



# First United Methodist Church

September 2018

## Labor Day

Monday, Sept. 3, 2018

## Grandparents Day

Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018

### 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 Hours:

Tuesday through Friday

8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

(Other times available by appointment)

## *From the Pastor's Desk:*

### The Perfect Christian

“How Sinners like us can be more like Jesus”

### Sermon Series on James

Can a Christian really be perfect this side of heaven? Of course not, but Jesus himself nevertheless commands His people, “You are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” These words offer quite a contrast to the cries of our secular society, which has lost its moral compass and any sense of absolute truth. This ungodly age dupes us into thinking that being a tad better than the world somehow makes us acceptable to God. As Christians, however, we know that God—not the world—sets the standards for us.

In this sermon series “The Perfect Christian” calls believers back to God’s demand for perfection. The book of James challenges you to “march in a new direction in keeping with the perfect demands of our loving heavenly Father.” The series teaches life-changing lessons on such key topics as : how to resist temptation, how to control your tongue, how to balance faith and works, and how to know the power of prayer.

The pursuit of perfection won’t produce absolute perfection in your life, but I pray it will assure you it will mean a new level of spiritual life, power, and victory for you to enjoy. So please accept the challenge, make perfection your goal, and grow tremendously in your faith!

### Sermons

Sept. 2	How to Withstand Trials	James 1:1-11
Sept. 9	How to Withstand Temptations	James 1:12-18
Sept. 16	How to Respond to God’s Life-Changing Word	James 1:19-25
Sept. 23	How to Make Your Faith Pure and Valuable to God	James 1:26-27
Sept. 30	How to Avoid the Sin of Partiality	James 2:1-13

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## Pastor's Bible Study: To Live Is Christ To Die Is Gain Begins September 9 at 6:00 pm in the Parlor

The study will consist of a 30 minute video and questions from a study guide. It will be a 12 week course that will last 1 -1 1/2 hour a session.

Paul's letter to the Philippians is one of the most taught books of the Bible from the pulpit today and with excellent reason. The book is simple, straightforward, and broadly relevant-easy for all Christians to understand and apply.

Often people come away from this text and sum it up in one word: 'joy'. This both true and tragic. It is true in the sense that the letter is conceivably the quintessential treatise on joy that all believers must read to see the fullness of joy which Christians are intended to live. The letter makes joy real, practical, and alive and is unmistakably a vital part of this great text.

But it is also tragic to sum it up as 'joy', in that there is so much more there. It answers all sorts of practical questions for the believer today"

How can I share my faith?

What does it mean to live a worthy Christian life?

What does true Christian humility look like?

Where can I find true satisfaction for my soul?

How can I rejoice during tragedy?

What do I do when I am stressed?

What does a passionate follower of Christ look like?

Not only does this letter answer many questions for the believer-it also paints a beautiful picture of what the mature Christian life is. I pray you will enjoy the expositional teaching of Philippians-a book you may have heard many times-like you have never heard it before.

A Study Guide can be ordered for \$12.50 but is not required. Please contact the office if you would like to order a book.

## Confirmation Class

Confirmation classes for 7th—9th graders will begin on September 5 at 6:00 pm and will finish on December 12. The classes will be 1-1 1/2 hours a week and will be held at the church office. I'm (Pastor Dennis) looking forward to working with the students as they grow in their faith and understanding of God and the United Methodist Church.



## Get to Know Your Bible

Pastor Dennis would like to invite 5th grade and older youth, along with parents, for pizza and getting to know your bible.

When: Sunday, September 9, 2018 after Worship service

Where: Church basement



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



After a 4 month vacation, our after-school programs are ready to begin for the fall season. Wednesday, September 12, is the first day for the sounds of many, many children to fill our entire church with laughs, giggles, excitement and anticipation. Teachers and volunteers are working behind the scenes in preparation for this wonderful collaboration of churches in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be studying The Story for Children curriculum, which presents God's Word from Genesis to Revelation. Kids with a Mission 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be Reaching out in Jesus' name to our community through all kinds of volunteer projects. Please be in prayer for our kids and all the volunteers needed to keep this program working smoothly. God provides just the right people at just the right time every year, with just the right finances and just the right attitudes. If you want to be part of this faith in action, please contact the church office or Alice Robson right now!

## LET'S **KIT** TOGETHER!

Through donations of money and relief supply kits, UMCOR reaches out globally to alleviate human suffering and advance hope and healing.

Every year UMCOR sends a truck to Annual Conference to collect donations from the churches. This year the truck and driver, donated by ACI Motor Freight of Wichita, carried 430 cleaning kits, 1,783 hygiene kits and 1,785 school kits – a total of 3,998 kits.

My hope is that together we can support UMCOR and its mission by preparing hygiene kits and school kits to donate at the 2019 Annual Conference in Topeka.

Starting August 1<sup>st</sup>, a list of supplies for each type of kit will be provided in the front foyer and in the back entryway. A basket will also be provided in both places to collect donations. You can donate a complete kit or any of the supplies listed on the sheets.

Between August 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup> of next year, we will have a couple of kit making parties! Everyone will be welcome to join the fun! More details will be made available at a later date.

For more information you can contact Roberta Waymaster at 785-342-3153 or [rwaymast@hotmail.com](mailto:rwaymast@hotmail.com).

“Many Hands Make Light Work.”

John Heywood

## Make space on your smartphone for Great Plains app

(This article is from the June 20 issue of GP Connect)

The Great Plains Conference has a new, improved app available in the iTunes and Google Play stores.

The new app features news and information about the conference, contact information for conference and district staff members, the events calendar, easy access to the Great Plains' Facebook and Twitter accounts, links to many of our website pages and more! You'll even find a link to weather so you can see what the forecast is for where you are traveling to for conference events.

One all-new component is our Spiritual Fitness Tracker. This feature will help you keep track of how well you are doing with the spiritual disciplines of reading scripture, praying, attending worship, participating in small groups, and providing service to others. But we're also concerned about your physical health, which is why we also have pieces that allow you to track how much exercise you're getting and how healthy you are eating each day.

I have downloaded this app and it has some great features! My favorite is the Daily Devotional from The Upper Room. Give it a try!

Blessings!

Roberta



## September 2 Worship Service—Labor Day Blessing

On September 2, 2018, please dress as if you were going to work and bring an item that you use at work to be blessed. After the Welcome and Announcements, the work items will be brought to the alter to be blessed.

# LABOR DAY



## Men's Encounter

Men's Encounter is a time for us men to get away and **encounter God**, perhaps like never before; a time to consider, give thought to our lives, and discover solutions to the unique challenges facing men.

Who would you like to provide solutions for you? Who better than God?

It is important to take the time to step away and gain perspective. Whether you think you have it all figured out or not, you will benefit from attending and you will come home with no regrets. From the time you leave until the time you return, you will have nothing to worry about; all meals, transportation and lodging is included.

If you have any questions, please contact Ken Robson @ 785-531-0674.

September 7-9, 2018 Webster Conference in Salina. The cost is \$125.00 and there will be a carpool from Ellsworth. The website to register is [www.encounterthecross.com](http://www.encounterthecross.com)



## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

We would like to thank Dora Maze for her years of service as Sunday School Secretary and coordinator of the Bulletin Outreach. Dora will be stepping down from both of these positions at the end of the year. If you would be interested in one of these position or know of someone that would be interested, please call the church office.

**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.**



## Weekly Activities:

### Sundays:

9:30 am—Sunday School for all ages  
10:45 am—Worship in sanctuary  
6:00 pm—Beth Moore Bible Study (basement)  
6:00 pm—Pastor's Bible Study (Sept. 9 Parlor)

### Tuesdays:

1:00 pm—Grief Support Group-Arts Council

### Wednesdays:

10:00 am—Music With Mosaic  
3:05 pm—Kids of Kingdom/KwaM (Sept. 12)  
3:45 pm—God's Wednesday Warriors (Sept. 12)  
5:00 pm—Prayer Group—At Church  
6:00 pm—Confirmation Class (Sept. 5 Office)  
6:15 PM—Youth Group (Sept. 12)  
7:00 pm—Choir Practice

### Thursdays:

9:30 am—Beth Moore Bible Study (basement)

## September Calendar:

Sun, Sept. 2—Communion  
Tues, Sept. 4—6:30 pm—Leadership Meeting  
7:00 pm—Vision 2020 Meeting  
Wed, Sept. 5—5:30 pm-KoK/KwaM Potluck (church)  
6:00 pm—Parent's Youth Group Mtg (Parlor)  
Thurs, Sept. 6—9:30 am—District Clergy Meeting  
7:00 pm—UMW Meeting  
Sun, Sept. 9—Moment for Missions (Senior Center)  
12:00 pm—"Get to Know Your Bible"  
7:00 pm—Trustees Meeting  
Mon, Sept. 10—7:00 pm-Finance/Stewardship Mtg.  
Tues, Sept. 11- 6:30 pm—Missions/Evangelism Mtg.  
Thurs, Sept. 13—2:00 pm—Faith & Hope Circle  
7:00 pm—Honor & Glory Circle  
Sun, Sept. 16—8:00 am—UMM Breakfast  
Mon, Sept. 17—6:30 pm—SPPRC Meeting  
Tues, Sept. 18—7:00 pm—Worship Team Meeting  
Thurs, Sept. 20—12:00 pm—USDA Commodities  
7:00 pm—Discipleship Meeting  
Thurs, Sept. 27—6:30 pm—Education Meeting  
Sun, Sept. 30—Cookie Sunday  
5:30 pm—Benefit for Ministerial Alliance

## Recent Prayer Requests:

Candy Charowhas's Family, Nancy Shute's Family

## Continued Prayers for:

Natalie Soukup, Dorothy Thomas, Rosemary Whitley, Robert Blanchard, Jan McCaulley's family, Kathy Kohls's family, Curtis family, Carl Miller's family, Deb Furgason, Alan Byerley & family, Debby Bach & family, Danelle Leiker & family, Tom & Karen Renard, Bonnie Stinchcomb, Judy Gebhardt, Nancy Bircher, 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 ~ people in disaster areas

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



## Feature Film

At the library!

**Wed. Sept. 5th**  
**At 1:15pm**

**"I can only  
Imagine"**

1hr. & 50 min







## **Bulletin Mission Outreach**

	Good Sam	Shut-Ins
1	Jessie Deines	Ed Hoffhines
8	Sandy Jenkins	Paula Bainter
15	Linda Davis	Alan Waymaster
22	Gebhardts	Norma Nicholas
29	Deb Furgason	Janet Carswell

(\* Deliver Upper Rooms)

(Bulletin Delivery contact: Dora Maze 472-3640)

## **Ushers**

Gerry Gebhardt, Head Usher

Judy Gebhardt

Ed Hoffhines

Anita Hoffhines

(Usher contact:

Mason May 472-4261)

## **Children's Time**

2—Pastor Dennis

9—Pastor Dennis

16—Rosemary Whitley

23—Pastor Dennis

30—Lu Adams

(Children's Time contact:

Nancy Stonebraker 472-4208)

## **Communion**

Judy Gebhardt

## **Altar Flowers**

The Honor & Glory

Fellowship is in charge of

Altar Flowers.

## **Task Force Co-Chairs**

Dora Maze (472-3640)

Deb Furgason (472-8956)

## **Task Force List**

Janet Carswell, Tami McGreevy, Rosa Landon,  
Georgina Bates, Carole Larsen, Lacy Minear,  
Donna Wooten, Linda Webber, Lu Adams,  
Deanna Cunningham, Mary Marston,  
Abby Janssen

## **Liturgist**

2—Kline Kelly

9—Roberta Waymaster

16—Andy Ridinger

23—Loden West

30—Lu Adams

(Liturgist contact:

the church office 472-3870)

## **Guardian Angels**

2—Mason May

9—Sharon Marsh

16—Deb Furgason

23—Heather West

30—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**