



The Church office will be
closed Nov. 28 & 29
(Thursday & Friday)
for Thanksgiving.

Pastor:

Rev. Dennis Carter

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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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Website: www.umcellsworth.org

Facebook: [uumcellsworth](https://www.facebook.com/uumcellsworth)

Church Office Hours:

Tuesday through Friday

8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

(Other times available by appointment)

From the Pastor's Desk:

Treasures of the Transformed Life

"Satisfying your soul's thirst for more"

No matter how good life is, most Christians thirst for something more. Although we are people of faith, many of us aren't satisfied. We long for lives that are more filling, more rich, more meaningful, and more joyful. Without resorting to "have-tos," "shoulds," or "thou shalt," *Treasures of the Transformed Life* helps us identify our individual thirst and shows us how to experience more than we could ask for or imagine. A great adventure unfolds when we discover the freedom, promise, and rewards that come with committing ourselves to a closer relationship with God. The last few weeks we have discussed preparation, prayer and worship attendance. The month of November we will discuss financial giving, service and commitment. Refreshing, deep, and powerful, *Treasures of the Transformed Life* encourages us to dive into all God has for us and to live lives that are truly satisfying.

Sermons

Nov. 03	Pennies in the Fountain	Psalm 103:2-5 & Matthew 6:19-21
Nov. 10	Offering a Drink to Others	Matthew 20:24-28 & Romans 12:6-8
Nov. 17	Filling the Bucket to Overflowing	Luke 14:25-33 & Luke 18:28-30
Nov. 24	Gift of the Magi	Matthew 2:1-12
Dec. 1	Preparing the Way	
Dec. 8	Christmas Program	
Dec. 15	Simeon & Anna with the Christ Child	Luke 2:22-38
Dec. 22	Shepherds Living in the Fields	Luke 2:8-20
Dec. 24	Christmas is Just the Beginning	
Dec. 29	God Loved You Before You Were Born	
Jan. 05	God Carved His Love In Stone	Exodus 20:1-17

Temp-Return Service Requested
Ellsworth, KS 67439
402 N. Douglas Ave.
First United Methodist Church





Kids of the Kingdom/Kids with a Mission:



We have enjoyed this past month of activity!! Kids with a Mission, the 4th grade section, washed cars and a fire truck and donated the free will offering to Caring Families. They also helped sort items in this organization's new location. Making communion bread, playing Bingo at the Good Samaritan Center, and preparing for the All Saints Walk has filled their Wednesdays with fun! Their leaders, Gina McGowan and Marissa Schultz, teach by word and example the joys of volunteering and being the hands and feet of Jesus.

All Saints Walk is a highlight of our year! The older children dress in Bible costumes and have a short script of the story they represent. All the classes file past these stations, (which are literally all over the church!) and receive a piece of candy that correlates with that theme: MilkyWay for creation, Life Savers for Jesus' resurrection, etc. Our healthy snacks that day are popcorn and apples. The candy is a special treat! Who says studying the Bible is dull and boring??

Thank you all for your prayers and encouragement! This program continues because of church and community support as we strive to obey Jesus' commandment to spread the Gospel!



This grant was made possible by the Smoky Hills Healthy Living Fund of the Smoky Hills Charitable Foundation



With grateful hearts, Kids of the Kingdom has been awarded a \$750 grant from the Smoky Hills Charitable Foundation, Healthy Living segment for the continuation of serving delicious, nutritious snacks in our after school program! This money will be used entirely for snacks and the paper products needed to serve them every week for approximately 12 weeks. Our kitchen staff has done an amazing job planning, purchasing, and serving snacks to over 100 children each Wednesday afternoon! Donations continue to come in from other churches, parents and grandparents, and community organizations, but the expense feeding this many children has been overwhelming. We are so thankful for the wonderful opportunity to accept the money, and we pray this good food will nourish our children's bodies as we also nourish their souls with His Word!



2019 Church Charge Conference Schedule:

Church Charge Conference: Monday, November 4

Where: Claflin Methodist Church 120 3rd St. Claflin

When: Monday, November 4, 2019

Time: 5:55 pm—Fellowship with finger foods

7:00 pm—Charge Conference

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the 2019 church charge conference. Please bring a finger food item to share beginning at 5:55 pm at the Claflin Methodist Church. The church conference will begin at 7:00 pm.

United Methodist Church's Annual Soup Supper

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Serving begins at 4:30 PM

Ellsworth Methodist Church—3rd & Douglas
(In the church Fellowship Hall)

Chicken Noodle Soup

Vegetable Beef Soup

Chili

Homemade Pies

Free will donations accepted

First Presbyterian/United Methodist Women Luncheon

All women are invited to a luncheon at the Presbyterian church on Thursday, December 12 at 12:00 pm. Please RSVP to the Presbyterian Church office at 472-5557 by Monday, December 9.

A reminder that the Ministerial Alliance is the go-to place for those in the community needing utility bill assistance. For more information please contact Pastor Exie Barber at 785-531-0067.



Commitment Celebration Dinner

Everyone is invited to enjoy a Commitment Celebration dinner on Sunday, Nov. 17 after worship. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert and your tableware.

Menu:

Turkey and Ham

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Stuffing

Rolls

Coffee, Tea & Water

Pot Luck of side dishes, salads, and desserts.

** Please bring your own service

Opportunities to Get Involved:

Youth Christmas Program Practice — Christmas program practice will begin on Sunday, Nov. 3 through Dec. 1 at 8:30 am and will include breakfast. All Sunday School age children and youth are invited to participate and the Christmas program will be on Sunday, December 8 during worship. We will also have a rehearsal with the Choir on Wednesday, December 4, at 6:30 PM. We hope that all the kids can come and participate with us, so we can share the good news of Christ's birth with our congregation. If you have any questions, you may call Tami at 785-531-0003.

Hanging of the Greens—We will be having lunch together and decorating the church after worship on Sunday, Nov 24. Everyone is invited to join in and have a meal together (maybe some leftover soup), and then decorate the sanctuary together.

Bell Ringing for Salvation Army—If you are interested in volunteering to be a bell ringer, please contact the church office. Our date is Saturday, Nov. 30 at Robson's Gift Shop from 9:00 am—11:00 am.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner— If you are willing to donate/volunteer this is how our church has been asked to help:

- ♦ 2 Turkeys – 12-14 lbs, roasted, deboned, **save your drippings** and bring to senior center between 8:00—9:00 am Thanksgiving morning.
- ♦ 2 pies/desserts (16 servings total) any time before 10:00 am
- ♦ 2 Volunteers—10:30 – 11:45 am: pack and deliver food on Thanksgiving day.

This is the dinner held at the Senior Center on Thanksgiving day.



Memo from Stewardship & Finance Team:

Thank you to all who attended the finance meeting following the Potato Bar luncheon on Sunday, October 13. The Team appreciates the comments and input regarding the direction our church shall take in paying off the office building loan. When purchasing the building in August, 2016, the financial goal of the church was to pay off the \$56,000 building loan in five years (October 2021). Up until this year, giving toward the loan repayment met the monthly payment schedule, but this past year that giving has decreased.

Those that attended the meeting voted to accept the proposal of remaining on track in paying off the loan by October, 2021. This plan increases our monthly/yearly funds needed and it is attainable, but your continued financial support is necessary. Each weekly, monthly or yearly donation, big or small, brings the church one step closer to meeting its five year goal. The Stewardship & Finance Team asks YOU to prayerfully consider making a pledge/donation toward the monthly payments of \$625.00.

If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like more information on making a pledge or donation, please contact the church office.



Reminder: Daylight Savings Time Ends!

Move your clocks back 1 hour
when you go to bed on
Saturday, November 2.

Feature Film

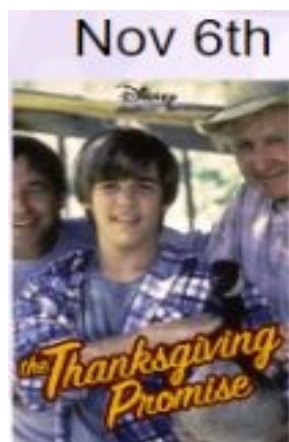
J.H. Robbins

Memorial Library

Wednesday, Nov. 6

1:15 pm

Free popcorn &
a bottle of water



Dear church family & friends,

Thank you for your love & care this Summer as Steve & I both faced some challenges. We're both doing well & my knee is progressing nicely. God was present & provided through his people. Thank you for prayer, care & concern, visits, cards & the amazing food. Our bodies & spirits were fed. We serve an amazing God who provides for needs we don't even recognize.

Thank you!!!

Steve & Pat Allen



ELLSWORTH COUNTY CHRISTMAS STORE

2019

The Ellsworth County Christmas Store (ECCS) is in its 19th year of helping families across our county. The Mission of the Christmas Store is helping those less fortunate in Ellsworth County at Christmas time – giving families a hand up instead of a hand out while maintaining parents' dignity, in the name of Jesus Christ. Those who register receive the opportunity to give their kids brand new gifts for Christmas. Last year we helped over 77 families and over 205 children have a wonderful Christmas.

We thank all of the individuals, businesses, churches and organizations who have supported The Christmas Store in the past and ask for your continued support going forward. The program simply wouldn't exist without the kind donations from all of you.

MONEY is of course the greatest need. Purchasing gifts for kids just couldn't happen without funds. We will once again be allowing \$50 per child, so as you can see if we help over 200 children again this year, this becomes a project of over \$10,000.

GIFTS are used to set up a "Christmas Store" for the kids who come to the Main event on Saturday, December 14. They get to go into the store and "shop" for siblings. Then they wrap up their goodies and take them home, so they're already for Christmastime at their home! As you can imagine, we go through lots of gifts on this special night – gifts of all shapes and sizes, for all ages!

VOLUNTEERS are also essential! We will need some help with the following: calling registrants, shopping, wrapping, helping with kids' night – crafts and care, snack making for kids and adults, The Main Event is Sat, December 14!! If you'd like to volunteer please call Tami at 785.531.0003, or Chelle at 785.531.2373, to volunteer or look up Ellsworth County Christmas Store on Facebook and leave us a message there! You can also email us at Ellsworthcountychristmas-store@gmail.com.

GIFT WRAP SUPPLIES. It's always important to have plenty of gift bags, tissue, wrapping paper and bows, to complete the gifting process and get the families all ready for a wonderful Christmas!

Donations can be made out to ECCS and mailed to 1302 Spring St, Ellsworth, KS 67439, or you may drop them off at First Bank Kansas. You can also hand deliver them to Tami McGreevy, Ann Ridinger, Jean Soukup, Chelle Stevenson or Randi Nienke. You can also go directly to our website at ellsworthcountychristmas-store.org and securely donate there. The website will also give you the ability to volunteer, or ask any questions.

We look forward to another great year, as we continue to brighten the season for those who need our help. For it's in Jesus' name that we spread the light and celebrate His birth!





First United Methodist Church

November 2019

Weekly Activities:

Sundays:

8:30 am—Youth Christmas Program Practice w/Breakfast
9:30 am—Sunday School for all ages
10:45 am—Worship in sanctuary
6:00 pm—Pastor's Bible Study (Ellsworth)

Tuesdays:

1:00 pm—Grief Support Group (Arts Council)

Wednesdays:

10:00 am—Music With Mosaic
3:05 pm—Kids of the Kingdom/Kids with a Mission
6:00 pm—Pastor's Bible Study (Kanopolis)
6:15 pm—Jr/Sr High Youth Group
7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal

November Calendar:

Sun, Nov. 3—Holy Communion

!Move Clocks back 1 hour!

7:00 pm—Trustees Meeting

Mon, Nov. 4

5:55 pm—Finger foods & Fellowship (Claflin)

7:00 pm—Church Charge Conference (Claflin)

Tues, Nov. 5

4:30 pm—Soup Supper

Sun, Nov. 10—Moment for Missions (Christmas Store)

Mon, Nov. 11

6:30 pm—SPPRC Meeting

Tues, Nov. 12

7:00 pm—Leadership Meeting

Thurs, Nov. 14

12:00 pm—USDA Commodities Distribution

2:00 pm—Faith & Hope Circle

7:00 pm—Honor & Glory Circle

Sun, Nov. 17—Consecration Sunday

8:00 am—United Methodist Men Breakfast

12:00 pm—Commitment Celebration Meal

6:00 pm—4-H Meeting

Mon, Nov. 18

7:00 pm—Finance/Stewardship Meeting

Tues, Nov. 19

6:30 pm—Missions/Evangelism Meeting (Pines)

7:00 pm—Worship Meeting

Thurs, Nov. 21

6:30 pm—Education Meeting

Sun, Nov. 24

12:00 pm—Soup meal/Hanging of the Greens

Thurs & Fri, Nov. 28 & 29—Church Office Closed

Recent Prayer Requests:

Barb Holm, Sylvia McNeal, Gayle Semour, Kathy McCreight's family, Justin & Megan Amos

Continued Prayers for:

Scott Davis & Family, Sam Pflughoeft's family, Lloyd Dolezal's family, Wanda Morford, Austin Seitz, Frona Lorimer, Steve & Pat Allen, Alan Whitley, Mae Popp, Troy Toman, Trent, Olivia & Abel Stevenson, Ed Hoffhines, Rhonda Hoffhines-Blair, Steve Noren, Rose Doubrava, Byrne & Rosalie Wood, Judy Gebhardt, Bonnie Stinchcomb, Judy Toman, 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

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

November 80+ & Shut-In Birthdays

4th—Sylvia McNeal

310 E 11th, Ellsworth, 67439

12th—Norma Hayes

1156 Hwy 14
Villa Grace, Room 309 EW

26th—C. Byrne Wood

1309 Aylward, EW



Bulletin Mission Outreach

	Good Sam	Shut-Ins
2	Dora Maze	Paula Bainter
9	Linda Davis	Ed Hoffhines
16	Gebhardts	Janet Carswell
23	Jean Soukup	Norma Nicholas
30	Judy Scritchfield	Rosemary Whitley

(* Deliver Upper Rooms)

(Bulletin Delivery contact: Deb Furgason 472-8956)

Ushers

Joshua Webb, Head Usher

Amanda Webb

Allen Nicholas

(Usher contact:
Mason May 472-4261)

Young Disciples

3—Pastor Dennis
10—
17—
24—

(Young Disciples contact:
Nancy Stonebraker 472-4208)

Communion

Janet Carswell

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, Daran Frevert,
Susan Miller, Par Schulz, Linda Janssen, Alice
Robson, Betty Rathbun, Tina Anderson

Liturgist

3—Tami McGreevy

10—Cunningham Family

17—Roberta Waymaster

24—Maisog Family

(Liturgist contact:
church office 472-3870)

Guardian Angels

3—Mason May

10—Heather West

17—Deb Furgason

24—Stonebrakers

(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.umcdiscipleship.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**