

THE SPIRE

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
130TH YEAR OF MINISTRY



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September 2016

Newsletter for the First United Methodist Church in Pratt, KS

EVERY MEMBER IN MINISTRY

Are you provoked?



Hebrews 10:24-25 says, “And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hmmm...interesting word there: provoke. When I think of the word “provoke” I think of growing up with four kids in the family and only 6 years between the oldest and the youngest. We provoked one another, all right. But not necessarily to good deeds. We provoked arguments and fighting and getting our own way. But we were kids. Surely that kind of provoking ends when we become adults, right?

Webster’s defines “provoke” several ways. One is “to incite to anger.” Another is “to rouse one into doing or feeling,” which leaves open the emotion to which one is provoking. I’d say we all probably do our fair share of provoking. The question is: Are we provoking others to anger, or are we provoking others to love and good deeds?

It’s interesting that the same sentence that talks about provoking also talks about the habit of not meeting together. Could it be that the two are somehow connected?

One of the concerns I have heard expressed over the last year is that we have a lot of members who have gotten in the habit of neglecting to meet together. That concern has been coupled with the goal of getting some of those people back.

So I’d like to challenge our active membership to do some serious self-reflection, individually and collectively. When we consider lagging attendance and participation, not just in this congregation, but also in the larger body of Christ, our tendency is to look outward, rather than inward. Instead of wondering why someone has chosen not to attend and be active in the congregation, think about the word “provoke.” Do we think of arguments and fighting and getting our own way? Or do we think of rousing others into love and good deeds?

Think of specific individual members who are not currently participating in the life of the congregation. Have you let them know, personally, that you miss them? Have you invited them, personally, to a worship service or some other event at the church?

Now take that a step further...who do you know in the community that has no church home at all? Have you provoked any of them with love and good deeds?

If we want non-attending people, members and non-members alike, to become active participants in the life of the congregation, we have to provoke them. Not with arguments and fight and getting our own way. But with love and good deeds. If we’re honest with ourselves, we have to at least consider the possibility that our vitality is directly linked to our provocation. So think of someone you’d like to see in church, or back in church, and go provoke them.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Marvin

September Newsletter

Jesus And Me

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to another year of Kids Ministry at First United Methodist Church! As you have guessed, M & M Kids Club has changed to Jesus And Me or J.A.M. as it may be referred to. We hope this change will be long lasting and far reaching.

There are quite a few changes coming to J.A.M. this year that will be covered in this newsletter: KidCheck- our check-in and check-out software we will use each Wednesday, Medical Release, Kids Hang-out Room, Family Crosses, Field Trips, Family Nights and Fun Nights.

Kid Check

KidCheck is a secure children's check-in system that helps ensure no one can pick up your child without your consent, simplifies the check-in process and allows you, as the parent, to provide medical and allergy information and alerts for staff and volunteers.

KidCheck is Free to parents to set up an account, is web-based so you can create and access your account from anywhere and allows staff members to send text message notifications at check-in and check-out or in case of an emergency.

Creating your account is fast and easy. Visit

<https://go.kidcheck.com> or download the KidCheck app on an iOS or Android device. Select the link to create a free KidCheck account.

KidCheck will go live September 7, so it is important to create your account prior to this date. If you have any questions, please contact Liz at (620) 245-8216.



Upcoming Events

September 7

J.A.M. Kick-off: Life is Messy

September 21

T-Shirt orders and Family Crosses due

September 28

See You At The Pole

Important Announcements

September 7 kicks off our official Jesus And Me year. J.A.M. will begin in the "The Room" downstairs for K-4th. 3 years to Preschool will go to the 2 year old nursery downstairs.

We will move outside to the grassy area for the remainder of the evening. Kids need to come dressed to get wet and/or messy. Parents, you are invited to join us at 7 p.m. on the basketball court for a special closing event.

Medical Release

If you didn't sign the medical release at VBS, your child will need a medical release on file. We will be participating in active games and taking several field trips this year, so want to be able to provide medical care for your child if needed. Once you have your KidCheck account created, I will be able to link each child's release with the corresponding account. Medical releases can be found in this newsletter, on the webpage or outside the Kids Hang-Out room downstairs.

Kids' Hang Out Room

We have made an effort to provide the children of our church, ages 6-11, a place to congregate after school on Wednesday afternoons and evenings. We will use it for J.A.M. but know that for some families, going home between school and Snack Supper isn't feasible. The purpose of this room is for parents and kids to do homework or take a break before gearing up for the night's activities. We do ask for parents to be present and monitor your kids, food to stay on tables and to clean up after yourselves. There are some children's games and books that need to stay in the room, but you are welcome to bring some from home to share with others. We will hopefully have a TV, DVD player and iPads for use in the near future as well.

Field Trips and Blessing Bags

J.A.M. Kids will be making Blessing Bags for various groups in our community: EMTs, Police and Fire departments, and Recycling Center employees. We will go on "field trips" to deliver the bags and tour these facilities, so will need help with transportation. You will have an opportunity to sign up starting August 31 at our Snack Supper Scrimmage.

Family Lesson Nights

How do you study God as a family? Do you have your own worship? Short devotions? Lessons? Crafts? We want to hear about it! As a family, we would love to have you present a short lesson, about 5-10 minutes. It can include a video, a skit, a craft, music-anything you want. I can help facilitate as much or as little as you want. We learn best from others, and you may be doing something as a family that will help another family deepen their relationship with God. Look for sign ups on August 31!

Crosses

All of the kids' classrooms in the church basement received a facelift this summer, but we need your help decorating "The Room."

I am asking each family to create a cross that represents you as a family. Be as creative as you want with it!

The only requirements are 1. It be no bigger than 18 in. long and 2. You return it to the church by September 21. I can't wait to see what you come up with!

T-Shirts

All J.A.M. Kids and volunteers will receive a shirt this year. Please be sure I have sizes for kids who weren't at VBS or if a size changed. Parents may order shirts if they wish to have one. See Liz for an order form.

Materials

If you can help provide any of these items, please let me know!

- Fancy dress socks
- ~~Glue sticks~~
- White tube socks
- Ping Pong balls
- Hard Life Savers
- Starburst
- Hershey Kisses
- Peppermint Patties

Pratt UMC
Children's Ministry

Liability and Medical Release
2016-2017

Release of Liability and Consent to Participation and Medical Treatment

Activities may include, but are not limited to: cookouts, boating, water skiing, swimming, basketball, rollerskating, rollerblading, games in the park, soccer, broomball, ice skating, volleyball, softball, baseball, camping, downhill skiing, snowboarding, hiking, biking, concerts, Bible studies, golfing, miniature golf, hayrides. Note: If you desire to limit your child's participation in any event, please submit your wishes in writing to the church children's director prior to that event.

_____ has my permission to attend all youth activities

Name of Student

sponsored by Pratt First United Methodist Church hereinafter the "Church") from July 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017 .

This consent form gives permission to seek whatever medical attention is deemed necessary, and releases the Pratt First United Methodist Church and its staff of any liability against personal losses of named child.

I/We the undersigned have legal custody of the student named above, a minor, and have given our consent for him/her to attend events being organized by the Church. I/We understand that there are inherent risks involved in any ministry or athletic event, and I/we hereby release the Church, its pastors, employees, agents, and volunteer workers from any and all liability for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property that may occur during the course of my/our child's involvement.

In the event that he/she is injured and requires the attention of a doctor, I/we consent to any reasonable medical treatment as deemed necessary by a licensed physician. In the event treatment is required from a physician and/or hospital personnel designated by the Church, I/we agree to hold such person free and harmless of any claims, demands, or suits for damages arising from the giving of such consent. I/We also acknowledge that we will be ultimately responsible for the cost of any medical care should the cost of that medical care not be reimbursed by the health insurance provider. Further, I/we affirm that the health insurance information provided above is accurate at this date and will, to the best of my/our knowledge, still be in force for the student named above. I/we also agree to bring my/our child home at my/our own expense should they become ill or if deemed necessary by the student ministries staff member.

Parent/guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

SNACK SUPPER SCHEDULE 2016-17

Hey everyone! Faye Kuhn and Ruth Ann Barker have agreed to be our snack supper coordinators for this coming year. They have worked on the schedule and have called to make sure these are workable dates. Please be responsible for all changes and make contact with those people involved. If you make a change, please call Jackie at the church office to let her know. (672-6473) As soon as you have decided what your group is serving call the office. Sometimes this information is posted a week ahead or needed. Thanks for all your help.

Sept. 7 - Staff	Jan. 4 - CAYA (Brenda Fowler)
Sept. 14 - Faith Builders (Kelli Barker)	Jan. 11 - M & M's (Liz Krehbiel)
Sept. 21 - Women's Bible Study (Lois Gray)	Jan. 18 - UMW Bd. (Kim Claycamp)
Sept. 28 - Rebekka Guild (Diana Harris)	Jan. 25 - Naomi Guild (Beth Rose)
Oct. 5 - Fall Festival & Activities	Feb. 1 - Faith Builders (Kelli Barker)
Oct. 12 - Groundbreakers (Mary Gordon)	Feb. 8 - Youth (Robbie)
Oct. 19 - Seekers (Ruth Ann Barker)	Feb. 15 - Seekers (Ruth Ann Barker)
Oct. 26 - Naomi Guild (Beth Rose)	Feb. 22 - Outreach (Faye Kuhn)
Nov. 2 - CAYA (Brenda Fowler)	March 1 - Puppets (Deb Withers)
Nov. 9 - UMW Board (Kim Claycamp)	March 8 - Camp Funding (Liz Krehbiel)
Nov. 16 - Outreach - (Faye Kuhn)	March 15 - Women's Bible Study (Lois Gray)
Nov. 23 - OFF	March 22 - Spring Break - OFF
Nov. 30 - Open ???	March 29 - Circles (Jeanette Siemens)
Dec. 7 - Youth (Robbie)	Apr. 5 - Youth (Robbie)
Dec. 14 - 50/50 (Marge Barker)	Apr. 12 - Rebekka Guild (Diana Harris)
Dec. 21 - OFF	Apr. 19 - Naomi Guild (Beth Rose)
Dec. 28 - OFF	Apr. 26 - Mission Trip (Linda Broce)
Dec. 30 - OFF	May 3 - Ground Breakers (Mary Gordon)
	May 10 - Staff

Foglemans will present medical experiences



Dr. Lynn &
Dr. Sharon Fogleman

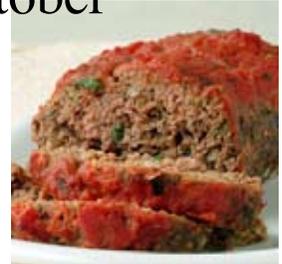
Wednesday evening, October 19th at 6:00 PM, after the snack supper, Drs. Lynn and Sharon Fogleman will present their experiences as medical missionaries in South Sudan. They were both participants in our Global Impact Celebration several years ago in this church. They have had to leave South Sudan recently because of the severe un-rest there and possibly being in life threatening danger. They will be in the States in October and will make time to visit our church. They will be staying with Ed and Shirley Boots who hosted them during the GIC. Ed knew Lynn's father, Rev. Jack Fogleman, when Rev. Jack was pastor of Garden City First UMC.

We hope to have a great turnout to hear Drs. Lynn and Sharon!

The 6:00 PM bible studies will surely want to be in attendance to hear the Fogleman's witness as will others in our community. Please let your friends and neighbors know about this presentation.

Meet Loaf Greeters for September & October

Thanks to our 10:40 a.m. Meet Loaf Greeters for September and October.
Feel free to trade during these months to cover vacation times!
Your ministry to new people is greatly needed and appreciated!



Sunday, September 4—Mark & Earlene Ploger, Howard & Lois Gray, Renee Wilson
Sunday, September 11—Chris & Michelle Pfannenstiel, Dean Fitzsimmons
Sunday, September 18—Marvin & Eunice Proctor, Mary Gordon
Sunday, September 25—Mark & Earlene Ploger, Howard & Lois Gray, Renee Wilson
Sunday, October 2—Chris & Michelle Pfannenstiel, Dean Fitzsimmons
Sunday, October 9—Marvin & Eunice Proctor, Mary Gordon
Sunday, October 16—Mark & Earlene Ploger, Howard & Lois Gray, Renee Wilson
Sunday, October 23—Chris & Michelle Pfannenstiel, Dean Fitzsimmons
Sunday, October 30—Marvin & Eunice Proctor, Mary Gordon

If you are not a MEET LOAF GREETER but would enjoy greeting and meeting visitors in our church following the morning services, please give the church office a call and we'll get you on the list.

United Methodist Women News

United Methodist Women thank you for voting in the Kansas State Primary Election. Now we turn our attention to the November 8, 2016 General Election. The following are important dates related to the General Election:

- *Last day to register to vote in General Election October 18, 2016
- *First day for early voting (advance voting) October 19, 2016
- *Last day to request absentee ballot by mail November 4, 2016
- *Last day for early voting (advance voting) in person November 7, 2016
- *Last day for Absentee voting ballots (advance voting) to be received (by close of polls) November 8, 2016

We encourage you to be an informed voter. Be aware of each candidate's views on issues and plans for the office if they are elected. Also, look carefully at the information shared by their opponents.

In this country we have the privilege of voting. Use this privilege and be a part of the decision instead of letting others decide for you!

A big thanks to all UMW women who came and helped clean the kitchen. Not only did we clean the kitchen, parlor and many other areas we had fun doing it and really helped Louis with his list for the Wichita West District UMW Annual Meeting we are hosting on September 24th.

A big thanks to all women who helped in the kitchen with the Bible School picnic on their last day.

A big thanks to all women who have been donating medicine bottles. Over 2 million have been donated and we no longer need to send any bottles. So glad we could be a tiny part of the 2 million.

The registration form for the Wichita West District UMW Annual Meeting is due September 10th along with \$10. It will be a great opportunity to meet other Women, attend excellent workshops, and serve as we host the day. There are many ways You can get involved so don't wait to be asked to offer your services.

Kim Claycamp
UMW President



Great Plains Conference
Wichita West District UMW Annual Meeting
“Growing In Blessedness”

September 24, 2016

8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Registration fee: \$10.00

First United Methodist Church
1st and Jackson Street Pratt, KS

Keynote Speaker: Courtney Fowler, Conference Lay Leader
Ingathering: Non-perishable items for the Pratt County Food Bank

Schedule:

- 8:00 - 9:00 Registration, Fellowship & Refreshments / Visit the Resource Room
- 8:30 - 9:30 Guitar Music by Rev. Scott Powell / Welcome by Pastor Marvin Ewertt /
Devotions by Helen White *(In Sanctuary)*
- 9:30 - 10:15 Keynote speaker - Courtney Fowler, Conference Lay Leader
- 10:15 - 11:10 Business Meeting led by President Geri Emery /
Mission Education Report
- 11:15 - 11:55 Focus Groups / Officer Information *(Rooms to be announced)*
Focus Group 1 Courtney Fowler Questions & Answers *(In Sanctuary)*
Focus Group 2 Jeannette Gaider, Hope Center Director
Focus Group 3 Rev. Scott Powell, President of Hope Center Board
Officer Information
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch in Fellowship Hall / Visit Resource Room
- 1:05 - 1:50 Focus Groups / Officer Information *(Rooms to be announced)*
Focus Group 1 Courtney Fowler Questions & Answers *(In Sanctuary)*
Focus Group 2 Jeannette Gaider, Hope Center Director
Focus Group 3 Rev. Scott Powell, President of Hope Center Board
Officer Information
- 2:00 - 2:30 Closing Worship and Installation of Officers *(In Sanctuary)*

----- **(Detach and Return)** -----

Registration Fee: \$10.00 for Lunch and Materials

Return by September 10 to: **Terri McGinn 2460 N 231st St. W. Andale, KS 67001**

email: tnmcginn74@gmail.com cell: 316-619-8161

Checks payable to: Wichita West District UMW

Name: _____ Church: _____

√ Focus Group(s) you plan to attend: Group 1: _____ Group 2: _____ Group 3: _____
Officer Information: _____

Office you hold: _____

Child care needed? Yes _____ No _____

Child Ages: _____

(Please bring sack lunch for children)



**UNCOR
HEALTH KIT DONATION**



Bring 1
item or
donate as
many as you
are able.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW

Do NOT wash any of the items.

- 1 hand towel-15 x 25 in. -17 x 27 in.
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb—longer than 6 in.,
No packet combs or picks
- 1 metal nail file or nail clippers
No emery boards
- 1 bath size soap
3 oz. and larger only
NO Ivory or Jergens
Must be in original packaging
- 1 toothbrush
adult size only, no Dental Office name
Must be in original packaging
- 6 adhesive bandages (Band-Aids)
3/4"-1" size
- 1 gallon size sealable plastic bag
- \$1 for UMCOR to purchase toothpaste

What is UMCOR?

The **United Methodist
Committee On Relief
(UMCOR)**

**Why are we assembling
Health Kits?**

UMCOR is currently calling
for HEALTH KITS—their
supply is very low.

**Where will these Health
Kits go?**

They will be distributed
wherever they are most
needed in the U.S. and
around the world.

Please remove packaging unless otherwise specified.
Sorry, no personal notes or additional materials.
These things will be removed and will delay shipment.

All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items, nothing more.

BRING ITEMS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9



Kansans and Nebraskans can help flood victims in Louisiana

The people of Kansas and Nebraska are no strangers to natural disasters, so they know when a crisis strikes, sometimes you need some help to overcome the adversity. So the Great Plains Conference of the United Methodist Church is inviting people of all faiths in the two-state area to mobilize to help the people suffering the record-setting flooding in Louisiana.

One of the biggest needs is a flood-bucket kit that helps victims start to repair the damage once the waters recede. Each fits inside a 5-gallon bucket with a resealable lid and includes:

- One 50-ounce bottle or two 25-ounce bottles of liquid laundry detergent.
- A 12- to 16-ounce bottle of liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray cleaners).
- A 16- to 28-ounce bottle of dish soap.
- One can of aerosol or pump air freshener.
- A 6- to 14-ounce aerosol or spray pump of insect repellent.
- One scrub brush with a plastic or wooden handle.
- Eighteen cleaning wipes (please, no terry-cloth towels).
- Seven non-cellulose sponges.
- Five scouring pads (nothing with soap built in).
- Fifty clothespins.
- One 100-foot or two 50-foot cotton or plastic clotheslines.
- A 24-roll of heavy-duty trash bags, 33 to 45 gallons of capacity.
- Five dust masks.
- Two pairs of dishwashing gloves (durable enough for multiple uses).
- One pair of work gloves with either a leather palm or all leather.
- One 5-gallon bucket with a resealable lid.



All of the items listed above, except the bucket with lid, can be found at most dollar or discount stores. More details about how to pack the bucket for easy transportation to the area in need can be found on the UMCOR website at [http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-](http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/Cleaning)

[Supply-Kits/Cleaning](http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/Cleaning)

Flood buckets generally cost about **\$65** and contain basic supplies such as detergent, sponges and soap that allow flood survivors to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up. Assembled buckets can be taken to this church, the First United Methodist Church in Pratt by Thursday, **September 15th** - Buckets will be taken to Wichita on Friday, September 16th.

HEARTS 4 HIM

GLENN McCASLIN

GUEST ARTIST SERIES



**A MEN'S
ENSEMBLE
WITH A HEART
FOR GOD**

**GOSPEL MUSIC PROGRAM
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH**

6:30 PM

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PRATT, KANSAS**

No Admission Fee



The Glenn McCaslin Guest Artist Series presents Hearts4Him, Sunday, September 18th, at 6:30 pm at the First United Methodist Church in Pratt, Kansas.

Hearts4Him, a men's ensemble from the Central Kansas area, began in August, 2001. They made their singing debut at the Koerner Heights Church in Newton, Kansas. The diversity of the individuals in the ensemble makes it possible to relate to a wide spectrum of people. The richness of their combined voices delights audiences and stirs the soul.

What binds them together is the message of their songs. Their repertoire of sacred music is designed to touch the hearts of men and women in such a way that it will be a source of

encouragement and inspiration.

In addition to leading an entire Sunday morning worship service or presenting a Sunday evening concert, H4H has sung at festivals, banquets, celebrations, fund-raising events and other special community functions. Their music ministry has taken them to numerous places in Kansas as well as surrounding states.

"I have known a couple of these men since our college days", says Gary Schmidt of Pratt. "One of them, Dave Deutschendorf, (who happens to be the uncle of the late John Denver) also continues to sing with the New Christi Minstrels as they periodically tour the country. We certainly look forward to having them present this gospel music program to our community as a part of the McCaslin Guest Artist Series". There will be no admission fee.

September Birthdays

September 1 Hadley Wyatt	September 9 Barbara Prater	September 21 Karen Pinkall
September 2 Nancy Neelly	September 10 Jonathan Reimer	September 21 Danielle Demuth
September 2 Owen Wilson	September 10 Rachel Fowler	September 21 Jack Barker
September 3 Dorothy Trinkle	September 11 Bryan Bailey	September 22 Robert Dunaway
September 3 Michelle Mardis	September 11 Brian Moore	September 22 Mason Jones
September 3 Rachel Mardis	September 12 Tyler Pilger	September 23 Richard Smith
September 3 Stacey Mardis	September 12 Whitney Briggeman	September 23 David Blasi
September 4 David Ellison	September 12 Avery Blasi	September 24 Marge Gillig
September 4 Payton Hoeme	September 12 Tyra Swinney	September 25 William Keller
September 4 Tyler Reimer	September 13 Margie Doan	September 25 Clayton Kessler
September 4 Laura Kendall	September 14 Lola Harms	September 27 Rhett Kessler
September 5 Adison Hampton	September 14 Barbara Sangster	September 28 Flo Parsons
September 7 Raymond Thome	September 14 Diane Rea	September 28 Kris Dover
September 7 Kelli Barker	September 15 Brooks Wilson	September 29 Marlene Ford
September 8 Ani Uphoff	September 17 Austin Black	September 29 Jaila Renner
September 8 Robert Smiley	September 17 Kyler Barker	September 30 Dena Henke
September 9 Brenda Riffey	September 19 Larry Belcher	September 30 Kelsie Eck

September Anniversaries

September 02 Jerry & Karellen Larrison	September 17 Scott & Tonya Younie
September 02 Chuck & Linda Buchmueller	September 19 Durwin & Carla Smith
September 06 Richard & Karen Smith	September 20 Wes & Janice Norman
September 06 Mike & Becky McFall	September 20 Scott & Kristi Nicholson

Groundbreaker Class Celebrates Fifty Years

On August 20, 2016, forty-nine current and former members of the Groundbreaker Class celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the formation of the class. They were joined in the celebration by Carter and Marj Barker who helped form the class in the Fall of 1966. Pastor Marvin and Sherri Eweritt also attended. Nine of those present were first year members of the class.

The celebration included visiting and refreshments Saturday afternoon followed by a delicious meal prepared by class members led by Gary and Genny Schmidt. Stan Reimer took a class photo. Marvin Proctor emceed a program including a short history by Eunice Proctor, a memorial service by Marie Hanson and sharing of memories by class members. White balloons were released in memory of the fifteen deceased members.

They gathered again for Sunday School Class where they enjoyed singing hymns, listening to Steve Pankratz play his guitar accompanied by Sharon Pankratz on the autoharp and sharing how special this class has been. Several expressed that even though they have been members of other classes after they moved from Pratt, the Groundbreaker was their favorite class. The class sat together during the Contemporary Service.

September Calendar

If you have something that you would like to put in The Spire, please email Jane Bolen jane.bolen@yahoo.com or call her at 672-3198 by the 20th of the month before the next Spire.

August 2016	September 2016	October 2016
S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6	S M T W T F S 1 2 3	S M T W T F S 1
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14 15 16 17 18 19 20	11 12 13 14 15 16 17	9 10 11 12 13 14 15
21 22 23 24 25 26 27	18 19 20 21 22 23 24	16 17 18 19 20 21 22
28 29 30 31	25 26 27 28 29 30	23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM UMW Executive Committee 12:30 PM UMW General Meeting 		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00 PM Labor Day, Office Closed 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Snack Supper 6:00 PM JAM (Kids Activities) 6:00 PM Middle School Youth 7:30 PM High School Youth 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Pitch Party, FH
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Congregational Life Meeting 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Snack Supper 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Activities 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM Rebekah Guild 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Sarah Guild 9:30 AM Naemi Guild 2:00 PM Martha Guild 		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Hearts for Him Quartet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Endowment Committee Meeting 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Snack Supper 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Activities 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Annual Wichita West UMW
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM Snack Supper 5:15 PM Outreach Meeting 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Activities 			

Regular Happenings

Sunday:

- 8:15 a.m. Informal Service
- 9:05 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. 50/50-Kum Double Class, Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 10:40 a.m. Meet Loaf, FH
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Monday:

- 9:30 a.m. Quilters
- 10:00 a.m. Moms' Group

Wednesday Activities begin again Sept.7

- 7:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Group, CR
- 4:15 p.m. Puppets
- 5:00 p.m. Snack Supper
- 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Jesus & Me, Basement

- 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Middle School
- 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Practice
- 7:30 p.m. Senior High

Friday:

- 10:00 a.m. Mom's Day Out

Recycle at FUMC

Here comes September with 30 days, and 30 days of GREEN...can you change the world in 30 days? You absolutely can get started by making greener, smarter choices in your everyday life. Give previously owned items a new life to make our world cleaner and healthier. Look for energy-saving items and products made from sustainable or recycled materials. 30 days of Green provides thousands of simple ideas like these that you can incorporate every day---embracing just one can make a difference and be the beginning of a sustainable lifestyle that lasts a lifetime.

Love from the UMW Recycling Team of Helen Bailey, Kim Claycamp, and Annette Van Blaricum

REDUCE,
REUSE,
RECYCLE,
REJOICE!



GREAT PLAINS CONFERENCE VIM PROJECT LIST – 2016

KANSAS, Perry (Alpha Christian Children’s Home)

RV/nonRV

Dates: Oct. 9 – 20, 2016 RV Max: 8 Cost: \$150/ solo, \$300/ couple*

Team Leaders: Chuck & Linda Buchmueller, 620.770.0410 Chuck Cell, 620.770.0411 Linda Cell clbuch@sbcglobal.net

This camp is creating precious childhood memories in the lives of needy children. The kind of work we’ll be doing is similar, yet a bit different from most camps. RV’s will have electricity and water. A sewer clean-out is available, and fairly convenient. Non-Rvers will have sleeping space and a Kitchen. You will need to bring either COTS / SLEEPING BAGS/ AIR MATTRESSES, BEDDING (of course) and toilet supplies. Notice that we are doing 2 weeks again this time. If you can’t stay the whole time we will understand, and you will miss out on a lot of fun. J Perry, KS is located about 24 miles east of Topeka on hwy 24, so that should give you some clue as to the surroundings. The weather doesn’t get any better than it was in 2015. Great jobs, great weather, great people to work for, great love of GOD all around us!!!

* **The Cost numbers could change depending on donations.**

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