



From the Pastor's Desk:

In these weeks that follow the momentous events of the Easter celebration, we sometimes experience a “slump” in worship attendance. On the beautiful, warm and sunny Sunday mornings of Spring, there may be more boat seats filled than pew seats. I’m not a fisherman by any stretch of the imagination, but least I know which end of the pole to put the bait on. And I have some thoughts on fishing...for people.

It seems to me that there are two main schools of fishing: dropping your bait where you sit, and casting it out into the water. They both have their advantages, as well as disadvantages. When you drop your bait right where you are, you don’t have to expend much energy. You just wait for the fish to come to you. However, you will be lucky if any fish venture that close.

If, on the other hand, you cast your hook out into the deeper water, you stand a much better chance of catching something. Of course, if you’re in a pond where there are submerged trees and brush, your chances of getting your hook caught on a snag are pretty high. You run the risk of losing your hook, line, and sinker. Well, that’s just how it is - sometimes the fish just ignore that tasty morsel on the hook, and it gets lost in the chaos of the fishing hole. Yet, if your goal is to catch a few “big ones,” you just know that it’s worth the risk, because the payoff is not just bragging - you brought them home!

Here’s the gist of what I’m saying: people are seeking something deeper in their lives, but if we wait for them to come to church uninvited, we will probably be disappointed. Even though we are in the midst of a sea of humanity, people often don’t know that the church offers them the best opportunity to meet the one who made them, the one who loves them and wants them to live abundantly, and that is, of course, the risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

But if we simply talk with the people we’re acquainted with, and tell them our own faith story - it can be short and sweet - we will see results: lives changed, and many lost, struggling, seeking people joining the Body of Christ. It might be as simple as sharing your gratitude for the many ways that God has blessed you. We may hit a few snags - our witness may be ignored, misunderstood, or just plain rejected. But when we think about the souls that can be reached, it’s worth casting our hooks, and our nets.

Love,
Tim

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Sunday Worship Times:

Sunday School at 9:30am

Worship at 10:45am

TV Ministry—Eagle Cable channel 2
at

10:45am and 12:45pm

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Church Office Hours:

Tuesday through Friday

8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

(Other times available by appointment)

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Kids of the Kingdom/Kids with a Mission:



Another action -packed adventure-filled year of ministering to our kids will soon be wrapping up! April is our last month for lessons and meeting together, but our prayer is that friendships made will continue and God will wrap His loving arms around each precious child, as they remember how much He loves them!!

March lessons were all about Jesus- feeding the 5000, raising Lazarus, calming the storm, walking on water, blessing the children. After Spring Break we always, always, always look forward to the Easter Egg Hunt, finding 5 eggs that spell "J-E-S-U-S" and hearing the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Memory verse for April is John 3:16—the gospel in a nutshell.

Our closing program will be April 25th, 4p.m. in the sanctuary. All are invited to attend and enjoy the music and wrap-up of another great year.

Kids with a Mission have had some great learning lessons: dog-training at ECF, Mosaic international outreach, and local connections with the Stonebrakers and residents of Mosaic today. They also enjoyed preparing the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt and actually hiding them for all the kids in K-3rd grade, around 90 x 5 eggs each! God's love in action!!

Thank you again for all your support of this program, but mostly for your prayers for the children and teachers. We are in this together!!

Men's and Women's Encounters

The next scheduled Men's Encounter is April 20-22, 2018 at Webster Conference Center in Salina. The cost is \$125.00 and we will carpool from Ellsworth. The website to register is www.encounterthecross.com Please feel free to invite other friends or relatives to join us. If you have any questions, please contact:

Ken Robson at 785-531-0674 or Kalen Deines at 785-259-2776.

"The next scheduled Women's Encounter is April 27-29, 2018 at Webster Conference Center in Salina. The cost is \$120.00 and we will carpool from Ellsworth. The website to register is www.womensencounter.org Please feel free to invite other friends or relatives to join us. If you have any questions, please contact:

Kim Torkelson at 785-531-9667 or Darcy Hansen at 785-531-0574



Social Principles of the United Methodist church

Starting Sunday, April 8th Pastor Tim will begin a sermon series based on the "Social Principles of the United Methodist Church." The Social Principles detail the United Methodist Church's official stands on various social issues that God's people face.

Possible issues that he might highlight are 'Global Climate,' 'Marriage and Divorce,' 'Human Sexuality' and 'Abortion,' 'Human Rights' and 'Women's and Men's Rights,' 'Alcohol' and 'Tobacco,' 'Poverty' and 'Gambling,' 'Church and State' 'Military Service,' and 'War and Peace.' (He will narrow the topics down before beginning the series!)

So if you want to know what our denomination's official stand on issues we face every day, come and see.

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**Fly on over to
the fun at VBS**

June 4-8, 2018 8:45am - 12:00pm
Ellsworth Elementary School
All participants: Students
(Entering Kdg. - Finishing 4th),
Youth Helpers (6th - 12th)
and Adult Helpers.
register on line at ewfpc.org
(under Education tab)
Free T-shirt if registered
by April 15th.
Sign up for text alerts by texting
@ewvbs to 81010.
Sign up for email alerts at
ewvbs@mail.remind.com





April 80+ & Shut-In Birthdays

10th— Harvey Harts

2300 N. 113th Terrace Apt 155
Kansas City, KS 66109

10th—Carol Tanton

1114 Colorado, EW 67439



Hospice of Salina is looking for some special individuals to volunteer. These individuals are not required to have any particular experience with patients and families or medical background, but need to possess a strong sense of compassion and love for their fellow man. Volunteering is a special gift that is given out of want to serve others and that is what Hospice of Salina is looking for.

If you think you are interested in volunteering your time whether it is one hour per week or several, helping patients & their families, with office projects or fund raising, please contact Hospice of Salina at 825-1717 and ask for Julia.

Disclaimer—all volunteers go through an application process and a background check.

Julia D'Albini
Secretary/Volunteer Coordinator
785-825-1717 or jdalbini@srhc.com

Thank You:

I would like to thank my church family for the prayers for my back surgery in January. I know many of you prayed and that is so neat to have your church backing you when facing any surgery. I felt the prayers and was ready, which can only happen if God is involved. And then of course the get well cards I received from my church family and friends. I even got some cards while I was still in the hospital which really gave me an uplift. Then when we were settled into our hotel after I got out of the hospital more cards came almost on a daily basis. The office would call us and let us know that Nancy had mail. So the cards were very much appreciated !!!

Then the trip home and once again we could tell people were praying for us. God provided everything we needed on the trip home. Many people have asked how I did on that long trip home. Considering it really went well and God even provided sunshine all the way.

Once we were home the ladies task force had been busy making sure we had meals. A big thank you to the ladies of the church for the wonderful meals we enjoyed. When you are on the receiving end you realize what a blessing. The meals sure helped David out as all of a sudden he not only became a nurse but kitchen chef !!!! Once again thank you church family and we LOVE YOU !!!

Nancy Stonebraker

The Ministerial Alliance's Helping Fund, local churches support, responds to the needs of people for assistance with rent, utilities, medical needs. The fund has been depleted by increased needs this Winter, and the Alliance needs your help to replenish it. Please put your donation in the large egg in the entrance way. Many thanks for your support.



First United Methodist Church

April 2018

Weekly Activities:

Sundays:

9:30 am—Sunday School for all ages
10:45 am—Worship in sanctuary

Tuesdays:

1:00 pm—Grief Support Group-Arts Council

Wednesdays:

10:00 am—Music With Mosaic
3:00 pm—Kids of Kingdom/Kids with a Mission
3:45 pm—God's Wednesday Warriors
5:00 pm—Prayer Group
6:15 pm—JH/HS Youth Group
7:00 pm—Choir Practice

April Calendar:

Sun, Apr. 1—Easter Sunday
Tues, Apr. 3—6:30 pm—Leadership Meeting
7:00 pm—Vision 2020 Meeting
Thurs, Apr. 5—9:30 am—District Clergy Meeting
6:00 pm—UMW Meeting
Sun, Apr. 8—Moment for Missions—Library
7:00 pm—Trustees Meeting
Mon, Apr. 9—7:00 pm—Stewardship/Finance Mtg.
Tues, Apr. 10—6:30 pm—Missions/Evangelism Mtg.
Wed, Apr. 11—1:15 pm—Senior Matinee
Thurs, Apr. 12—2:00 pm—Faith & Hope Circle
7:00 pm—Honor & Glory Circle
Sun, Apr. 15—Newsletter Deadline
8:00 am—UMM Breakfast
6:00 pm—Praise & Prayer Worship
Tues, Apr. 17—7:00 pm—Worship Team Meeting
Apr. 20—Apr. 22—Men's Encounter
Wed, Apr. 25—4:00 pm KoK/KwM Closing Program
Thurs, Apr. 26—6:30 pm—Education Meeting
Apr. 27—Apr. 29—Women's Encounter
Sun, Apr. 29—Cookie Sunday

Recent Prayer Concerns:

Alex Greenwood, Wesley Chastain, April Allard's family, Ann Grothusen's family, Tom & Karen Renard, Bonnie Stinchcomb, Ginny Hulburt's family

Continued prayers for:

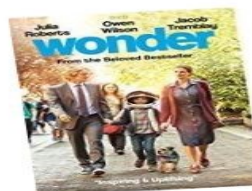
Mary Harlan, Janice McCaulley, Rich Daniels's family, Rex Denison, Nancy & David Stonebraker, Sylvia Bobbett's family, Chalee & Wayne Braun, Don Pruitt's Family, Penny Swift-Kelly, Laurie Donley, Ann Ridinger, Joan Crane, Velda Robson, Dale Soukup's family, Allen Nicholas, Judy Gebhardt, Nancy Bircher, Judy Toman, Nancy Shute, Karen Kerr

Salina Rescue Mission ~ Ashby House ~ Youthville/Ember Hope ~ Shut-Ins ~ Nursing Home Residents ~ Mosaic Clients ~ Our Nation's Leaders ~ Military ~ World ~ United Nations ~ Youth ~ Unemployed ~ Unspoken Requests ~ Missions/Missionaries ~ people in disaster areas

Continued prayers will be listed for 3 months. Please contact the church office to continue on the list.

NOW SHOWING

Senior Matinee



Wed. April. 11
1:15pm

"Wonder"
1 hr. 53 min



J.H. Robbins Memorial Library
219 N Lincoln
Ellisworth, Kansas 67439 | 785-472-3909
JHRML.weebly.com



Bulletin Mission Outreach

	Good Sam	Shut-Ins
7	Millers	Norma Nicholas
14	Linda Davis	Rosemary Whitley
21	Gebhardts	Georgina Bates
28*	Sandy Jenkins	Ed Hoffhines

(* Deliver Upper Rooms)

(Bulletin Delivery contact: Dora Maze 472-3640)

Ushers

Alan Waymaster, Head Usher

Cory Minear

Ray Brady

(Usher contact:
Mason May 472-4261)

Children's Time

- 1—Susan Miller
- 8—
- 15—Rosemary Whitley
- 22—Lu Admams
- 29—Pastor Tim

(Children's Time contact:
Nancy Stonebraker 472-4208)

Communion

Linda Davis

Altar Flowers

The Honor & Glory
Fellowship is in charge of
Altar Flowers.

Task Force Co-Chairs

Sylvia McNeal (472-4569)

Joni Glaser (472-4436)

Task Force List

Patty King, Rosemary Whitley, Jessie Deines,
Susan Miller, Darin Frevert, Linda Janssen,
Brenda Koralek, Betty Rathbun, Par Schulz,
Heather West, Alice Robson, Tina Anderson

Liturgist

1—Karen Shriner

8—Hadley West

15—

22—

29—Lu Adams

(Liturgist contact:
the church office 472-3870)

Guardian Angels

1—Easter

8—Pat Allen

15—Sharon Marsh

22—

29—Deb Furgason

(Guardian Angel contact:
Deb Furgason 472-8956)

Websites

Hutchinson District Office:

www.hutchinsondistrictumc.org

Great Plains Conference Office:

www.greatplainsumc.org

United Methodist Website:

www.umc.org

General Board of Disciples:

www.gbord.org

“As each has
received a
gift, use it to
serve one
another, as
good
stewards of
God’s varied
grace.”

**1 Peter
4: 10**