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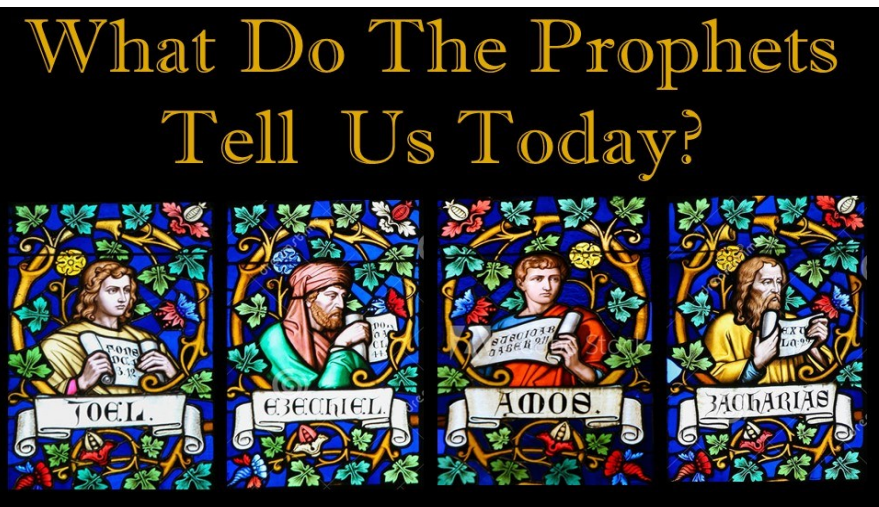
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August 2021

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In August, I'll be starting an exciting new sermon series. I greatly enjoyed the Long Short Story that focused on the narrative of the Bible. Now, our attention shifts to an area of Scripture that most people don't know much about – the Prophets. They are a grouping of eighteen books of the Old Testament – approximately one quarter of the entire Bible. I have to admit until about six years ago the minor prophets were an area of the Bible where I spent little time. Too confusing, too many obscure references, too dark and judgmental for my tastes. Why was God so angry with the people? Does any of their writing still apply to us? Since then, I learned the prophets were speaking TO the people of Israel but they were writing FOR us as well. Yes, many of the specifics don't apply to us – they were written for THEN AND THERE. God's message is for HERE AND NOW, too. So, I decided to dig into the texts and see what the prophets have to say to us today.

August 1 – Why Does God Care How We Live? The prophets spoke about everyday living like treatment of others, care for the poor, how governments should behave. God's creation involves economics, business, justice, farming, laws – it's important!

August 8 – Choices Have Consequences – How does sin affect our lives and why does prophetic preaching always involve grace as well as judgment?

August 15 – Ordinary People Bring the Kingdom of God – God uses people like me and you to bring the Kingdom – what is our role in God's work?

August 22 – Do We Have Liberty and Justice for All? Prophets spoke truth about people being mistreated and oppressed. How does behavior affect us here and now?

August 29- How Are We Going Through the Motions of Worship? If you think attending worship, singing songs and offering prayer and money are the only things God expects of you, be sure to attend this Sunday! You'll learn a lot about true worship!

I don't know about you but this path feels daunting to me. Yet, my compelling sense is that we need to hear God's prophetic word of warning and repentance during our days. God's ultimate goal is to bring the people closer to the LORD and to live according to His purpose. For me, that is a motive to preach these sermons on Sunday! JOIN US!!

Dave

ACT JUSTLY
LOVE MERCY
WALK HUMBLY
MICAH 6:8

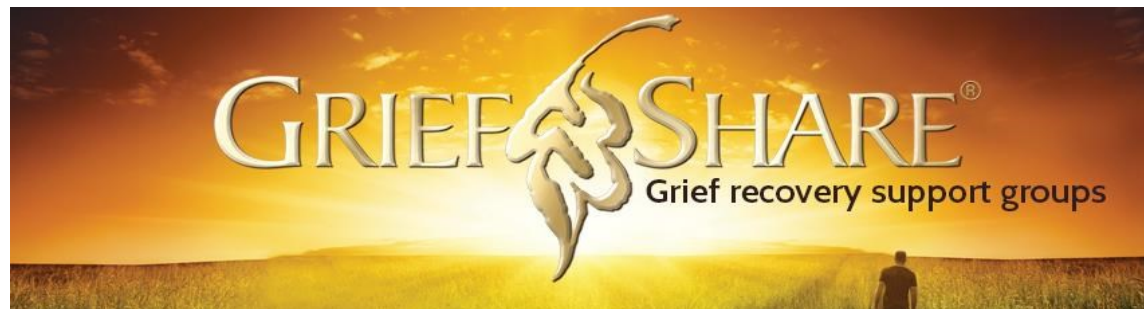


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3rd	Wes Ludwig		Nancy Shade		Ashley Hansen
	Steven Shade		Fiona Tebbetts		Ruth Ann Logan
4th	Karen Kidder	15th	Linda Langley		Cory Mims
	Owen Resnick		Katty Seigel	26th	Audrey Jones
	Trish Simms	17th	Aileen Hastings		Kathy Serena
5th	Amy Brandt		Janette Holdeman		Caleb Shade
	Steve Scrimsher		Joe Speulvado		Jim Walley
6th	Zachary Resch	18th	Robbie Helm	27th	Nancy Dawson
	Katie Short		Christine Owens		Suzanne Gray
	Randy Zimmerman	19th	Taylor York		Avery Holyfield
7th	Jennifer Bell	20th	Steve Songer		Brian Resch
10th	Bill Bailey	21th	Pam Hubbert		Violet Varnal
11th	Candace O'Rourke	22nd	Trenton Davis	28th	Adalia Ludwig
	Mary Seymour	22nd	Jan Mix		Thomas Sodowsky
12th	Randy Hermann		Meredith Roush	30th	Robin Sanders
13th	Ed Garven	23rd	Doris Norrie		
	Betty Logan	24th	Trudy Holyfield		



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2nd	Keith & Libby Frashier	41 years
4th	Marlin & Trudy Holyfield	44 years
8th	John & Virginia Hardaway	62 years
10th	Wade & Valynn Schmierer	48 years
11th	Jon & Jenny Bishop	20 years
	Doug & Alice Hall	48 years
12th	Roy & Donna Ramsey	54 years
20th	Dean & Carla Hamon	56 years
	Gary & Cheryl Rader	55 years
22nd	John & Wilvina Aardema	64 years
	Joe & Lynne Sepulvado	40 years
25th	Jo & Jack Burkett	54 years
28th	Jim & Lynne Atwell	39 years
	Bill & Pam Bay	55 years



GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

This month in GriefShare we are discussing what happens when one gets "stuck" in grief. You may believe that without this person in your life, you no longer have a purpose, or you may be angry with God for taking this person away from you. Learn ways to work through your feelings and draw closer to God as you learn to adapt to your new normal. We have two GriefShare groups. The spouses group meets every third Tuesday, 2-4pm. For anyone working through grief, we meet the second and fourth Wednesday, 5-7pm. Contact Marsha Gaffin for more information at 913-547-0286.



Pack 3109's Bear and Webelos Scouts got a taste of Scout Camping this summer with overnight camp experiences that included swimming, archery, BB gun shooting, climbing, nature hikes, and adventure games. Through the experience of outdoor adventure at the Council-led resident camps, they learned skills, developed self-reliance, and fostered a love of nature and God's creation that will serve them throughout their lives. We are so grateful for the support of FUMC that allowed our Pack's children to attend these camp experiences that came together to allow growth physically, mentally, and spiritually. *By Joy Chalmers*

Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us,
so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures
and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

Romans 15:4



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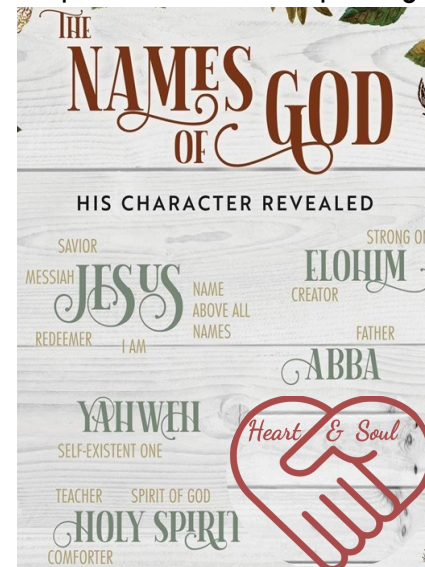
FAST TRACK

Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 pm

Starting Sept. 9, Pastor Dave will be teaching Disciple Bible Study (Short Course) for two 12 week courses. The course in the fall will be Old Testament; the course in 2022 winter/spring will be New Testament. Think of it as a two semester survey course of the Bible. In the summer of 2022, Dave will lead a 12 week course on the Absolute Basics of the Wesleyan Way. Over the course of 18 months, you'll complete a journey with other men and women who seek to grow in their discipleship.

Maryann McAfee took this course a few years ago. She said, "I believe that the Disciple program was the foundation for all the other Bible studies I have done. It really helped me understand the Bible better and helped me remember passages from the Bible." Talk to Pastor Dave to find out more!



Marti Crow leads Heart and Soul which will be starting "The Names of God" on Sept. 8, at 1 pm. This group is open to the public and several members belong to other churches, so invite your friends.

The name you call people defines your relationship with them. The same is true with God. His names are related to his character. As you learn his name, you experience who he is. Having a name for him, makes him personal, within reach. Melissa Spoelstra, the author, focuses on the first time a name of God is mentioned in the Bible and the story which gives it context. For example when Hagar experienced God in the desert in Genesis, the name that God shared with her was El Roi, "The God who sees me."

Heart and Soul members enjoy sharing their lives together. They spend part of their time praying for each other. Books are available in the office.

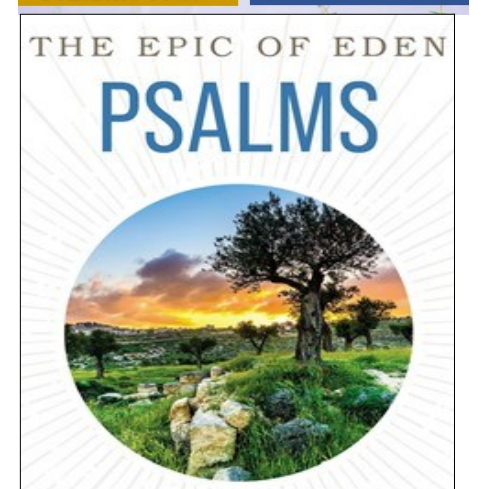
Carol Shafer began leading the Women's Bible study in 2019 when the previous leader retired. This was definitely out of her comfort zone. Carol said, "I knew I could lead it, but I didn't have the Bible knowledge that some people did. I didn't know how to pick curriculum, etc. but the Holy Spirit just kept putting the answers into place."

Carol said, "I have grown so much in faith and understanding. When we did Dr. Richter's study of Isaiah, it opened the Bible to me in a way I had never experienced before. I love the discussion and how we learn from each other. I don't have to know everything because the group members come with such great insight. We travel this journey together."

This study is also by Dr. Richter. Her studies explain where the scripture comes from and what the scripture means. This study will teach us how Psalms were used by the Israelites. We'll take them apart and understand their meaning. The same study is offered Tuesday at 10 am or Thursday at 6:30 pm. They will start the first week of September.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS 10 AM THURSDAYS 6:30 PM





Greetings and blessings to each and every one of you!

1. **Serve Day was a success!** Volunteers brought joy to many people that day by singing and playing bingo. Although our Eagle project was rained out on the day of, many of you have volunteered on a different Saturday to help Nathan Sickler paint the fence at the Landing Park. Thank you for making a difference. We are planning another serve day on September 11. We'll make a special effort to recognize our community's first responders. We hope that you will join our efforts or find your own personal way to show the love of Christ to Leavenworth.

2. **We are coordinating a COVID-19 Vaccination Day** with the Great Plains Conference, the State of Kansas, the Leavenworth Health Dpt. and our local Mission Partners. The date of the event is August 28th, 2021 at Bethel AME Church - 411 Kiowa St, Leavenworth KS. We selected this date and location to insure accessibility to our northland citizens. We are still fleshing out the details, but we need your prayers to bring this event to fruition. More to follow on our website, Facebook page and weekly email blasts.

Why are we doing this? "...the Delta variant accounted for 51.7 percent of new Covid-19 cases (early July). As of June 19, the variant accounted for just over 30 percent of new cases. Studies have shown that the Covid-19 vaccines are effective against multiple variants, including the Delta variant."

In Christ

Ed



John and Leighann Pelham have been a part of our church family for a year, but because of the pandemic, you may not have gotten a chance to really know them. Their daughter, Iris, is always one of the first children to come forward for the Children's Moment at church. She loves God and asks amazingly insightful spiritual questions for a 6 year old. They also have a 2 year old daughter named Opal. Opal loves to do puzzles and Iris loves to ride her bike. They both love their Corgi, Rupert.

John is originally from Soddy Daisy, Tennessee, which is close to Chattanooga. Leighann is from a very small town, Niota, Tennessee. John is an Armor Officer in the Army. He graduated from the General Command College in June and is currently attending the School of Advanced Military Studies here at Fort Leavenworth. As a family, they enjoy traveling, watching movies, and rooting for the Tennessee Volunteers.



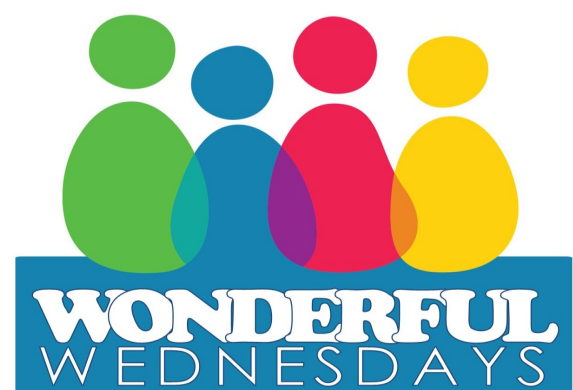
Logan Hamilton is our new church organist. Logan was born and raised in Meadville, Pennsylvania, close to Lake Erie and attended Maplewood Jr./Sr. High school where his musical career started with accompanying various choir groups in and outside of school, along with playing saxophone in many ensembles within the musical community. He attended Grove City College in Grove City, PA where he majored in Organ and minored in Piano and earned his Bachelor's of Music. During his time at GC, he played and formed jazz ensembles/combo's to play in and outside of the college community. During this time, Logan also was the assistant to the College Organist and served as organist for corporate worship services, such as Homecoming and Family Weekend, while accompanying the Grove City College Choir.

After his time at Grove City, Logan moved to Seattle, Washington to study at the University of Washington to earn his Masters of Music in Organ Performance. During his time at Seattle, he served as the Congregational Accompanist to University Lutheran Church where he presented adult music education forums, and performed community recitals. He now studies at the University of Kansas, working towards his Doctorate of Music and Arts with a concentration in Church Music/Organ.

We are a church family and we want to recognize the accomplishments of our brothers and sisters. If you have something wonderful happen in your life, please share it with the church office so we can share it with the family.



The Young Adult group is all about building friendships at church and finding a place where you are loved unconditionally. We meet two times a month on Thursday evenings for games, socializing, dinner, and occasionally outings. This past month, we have enjoyed gathering at my (Kristen Howell's) house for dinner and games. We made build-your-own pizza and played Phase 10. We skipped this past week's gathering due to several of the young adults being out on the Youth Mission Trip. However, we are looking forward to our group outing to Worlds of Fun on August 14. We will ride together on the van from the church. Tickets will be purchased on your own. Bring money for food. We will leave around 11am. Contact Kristen Howell for more details.



Build Relationships Make Memories

This fall we will be focusing on two important Biblical principles, relationship and remembrance. Throughout Scripture, we are encouraged to nurture relationships with God and one another. When asked what the greatest commandment was, Jesus responded, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:37-40

There are over 200 references to remembering in the Bible! Every Communion Sunday, we remember the covenant that God made with us through Jesus. And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19

When: Wednesdays 3:45 – 5:30pm

Start Date: August 25

Who: Ages 3 years – 6th grade

Registration Begins August 1!

Dear Reverend York,
Thank you for the wonderful surprise! Your voices were beautiful, and I loved every song you sang. Our church does so many thoughtful things such as including us even though we can no longer attend. Keeping us in your prayers and thoughts is such a blessing.
God bless,
Norma Bray
P.S. You made my day.

Thank you!



Thursday, August 5, 1:00 pm

Metropolitan Steak House

All ladies of the church are invited.



AUGUST 8, 6 PM

BRING GAMES & SNACKS



Dear Friends,

Thank you to everyone who helped with Curt Carpenter's Celebration of Life. It was helpful to spend those moments with the people who love him. Please tell the hospitable and pleasant ladies who served lunch to Curt's friend and family they are very much appreciated. Grateful for your presence in the sometimes challenging world.

Sincerely,
Day Lane



Dear First United Methodist church,
Michael, Hillary and I would like to thank Itchin to Stitch for the lovely quilt for Jaye Kathleen, born May 18. We're very appreciative. Thank You.
Lea Ann Weilbacher



REFUGE

Youth



Last week we were able to regain some semblance of normalcy as we resumed youth trips for the first time since Covid-19 hit. This year, we decided to stay in town to do our mission trip and sleep at the church. We served a Greater KC area location – The Hub in the Argentine District, Leavenworth County locations – The Leavenworth Mission and The Salvation Army, and our own church.

The Hub is a mission outpost of the United Methodist Church that seeks to serve the needs of their community through a food pantry, clothing store, and much, much more. We painted walls and did other various tasks to make the building look warm and inviting for anyone who enters. We learned so much about looking at giftings and resources, rather than deficiencies, especially in areas that are commonly branded as “lacking.”

At the Leavenworth mission, our group passed out pet food to the cars in line, cleaned the store, and other various tasks to help people coming through the line to pick up supplies. At the Salvation Army, we organized the food pantry, gardened, and played some killer games of dodgeball.

I was so impressed by our youth group’s good attitude and willingness to serve in whatever capacity they were needed, and perhaps the thing that struck me most is how much my kids have grown since I started here. This was no more evident than when they laid tile in the youth room. Over the pandemic, Steven and I, with some help, have been sprucing up the youth room so that it looks like a place where youth are welcome and loved.



These great, great grandparents of our church family used the unique talents that God had given them for the transformation of our community, Leavenworth. Loleta Hartley made beautiful quilts. Francis Rogers cooked the Noodle Luncheon and baked amazing pies. Jim Beil and his wife, Norrie, were volunteer drivers for the American Cancer Society “Road to Recovery” program. I know there are other great, great grandparents that I don’t know, but that you remember. They touched your life with their Godly influence. They had a vision for the future of this church family and they worked hard to pursue that vision.

It reminds me of Hebrews 12:1. They are among the great cloud of witnesses that are cheering us on in heaven as we complete the work that they started. They know from experience it is not always an easy road, but it is an important one.



So, that brings me to the question. What legacy will I leave? How can I commend God’s works to this generation? How can I help transform this community? What talents has God given me for the task of commending his glorious splendor to another generation?

I love this church family, because I see my brothers and sisters teaching Bible studies. I see you working in the Shelter of Hope, the Leavenworth Mission, and the Council on Aging. I see doctors, policemen, teachers, business men and women living lives of faith at their everyday jobs. I see the way your generosity spreads across charities in this city. I see children coming every Sunday and to Vacation Bible School. Together we are commending God’s amazing deeds to this generation and by doing so, we are transforming our community and the world. *By Sandra Wood*



Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Hebrews 12:1

I ♥ MY CHURCH

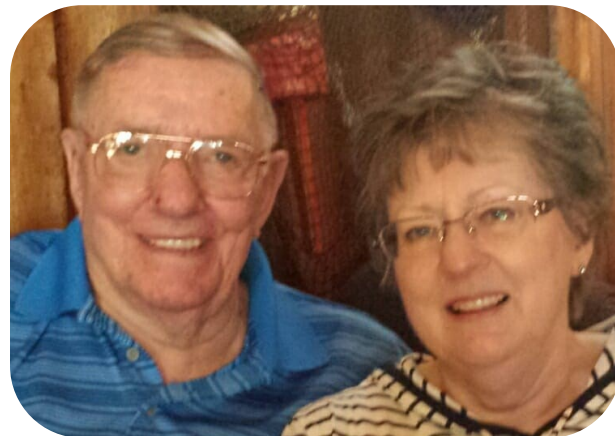
Each month, we welcome you to share why you love our church family. If you would like to share your story, email swood@fumclvks.org.

*One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.
They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty - and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
They tell of the power of your awesome works - and I will proclaim your great deeds.
They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
Psalm 145:4-7*

Our mission statement is “A church of the ages, serving the present age by making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community and the world.”

I love the way our church family proclaims the glory of the Lord each Sunday; whether it is the bells ringing or the choir singing or the children learning or Pastor Dave preaching God's Word.

But lately, I have been thinking about how one generation commends God's works to another. We are who we are today because of the great,



great, great grandparents. I never heard Bob and Shirley play their music, but their passion to teach others has guaranteed that other musicians still joyfully proclaim God's righteousness. I didn't know Phelba Wecas or Gayle Moore, but I did love singing with Sue Peckham and when I'm singing in the choir, I will still feel them all praising God with me. Dick Sheumaker proclaimed God's great deeds in his years on the Christian Education committee and when he led the youth group with his wife, Brenda. All these great, great grandparents commended God's works from one generation to the other.

great grandfathers and great, great grandmothers of the past. Their passion for God and their celebration of God's abundant goodness and glorious splendor still ring in these halls.

Being new to the church family, I didn't have the privilege to personally know many of these dear people the way many of you did. But at their celebrations of life, I have been learning about our church family's



Our church-centered project was to have the youth lay peel-and-stick tile on the floor to cover up some very old, very gross flooring. The same youth that I've watched as squirrely 7th graders asked to give up their free-time to keep working. They organized themselves into groups based on skills and know-how, worked together and installed tiles pretty much entirely themselves. We didn't get finished (we hadn't expected to – that's a big room!), but I already had youth asking when we could get together to finish it up. There is probably no greater gift to me to see how wonderful my kids are and continue to become as they grow up. What a wonderful group of kids we have! You all should be proud.

Our annual lock-in is back this year, too! This is our official kick-off to the school year and will occur August 6, 6pm - August 7, 8am. We will meet at the church at 6pm and will have activities planned all night, including going to Power Play for arcade games and activities. Cost is free! This is also the first youth group activity that incoming 7th graders are invited to attend and is a great opportunity to get to know the rest of your youth group before Refuge youth group starts back up. Please contact Kristen Howell or Steven Shade with any questions. A sign up will be sent out in this week's youth email.

YOUTH GROUP STARTS AUGUST 22



AIR MINISTRY

Art • Inspiration • Respite
HOPE FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA
Mondays, 1-4 pm



Our friends at AIR ministry took field trips to the Nelson Atkins Art gallery and the World War 1 Museum.



AUGUST SCHEDULE

 August 2 – Olympic Celebration

 August 9 – 1970s

 August 16 – Bowling

 August 23 – County Fair

 August 30 – National Beach Day

 September 6 – NO AIR MINISTRY



TRINITY HOUSE

Looking for a place to make a difference in the community? Trinity House is a good place to start. Operated by Trinity Lutheran Church and our own FUMC, Trinity House provides food and clothing to residents of Leavenworth county. It operates solely on donations and uses volunteers to pack and distribute food to anyone who comes in the door. It is located at 10th and Marion Street, behind the church.

Volunteers are always needed to work at Trinity House, but especially for Saturdays. Hours of operation are 10am-1pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and 1st Saturday. Contact **Marsha Gaffin**, 913-547-0286 for information. *By Marsha Gaffin*



The Equal Justice Initiative is a group committed to telling the story of racial injustice and discrimination throughout the United States. In Leavenworth, our community remembrance project will create a historical marker remembering the lynching of Fred Alexander in 1901. It will be placed at the Leavenworth County courthouse. No one was ever held accountable for this act. Our goal is to host a public unveiling in late April 2022. For educational purposes, EJI is sponsoring an essay contest for Leavenworth County high school students from January to March 2022. A soil collection will be done on Martin Luther King, Jr Day (January 2022) and sent to Montgomery, Alabama at the EJI national headquarters. Generations can know truth and have courageous conversations that face our society today. **Carla Wieggers, Marti Crow and Pastor Dave** are among the members of the EJI team. Please speak to them to learn more about this group. *By Pastor Dave York*



The Leavenworth Community Shelter of Hope and Welcome Central is located at 311 Kiowa. It houses the Night Shelter, a Day Center and Welcome Central. The community of Leavenworth pulled together and helped to make this a reality in 2018. It is such a blessing to those who are homeless who need a place to sleep or food, and those who need such help as finding affordable housing, filling out job applications, or finding information to help treat substance abuse. Welcome Central works closely with the Leavenworth Guidance Center to provide services.

During the pandemic, the Shelter remained open to 18 guests who were currently housed at the shelter. Five staff members worked many extra hours to ensure the Shelter and the Day Center was able to service the guests. There has been great volunteer support from FUMC membership, especially Jim Walley who is the scheduler. He makes sure each shift on Thursday/Friday has at least two volunteers. Church members who volunteer are **Cynthia & Jamie Walley, Kathi LaMoe, Marti Crow, Jim Wolfe, Mike & Jan Mix, Wade & Valynn Schmierer, Linda Landzettel, Jeff & Mary Breshears, Dave & Taylor York, Steve Wieggers, Lea Ann Weilbacher, Rick Sanders, Keith Hubbert.**

People who are willing to serve as substitutes for the regular volunteers are especially important to help ensure all shifts are covered and have two volunteers. The Director of the Night Shelter conducts Volunteer Training at various times throughout the year. If you want to join the team, contact Jim Walley or Mary Lou Anderson.

God placed on my heart a compassionate concern for the homeless population and a desire to play a small part in providing some help to them. I enjoy interacting with the guests and rejoicing with them when they share successes such as finding jobs, reuniting with family, or finding affordable housing. It's heartwarming when the Leavenworth community demonstrates how giving they are by donating laundry supplies, freshly made casseroles, snack items, and gifts such as a motorized wheel chair or a car to one of the needy guests. I am blessed to serve at the Night Shelter. I thank God for His nudge which encouraged me to serve the community in this way. *By Mary Lou Anderson*



You can't love your neighbor if you never meet them.

Here are some of the ways our church family has stepped outside the church's four walls into our community to make a difference.

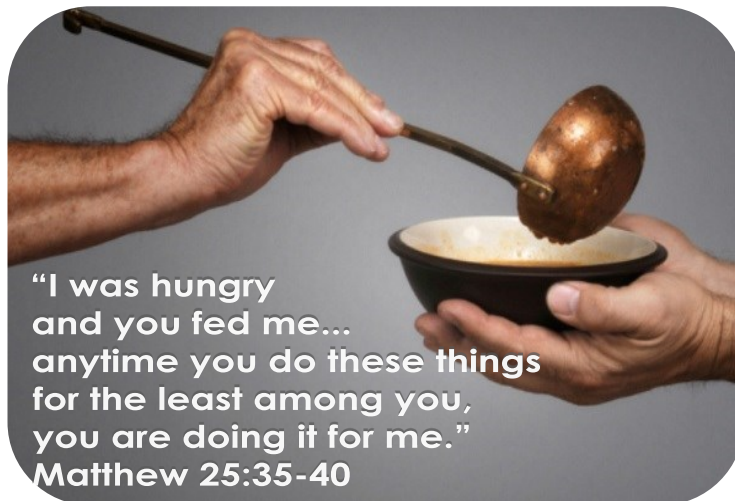


**MEALS on WHEELS
AMERICA**

TOGETHER, WE CAN DELIVER.

One of the community programs our church supports with time and money is the Leavenworth County Council on Aging. Financial support is needed and greatly appreciated. Volunteers are always needed and harder to attain. More senior citizens are asking for meals to be delivered to their homes and, that means, more volunteers are necessary to deliver the meals. Several members of our church are Meals on Wheels volunteers, but we need more. Would you please consider this service? You would take a route one day a week from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. COVID precautions are taken for the safety of the seniors and volunteers. Call **Donna Ramsey** at 913-727-2275 for information. I assure you that you will have fun and you'll hear interesting stories, and you will be thanked a million times by serving as a Meals on Wheels volunteer!

By Donna Ramsey, Council on Aging Board President



**"I was hungry and you fed me... anytime you do these things for the least among you, you are doing it for me."
Matthew 25:35-40**

Matthew 25:35-40 is the foundation of Samaritan's Buffet. Our locale includes many people facing food insecurity and we provide some relief. However, not everyone who eats at SB falls into that category. Especially when we are serving in Fellowship Hall, we have guests who come for the camaraderie. Some will come an hour or more prior to our serving time, drink coffee, eat desserts, and visit with other guests and SB volunteers. After dining many linger and continue to visit.

We also provide about 50 Angel meals, which are meals delivered to our shut-ins. They are happy to get a home cooked meal and the opportunity to visit with their "Angel."

At the end of the day we are tired, but it is a good kind of tired. There is tremendous satisfaction knowing we helped others, and in doing so, we provided an example of the kind of life Jesus told us to live.

Samaritan's Buffet is on the first and fourth Saturday of each month. They can always use desserts and volunteers to help. If you're interested, talk to **Jim Wolfe**. *By Jim Wolfe*



Itchin' to Stitch



Summer may be a strange time to be thinking about blankets, but Itchin to Stitch has been having a great time fellowshiping and tying fleece blankets. They received a large donation of colorful fleece material and they are turning those donations into something useful for the Joy Meadows Foster Community in Basehor. This organization helps foster families. Sometimes children go into foster care and they can't bring anything personal with them. These blankets will give them a sense of belonging and security. So far, they have made 33 blankets and they have many more to make.

They will be having two blanket tying get togethers coming up: August 3 and 10 at 1 pm. New people are welcome to join us! This is a simple project that mostly requires cutting and tying. You don't have to have sewing experience to join them.



One of the things we all missed the most during COVID was being able to enjoy a simple meal with our friends. August 22 is your opportunity to enjoy great food and make some new friends!

We will have one special worship service at 11:00 am. Both the choir and the Praise Team will be performing. After the service we will enjoy a fantastic meal. So dust off your favorite recipes, and make a main course and either a side dish or dessert to share. Invite a friend!





WILDERNESS ESCAPE

WHERE GOD GUIDES & PROVIDES

What an amazing week we have had. We had kids and volunteers from Pilgrim and the 1st Presbyterian church join us for VBS this year. We had so much fun singing songs, playing games and learning about the Israelites after Moses led them out of Egypt. We made butter, sandals and rope. But most of all, we made new friends.

