



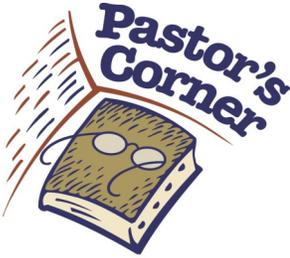
# The Jubilate

Sharing the good news of our congregation & community

Office hours: Monday-Thursday 8am-12pm & 1pm-5pm Friday 8am-12p m

July 2020

## THINK ON THESE THINGS – JULY 2020



On Sunday, June 21, we reopened our doors for worship for the first time since March 15. I was glad to see the people who arrived while knowing many more were worshipping with us online. We prepared with safety precautions – social distancing, new protocols and wearing masks. Three services instead of one is a normal Sunday morning but I must admit that I was tired at the end of morning. The mixture of joy, awkwardness and “being on” created a need to recharge my spiritual battery. Lunch and a good, long nap usually do the trick . 😊



As I reflect over the past few months and being away from the people of the Church, I wonder what it is about being together on Sunday morning that is so special. Our online worship service is well done. Steven Shade, our Virtual Ministry Administrator, has been vital to our ability to provide excellent services. Our worship of the Lord is an offering of gratitude and joy as we watch from our screens. In fact, more people have worshipped with us online that ever before – very encouraging! A wide audience from around the world or living rooms at home participated in our services. So, what is it about being together that is so special?

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Pastor's Page continued



It's the PEOPLE. You make the difference on Sunday morning. We are created to be in relationship with others. We are created to belong to communities larger than ourselves. Families and work provide has places to meet with others but we need a third place to find purpose and meaningful relationships. Church is about coming home and finding your family waiting for you. Seeing people who come together and tell stories. Laughing at jokes or humorous comments. Strength that comes from knowing you are not alone. Joy in being part of God's people. Courage to know that FUMCL is still constant and has been for over fifteen decades! Hope to know this too shall pass and God is still God. Ultimately, what makes Sunday morning special is LOVE. While I can love others at a distance, loving one another is best done together. As recorded in John 13:34-35, Jesus said, "A new command I give you; Love one another. As I have loved you so you must love one another. All will know you are my disciples if you love one another."

The energy that comes when the people are gathered is hard to replace. We are more than the sum of our parts. We were small in number on that first Sunday but it was good to be back. None of us know how long we will be able to continue to worship together in person. Many in our church need to remain home for health and safety reasons. We are respectful in the decisions that everyone makes for their family's welfare. Know this: We'll leave the light on for you and the doors open for you. When you are ready to return, home will always be a place where you are loved! Until we see you face to face, we pray that God's presence offers you peace, joy patience and goodness. Trust in the Lord at all times!

**Join us Sundays for worship online: 8:15am, 9:45am & 11:15am.**  
**on our webpage [fumclvks.org](http://fumclvks.org) or our Facebook page:**  
**<https://www.facebook.com/LeavenworthFirstUMC/>**

Did we miss **your** birthday or anniversary? Did we get it wrong? Please call the office to confirm that we have your correct information in our computer!

We can't include it if we don't know it. (913) 682-5374



1st Shannon Williams  
 2nd Karen Piper  
 George Short  
 3rd Riley Weeks  
 8th Tanner Hendrix  
 Delbert Wollesen  
 9th Vi Schott  
 Cole Shepard  
 Carla Wieggers  
 10th Ron Roggentien  
 Rodney Yates  
 13th Lynn Goss  
 14th Jeff Eyerly  
 Judy Wolfe  
 15th Betty Gaumer  
 18th Corliss Fox  
 20th Betty Dye  
 21st David Boyles  
 22nd Andy Hall



23rd Rebecca Beasley  
 Rodney Edington  
 Ryan Johnson  
 Lisa Shepard  
 24th Ann Copeland  
 Gary Russell  
 25th Jim Beil  
 Michelle Briggs  
 Rachel Sanders  
 Elizabeth Sanders  
 Tom Tish  
 26th Joy Defrees  
 Cassie Pawlowski  
 27th Dorothy McDonald  
 28th Thomas Cochran  
 Galen Hooser  
 Samuel McNeill  
 Jamie Walley  
 31st Kedzie Hopkins  
 Sarah Smith

## ★ ★ ★ ★ JULY Anniversaries

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|-----------------------------|------|---------------------------|------|
| 2nd David & Lois Kastner    | 37yr | 23rd LeRoy & Teresa Hicks | 43yr |
| 5th Brian & Kari Anderson   | 17yr | 25th Wayne & Helen Parks  | 39th |
| 6th Steve & Margaret Songer | 46yr | 29th Keven & June Bond    | 42yr |
| 12th Bill & Nancy Shade     | 34yr | 30th Tony & Nina McNeill  | 37yr |
| 21st Randy & Linda Herrman  | 47yr | Tom & Andi Pawlowski      | 26yr |
| 22nd Steve & Lisa Shepard   | 31yr | Joey & Molly Sepulvado    | 15yr |



Join us for

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

8:15 AM & 11:15 AM Worship Services  
 9:45 AM Contemporary Worship & Sunday School  
 (Nursery not available at this time)

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                               | Mon                        | Tue                           | Wed                        | Thu                                              | Fri                                                                                                                           | Sat                                                                                                                                  |
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| <p><b>This calendar is subject to change—please check our online calendar at <a href="http://www.fumclvks.org/calendar">www.fumclvks.org/calendar</a> for up-to-date info</b></p> |                            |                               | 1<br><br>7p Prayer Course  | 2<br><br>8:30a Staff Devotions and Planning mtg. | 3<br><br>In observation of the 4th of July | 4 Samaritans Buffet curbside service 11-1<br><br> |
| 5<br><br>8:15, 9:45, 11:15                                                                      | 6<br>1:00p AIR Ministries  | 7<br>6:30p Men's Bible Study  | 8<br><br>7p Prayer Course  | 9<br>8:30a Staff Devotions and Planning mtg.     | 10<br>8:30pm<br>                         | 11<br><br>Boy Scout<br>                         |
| 12<br><br>8:15, 9:45, 11:15                                                                     | 13<br>1:00p AIR Ministries | 14<br>6:30p Men's Bible Study | 15<br><br>7p Prayer Course | 16<br>8:30a Staff Devotions and Planning mtg.    | 17                                                                                                                            | 18                                                                                                                                   |
| 19<br><br>8:15, 9:45, 11:15                                                                     | 20<br>1:00p AIR Ministries | 21<br>6:30p Men's Bible Study | 22<br><br>7p Prayer Course | 23<br>8:30a Staff Devotions and Planning mtg.    | 24                                                                                                                            | 25                                                                                                                                   |
| 26<br><br>8:15, 9:45, 11:15                                                                     | 27<br>1:00p AIR Ministries | 28<br>6:30p Men's Bible Study | 29<br><br>7p Prayer Course | 30<br>8:30a Staff Devotions and Planning mtg.    | 31                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                      |

# Thank You! THANK YOU!

*In response to 50 bags made by Cheryl Rader and 13 by Linda Steele:*

Dear Cheryl, Thank you so much for this recent bead bag donation to Dallas Children’s Hospital for the Beads of Courage members! Your kindness and generosity means so much to us. I am sorry your family has been impacted by pediatric cancer, but what a wonderful way to honor your great-nephew, Sutton. I hope he is receiving his Beads of Courage for all of his strength and courage that he is exhibiting throughout his treatment.

We hope that Sutton is doing well throughout his treatment and we extend our support and love to him and your family during this time. Please let me know if there is anything else we can do to support you all and thank you again for this recent donation.

Krista—Dallas Children’s Hospital

Congregation, Thank you so much for all the sympathy cards and get well cards. I can say with great conviction that they meant a great deal to me. It really helped me get through a tough patch to know that so many people were praying on my behalf.

Don Gaffin

Your financial support is enabling Global Ministries missionaries to fulfill the mission of the Church. Through your financial support you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships in more than 60 countries around the world....On behalf of the people who are recipients of the love of God through direct ministry of a Global Missions missionary—Thank You!

(Supporting Navya Hopkins)

This letter is being sent to express our sincere thanks for your donation. It is due to the generosity of individuals that the Council on Aging is able to provide services to seniors in Leavenworth County to assist them in their endeavor to live independently.

Your support is not only appreciated by the Council on Aging but also the recipients of your generosity.

Respectfully, Scarlet Ross, Office Manager

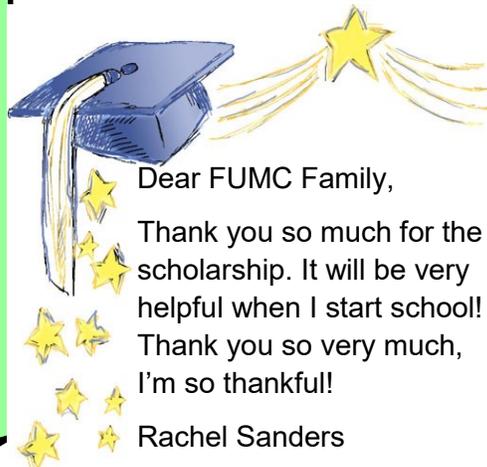


*Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for your prayers, your cards, and your greetings in the last several months. They have been a blessing to me. I am now on the assisting living floor in room 214. Please continue prayers and cards, as I’m still trying to gain strength. Thank you*  
Gayle Moore

*Dear Friends in Church,*

*Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl! May God bless the hands of the person who so lovingly made it! It has brought me so much comfort as I have worn it. I so appreciate your kindness & thoughtfulness in remembering me during this difficult time in my life. Praise God I am now cancer free! I will take radiation to hopefully help prevent the cancer from reoccurring again. Thank you again for blessing me & for the work you do for our Lord.*

*Blessings, Kathy Flesher*



Dear FUMC Family,  
Thank you so much for the scholarship. It will be very helpful when I start school! Thank you so very much, I’m so thankful!  
Rachel Sanders



Overflowing With Thanks

Dear Fellow Christian Friends, Our Bible Class all said "Thank you!" when Pastor told us that your Pastor came by with a check for Trinity House. It's people like you who keep us hope so we can share with our clients precious food. There are so many others who do, too. Thank you. May God bless you richly.  
In Christ, Carol.

Thank you for your recent gift of \$3,000 to the Leavenworth Interfaith Community of Hope. Your encouragement and continued support is greatly appreciated.  
Sister Vickie Perkins

Dear Nurture & Care Team,  
Thank you so very much for the face masks that you made. They were so needed because I didn't know where to get them. The colors were beautiful and fitted perfectly. One of your angels brought me the communion kit. That was the most thoughtful thing you could ever have done. I used the Bible for Jesus' service and I felt like I was with you all in that service. Thank you again! God Bless you, Norma Bray



Dear FUMC, Thank you for the UMC University Scholarship. Your generosity is helping me achieve my academic goals. I am so blessed to have such a supportive church community.  
Sincerely, Jonathan Coats



**Dear Itch'n to Stitch,**  
**Thank you so much for the adorable quilt for Junia. We absolutely love it! The fabric is so cute and goes perfectly with her woodland creature nursery theme! We can see how much work went into it and we are so grateful to receive such a thoughtful gift.**  
**The Howells—Kristen, Ryan & Junia**



On behalf of **The Leavenworth Mission**, I'd like to thank you for your support and your generous donation of \$6,310. Covid-19 caught all of us off guard! Unfortunately, we were unprepared for the mandated closure of non-essential businesses. Sadly, we had to close the store which helps us to fund our food pantry and keep the shelves stocked.  
As you probably know the number of people that needed food assistance has increased exponentially. Every week we have over 100 cars who receive assistance. Because of this great community we have been able to provide a full shopping cart of foods to all those who have asked for assistance. Our pantry is thriving and we thank you for your gift of love to support our food pantry.



The goal of our children’s ministry is for every child 4 to 12 years old to know that Jesus loves them and so do we.

Safety of our children is a primary concern. Because it is very difficult to social distance with children, we are going to continue doing all children’s ministry is currently done online. We have a weekly video and every 6 weeks kids receive a packet with crafts and worksheets to reinforce the story. We always welcome new children to our ministry. If you don’t currently receive a craft packet and an email link, and would like to, please register on the form on our website, [fumclvks.org](http://fumclvks.org) or email Sandy Wood at [swood@fumclvks.org](mailto:swood@fumclvks.org).

## July 12 - August 9

Some of Jesus’ most powerful teaching were from the Sermon on the mount in Matthew 5-7. We will cover the beatitudes, loving our enemies and what Jesus said about worry. We’ll have a special focus on learning the Lord’s prayer in Matthew 6. Packets will be delivered July 10.



## August 10 - 14

This summer a lot of our choices have changed, but our choices change us as well. We will learn about Daniel and his friends and how their courageous choices changed their lives and how their choices effect other. There will be a 45 minute session each day for younger kids at 10 am and at 11 am for older kids. Each session will have lots of games, songs and stories. Everyone is welcome to join us. Please register for ZOOM VBS on our website, [fumclvks.org](http://fumclvks.org). Craft packets will be delivered Aug. 7.

## August 16 - September 7

We are built for friendships with each other and with God. We will learn about what true friendship looks like through the relationships of Ruth and Naomi, David and Jonathan, Job and his friends, and Jesus and Peter. Packets will be delivered August 14. New families can register for any of these lessons on the website.



## Family Movie Night!



Young People's Ministry

It has been so hard not to see people the past few months with the pandemic, but I have great news! There's a way you can catch up with all of your church friends without putting yourself at risk: socially distanced movie night on the lawn!

We'd love for you to join us on July 10 for a family-friendly movie and popcorn. We will start gathering around 8pm and then will begin the movie at dusk (around 8:45pm).



While we wait for dusk, we can sit around and catch up. I've been able to enjoy some time outside with friends at 6+ feet apart, and once you get over the initial awkwardness, it's actually a really great way to keep in touch with people. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket and invite neighbors and friends. There will be plenty of room for anyone and everyone to join us. I hope to see you guys there!

### Our FUMC-L Staff

**Rev. Dr. Dave York**

Senior Pastor

**Ed Garven**

Director of Operations

**Kristen Howell**

Director of Young People's  
Ministries

**Sandy Wood**

Children's Ministries Leader

**Steven Shade**

Virtual Ministries Administrator

Youth Coordinator

**Libby Frashier**

Administrative Assistant

**Grant Zschoche**

Maintenance Supervisor

**Tyler Boehmer**

Organist / Pianist /

Genesis Chimers Director



The First United Methodist Church of Leavenworth (FUMCL) has been here for 166 years of which 108 years have been in the current location. The church has seen a lot over those years and the current coronavirus season is testing us as a church, individuals and as a nation. When looking at the history, this is not the first time that churches stepped out into the community during crisis. In little and big ways, we are doing our part to make our community better in the middle of the COVID 19 crisis. The works of the church always provides what they have to those that they serve within their community and world. This is transformational for the church and their community. Sharing abundances of the church begets more abundance from quantities of everything it has; faith, love, spirit, people, expertise, fortune, and many other capabilities that can be shared.

FUMCL decided in late 2017 to establish a Virtual Ministry that allows many people to access our Sunday morning worship and has since grown into a virtual connection providing online capabilities for our staff, congregation and community. The foresight was not based on our current COVID-19 situation but has been instrumental for those who travel, are home bound or even those who live in other states. Our virtual ministry creates the opportunity to make FUMCL a home church for everyone. This is a 21st century way of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ and we are three years into real ways for us to connect with our community through new technologies.

One of our hopes when the current situation does pass is that we will be changed. Right now, we are hearing lots of talk about being in it together, stories of good deeds being done, loving neighbors, and caring for the most vulnerable population. These stories are inspiring and FUMCL is part of these stories! It's time to get back to looking forward and not backward.

During this tragic period of our lives, FUMCL had the privilege of giving a check for \$8,700 to one of our local food/clothing pantries called Trinity House sponsored by the Trinity Lutheran Church here in LV. The funding came from our special Easter offering. We also provided a check for \$6,100 to the Leavenworth Community Mission on Spruce Street. Our Pastor served with them on a Tuesday food pantry service opportunity. He was not prepared for what he found. From the Mission to Tenth St. traffic light to the east, up the hill and around several blocks, cars were lined up to get food, many as a result of the COVID-19 situation. Many who have lost jobs due to the stay-at-home orders. The coronavirus has created even greater need in Leavenworth County. One of the blessings of slowing down while moving forward is stopping along the way and connecting with our community.

Our Itch'n to Stitch Ministry has been diligently sewing every day and all night to make face masks and other items in this historical year. Since the "stay at home orders", they have made over 480 face masks for congregants, friends of congregants, soldiers, rest home residents and workers. They have also completed 25 flannel blankets for Children's Mercy Hospital, 13 pillow cases, 10 adult bibs, 9 eye glass cases, 4 table top decorations, 11 throw size blankets, 50 Beads of Courage bags, and 23 walker bags.... and 2020 is not half over yet. As you can see, our "Stitchers" nurture both the congregation and the community. These ladies do not sew for recognition, sewing is in their blood and is their mission.

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## Change Continued

One of the ministries supporting the church and the community is a modest Scholarship Ministry that helps youth continue their studies, be it traditional college or technical training. Within the greater Leavenworth community scholarship awards have gone to students throughout the county from Tonganoxie, Basehor, Pleasant Ridge, Lansing and Leavenworth. Over the past decade First United Methodist Church has returned to the community over \$20,000 in scholarships. This year's awards happened during COVID-19 and \$1,000 was awarded to two community students not attending FUMCL.

Recipients must show financial need, plan to attend some form of post-secondary education, and neither the senior nor his/her immediate family may be a congregant at FUMCL.

During times of change, we come back to a fundamental question: What are we learning?" Are there new concepts, people, or experiences that we can take with us as we move forward? What grabs our attention during the pandemic? What has been most impactful? Reflection and prayer are Christian practices that help us learn. We have lots of folks in LV who are financially hurting due to Coronavirus; with the virus and without the virus. In this season of complicated circumstances, we as Christians continue our mission of growth as disciples of Jesus Christ and growth of the community around us in their transformation. We have the abundance for resourcing this growth through our time, talent, and treasure and all that is left is to show the courage to move forward through nurturing, outreach, and witness to our community.



### Welcome our new staff member, Ed Garven

Ed Garven joined the staff of First United Methodist Church of Leavenworth as Director of Operations on June 15, 2020. Ed has spent 35 years working in operations with the last 25 years in the Kansas City area.

Ed and his wife Bernadette are blessed with 9 children and are expecting their 18th grandchild. Ed loves spending time with family, neighbors and friends. He looks forward to serving the Lord, the congregation, and this community.

Ed is proud to be a child of God!



**STARTING SEPT. 2020  
DETAILS COMING SOON!**



**In  
Cooperation  
with**



**Thursday nights  
6:00 - 8:30 pm**

AWANA is a international non-denominational program designed to explain the gospel to children and help them grow into disciples of Jesus Christ. Each week will have a different theme and unique AWANA games add fun and excitement to the evening. Children earn awards by memorizing scripture. We are also hoping to have a community meal for each AWANA meeting.



Sparks is designed for children from Kindergarten to 2nd grade. They have their own book called, "Hang Glider" where they learn age appropriate Bible verses. There are unique songs the help kids learn scriptures.

Truth & Training is designed for 3rd through 6th grade students. The books look like comic books to keep kids engaged but they cover the basic scriptures every disciple should know.



Saturday, September 12, we will have a kick-off event for the whole community. Camp Chippewa will be bringing some fun activities. If you would like more information about the kick-off and the start of AWANA, please register on our website.

This new ministry will only work if we have volunteers willing the share the gospel with our community. We need cooks to prepare meals. Meals can be prepared during the day. We need volunteers to listen to children recite scripture. This job only takes half an hour a week. We need game leaders and storytellers. If you can't volunteer weekly, we have special events like the kick-off that need extra volunteers. If you have a heart to share the gospel with kids, contact Sandy Wood at [swood@fumclvks.org](mailto:swood@fumclvks.org)





First United Methodist Church  
*Leavenworth*

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(worship services livestream every  
Sunday on either site)



**A Special  
Birthday**

Long time member, **Vi Schott** has a birthday on July 9th. We would like to surprise her with a card shower. Please join us in sending a card to her to show her she is loved by her church family. Contact the church if you need her address.

### = OUR MISSION =

*"We are a Church of the Ages, Serving the Present Age by making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community and world"*

### = OUR VISION =

*Transform lives through sharing Christ's love and being a thriving, spirit-filled church*

### = CONGREGATIONAL VALUES =

*Primacy of Scripture, Devotion to Divine Trinity, Wesleyan Heritage, and Hospitality for All.*