



First United Methodist Church  
of  
*Leavenworth*  
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# The Jubilate



Sharing the good news of our congregation & community

Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-12pm & 1pm-3pm Friday 9am-12p m

September 2020



## THINK ON THESE THINGS – September

I often think about the people Jesus encountered and what happened to them later in life. Take for example, the woman caught in adultery and threatened with being stoned to death found in John 8.

*<sup>2</sup> At dawn Jesus appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. <sup>3</sup> The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group <sup>4</sup> and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" <sup>6</sup> They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.*

*But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. <sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." <sup>8</sup> Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.*

*<sup>9</sup> At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. <sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"*

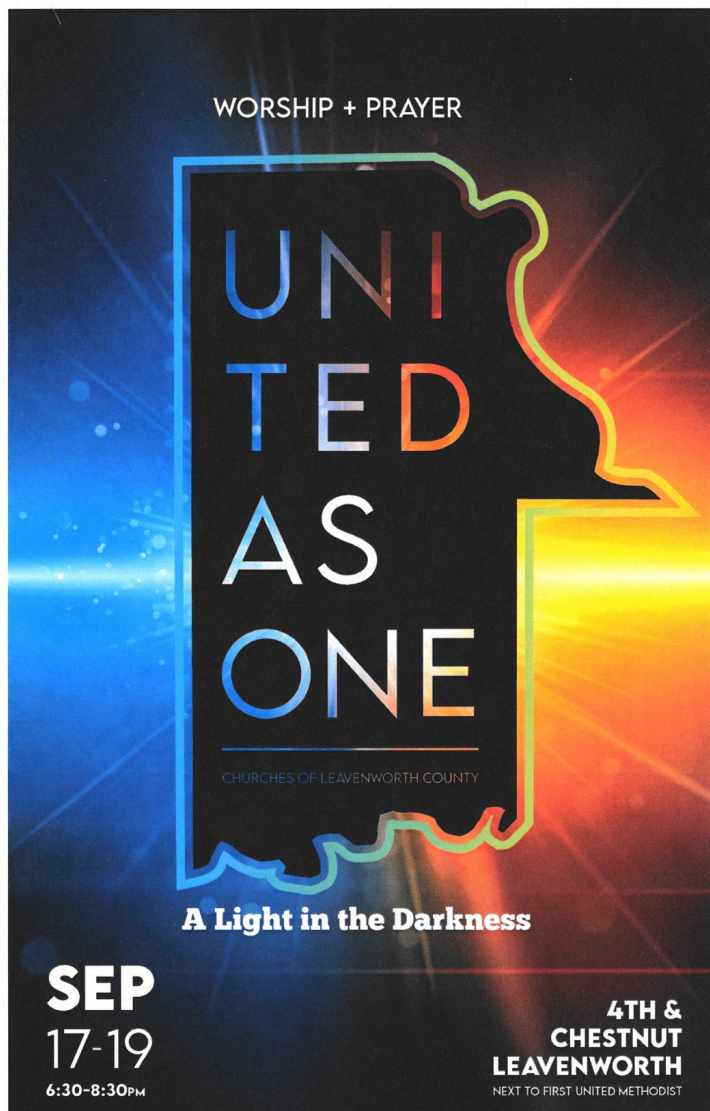
*<sup>11</sup> "No one, sir," she said.*

*"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."*

No doubt it was a turning point in her life. Jesus defended her physically by not allowing the crowd to kill her. He also restored her spiritually and emotionally by not condemning her or her actions. Notice Jesus did not encourage her lifestyle. He did not affirm her choices. Yet, Jesus' words provided healing and compassion when others would have legally killed her. The Word of Life invited her to a transformed life.

When we forgive others or receive mercy from them, we are freed from the past. How often do we allow past sins, poor judgment, and hurtful events to continue to harm us? Words that were spoken long ago keep some of us paralyzed. This is not to say that what happen was right and costs shouldn't occur. Actions have consequences so we remember and learn from the past. But we can't live there. Only those with no future live in the past. Receiving forgiveness and mercy is the first step to moving toward a peaceful and content future. I hope the woman found gracious harmony in moving forward with her life. Maybe not all at once but eventually finding her way to be reconciled with the Lord. "Go now and leave your life of sin" sounds like an invitation for a hopeful future.

If you or someone you know needs to hear words of forgiveness, grace and mercy, I invite you to join us in September for worship services. Like the woman, we can move forward into the lives God desires for us. A life with a future, not stuck in the past! See you then! Pastor Dave



United as One is a three evening event of worship, preaching and prayers sponsored by the churches of Leavenworth County! It starts at 6:30 through 8:30pm.

Each night we'll have singing, preaching and prayers as churches come together to bring light into the darkness. FUMCL is hosting the event in the grass space beside the church (what we're affectionately calling "Worship Park"). Plan to attend or serve as you are called. What a great way to show Leavenworth County that Jesus is our Light and the darkness cannot overcome it.

Social distancing and mask requirements are being observed in order to keep others safe.

Sign up to help at

<https://unitedasone.church>

**WE ARE CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY!!**





**LOOK WHO'S  
HAVING A  
BIRTHDAY!**

**The Jubilate**

1st	Aaron Wecas	14th	Ralph Moore
4th	Bill Kidder		Marcus Nelson
6th	Mary Lou Anderson	16th	Brodie Whelpley
	Sonia Wiley		Sandy Wood
7th	Sarah Gleason	19th	Jack Burkett
	Megan Gleason	20th	John Gable
	Jonathan Gleason	21st	Emma Grafel
8th	Brian White		Carol Shafer
9th	Fred Baker	22nd	Jim Atwell
	LeRoy Hicks		Ron Wecas
	Bailey Ko	24th	Brian Anderson
	Jerry Logan	27th	James Bercume
	Rebecca Lowery	28th	Lynne Atwell
12th	Pat Deiter		Skylar Ford
	Mary Strange		Spencer Williams
	Christine Wiley	29th	Joan Atwell
13th	Abby Martin		MaryAnn McAfee
			Shannon Sanford



1st	Sy & Shirley Nyhart	63 yrs	19th	Shannon & Sherri Williams	28 yrs
3rd	Jeff & Kelley Perry	26 yrs	22nd	Jeff & Kathi LaMoe	36 yrs
	Blaine & Merry Weeks	32 yrs	23rd	Brian & Tracy Resch	20 yrs
4th	Chez & Carol Shafer	44 yrs		Ernest & Wilda Wicke	3 yrs
8th	Gary & Carol Russell	19 yrs	28th	Matt & Kellie Gallie	18 yrs
14th	Wes & Christel Ludwig	52 yrs	30th	Tom & Karen Tish	53 yrs
18th	Rodney & Kristie Edington	21 yrs			





**2020**

Join us for  
SUNDAY SERVICES:

At 10:00am online at [www.fumclvks.org](http://www.fumclvks.org)

or in person

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 10a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Men's Bible Study	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 8:30a Staff Devotions & Planning Mtg. 7p Women's Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 11a Samaritans Buffet  Scout Family Night Camp-Out
<b>6</b> 10:00am 	<b>7</b>  Offices Closed	<b>8</b> 10a Women's Bible Study 5:30p Young People's Group 6:30p Men's Bible Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8:30a Staff Devotions & Planning Mtg. 7p Women's Bible Study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 10:00am  6:30p Refuge Youth Group	<b>14</b> 1pm AIR Ministries	<b>15</b> 10a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Men's Bible Study	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 8:30a Staff Mtg. 6:30pm 	<b>18</b> 6:30pm 	<b>19</b> 6:30pm 
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## CELEBRATING OUR OCTOGENERIANS

### In 2020

On September 27<sup>th</sup> our church will celebrate Octogenerian Sunday. Our members that have reached the age of eighty or beyond have been a strong force in the life of our church for many years. Because of their unending faith, we are able to grow stronger in our faith and learn about sharing the love of Christ with others. Many of these members continue to serve our Lord each week, carrying out a vital part of our church's ministry.

For many, many years we have celebrated our Octogenerians with a special dinner in their honor. **However**, due to the unforeseen circumstances that this year presents, we are unable to host this very special occasion.

If you know someone on this list, reach out via a call or letter and let them know you are thankful for their friendship, faithfulness, and mutual love of Christ.

John & Wilvina Aardema	Wilma Gillespie	Dick & Barbara Peiper
Bob & Joan Atwell	Laura Gist	Esther Polson
June Baker	Bob & Kiyoe Hale	Keith & Lorene Richardson
Jim Beil	John & Virginia Hardaway	Frances Rogers
Norma Bray	Caroline Hedrick	Dale & Berniece Roller
Arlena Butler	Patsy Hessenflow	Virginia Schalipp
Miriam Cade	Marguerite Hilscher	Vi Schott
John Chapman	Vera Hrabak	Maxine Schroyer
Tom Cochran	Stephen Kempf	Pat Snow
Ann Copeland	Linda Langley	Jimmie Stallings
Bob & Shirley Cowan	Betty Logan	Kauv Un
Norm & Nancy Dawson	Maryann McAfee	Jim & Edie VanMaanen
Joy Defrees	Mary Eleanor McCluskey	Jack Walter
Betty Dye	Dorothy McDonald	Ron Wecas
Margaret Elliott	Betty Nakata	
Eleanor Embree	John Nilsen	
Genevieve Evans	Sy & Shirley Nyhart	
Betty Gaumer	Sue Peckham	



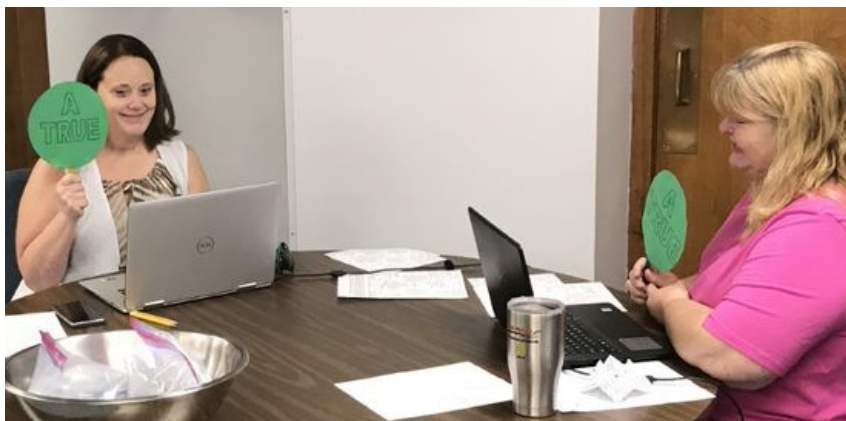
**See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up;  
do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the  
wilderness and streams in the  
wasteland. Isaiah 43:19**

Vacation Bible School has always been one of my favorite times of the year. I love the excitement of the kids. I love working with volunteers to create something larger than ourselves. I love sharing the stories of the Bible with kids that may have never heard about Jesus before. I held on to the dream of having a traditional VBS this year as long as I could, but with the rising COVID rates, I could not justify having an in person VBS. So, Nancy Shade and I got creative. This was new for both of us. There is not really a curriculum for Zoom VBS, but chose the stories of Daniel with an emphasis on our choices and how they really do make a difference. We found games, crafts and music. We made packets full of fun activities to reinforce the stories. Steven Shade made sure all our media would work on Zoom. We publicized our VBS on Facebook and 5 new families asked to join us.

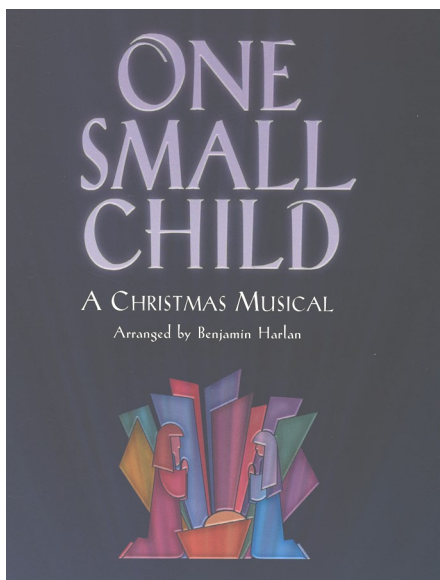
As I reflect on VBS this year, here is what I learned. God is always doing something new and creative. We just have to be willing to listen and try new things. The most important part of VBS isn't the decorations or the hype, it is the relationships we develop by working and learning together. Kids were very comfortable with this way of communicating. This format gave us an opportunity to talk one on one with kids and this VBS was more personal than any other VBS because we created the curriculum together.

I hope next year we will be able to have a traditional VBS, but I will always remember this year and our zoom VBS. Thank you to all the families that participated. I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

**Sandy Wood, Children's Ministries Leader**

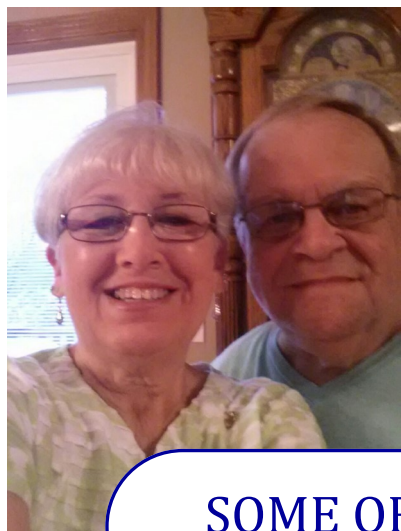




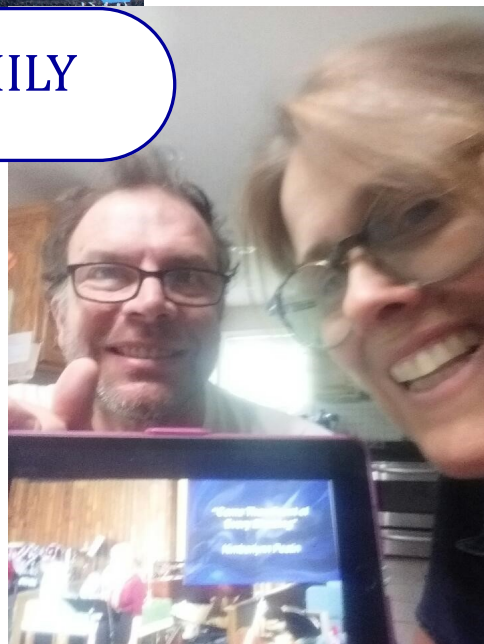


## *Planning for Christmas Season*

Yes! Our choir is planning to do a Christmas program! The books and practice CDs are ready to go. Each participant will 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 are available at the office during business hours. If you are interested in joining, please contact the office staff.



## SOME OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY



We have asked for photos to be sent in of our church family joining us in worship, working in the yard, wearing your mask or simply smiling at the camera. These are some that have been shared with us.



## Ministry Training Opportunity

Have you ever wanted to gain more confidence about visiting someone who is sick or lives in a care facility? Are there times when you aren't sure of what to say to someone going through a crisis? Do you feel like God might be calling you to a more compassionate and caring lifestyle? If so, then check out this online class on Care Ministry. This six-week course is designed to

be done at home and online.

### Participants are expected to have:

- An interest in providing meaningful visitation to those in hospitals and nursing homes.
- A wish to promote a calm atmosphere for the patient/resident so that they feel at ease
- A desire to feel more confident about entering a hospital and/or nursing home room, what to say and do, as well as how to react.

### Desired outcomes

- Build confidence for those who regularly are called to visit hospitals and nursing homes so that the student can be reassuring and calming to the patient/resident.
- Learn how to react to various situations in hospitals and nursing homes to make the visit meaningful.
- Be able to use the tools needed to stay in touch with patient/resident and family.

### Learning experiences

- Week 1: Introductions and Course Prep
- Week 2: Ground Rules to Pastoral Care
- Week 3: Personal Experiences with or in Pastoral Care
- Week 4: Spiritual Care and Hospital/Nursing Home Protocol
- Week 5: Emergent and Crisis Visitation
- Week 6: A Time for Role Playing and Self Reflection

The class is online and requires a computer with access to internet, including a webcam and microphone or headset. Participants must be able to participate in web conferencing and complete online assignments.

**Online class meets Monday evenings** from 5:00-7:00 p.m. CT on Sept. 14, Sept. 21, Sept. 28, Oct. 5, Oct. 12, and Oct. 19, 2020.

For more info or to sign up contact

Rev. Dr. Carl K. Ellis at [cellis@larcm.org](mailto:cellis@larcm.org) or call 785-445-2595





# Sidewalk & Parking Project



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With  
One  
Heart





Young People's Ministry

## Book Study

As the protests have moved away from the forefront of our 24-hour news cycle, it's important that we don't forget the need to keep fighting back the evil of racism in our society, our organizations, and our own hearts. Becoming anti-racist is a marathon, not a sprint, and it is the continued work that we do after racism is no longer the hot-button issue that allows us to affect change and make the world a more equitable place for everyone.

Doing the work of fighting racism has multiple avenues. It's absolutely important to go to marches and make our voices heard, but there's also a level of continued education that needs to be done to help us make changes on a personal level. That's why I'd like to offer a book study for young adults so that we can learn and encourage one another in our journey. We will be meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays each month starting September 14 to read through the book ***I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*** by Austin Channing Brown. The book is a really insightful look at what it means to be Black in America and an encouragement for non-Black folks to recognize racism and call it out, even in our churches.

I hope you'll consider joining me. It's a really good book (I've already read it!) and will provide some really insightful conversations. We will decide by group consensus whether we want to meet socially-distanced in-person or via Zoom.





## A Fond Farewell



Dear FUMC Leavenworth Church Family,

As most of you know by now, I have decided to resign my position here at the church. I have to say, it kind of came as a surprise when I first had the thought that my time here was coming to an end. But after much fasting and prayer, I know that this is what God wants for me at this time.

As I prepare to leave, I wish to leave you with a few things. First, I have loved working here at this church. When I first moved to Kansas, I had no connections, and I was really having a hard time adjusting to being so far from where I had spent the past several years. However, each of you here at the church brought me in and made me part of the family. To me, it wasn't just a job here, but it was a chance to be with my family and learn and grow together.

Second, my knowledge of Jesus Christ and His mission has only increased as I have seen your ministries in action. I know Jesus is real, that He truly suffered, died, and was resurrected for each of us individually. I know that God is our Father, and He loves us so much. I have seen this love shared by so many of you towards me, but, more importantly, to others in the congregation and the community. There are so many wonderful things at work in the church and community, and I hope you continue in this work.

Third, I continue to be impressed by those who choose to participate in the music ministries at the church. Through my four years here, I have felt a great love, joy, and spirit from those who chose to share their musical abilities. I pray that you will continue to share music with those around you because it is one of the best ways to help people feel the Spirit.

Looking to the future, I plan to finish school in the next year and then start the job hunt. Many of you know that I want to be a teacher, so I hope that I can continue to develop my teaching and playing abilities throughout my life. I will still have several recitals this year, and of course I will invite all of you to attend if you want.

As I continue on this journey, I know that God is in control, and this knowledge gives me such great peace. I know that He is involved in the details of our lives, and I pray that you will each continue to seek Him in everything.

Blessings,

Tyler Boehmer



## **From the Director of Operations**

Wow! My first two months at the First United Methodist Church of Leavenworth has been filled with excitement and blessings.

It is sheer excitement to watch capital structure projects, which you all have invested in for years, come to fruition. The exterior stone repair is still on track to be complete by mid-September, we are just waiting on the stone replacement pieces to arrive from the stone-cutting suppliers. The Leavenworth City Commission approved the parking and sidewalk project, which has been on the books for the last two years. Construction began on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, and should be completed by the end of the month. The project will include angled parking on Chestnut St. and the north alley (old Market Street) and a 6-foot-wide sidewalk all the way around the green space. We are truly blessed to be accomplishing this project in conjunction with our Christian brothers and sisters from the First Presbyterian Church. The funding for this project is being shared between the two churches and Geiger Ready-Mix, who is providing all the concrete and enhancements at no charge. To see the co-laboring fellowship with the construction crews and overseeing parishioners of each church has been both a blessing and inspirational. Photos of the progress are included in this newsletter.

***The descendants of His servants will inherit it, and those who love His name will dwell in it. Psalm 69:36***

These two major projects were the last funded capital improvements which include: stained glass window restoration/renovation, the kitchen remodeling, the sanctuary fans, the partial HVAC replacements, the exterior stone restoration/replacements, refurbishing the hand bells, the nursery fire exit, new Fellowship Hall lighting and the angled parking/sidewalks around the green space east of the main church building. Moving forward, we are waiting on a design and a bid for a new ADA approved ramp directly into the front doors. We will innovatively work together on raising funds to accomplish this project.

***Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7***

More exciting news is the United as One event we will be hosting September 17-19 on our newly renovated green space. Churches from around county will come together for Praise, Prayer and Worship nightly from 6:30-8:30pm. We will send out more detailed information on this event in the next few weeks. We will need volunteers to help as escorts to the restrooms, road guards across 5<sup>th</sup> Street for parking and more.

***By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:35***

The blessings I have received have been in the friendships I have made with my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus and with the mission partners I have meet in the community. The Lord has commanded us to use our time, treasure and talents to bring Kingdom to our homes, our church and our community. I ask that each of you pray on how you can bring Kingdom in your own way. We have many opportunities for serving on a weekly or monthly basis through the generosity and compassion of this church. Steven Shade and I stopped by the Leavenworth Mission last Tuesday, simply to interview our mission partners, and wound up loading shopping charts full of food to be distributed to those in need, for two hours.

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I must admit, it was the best two hours of my week. The pure servant-hearted loving volunteers we worked with were inspirational. They ask for no applause nor acknowledgement, they simply serve the less fortunate, as our Lord and Savior did. I know, not everyone can physically serve, but everyone can pray that we continue to meet the needs of our community. Additionally, other churches have dropped out of the Samaritan's Buffet rotation, due to the global pandemic. FUMC Samaritans' Buffet team has agreed to serve a meal on the 4th Saturday in addition to the 1st Saturday of each month. They are asking for people to join to serve our community in this manner. Contact Jim Wolfe for more information.

***Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.***  
***Proverbs 19:17***

Starting in September, we will have home schoolers learning in our Education Building on Friday mornings for their cooperative classes. We are increasing the internet bandwidth to the Education Building to provide better connectivity for remote learning opportunities. Increasing the use of our physical assets will be vital for continuity of learning and community outreach during these restrictive times.

Thank you to everyone who have sent in pictures and videos; please keep them coming. We are continuing to build The Daily Touch library with our congregants and our mission partners. 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, due to fully launch in September. The videos will be presented on our website. We are doing these videos, not for individual praise or personal recognition, but to glorify God.

***.... 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.*** Philippians 4:8

I know people feel isolated by the physical distancing and lack of fellowship associated with the current restrictive environment. As the body of Christ we have to engage in new and innovated ways to stay connected. 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. Please feel free to send videos or photographs of your "home church" watch and praise gatherings.

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. Prayer is powerful, worship is wonderful and Jesus is the Lord!

*In Christ Jesus, Love gives life to Kingdom building!*  
Ed  
816-805-4771(my cell)



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### = 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.*