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From Pastor Tom

The Excitement and Joy of Christian Missions

To share in the work of serving Jesus Christ is a rewarding opportunity for Christ's people. There is a real blessing that comes in knowing that you are doing what you can to serve the Lord.

The world was shocked with news of the devastating earthquake in Haiti. It is a tragedy of immense size as we think of the deaths, the injuries, all of the destruction of property, and the aftermath. We continue to uphold the people of that land in our prayers.

The Sunday following the earthquake, our church members provided an offering of \$1648 to UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee On Relief, to assist in relief to Haiti. We are so grateful for the quick response. Many others may still choose to send gifts of support for Haiti. You can do so by marking your check: UMCOR, Haiti, and we will see that it gets there. We know that 100% of our gifts through UMCOR go to the designated area of need.

Many are also making Health Kits to be sent to Haiti. We are most grateful for these, as well.

The Kits will be shipped through UMCOR assistance to Haiti. These can still be assembled by our members through early February, and brought to the church office. A list of items for the kits is included in this newsletter.

That same Sunday we had our United Methodist Casserole Sunday and a great time of fellowship. The food was great and it was lots of fun. The donations for the meal went to Emergency Aid. We contributed \$700 that day to help the people of our community who are experiencing situations of need. This is a year that has had lots of people of the community who have made requests for assistance. We are grateful for the spirit of Christian mission that provides this kind of help.

The Apostle Paul writes, "There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone" (I Corinthians 12:4-6). With faith we become aware of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The Spirit is activating our gifts for mission, stirring our hearts to do what we can to serve Christ. Thank you for responding to God's call to be in mission!



The Clarion

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February, 2010

We Welcome Stephen and Laurie Cosgrove

We are happy to welcome Stephen and Laurie Cosgrove to our church family. Stephen is our new Youth Director. Stephen and Laurie have moved into the church parsonage on Taft Street. They come from Omaha, Nebraska, where they have been for a number of years.



Stephen is a recent graduate of Grace University in Omaha. He has a degree in Christian Ministry and Bible. For the past four years he has volunteered and interned for the youth group of Evangelical Bible Church. He has extensive experience leading music, worship, planning retreats and events, accompanying groups in mission work, and teaching the Word.

Stephen has assisted the youth pastor in leading High School and Junior High youth groups. He was selected twice to be on the supervisory team for youth group mission trips to Trinidad and Tobago. He has led the worship team with his guitar and vocals. He led music worship and games for the Omaha Chinese Christian Church youth retreat for three consecutive years. He has planned and carried out fall and spring retreats for 30-50 students.

Stephen has demonstrated the ability to communicate biblical truths to youth. He is accomplished in acoustic and electric guitar. He is competent in computer skills. He has a love for Jesus Christ, his Savior.

Laurie Cosgrove is also a very talented person. She has also worked in various capacities in the Evangelical Bible Church. She has computer skills and also enjoys the various aspects of ministry.

Stephen is looking forward to meeting our youth and their families. One of his key hopes is to equip and encourage students to love God and love people. We are excited to welcome the Cosgroves to Great Bend.

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

Some Happening's at First...



**United Methodist Women's
COMBINED UNIT/CIRCLE
MEETING**
February 11, 2010
7:00 PM
Fellowship Hall
Dessert & Coffee

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

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

HAITI: A CALL FOR HELP

You can help with monetary gifts designated to UMCOR:Haiti or you can help fill health kits. We are collecting these health kits in the church office and will deliver them on their way by mid-February. They include:

- 1 hand towel (15x25 up to 17x27)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large & sturdy, no pocket-size)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes in original wrapper, no child-sized brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste (will be purchased by Sager Brown)

Place in plastic zip lock bag and bring to the church office.

FUN & FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES



Sunday, February 7th

Approximately 5:28 PM
"Super" Bowl Party
in Fellowship Hall

Games will be available as well as watching the football game! **Children's activities** (movie, games) will be available on Third Floor in Youth Area.

Bring snacks and finger foods to share!

Sunday, February 14th

Immediately following Church
Catered Luncheon by Wheatland Cafe
with entertainment by
"CROSSING THE WATER"

Menu: Smothered Steak, baked potatoes, vegetables, cheese cake

Tickets on sale through February 7!

\$9.25 per person \$4.50 for ages 4-9

Ages 3 and under—free

Tickets can be purchased from

Mary Jo Barton, Elaine Felke,
Lavonne Gerritzen, Jeanne Gotsche,
RosemaryLuthi or in the Church Office

MARCH, 2010

Game Night following Forest Street



SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2010

Trip to Crown Uptown Theater
"Church Basement Ladies 2"

There are still tickets available.

Call Crown Uptown at (316)681-1566 to make reservations. Tell them to add your reservation to United Methodist Church

"Felke" reservations.

Creation Care Team

First United Methodist Church
Great Bend, Kansas

Reusable Shopping Bags



\$2.00 each

Thank You!

Dear Friends,

*The Council of Barton County
Emergency Aid wants to give you a
sincere thank you for your generous
donation of \$100.00.*

*We would not be able to continue
our ministry to the less fortunate
individuals in our area if it were not
for the members of our Christian
community.*

*Although we know this is a difficult
time in our economy, we are very
grateful for the donations we received
during the Christmas season.*

Thank you once again.

*In Christian Fellowship,
Barton County Emergency
Aid Council*

**5th SUNDAY GATHERING —
UNITED METHODIST MEN**
WHERE: Hesston UMC,
606 North Ridge Road,
Hesston, KS
WHEN: January 31, 2010
at 5:30 PM
COST: \$6.00 per person
Come join us for food, fun
and fellowship!
Reservations: Vernon Nikkel at
(620) 327-4538

4th Annual Hearts Aflame Area Wide Women's Event

Saturday, February 6

9 AM—4 PM

Lunch break will be taken

Heritage Room at

Highland Hotel

3017 West 10th St

Featuring:

Michell Conner, Krista Ball.

Clifann Birney

Surrendered Family Ministries

(620) 793-0698



TAPE MINISTRY NEEDS SUBS

Our weekly tape ministry (delivering tapes to home-bound & 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 worshipping 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—FEBRUARY—HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1-Julie Urban
- 1-Ashlyn Harbaugh
- 2-Ida Peak
- 2-Sarah Hensiek
- 3-Bev Simonson
- 3-Bobbi Donner
- 5-Linda Guthrie
- 5-Spencer Wharton
- 6-Barbara Unrein
- 6-Opal Reichel
- 6-Maggie Gregg
- 6-David Marcum
- 7-Roger Fanshier
- 7-Scott Farminer
- 7-Amy Gilkison
- 7-Ashlea Noonan
- 8-Herb Phillips
- 8-Katie Lear
- 9-Bradley Baize

- 9-Aaron Zeretzke
- 10-Frances Fox
- 10-Grace Pafford
- 11-Colleen Herren
- 11-Karlyn Sullivan
- 11-Harlen Jerke
- 11-Daniel Maser
- 11-David Patterson
- 11-Susan Bryant
- 12-Lorraine Erickson
- 13-Donna Thompson
- 13-Douglas Branham
- 13-Tammy Hinson
- 13-Chris Marcum
- 14-Marilyn Loss
- 14-Melissa Hagerman
- 14-Kayci Felke
- 15-Ruby Phillips
- 15-Sandra Branham
- 15-Tammy Buehler

- 16-Cindy Phillips
- 17-Imogene Christiansen
- 17-Jay Miller
- 17-Kathy Kottas
- 18-Ed Weatherford
- 18-Maddy Smith
- 19-Erin Baize
- 20-Trisha Ryff
- 20-Accacia Pedigo
- 22-Alyssa Hertel
- 24-TeeJay Janousek
- 25-Brant Harms
- 26-Mike Sayze
- 26-Mahra Johnston
- 27-Clara Feldman
- 27-Virginia Bird
- 27-Wendell Doonan
- 27-Jim Rube
- 27-Pam Hyde
- 28-Shrylee Austin
- 28-Kinnat Whelan

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1-Harry/Genola McCarter
- 6-Terry/Shelli Price
- 11-Cyril/Suzie Pafford
- 14-J.D./Sonya Rein
- 15-David/Sherri Brack
- 15-Gordon/Sharon Jones
- 18-Vern/Michelle Fryberger
- 19-Joe/Elaine Felke
- 24-Ray/Jacque Scheideman
- 29-Ken/Dolores Shaheen
- 29-Rob/Larissa Graham

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY IS IN FEBRUARY 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: Jackie Curtis, Jim Jay, Lucy Jay

Theo Bear, Scott Bobbitt, Dennis Cook, Dee Farminer, Jim Fertig, Mary Lou Fryberger, Greta Foster, Jim Heaton (home), Jo Heaton, Bill Mead, Wanda Morse, Ellie Pearson, Sue Roberts, Carol Scheuerman, Sandy Smith, Elaine Taylor, Harold 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), **Kaid Wagner** (great-grandson of Glynnese Jones), **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), **Laurie Lamb** (friend of Buzz & Betty Banks), **Jenny Smith** (niece of Charlene Engleman), **Gunner Murphy** (friend of Harriett Herzberg), **Bill Parten** (friend of Harriet Herzberg), **Emmett Carter** (Ruth Lowry's brother), **Shonna Manning & Macey Stalino** (granddaughters of Wanda Morse), **Wyatt Prall** (great-grandson of Wanda Komarek), **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), **June Gorrell** (sister of Lenore Carpenter), **Janice Ulrich** (niece of Danelda St. Aubyn), **Jesse Torrez** (friend of Brad & Sarah Shirer)

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), **Tyler Rutledge** (grandson of Delora Baldwin), **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"

Confirmation Classes



Dear Congregation Members:

Theodore Roosevelt wrote: "Every child has inside him an aching void for excitement and if we don't fill it with something which is exciting and interesting and good for him, he will fill it with something which is exciting and interesting which isn't good for him."

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Barton and Pawnee County has over 50 children on our waiting list. These are children and their parents who wanted a mentor, applied and were accepted in our program. Two-thirds of our waiting youth are boys. Yesterday I heard from a mother who said her son asks nearly every day, "When will I get a Big Brother?" Women, we definitely still need you, but could you think of a man to bring along with you when you come to apply to be a mentor? Or consider being a "Big Couple" with your spouse or a "Big Family" with your spouse and children so a young man will get a mentor?

To quote another wise man, Mahatma Gandhi, "We must be the change we want to see in the world." Our young people need someone to teach and model values. We must be those people. Problems our youth face often occur through our complacency, our lack of involvement and through our tendency to ignore problems we all know exist, in hopes that someone else will deal with them. Please BE the change for just one boy, be a mentor.

You can make a difference in a little as 1-1/2 to 2 hours per week as a volunteer mentor to a child "at-risk" in your community. You do not need any special skills. We carefully match volunteers with children who have similar interests. Take a walk with a child, play catch, attend an event in the community together. It is not so important what you do together so much as it is that you are simply spending time together. No cost involved, simply the desire to make a new friend. All ages 16 and up are able to apply. Currently our youngest mentor is age 17 and our oldest is 86.

Please call 793-5887, email: astevenson@ksbbbs.org, or visit our web site at <http://barton.kansasbig.org/>. Feel free to drop by our office at 3420 Broadway. A child will thank you for it!

Amanda Stevenson, Match Maker
793-5887 or astevenson@ksbbbs.org

Classes began on January 24 at 4:00 p.m. lasting ten weeks. There's still time to be a part of this class. If you are interested in joining this class, please call the church office at 792-2148.

We are also looking for adults who would like to be mentors to our confirmation class members. Please let Pastor Tom know if you are interested in becoming a mentor.



80th BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE FOR IMOGENE CHRISTIANSEN

Saturday, February 20
2:00-4:00 PM

First United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall

If you cannot attend, cards
may be sent in care of:

Kim Christiansen
4715 SW Cedar Crest Road
Topeka, KS 66606

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, January 24, 2010

Worship Attendance—285 Forest Street Café—
Discovery Hour Attendance—53

Year to Date Contributions to Church Budget	\$ 25,549
Year to Date Budgeted for Church Budget	\$ 27,222
Haiti Relief Donations	\$ 2,278
Emergency Aid Special Donations	\$ 700

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!

PASSING ON THE FAITH

“Unwrapping God’s Gifts for All Generations”

A Christian Education and Formation Event for Teachers and Leaders in the Local Church

March 6 is the date for an exciting event in Christian learning. Keynote speaker Jenny Youngman will lead the Formation Event for teachers and leaders. The event will be held at Calvary United Methodist Church, 2525 N. Rock Road, in Wichita, and will begin at 8:00 A.M. and continue until 3:00 P.M. Rev. Gary Brooks, Wichita East District Superintendent will be giving the Opening Welcome.

The featured speaker, Jenny Youngman is a Cokesbury Curriculum Editor, Musician, and Songwriter. She has led many church choirs, has worked in youth ministry for 10 years, and has written youth curriculum for 6 years. She will bring a wealth of ideas for ministry.

In addition, there will be workshops in these areas: Christian Storytelling; What Would Jesus Blog?; Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God!; Being an Effective Small Group Leader; Outside the Walls; Mission Trip R & R (Resources and Roundtable); Recruiting for Sunday School; Curriculum Matters!; Intro to “The Good and Beautiful God”.

The Registration fee of \$40 includes your lunch. (After Feb. 20 it is \$50). You can register in the Church Office or by email to marabethc@claycenterumc.org.

Some persons from our church will be attending. Call the church office to join the carpool.

TECH TEAM IS MAKING PROGRESS!

Members of our church Tech Team met recently with Joe Green of Cytek company to begin implementing plans for our new sanctuary projection system. The Team reviewed the equipment to be ordered for the sanctuary and made some minor modifications. The plan still includes installation of two new retractable screens. These will each be housed in a walnut trim case. Screens can be retracted (rolled up) when not in use. During worship they will be utilized as they are presently.

There will also be two new projectors that will be mounted. There will be a new camera. There will be expansion of the sound booth cabinets. There will be capacity to make CDs and DVDs of our worship services. These can also be copied and shared with our membership. There will be a number of other features of this new system that will enhance our worship and will provide many new opportunities for future use. We are hopeful of having the new system in operation early this spring.

We commend the Tech Team for being mindful of providing high quality work that will be pleasing to our congregation. We join in thanking the Team and their helpers for all of their work.

Cytek will be providing training for persons who will be operating the new equipment. If you would like to be part of the training event, please notify Pastor Tom or a Tech Team member.

WHO IS AN EVANGELIST?

God called Jeremiah to be a prophet. Jeremiah responded, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the Lord told him, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.” (Jeremiah 1:6-8). Like Jeremiah, we may be tempted to offer excuses when God calls us to share our faith with others. But God sees the potential we have for Christian witness, and God calls each of us to serve with our talents, whatever they may be. In that way **we are all evangelists** for the Lord. The good news is that God is always with us, just as God was with Jeremiah. And God will lead us forward as we share our witness, our service, and our ministry in the name of Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!

FEBRUARY—Great Bend First United Methodist Church— 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
JANUARY 31 8:30 & 10:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Discovery Hour 9:30 AM CREATION CARE TEAM MEETING—FH 4:00 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUPS 7:00 PM Resurrection Ringers	FEBRUARY 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 6:00 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE—CR 7:00 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	4 4:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM CHURCH & COMMUNITY—CR	5 7:00 PM HEARTLAND OF AMERICA WINDS OF FREEDOM CONCERT	6 6:00 PM Forest Street Café
7 COMMUNION 8:30 & 10:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Discovery Hour 4:00 PM Confirmation Class 5:28 PM SUPER BOWL PARTY — FH 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUPS 7:00 PM Resurrection Ringers	8 7:00 PM BETHEL BIBLE STUDY — CR 7:00 PM Tech Team Meeting —Rm 25	9 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 UMW UNIT MEETING—FH	12 6 PM Forest Street Café	13 6 PM Forest Street Café
14 Valentine’s Day 8:30 & 10:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Discovery Hour VALENTINE LUNCHEON 4:00 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUPS 7:00 PM Resurrection Ringers	15 7:00 PM BETHEL BIBLE STUDY — CR	16 Forest Street Practice— FH 7:00 PM Education Committee Rm. 25	17 ASH WEDNESDAY Service at 6:30 PM KIDS KLUB—5:30 PM EYG—5:30 PM 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 Birthday Celebration Imogene Christiansen 2-4 PM—FH 6 PM Forest Street Café	20 Birthday Celebration Imogene Christiansen 2-4 PM—FH 6 PM Forest Street Café
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