



From Pastor Tom

GOD'S CONTINUING BLESSINGS

God continues to bless this church in many ways. Last Sunday the community had snow and ice, but we still had two great times of worship on Sunday, and a fun time at Forest Street Café on Saturday. We welcomed Scott and Carin Gregory into membership of the church. Scott is the new Zoo director for Great Bend. Carin is playing hand bells with our Resurrection Ringers bell choir. We also had the baptism of Kolten Axel Cory, the new son of Rod and Danae Cory. What a joy it is to share with families in these times.

We are excited by the youth ministry of **STEVE COSGROVE**. He has already shared his talents in organizing and leading our Youth Fellowship. We now have up to 25 youth taking part on Sunday evenings. Please help spread the word that youth are welcome to an exciting and spiritual program. He also has helped us in Forest Street Café with his musical talents, and we are grateful.

THANK YOU to our members who invite others to our worship and ministries, and for helping persons to feel welcome each time they attend and share in Christian fellowship.

THANK YOU to all who worked on assembling Health Kits for Haiti. We received 60 of the kits which have been sent on through our United Methodist Committee On Relief. These will be a big help to persons who lost everything in the earthquake disaster there.

THE WIDOW'S MITE will be our Lenten fundraiser for Barton County Emergency Aid. As we drop coins into a metal bucket at church we are also sharing help with many persons who have need within our community. Jesus told of a poor widow who put in two small coins into the treasury at the temple. He said, "This poor widow put in more than all those who put into the treasury....she out of her poverty has put in all that she had, her whole life" (Mark 12:43-44). Thank you for sharing God's love along with your coins.

THANK YOU to all who attended our Ash Wednesday worship service. Please mark your calendar for the Sacrificial Meal, at 6:00 P.M. March 25, and Maundy Thursday Communion on April 1 at 7:00 P.M.

Jesus tried to prepare his followers: "The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised" (Luke 9:22). In faith, we travel with him these days before Easter. —Tom S.



The Clarion

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays, 8:30 & 10:30 AM
Saturdays, "Forest Street,"
6:00 PM

DISCOVERY HOUR

Sundays, 9:30 AM

Children

Pre-K-2nd Grades—Rm. 30
3rd-5th Grades—Rm. 31
Middle School &
High School Youth
Youth Rooms—Third Floor

Adults

Unity Class—Room 25
UR Welcome Class—
Conference Room
Young Adult Class—Wesley
Room

CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Kids Klub

(Pre-K-2nd Grades)
Wednesdays, 5:30 PM

Elementary Youth Group

(3rd-5th Grades)
Wednesdays, 5:30 PM

Middle School & High School Youth

Sundays, 6:00 PM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
8:00 AM—12:00 Noon
1:00-5:00 PM
Friday
8:00 AM—12:00 Noon
(620) 792-2148



PONDERING THE PASSION OF CHRIST BREAD & BROTH SACRIFICIAL MEAL THURSDAY, MARCH 25 6:00 P.M.

An important part of our Church Vision Statement is: "First United Methodist Church will be the Body of Christ committed to growing spiritually." There are many ways we do this as followers of Jesus Christ. We pray regularly. We are consistent in our attendance at worship. We share in times of study of the Scriptures. We share in Holy Communion. We serve God.

We invite you to share in another way we can experience spiritual growth. We will meet on Thursday, March 25 at 6:00 P.M. to share in a sacrificial meal. The meal is simply bread and broth and water. As we eat we remember Jesus' time in the desert when he went 40 days without eating. We make a freewill donation for the meal to go to Barton County Emergency Aid, to help those of our community with special needs.

As we share the meal we will have readings from the Gospel of Jesus' journey that would take him to the cross. The focus of the Sacrificial Meal is nourishment for our souls. In humble remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice for each of us, we are challenged to deepen our faith and trust in God.

We will also be praying for all of those included each Sunday in our Bulletin Prayer List, and other special concerns.

We also invite you to share in the Lenten Luncheons (See Schedule for each Wednesday Noon's location). Plan to be with us for Palm Sunday Worship, March 28; Maundy Thursday Communion on April 1; and Easter Sunrise Service, Breakfast, and Worship Services on April 4.

If you would like to assist with the Sacrificial Meal, please notify Pastor Tom.

Some Happening's at First...



United Methodist Women's CIRCLE MEETINGS March 17, 2010

9:15 AM – PITTS-ROUSER

Host: Frances Fanshier, Parlor
Co-Host: Eileen Ingersoll
Devotions: Lee Rouser
Program: Bonnie Sarff

1:30 PM – HOLL-FIMPLE

Host: Janet Engleman, Parlor
Co-Host: Lenore Carpenter
Program: Kathleen Kennedy, "Prayer & Self Denial"

6:30 PM – WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE CIRCLE

Host: Sonya Rein, Parlor
Devotions: Linda Bunselmeyer
Program: Rosie Luthi

UMW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, March 3, 2010
at 9:15 AM in the Conference Room

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Wednesday, March 3
at 1:00 PM in the Parlor

FUN & FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

MARCH 27, 2010

"Name that Hymn" and
Game Night following
Forest Street



SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2010

Trip to Crown Uptown Theater
"Church Basement Ladies 2"



WEDNESDAYS — 12 NOON!

Wednesday, March 3

Assembly of God Church
601 Patton

Rev. Kevin Baxter, speaking



Wednesday, March 10

Central Baptist Church
3301 Lakin

Rev. Doyle Smith,
speaking

Wednesday, March 17

Foundry Methodist Church
5401 Broadway
Sister Renee Dreiling, speaking

Wednesday, March 24

Trinity Lutheran Church
2701 24th St

George Smith, speaking

Wednesday, March 31

First Christian Church
5700 Broadway

Rev. Jay Beuoy, speaking

Creation Care Team

First United Methodist Church
Great Bend, Kansas



Reusable Shopping Bags



\$2.00 each

REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS STILL AVAILABLE

The Creation Care Committee still has about 150 reusable shopping bags available. This is not a fund raising project (they actually cost more than the selling price), but rather an effort to reduce the use of the plastic bags that are hanging in all the fences along the highway. Dillon's even gives you 5 cents off your bill when you use your own bag. These bags have the United Methodist logo and our church's name imprinted on them. Get yours today to show the community that FUMC is doing something positive for the environment. **The bags may be purchased in the Church Office for \$2.00 each.**



Thank You!

Many thanks for all the prayers, flowers, food, and concerns while I was laid up in Wichita and Great Bend. All your help was greatly appreciated.

Pat Hinson

LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Thank you to all who contribute to our collection of labels and lids for education, The UMW collects these labels and this year will be distributing them to schools here in the local area. These schools then can purchase items needed for those schools. You may place your labels/lids on the table in the hallway by the church office. Lists of qualifying labels are on that table or can be found on the computer at labelsforeducation.com.

TAPE MINISTRY NEEDS SUBS

Our weekly tape ministry (delivering tapes to homebound & shut in folks) is looking for a few folks to be "on-call" when our regulars are unable to make deliveries. The recipients of these tapes eagerly look forward to receiving them and when we are unable to deliver them they are greatly disappointed. This is their way of worshiping with us.

Would you be interested in helping on an occasional basis? It's easy and very worthwhile. Please call the Church Office at 792-2148 if you would like to help!



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY—MARCH—HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

MARCH

BIRTHDAYS

- 1-Pat Halbower
- 1-Greta Foster
- 1-Carol Cook
- 1-Darin Bryant
- 1-Kendal Sell
- 2-Glynes Ash
- 3-Rufus Fimple
- 3-Max Knipe
- 3-Jeff Underwood
- 3-Darin Stewart
- 4-Buena Baize
- 4-Wanda Morse
- 4-Melissa Patterson
- 5-Marvin Baldwin
- 5-Jenna Hertel
- 6-Edmund Martinez
- 6-Callie Schartz
- 7-Alice Fox
- 7-Phillip Bartholomew

- 9-Paula Fellers
- 9-Alberta Douglas
- 9-Darrell Touslee
- 9-Brandon Maser
- 9-Sidney Gilkison
- 10-Dorothy O'Connell
- 10-Stephannie Goerl
- 11-Stuart Harbaugh
- 12-Ula Ewing
- 12-Arla McElhaney
- 12-Joanie Trebilcock
- 12-JoAnn Frydendall
- 13-Dee Farminer
- 13-Deanna Stevens
- 15-Mark Calcara
- 15-DR Phillips
- 15-Jason Johnson
- 17-Bruce Sloan
- 17-Douglas Brown
- 18-Sarah Stanley

- 18-Cayton Janousek
- 18-Devan Patten
- 18-Ian Murphey-Hosler
- 20-Luanne French
- 20-Pat Patterson
- 22-Keith Converse
- 22-Brian Jaworsky
- 22-Allison Levingston
- 23-Margaret Dumler
- 23-Sue Johnson
- 23-Hunter Marcum
- 24-Charles Auston
- 24-Carol Their
- 24-Karmi Green
- 24-James Martinez
- 24-Diane Brown
- 25-Marion Root
- 25-Sharon Jones
- 25-Jane Kohrs
- 25-Deb Ficken
- 25-Kyle Baker

- 25-Kylar Harbaugh
- 26-Jolene Johnson
- 27-Carol Lundquist
- 27-Betty Banks
- 27-Betty Burton
- 28-Sadie Barber
- 28-Bob Ingersoll
- 28-Sue Jaske
- 28-Ron Radke
- 28-Darian Harbaugh
- 30-Sheridan Beaumont
- 31-Ian Hogg
- 31-Shane Touslee

MARCH

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1-Mark/Melanie Calcara
- 2-Dale/Linda Hogg
- 2-Clark/Julie Mitchell
- 6-Brad/Phyllis Brack
- 11-Spencer/Jill Wharton
- 12-Wendell/MaryJane Doonan
- 14-Randy/Karmi Green
- 14-Bill/Darlene Blake
- 21-Earl/Janice Schmidt
- 25-Brock/Barbara McPherson
- 25-Wayne/Judy McReynolds
- 26-Jeff/Rhonda Brozek
- 30-Steven/Mary Sell

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Scott & Carin Gregory
BAPTISM: Kolten Axel Cory, son of Rod & Danae Cory

Theo Bear, Thelia Brack, Dee Farminer, Jim Fertig, Mary Lou Fryberger, Greta Foster, Jim Heaton, Jo Heaton, Gabriel Marcum, Bill Mead, Wanda Morse, Ellie Pearson, Sue Roberts, Carol Scheuerman, Sandy Smith, Elaine Taylor, Harold Walter, Jim Walter, Ruth Ward

Earl Adams (*Friend of Fertigs*), Brianna Demerjian (*Ruth Lowry's niece*), Phil Fox (*son of Frances Fox*), Denise Hayden (*daughter of Leo & Bertie Lou Hayden*), Blanche Mullinix (*Bobbi Donner's mother*), 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*), Ardy Mueller (*son-in-law of Delbert & Betty Sloan*), Lori Lamb (*friend of Buzz & Betty Banks*), Jenny Smith (*niece of Charlene Engleman*), Shonna Manning & Macey Stalino (*granddaughters of Wanda Morse*), Wiley Shaw (*nephew of Betty Sloan, son-in-law of Dwight & Ruth Nicolet*), Ann Asher (*friend of Donna Knipe*), Dakota Engleman (*granddaughter of Max & Donna Knipe*), Alex Elmore (*5 year old friend of Bud & Delores Steadman*), Janice Ulrich (*niece of Danelda St. Aubyn*), Jesse Torrez (*friend of Brad & Sarah Shirer*), Janice Scott (*sister of Pat Hinson*), Wally Thornburg (*relative of Delores Steadman*)

All our men & women in the armed forces including Ethan Babcock (*Wade Babcock's brother*), Jacob Hardman, 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*), Travis Gregg, Ryan Gregg's brother), Matt Young (*nephew of Don & Susan Young*), Graeme Rodgman (*Sue Rodgman's husband, Afghanistan*), Mark Miller (*Pat Stonebraker's grandson*), Adam Watkins (*nephew of Bud & Delores Steadman, Afghanistan*), Trent & Tara Talley (*graddaughter & grandson-in-law of H.J. & Pat Baxter*), Chris Forgues (*nephew of Brad & Sarah Shirer*), Kyle Denton (*grandson of Irvin & Betty Burton, Iraq*), Michael Santy (*grandson of Bobbi Donner, Haiti*)

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

"Hear Our Prayers, O Lord"

YOUTH NEWS!

Young Christians' Weekend
March 26 - March 28, 2010

Big Name Concerts • Inspiring Speakers • Praise & Worship • Thrilling Rides All In One Place!

Join thousands of youth from across the nation during the **Midwest's Premier Christian Youth Event!** Get ready for stellar concerts, messages to feed the soul and awesome worship services, PLUS two straight days of fun at Silver Dollar City. 2010 marks Silver Dollar City's 50th Birthday, and we're kicking off the celebration with a \$7 million **All-NEW Ride RiverBlast America's Biggest Water Battle!** Be one of the first to ride this supersoaking river raft adventure, and take aim at fellow Young Christians.

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. - ISAIAH 55:6

Friday Night, March 26 • 8:30pm

Few bands more effectively fuse music and ministry than this Virginia-based foursome. [DecembeRadio](#) delivers a blistering stage show. Yet intertwined among the searing guitars and adrenaline-fueled rock choruses, their unwavering commitment to spread the Gospel shines through on every note.



[DecembeRadio](#)

Saturday, March 27 • 9am - 6pm

Play all day in the park on over 30 rides and attractions including the **All NEW RiverBlast!** Join in spirit-filled workshops with amazing speakers and



[Lincoln Brewster](#)

mini-concerts throughout the park. Plus, choose a rally time at noon, 3 or 6pm in Echo Hollow® Amphitheatre for your group's chance to hear encouragement from speaker [Doug Compton](#), and see [Lincoln Brewster](#), whose music speaks to the hearts of people hungry for non-traditional, passionate worship.

Sunday, March 28 • 9am - 6pm

Experience an unbelievable second day with the worship service of your choice at 8:30 or 11:00am featuring the sounds of [33 Miles](#) and the life-altering message of [Joe White](#) from Kanakuk Kamps. Plus, spend another day soaring through the sky on multi-loopin', high-flyin' coasters!



[33 Miles](#)

DEADLINE TO RESERVE YOUR CHANCE TO GO:

March 14 — Let Steve know ASAP! Cost: \$85

(If scholarships are needed, call Steve)

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

We are getting into the swing of our youth group literally and figuratively. We meet Sunday nights from 6:00-7:30 PM. Our group is open to anyone 7-12+ grades. We'll be playing a few crazy games, teaching a relevant message from the Word, and worshipping our God and Savior through music.

Our ministry to our youth exists to expose students to the gospel, teach them to exalt God, equip them with the Word, let them enjoy the fellowship of believers, and give them opportunities to experience the work of ministry. We encourage the youth of First Methodist to join us in this ministry and be sure to bring a friend.

Come join us this Sunday night! Steve Cosgrove (Youth Director)

NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL



Come to the Noah's Ark Preschool Reading Diner!
All You Can Read!!

This year our preschool is having a Book Fair to promote reading with children. Children learn so much by reading or hearing stories. We will have books for all ages (preschool to adults) for sale in the Fellowship Hall during the following hours:

March 23rd through April 4th

Monday-Friday 8:00-10:45 AM

Wednesday evenings 5:30-7:30 PM (3/24; 3/31)

Sundays 10:00-10:30 and 11:30-12:00 (3/28; 4/4)

Books will be available for immediate purchase or can be ordered. We welcome everyone to come check out the Book Fair. Tell your friends to come and check it out, too! In addition to helping a young one learn to read, the Preschool will get free books with the money raised!



THANK YOU!
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On behalf of the members of the United States Air Force Heartland of America Band "Winds of Freedom" we wish to express our appreciation for the use of the First United Methodist Church facilities for our event. The church sanctuary makes for a great facility for events such as these. Thank you for the use of your building and the staff at your church that helped make this concert a success.

*M. Steven Lueth
Barton County Community College*

*Jennifer James, SSgt, USAF
Tour Director*

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, February 21, 2010

Worship Attendance—131 Forest Street Café— 49

Discovery Hour Attendance—38

Year to Date Contributions to Church Budget	\$ 51,836
Year to Date Budgeted for Church Budget	\$ 54,808
Haiti Relief Donations	\$ 2,588
Lisa Armstrong School Supplies	\$ 680

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!

MARCH—Great Bend First United Methodist Church— 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FEBRUARY 28 2nd Sunday Lent 8:30 & 10:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Discovery Hour 4:30 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUPS 7:00 PM Resurrection Ringers	MARCH 1 7:00 PM BETHEL BIBLE STUDY — CR	2 Forest Street Practice— FH	3 9:15 AM UMW Executive Meeting—CR 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl KIDS KLUB—5:30 PM EYG—5:30 PM 5:30 YOUTH LEADERSHIP 6:00 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE—CR 7:00 PM CHOIR	4 4:30 PM Girl Scouts	5	6 9:00 AM YOUTHVILLE-FH 6:00 PM Forest Street Café
7 3rd Sunday Lent COMMUNION Girl Scout Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Discovery Hour 4:30 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUPS 7:00 PM Resurrection Ringers	8 7:00 PM Tech Team Meeting—Rm 25	9 7:00 PM STAFF PARISH MEETING—CR Forest Street Practice—FH	10 1:30 Memorials Meeting —Rm. 25 KIDS KLUB—5:30 PM EYG—5:30 PM 6:00 PM NOAH'S ARK BOARD MEETING—CR 7:00 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	11 7:00 PM FUN & FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE	12	13 6 PM Forest Street Café TIME CHANGES Spring Forward!
14 4th Sunday Lent 8:30 & 10:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Discovery Hour 9:30 AM CREATION CARE TEAM MEETING—FH 11:30 POTATO BAR—FH 4:30 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUPS 7:00 PM Resurrection Ringers	15 5:30 Girl Scout Leaders Meeting Rm. 25	16 Forest Street Practice—FH	17 SPRING BREAK — NO KIDS KLUB OR EYG 7:00 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	18 4:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM FINANCE COMMITTEE—CR 7:00 PM MISSIONS COMMITTEE—CR Train Club Meeting—FH	19	20 6 PM Forest Street Café
21 5th Sunday Lent STAN HIGGINS, speaking 8:30 & 10:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Discovery Hour 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUPS 7:00 PM Resurrection Ringers	22 4:30 PM Confirmation Class 7:00 PM BETHEL BIBLE STUDY — CR	23 Forest Street Practice—FH 7:00 PM Education Committee Rm. 25	24 KIDS KLUB—5:30 PM EYG—5:30 PM 7:00 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL NOAH'S ARK BOOK FAIR OPEN!	25 6:00 PM BREAD & BROTH SACRIFICIAL MEAL — FH 7:00 PM Trustees—CR	26 Young Christians Weekend—Branson (Fri-Sun)	27 6 PM Forest Street Café 7 PM —NAME THAT HYMN & GAME NIGHT
28 PALM SUNDAY 8:30 & 10:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Discovery Hour 4:30 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUPS 7:00 PM Resurrection Ringers NOAH'S ARK BOOK FAIR OPEN!	29 7:00 PM BETHEL BIBLE STUDY — CR	30 Forest Street Practice—FH	APRIL 1 KIDS KLUB—5:30 PM EYG—5:30 PM 6:00 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE—CR 7:00 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL NOAH'S ARK BOOK FAIR OPEN!	APRIL 1 4:30 PM Girl Scouts MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 PM Service	2 GOOD FRIDAY Office Closed	3 6 PM Forest Street Café