



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

October 2020



The psalmist wrote, "Look at how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one" (Psalm 133:1 CEV). This truth was seen when hundreds of people gathered for the United as One worship event. For three nights, worshipping together in the name of Jesus was the agenda for the Church! Through the planning, preparation and participation of over a dozen Leavenworth County churches, our community was unified in a common love for Jesus and Leavenworth.

I can't tell how proud and pleased I was for FUMCL to be the hosts of the event. One of the gifts we have been given is physical space. The asset of the green space and sidewalk/parking project was a blessing. To see the various people of Leavenworth come together as one in our backyard was a joy. I am grateful for the efforts of the staff and servants who work in providing hospitality and organization for the event. Goodness comes in many forms. One benefit was building relationships across racial, economic and denominational lines. Trust and respect were formed as we got to know one another better. We could see and hear the hearts of each other in our dreams for Leavenworth County. God's vision for a united yet diverse Church was embodied in this event. We worked together for common goals without competition for honor or seeking credit and praise. Teamwork was seen in its best sense.

I wonder sometimes why God allows so many different churches to exist when the desire of God's heart is unity (John 17). Perhaps it is because each of us has various strengths and gifts that God has given. No one has it all. Style and personality are part of who we are. Paul's analogy of the Church being like the physical body (1 Corinthians 12) is certainly appropriate. We need each other in order to be strong and healthy. Many church homes are available so all can find a place in God's Kingdom. While we are different, we strive for unity in living for Jesus Christ and declaring his name. This purpose should transcend all other characteristics of gender, race, ethnicity, age, economic status, or other ways we find to separate ourselves. We observed this truth in the United as One event- One Church, one hope, one baptism, one faith, one God and Father of us all (Ephesians 4). The Church hasn't always lived this way. We often are the source of much division and conflict. That is a sad but accurate statement. Now, we envision a movement of the Holy Spirit drawing people together. Hope for a better tomorrow comes from trusting in God through Christ!

The goodness of peace with each other is desperately needed during our uncertain and graceless age. Our love of God through Jesus Christ can be the catalyst for vital growth in Leavenworth. Efforts like the Unity March and United as One continue to connect us. Whether you are a church goer or not, make every effort to keep the bond of peace as seen in care and blessing. We witnessed joy of serving one another through acts of kindness and generosity. We saw talents and gifts being used to worship God. We experienced the blessing of living together as brothers and sisters in the family of God. How good and pleasing it is when families live together as! Pastor Dave

United As One





1st	Kathryn West	18th	Chester Cole
2nd	Jim Glick		Steve Kempf
	Rick Roush		Mike Mix
4th	Scott Hastings	19th	Roy Davis
7th	Louann Roggentien	20th	Mallie Rust
8th	Alicia Moody	21st	Sherry Lauber
9th	Jacob Brandt	22nd	Helen Parks
	Stacy Kent	23rd	Daniel Zeck
	Cory Martin	24th	Roma Keller
10th	Thane Ziemer	25th	Kathy McKinley
12th	Linda Herrman		Lawrence Nelson
	Andrea Pawlowski	26th	Laura Gist
	Jesse Zeck		Wayne Parks
13th	June Bond		Cape Rust
	Kristen Dilka	27th	Austan Sargent
14th	Steven Holden		Blaine Weeks
	Kathy Huskey		Sherri Williams
	Margaret Songer		Dave York
	Valancy Varnal	28th	Mike Nielsen
16th	Steve Johnson		Harold Poe
	Bonnie Smith	29th	Aedan Crary
	Chandler White		Jeff Perry
18th	Genevieve Evans	30th	Navya Hopkins
	Morgan Johnson		Maia Songer
		31st	Kristi Edington



1st	Jeff & Tammy John	26 yr	12th	Grant & Amy Zschoche	24 yr
	Steve & Trish Simms	53 yr	13th	Matt & Laura Johnson	5 yr
7th	Rick & Shari Hansen	37 yr	17th	Daryl & Amy Brandt	28 yr
9th	Tim & Bobbi Burkett	27 yr	25th	David & Sheryl Reddell	40 yr
11th	Steve & Carla Wiegers	23 yr	30th	Forrest & Janette Holdeman	27 yr
12th	Shannon & Klaus Sanford	18 yr			



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
<p>This calendar is subject to change—please check our online calendar at www.fumclvks.org/calendar for up-to-date info</p>				1 8:30a Staff Meeting	2	3 11a Samaritans Buffet
4  6:30p Refuge Youth Group	5 1p AIR Ministries	6 10a Isaiah Bible Study	7 10a Isaiah Bible Study	8 8:30a Staff Meeting 6:30p Isaiah Bible Study	9	10
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The last three months at First United Methodist Church of Leavenworth have been extremely productive. The exterior stone repair was completed. The sidewalk and angled parking project, around the green space, was completed and is in full use throughout the week. 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.

The United as One event, which we hosted September 17th-19th, on our newly renovated green space, was a tremendous success. Churches from around county came together for Praise, Prayer and Worship over three consecutive nights. We had approximately 300 people in attendance per night and raised over \$5000 for local charities. The offering and excess budget funds were equally distributed between the Leavenworth Community of Hope, the Alliance Against Domestic Violence and the Leavenworth Mission. I want to thank all of you for your prayers, encouragement and attendance (both in person and online). We brought Light into the Darkness. I offer a special thanks to these parishioners that gave of their time and talents in service to the event:

Grant Zschoche
Libby Frashier
Sandy Wood
Kristen Howell
Ryan Howell
Jim Wolfe
Steven Shade
Nancy Shade
Bill Shade
Don Gaffin

Mike Mix
Jan Mix
Mary Lou Anderson
Mary Eleanor McCluskey
Carla Hamon
Rod Huskey
Kathy Huskey
Jeff Breshears
Kathi LaMoe

October is nomination season for our church committees. If you feel called to service on a church committee – please contact the office.

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



Dear Nurture & Care Team:

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl I just received from you. I appreciate it so much. I especially thank Cheryl Rader who made it, I am told, and Donna Ramsey who delivered it to me.

You do wonderful work and I ask God's blessings on you all.

John Hardaway



*First United Methodist Church
(AIR Ministries)*

Recently you brought goody bags to the police department for our officers as a way to say thank you for their service. Your kind and generous gesture was very much appreciated. Thank you!

The Leavenworth Police Dept.

Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry members—

Thank you so very much for the lovely prayer shawl in memory of my Uncle Fred. I have passed it on to my Aunt Bernice. It will comfort her as she mourns his passing. Bless you! Valynn

Dear Church:

Wow! Thank you so much for including me in the teacher list to receive the certificate to Leavenworth Paper. I love our church and the innovation we do. Sincerely, Carla Wiegers



Dear Pastor David,

Thank you so very much for the check to the Leavenworth Interfaith Community of Hope (for the washer) We are especially appreciative during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Gratefully, Sister Vickie

Thank you very much for the goodie bags that Sandy Wood dropped off for our First Responders to acknowledge Patriot Day. They were very well received by All.

Many blessings to your church & all your parishioners.
Sincerely, The Staff or the LV Co. Sheriff's Office

Dear Church,

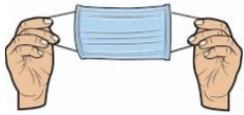
Thank you so much for the gift certificate for classroom supplies. This generous donation is very much appreciated. It will go to good use. Thanks so much for the support in this trying time. Becky Lowery





Youth Ministries in the Midst of a Pandemic

Hello all! I just wanted to give you a quick update on how youth group is going in spite of the pandemic. First of all, I am SO EXCITED(!!!) to see the youth who have come back to youth group this year. Between maternity leave and the lockdown, it has been so long since I've seen everyone and I'm glad to be able to reconnect. If your youth hasn't come back to youth group (for any myriad of reasons), please know that they are so missed. I think about and pray for each of my kids regularly. It's such a joy to be able to share a portion of their week with them.



Ministry in the middle of a pandemic has been admittedly odd. We meet outside as often as possible and when inside, maintain 6 feet of distance and wear masks. Games are limited to that which require no contact or running around. This is not my preferred way of doing things, but it appears this is the new normal for a while. Despite all of this, we've had some great discussions and some laughs. We just finished our opening series based off of the book, *Where is God When it Hurts?* by Phillip Yancey. We thought it incredibly timely considering how much suffering is in our world this year. This past weekend, we started a four-week series on how to be an anti-racist. I've loved our discussion already and can't wait to delve deeper with them into how our faith informs the way we can be change agents in our world.

As for going forward, we will play a lot by ear. We're quickly approaching when we will need to be indoors every week for youth group due to the cooler weather. For the time being, we will meet in the main church building when we are indoors; the Fellowship Hall provides ample space and we can hang out in Wesley Hall on weeks that we have a smaller group of students. Until we go back to "normal," I'll keep looking forward to taking trips and lock-ins and sharing meals, and I'll keep praying for your kiddos and your families. Please let me know if there's anything I can do to be help or support for your families during this strange time.

Youth group will be from 6:30-7:45 to start, and as the sun goes down earlier, we will adjust to a start time of 5-6:15 until the weather gets too cold and we will be inside. In the case of another shutdown, we will move entirely online for meetings.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



Hey there! My name is Kristen Howell and I'm the Director of Young People's Ministry at First United Methodist Church of Leavenworth.

What is the Purpose of Young Adult Ministry?

I'm glad you asked! There are actually way more reasons than I have space to write down here, but it basically comes down to this: the Christian life is meant to be lived in community. We need each other. A young adults ministry is a place where you can feel loved and accepted no matter what. It provides a place to grapple with life's big questions (which our 20's and 30's provide plenty of), grow in faith, serve others, and create lasting friendships.

If you have questions, contact me at khowell@fumclvks.org



BOOK DISCUSSION

What a strange time in the life of the church, amiright? Just like I mentioned in my article about youth ministries, young adults' ministry looks a bit different in light of the pandemic, as well. First of all, right now we have started a study on 2nd and 4th Monday nights from 6:30-8pm on *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in A World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown. We meet in Wesley Hall with full masks and distancing – the whole works.

Despite the strange setup, I'm so excited about this book! I've read it twice already (this'll be my third time) and it has so much to say, not only to an audience grappling with where we are in what was "supposed to" be a post-racial world but which is actually crawling with injustices, but also what it means to be the Church at a time like this. I'm hopeful that we will have many deep and fruitful conversations around the book that help us figure out what God is calling each and every one of us to do to combat racism in our lives, church and society. If you're still interested in joining this group, it's not too late! For probably one more week, I could get you all caught up with the rest of our group. The more the merrier! Additionally, we will be rescheduling our D&D social night for some time in October so if you weren't originally planning to join but you'd like to now, please let me know. I'll have details on the exact date soon.



In the coming months, I have high hopes for activities to meet the needs of our young adults from social events, more book studies, parenting speakers, outings, and a Fresh Expressions group. Some of these things will have to wait (like the Fresh Expressions and certain outings) and some things will just look really different than they might have otherwise. No matter it's form, I'm praying that God will show up as we wait out this pandemic and imagine what ministry may look like in the future when all of this is over.

Kristen



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 will continue doing our virtual Children's ministry for families that choose to worship at home, but starting October 11, we will also have in person Kid's First Worship during the 10 am service. We will be following the same virtual lesson. Children from 4 to 12 years old should start the service with their parents and they will be dismissed after the Children's Moment.

September 20 - October 18

Calling fire from heaven and being taken up to heaven in a fiery chariot, these are the exciting stories of Elijah and Elisha. If you would like to receive a activity packet for this series, please email Sandy Wood at swood@fumclvks.org.



October 25 - November 22

Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel were great prophets in the Old Testament. We often skip over them for New Testament stories, but God was working even then and they contain prophesies of the coming Messiah, Jesus. Packets will be delivered Oct. 23.

Nursery Reopens October 4

Our nursery reopens October 4. Our nursery workers are trained and love children. Nursery will only be open for the 10 am service.



Trunk or Treat

Halloween will look different this year because of COVID. We would like to have our annual Trunk or Treat event, but we need at least 5 people committed to host a trunk by Oct. 18, in order to publicize the event. We will only hold the event if the weather allows us to stay outside. If you would like to host a trunk or would like more information, please contact Sandy Wood at swood@fumclvks.org.

AIR

MINISTRY

Mondays

1 - 4 pm

starts Oct 5



Sept. 11, 300 snack packets were delivered to Leavenworth and Lansing First Responders. The packets were made by AIR participants. Each week AIR contributes to our community with service projects. Our next service projects will be making care packages for public school teachers., sandwiches for the homeless shelter, pillows for the VA hospital and dog treats for the animal shelter.



Each year the Alzheimer's Association hosts a fund raiser to fund research and services. This year the Walk to End Alzheimer's will be on October 4. Because of COVID, there will not be a large gathering to walk. Instead here in Leavenworth county, Deeper Windows is hosting a contribution site where people can donate to the Alzheimer Association and Deeper Window from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Come to the Deeper Windows building at 729 Pennsylvania Ave. Take a picture and load it to a social media platform with the #LVWALK2ENDAIZ

AIR ministry is an arts, inspiration and respite ministry for people living with dementia. AIR has not been meeting for COVID precautions, but because we sense a need for interaction and respite, we're relaunching in October 5. Each week we will 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 on the right. 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.



In November, AIR will be packing Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. They contain school supplies, hygiene items and toys for children in need. There are brochures in the church foyer with more details about what shoeboxes contain. If you would like to donate, bring items to the office. Or you can complete a shoebox on your own.

AIR Fall 2020 Schedule



October 4 - Walk for Alzheimer's



October 5 - Beach day



October 12 - Chief's Football



Oct 19 - Field Trip to Weston



October 26 - Halloween party



November 2 - Western Day



November 9, Veterans Day



November 16 - Fiesta



November 23 - Thanksgiving



November 30 - 60s Day



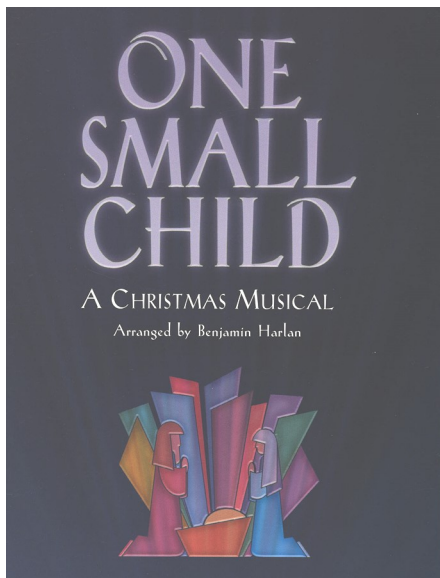
December 7 - Christmas Field Trip



December 14 - Christmas Party



December 21 & 28 NO AIR



Planning for Christmas Season

Yes! Our choir is hoping and 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 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 or Kathy McKinley.



Can't make it to church on Sunday and want to watch our worship on-line but don't know how to access it?

These instructions should help:

On a PC or Mac: On a Tablet or Phone (Facebook account re-

quired)

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| 1. Go to our website: www.fumclvks.org | 1. Log into your Facebook account |
| 2. At the top of the page, hover over Worship and click "Live" | 2. Search for @LeavenworthFirstUMC and tap the top result |
| 3. If you have a Facebook account, click on the video with a red "LIVE" bubble. | 3. Scroll down part way and select the Video selection. |
| 4. If you do not have a FB account, use the vertical menu to the left and click video and follow step 3 | 4. Tap on the video with the red "LIVE" bubble |

Our FUMC-L Staff

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fumclvks.org

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



Friday, October 16th

Join us at 6:45 p - movie starts at 7p

"Princess Bride"

Snacks provided

(outside if weather permits)

= 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.