



2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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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Church office:

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Ellsworth, KS 67439

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Church Office Hours:

Tuesday through Friday

8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

(Other times available by appointment)

From the Pastor's Desk:

God Loves You: God Always Has-God Always Will

Love is one of the most written-about subjects in all of human history. Poems, songs, odes, plays, movie scripts, novels, even psychological and scientific treatises, have all focused on love. The Bible is no exception. Love is mentioned hundreds and hundreds of times in different contexts in Scripture, exploring all of its different dimensions.

But the Bible offers one truth about love that is found nowhere else in the world's literature: a benchmark for love. Not a definition, but a way to measure love—a way to compare it to something permanent and perfect. Without such a benchmark, love is left to the whims of human feelings and desires. In such a case, love can change with circumstances and our response to them. We need an anchor for love—a timeless way to think about love that can shape our actions and resist the pressure of culture.

The Bible gives us that anchor: God Himself. We are told twice in Scripture that "God is love" (1 John 4:8, 16). It will not do to reverse the statement ("Love is God") for obvious reasons. The apostle John meant to tell us by his words that love is nothing more and nothing less than an attribute of God. Because God is perfect and unchanging, so is love. When we want to know the origin of love, the reasons for love, the way love looks in action, the depth and extent of love, we only have to look one place: God, because God is love.

Sermons

Jan. 05	God Carved His Love in Stone	Exodus 20:1-17
Jan. 12	Teen Challenge	
Jan. 19	God Wrote His Love in Red	John 3:16
Jan. 26	God Loves You When You Don't Love God	Luke 15:11-32
Feb. 02	God Loves You When God Is Correcting You	Heb. 12:5-12

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





Upcoming Events:

Guest Speakers

Sunday, Jan. 12 speakers from Adult & Teen Challenge in Topeka will have a presentation during worship. Adult & Teen Challenge provides Christian faith-based, residential care to young people and adults who struggle with life-controlling problems. There will be a potluck after worship and items to purchase.

Thank you and Recognition

Sunday, Jan. 12 during worship service we will recognize all of the outgoing and incoming members of the church teams.

New Bible Study

Pastor Dennis will be starting a six week bible study "The Real Heaven" by Chip Ingram at 6:00 pm on Sunday, Jan. 12 in Ellsworth or Wednesday, Jan. 15 in Kanopolis. If you would like a book, please contact the office at 785-472-3870.



Thank you for the cards and gifts for Pastor Appreciation and my birthday.

Pastor Dennis

Thank you to all for the food, visits, telephone calls & prayers.

Sylvia McNeal

First United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for your donations. Without your generous support, we could not continue our missions to help keep families together. We often hear from guests that without our center they would not be able to afford to come visit their loved ones. We very much appreciate your help!

In Gods Love,

Ellsworth Family Connections Center

Dear EW UMC Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, calls, visits and wonderful yummy dinners during my recuperation. I appreciate all of you and all of your love and kindness.

Neva Chastain



First United Methodist Church

January 2020

Weekly Activities:

Sundays:

9:30 am—Sunday School for all ages

10:45 am—Worship in sanctuary

6:00 pm—Pastor's Bible Study Ellsworth (begins Jan. 12)

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 (begins Jan. 15)

6:15 pm—Jr/Sr High Youth Group

7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal

January Calendar:

Wed, Jan. 1—Church office closed

Sun, Jan. 5—Holy Communion

7:00 pm—Trustees Meeting

Tues, Jan. 7

7:00 pm—Leadership Meeting

Thurs, Jan. 9

2:00 pm—Faith & Hope Circle

7:00 pm—Honor & Glory Circle

Sun, Jan. 12—Guest speaker—Teen Challenge

12:00 pm—Potluck Dinner

2:00 pm—Good Samaritan Service

Mon, Jan. 13

7:00 pm—Finance/Stewardship Meeting

Tues, Jan. 14

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

Sun, Jan. 19—Moment for Missions

8:00 am—United Methodist Men Breakfast

6:00 pm—4-H Ash Creek Meeting

Mon, Jan. 20

6:30 pm—SPPRC Meeting

Tues, Jan. 21

6:30 pm—Worship Meeting

Thurs, Jan. 23

6:30 pm—Education Meeting

Sun, Jan. 26—Cookie Fellowship

Recent Prayer Requests:

Alan Falk, Sherry Campbell

Continued Prayers for:

Benton Dittman, Tom Maze, Dale Wright, Barb Holm, Sylvia McNeal, Gayle Semour, Kathy McCreight's family, Justin & Megan Amos, Scott Davis & Family, Sam Pflughoeft's family, Lloyd Dolezal's family, Wanda Morford, Austin Seitz, Frona Lorimer, 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.

January 80+ & Shut-In Birthdays

6th— Ted Landon

407 W. 8th St
Ellsworth 67439

12th—Wilma Mall

1156 Hwy 14,
Villa Grace—Rm 201, EW 67439

18th—Betty Rathbun

1305 Aylward Ave, EW 67439

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.



Bulletin Mission Outreach

	Good Sam	Shut-Ins
4	Gebhardts	Ed Hoffhines
11	Jean Soukup	Janet Carswell
18	Judy Scritchfield	Norma Nicholas
25	Deb Furgason	Rosemary Whitley

(* Deliver Upper Rooms)

(Bulletin Delivery contact: Deb Furgason 472-8956)

Ushers

Mason May, Head Usher

Marvin Larsen

Curt Glaser

(Usher contact:
Mason May 472-4261)

Young Disciples

5— Pastor Dennis

12—

19—

26—

(Young Disciples contact:
Nancy Stonebraker 472-4208)

Communion

Rosemary Whitley

Altar Flowers

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

Task Force Co-Chairs

Ann Ridinger (531-1379)

Pat Allen (472-3741)

Task Force List

Carol Tanton, Paula Bainter, Stacey Gustin,
Nancy Stonebraker, Karen Shriner,
Sandy Jenkins, Georgina Bates, Trisha Janssen,
Heather Barta, Betty Carter

Liturgist

5—Anita Hoffhines

12—Betty Carter

19—Kline Kelly

26—Tami McGreevy

(Liturgist contact:
church office 472-3870)

Guardian Angels

5—Deb Furgason

12—Sharon Marsh

19—Mason May

26—Lesa Houston

(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**