



First United Methodist Church
of
Leavenworth
422 Chestnut St. • Leavenworth, KS 66048

The Jubilate



Sharing the good news of our congregation & community

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

November 2020



Dear FUMCL Family,

As November is the end of the church year, one of my pastoral practices is to complete an end of year review of what was accomplished or not. 2020 has been one for the ages a watershed year for church life. I know that I have not lived up to expectations for some and exceeded them for others. Ministry during a pandemic is new to all of us. In all things, grace, mercy and faith! Thanks for letting me be your pastor.

Dave's End of Year Review for 2020

Personal – 2020 has been a good year considering all of the turmoil with COVID. I am POA for my Dad so those responsibilities have given me additional duties. His expenses are simple and he has money so that is good. Kind of like his business manager. We are fortunate he moved to Life Care Center before COVID hit. Dad has had several health issues in 2020 that required trips to hospital. One of my new “hobbies” has been liquidating the Seneca house. I’ve sold some stuff from my baseball collection and worked through forty years of accumulation while not messing too much with house. Ebay has become side hustle this summer.

Family - Rhonda and I celebrated 32 years of marriage in July. I have lost 20+ pounds from July to present. Feel good and clothing fits better. Blood pressure is back within acceptable standards. Rhonda and I spent time in Branson and Weston for little vacations. All three of us went on our first cruise to Yucatan Peninsula in January before COVID. Spent two days in New Orleans before the cruise. My spring training baseball trip with Taylor was a victim of COVID. The Yorks are planning to go to Memphis and Nashville in January 2021. Taylor had surgery in June to seal a leaking extra valve in his heart. He has recovered fully and we have recovered financially, too.

Ministry - In 2020, I became an official member of the Great Plains Conference after transferring from Mountain Sky Conference. 2020 – 6 baptisms, one wedding, eight funerals in pastoral role. Confirmation class with Kristen Howell for two of our youth in the summer. I am still working as Leavenworth Network Leader for area UMCs. The four churches that serve in LV Network are Trinity UMC, S. Heights, Easton and Lansing Crossroads. We welcomed a new pastor, Changhyun Kim, into our Network in July. Jack Walker graciously toured Changhyun, his wife – Yeokyeong, and me on trip around Ft. Leavenworth and lunch at Lion’s Club. Highlights included church wide study of *With Jesus in the Upper Room – Gospel of John* for Lent. The Journey’s End, three session seminar on end of life considerations, (last one was cancelled) hosted by Bill Kidder and Nurture and Care ministry. Liz Brown, Mike Crow and Arlen Briggs spoke. Anticipate preaching 47 of 52 Sundays of 2020 (present for three when I did not preach). For 2020, continuity has been valuable.

Continued on page 2

Continued from Page 1

Service - I serve as Transition in Ministry mentor to Rev. Matthew Wilke at Tonganoxie UMC. In September, I agreed to be a dissertation coach for DMIN student at Asbury Theological Seminary. This is new venture for me and will be enjoyable to renew old relationships with some ATS folks. I am a member of the Leavenworth Rotary Club. I was speaker of Lansing HS baccalaureate in May (video). One new area of service that I committed to is working at Leavenworth Mission. I load carts of groceries for food pantry on Tuesday. Along with working at Community of Hope on Thursday, this is my primary mission among the needy. We served as host church for United as One, our Leavenworth County worship event. I was part of planning team as well. The colleagues I met is best part. We'll plan to do more in the future. In 2020, I taught the Prayer Course, an eight-week class on prayer. I am in a small group on Tuesday and sing on Wednesday.

COVID - The adaptive leadership displayed due to COVID was and is a challenge. In some ways we thrived as a church due to our investment in technology and commitment to hire a virtual ministry coordinator. Our online services were improved through additional cameras. Zoom and 365 team/staff meetings have become common. Reopening in June was done well and we are at four months with no COVID cases. PTL! Preaching to an empty sanctuary was an adjustment but we continued to offer our worship to the Lord through preaching, song, and prayers. We said goodbye to Wayne Parks and added Ed Garven as Director of Operations. We intentionally worked hard to connect with our community through shared partnership in Deeper Windows Association, Leavenworth Mission, Trinity House Food Pantry, and Community of Hope. We contributed \$2500 to Leavenworth and Lansing HS for COVID relief as part of community connection. Our goal is to grow beyond the walls of the church in bringing Kingdom to Leavenworth/Lansing! FUMCL has a new partnership with a home school group on Fridays.

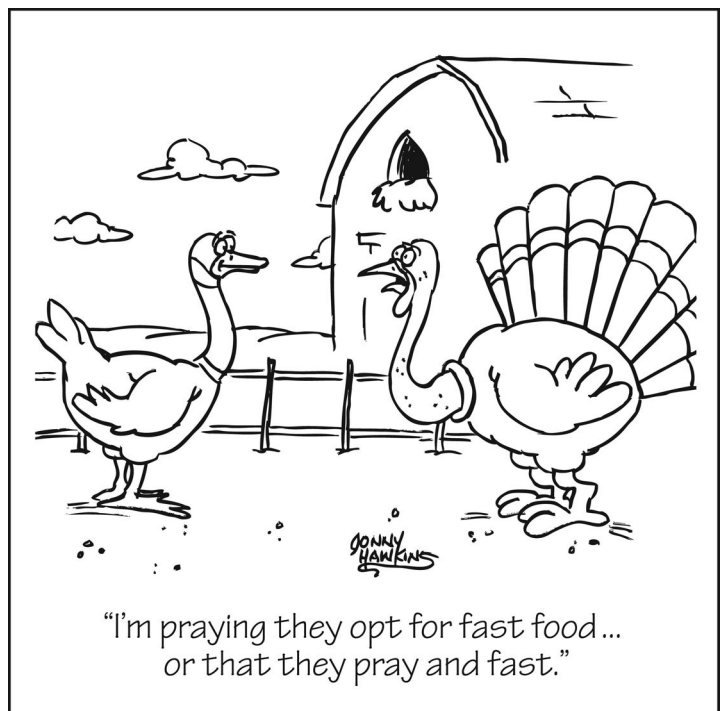
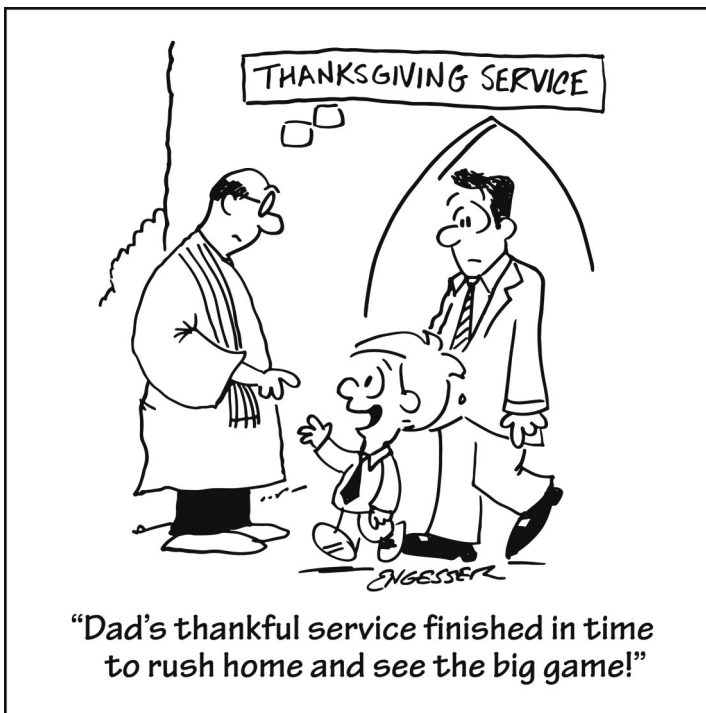
Facility - In 2020, some long range plans were accomplished in our facility. Our sidewalk and parking project was done right on time to host the United as One event. We added nine new parking spaces and seventeen on alley side. The cooperation with FPC was significant and a witness to the city of Leavenworth. Our mortar and stone repairs are done so the building will stand another 100 years. We replaced three HVAC units and installed air circulation units in sanctuary. We redecorated and updated Wesley Hall. Books were moved to classrooms so more people could use them. The youth area in education building "The Underground" was repainted and new furniture purchased. In 2021, we hope to put in new ceiling tiles and flooring to make our facility first class. 2020 is the end our capital fund money so any long term construction will require a capital fund raiser with all of congregation participation.

What's Next - I am working on a team called the Equal Justice Initiative for 2021. Our purpose is to commemorate the lynching of Fred Alexander in Leavenworth with a historical marker and bring soil back from the spot so it can be consecrated. Cross racial reconciliation and teamwork is our goal. Edna Webster of Richard Allen Cultural Center is on board as is Marti Crow. I am hoping to add only few more folks for planning purposes including another at least one African American church. I am representing the Great Plains Conference in this area. In June, I participated in the Unity for Community march (first time ever doing something like that) – what a learning experience.

Continued from Page 2

Overall – I am hopeful for FUMCL considering the fragile nature of our congregation. We are an aging congregation with few younger families and people ages 25-35. With the number of people who are getting comfortable online, we may be shifting away from focus on physical attendance. While we are holding up ok financially, we have had some folks move and pass away who contributed significantly to FUMCL. Distance can either make the heart grow fonder or people will fade away from their commitment to Christ and the Church. We'll see. I believe some of the adjustments we made in worship like more video testimonials, recording scripture and checking in process will be better. We'll save money on printing cost without hard bulletin. Significant decline in youth and children ministry due to COVID. Lack of CGSC families affected us, too. This effect should cause us to be more externally focused on kids in our schools, not the ones who show up here. AIR ministry is picking up again and could be a booming ministry. In church leadership, we are moving forward to stream line our leadership meetings and laity participation. The leadership will need to decide if we want to continue investing in our facility like an ADA ramp, remodel front of sanctuary, outdoor worship park and other potential upgrades. FUMCL is a generous and much more spiritually healthy church now than three years ago. We hope to do more church unified message/lessons with our children/youth/adults.

Pastor Dave





2nd	Pam Gephart Pat Long Gabriel Nester Lea Ann Weilbacher	18th	Savannah Kent Craig McKim Cindy White
3rd	Kyle Lauber	20th	Katie Bergman Kristen Howell
4th	Jeff Andrews Cheryl Rader	23th	Jo Burkett Dan Wiley
7th	Norm Dawson Sy Nyhart	24th	Emma Yates
8th	David Landis	25th	Valynn Schmierer
9th	Jill Bakke	26th	Mike Ralls, Jr.
12th	Marsha Gaffin	27th	Jeff LaMoe
14th	Kevin Bond	28th	Madison Christy Madison Mohan Kaelyn Mohan
16th	Sandy Davis	30th	Madison Boyles
17th	Kay Hale		



13th	Bill & Sheila Bailey	55yr	25th	Rod & Kathy Huskey
	Fred & Kim Baker	38yr	30th	Mark & Sherry Lauber
22nd	Steve & Barb Kempf	40yr		
	Ollie & Kathryn West	34yr		



NOVEMBER

Join us for
SUNDAY SERVICES:

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

or in person
(Nursery provided)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am Worship  6:30p Youth	2 1p AIR Ministries	3 ELECTION DAY  10a Bible Study	4 1p Heart & Soul 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	5 8:30a Staff Meeting 7p Bible Study	6 Scouts "One Homeless Night"	7 11a Samaritans Buffet
8 10am Worship  6:30p Youth	9 1p AIR Ministries 5:30p  Young Adults Group	10	11  VETERANS DAY Offices Closed	12 8:30a Staff Meeting 7p Bible Study	13	14
15 10am Worship  6:30p Youth	16 1p AIR Ministries	17	18 1p Heart & Soul 6:30p Choir Rehearsal	19 8:30a Staff Meeting 7p Bible Study	20	21
22 10am Worship  6:30p Youth	23 1p AIR Ministries 5:30 Young Adults	24	25 NO Heart & Soul NO Choir	26  HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Offices Closed	27 Offices Closed for Holiday weekend	28
29 	30 1p AIR Ministries			This calendar is subject to change—please check our online calendar at www.fumclvks.org/calendar for up-to-date info		



October 17th

One of our church members was in need of assistance last Saturday. To the church members who volunteered to help her: You are one of the main reasons I attend this church. You are true examples of faith in action. These selfless acts model Christ and serve as a beacon of light in our community. Words are important, but actions convey the love of Christ in tangible ways. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely, Marsha Gaffin

Congregational Care Ministry Coordinator

Itch'n to Stitch

Thank you so very much for the beautiful Winnie the Pooh baby quilt for my new grandson, Theodore "Theo" Philip Henry. Every time I look at it I notice a special intricate detail that was added by the seamstress that makes it extra special.

Your thoughtfulness is sincerely appreciated.

Valynn Schmierer



The family of Frances Rogers would like to thank everyone who sent cards or called Frances during her illness. It meant so much to her. Thanks, also, for the sympathy cards and memorials we have received after her passing. Her church family was so dear to her. She loved all of you.

I found a card a little while back from FUMC that had become lost amongst some items and I had not opened it. I was shocked when I opened it up and there was a gift certificate for \$250. I cannot thank you enough. With COVID, students cannot share items. So, I decided to purchase a large quantity of pencils for teachers to give to students as well as disposable gloves for Science to do labs, and for FACS to use in cooking and with the sewing machines. This will allow us to still do projects despite strict guidelines. Please thank those responsible, and let them know how much the support from FUMC has meant to all of us here at Leavenworth High School

Thank you, Stacey Cole, Assistant Principal, Leavenworth High School



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.

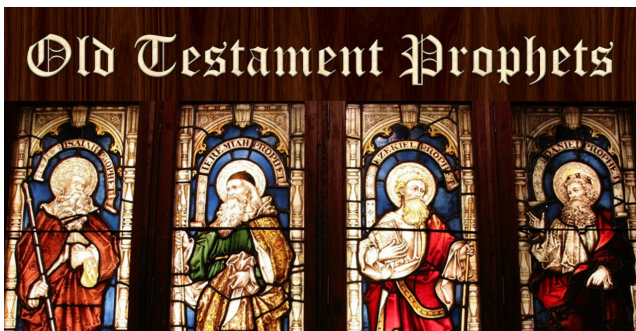
We are doing virtual Children's ministry for families that choose to worship at home, but we also have live Kid's First Worship during the 10 am service. We are following the virtual lessons. Children from 4 to 12 years old should start the service with their parents and they will be dismissed after the Children's Moment. They can be picked up in room 105 of the Education building.

Nursery is open for 10 am service

Our nursery workers are trained and love children. They will be wearing masks and keeping everything very clean. The nursery is on the lower level of the main building.



October 25 - November 22



Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel were prophets in the Old Testament. Each had bad news for the Jews. Because they had sinned, Israel would be taken captive by another country, and they were for 70 years. But each prophet also foretold that Israel would become a nation again and each prophesied the coming Savior, Jesus.

November 29 - January 3

We have learned about the prophets that told the Israelites the Messiah was coming. Now we are going to see how God fulfilled the prophesies. If you would like to receive a packet, please contact Sandy Wood swood@fumclvks.org.



Family Advent Event, November 21

Families with children from 4 to 12 years old are invited to join us from 1-3 pm to prepare for the holiday season. We will be making an advent calendar to count down the days until Jesus' birth. For more information, please contact Sandy Wood, swood@fumclvks.org.



October is kind of the end of the year around here. We turn in annual reports and wrap things up before Advent gets underway and church life speeds up. So, in the spirit of the “end of the year,” we’ve been asked to recount what ministry has been like this past year. And what a year it has been!

Youth October 2019-October 2020

Youth Group and Sunday School Curriculum Topics:

- Prayer
- Advent Study
- World Religions
- Mental Health
- Forgiveness
- Lent
- James
- The Old Testament
- Anti-Racism
- How to Respond When We Don’t Agree



Youth Group Trips & Outings:

- Crown Center Ice Skating
- Youth Trip to Dallas in December
- One-day Winter Retreat KC District Youth Event
- Superbowl Party



Other/Misc. Youth Projects & Events:

Held confirmation over the summer for 8 weeks socially-distanced and in-person.

Collected gifts for annual foster care gift drive

Held periodic online check-ins and digital game nights during lockdown

Youth room renovation – Steven and I have taken the opportunity of not having youth meeting in our youth room to update and renovate. We have been working to paint, clean, organize and purge clutter. If you are interested in helping with this process by offering time painting or financial support, let us know. We’d love to have your help.

Monthly family movie nights outside the church over the summer through October

We provided donations to Lansing and Leavenworth High Schools to help support their extra needs during the pandemic.

Continued on page 9

Young Adults October 2019-October 2020

Once-monthly in-home gatherings until lock-down provided an opportunity to eat together, socialize and play games.

Once-monthly outings into the community for fellowship at places including such as having dinner on the Plaza during Christmas time and to The Escape Game in Leavenworth, bowling, and playing games at Gators. These also ceased when we went into lockdown because it was against public safety protocol.

Young Adults Dungeons & Dragons Game Night

Twice-monthly Anti-Racism Book Study that is currently meeting socially distanced with masks.

Continued reaching out to young people through virtual ministry

Opened up building to young adults needing wi-fi or a place to study.

Created a young adults' weekly email for distributing information about events, groups and resources.

We have plans completely in place for a Fresh Expressions ministry to be executed as soon as safe in regard to the pandemic.

I am so grateful for being able to do ministry alongside you all and look forward to what's to come in 2021. We have so many opportunities ahead of us to bring the Kingdom of God to those here and in our community and I'm so excited for what the next year will bring!

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

Praise Band Coordinator

Steven Shade

Virtual Ministries Administrator

Youth Coordinator

Libby Frashier

Administrative Assistant

Grant Zschoche

Maintenance Supervisor

REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS



HONORING OUR VETERANS – 2020 PRESENTATIONS

Sunday, November 8th, we will honor our members Ages 60-65 (plus 1 older) who are Veterans. Patriotic Quilts of Honor have been made by our Itch'n To Stitch ladies sewing group especially for these men and women who have served our country. Join us in thanking them for their service.

Rodney Edington	...	US Army Reserves	8 Years
Shari Hansen	...	South Dakota Guard / US Army	9 Years
Walter L. Hicks	...	US Army	22 Years
Robert Landzettel	...	US Army	20 Years
Jeff LaMoe	...	US Army	26 Years
Anthony McNeill	...	Marine Corp	23 Years
Lois Morris	...	US Army	
Wayne Parks	...	US Army	27 Years
Gene Pepper	...	US Army	25 Years
Walter J. Sepulvado	...	US Navy, Army Nat'l Guard, and US Army	22+ Years
Carol Shafer	...	US Army	3 Years
Raun Watson	...	US Army	
Kathryn West	...	US Army	6 Years
Bill Taylor	...	US Army	Presented November 2019





If you look closely, you'll see we're painting with broccoli! At AIR, we have fun trying new things and enjoying each other's company. We are always looking for new ideas and friends to join us.



On October 4, the Deeper Window Association hosted the walk to end Alzheimer's. Thirty walkers participated throughout the day, and raised \$1,000 for the Alzheimer's Association and \$3,000 dollars will stay locally for The Deeper Window Associations dementia empowerment projects. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Help us spread the word about AIR ministry.

If you know someone living with mild to moderate dementia, invite them to join us

The Jubilate



MINISTRY

Mondays

1 - 4 pm

AIR ministry is an Arts, Inspiration and Respite ministry for people living with dementia. Each week we have art and service projects. We will play games and enjoy each other's company. We even have some field trips planned. The schedule is below. Anyone with early to moderate dementia is invited to join us. If you know someone that could benefit from this ministry or would like to volunteer, please contact Libby or Sandy at swood@fumclvks.org.

AIR Fall 2020 Schedule



November 2 - Fiesta



November 9 - Veterans Day



November 16 - Western Day



November 23 - Thanksgiving



November 30 - 50s Sock Hop



December 7 - Field Trip



December 14 - Christmas Party



December 21 & 28 NO AIR



First United Methodist Church
Leavenworth

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

422 Chestnut
Leavenworth, KS 66048

Phone: 913-682-5374

Educational Bldg.: 913-675-7495

E-mail: office@fumclvks.org

Office Hours—M-Th 9a-3p

Friday—9a-noon

We're on the web!
fumclvks.org

www.facebook.com/LeavenworthFirstUMC
(worship services livestream every
Sunday on either site)



7th Street Feast - November 26th

To Volunteer—Online sign-up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084CAFA72DA4FE3-7thstreet>

For information Call:

Deliver: St. Joseph Cafeteria
Mitzie Frietchen 913-682-0098

Carry-out: St. Paul School Gym
Kathy Johnson 913-669-7043

= 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.