



First United Methodist Church
of
Leavenworth
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The Jubilate



Sharing the good news of our congregation & community

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

August 2020

THINK ON THESE THINGS – August 2020



I am enjoying preaching through the Lord's Prayer this summer. The theme was rightly timed so I hope it has provided you with Gospel truth and strength. August 2 will focus on petition "Give us our daily bread." August 9 will be Confirmation Sunday as we confirm the Anderson twins as part of worship. August 16 will focus on generosity with a message called "What's in Your Wallet?"

One aspect of the Lord's Prayer needed more depth than one sermon on Sunday morning. Forgiveness is the hardest part of the Lord's Prayer. With this thought in mind, I'll be launching a new sermon series on August 23 called "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." I'll be tackling issues like how do I start to forgive? Why is forgiveness so unnatural and how do I forgive myself are focal themes of entire sermons. The human element is a sticking point. What if someone doesn't want or seek my forgiveness – should I still forgive? Does forgiving someone say that it's ok what was done or does forgiveness mean I still have to be in relationship with someone who has hurt me? What benefit does forgiveness offer to the one who forgives? How does forgive and forget go against our human nature?

As we examine our world today, the need for repentance and forgiveness calls out to all people. Broken relationships between family members strain our bonds of love. Parents and children go years without a kind word or shared meal because of what happened. Church members walk away from the place they love due to wounded feelings or harsh words. Entire groups of people blame others and carry the hurt of an unredeemed past. Unforgiveness chains the damage of the past while denying joy, peace and contentment for the future. We need hope for the days to come.

Get ready for a powerful time of Holy Spirit movement among us! I pray that you will consider relationships in your own life that are strained, stressed or shattered. God's desire for wholeness and healing in your life will be on display! **Remember starting in August, we'll be going to one service only at 10am.**

Pastor Dave



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 online until at least after Labor Day. We have weekly videos and 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, please register on the form on our website, fumclvks.org or email Sandy Wood at swood@fumclvks.org.

Currently we are studying some of Jesus' most powerful teachings from the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7. We covered the beatitudes, loving our enemies and what Jesus said about worry. We also worked on memorizing the Lord's Prayer. All videos can be found on YouTube on the church's channel: [FirstUnitedMethodistChurchofLeavenworth](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCF0MWDa2k3q0). Here is a photo of Ava Connell working on one of the craft projects from this series. We would love to see other photos or kids working on their projects, just send them to swood@fumclvks.org. This series ends Aug. 9. Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F0MWDa2k3q0&t=11s>



August 10 - 14, Nancy Shade and Sandy Wood will be hosting a Zoom VBS where we'll 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. Everyday will have lots of games, songs and stories. Everyone is welcome so invite your friends. You don't have to be in Leavenworth to join. Please register for ZOOM VBS on our website, fumclvks.org/vbs/. Craft packets delivered Aug. 7.

Our next Bible series will be 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 these lessons on the website.





2nd	Marshall Hopkins	22nd	Trenton Davis
3rd	Wes Ludwig		Jan Mix
	Steven Shade		Meredith Roush
4th	Karen Kidder	23rd	Doris Norrie
	Owen Resnick	24th	Trudy Holyfield
	Trish Simms	25th	Brenda Coats
5th	Amy Brandt		Ashley Hansen
6th	Zachary Resch		Ruth Logan
	Katherine Short		Cory Mims
	Randy Zimmerman	26th	Audrey Jones
7th	Jennifer Bell		Kathleen Serena
10th	William Bailey		Caleb Shade
11th	Candace O'Rourke		Jim Walley
	Mary Seymour	27th	Nancy Dawson
12th	Randy Herrman		Suzanne Gray
13th	Elizabeth Logan		Avery Holyfield
14th	Kiernan Riffel		Brian Resch
	Nancy Shade		Violet Varnal
	Fiona Tibbetts	28th	Adalia Ludwig
15th	Linda Langly		Thomas Sodowsky
	Katherine Seigel	30th	Robin Sanders
17th	Aileen Hastings		
	Janette Holdeman		
	Walter Sepulvado		
18th	Robin Garnett		
	Christine Owens		
19th	Taylor York		
20th	Steven Songer		
21st	Pam Hubbert		





2nd	Keith & Libby Frashier	40 yr	20th	Dean & Carla Hamon	55 yr
3rd	Ryan & Kristen Howell	4 yr	20th	Gary & Cheryl Rader	54 yr
5th	Dick & Brenda Sheumaker	42 yr	22nd	John & Wilvina Aardema	63 yr
8th	John & Virginia Hardaway	61 yr	22nd	Joe & Lynne Sepulvado	39 yr
10th	Wade & Valynn Schmierer	47 yr	25th	Jack & Jo Burkett	53 yr
11th	Jon & Jenny Bishop	19 yr	25th	Randy & Jackie Zimmerman	36 yr
11th	Doug & Alice Hall	47 yr	28th	Jim & Lynne Atwell	38 yr
12th	Roy & Donna Ramsey	53 yr	28th	Bill & Pam Bay	54 yr
18th	Dale & Bernie Roller	63 Yr			

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

Dear First United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for allowing me to use your kitchen during the sweet exchange. Your big kitchen was a huge help & allowed me to get a lot of baking done. Also, thank you for your kind donations. I hope to see your smiling faces next year!

Love, Morgan Belardo

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













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Join us for
SUNDAY SERVICES:

AT 10:00am online at www.fumclvks.org

or in person

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>This calendar is subject to change—please check our online calendar at www.fumclvks.org/calendar for up-to-date info</p>					<p>1 11a Samaritans Buffet 4p Ewert Wedding</p>
<p>2</p>  <p>10 am 4:30 Confirmation</p>	3	<p>4 6:30p Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>5 7p Journey on Prayer</p>	<p>6 8:30a Staff Devotions & Planning Mtg</p>	7	8
<p>9</p>  <p>10 am</p>	<p>10 10 & 11am ZOOM VBS</p> 	<p>11 10 & 11am ZOOM VBS</p>  <p>6:30p Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>12 10 & 11am ZOOM VBS</p>  <p>7p Journey on Prayer</p>	<p>13 10 & 11am ZOOM VBS</p> 	<p>14 10 & 11am ZOOM VBS</p> 	15
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Are we on fire?



Thank you all for the gracious and loving welcome you have shown me in the last month. The Great Plains Conference theme for this year is “Catch Fire”. From the congregants I have met so far at the First United Methodist Church of Leavenworth, we are On Fire! His love is visually present in the internal and external activities of this church. As I meet people in the community, your constant generosity is both felt and appreciated by organizations from Trinity House to the Community of Hope to recipients of the Samaritan’s Buffet and on and on. The current pandemic has shifted and altered the way we deliver His message, but our collective heart for the Lord has never burned brighter.

I know people feel isolated by the physical distancing and lack of fellowship associated with the current environment. As the body of Christ we have to engage in new and innovated ways to stay connect. The online Sunday Service is a true blessing. I know that we have a lot of multi-generational families in the church. I encourage families and/or friends, who feel safe and comfortable with each other, to come together on Sundays at one home to watch, worship and fellowship right along with us.

Additionally, starting this month, we plan to start a new program called the Daily Touch. The Daily Touch is a series of informative, testimonial and praise videos focusing on how we are bringing the Kingdom of God to our families, church and local community. The videos will be presented on our website and Facebook. We are doing these videos, not for individual praise or personal recognition, but to glorify God. The foundation of this constant communication is based on Philippians 4:8:

.... whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

I know we have members of our church and the community that may not have the technology resources needed to receive our on-line message. If you know of someone in this category, please contact me.

On a church business note, the exterior stone repair should be complete by mid-September. We are waiting on approval from the city to start the angled parking project on Chestnut St. and the north alley in conjunction with the First Presbyterian Church.

Finally, a thank you to all the church leadership, committee members and staff on showing me grace and understanding as I assimilate into my new position. Your love of the Lord and commitment to transforming the community is infectious.

A very special thank you to my brother in Christ, Wayne Parks. When we were 15 years old, Wayne was a constant encouragement in my life, as we navigated the challenging times of high school. Praise the Lord, he brought us back together 45+ years later, to do his business. Wayne’s leadership, guidance and friendship is a gift I will carry forever.

Prayer is powerful, worship is wonderful and Christ is the Lord!

Ed Garven



Young People's Ministry

I've been doing a lot of reading lately. I feel like I'm in that really great sweet spot right now that my daughter naps several times a day and goes to bed moderately early, and there's a raging pandemic out there, so where else can I go? So I've turned back to one of my first and truest loves: books.

I find when I read multiple books at once, very often there will be themes that will show up in several of them at the same time. I get so excited about my books that I can't stand to finish one before picking the next one up, so I am almost always reading multiple at once. This time, the enduring theme has been kindness. What a word for us today in the culture and climate we're in. Everything is falling apart, strangers and friends alike are screaming at each other on the internet, it's an election year, so naturally, everything is just awful. But that word, "kindness," just keeps resurfacing anyway.

Sometimes, it seems like kindness gets a bad rap as a meek and mild thing you do. If you say someone is kind, it generally is interpreted to mean that they are weak or can be run over easily by more boisterous or passionate people. However, I'm discovering that it is quite the opposite. To be kind is to display a great deal of strength and I believe (in some ways) it can change the world.

There are a million ways to practice kindness, but the two big overarching themes seem to be active decisions to show kindness to others (holding the door open, helping with a hated chore, paying for someone else's coffee) and the less-noticed act of kindness of assuming the best of others. This means, when you sit down at the table across from someone who believes different than you about politics, religion, or any other divisive issue, you *don't* start with all of the assumptions you hold about them based on talk show talking points. Let them talk and tell you what they believe and why. You might find there's a whole lot more nuance to their point of view than you expected. When you come to the table with an open mind and kindness, you establish civility. Imagine if everyone were to do that.

This makes me remember a book I just finished called *Unfollowed: A Memoir of Loving and Leaving the Church* by former Westboro Baptist Church member Megan Phelps-Roper (yes, *that* Westboro Baptist). She talks about the kind and genuine connections she encountered with people on Twitter being the lifeline to get her out of a church that regularly hurled hate and insults at people attending military funerals or visiting a local park. Kindness was the balm needed to soothe the hate she'd raised to exact on others and provided her with a lifeline out Westboro to healthier relationships with others and equipped her with a curiosity for discovering a loving God. If kindness can save someone from their indoctrination in a hateful cult, it certainly can't hurt your relationships with others.

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I've been challenged to take more steps in civility and kindness lately by asking myself the following questions:

How might my opinions be different if I were in their shoes?

What in their growing up years or other life experiences might cause this person to believe this way?

How are their beliefs different than the traditional talking points that generally accompany their point of view?

How can I show this person God's love for them?

Is this person saying something harmful that I have a responsibility to address as someone who, as a Christian and a Methodist, has promised to "accept the freedom and power God gives [me] to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms the present themselves" (UMC baptismal covenant)?

Kindness is hard work, but it's good work and we're going to need all of God's people leading the way in this regard as we move forward farther into the disaster that is 2020 and the subsequent rebuilding after this is all over.

IN a world where
you can be anything,
Be kind.

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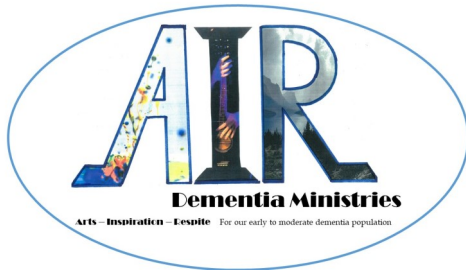
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Our vision at FUMCL is to transform lives through the love of Jesus Christ. One way we see this vision coming into focus is through serving the present age. With this in mind, our AIR Dementia Ministries is designed to serve people and families with early to middle stage dementia through **A**rt, **I**nspiration in music and **R**espice for

the caregivers. (AIR) Our AIR Ministries can't meet right now due to the need for physical distancing and health concerns but we will resume this ministry when it is safe.



Our sewing/quilting group, *Itch'n to Stitch* has put their quilting aside and been busy during these months providing much needed masks to Nursing Homes, members and friends. They have sewn 100s of these masks.



Our *Prayer Mantle Ministry* provides tangible evidence of prayers to those in need of comfort, peace, and spiritual support during times of sickness and loss. The prayer mantle is intended as a reminder of the church's continued love and concern for the recipient. If you know of someone who would benefit from this ministry, please contact the office.



We Want Your News

This newsletter belongs to YOU as the church family. Send us your stories about how you are sharing the love of God with you family, the community and the world.





Our choir is planning to do a Christmas program. The books are ready to go, and Tyler is currently working on getting CDs ready. The plan is to have each participant study and learn the music on their own throughout the fall, and then to get together for two rehearsals at the beginning of December and then share the Christmas program with the community. The books and CDs will be available for pick-up in the office in mid-August. If you are interested in joining, please talk to Tyler or contact the office and we will share your interest with him.



Watch our website or Facebook for our “Daily Touch”. We are compiling a variety of short videos about the ongoing ministries throughout our church family. We are hoping to make a video of all the ways you are sharing the love of Christ. We share God’s love in many ways, whether it is feeding the hungry at Samaritan’s Buffet, watching the service from Ohio, gathering for Movie Night or singing at the Nursing Homes. We send birthday cards, help with AIR ministries, work at the shelter, host a blood drive, and many, many other opportunities to show others the love of Christ.

We will be reaching out to you to help us with this ministry. Don’t be camera shy! Share your gifts!





*Worship with us together
(in person or online)
on Sunday, 10:00am beginning
August 2nd*

(until the social distancing issues allow more of us to meet again)

= 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.



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Sunday on either site)



Due to Covid-19, we will adjust our Refuge youth group gatherings in order to ensure optimal health and safety for all involved. Regardless of when the school year begins, we will start meeting **August 23**. Our plan is to meet outdoors as often as the weather permits but will be prepared to meet indoors in the Fellowship Hall (in the main church building) when it is too hot, cold, or in the case of inclement weather.

Youth should bring a mask with them each week to youth group. If we are outside, they will not be required to wear the mask as long as they maintain physical distance of 6+ feet from one another. Masks and social distancing will be required indoors. We will set the room up so that it is easy to know whether they are 6+ feet apart. All games will be no-contact and we will not be sharing a meal.