



## From the Pastor's Desk:

### What the Bible says about "Confidence in Times of Distress"

"I'm out of here!" Most of us feel this way at some point in our lives. When stress in daily living becomes unbearable, we want to escape. We want out of jobs, relationships, a church, a neighborhood, or some other difficult situation. We think we can't handle things the way they are because they cause us too much stress, so we decide to walk away. Move on. Head for anywhere but where we are.

What does the Bible have to tell us about how to handle stress? How are we to respond when our fallen human natures cry out for us to stop and run?

God has a powerful truth for us to hear. We don't handle stressful situations by fighting against them; instead, God calls us to be at rest in God. To the psalmist, this meant being still and knowing God (Psalm 46:10). To the apostle Peter, it meant refusing to carry burdens not meant for him: "casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). Jesus described it as a peacefulness that we both find and receive as we spend time learning from Him (Matt. 11:28-30). Our human instinct clamors for us to escape - but God calls us to draw near and absorb the truths of Scripture.

Most of all, the Lord wants us to know Him. As we believe in His sovereignty (1 Chr. 29:11) and accept both the absolute goodness of His plans (Jer. 29:11) and His deep, abiding love for us (Eph. 3:17-19), we will grow in trust. Then we will find it easier to "be still" and not to respond like the world, which says "I'm out of here!"

Our stress need not become distress. When we feel stress, we do not have to feel defeated and give in to the temptation to give up and run. With an accurate understanding of our heavenly Father and a firm belief in His care, we will be able to talk through the worst of circumstances with inner quietness (Gal. 5:22) and genuine confidence (Heb. 13:6). That is our privilege as God's children. - Pastor Dennis

### Sermons for August

- Aug. 5- "When You Feel Like a Nobody Going Nowhere" Psalm 139:1-10
- Aug. 12- "When You've Blown It Big Time" Psalm 51:1-12
- Aug. 19- "In Times of Confusion" Psalm 90:1-10
- Aug. 26- Kanopolis at 9:15 am or Cowboy Church at 10:30 am

### 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

TV Ministry email:

Video.umcew@eaglecom.net

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### Church Office Hours:

Tuesday through Friday

8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

(Other times available by appointment)

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First United Methodist Church





## 2018 Annual Conference Summary

It's hard to summarize all the activities and reports made at annual conference. I just want to give you a brief summary of the resolutions and the voting results.

### Church Closings:

Upland, Ne  
Glade, Ks  
Gardner First Light, Ks  
Cedar Vale, Ks  
Gove, Ks

### Resolutions that were discussed on the plenary floor:

Resolution No. 8: Consider investing in Wespath's "Social Values Choice" suite of funds - Failed  
Resolution No. 9: Advocating for the right of children living under Israeli occupation – Defeated 396-374  
Resolution No. 10: Creation of a covenant partnership between the Great Plains Conference and the Methodist Church of Haiti - Approved  
Resolution No. 11: Our sinful immigration system - Approved  
Resolution No. 12: The call to offer sanctuary - Approved  
Resolution No. 13: Comprehensive immigrant, refugee, migrant and asylum reform – Approved

If you want to read more about these resolution or annual conference, go to <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/newsdetail/annual-conference-session-happenings-11499842>

Thanks! Roberta Waymaster

August 2018, ends our second year as owners of the office building at 402 N. Douglas, and we have discovered the building offers the following benefits:

- Its location makes our church more accessible to the community and supports our church vision "to build and strengthen relationships with others inside and outside the church."
- The meeting room provides a constant gathering place for church teams, Kids with a Mission and small group classes.
- The setting is efficient and removes the need to heat/cool the church for short durations.
- The pastor's office gives him a place of privacy for professional consultations, meetings and study.

Our monthly loan payment for this facility is \$404.49, and for the year 2018, donations of \$1,470.49 have been received. Repayment does not come from general giving; thus, the Finance Team asks that you strongly consider donating beyond your regular giving to reduce this church obligation. Your financial support would be appreciated.

Please designate your special giving as "building loan" on the memo line or envelope.

Questions? Please contact any of the following Finance Team members: Dale Hoosier, Mason May, Alan Waymaster, Roberta Waymaster, Sharon Marsh, Janice Black, Curt Glaser or Pastor Dennis.



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



Turn the page to August - and summer disappears!! School will be starting all too soon, and it's time to get organized for Kids of the Kingdom/Kids with a Mission! This after-school program has been going strong for 39 years!! Truly a community project, we are able to provide Bible teachings, games, music, crafts and recreation with the help of volunteers and financial donations from many churches and individuals. With around 120 kids K-4th grade attending weekly, we need roughly 25 helpers, too. This year, we will continue with The Story for Children curriculum, adding new chapters to keep things interesting! Four very faithful volunteers retired last year, so we are seeking some willing people who love God and love children to help out. If you are interested, or know of someone else, please contact the Methodist Church office (472-3870), Alice Robson (531-1432), Presbyterian Church (472-5557), or Gina McGowan (531-1537). Thank you so much for your prayers!

Forms for children will be available at EES, Robson's Card & Gift, and both church offices.

There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, August 29 at 3:00 p.m.,  
Methodist church basement for all volunteers, new and returning.



### Back to School Celebration!

You are invited to our  
**Back to School Sunday!**

Sunday, August 19, 2018  
9:30 am—Sunday School  
10:45 am—Worship in Sanctuary



Ellsworth First United Methodist Church

5th graders will be recognized with new bibles,  
Blessing of the Backpacks &  
Prayers for Students and Teachers



### College Students:

Please send your updated college address to the office:  
first.umcew@eaglecom.net,  
call 785-472-3870 or  
put information in the offering plate.

**Sunday—August 12**

**Moment for Missions—College Student Mailings**

### Beth Moore Bible Study:

It's time again for a Beth Moore Bible Study. This study we have done before which is on the book of Esther. That was such a good study and we have a number of women who did not take the study on Esther. Those of you who have taken this study are welcome to come again. I plan to have this study twice a week one on a week day for those people who are free to come at that time. I was thinking Tuesday or Thursday morning. That has not been decided for sure as I would like feedback from you folks. The other time for the study I thought like we have always done and that is Sunday evening at 6:00 or Sunday at 4:00 again I would like feedback.

Books of course will need to be ordered so if you are interested please let me know so I can get books ordered. The date I am looking to start is August 26<sup>th</sup> and that same week we would do the morning study. The course lasts for 10 weeks which that would take us to October 28<sup>th</sup> being our last class.

This study is open to all ladies of the church and invite a friend, in fact anyone who would like to come is welcome. Again let me know if you plan to attend. My land line phone number is 785 472 4208 Cell phone 785 531 0454 you also can text me. Email [nstonebraker@eaglecom.net](mailto:nstonebraker@eaglecom.net)

Thanks so much, these studies teach us how to live and become closer to the LORD !!!

Nancy Stonebraker



# You're Invited



The Honor and Glory Circle cordially invites Faith and Hope Circle to join them on Thursday, August 2, 2018 for the annual dining out evening at K-18 restaurant in Lucas. You can car pool from the church which will leave at 5:45 pm.

Everyone MUST RSVP to the church office by phone or email by Tuesday, July 31.

Thank you for your cards and good will birthday greetings.

Thank you & God Bless,

David Bontrager

The family of Janice McCaulley thanks you for all the prayers and cards of encouragement during Jan's year long struggle with cancer. Thank you for the many visits, food and cards of condolence during our loss of our loved one.

Roger & family

Thank you to everyone that volunteered during our two weeks for the Summer Lunch Program.

Alice

Hey everybody! I just wanted to thank everyone for their prayers and cards! It means so much to me to have support from my church family! Things are going good up here in Nebraska! I actually have preached the past two weeks and it went surprisingly well! Miss you all!

God Bless,

Natalie Soukup

There are not enough words to express our gratitude to our amazing Ellsworth UMC family for all you did to get our home ready for us. It was a blessing to be able to just move in and unpack. Thanks also for having food for us so we didn't have to cook for awhile. The visits were appreciated as well. We are blessed to be a part of this community and look forward to what God has planned as we all serve Him together. Please feel free to stop in anytime.

Pastor Dennis & Betty

## No Worship service or Sunday School

**Sunday, August 26, 2018**

at Ellsworth Methodist Church.

Please attend Kanopolis Worship at 9:15 am or Cowboy Church at 10:30am - Cowtown Plaza

*Healing Hearts*  
Cowboy Church Service

*Cowboy Church is a come as you are, relaxed church atmosphere with a faith-based ministry straight from the Bible. The sermons use a live horse demonstration to present the message, entitled*  
*Are You Sensitive To God's Directions?*  
*Join us for faith and fun as we close the Centown celebration. The service will also include some great gospel hymns with local musicians joining the group.*  
*Church service will be followed by a community potluck picnic.*

**Sunday, August 26, 2018 10:30AM**

**F E L L O W S H I P      F U N**  
COWTOWN PLAZA, ELLSWORTH

*Local church congregations, Praise & Band groups, and the community are encouraged to join this celebration and rejoice together!*



## 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  
5:00 pm—Prayer Group—At Church

## August Calendar:

Thurs, Aug. 2—5:45 pm—UMW Dining out

Sun, Aug. 5—Communion

7:00 pm—Trustees Meeting

Tues, Aug. 7—6:30 pm—Leadership Meeting

7:00 pm—Vision 2020 Meeting

Thurs, Aug. 9—2:00 pm—Faith & Hope Circle

7:00 pm—Honor & Glory Circle

Sun, Aug. 12—Moment for Missions (College Student Mail)

Mon, Aug. 13—7:00 pm-Finance/Stewardship Mtg.

Tues, Aug. 14 - 6:30 pm—Missions/Evangelism Mtg.

Wed, Aug. 15—Newsletter deadline

Thurs, Aug. 16—School Starts

Sun, Aug. 19—Back to School Sunday

8:00 am—UMM Breakfast

Tues, Aug. 21—7:00 pm—Worship Team Meeting

Thurs, Aug. 23—6:30 pm—Education Meeting

Aug. 24—26—Cowtown Days Ellsworth

Sun, Aug. 26—No Sunday School or Worship

9:15 am—Worship at Kanopolis

10:30 am—Cowboy Church, Cowtown Plaza

Wed, Aug. 29

3:00 pm—KoK/KwM volunteer training/info.

## Recent Prayer Requests:

Natalie Soukup, Dorothy Thomas, Candy Charowhas, Rosemary Whitley and Robert Blanchard

## Continued Prayers for:

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, Shirley Blake (Sam Pflughoeft's mom), Velda Robson's family, Tom & Karen Renard, Bonnie Stinchcomb, 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.\*\*

## August 80+ & Shut-In Birthdays

### 9th— Mason May

418 Bradley, Ellsworth, KS 67439

### 13th—Shirley Kempke

509 Webb, Ellsworth

### 26th—Lawrence Moxter

1295 Old Hwy 40, Ellsworth

*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	Gebhardt	Janet Carswell
11	Deb Furgason	Dora Maze
18	Millers	Georgina Bates
25	No Worship Service—Cowboy Church	

(\* Deliver Upper Rooms)  
 (Bulletin Delivery contact: Dora Maze 472-3640)

## Ushers

Jeff Janssen, Head Usher  
 Trisha Janssen  
 Steve Allen

(Usher contact:  
 Mason May 472-4261)

## Children's Time

5— Lu Adams  
 12—Pastor Dennis  
 19—Roberta Waymaster  
 26— Cowboy Church

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

## Communion

Rosemary Whitley

## 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, Jessie Deines,  
 Susan Miller, Darin Frevert, Linda Janssen,  
 Brenda Koralek, Betty Rathbun, Par Schulz,  
 Heather West, Alice Robson, Tina Anderson

## Liturgist

5—Karen Shriner  
 12—David Stonebraker  
 19—  
 26—Cowboy Church

(Liturgist contact:  
 the church office 472-3870)

## Guardian Angels

5—Judy Gebhardt  
 12—Pat Allen  
 19—Deanna Cunningham  
 26—Cowboy Church

(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**