



Holy Week  
March 25—31  
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Sunday School at 9:30am

Worship at 10:45am

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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:***

During Lent, many of us take on the spiritual discipline of self-denial. In some small way, through our own sacrifice, we seek to understand the meaning of Christ's sacrifice. We give something up for Lent, and it's most often something we like. I've often wondered why we put ourselves through this discomfort, when we will probably use at least a part of our spiritual discipline time to lament our loss!

Of course, there are things we SHOULD give up, especially if they are bad for our health. But there are many more things that we may not be doing now, that we COULD be doing, which would do our souls much good.

There is no substitute for prayer and meditation, in drawing us closer to God. When we neglect our prayer life, we may find ourselves feeling far from God. Keeping the channel of communication with God open is an important spiritual discipline we can take up.

There is a similar spiritual discipline that we can experience with our loved ones. We can search for ways in which to show love and appreciation for friends and family, taking time to listen, and to be patient with each other.

Our relationships with each other can sometimes be "high-maintenance." We have to tend them, work at them, and nourish them. Yet, this just makes them stronger, just like tending to our prayer life can make us feel closer to God. Strengthening our family and friendship bonds enables us to weather the storms of life.

One other reason we observe spiritual disciplines during Lent is that when we practice something, it can become almost second nature to us. It becomes a habit.

During Lent, we may give up things, old bad habits. But we also can take up new thing – new, HOLY habits.

During the season of Lent, let's take time for prayer and meditation with God, to deepen that most important of relationships. Let's also take time to develop the "holy habits" of loving and cherishing each other as friends, family, and family in Christ.

Love, Tim





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



Although this winter season has been a challenge with absences due to colds and flu, our teachers and helpers have been resilient. We will all be ready for the warm sunshine and time to spend enjoying God's creation! In our lessons this month, we have heard about Isaiah and Jeremiah as they proclaimed God's message of repentance and coming captivity. Even in the midst of such dire circumstances, they also shared God's love and forgiveness if they repented. Stories of Daniel and Esther show how God worked through His people even in a strange and foreign land. We sing the Books of the Bible song every week and can see where these stories are found in our Bibles.

Our snack ladies provide great treats for the kids every week, from fruit to trail mix to pudding, crackers, cheese, carrots—and the list goes on and on. Undoubtedly the favorite snack is the Kings Cake, baked with love by Jan Bontrager. These sweet breads remind us of the Kings who worshipped Jesus and are depicted with the colors of yellow, green, and purple frosting. We have the opportunity to talk about the Lenten season, Ash Wednesday, and our hope in Jesus.

Kids with a Mission continues their Reaching out in Jesus' Name by making Valentines for our Seniors and shut-ins around the community. This energetic group of 22-27 fourth graders are in constant motion. They have missed playing Bingo at Good Sam. due to the visitation restrictions, but have enjoyed hearing about Mosaic's mission in Africa and locally from Mikey Martinez and clean-up efforts after a hurricane in Texas from Joni Glaser and her family. Opportunities to serve are everywhere if we only look around!

## Women's Encounter

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](http://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

"Whether your relationship with Christ is new or old, we firmly believe this weekend will be a blessing to you and will help you understand what freedom looks like for you in every area of your life. It is a weekend where you have an opportunity to get away with other women and experience God in a real, intimate, and personal way. If you come with a humble heart - ready to allow God to change you from the inside out - your life will never be the same!"



## Holy Week March 25—31, 2018

### Holy Week Speaker:



Nancy Tanton is a wife, mother, and grandmother who shares biblical truths she has learned in the trenches of life. A former native of Ellsworth, she and her husband, John, moved to the Wichita area in 2006 where she is actively involved in her church. Since 2007 she has had opportunity to minister abroad extensively. Nancy believes the bible as her ultimate authority and depends on the Holy Spirit's power to confirm the Word by signs that follow. In appropriating the truths she learned and now teaches, Nancy witnesses lives redeemed and captives set free. You can find out more about Nancy and her ministry at [www.nancytantonministries.com](http://www.nancytantonministries.com) or follow her on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/nancy.tanton](https://www.facebook.com/nancy.tanton)

### Holy Week Topics:

In John 19:30, Jesus made the proclamation "It is finished". He had accomplished what He had come to do. We will explore what "It" is that He finished. Each morning we will explore Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians to remember what Jesus accomplished for us on the cross and what that means for us today.

Jesus also said that when we take communion we are to remember Him. As the evening sessions lead us towards Maundy Thursday, we will share three ways we "remember Him" - both what He did for us and what He asks us to do for others.

On Wednesday evening Nancy will challenge the youth to live a life bigger than themselves. "You matter!...What will you do to make a difference?"

### Holy Week Schedule:

Sunday, March 25—Palm Sunday

4:00 pm—Community Easter Cantata—United Methodist Church

Monday, March 26

6:30 am—Breakfast Devotional—United Methodist Church

7:00 pm—Evening Service—United Methodist Church

Tuesday, March 27

6:30 am—Breakfast Devotional—United Methodist Church

7:00 pm—Evening Service—First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, March 28

6:30 am—Breakfast Devotional -First Presbyterian Church

6:00 pm—Evening Youth Service —First Presbyterian Church

Thursday, March 29

6:30 am—Breakfast Devotional—First Presbyterian Church

7:00 pm—Maundy Thursday Communion Service—United Methodist Church

Friday, March 30—Good Friday

12:00 pm—Good Friday Service—First Presbyterian Church



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

### **1st— Connie Appel**

388 Bickerdyke Rm 113, EW 67439

### **17th—Dora Maze**

811 Elizabeth Apt. 209, EW

### **19th—Allen Nicholas**

1012 State St., EW



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:**

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting Family Connections Center.

Several years ago some of the area churches sponsored rooms and decorated it. Families and friends of inmates from Washington to Florida have stayed in those rooms. Can you image how many lives you have touched by your caring and faithful support.

We have received letters, notes and personal comments thanking EFCC for the safe clean place that this ministry provides.

We want you to know that you are instrumental in the work God has and continues to do in the mission of EFCC . Thank you.

“When did we see you sick or in prison? Assuredly, I say to you in as much as you did it to the least of these My brother, you did it to Me!

Matthew 25:36-40

Staff and Board EFCC



Ellsworth UMC:

Greetings in the name of Christ from the Hays-Hutchinson district office. THANK YOU for your commitment to the ministry of our connected church by sharing 100% of your 2017 tithe with the Great Plains Conference. Your generosity provided ministry locally and around the world.

Blessings on you and your ministry as you continue to make disciples and develop them in 2018.

With Regards,  
Rev. Dennis H. Livingston





# First United Methodist Church

March 2018

## Weekly Activities:

### **Sundays:**

8:45 am—Breakfast & Lenten Study  
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

## March Calendar:

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

Fri, Mar. 2—12:00 pm—World Day of Prayer

Sat, Mar. 3—9:00 am UMW trip to Salina R.M.

Sun, Mar. 4—Communion

7:00 pm—Trustees Meeting

Tues, Mar. 6—6:30 pm—Leadership Meeting

7:00 pm—Vision 2020 Meeting

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

7:00 pm—Honor & Glory Circle

Sun, Mar. 11—Moment for Missions-Camp Hope

**Daylight Savings Time**—move clocks forward 1 hour.

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

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

Sun, Mar. 18—8:00 am—UMM Breakfast

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

Wed, Mar. 21—Spring Break - No Youth Activities

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

Mar. 25—Mar. 31—Holy Week (schedule page 3)

Sun, Mar. 25—Cookie Sunday

2:00 pm—Good Samaritan Service

4:00 pm—Community Easter Cantata

## Recent Prayer Concerns:

Mary Harlan, Ginny Hulburt, Janice McCaulley, Rich Daniels's family, Rex Denison

## Continued prayers for:

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, Eleanor Mott's family, Julie Thompson & Family, 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. Mar. 7  
1:15pm

"Hidden Figures"

2 hr. 7 min



**J.H. Robbins Memorial Library**  
219 N Lincoln  
Ellsworth, Kansas 67439 | 785-472-3959  
[JHRL.weebly.com](http://JHRL.weebly.com)



## **Bulletin Mission Outreach**

	Good Sam	Shut-Ins
3	Jean Soukup	Sharon Marsh
10	Carole Larsen	Alan Waymaster
17	Deb Furgason	Paula Bainter
24	Dora Maze	Janet Carswell
31*	Jessie Deines	Lawrence Moxter

(\* Deliver Upper Rooms)

(Bulletin Delivery contact: Dora Maze 472-3640)

## **Ushers**

Andy Ridinger, Head Usher

Jenna Sinnott

Maynard Cunningham

Deanna Cunningham

(Usher contact:

Mason May 472-4261)

## **Children's Time**

4—Rosemary Whitley

11—Alice Robson

18—Pastor Tim

25—Roberta Waymaster

(Children's Time contact:

Nancy Stonebraker 472-4208)

## **Communion**

4—Janet Carswell

## **Altar Flowers**

The Honor & Glory

Fellowship is in charge of

Altar Flowers.

## **Task Force Co-Chairs**

Judy Scritchfield (472-4168)

Linda Davis (472-1151)

## **Task Force List**

Emily Bettenbrock, Jean Soukup,  
Kourtney Maisog, Norma Nicholas,  
Shelby Cravens, Roberta Waymaster,  
Heather Barta, Sharon Marsh

## **Liturgist**

4—Lexi West

11—Lu Adams

18—Rod Wilson

25—David Stonebraker

(Liturgist contact:

the church office 472-3870)

## **Guardian Angels**

4—Deanna Cunningham

11—Deb Furgason

18—Judy Gebhardt

25—Mason May

(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**