



United Methodist News

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What a fantastic Reunion Sunday (February 20) celebration!
599 worshipped and fellowshiped together – sharing God’s love and light!
FUMC is an awesome faith community and spiritual family!

Connecting in Faith Commitment Cards

Have you heard the saying, “It’s in the mail?” We did mail commitment cards last week, but we are hearing that some of you did not receive your card until this week – if at all. Please accept our apologies! If you still need a card, please contact the office, and we will gladly get one to you. You are welcome to drop the card by the office, mail it to the office, or place it in the offering plate during worship. We want all who desire to be part of this campaign to do so, because each pledge is important to accomplishing our project.

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Next Newsletter

Deadlines

Monday, March 7
Monday, March 21

Try the newsletter online with e-mail notification that it is ready to view. Just e-mail the church at fumc@fumcmanhattan.com and we’ll set you up!

Worship in Sanctuary

Sunday

8:35

Contemporary/blended

11:00

Traditional

Check FUMC out on Facebook!
We post weekly updates!

Coming Events ...

- Ash Wednesday **March 9**
- Daylight Saving Time Begins **March 13**
- Palm Sunday **April 17**
- Seder Meal **April 20**
- Easter Sunday **April 24**

Spring Forward! Don’t be late to church.

Congregational Care

Flint Hills District Prayer Calendar

(connecting with other UMCs in our area)

March 6 — Bazaar

March 13 — Osage City

Prayer Concerns

- Ann Arthur in the death of her husband, Charles, Jr., February 16
- Bridges to the Future Campaign
- Eric and Cathlene Higgins and family in the death of her mother, Mary Elizabeth Hohmann, February 25
- Kansas-Nebraska transition team
- Dorothy Swearingen, recently hospitalized

Congratulations

Betty Mosier in the birth of a great-granddaughter, Sadie Louise Mosier, February 16 in Topeka. Parents are Noah & Jennifer Mosier.



We are so grateful and so blessed that our church family has taken the time to listen, to pray and to share our sadness. Because of you, we are able to function with a new normal in our lives. May God bless all of you.

Darrell & Pat Breusing

The family of Charles S. Arthur, Jr. appreciates all the support of Reverend Kay and members and friends of the FUMC congregation. Rev. Kay was kind and helpful during Charles illness and passing. Her counsel about the service was invaluable. We were comforted by the thoughts and prayers of the congregation shown in many different ways.

Hospital Visitation

A pastor, Stephen Minister, or official lay visitor checks on persons in the hospital when we know someone is there. The hospital provides a list of those who have identified themselves as United Methodist, but no other information is available.

Please notify the church office (776-8821) if you know of someone (including yourself) who is hospitalized.

The hospital does not notify us.

When you are admitted to the hospital, please indicate that you are a member of FUMC.

In case of an emergency after office hours, contact the pastor on call (number below). On weekends, contact the Stephen Minister on call (number below).

We do not want to miss you!

Pastor on call

(emergencies & after hours)

410-9982

Stephen Minister on call

(weekends)

March 5-6

Virginia Reitz—539-1710

March 12-13

Chris Chalender—539-4786

 * PRAYER CHAIN *
 * If you would like to be part of praying for the *
 * concerns in our congregation, join our phone *
 * or e-mail prayer chain. *
 * To sign up, contact Lynn in the church office *
 * (fumc@fumcmanhattan.com or 776-8821). *

Congregational Items of Interest

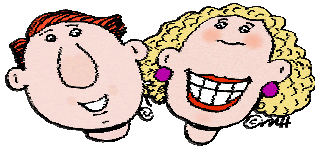
EXPANDED BUS MINISTRY

For years we have offered rides on Sunday mornings for anyone who wants to come for worship and Sunday school. We are pleased to announce that we are expanding our bus ministry to include Wednesday evenings. If you'd like to come for worship at 5:30 pm or the meal at 6:00 pm, contact Doug Regester (776-3644 or dougregester@rocketmail.com) to arrange for someone to pick you up. And feel free to share the news of this expanded ministry with your friends and neighbors!

FUMC is on Facebook!

Please join us on Facebook by clicking "like" on our page: www.facebook.com/fumcmanhattan. You'll find:

- photos
- trivia
- the ability to RSVP for upcoming events and export them to your calendar
- other FUMC members on Facebook
- and more.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY HAC Parlor 5:15 - 6:15 pm

This study will meet weekly until spring break (March 23). Come join us!

Making Love Last a Lifetime Sundays 7:15 - 8:30 pm

Pastor Andy and Christine Hargrove will lead this course for all interested married couples. Marriage is not something that always comes easily or without stress. We will look at ways to build healthier relationships with our spouses through this fun and helpful study. It will run Sundays from 7:15 to 8:30 pm starting on March 6.

To register, please email Pastor Andy at ahargrove@fumcmanhattan.com or call 785-776-8821. Childcare is available by reservation 48 hours in advance by calling 776-2422.

Menus for Wednesday Night Dinner

March 9

Tuna Noodle Bake
Macaroni & Cheese
Green Salad
Fruit Salad

March 16

Kielbasa Vegetable Bake
Rolls
Salad
Bread Pudding

March 23

No Worship or Meal
due to Spring break

Lenten Nights Sundays or Wednesdays 4:00 - 5:00 pm

During Lent, our sermon series will be
24 Hours that Changed the World.

There will be two opportunities to discuss the previous Sunday morning sermon in small groups. One group will meet on Sunday while another group will meet Wednesday afternoon.

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Ash Wednesday, March 9 Worship 7:00 PM Sanctuary

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B.L.A.S.T. News

(Bible Learning And Spiritual Training)



Safe and Sacred Spaces

TRAINING

Tuesday

April 5, 2011

6:30-9:00 pm

It is FUMC policy that all volunteers who work with children, youth or disabled adults complete this course. If you have yet to take this course, please feel free to call 776-8821 to sign up for class today.

Thank you for keeping our children/youth safe!

SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School

June 6—June 10

(VBS Program Sunday, June 12)

Stay tuned for details on how to register your children.

Spring Forward
1 Hour
March 13!



Congregational Items of Interest

United Methodist Men

February was a busy month for the United Methodist Men. Twenty men helped paint the interior levels of Ogden UMC during the first week of the month. Lynn Blecha served as general foreman for the event. Ladies from FUMC along with ladies from the Ogden UMC served snacks and lunch.



United Methodist Men held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 10 with a delicious breakfast served by Alyn West. Jim Reed led music and then we were treated to an excellent presentation on Climate Change by Chuck Rice.

Dave Schafer led our annual chili/soup supper on Wednesday, February 23. 75 men and one youth participated. Food was prepared for 440 including our regular Wednesday night guests, and the youth group. Early net proceeds exceed \$1,600 with more money to come. This is our annual fund-raiser and supports our various projects. Thanks to all who participated and supported us!



YG

Youth Group

Get Ready toooooo...RUMMAGE!!



Markdown for Missions	March 5
Mission Trip	March 20-26
Confirmation Retreat	April 8-10
Christmas Countdown	299 Days

Birthdays !!!

March 16 — Jake Bussmann
 March 17 — St. Patrick's Day
 March 24 — Annie Roberson

Blabbering Benson Oscars

So my roommates watched the Oscars last night and I couldn't help but wonder, are actors smug people? Don't get me wrong I love a good piece of cinema but do we really need the Oscars, especially since it follows about 20 bajillion other awards show so the winners are no surprise. But, come on, actors already make bank and are seen by millions around the World, do they really need another reason to spend lots of money just to tell themselves how awesome they are? Why not just be nice and give compliments? Makes one think about the idea of excess! Food for thought!

Do you wake up in the morning, wash your face, brush your hair, thank God for the amazing person he has made you into, and then as you stare intensely at your face, in the mirror, you find yourself — one, trying to decide if one eye is bigger than the other, two — if people can see the hair in your nose and three, thinking... “Hey I really feel like giving to a great cause, kind of feel like receiving some tax deductible forms, and want to take a drive on Poyntz that might lead me to the church” — all in one endless motion!

If you answered yes to any, all, or no parts of the above question then do we have an opportunity for you. Some have heard the whispers that it is the opportunity of a lifetime, and they are correct! Well technically they are half correct...because yes it is the opportunity of a lifetime, but it is also a once in a lifetime opportunity that happens every year. That's like asking for one scoop and getting two, finding a missing sock and realizing you have the match! Its like the first time you were able to shed tears over a sporting event, or like bringing candy to class and gaining the understanding

that all humans love food. Now that we have your heart racing, pulse pounding, and mouth watering, we shall tell you what the only great event is that could bring about these sensations...no not coming to realize the great motif in the original Stars Wars films, and no not the first time one drinks coffee and somehow tricks their mind into thinking it taste good and that they now must have it every day, but rather it means its time for —

MARKDOWN FOR MISSIONS!!!

Yep you heard us right folks, the youth are at it again collecting and reselling your old goods to raise money for a greater mission purpose. Thus if you have any goods that you want to get rid of, or maybe have been sitting in a corner too long and could use a new home, then bring them in and the youth will make sure they find a new loving owner for a great price! Plus you get to write off all your donations as tax deductible!

We know you are probably in shock but like all good salesmen let the youth make this opportunity even that much sweeter. We are

now accepting donation through Friday! Yes that's right two extra days to donate!

Here is the back to the basics information you need to know about what has been called the greatest rummage sale of all time only after Noah had to disassemble the arc (because he had a lot wood to get rid of, and word is the prices were super low).

**Markdown for Missions
Saturday, March 5
FUMC Fellowship Hall**

Items Include: Toys, Furniture, Electronics, Household Items, Kitchen Utensils, Decorations, Exercise Equipment, TV's, and Baby Items

We hope that you will join us and our cause, whether that be through donations, or purchasing. And don't forget to ask yourself... ARE YOU READY TOOoooooooo... RUUUUMMAGE!

Benson McGlone,
Senior Rummage Correspondent,
Youth News Network

Congregational Items of Interest

Action Team wants to share 2011 goals for each of the ministry areas, so all members of FUMC Manhattan know the direction for this year. In this newsletter, we focus on the second phrase of the mission statement, *Growing through Love*, through the **Small Group Ministry**. The report includes the overall mission, vision, and values for the ministry area, along with specific goals for 2011.

Small Group Ministry

Mission - To provide an environment for growing in love through study, care, fellowship, and service

Vision - Groups of eight to sixteen meeting weekly growing together in faith, hope, and love

Values

- Knowledge of God's word
- Compassion for the world
- Friendship & fellowship
- Continuing personal and corporate growth
- Open sharing of burdens & celebrations
- "Doing church" outside of FUMC's campus
- Covenant relationship
- 6 hours of mission service each calendar year

Goal: Start Alpha.

Outcome(s): Train folks to operate in a Small Group format. Provide an intentional evangelism tool for FUMC

Measuring Points: Number of participants in Alpha. Course evaluations

Specific Actions:

- Start the Alpha course.

Goal: Hold training twice per year for leaders.

Outcome(s): Consistency (not uniformity) across our programs. Successful programming

Measuring Points: Attendance at training. Evaluation forms after training

Specific Actions:

- Publicize training date
- Feed participants
- Run training
- Evaluation forms

Goal: Open enrollment for small groups.

Outcome(s): Begin small group functioning

Measuring Points: Number of open small groups. Number of people wanting to sign-up

Specific Actions:

- Collect list of leaders ready to lead
- Invite the congregation to sign up
- Begin functioning small groups

Mission Moments

Take Time for Health!

It's important to take time for your health, but we know that's hard to do sometimes. To help you help yourself, the Health Ministries Committee has provided several tools around the church for your use.

- o In the kitchen is a binder with healthy, easy recipes you can prepare at home. You can find it on the counter against the wall to Fellowship Hall.
- o In the Library is an array of health-related reading materials and pamphlets. They are on the top shelf just to the right of the card catalog in a section labeled "Health Ministries."
- o In Fellowship Hall is a bulletin board with health information, and topics change periodically. The bulletin boards are on the three-sided kiosks along the east wall.

Take advantage of these numerous resources to help lead a healthier life!

Spring Break Mission Opportunity

A group will make another trek to Anapra, Mexico over Spring Break, March 19–26. We can use more able bodies to erect a steel building at the Susana Wesley School. Do not rule yourself out just because you may not have construction experience; there will be something for everyone to do! This is an opportunity to spend spring break in Mexico, experience the love of the Briones family, and make a difference in the lives of many people.

There is also still a great need for financial gifts for the school expenses, for the Briones family, and for this particular construction. If you feel led to give, make your check payable to FUMC (note Anapra on the memo line or on the envelope) and place it in the Sunday offering plate or leave it in the church office. Thank you for the love and support for God's children in Anapra, Mexico.

If you have questions or want more information, contact Lynn Blecha (564-2770) or Rev. Nancy (776-8821, nkollhoff@fumcmanhattan.com).

Items Needed . . .

Ogden Friendship House	FUMC Food Pantry
spaghetti sauce	diapers
canned peaches	juice (100%)
canned tomatoes	canned fruit
dry milk	toilet paper
pudding mixes	

Yarn Barn Has Moved

The yarn barn is now located outside the Sanctuary by the elevator (under the coat rack). Anyone wanting to knit or crochet hats, mittens, scarves, prayer shawls or items for others can help themselves to yarn in the plastic tub. Return the finished products to Rev. Nancy and she will find them a "good" home.

Grief and Loss Support Group

Homecare & Hospice will be conducting a free closed grief support and education group entitled "From Loss to New Life." The goal of the group is to provide support and education to individuals moving through the grieving process due to the loss of a loved one in the recent or distant past. The group is designed to be a safe and confidential environment to share one's thoughts and feelings regarding loss and to work together to understand the grieving process.

RSVP is appreciated for attendance. The group will meet twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5–6:30 pm in the Homecare & Hospice conference room located at 3801 Vanesta Drive in Manhattan. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, March 29 and the last meeting will be on Thursday, April 28. New materials will be shared at each meeting.

They request that persons registering for the class agree to commit to the entire 5-week program and to make every effort to attend each meeting. Homecare & Hospice will provide all necessary materials free of charge.

Worship

Lent is Coming...

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. It is a season that prepares us to celebrate Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and instruction for new Christians, who were baptized on Easter, and then became a time of reflection and repentance for all Christians. The term *Lent* comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten* that means "spring".

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Sermon Series – 24 Hour That Changed the World

We will explore the final day in the life of Jesus of Nazareth – from the last supper through the crucifixion – focusing on one part in each service. This series is based on the book by Adam Hamilton. A devotional guide will be available.

Community Prayer & Meal – Wednesdays during Lent - 12:00

All in our community are invited to join in these times of sharing and remembering. A brief worship experience at noon is followed by a light lunch. All are held at First Christian Church with various churches leading the service and providing the food. FUMC will take their turn on March 16.

DIAL-A-PRAYER (776-9569)

March Stewards

May the good Lord inspire you!

Monday:	Libby Oberdorf
Tuesday:	Lance & Susan Saville
Wednesday:	Grant & Stephanie Bannister
Thursday:	Midge Jones
Friday:	John & Marilyn Walters
Saturday:	Phyllis Whiteside
Sunday:	Mark Queen

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Bus Driver Ron Pope (1-785-468-3319, cell # 785-770-2646)

Fellowship Time Pathfinders

8:35 Service

Greeters Pat Vogt, Clyde & Sylvia Scott

Main Floor Calvin & Mary Louise Drake, Bill Cool, Dick McChesney, Carol & Dana Dodderidge

Balcony Ushers Darren & Danae Rumford
Sound Dane Sargent

11:00 Service

Greeters John & Mildred Lindholm
Main Floor Gordon Cuninghame, Lynn Blecha, John White, Ushers Joe Knopp, Carole Harbors, Jeremy Will

Balcony Ushers Doug & Elaine Meloan, Bill Clark, Scott Johnson, Bruce & Mindy Thierolf
Sound John Fellers

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Bobb Stokes (537-4266, cell # 410-6825)

Fathlinks

8:35 Service

Dick & Evelyn Dunham
Dillon Schwerdt & Kailen Emley
Larry & Pat Parker, Jay Davis, Ushers Chuck & Sue Rice, David Schafer,
Michael Fincham

Jon & Mary Lou Funk
Dane Sargent

11:00 Service

Marilyn Ray & Joan Shull
Robert Walsten, Kale Becker,
Larry Fox, James Shaver, Mark Wilson
John Fellers

Don Kropk, Ron & Nita Pope
John Fellers

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Explore FUMC Sunday, March 6 12:15 pm Fellowship Hall

All interested persons are invited to get acquainted and learn more about our church. We will gather for lunch at 12:15 pm in Fellowship Hall. The session will include information on our missions, ministries, and programming opportunities and a tour of our campus. For more information, please contact Pastor Andy Hargrove at 776-8821 or ahargrove@fumcmanhattan.com

(Note: Persons wishing to join are required to attend one of these sessions, but attending does not obligate you to join.)

Communion on Sunday, March 13 *Note Date Change!*

Due to the Lenten sermon series, we will celebrate communion on the second Sunday instead of the first as we focus on the Last Supper.

UMM Breakfast Meeting Thursday, March 10 6:45am. Fellowship Hall

Reverend Kay will present her annual "State of FUMC".
Men AND Women are welcome to attend.
Please contact Dave Schaffer
(davideschafer@msn.com) to RSVP.