information on the event it will be right at their fingertips!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



### DISCOVERY ON ADVENTURE ISLAND

VBS is July 6-9 from 10 a.m. -12 p.m. Discovery on Adventure Island is the theme. We are working with Trinity UMC to host this VBS at our church this year. Pastors will tell the bible stories and the crews will travel to crafts, science and recreation before coming back to finish with music. Our mission project this year is to help Live Like Jesus today.

**JULY 6-9**

**10:00 a.m. — 12:00 NOON**

**at FIRST UMC**

Contact Larissa Graham to volunteer or learn more about this exciting summertime children's ministry! Helpers are needed in classrooms, kitchen, crafts, and much more. You have the opportunity to teach children about the love of God and to learn from them about wonder and joy!

## CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

## COME WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR

Please join us for an ice cream social to welcome Rev. Tim and Marva Bever to Great Bend First UMC. The ice cream social is an opportunity to fellowship and welcome the Bevers to Great Bend.



**Ice Cream Social**  
**First UMC Great Bend**  
**2123 Forest Ave**  
**Fellowship Hall (basement)**  
**5:00 p.m.**

All are welcome to attend; no need to bring anything. We hope you will join us!

*This event is being planned  
 by the Staff Parish Relations Committee.*

## VOLUNTEER TO BE A SUMMER LITERGIST

I would like to invite those that would like to serve as a liturgist this summer to please contact me: 620-792-5199 or [bkmimi@cox.net](mailto:bkmimi@cox.net)

Hoping our new Pastor will be pleased that we are willing to accompany him in the pulpit this summer !!



*We all welcome him.*

*Barb Lear*

## WOMEN'S STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

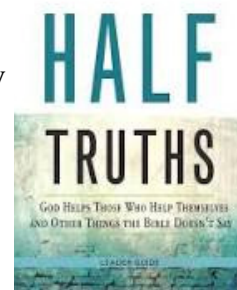
The Women's Study and Fellowship Group will continue meeting in June. New participants are welcome to join the group as they seek a deeper walk with God. A new study will begin soon, and you can be part of the team that selects the study!

They meet each Wednesday at 6 p.m. For more information contact [andrea.bauer09@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.bauer09@gmail.com).

## MEN'S STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Men of all ages meet on Wednesday nights to explore the "Half Truths: God Helps Those who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say." The group meets in the parlor on Wednesday evenings at 6:00. For more information contact Rob Bauer at [bauer1509@gmail.com](mailto:bauer1509@gmail.com).

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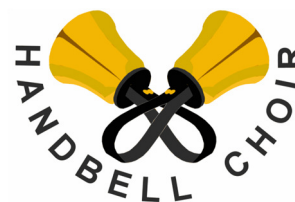


## COME, JOIN A CHOIR

The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals on August 25 with plans to sing on the 5th of September. Rehearsals will start at 7:00 p.m. in the Chancel area in the Sanctuary. Anyone interested in joining should contact Marc Webster

at [kmsband@yahoo.com](mailto:kmsband@yahoo.com) or 620-603-3393. The choir could use all the new and old members it can get.

The bell choir will begin rehearsals Sunday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the west balcony. The contact info is the same. The bell choir can use new members also. If you haven't played bells before we will teach you how.





## SERVE Others — Church News

### BENEFIT THE CHURCH WITH YOUR GROCERY PURCHASES

Did you know you can link your Dillons Card to our church? A percentage of each of your purchases will then be given as a donation to our church — how easy is that!!



#### COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Please help support our church through Dillons Community Rewards, visit:  
<https://www.dillons.com/i/community/community-rewards>  
 and follow the directions. Great Bend First UMC number is: **GW482**

Thank You for your support!

### MAY STEWARDSHIP

Your faithfulness  
blesses so many!



#### General Budget:

May 31	\$2,084.
June 6	2,885
June 13	3,916
June 20	461
June 27	5,425

EFT 1,270

TOTAL \$16,041

#### Additional giving:

Missions	120
CORE	100
Noah's Ark	125
Food Bank	25
Peace & Justice	109

TOTAL \$479

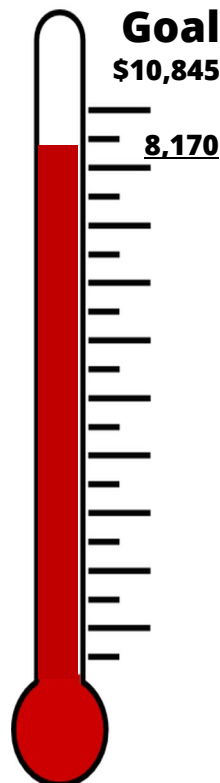
### PEW CUSHION FUNDS

Fundraising continues this month, as the August date for ordering the cushions quickly approaches.

However, we're getting closer to the \$10,845 needed to replace the aging cushions in the sanctuary.

If you would like to contribute, a full cushion costs \$180. You may contribute for a full cushion, multiple cushions, or part of one. Drop a pledge or check in the collection boxes on any Sunday, or mail/bring to the church office.

*Note "pew cushions" in the notes section of your checks.*



### FROM THE STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

We have a job description for the position of REVIVE Worship Leader and are currently advertising. Please continue to pray for the committee as they search for the right person to lead worship at REVIVE.

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed Monday, July 5th, in observance of Independence Day.

Regular office hours – 8 a.m.- 3 p.m.— will resume on Tuesday, July 6th.

If you need to contact the office, leave a message on the answering machine.



# First United Methodist Church— JULY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 6 pm Core Community 7 pm NA	2	3
<b>4 Independence Day</b> <u>Welcome Pastor Tim</u> 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. — Services in Sanctuary Virtual Service at 9 am.	<b>5</b> <i>Church office Closed in Honor of Independence Day</i> 6:30 pm NA	<b>6</b> 5:30 pm TOPS 6:30 pm NA 7 pm Train Club	<b>7</b> ————— <b>Vacation Bible School</b> 6 pm Kids Club/EYG 6 pm Youth Group 6 pm Men's /Women's Bible Study	<b>8</b> ————— <b>10 a.m. to Noon</b> 6 pm Core Community 7 pm NA	<b>9</b> —————	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 10 a.m. Best Wishes Brunch 11 a.m. Unity Service Virtual Service at 11 am. 5 pm Ice Cream Social	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm NA	<b>13</b> 5:30 pm TOPS 6:30 pm NA	<b>14</b> 6 pm Kids Club/EYG 6 pm Youth Group 6 pm Men's /Women's Bible Study	15 6 pm Core Community 7 pm NA	16	17
<b>18</b> 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. — Services in Sanctuary Virtual Service at 9 am.	<b>19</b> 9 am Submission of Newsletter Items Deadline 6:30 pm NA 7 pm Train Club	<b>20</b> 5:30 pm TOPS 6:30 pm NA	<b>21</b> 6 pm Kids Club/EYG 6 pm Youth Group 6 pm Men's /Women's Bible Study	<b>22</b> 6 pm Core Community 7 pm NA	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. — Services in Sanctuary Virtual Service at 9 am.	<b>26</b> 6:30 p.m. NAP Board Meeting 6:30 pm NA	<b>27</b> 5:30 pm TOPS 6:30 pm NA	<b>28</b> 6 pm Kids Club/EYG 6 pm Youth Group 6 pm Men's /Women's Bible Study	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

## CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYER CONCERNS



### July Birthdays

1 Melanie Calcara  
2 Joe Felke  
5 Bruce Coons  
6 Mason Bauer  
6 Vaughn Goerl  
6 Brice Kennedy

8 Patricia Stonebraker  
8 Danae Cory  
9 Leonard Bunselmeyer Jr.  
10 Alisha Mawhirter  
10 Jace Deines  
11 Nancy Carroll  
15 Brock McPherson  
16 Dennis Sherman  
18 Barbara Lear  
18 Jacob Fanshier  
18 Braydan Peak

18 Bonnie Sarff  
19 John Schreiber  
19 Judy Miller  
20 Don Young  
23 Delora Baldwin  
24 Frances Pearson  
28 Jill Boultinghouse  
29 Susan Young  
29 Bradley Grant  
29 Sonja Yarmer  
30 Carl Anderson

### WE REMEMBER THESE IN OUR PRAYERS:

#### The family of Clara Feldman

**Mary Gergerson** (*Banks' daughter*), **Delora Baldwin**, **Myrla Keenan**, **Brenda Rowe** (*Harriet Herzberg's daughter*), **Alexa Martin** (*Barbara Lear's cousin*)

**Cancer treatment and recovery: Kathy Rogers**, **Nadine Erskin**, **Cindy Biehler** (*Karen Menzies' niece*), **Stephanie Kaiser** (*friend of Janis Link*), **Serenity Carpenter** (*granddaughter of Bill & Linda Carpenter*), **Imogene Christiansen's daughters Mary and Dana**

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

**Front-line health care workers; those who have tested positive or who are quarantined; those who wait for the first and second vaccines**

**Our church, incoming pastor Tim Bever and his family, and Pastor Morita during this time of transitions**



### July Anniversaries

18 Taylor & Kelly Calcara  
19 Dan & Dorothy Hertel  
19 Michael & Vivian Harbaugh  
21 T.J. & Sue Roberts  
25 Kelvin & Melody Johnston  
26 Travis & Sheryl Peak  
29 Todd & Kelsey Scheuerman

### WITH OUR GRATITUDE

**From the family of Tony Hinson:** For all the kindness you have shown, we thank you very much. For sympathy in sorrowing days, for friendships' healing touch, with gratitude our hearts are full, though words cannot convey the tender thoughts and thankfulness we hold for you today.

Love, Gary & Pat Hinson.



## SHARE in Worship and Fellowship

### SUNDAY SERVICES

Join Rev. Tim Bever this month as he starts his new ministry at Great Bend FUMC, July 4th! Services are at 9 a.m. (Traditional) and 11 a.m. (REVIVE) each Sunday.

Date	Scripture	Title
<b>July 4</b>	John 13:31-35	"Why I Love the Church"
<b>July 11</b>	Matthew 10:40-42	"Welcome"
<b>July 18</b>	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	"Sowing the Seeds"
<b>July 25</b>	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	"No Weed Control"

### LETS TALK

Actually, you get to talk and I'll listen! Whenever I start serving a new church, I like to hold "listening sessions" where I get to know people better. I like to know who you are, about your family; why you're at FUMC; where you serve at FUMC; what your passions are, both inside and outside the church; and anything else you want to tell me. However, this is not a complaint forum, this is a time for me to get to know about you.

So in August, I'm going to hold listening sessions on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the



office conference room. I will also gladly come to your Sunday School class or other small group if you want to give up that time for this. Just remember that if we have more than 10 or so people it is harder to have time for everyone to share with me.

Groups will be limited to 10 people and if needed we can add more times. Please contact Rebecca in the office to reserve your spot.

I do hope you will take this opportunity to help me know you better. If you have any questions, just let me know.

*Pastor Tim*

### NAME TAGS

Please wear your name tag for the next couple of months to help Pastor Tim out. He really wants to be able to call everyone by name but he really gifted with that kind of memory. So, help him out for the next couple of months as we hopefully get people coming back after COVID and add some new members to our FUMC family. If you don't have a name tag or have misplaced it, please let Rebecca know in the office.



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Contact the office to receive this newsletter by email or find it on the website, [www.GBFUMC.org](http://www.GBFUMC.org).

## **WEEKLY EVENTS @ FUMC!**

### **SUNDAY**

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

Virtual Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. on YouTube channel GBFUMC

Masks are not mandatory, but we are following the guidelines as set forth by the CDC. Persons who have not been vaccinated are asked to please wear masks when in our building.

Please report any concerns.

Small groups that meet during the week are CORE Community, NA, TOPS and the Train Club.

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