



Christmas Eve Services:

Kanopolis—4:00 pm

Ellsworth—5:00 pm

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:

Seeking Christ in Christmas

In the hustle and bustle of the holiday season it's sometimes hard to find Christ in Christmas. This four-part sermon series explores the stories of those who sought Christ upon proclamation of his birth – the wise men, and the shepherds. We learn how their stories help us to find Christ in Christmas.

The wise men eagerly journeyed to Bethlehem to give a royal welcome to the great new ruler of the world. They packed gold, frankincense, and myrrh so they could join in the heavenly worship of the infant King.

The wise men formed an important part of the celebration that surrounded Jesus' birth. In fact, they represented *you* in God's great plan. They portrayed the countless stargazers who set out in search of a king and find the Son of the living God.

Through your own seeking and serving, you become part of the heavenly symphony that gives passionate praise to the savior. Allow your heart to burst into song at the thought of Him. Permit the tune of your being to swell with the joy of who He is. Just like the wise men, you have joined the great multitude in never-ending worship. Seek Him and sing, for surely He is worthy.

Sermons

Dec. 1	Preparing the Way	
Dec. 8	Children's Christmas Program	
Dec. 15	Simeon and Anna with the Christ Child	Luke 2:22-38
Dec. 22	Shepherd Living in the Fields	Luke 2:8-20
Dec. 24	Christmas is Just the Beginning	
Dec. 29	God Loved You Before You Were Born	
Jan. 5	God Carved His Love in Stone	Exodus 20:1-17





Kids of the Kingdom/Kids with a Mission:



Threat of wintry weather postponed the All Saints Walk from October 30 to November 13, but the excitement and enthusiasm were great no matter what! The 4th graders, with assistance from some 5th and 6th graders, dressed in Bible costumes and portrayed people of faith throughout the Bible. Every corner of the church held stations to visit, and all children paraded to see and hear the lessons each told. Of course, candy was distributed along the way...A special thanks to Gina and Marissa for their great organizational skills!! Lessons on Samson, Ruth, Samuel, and David will end this semester in the Old Testament. If the weather holds, we plan to go Christmas caroling downtown December 18. January will bring Journeys with Jesus, concentrating on the life and ministry of Jesus leading up to His death and resurrection. Always an adventure- Kids are learning more about our wonderful God and how to live as His followers.

Be a part of sharing support for our college students!

December 5th is the day for packing college goodie boxes. All ladies are invited to join the UMW meeting at the Pines, 811 Elizabeth St, at 6:30 pm. Bring a finger food to share with the group.

Bring individually packaged goodies for 8. Plan to Pray for Jenna, Ann, Zak, Natalie, Jordan, Hayley, Rem & Darrell as they receive the package to encourage them with studying for Finals testing.

Can't attend the meeting but want to contribute or need some ideas for goodies? Call Stacey Gustin at 531-1980 or Pat Allen at 531-0717.

What a great way to practice prayer & pass on blessings to our young church family!

"Therefore, as we have opportunity let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10



Poinsettias for Advent

If you would like to bring a poinsettia to the church for the Advent season, please bring it to the church office beginning Friday, Dec. 6 during office hours (Tues.—Fri. 8:30 am—12:30 pm). We will begin displaying the plants at the Christmas program (Dec. 8). Also, please let the office know if the poinsettia will be in memory of someone, and who it is from. Plants can be picked up after the Christmas Eve service.



USDA Commodities Program

The USDA Commodities program distributes food to needy families and is organized, in Kansas, by the Kansas Dept. for Children and Families. A local organization in each community that participates must volunteer to carry out the distribution. For many years, the Ellsworth Kiwanis Club volunteered to do the distribution for Ellsworth. Several years ago, the USDA required that the organization volunteering must be a 501 (c)(3) organization (non-profit). The Kiwanis Club is a 501(c)(6) – a not-for-profit. So, in search of a non-profit organization, the group of volunteers asked the First United Methodist Church to be our sponsoring organization. Mason May and Anita Hoffhines are Kiwanis members and have volunteered for many years to organize the distribution effort. Several other of our church members have also assisted in the past years.

How does it work? We receive the food on a Tuesday at 11:00 am at the ECMC Warehouse. We appreciate the hospital foundation board for allowing us to use the space. We actually receive food for three towns and on that Tuesday we unload the semi-truck and divide it between the three towns. The KDCF tells us exactly how much each town gets. The volunteers from the other two towns come and pick their food up on that day. Then, on Thursday at 11:00 am, we create an assembly line of canned, bagged, boxed and fresh foods and assemble boxes for different family sizes. We move those boxes to the ECMC Admin. conference room and begin distribution promptly at noon. People who meet the income requirements sign a declaration that they qualify. They tell us how many are in their family and our volunteers load up a box and follow the folks out to their car. We have a mix of folks from elderly, disabled, underemployed and unemployed. Anita handles the communication to the community and the paperwork that gets sent into KDCF.

Could we use more volunteers? Sure! Canned food can be very heavy. Because we do our work in the middle of the work day, it is difficult for some who would like to help to do so. The best thing to do is to come participate in a distribution and see what parts of the operation you are interested in. Our deliveries usually arrive on Tuesdays, and we meet at 11:00 a.m. at the east door of the warehouse. Then, on Thursdays we meet at the same location at 11:00 a.m. and we start making food boxes! If you have any questions, you can ask Mason May 785-531-0624 or Anita Hoffhines 785-531-0160. It is a super ministry to those in need in our community!

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.



Upcoming Events:

Cowtown Christmas Celebration

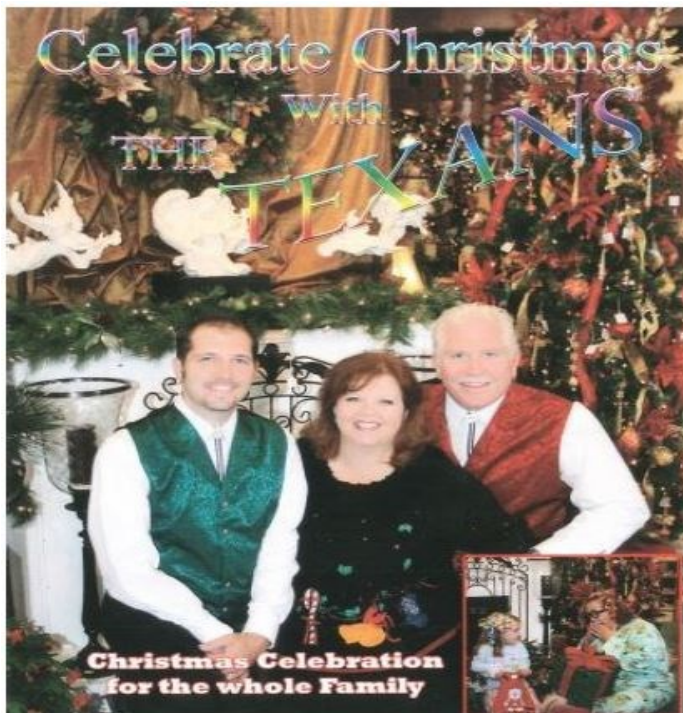
This year there will be a 2-day event to kick off the Christmas season. Sunday, Dec. 1 will begin with Taste & Tour at 12:00 pm. Then Monday, Dec. 2 will be the Jingle & Mingle Downtown Christmas Opening.

First Presbyterian/United Methodist Women Luncheon

All women are invited to a luncheon at the Presbyterian church on Thursday, December 12 at 12:00 pm. Please RSVP to the Presbyterian Church office at 472-5557 by Monday, December 9.

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.



Presented by UMC Missions Team

Location: Ellsworth Methodist Church, 322 N. Douglas

Date: Sunday, December 8, 2019

Time: 6:30 pm

Free will offering

Ellsworth Correctional Facility Spiritual Life Center Christmas Praise Band & Drama Team Present:

**The 12th Annual
Christmas On The "Inside"
Saturday, December 7, 2019
Concert 6:00-7:30 PM
Entry opens @ 5:00 PM
Santa's Gift Shop will be open before & after the concert.**

- All guests must register by contacting ECF Chaplaincy. For more information call (785) 472-6212 or email Cathy.Pflughoeft@ks.gov.
- Concert is **FREE** to all registered guests.
- Please dress appropriately, call if any questions.
- **NO CELL PHONES**, please lock in your vehicle.
- Children must be at least 10 years old and with parents to enter facility.
- Adults must have a Picture ID.
- Crafts will be available for purchase.
- Guests may bring Check Blanks, Cash, MasterCard, Visa, or Discover.
- No Bags or Purses will be allowed.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR SUPPORTING THE RIGHT TRACK FOUNDATION.





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

3:05 pm—Kids of the Kingdom/Kids with a Mission

6:00 pm—Pastor's Bible Study (Kanopolis)

6:15 pm—Jr/Sr High Youth Group

7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal

December Calendar:

Sun, Dec. 1—Holy Communion/Preparing the Way

8:30 am—Youth Christmas Program Practice w/Breakfast

12:00 pm—Taste & Tour

2:00 pm—Good Samaritan Worship Service

7:00 pm—Trustees Meeting

Mon, Dec. 2

5:00 pm—Jingle & Mingle Downtown Event

Tues, Dec. 3

7:00 pm—Leadership Meeting

Wed, Dec. 4

6:30 pm—Christmas Program Practice w/Choir

Thurs, Dec. 5

6:30 pm—UMW Packing of College Boxes (Pines)

Sat, Dec. 7

6:00 pm—ECF Christmas On The "Inside"

Sun, Dec. 8—Christmas Program

6:30 pm—Praise & Prayer Worship (The Texans)

Mon, Dec. 9

7:00 pm—Finance/Stewardship Meeting

Tues, Dec. 10

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

Thurs, Dec. 12

12:00 pm—Presbyterian/Methodist Women Luncheon

2:00 pm—Faith & Hope Circle

7:00 pm—Honor & Glory Circle

Sat, Dec. 14—Christmas Store

Sun, Dec. 15—Moment for Missions

8:00 am—United Methodist Men Breakfast

6:00 pm—4-H Meeting

Thurs, Dec. 19

12:00 pm—Blood Drive (St. Bernard's Catholic Church)

Tues, Dec. 24

4:00 pm—Christmas Eve Service Kanopolis

5:00 pm—Christmas Eve Service Ellsworth

Recent Prayer Requests:

Benton Dittman, Tom Maze, Dale Wright

Continued Prayers for:

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.



Church Family,

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and prayers. Miss all of you.

God Bless,

Jim & Par Schulz

December 80+ & Shut-In Birthdays

23rd—Tom Maze

811 Elizabeth, Apt. 208

Ellsworth 67439

(diabetic items appreciated)



Bulletin Mission Outreach

	Good Sam	Shut-Ins
7	Millers	Georgina Bates
14	Deb Furgason	Sharon Marsh
21	Dora Maze	Alan Waymaster
28	Linda Davis	Paula Bainter

(* Deliver Upper Rooms)
(Bulletin Delivery contact: Deb Furgason 472-8956)

Task Force Co-Chairs

Judy Scritchfield (472-4168)

Linda Davis (472-1151)

Task Force List

Kourtney Maisog, Jean Soukup, Brenda Koralek,
Norma Nicholas, Roberta Waymaster,
Shelby Cravens, Sharon Marsh, Heather West,
Lesa Houston, Abby Janssen

Ushers

Alan Waymaster, Head Usher

Andrew Ridinger

Maynard Cunningham

Jordan Waymaster

(Usher contact:
Mason May 472-4261)

Young Disciples

1—Pastor Dennis

8—Christmas Program

15—Rosemary Whitley

22—Roberta Waymaster

29—Pastor Dennis

(Young Disciples contact:
Nancy Stonebraker 472-4208)

Communion

Linda Davis

Altar Flowers

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

Year-end Contributions:

Any money
received by the
church (in the
offering plate or
otherwise) after
December 31
shall be reported
as 2020 giving for
tax purposes.
This is true even
if the check is
dated in 2019.

The only
exception is for
checks that are
mailed and bear a
2019 postmark.

Liturgist

1—Ridinger Family

8—West Family

15—Lu Adams

22—David Stonebraker

29—

(Liturgist contact:
church office 472-3870)

Guardian Angels

1—Susan Miller

8—Daran Frevert

15—Pat Allen

22—Sharon Marsh

29—Deanna Cunningham

(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