



CLARION CONNECTION

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GROW IN FAITH | SHARE IN WORSHIP | SERVE OTHERS

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00, 11:00 a.m.

Live-stream worship:

* 9 a.m. on YouTube
Channel GBFUMC

* 11 a.m. via
FaceBook
GBFirstUMC

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TIME WITH TIM

As I sat to write this month I started thinking about Labor Day coming up so I thought maybe for this month's column maybe you could pray with me to the Lord of all creation, who gives us life, and work, and purpose. Let's pray:

Almighty God, when you lovingly formed us out of the dust of the earth, you breathed into us the breath of life and gave us work and purpose for living. You placed Adam in the garden of Eden to till and keep it. Through our work, you make us co-creators with you, shaping the world in which we live. You gave dignity to our labor by sending your Son to labor with us. By our labor, the world is enriched. By our labor, we enjoy the fruits of creation.

For providing varieties of work and for blessing us by our labor: We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who plow the field; for farmers and farm workers, for those who work with their hands and those who move the earth, for all who provide food for others: We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who tend the sick and those who seek new cures; for doctors and nurses, for scientists and technicians; for all who work to care for the sick: We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who design and create; for inventors and explorers, for artists and musicians; for those who write books and those who entertain; for all who open windows on their world through art and music: We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who work in offices and those who work in warehouses; for secretaries and receptionists, for stockers and bookkeepers; for those who market products and for those who move them; for all who serve others through administration: We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who inspire our minds and those who motivate us; for teachers and preachers, for public servants and religious servants; those who help the poor and those who work with our children; for all who encourage us to learn: We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those whose labor is tidiness and cleanliness; for janitors and sanitary workers, for drycleaners and maids; for those who produce cleaning products and those who use them; for all those who add beauty and cleanliness to your world: We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who sail the waves and those who fly the skies; for captains and

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SHARE in Worship and Fellowship

SUNDAY SERVICES

Please join us for the service of your choice each Sunday. Remember, communion is on the first Sunday of the month for the 9 a.m. Traditional Service and every Sunday for the 11 a.m. Revive Service.

If you can't join us in person, the Traditional Service may be found on our YouTube channel, GBFUMC, and the Revive service is available via FaceBook/GBFirstUMC.

Date	Scripture	Sermon
9/5/2021	James 3:1-12	Do No Harm
9/12/2021	James 13-18	Do Good
9/19/2021	UMW Sunday	
9/26/2021	James 5:13-20	Stay in Love with God

BACK-TO-CHURCH BLOCK PARTY

Hey, Everyone, it's a Block Party!

On September 26th at 4:00 p.m. we are going to have a huge Back-to-Church Block Party! We will be blocking off Stone Street on the west side of the building and will have inflatables, food, and the Revive Band!

There will be some chairs and tables, but feel free to bring your own lawn chairs if you prefer.

This is going to be a great time of fun, food and fellowship as we celebrate coming together as God's church called GBFUMC!

Fifth Sunday Service

The Fifth Sunday Service in August was full of fellowship, food and a relaxed atmosphere for the last sermon in the Dr. Seuss series by Pastor Tim.

Participants remarked that the service was "a blast. Let's do it again!", "so much fun" and made for a "wonderful Sunday morning!"

Next Fifth Sunday will be October 31st. Plan now to come and enjoy!



Time With Tim

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attendants, for astronauts and deep sea divers; for those who chart and those who navigate: We give you thanks, O Lord.

For those who serve in the armed forces; for soldiers and airmen; sailors and marines; for all those who put themselves in harm's way to protect others: We give you thanks, O Lord.

Guard and protect those who labor in the world. Bless the work of our hands, O Lord. Keep us from laboring for ourselves alone. Make us loving and responsible in all that we do.

Through the Holy Spirit in the name of Our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen

In Christ,
Pastor Tim

SERVE Others — Church News

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Come Make a Prayer Box

UMW is hosting a session on Wednesday September 8th at 5:30 to help you make your own "Prayer Tin"! A prayer tin is simply a container where you can pray by writing a note to God. Think of it as a mailbox to God.



Tins, pencils and notes will be provided – please bring scissors, hot glue gun, extension cord, lace, rickrack, beads (or any other item).

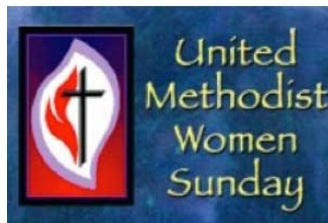
LaVonne will be doing a lesson on "What will your epitaph say?"

All women of the church (and invited friends) are welcome!

UMW Sunday Highlights

UMW Sunday will be celebrated during both services on Sunday, September 19th.

Guest Speaker will be Diana Webster on "Why Waste a Good Crisis" -- sharing her experience with Covid-19!



The UMW will also be awarding two Special Recognition Pins and honoring someone with a Dedicated Light.

Bible Study Resumes

Bible Study with Melanie Calcara will resume Wednesday mornings starting on September 8th. This women's bible study group meets from 9:30 - 11:00 in Room #25.

CHOIR PRACTICE

The **Chancel Choir** has begun rehearsals with plans to sing on the 5th of September.

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Chancel area of the



Sanctuary. Anyone interested in joining should contact Marc Webster at kmsband@yahoo.com or 620-603-3393. The choir could use all the voices it can get.

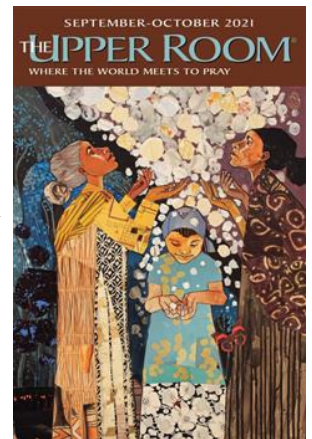
The **Bell Choir** will begin rehearsals Sunday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the west balcony. The contact info is the same. The bell choir can use new members also. If you haven't played bells before, Marc and current members will teach you how.



Upper Room

The September/October Upper Rooms are in and available for pick up in the bookholder by the elevator on the sanctuary level. Pick up yours today!

This month's cover picture is of three generations, receiving manna from heaven.



THINGS TO ANTICIPATE

FIFTH SUNDAYS in October, January, & May

SILENT AUCTION

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS for Kansas foster kids

GROW in Faith — CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL

The Fall Semester is off to a good start with a full roster of children, and added classes in the afternoon to accommodate students.

Ms. Tracy joined the staff for the summer and will continue this semester as she works with the In-Betweeners. Ms. Kaylee is teaching the Pre-K class this semester, and Ms. Julie and Ms. Terri are teaching the Beginners.

In September, the children will be learning letters A-F, the color Red, numbers 1-6 and the Circle shape. Their memory verse is "Let the children come to me ..." (*Mark 10:14*).

The pre-school will be closed September 6 to observe Labor Day.

If you have any questions about enrollment or programs, please contact Julie Gregg, preschool director.



Thank you!

NAP would like to offer a BIG thank you to First UMC for the donations of school supplies and other items.

MOPS REGISTRATION

Are you a mother of a child age birth through kindergarten? Then MOPS is the place for you!

Registration night will be Wednesday, September 1st at 5:30 p.m. A picnic on the south lawn is planned, with registration and discussion of the program.

MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) is an international organization whose goal is to support and encourage mothers. At the meetings, you can eat a meal you didn't cook, engage in honest conversation with other moms in your same stage of life, hear engaging speakers and complete fun creative activities, all while your little ones are lovingly cared for in the nursery, pre-school or elementary youth group.

MOPS meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at First UMC!

ALL FOR LOVE

Fall 2021 Meeting Dates

September 1	November 3
September 15	November 17
October 6	December 1
October 20	December 15

Impromptu Event Draws Bouncers

Children of all sizes had time to play and bounce between the Sunday services August 22.

Part of a "Bounce Back to Church!" event, the event included a donated bounce house and time to explore our playground equipment.



GROW in Faith — CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Kids in EYG got the new semester off with lots of bananas, chocolate, vanilla and cherries! They built a 10-foot banana split, then invited Kids Klub to help them eat it.

September will find our Children's Ministry dining at 5:30 p.m. with MOPS on the first and third Wednesdays. The children will have their regular meetings from 6-7 p.m. every Wednesday.

Kids Klub & EYG

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

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



SERVE Others in MINISTRY

Fellow Man International

Honduras Mission Update

Clinic: Pre-natal care is a focus since the hospitals are full with COVID patients. They are seeing respiratory distress in the children, but since they have no rapid COVID tests, it is unsafe to give them breathing treatments.



The Clinic has no ability to treat critically ill children, and treatment used for adults is not appropriate for children. Employment opportunities have dried up so they are seeing malnutrition in the children.

Dentistry: The dentist is being selective about the procedures he will perform due to COVID. They do not have good air flow. He must do manual cleaning. All pre-natal patients see the dentist first.

School: Students are still not back in school. Teachers are coming once a week to bring a packet of educational activities for the students. As clinic workers travel into the mountain areas, they take packets with them. No school means no school lunches which adds to the malnutrition.

Agriculture: The gardens are doing very well, providing mustard greens (iron source for the children), squash, cucumbers, and so on. The new hen house is being built by area men so there are no labor charges. Lisa thinks the house can hold 100 layers but they will need to study the number of hens vs. the feed bill. Currently they have 75 hens. The pigs are also doing great.

Lisa: Lisa was deathly ill with MRSA on her face and her eye. She is thankful to be better now! Work is distressing as the Chanute hospital tries to find beds for the most critical COVID patients, while they continue to lose people to the virus.

Operation Christmas Child

Time to think “Shoeboxes”



Our empty shoeboxes will be coming soon! Hopefully you have been taking advantage of the school supply displays in the stores. Our collection will begin in a few weeks but remember that the dollar stores' stock of fun things suitable for the boxes often gets low by November. Please keep an eye open as you shop for items to fill your box(es)!

IDEAS FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES:

Remember, NO LIQUIDS, TOOTHPASTE, CANDY, WAR TOYS, KNIVES, CAMOUFLAGE ITEMS, OR BREAKABLES, please!

Hygiene Products: Bar soap, washcloths, toothbrushes, combs, socks, underwear/t-shirts

Other items: Hairclips/ponytail holders, hats/gloves, sunglasses, ball caps/bandanas/scarves

School supplies: Pencil sharpeners, pencils/pens, eraser tops, stickers, crayons, markers, scissors, paper, glue sticks, coloring books

Toys: Small cars, small balls, small stuffed animals, small dolls, harmonicas/whistles, playdough and plastic cutters, play jewelry, yo-yos, jump ropes.

T-SHIRT Jump Ropes

— Vivian Harbaugh made these t-shirt jump ropes last year to include in shoeboxes. If you'd like to know how to make these easy ropes from your old t-shirts, you may find instructions online by googling “t-shirt jump ropes” or contact the church office for a print-out of instructions.



First United Methodist Church — September 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
NOTE: Virtual Sunday Services are live at 9 a.m. on YouTube & 11 a.m. on Facebook			1 11 a.m. UMW Board 5:30 pm MOPS 5:30 pm Kids Club/ EYG 6:30 Church Council 7 p.m. Chancel Choir	2 6 pm Core Community 7 pm NA	3	4
5 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. — Services in Sanctuary Virtual Services at 9 & 11 7 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal	6 Labor Day Office Closed 6:30 pm NA	7 5:15 p.m. Finance Cmm 5:30 pm TOPS 6:30 pm NA 7 pm Train Club	8 9:30 Bible Study 5:30 UMW Circle 6 pm Kids Club/EYG 6 pm Men's/Women's Bible Study 7 pm Chancel Choir	9 6 pm Core Community 7 pm NA	10	11
12 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. — Services in Sanctuary Virtual Services at 9 & 11	13 6:30 pm NA	14 5:30 pm TOPS 6:30 pm NA	15 9:30 Bible Study 1 p.m. UMW Circle 5:30 pm MOPS 5:30 Kids Club/EYG 7 pm Chancel Choir	16 6 pm Core Community 7 pm NA	17	18
19 UMW Sunday 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. — Services in Sanctuary Virtual Services at 9 & 11	20 9 am Submission of Newsletter Items Deadline 6:30 pm NA 7 pm Train Club	21 5:30 pm TOPS 6:30 pm NA	22 9:30 Bible Study 6 pm Kids Club/EYG 6 pm Men's/Women's Bible Study 7 pm chancel Choir	23 6 pm Core Community 7 pm NA	24	25
26 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. — Services in Sanctuary Virtual Services at 9 & 11 4 pm Back-to-Church Party	27 6:30 pm NA	28 5:30 pm TOPS 6:30 pm NA	29 9:30 Bible Study 6 pm Kids Club/EYG 7 pm Chancel Choir	30 6 pm Core Community 7 pm NA		

CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYER CONCERNS



September Birthdays

3 Aaron Carpenter

4 Margaret Bartholomew

7 Michael Allison

7 Tammie Buckbee

7 Kaden Deines

8 Ali Rein

9 Alexander Barton

10 Rhonda Phillips

12 Mary Joiner

13 Jim Ireland

13 Karen Garrett

13 Nolan Barton

13 Courtney Barton

16 Brooks Calcara

17 Shirley Henning

18 Larissa Graham

24 Randall Fanshier

24 Shawndra Harbaugh

26 Kolby Burnham

27 Elizabeth Evans

27 Marc Webster

28 Lisa Baum

29 Tristian Unruh

30 Charlene Engleman

WE REMEMBER THESE IN OUR PRAYERS:

The family of Grayson Salmon Gregg

Cancer treatment and recovery: Dewey Adams (*Sharon Anglemeyer's uncle*), Kathy Rogers, Nadine Erskin, Cindy Biehler (*Karen Menzies' niece*), Stephanie Kaiser (*friend of Janis Link*), Imogene Christiansen's daughters **Mary and Dana**

All Those Who Reside in Nursing Homes/Care Facilities: (*River Bend*) Carol Thier; (*Brookdale*) Dodo White, Eileen Ingersoll and Ivy Webster; (*Medicalodge of Great Bend*) Alberta Douglas; (*other facilities*) Betty Edwards, Dodge City; Jim Sickbert, Wichita; Roberta Bartlett, Larned; Frances Pearson, Wichita; Myrla Keenan, Hoisington; Chuck Parmer, Hutchinson; Minnie Bisbee, Wichita; Eleanor Bell, Wichita; and Greta Foster.

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



September Anniversaries

1 Rod & Charlene Engleman

4 Frank & Shannon Deines III

6 Michael & Sonja Yarmer

7 Arlon & Sue Johnson

15 Merle & Vivian Evers

20 Ryan & Ashlea Noonan

22 Max & Donna Knipe

**Office closed on Monday,
September 6, Labor Day.**

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WEEKLY EVENTS @ FUMC!

SUNDAY

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

Virtual Worship Services:

- 9:00 a.m. on YouTube channel GBFUMC
- 11 a.m. service via FaceBook/
GBFirstUMC

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, Girl Scouts, NA, TOPS and the Train Club.

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