



Feb. 3  
UMM Pancake Feed  
Feb. 11  
Valentine Dinner  
Feb. 14  
Ash Wednesday

## **Pastor:**

**Rev. Tim Harlan**  
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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  
TV Ministry email:  
[Video.umcew@eaglecom.net](mailto:Video.umcew@eaglecom.net)

## **Church office:**

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Ellsworth, KS 67439  
785-472-3870  
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Website: [www.umcellsworth.org](http://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:***

### **"Being a Forever Family"**

Every year around this time, I observe a real celebration. Thirteen years ago, on Valentine's day, my daughters, Rosemary and Andrea became a permanent part of my life. Then, just about a year later, we became an official "Forever Family." With the stroke of the judge's pen, in the sight of the law, we became a family. Yet, I believe that in our hearts, all through the previous year during which we lived together, we had been in the process of adopting each other. We spent that year becoming a family.

Adoption is something that God knows about, too. In Ephesians 1:5-8, we read, "[God] destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us."

Since we became a family, our life together has sure been interesting. And I hope that their lives are better as a result. God has adopted ALL of us, for a much greater purpose – to redeem us. Yet, we don't always realize that we belong to God. We think we belong to ourselves, and we go our own way. We humans don't HAVE to accept God's grace – God's adoption. We often reject it, either because we believe we don't need to be forgiven, or because we believe we are "bad," and beyond the reach of grace. Neither case is true.

I believe that God uses us – the Church – to get the message of God's grace and forgiveness out to the world. That is part of our Mission of making disciples of all people. I pray that God will show us all new ways of letting people know that they are already part of a family – God's family. See you in church! Love, Tim





## Kids of the Kingdom/Kids with a Mission:



Old Testament Lessons continued in January, with stories of David, Solomon, the Kingdom divided, and Elijah teaching us that God forgives sins, gives wisdom, uses bad things to teach his people, and encourages us in hard times. Even though the Bible was written many, many years ago, the lessons are still true and important for us today!

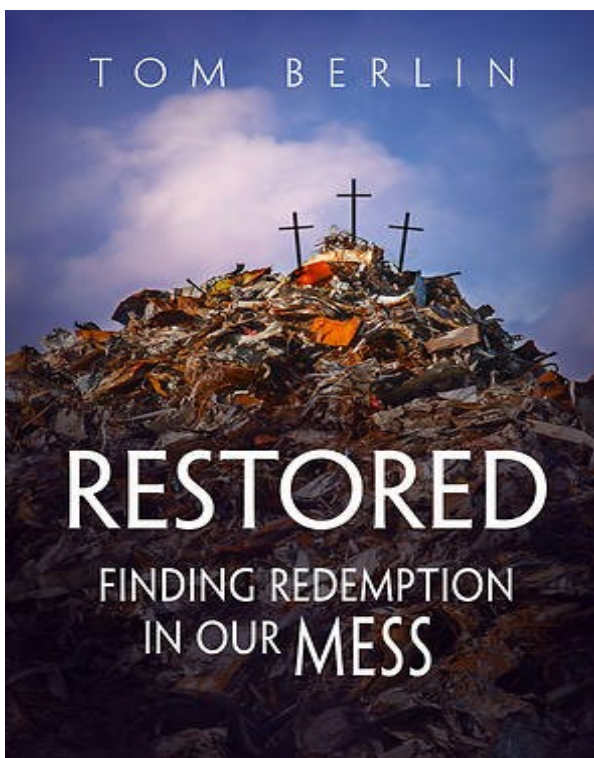
The children have been saving nickels earned by attendance, good behavior, memory work, etc. and had an opportunity to help others by purchasing needed items for Family Connections. This agency provides affordable lodging for families of inmates at ECF, and visitors need simple food items to prepare, paper goods, and personal hygiene items during their stay. A special thanks to Joni Glaser for organizing this event!

Kids with a Mission have learned to be flexible with schedules this month. Bingo was cancelled at Good Samaritan due to flu, so Mikey Martinez spoke with them about Mosaic. Valentines were crafted for residents of the Pines. ECMC and Good Samaritan Village. These 4th graders also planned their visit to the Correctional Facility to learn of the dog training program. God's Love in Action!!

We appreciate all our volunteers who are committed to the Lord and this weekly program!

## 6 week Lenten Study

Everyone is invited to a Lenten study beginning Sunday, Feb 18. Enjoy breakfast at 8:45 am followed by youth and adult classes at 9:30 am.



Sometimes our lives are in such disarray we can't envision a way through to redemption. But when we look at the mess through the eyes of Christ, we not only find redemption, we can clearly see spiritual restoration. In *Restored*, author Tom Berlin encourages us to reflect and meditate through our own brokenness, showing us that it is only when we focus on the cross as a place to surrender control that we can leave our mess and find true redemption. This 6-week study uses Scripture, devotional tools, and the writings of Ignatius of Loyola, John of the Cross, St. Augustine, John Wesley, Evelyn Underhill, and others .



## Men's Encounter

The next scheduled Men's Encounter is February 9-11, 2018 at Webster Conference Center in Salina. This is a great opportunity for all men to reflect on their relationship with God, and strengthen that relationship with Him and other fellow believers. The cost is \$105.00 and we will carpool from Ellsworth. The website to register is [www.mensencounter.org](http://www.mensencounter.org) Please feel free to invite other friends or relatives to join us. If you have any questions, please contact: Kalen Deines at 785-259-2776 or Ken Robson at 785-531-0674.



**February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

The United Methodist Church  
322 N. Douglas  
Ellsworth, Kansas

## All You Can Eat!

*Pancakes,  
Sausage & Eggs*  
7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Free Will Offering**

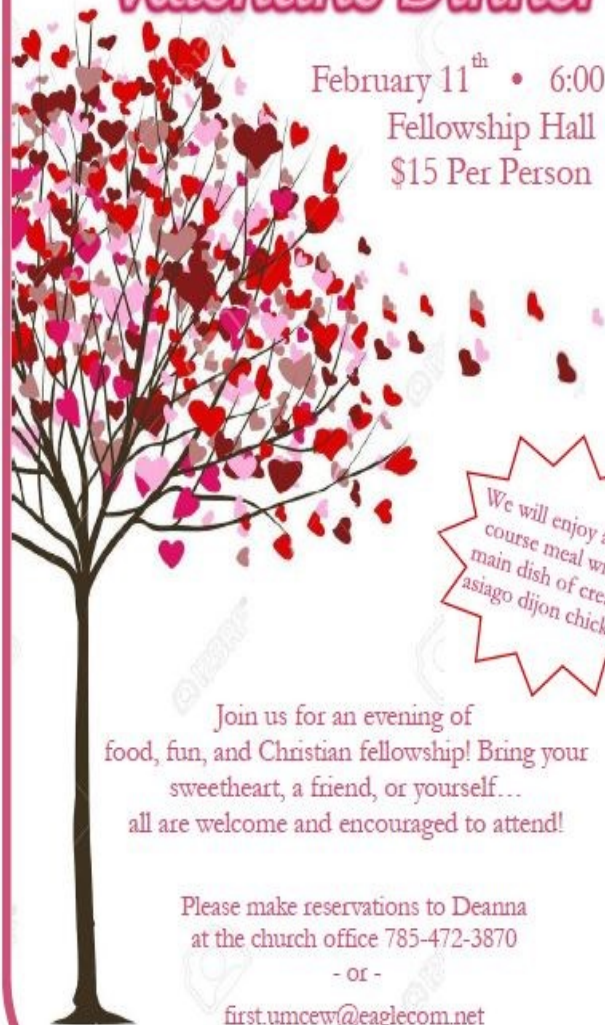
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## Ellsworth Methodist Youth Valentine Dinner

February 11<sup>th</sup> • 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall  
\$15 Per Person



We will enjoy a four  
course meal with a  
main dish of creamy  
asiago dijon chicken!

Join us for an evening of  
food, fun, and Christian fellowship! Bring your  
sweetheart, a friend, or yourself...  
all are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Please make reservations to Deanna  
at the church office 785-472-3870

- or -

[first.umcew@eaglecom.net](mailto:first.umcew@eaglecom.net)

\*Childcare will be available\*



## **February 80+ & Shut-In Birthdays**

### **5th— Ronald Rathbun**

1305 Aylward Ave., EW 67439

### **9th—Dorothy Thomas**

1173 Hoeger Lane, Apt C, EW

### **22nd—Donna Wooten**

205 Bickerdyke Blvd., Apt B, EW

Ash Wednesday is February 14.

Ash Wednesday service  
will be at 6:30pm

Praise & Prayer Worship  
Sunday, February 18  
At 6:00 pm

## 2018 Usher/Greeter Schedule

### January

\*Mason May  
Marvin Larsen  
Gurt Glaser

### May

\*Curt Glaser  
Kline Kelly  
Jason Maisog

### October

\*Cory Minear  
Jason Maisog  
Mason May

### February

\*Ken Cravens  
Remington Cravens  
Will Cravens  
Monte West

### June

\*Carl Miller  
Susan Miller  
Faith Miller

### November

\*Joshua Webb  
Amanda Webb  
Allen Nicholas

### March

\*Andrew Ridinger  
Jenna Sinnott  
Maynard Cunningham  
Deanna Cunningham

### July

\*David Stonebraker  
Darrell Gustin  
Rod Wilson

### December

\*Alan Waymaster  
Andrew Ridinger  
Maynard Cunningham

### April

\*Alan Waymaster  
Cory Minear  
Ray Brady

### August

\*Jeff Janssen  
Trisha Janssen  
Steve Allen

### September

\*Gerry Gebhardt  
Judy Gebhardt  
Ed Hoffhines  
Anita Hoffhines

### Substitutes:

Mason May  
Ted Landon  
Ed Hoffhines  
Cory Minear  
Carl Miller  
Ann Ridinger





# First United Methodist Church

February 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

6:30 pm—Community Cantata Rehearsal

7:30 pm—Choir Practice

## February Calendar:

Thurs, Feb. 1—9:30 am—District Clergy Meeting

7:00 pm—UMW Meeting

Sat, Feb. 3—7:00 am—UMM Pancake Feed

Sun, Feb. 4—Communion

9:00 am—Trustees Meeting

2:00 pm—Good Sam. Worship Service

5:30 pm—Super Bowl Party—church basement

Tues, Feb. 6—7:00 pm—Leadership Meeting

Thurs, Feb. 8—2:00 pm—Faith & Hope Circle

7:00 pm—Honor & Glory Circle

Fri, Feb. 9—11—Men's Encounter in Salina

Sun, Feb. 11—Moment for Missions-Ministerial Alliance

6:00 pm—Valentine Dinner

Mon, Feb. 12—7:00 pm—Stewardship/Finance Mtg.

Tues, Feb. 13—6:30 pm—Missions/Evangelism Mtg.

Wed, Feb. 14—6:30 pm—Ash Wednesday Service

Sun, Feb. 18—8:00 am—UMM Breakfast

8:45 am—Breakfast & Lenten Study

6:00 pm—Praise & Prayer Worship

Tues, Feb. 20—7:00 pm—Worship Team Meeting

Thurs, Feb. 22—6:30 pm—Education Meeting

Sun, Feb. 25—Cookie Sunday

8:45 am—Breakfast & Lenten Study

## Recent Prayer Concerns:

Nancy & David Stonebraker, Sylvia Bobbett's family, Chalee & Wayne Braun, Don Pruitt & Family

## Continued prayers for:

Penny Swift-Kelly, Laurie Donley, Ann Ridinger, Joan Crane, Velda Robson, Dale Soukup's family, Allen Nicholas, Janice McCaulley, Eleanor Mott's family, Sylvia McNeal, Julie Thompson & Family, Max Tanton's Family, Loren Reber, Keith Adams's Family, Keri Lynn Whorton, 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. Feb. 14th  
1:15pm

"It Happend One Night"  
1 hr. 35 min



 **J.H. Robbins Memorial Library**  
219 N Lincoln  
Elsworth, Kansas 67439 | 785-472-3009  
jhrml.weebly.com



## **Bulletin Mission Outreach**

	Good Sam	Shut-Ins
3	Ann Ridinger	Norma Nicholas
10	Judy Scritchfield	Rosemary Whitley
17	Linda Davis	Georgina Bates
24*	Sandy Jenkins	Ed Hoffhines

(\* Deliver Upper Rooms)

(Bulletin Delivery contact: Dora Maze 472-3640)

## **Ushers**

Ken Cravens, Head Usher

Remington Cravens

Will Cravens

Monte West

(Usher contact:

Mason May 472-4261)

## **Children's Time**

4—Rosemary Whitley

11—Lu Adams

18—Heather West

25—Pastor Tim

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

## **Communion**

4—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, Frona Lorimer,  
Marie Kester, Janice McCaulley,  
Nancy Stonebraker, Wilma Mall, Karen Shriner,  
Jean Martin, Trisha Janssen

## **Liturgist**

4—Karen Shriner

11—Ann Ridinger

18—Roberta Waymaster

25—Jason Maisog

(Liturgist contact:  
the church office 472-3870)

## **Guardian Angels**

4—Pat Allen

11—Mason May

18—Sharon Marsh

25—Judy Gebhardt

(Guardian Angel contact:  
Deb Furgason 472-8956)

## **Websites**

**Hutchinson District Office:**

[www.hutchinsondistrictumc.org](http://www.hutchinsondistrictumc.org)

**Great Plains Conference Office:**

[www.greatplainsumc.org](http://www.greatplainsumc.org)

**United Methodist Website:**

[www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)

**General Board of Disciples:**

[www.gbord.org](http://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**