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*June 2011*

*From Pastor Tom*

### ***SPECIAL SERVERS***

We are most grateful to those who have helped this year with our Kids Klub, our Elementary Youth Group, and our Middle School Youth. These have all met each week on Wednesday evenings. We express our gratitude to all of the leaders of these groups, including Larissa Graham, Anne Behan, Vivian Harbaugh, April Harbaugh, Shawndra Harbaugh, Steve and Laurie Cosgrove, and Anthony Phillips. You have provided a fun year of learning and growing for our youngsters.

### ***MUSICAL BLESSINGS***

Our congregation is blessed with lots of persons with musical talent. We are inspired by the anthems and special numbers that are provided for us. Our thanks to Vern Fryberger, Jenny Allford, and Brad Shirer for their talents with our Chancel Choir. Our thanks to Marc Webster for his leadership of the Resurrection Ringers. Our thanks to Larissa Graham and Vivian Harbaugh for the music shared by Kids Klub and EYG children. Our thanks to Susan Tammen for her leadership in the 8:30 worship. And our thanks to Susan, Herb Phillips, Jeff Underwood, and Anthony Phillips for their leadership with Forest Street Café. Our thanks to every choir member for sharing with us. We do appreciate all of our church musicians.

### ***THANK YOU PAINT CREW!***

It is amazing what the people of the church can do when we work together with a mission spirit. Our local mission project for this spring was to paint the house at 1203 Jefferson. The first day we worked on it, we did power-washing and scraping, to take off old paint. The second day we put on a good coat of primer. The third day we applied the final coat of paint. The result is a beautiful job, well done.

Our thanks to all who helped, including: Jim Pitts, Leonard and Linda Bunselmeyer, Marc and Diana Webster, Derik Trimmer, Bob and Rosi Luthi, Merle and Vivian Evers, Dennis and Jann Sherman, Melanie Calcara, Terry and Judy Turner, Bob Baker, Dianne Lavake, Chuck Parmer, Sue Parmer, Bonny Boultinghouse, and Pastor Tom. Our thanks to Nancy Gale and the UM Women for providing lunches for the workers. Thanks to the others who helped in other ways.

### ***CONGRATULATIONS***

We extend our congratulations to Linda Jerke, Nancy Carroll, and Leonard Bunselmeyer. They will be retiring from Barton Community College. We also congratulate Karen Garrett, retiring from Eisenhower Elementary. We wish you well as you enjoy the days ahead!



# The Clarion

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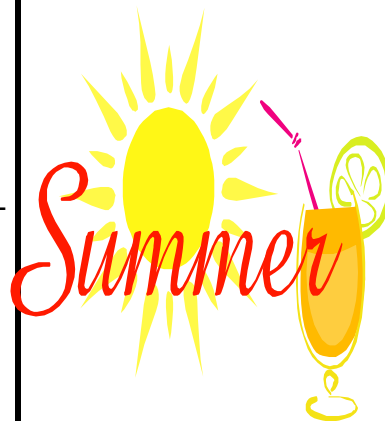
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### **PRE-SCHOOL SUMMER FUN**

On May 24 we completed the regular school year for our Pre-School ministry. We have had full classes with about 30 children enrolled throughout the year.

On June 2 we will have enrollment for Pre-School Summer Fun. Our summer classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings throughout June and July. Our Pre-School Staff includes Julie Gregg, Director, Joan Trebilcock, and Sierra Burkes. For more information call Julie at 793-3451.

Congratulations to Julie Gregg for completing a continuing education session recently in eastern Kansas. We are excited about some new ideas.



### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING**

July 18-22 will be the dates for this year's Vacation Bible School. Classes will be 9-12 AM at the United Church of Christ. Crew Leaders are needed to help move the children from one station to another. There is also a need for recreation leaders. If you can help, please call Larissa Graham at 617-4851, or contact the church office.

### **WELCOME ALYSSA HERTEL**

We are happy to welcome Alyssa Hertel as our church nursery attendant. She will be on hand in the nursery each Sunday morning to assist with our infants. If you know of families with infants, be sure to let them know that we do provide nursery care for the little ones.

### **YOU ARE INVITED**

Calling all adults: You are invited to some great Sunday School Classes. We meet each week at 9:30 A.M. Dennis Sherman teaches the Unity Class, and Stan Higgins teaches the U R Welcome Class. We have Bible study, video presentations, and meaningful discussions. Enjoy the fellowship as you learn and grow in faith.

***Come and share with us in  
worship, study, and fellowship!***



# FUMY



One last congratulations shout-out for all our grads! You guys have an awesome journey ahead of you with this impending transitional stage of life.

In other news, our high school youth group has been learning about what it means to be transformed by Christ. Through a series of cyber-guest speakers (ask a student about that!), we learned that being transformed by Jesus is a life-long process that is codependent on His sovereign power and our everyday choices. We're also gearing up for some summer cookouts and VBS service.

For all Jr. Highers:

We are continuing to meet through the summer from 5:30 – 7:00 on Wednesday nights for Bible study, ice cream, scavenger hunts, crazy games, prayer, and water fights.





# JUNE—Great Bend First United Methodist Church— 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>5</b> 8:30 & 10:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Prayer Group-Wesley 9:30 AM Discovery Hour 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUPS	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Pre-School Summer Fun Starts</b>  <b>Forest Street Band Practice</b>	<b>8</b> Jr. High Youth Mtg 5:30-7:00	<b>9</b> Pre-School Summer Fun  7:00 PM Trustee Mtg	<b>10</b> <b>Wedding Rehearsal 7:00 PM</b>	<b>11</b> <b>6 PM Forest Street Café</b>  <b>4:00 PM Wedding</b>
<b>12</b> 8:30 & 10:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Prayer Group-Wesley 9:30 AM Discovery Hour 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUPS	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Pre-School Summer Fun  <b>Forest Street Band Practice</b>	<b>15</b> Jr. High Youth Mtg 5:30-7:00	<b>16</b> Pre-School Summer Fun  7:00 PM Train Club-Room 25	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>6 PM Forest Street Café</b>
<b>19</b> 8:30 & 10:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Prayer Group-Wesley 9:30 AM Discovery Hour 6:00 PM Youth Groups	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Pre-School Summer Fun  <b>Forest Street Band Practice</b>	<b>22</b> Jr. High Youth Mtg 5:30-7:00	<b>23</b> Pre-School Summer Fun	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>6 PM Forest Street Café</b> <b>POTLUCK</b>
<b>26</b> 8:30 & 10:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Prayer Group-Wesley 9:30 AM Discovery Hour 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUPS	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Pre-School Summer Fun  <b>Forest Street Band Practice</b>	<b>29</b> Jr. High Youth Mtg 5:30-7:00	<b>30</b> Pre-School Summer Fun  <b>Newsletter Mailing 10:00 AM</b>		



# OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

1-Beth Holl  
 1-Zane Evans  
 1-Allison Peak  
 2-Janet Engleman  
 2-Rana Ingram  
 2-Dallas Felke  
 2-Braylee Carper  
 3-Sherri Brack  
 3-Scott Brantley  
 3-Jill Sherman  
 3-Ian Compton  
 3-Danae Patten  
 4-Lisa Phillips  
 4-Larry Bard  
 4-Mark Towery  
 6-Jennie Byerley  
 6-Dorothy Biggs  
 6-Amy Fryberger  
 7-Robert Marsh  
 8-Wayne McReynolds  
 8-Bill Carpenter  
 8-Marilyn Rensch  
 8-Brent Cherry  
 8-Nathan Compton

9-Harold Jones  
 9-Richard Gray  
 10-Diana Scheuerman  
 10-Ben Fanshier  
 10-Corey Harbaugh  
 11-Sam Shoaff  
 11-Mike Mauler  
 12-Noel Gregory  
 12-Scott Gregory  
 12-Beth Ann Chilcott  
 13-Barbara Sheldon  
 13-Ta'Tiana Daniels  
 14-Glynnese Jones  
 14-Mike Hayes  
 14-Jessica Jackson  
 14-Alexis Whipple  
 15-Rod Engleman  
 15-Michael Link  
 15-Mitchel Kottas  
 16-Phyllis Blythe  
 16-Jeffrey Brozek  
 16-Dianna Zeretzke  
 16-Justin Engleman  
 17-Esther Jenkins  
 17-Suzie Pafford  
 17-Ryan Fanshier

17-Brady Burnham  
 18-Jean Cuzick  
 18-Judy Turner  
 18-Sherry Goeller  
 18-Scott Sisson  
 18-Matthew Hensiek  
 18-Anne Behan  
 21-Jean Nething  
 21-Jenny Allford  
 21-Deborah Jackson  
 21-Robert Anderson  
 21-Thomas Bobbitt  
 22-Pat Schutte  
 22-Dustin Ellis  
 22-Luke Fanshier  
 22-Wyatt Bryant  
 23-Jim Jay  
 23-Sarah Price  
 23-Chelsea Underwood  
 23-Jacob Babcock

24-Jean Hanks  
 24-Carrie Hogg  
 25-Paul Wooster  
**25-TOM SHELDON**  
 25-Michael Harbaugh  
 25-Nate Myers  
 26-Earl Sneath  
 26-Janice Johnson  
 26-Cayden Brokar  
 27-Sarah Shirer  
 28-Judy Anderson  
 28-Barry Dewald  
 29-Helen Drake  
 29-Janet Schremmer  
 29-Sarah Lear  
**30-STEPHEN COSGROVE**  
 30-Donna Wharton  
 30-Becky Fryberger  
 30-Trevor Sanders

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

1-Pat/Kathy Kottas  
 2-Brian/Amanda Jaworsky  
 3-Bob/Jenny Allford  
 4-Terry/Judy Turner  
 4-Randy/Sandy Smith  
 4-Larry/Brenda Holtrop  
 5-Don/Pat Halbower  
**5-TOM/BARBARA SHELDON**  
 6-Don/Susan Young  
 11-Chris/Jami Battin  
 14-Steven/Judy Bloyd  
 14-Leonard/Linda Bunselmeyer  
 14-Lance/Melissa Hagerman  
 16-Darin/Sharilyn Stewart  
 17-Brian/Carie Pedigo  
 17-Brett/Kari Carper  
 18-Jeff/Lori Underwood  
 18-Scott/Patti Bobbitt  
 19-Bob/Kathleen Kennedy  
 21-Loren/Cindy Phillips  
 25-Mike/Andrea Compton  
 26-Matt/Sarah Hensiek  
 29-Shane/Jill Boultinghouse  
 30-Jim/Lucy Jay

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY IS IN JUNE AND YOU DO NOT SEE IT LISTED, that means we do not have it recorded . Please call the office 792-2148! Thank you!**

## “Hear Our Prayers, O Lord”

**RECENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL:** Carol Cook, Jean Rumble, Maxine Krallman, Delores Steadman

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** to the family of Emerson MacDonald, his funeral was May 4, to the family of Evelyn Moore, her funeral was May 10, and to the family of Hiram Baxter, his funeral was May 12.

**WE REMEMBER THESE IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Darlene Anderson, Judy Anderson, Roberta Bartlett, Thelia Brack, Dorothy Brining, Larry Bryant, Dee Farminer, Barbara McPherson, Wanda Morse, Ellie Pearson, Sue Roberts, Jim Rube, Pat Schutte, Sandy Smith, Dick Thier, Ruth Ward**

**Brianna Demerjian** (*Ruth Lowry's niece*), **Bill Mead** (*husband of Evelyn Mead*), **Floyd Clawson** (*Betty Bank's brother*), **Aaron Fryberger** (*great-grandson of Mary Lou Fryberger and great-nephew of Vern Fryberger*), **Carson Halbower** (*granddaughter of Don & Pat Halbower*), **Shirley Goddard** (*Ruth Lowry's niece*), **Richard Barton** (*father of Chad Barton*), **Shonna Manning & Macey Stalino** (*granddaughters of Wanda Morse*), **Ann Asher** (*friend of Donna Knipe*), **Betty Wilson** (*Bob Goeller's sister*), **Tanner Blackwell** (*Alice Fox's grandson*), **Brent Jones** (*son of Glynnese Jones*), **Deanne Ficken** (*Joel Ficken's sister-in-law*), **Richard Spencer** (*Anne Behan's friend*), **Bob, Sherry, Sierra King** (*Betty & Gail Erikson's friends*), **Mindy Kite** (*friend of Sarah Shirer*), **Stephanie Conlley** (*friend of Barbar Lear*), **Naomi Grace** (*grandchild of friend of Delora Baldwin*), **Connie Redding** (*friend of Harriet Herzberg*), **Kathleen McCarty** (*friend of Jackie Curtis*)

*All our men & women in the armed forces including* **Ethan Babcock** (*Wade Babcock's brother*), **Carrie Hicks, Andrew Henderson, Jerrod L. Hays** (*nephew of Lee & Duane Rouser*), **Kelsey Bryant** (*Larry & Aileen Bryant's grandson*), **Brandon Jewell** (*grandson of Don & Pat Halbower/home!*), **Travis Gregg, Ryan Gregg's brother**, **Matt Young** (*nephew of Don & Susan Young*), **Mark Miller** (*Pat Stonebraker's grandson*), **Michael Santy** (*grandson of Bobbi Donner, Columbia, South America*), **Joshua Bantam** (*great-nephew of Lavonne Gerritzen-Iraq*), **Adam Watkins** (*nephew of Hugh & Delores Steadman, Italy*)

Thank you for keeping us informed of conditions of those on our prayer list. Keeping our list current is greatly appreciated.





**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES**

We congratulate all who are graduating this spring from High School and Colleges. Our church High School graduates include:



Alexis Brack, Maranda Holmes, Sarah Lear, Jessica Sell, and Alexis Whipple.  
 Other graduates include:  
 Alisha Fanshier, Barton County and Andrew Fanshier, BS Fort Hays, children of Roger & Gayle Fanshier and grandchildren of Frances & the late Bob Fanshier;  
 Tande Jasnosi, great-granddaughter of Buzz & Betty Banks;  
 Allyson Geschwentner, granddaughter of Virgil & Linda Maser;  
 Christopher Curtis, K- State University, grandson of Jackie Curtis, master’s degree in architecture;  
 Julie Pickler, K-State master’s degree in Public Health, granddaughter of Alice Walter.

**COMMUNION STEWARDS, June 1**

<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
Melanie Calcara	Janis Link
Deb Ficken	Jann Sherman
Kathleen Kennedy	Sarah Shirer
Nancy Carroll	Margaret Dumler
	Jean Starbuck
	Eleanor Bell
	Suzie Pafford

**OUR STEWARDSHIP**

May 15, 2011

Worship Attendance—250

Forest Street Café—37 Discovery Hour Attend.—35

Kids Klub/EYG— 23 Kids, 5 Adults

Year to Date Contributions to Church Budget.....\$ 138,144

Year to Date Budgeted for Church Budget.....\$134,295

Bridges to the Future.....\$1,142

It is God’s desire that we become like Christ!

Phil. 2:5: “Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.”

Praise the Lord, our Provider!

**JUNE IS FOOD BANK MONTH**

Our congregation joins with numerous other churches of our community in support of the local Food Bank. In 2010 there were 7859 people who were served through the Food Bank. Each family receives a box of healthy food. This ministry is provided through the generosity of the caring people of the churches.

June is First United Methodist Church’s turn to assist in serving in the Food Bank. The Food Bank is located at 3007 10th Street. Hours we will help are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12:45 — 3:15 P.M. You can sign up to help on the sheet in the sanctuary.

**June Food Bank Needs**

We also help through the contributions that we provide for the food boxes. Here is a list of items that are currently needed:

- Spaghetti Sauce
- Spaghetti Pasta
- Egg Noodles
- Chicken Broth
- Fruit Juices
- Flour, Sugar
- Rice, Dried Beans
- Boxed or Canned Potatoes
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Tomatoes
- Cooking Oil
- Cereal, Oatmeal
- Soups
- Jello
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Canned Meats
- Canned Milk
- Cake or Brownie Mixes
- CASH—for Meat,  
Fresh Produce



Please leave items in boxes at our Church Entrances

*Thanks for helping!*



