

# DISCIPLES*dispatch*

Newsletter of the First United Methodist Church  
Garden City, Kansas

August - September - October 2022

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# MOVE UP SUNDAY

ALL KIDS GRADUATE TO NEW CLASSES!

**Sunday, August 21 at 10:30 AM**

## Fall Activities Resume

New Covenant Bible Study - 9:30 AM | Wesley Hall

Fellowship Meal - 5:45 PM | Fellowship Hall

Bible Zone - 6:30 PM | Room 110, 201, 208, & 210

God's Crew (5th-6th Grade) - 6:30 PM | Room 217

Youth Bible Study - 6:30 PM | Basement

Soul Sisters - 6:30 PM | Wesley Hall

Young Men's Bible Study - 6:30 PM | Room 209

Chancel Choir - 6:30 PM | Choir Room

**Church Office**

**Closed for**

**Labor Day**

## YOGA WITH DONNA

**SATURDAY SEPT. 24TH & OCT. 22**

**9:00 AM**

**NORTH FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**ADMISSION: ONE NON-PERISHABLE  
FOOD ITEM. BRING YOUR OWN YOGA MAT**

**COFFEE & TEA TO FOLLOW! CHILDCARE AVAILABLE**

# TRUNK — OR — TREAT

**OCT. 31  
5:30 PM**

**CHURCH  
PARKING  
LOT**



# FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR'S DESK

## THE STORM WILL CALM

*One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So, they got into a boat and set out. As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement, they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him." (Luke 8:22-25)*

My First United Methodist Church, Garden City family, I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I hope you are enjoying your summer vacations and travels. The weather has been quite warm in this part of the state. This reminds me of the unpredictable weather conditions in Western Kansas.

In the Gospel of Luke, we see Jesus traveling with His disciples in a boat across the sea, and they encounter a massive storm threatening to sink their boat. It is only when they called for Jesus that the storm became calm. There are many ways through which storms of life can confront us. Whenever you're in a storm, even though you may think at first that the Lord is not there, He is there! The first thing we must do in the storms of life is to affirm that Jesus is Lord, even over the storms.

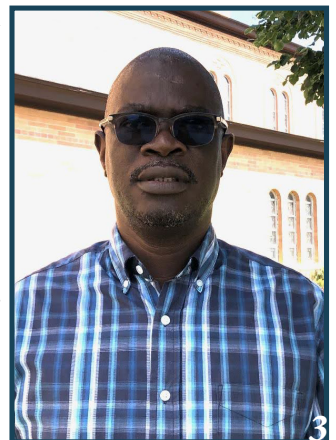
As a congregation, we have our fair share of the storms ravaging through our denomination on the issue of human sexuality. The Special Session of the General Conference of the United Methodist Church in 2019 reaffirmed the Church's traditional position on this issue. This, however, was not received well by others in the Church. The groups on each side of this issue agreed for an amicable separation in what became known as "the Protocol." This Protocol was expected to be presented at the United Methodist Church General Conference earlier scheduled for August 2022, but later moved forward to 2024 because of Covid restrictions on delegates traveling from outside the US.

The moving forward of the General Conference to 2024 may have caused some on the traditional side of this issue to form a new denomination called The Global Methodist Church on May 1, 2022. Since then, some congregations disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church over the issue of human sexuality. At the recently held Great Plains Annual Conference Session in June, 12 congregations disaffiliated, and some more are expected by end of the year. It is within this broader context that I invite you to be in prayer to calm this storm causing division in our denomination. As a congregation, our Church Council decided not to discuss this issue until the General Conference meets in 2024. On July 24th of this year, I invited our District Superintendent, Zach Anderson, to address our congregation on the future of our denomination. I was pleased to have him here to answer some of the questions they had and feel this will help us as we figure out how to respond to this issue. Just like the disciples in the middle of a scary storm, the presence of Christ helped them navigate the dangerous waters. I invite you to be in prayer and in mutual respect of each other if our Church Council decides we can start these conversations.

From the story of Jesus calming the storm, may we remember what God has already done in our lives as some of the most important ways of maintaining our confidence and trust in God. As young David said to King Saul before going out to face Goliath, "God has saved me in the past and God will save me now." When we can shift our focus away from the current threat and back onto the power of God, we can conquer the fear that threatens to paralyze us.

Friends, think for a moment about a storm that is threatening you or someone you love. Maybe it has been building for some time or maybe it is just rising in strength. I invite you to be in prayer as we figure out our next steps of faith. Let's not let what is happening in our denomination distract us from our vision as a congregation of being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. Through this vision, we speak to the broader mission of our denomination to go out into the world and make disciples of Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19). Amen.

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# ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REFLECTION BEING STILL IN A HECTIC WORLD

*Be still and know that I am God... Psalm 46:10 (NIV)*

Stillness may be seen as a practice of waiting with open hearts and mind, listening to a word from God. And, often, the response shows up in unlikely ways. While silence can be a part of the practice, stillness does not mean inaction. Stillness can occur in that connection that comes when washing dishes, as you look out the window, in taking a walk, in creating (i.e., cooking, needle-pointing, knitting, wood carving) or even repairing something. It can come in the waiting period of decisions about ministries, while fully engaged in serving. Stillness is a silent place, within us, that takes us away from doubts, fears, or worries, and instead, offers a few minutes to allow our minds to roam free as it connects with our surroundings, without requiring us to be actively engaged in changing the surroundings. It is in those moments that beautiful memories surface and answers are revealed. God speaks to us and settles our spirit.

In stillness, we also learn to let go. Somehow in those moments, without words or conscious thoughts, we often work through and work out things that may have been weighing heavily on our hearts. And, as we do so, we let go...of the burdens, the worries, the unsurety, even the need to control the outcome. The presence of the Holy Spirit speaks to us at a level that does not require our conscious awareness, and yet, we are connected to the Divine so deeply that we find moments of peace and restfulness that are often difficult to describe.

Yet, all too often, we fill our days and our times in ways that do not allow us the space to be still. The laundry list of tasks, often necessary ones, takes over, or we allow our aloneness to take over our quiet time, such that we lose the gift of stillness. We see so much urgency in the tasks ahead, that we miss the opportunity for stillness by focusing on the burden of the tasks, and not the gift of the moment.

So, my message of encouragement for us in the months to come, is to carve out space for stillness. Stillness to allow God to speak to us and grant us soul-deep healing. Stillness that will grant us the wisdom of knowing how to let go. Let go of all the "coulds" and "shoulds," so we are more present in the ways God has called us to be.



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**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

Are you feeling lonely? Depressed?  
Sad? Angry? Hurt? Overwhelmed?  
Contact Pastor Joel to be paired up  
with one of our Stephen Ministers  
who want to be there for you!



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



All FUMC Kids entering the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will receive an adventure bible during the 10:45 AM Worship Service on August 14th.

Bring your new bible for Bible Adventures from 5:15 to 6:30 pm on August 17th in Room 201. We will play games and learn how to use our new bibles!

## Bible Zone

Volunteers are needed to teach when Wednesday Nights resume for Bible Zone, ages 2-4th Grade! Contact Missy Allen if interested!

## BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS

For students and teachers

### SUNDAY AUGUST 14TH

Students bring your backpacks during both services to be blessed and receive a special gift

## PRESCHOOL

### 3 Year Olds

Open House - August 25 @ 6 PM

South Fellowship Hall

First Day of School

August 30 9 - 11 AM

Meets T-TH

### 4 Year Olds

Open House - August 29 @ 6 PM

South Fellowship Hall

First Day of School

August 31 9 - 11:30 AM

Meets M-W-F

## PARENTS DAY OUT

2022 FALL PARENT'S DAY OUT  
MONDAYS 9 AM TO 1:30 PM, FOR AGES 2-5  
14 SESSIONS, SEPT. 12 TO DEC. 12  
\$140/1 CHILD, \$210/2, \$280/3  
PAYMENT DUE IN FULL  
SIGN UP IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

## Sunday School Teachers Needed!

Contact Missy Allen if interested!



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# TECLA & TUTU VISIT ZIMBABWE!

This year's summer has been one with a difference. It was a great experience going back to Zimbabwe, Africa after six years in the US. We felt nothing but excitement after seeing our extended family waiting for us at the airport. We arrived at the airport in Harare, Zimbabwe on the 3rd of June. During our stay in Zimbabwe, we were driving up and down daily seeing family and friends that we hadn't seen for over six years.

We were driving so much that our local gas station employees knew we were their biggest customers. Besides seeing family and friends, we had projects that we wanted to accomplish before our 6-week vacation or visit was over. These included furnishing kitchen cabinets, thatching a hut, fencing the homestead at our small plot, and putting a tombstone on Tecla's late sisters' gravesite, who died 20 years ago. While in Zimbabwe, Tutu was putting in hundreds of hours on the road driving family from the village to different places. Tutu also enjoyed hiking on one of the biggest mountains in our village. People from the villages where the First UMC donated boreholes, are very excited and appreciate the clean water, which is nearer to them than before. We also enjoyed eating our home country's cuisine, which we had missed for a long time, as well as worshipping in our hometown. One of things that hurt us was failure to worship at our local United Methodist Church in the Nyamakope Village, because the sanctuary roof was extremely damaged by a hailstorm sometime last year. Both Pastor Charles & Tecla were raised from the Nyamakope United Methodist Church. Members of this congregation are currently holding worship under a big tree near the damaged sanctuary. Pictures of the damaged Sanctuary are below. Therefore, we are asking for donations to help in the repair of the damaged sanctuary. For more information on this project, please get in touch with us or Pastor Charles.

**To those who wish to donate to help rebuild the sanctuary, make checks or money out to FUMC with the memo line of Nyamakope UMC**

~ Tecla & Tutu Nyamakope  
Wife & Son of Pastor Charles





# OUTREACH & EVANGELISM

Greetings from the Outreach and Evangelism Committee. As summer time comes to a close and fall approaches, Outreach and Evangelism keeps busy planning and hosting events geared toward the community, whether it be locally or internationally.

As you may have noticed, we kicked off our Operation Christmas Child in July. We are looking forward to reaching our goal of sending off 75 boxes this year. If you would like to help us reach this goal, visit the Operation Christmas Child area in the Welcome Center.

With the new school year quickly approaching, we are planning to host a New Teacher Lunch. We invited new teachers from Garden City and Holcomb. The church is invited to this potluck lunch after the service on August 14th to welcome the new teachers.

In October, we will be helping Missy with the annual Trunk-or-Treat! This is such a fun event to get out and meet people. We enjoy handing out information about our church and seeing everyone's creativity with their car trunks and costumes. If you have not attended or participated we highly encourage you to do so.

We are excited about our annual "Numana" event coming January 2023. We will be providing more information about this in the upcoming months. If you are interested in being a table leader or helping set up for this event, please contact Outreach and Evangelism.

Summer may be ending, but with fall comes harvest and a season of thankfulness. We are so thankful for everyone who partakes and helps with programs and events we do.

Ongoing Outreach & Evangelism Events/Programs Include: Fifth Sundays, Yoga with Donna, Jail Ministries, Bore Holes, Warm Souls, Serving Dinner at Emmaus House, Community Garden, Shopping Cart Ministry and more.

Blessings,  
Outreach & Evangelism Committee  
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**Shopping Cart Ministry** August - Beans & Rice  
September & October  
Thanksgiving Items

*The First United Methodist Church of Garden City's Outreach and Evangelism committee is dedicated to sharing the love of Christ and being the hands of Christ in the local and global community. We work with other ministries and organizations within our region and abroad to provide for the physical and spiritual needs of others.*

CONTACT OUTREACH & EVANGELISM COMMITTEE WITH QUESTIONS!

8/14/22

## NEW TEACHER LUNCH

After church on Sunday, August 14th we will be having a potluck style lunch with new teachers in Garden City and Holcomb. We encourage you and your family to join us as we welcome them into the community.

\*If you can, bring a side dish or dessert.\*

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## EMMAUS HOUSE SERVERS

We are looking for church members who would be willing to serve a meal at Emmaus House. Outreach and Evangelism wants to serve a meal monthly. It is our hope that we would have a list of volunteers willing to serve every few months or once or twice a year. We would contact you to set up a time that you would serve a meal at Emmaus House. Please note that Emmaus House has all the meals made, our job is to heat it up and serve it.

If you would be willing to serve a meal, please email us at [outreach.fumcgc@gmail.com](mailto:outreach.fumcgc@gmail.com) or sign up in the welcome center!

# UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

## the GOSPEL of JOHN

Join us as  
we dive into  
the Gospel  
of John  
for the month  
of August!

## stewardship

O Prayers  
Presence  
U Gifts  
Service  
R Witness

*Join us for our Sermon  
Series on Stewardship  
Beginning September 10*

JOIN US AS WE DIVE DEEP  
INTO THE FINAL BOOK OF THE BIBLE

8 BEGINNING OCTOBER 1ST!



# SUMMER CAMP!



Camp was awesome! David and myself took 26 children and youth ranging from 3rd grade to high school to Camp Horizon for a week of camp. Abby Gillen spent two weeks as a junior counselor, one of those weeks was the same week we were there. We enjoyed hiking, swimming, playing games, crafts, worship and learning more about God's love. We had beautiful weather and safe travels. The same week we were at Horizon, Pastor Charles and Pastor Joel were camp pastors at Lakeside. They joined 3 of our girls. I can't begin to explain how the children and youth of our church were touched by their week at camp. On Sunday, August 28, we will have a camp service where we will ask each camper to share what camp meant to them. So, please join us for singing, dancing, and stories of camp. This is the campers way to say thank you for the support and prayers offered by all of you.

~ Missy Allen, Director of Education & Youth Ministries



# 2022 FALL KICKOFF WEEKEND!



## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!

AUGUST 19 @ 8:30 PM  
ON THE EAST LAWN

BRING YOUR OWN  
SEAT OR BLANKET

KELLEY'S FESTIVAL FOODS  
WILL SERVE TREATS

*We are  
family*  
The hands of Jesus Christ

## FAMILY REUNION FALL KICKOFF CELEBRATION

BBQ POTLUCK  
BRING A SIDE DISH  
OR DESSERT TO SHARE

SATURDAY AUGUST 20  
6:00 PM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

## YOGA WITH DONNA

SATURDAY AUGUST 20TH  
9:00 AM

NORTH FELLOWSHIP HALL

ADMISSION: ONE NON-PERISHABLE  
FOOD ITEM. BRING YOUR OWN YOGA MAT

COFFEE & TEA TO FOLLOW! CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

## Praise & Worship Night Saturday, August 20th

7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall  
Part of the Family Reunion  
Fall Kickoff Celebration

## Picnic in the Park August 21 at Noon



Bring your own lunch and  
fellowship with your church family!



AUGUST 21  
AFTER LUNCH

POOL  
PARTY

GARDEN  
RAPIDS

Admission is \$3 a person.

## Family Reunion Fall Kickoff Weekend

### Friday, August 19

8:30 PM - Family Movie Night

### Saturday, August 20

9:00 AM - Yoga with Donna

6:00 PM - Kickoff BBQ Potluck

7:00 PM - Praise & Worship Night

### Sunday, August 21

9:30 AM - Worship Service

10:30 AM - Move Up Sunday

12:00 PM - Picnic in the Park

1:00 PM - Pool Party



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# JOIN A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!

## Children - The Little Hands of Jesus

Birth-1 Year Olds - Room 108

2 & 3 Year Olds - Room 110

Pre-K, K, & 1st Grade - Room 208

2nd, 3rd, & 4th Grade - Room 210

5th & 6th Grade - Room 212

## Youth (7th-12th Grade) - Growing Hands of Jesus

Ignite - Basement

Join us in fellowship, as we ignite our faith in Jesus Christ

Donuts & Jesus - Room 218

Join us for some donuts and coffee in this journaling class

## Adult Classes - Being the Hands of Jesus

Young Adults: The Well - Room 215

Learn how we can draw from the well of God's amazing, unconditional love

The Village - Room 216

Join us because it takes a village to strengthen marriages and raise children

Sowers Fellowship - Room 207

A fellowship group

Challengers - Room 217

Discuss the challenges encountered while living out the Christian faith

Seekers - Room 209

Seek God and His truth revealed in Jesus to live an abundant life

Lifestyles - Room 214

Grow in Christian living through fellowship, study, mission projects, and social gatherings

Searchers - Hearthstone Room

Search for God's will in our lives through United Methodist Curriculum

Pathfinders (8:30AM) - North Fellowship Hall

Walk on the path of faith in Jesus as we address current & world issues

Builders - South Fellowship Hall

Build your life in Jesus through traditional worship, lecture, and study of United Methodist curriculum

We have a wide  
variety of Sunday  
school classes  
tailored to your  
walk with Christ.

Below each of  
them is a  
description of  
the class.

Contact  
Missy Allen  
for more  
information!

New multi-generational Sunday School  
class taught by Dirk Shrimplin,  
starting study on the book of Daniel,  
coming soon to Room 112!

# SUMMER INTERN REFLECTION

I am grateful to do my Summer Internship at the First United Methodist Church of Garden City. The warm welcome I received was beyond what I could ever imagine. The whole process for me to come here has been amazing. So, I would like to thank all of you.

While preparing to come, until I got here, I knew the pastors and one staff member who interviewed me, accepted me, and the SPRC approved my arrival. When I got here, I noticed that many were ready to welcome me. It has been proven by the hospitality that all of you have expressed toward me. I feel at home. Through Ms. Jenny, I received gift cards for my various expenses, including lunches. Many of you have been taking me to restaurants, as well as visiting your farms. You gave me vehicles for transport, some gave me cash, and someone even paid for my flight ticket so that I could go and celebrate with my wife for her birthday, as well as you have hosted me. It is beyond what I could have ever imagined.

I have been active in the United Methodist Church since my childhood. I have served in various roles, including chairing the youth fellowship, the choir, and working with adults on different committees. However, I had no experience working with children – under 12 years old. During Vacation Bible School (VBS), it was my first experience ever working with children. I was not confident on the two first days, but on the three last days, since I was the only one that did Bible stories for all groups, I had no other option than to be confident. Thank God the kids were so great – they liked to listen to me, even though my accent could be challenging for them. The VBS experience, and time I have been with the youth, including accompanying them to Camp Horizon, have helped me understand the ministry with the young ones in the American context.

My internship here at the First United Methodist Church of Garden City is the kind of internship I was looking for. It helps one to be able to manage a local church. What I appreciate most about this internship is that it has allowed me to experience several different areas of a local church. I have been attending all meetings, such as staff, Endowment, Trustees, SPRC, Emergency/Disaster Team, Outreach & Evangelism, and the Church Council. It has been such a great opportunity to learn from these different committees and groups. I have also done some ministry work outside the church facility, such as visiting nursing homes, praying with the residents, and visiting some farms.

I have been learning a lot simply by spending time with Pastor Charles and Pastor Joel and paying attention to how they interact with church members and residents of nursing homes, how Miss Missy relates to the children and youth, and how chairpersons of different committees conduct meetings.

Serving as an intern at FUMC Garden City has also allowed me to have some connection with the Great Plains Annual Conference. In late May and early June, I attended the retreat of all interns at the Great Plains Annual Conference in Junction City. Since then, I have had peer group members with whom we meet weekly under the facilitation of some Conference Staff members.

Being an intern at FUMC Garden City has enabled me to have another experience of the United Methodist Church in the United States. I have visited some United Methodist Churches in other States in the US, and I found that FUMCGC also has some of its particularities. Some people in the Chicago area were surprised whenever they heard me saying, “I will go to Garden City, Kansas, for my internship.” I now see their positive surprise with all the beautiful things I have been experiencing here in Garden City and the FUMC in particular.



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I will always remember my precious time at FUMC Garden City. Thank you, and God bless you!

**IGNITE** life,  
each other,  
the world  
with the love of Christ



# BROKEN CHAINS MINISTRY

Well, things have been up and down for Broken Chains Ministry since our last newsletter. Good news is that Covid restrictions were lifted so we were able to bring on a new member—and receive back two former members! This empowered us to form two teams—and visit TWO pods at once! It was so amazing to know that we were bringing God's love and truth to double the amount of men! We were also granted permission to bring the Communion cups to the inmates! What a glorious, spirit-filled experience that was! The men were truly moved to have that privilege.

THEN, the bottom fell out—so to speak! Covid invaded the jail, so ministry was suspended in mid June—and we haven't been given the green light to return yet—as I write this on July 24th. On the bright side, we are trusting that our absence is encouraging the inmates to come together and study and fellowship on their own—giving some the opportunity to take leadership positions. We have been writing to the inmates—and hope that helps them as well. Please join us in praying for the health of the inmates and staff at the jail.

As always, if you are interested in more information about the ministry—or are feeling the call to join us, please contact me at [bearschic@yahoo.com](mailto:bearschic@yahoo.com)

~ Lisa Dockter  
Broken Chains Ministry Leader

## THANKS FROM THE FINNEY COUNTY UNITED WAY!

Dear First United Methodist Church,  
Thank you very much for collecting supplies for 2022  
Stuff The Bus. We were able to distribute around 1,200  
backpacks on July 22nd.  
We appreciate your help and support!

Sincerely,

Finney County  
United Way



Finney County United Way  
Stuff the Bus Committee

# JOIN A SMALL GROUP!

Group times and locations subject to change  
Contact the church office for more information!

## SUNDAY

Sunday School | 9:30 AM  
Youth Group | 6:00 PM | Basement

## MONDAY

Youngish | 6:30 PM | Wesley Hall  
Bernadine Bell Choir | 7:00 PM | Room 202

## TUESDAY

Senior Chicks Bible Study | 10:00 AM | Welcome Center  
Women's Bible Study | 12:00 PM | Wesley Hall

## WEDNESDAY

New Covenant Bible Study | 9:30 AM | Wesley Hall  
Women's Bible Study | 1:00 PM | Hearthstone Room  
Chancel Choir | 6:00 PM | Choir Room  
Bible Zone | 6:00 PM | Rooms 201, 208, & 210  
God's Crew | 6:00 PM | Room 217  
Youth Bible Study | 6:00 PM | Basement  
Soul Sisters Bible Study | 6:00 PM | Wesley Hall  
Young Men's Bible Study | 6:30 PM | Room 209  
Men's Bible Study | 7:00 PM | Room 214  
Women's Bible Study | 7:00 PM | Room 207  
Pastor Joel's Zoom Bible Study | Online via Zoom  
Praise Band | 8:00 PM | Sanctuary  
Youth Girls Bible Study | 8:15 PM | McDonald's East

## THURSDAY

Ladies Bible Study | 8:30 AM | Room 206

## MONTHLY GROUPS

Prayer Warriors | 6:30 PM | Wesley Hall  
4th Sunday of Every Month  
  
Broken Chains Ministry | 3:00 PM | Finney County Jail  
1st and 3rd Sunday of Every Month  
Not taking new members. Stay tuned for more info.  
  
Godmothers | 8:00 AM | South Fellowship Hall  
4th Thursday of Every Month  
  
Emmaus Community Gathering | 7:00 PM | Room 214  
3rd Saturday of Every Month

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

JANUARY - JUNE CONTRIBUTIONS

\$281,109.35

JANUARY - JUNE EXPENSES

\$375,533.51

JANUARY - JUNE DIFFERENCE

**- \$94,424.16**

# FISH OFFERING

August: Emergency Fund

September: Warm Souls

October: Godmothers/  
Operation Christmas Child



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# Music Ministry

## *Chancel Choir*

Chancel Choir rehearsals will start this Fall with our first rehearsal being August 24th. With choir attendance getting smaller each year I am changing up the format to hopefully encourage those who are interested to participate without a big commitment. Starting this fall, the choir will only rehearse the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month and will perform on the first Sunday of every month. If you are interested in being a part of this group please let me know even if you can only make one rehearsal a month work.

## *Praise Team*

Praise team meets on Wednesday nights at 8pm in the sanctuary. If you know how to play guitar, bass, drums, piano, and or sing please don't hesitate to be part of this wonderful group of musicians. Our next praise night will be during our kick off weekend on Saturday August 20th. See you then!

## *Bernandine Bell Choir*

The bell choir has hit a transition after the past few years with Silver Woodbury as their director. We have a gentleman who is interested in leading this wonderful group of musicians. I am waiting to meet and finalize the schedule and structure of this group. We plan to start rehearsals the week of August 22nd.

If interested please contact Sean Boller at [worship@fumcgc.com](mailto:worship@fumcgc.com)



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## SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHT

5:45 PM Traditional Worship, Chapel

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary  
10:30 AM Sunday School  
Nursery care is provided

# Ongoing Prayer Concerns

- **Jesse Andrade**  
(father of Angela Garcia)
- **Diane Baker**
- **Wilbur Batchelder**  
(father of Janet Hands)
- **Pastor David Bell**
- **Derek Beltran**  
(grandson of Manny Beltran)
- **Thomas Beltran**  
(relative of Manny Beltran)
- **Renee Burell**  
(cousin of Kelley Bicket)
- **Alice Childers**
- **Kelly Chopp**
- **Barbara Clark**  
(sister of Mary Hamlin)
- **Don Clark**  
(friend of Jackie Miller)
- **Keith Conley**
- **Bryant Cope**  
(father of Kelley Cook)
- **Richard & Sheila Cotton**
- **Madonna Crossman**  
(grandmother of Kyle Korf)
- **Jane Embree**
- **Nadine Erskin**  
(friend of Bonnie Molz)
- **Liam Fielding**  
(cousin of Stacie Near)
- **Mary Ellen Foulks**
- **Larry Gardner**  
(friend of Harley Foulks)
- **Paul Garrison**  
(brother of Silver Woodbury)
- **Marideth George**  
(mother of Darren George)
- **Ron Harman**
- **Bill Harmon**  
(father of Jennifer Overland)
- **Mark Hale**  
(friend of Bob Tempel)
- **Kayla Henningsen**
- **Nancy Hitz**
- **Dorothy Holsted**
- **Sherina Huber**  
(cousin of Jacob Brungardt)
- **Betty Keilman**  
(aunt of Bonnie Molz)
- **Lori Kochanowski**  
(sister of Shelly Stroup)
- **Linda Koelzer & Family**  
(friends of Dena Crouch)
- **Andrew Larson**
- **Marlene Lee**
- **Piper Leigh**
- **Norb Liebig**  
(brother of Jane Crist)
- **Brooke Lopez**  
(daughter of Mary Hamlin)
- **Lisa Loving**  
(friend of Jacob Brungardt)
- **Roger Murray**  
(father of Cory Murray)
- **Meranda Newton**  
(friend of Jacob Brungardt)
- **Ray Nichols**  
(brother of Will Nichols)
- **Evelyn Ohde**  
(grandmother of Rhonda Soto)
- **Ron Olomon**
- **Isabel Orosco**
- **Linda Ortiz**  
(mother of Manny Ortiz)
- **Jemma Penner**  
(friend of Jacob Brungardt)
- **Lydia Ramos**  
(mother of Temo Ramos)
- **Ronaldo & Amalia Rivera**  
(grandparents of Sammy Ortiz)
- **Sara Robinson**
- **Sandy Rodney**  
(mother of Mike Cook)
- **Jhayliegh Rosales**  
(granddaughter of Vicki Becker)
- **Ronnie Ruff**  
(friend of Katelynne Sisk)
- **Nikee Salmans**  
(friend of Kyle Korf)
- **Mary Lou Shea**
- **Pamela Smith**  
(friend of Jenny Maier)
- **Roxie & Wayne Thompson**
- **Kelly Widows**
- **Karen Valencia**
- **Joe Vanderweide**
- **Duane West**