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October 2021

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My dear brothers and sisters, this is the point: You died to the power of the law when you died with Christ. Now you are united with the one who was raised from the dead. As a result, we can produce a harvest of good deeds for God. Romans 7:4



Frances Rogers was one of the sweetest ladies I've known. For those of you who knew her family much longer than me, I'm sure you'll say amen! She was known by many as "the pie lady." For years, she baked pies and other goodies that brought others joy. Frances knew about the harvest of good deeds for God one smile at a time. As a church, we are called to produce a harvest of good deeds because we are united with Christ. Here is some of the harvest I've been blessed to experience lately:

Over the past month, we've hosted a vaccination event for Leavenworth County. Our partnership with Bethel AME, Glimmer of Light Fellowship, the NAACP and Richard Allen Cultural Center pulled together various people for the sake of our community.

United as One was a joy as people from various church came together. We ate together, shared our stories, had fun and worshipped the Lord – United with the One who was raised from the dead! The relationships that were started and continued grow the Body of Christ stronger in order to serve others and break down barriers of division.

Learning is strong at FUMCL. It's been a pleasure to lead Disciple Bible Study Fast Track, a survey course through the Old Testament. Grief Share allows us to come together through sharing our sense of loss and sorrow. The group helps others move forward into a new season of life. There is profound healing that comes with others.

As a pastor, I've had a chance to officiate two weddings in September. What a blessing of goodness to see new families started and participate in the delight of celebration!

Finally, it is a personal blessing to see my son, Taylor, serving with his musical gifts on the praise team. When your children do good, it warms the heart like nothing else. Working together for God's glory in the same church is certainly a harvest for a Dad and as a pastor!

How about you? What is your story of a harvest of good deeds? They don't to be spectacular or dazzling. Frances Rogers brought joy to so many by being the "pie lady". Whatever gifts, talents, or treasure God has trusted you with is your harvest to share! People on the prayer chain intercede on behalf of others in the quiet of their homes. Others serve by delivering meals on wheels, working with children, being good parents and grandparents or a million other things. Let's continue being God's people -

Pastor Dave

Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near. Hebrews 10:25



1st	Kathryn West	12th	Linda Hermann	21st	Sherry Lauber
2nd	Jim Glick		Andi Pawlowski	22nd	Helen Parks
	Rick Roush	13th	Drew Zeck	23rd	Daniel Zeck
4th	Scott Hastings		June Bond	24th	Roma Keller
	Margaret McLaurin	14th	Kristen Dilka	25th	Kathy McKinley
7th	Lou Ann Roggentien		Steven Holden	26th	Wayne Parks
8th	Alicia Moody		Kathy Huskey		Cape Rust
9th	Jacob Brandt		Margaret Songer	27th	Austan Sargent
	Stacy Kent	16th	Valancy Varnal		Blaine Weeks
	Cory Martin		Steve Johnson		Sherri Williams
10th	Thane Ziemer		Bonnie Smith		Dave York
		17th	Morgan Johnson	28th	Michael Nielsen
		18th	Chet Cole		Harold Poe
			Steve Kempf	29th	Jeff Perry
			Mike Mix	30th	Navya Hopkins
		19th	Roy Davis		Maia Songer
		20th	Mallie Rust	31	Kristina Edington



1st	Jeff & Tammy John	27 years
	Steve & Trish Simms	54 years
7th	Rick & Shari Hansen	38 years
9th	Tim & Bobbi Burkett	28 years
11th	Steve & Carla Wieggers	24 years
12th	Klaus & Shannon Sanford	19 years
	Grant & Amy Zschoche	25 years
13th	Matt & Laura Johnson	6 years
17th	Daryl & Amy Brandt	29 years
18th	Jeff & Jenise Mick	35 years
25th	David & Sheryl Reddell	41 years
30th	Forrest & Janette Holdeman	28 years

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please help us update our records. Send an email with your current address, phone number and birthdays to swood@fumclvks.org.



Tuesday, Oct. 19, 12:00 pm

Baan Thai

All ladies of the church are invited.



SERVE DAY, SEPT 11



Sept. 11 volunteers packaged and delivered over 400 thank you gifts to the Leavenworth and Lansing Police Depts., the Leavenworth and Lansing Fire Depts., the Leavenworth County Sheriff's Dept., the Leavenworth County Health Dept. and Leavenworth EMTs. They also visited and sang hymns with church members who may not be able to attend services. Then volunteers played bingo at the Lansing Care and Rehab Center.

The next Serve Day is scheduled for October 16. We'll be working at the HUB, a new Methodist ministry in Kansas City. We will also be laying tile in the Ed. building basement and making and delivering thank you gifts to medical personnel. Join us!



Since 1993, more than 188 million Operation Christmas Child gift-filled shoeboxes have been distributed to children in more than 170 countries and territories. Children who receive a shoebox gift also participate in The Greatest Journey—a 12-lesson discipleship program. Children learn from trained, local volunteers what it means to follow Jesus and share their faith with friends and family.

You can create a shoebox, or you can purchase items to go into a shoebox and AIR ministry will assemble them. Donations can be brought to the church office.

We will collect donations until November 15.

First, choose the age and gender of the child you want to receive your shoebox. They have a handy label.

Gift Ideas for Shoeboxes

A Wow Item - a doll, a soccer ball, stuffed animal

Personal Care Item - comb, soap, toothbrush, wash cloth, lip balm, barrettes, hair ties, band-aids

School Supplies - pencils & sharpener, paper, glue sticks, crayons, scissors, markers, construction paper

Craft Items - beads, tape, paint, play dough, small tools

Small Toys - harmonica, puzzle, yo-yo, jacks, toy car, frisbee, jump rope, kite, flashlight with batteries

Clothing - hat, flip flops, shirt, socks, mittens



DO NOT INCLUDE

Toothpaste

Liquids, Glass containers, aerosol cans,

Any type of food item including candy, gum, chocolate, seeds, drink mix, vitamins

War related items like guns, knives, or army vehicles

Go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/label-options/> to pay for shipping and print a label so you can track when and where your package arrives.





Greetings and love to everyone that reads this incredible newsletter. The Lord is at work in FUMC of Leavenworth Kansas. Financially, we are holding steady, thank you everyone. The west side parking lot project is underway!

The planning committee for the ADA ramp discussion is up and running, chaired by Mike Mix. If you feel called to be a part of this committee, please contact Mike or myself. The recommendations of this committee will be shared and voted on by the entire congregation.

The church council will meet on Oct 26th in Fellowship Hall – all are welcome. The annual Church Charge Conference will happen by the end of the month, please read the weekly bulletins for the exact date. **“Decisions are made by people that show up.”**

The love this congregation brings on a daily basis is steaming ahead this fall:
 Feeding the hungry - **Samaritan's Buffet, Leavenworth Mission Volunteers, Backpack Buddies**
 Housing the homeless - Leavenworth Interfaith Community of Hope
 Loving our neighbors unconditionally, not for recognition but to bring glory to our Lord Jesus - **Itch'n to Stitch**, Grief Share, AIR, Youth Mission, Kids First Worship, Bible Study Groups, Sunday School, Scouts and Music
 These are all opportunities for you to serve and love.

If you would like more information on these service ministries or you have an idea or other area where you believe we need to serve, please contact me @ egarven@fumclvks.org.

I would like to thank Bethel AME church and the Richard Allen Cultural Center and Museum for their collaboration on the Vaccination Events in August and Sept., especially William Wallace, Edna Wagner and Tony Majors. I would also like to thank the Stove and the Station apartment complexes for helping us inform their tenants about the events. Thank you to everyone who participated in the vaccination events. The miles you walked, the hours you served, the love you showed very well may have saved a life. These are my prayers.

Thank you to everyone who participated in United as One – Around the Table. Fellowship is vitally important in our spiritual maturity, but fellowship is doing life with people we already know. What we saw at United as One-Around the Table was true hospitality, opening our doors and hearts by inviting new people in to our lives and into our walk with our collective Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

in Christ
 Ed



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 Heaven. What is it like? Will I see my loved ones there? What if I'm not sure? What does the Bible say? How can I know that I will be in Heaven myself? We have two groups. The Spouses Group meets every third Tuesday of the month at 2pm. Our group for anyone experiencing grief meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 5pm. **You don't have to be alone in your sorrow.** We can help you get through it. Call the church office for details or Marsha Gaffin at 913-547-0286.




Frank and Gini Geib have been attending our church since COVID began, but they recently moved their membership to our church family. Their neighbors, Jim and Judy Wolfe, told them how much they loved our church so they started watching online and really loved Pastor Dave's messages.

Frank is a third generation Leavenworth resident. He grew up in the First Baptist church and attended school here, including attending Leavenworth Business college on Delaware and Fourth. He loves the rich history of this area. He also has been active in community theater with the River City Community Players, starring in **“South Pacific”** and **“Mame”**.

Gini was born on a farm in south central Nebraska. She moved to Leavenworth in 1980. Both she and Frank retired from civil service. She was a management analyst and Frank was a program analyst. They have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. They both love to read and travel, although they have not been able to travel since COVID began. We are thrilled they are part of our church family.

Do you love Christmas music? Join our Christmas Choir! We will begin rehearsing for our All Music Sunday, December 12 on October 13 at 7 pm. The service's theme is “All Is Well” and will include all types of music. Contact Kathy McKinley for more information. texmck@aol.com.





The Scouting Ministry at FUMC includes Cub Scout Pack 3109, Troops, 173 and 6173.

October 1-3, the Scouts will travel to Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation for the Invention Jamboree with 3 different activity plans. Scouts can participate in Drones, Invention Lab, Woodworking, and Design or they can learn about Shooting, Invention Lab, Blacksmithing, and Geospatial Mapping. But wait, there is MORE! Some Scouts can participate in Climbing, Invention Lab, Welding, and Tech. Looks like Invention Lab is the center piece for this Jamboree.

Saturday, October 16, the two Troops will conduct their annual family campout on the Church lawn. They will meet at 9 am and drop their equipment then head to The Negro Leagues Baseball Museum. After returning from Kansas City, the Scouts will help cook and serve dinner.

The congregation is invited to join the Scout family about 7:30 as they lead their court of honor and recognize achievements of rank promotions and merit badges received at summer camp. Immediately following will be a flag retirement ceremony. If you have a flag that needs to be honorably retired, please drop it at the church office by October 15. Of course, you can come by and watch, and participate. Bring a lawn chair and bug spray!

A Scout is Reverent.
 Bill Kidder

I have some wonderful memories of growing up in the church. My mom was a Sunday School teachers for the 3rd and 4th grade. She was also “in charge” of the acolytes for Sunday service. Of course, that meant that I was an acolyte a lot!

One of my favorite memories was during Vacation Bible School, singing “I Wonder How it Felt”. One of the verses included, “spending the night with Noah in the zoo”, and “sleeping beside a smelly kangaroo”. The chorus was my favorite though. “I’m just a child. My life is still before me. I JUST-CAN’T-WAIT-to see what God has for me, but I know that I will trust Him and I’ll wait to see what life will be for me.

All of us have been there. Being a child. Not knowing what God had in store for us. I am so thankful to be a part of a church family that honors and encourages children to love and trust God.



Kids First Worship is continuing our journey through Genesis. When we started with the Creation story, we gave them some “nothing” and asked them to make something tangible from it. They were very creative, but found they could not do it. And that was the point... only God can make something from nothing. On the last Sunday of the summer, we got to the Tower of Babel and are now starting into the Patriarchs with Abraham.

Wonderful Wednesday has been exactly that...WONDERFUL! We’re talking about relationships, using Joseph and his not-so-perfect family as our guide. It is not too late to join us from 3:45-5:30 pm.

To make a long story short, (obviously not my forte!) children are amazing! Their lives are still before them. I JUST-CAN’T-WAIT-to see what God has for them!

Our church is so blessed to have the ability to share the love of God with them, and it is all due to you and your support in time, treasure and talent. May God bless all of you!

Nancy

Fall Festival

When: Saturday, October 30, 10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.

Where: FUMC Greenspace

Who: Everyone!

What: A Trunk or Treat with a Twist! In addition to having decorated trunks for kiddos to Trick or Treat, we will also be presenting “Heroes Unmasked”, an all-fun, no-fear Bible adventure! Both kids and families will have a great time as they interact with Bible champions like Daniel, Gideon, Esther, and Moses. They will also have a chance to be heroes themselves through fun games, collect Bible hero cards, discover God's mighty love, and build lasting family memories.

Check out the following needs to see how you can help share the love of God to our community.

Time:

Pray every morning at 10:00a.m. through October 30.
Sign up for an hour (or longer!) shift to help on October 30.
Sign up to help with set up or tear down for the event.

Treasure:

Donate needed supplies.
Donate candy or other treats for the Trunk or Treat.

Talent:

Volunteer to lead a Station for Heroes Unmasked.
Decorate a Trunk!
Contact Nancy Shade for more information or to volunteer!



Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your generous goodie bags that you sent for our office. It was a very thoughtful gesture, and was well received by all.

May God continue to bless each of you, your families and your church. Blessings,
The Staff of the Leavenworth County Sheriff's Office.

Thank you!



CASTING CROWNS

ONLY JESUS TOUR

OCTOBER 3

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TICKETS @ TICKETMASTER.COM



October is Pastor Appreciation month. Some people joke that pastor have the easiest jobs because they only work on Sundays. But the reality is pastors do much of their ministry behind the scenes. Pastors are the person people call when someone is in the hospital or when a marriage is crumbling or when a child is in trouble. Often times the only time a church member talks to the pastor is to criticize something. Here are some statistics from the Soul Shepherding organization.

75% of pastors report being “extremely stressed” or “highly stressed”

90% work between 55 to 75 hours per week

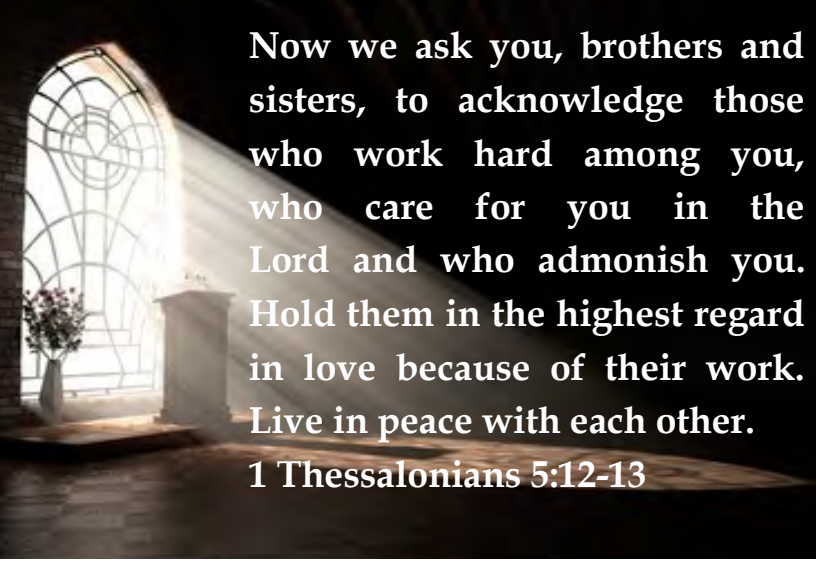
90% feel fatigued and worn out every week

40% report a serious conflict with a parishioner at least once a month

65% feel their family is in a glass house

If you feel Pastor Dave is doing a great job, why not take a moment to write him an encouraging note. Dave’s birthday also happens to be this month on October 27. Why not show him in a tangible way how much you appreciate his service to our church family.

Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor,
especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.
1 Timothy 5:17



Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

AIR MINISTRY

Art • Inspiration • Respite

Mondays, 1-4 pm

Sometimes we take field trips. We really enjoyed mini golf and bowling. Time spent with friends makes life "bearable".



AIR ministry isn't all fun and games. We also do many service projects. Upcoming projects include Operation Christmas Child, making thank you snack packets for health care workers, making cookies for Samaritan's Buffet and dog treats for the local animal shelter. We welcome donations to help with the service projects. You can bring any of the items below to the office. Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

OCTOBER SCHEDULE



October 4 - Field Trip to Weston Apple Farm



October 11 - NO AIR - Columbus Day



October 18 - National Chocolate Cupcake Day



October 25 - Pumpkin Day

Service Project Supplies

Flour,
Sugar
Butter
Canned pumpkin
Peanut butter
Individual packets of chips
Candy
Small Crystal Lite packets
Microwave popcorn
Individual cookies

*The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;
planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God.
They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green,
proclaiming, "The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."
Psalm 92:12-15*



John & Virginia Hardaway



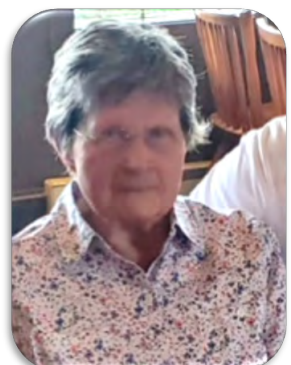
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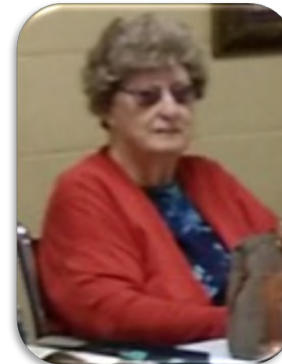
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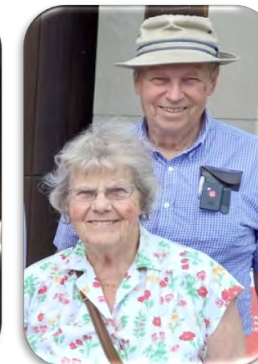
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Dick & Barbara Peiper



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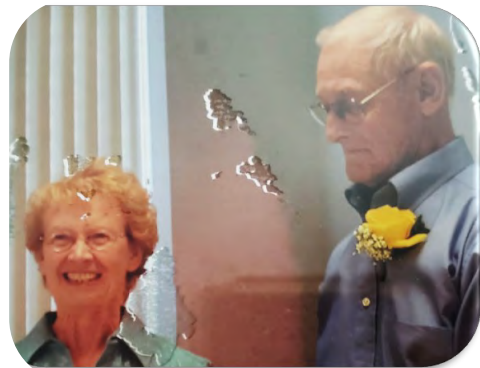
Not pictured Betty Dye, Caroline Hedrick, William McCollum, Dorothy McDonald, Esther Polson, Virginia Schalipp, Kauv Un

Celebrating our Octogenarians

On September 26th our church celebrated Octogenarian 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 Octogenarians with a special dinner in their honor. However due to the unforeseen circumstances that remain this year, 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.



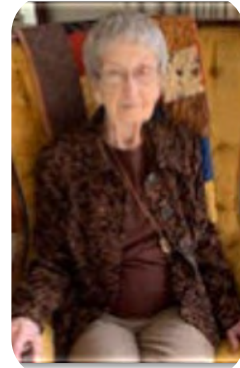
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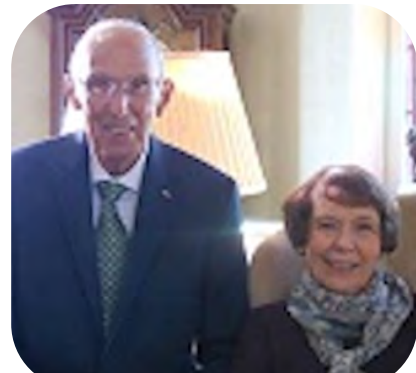
Norma Bray



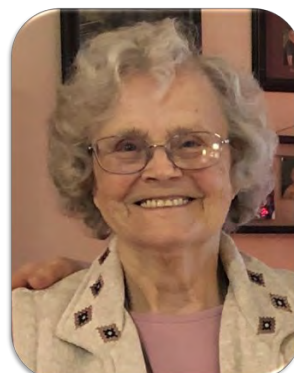
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Victor Cochran



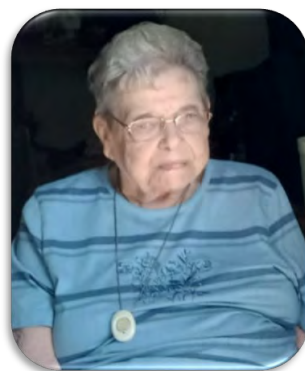
Norm & Nancy Dawson



Joy Defrees



Eleanor Embree



Betty Gaumer



Frank Geib



Bob & Kay Hale

*Show respect to the aged; honor the presence of an elder;
fear your God. I am God. Leviticus 19:32*

Itchin' to Stitch



All summer over 20 members of Itchin' to Stitch have been making fleece blankets. They have now completed 80 blankets to give to the Joy Meadows Foster Community in Basehor. They plan to dedicate the blankets Oct. 10, during the worship service so they can be Christmas presents for the foster kids. Foster kids **are often moved from home to home and they don't have** a lot of items they can call their own.



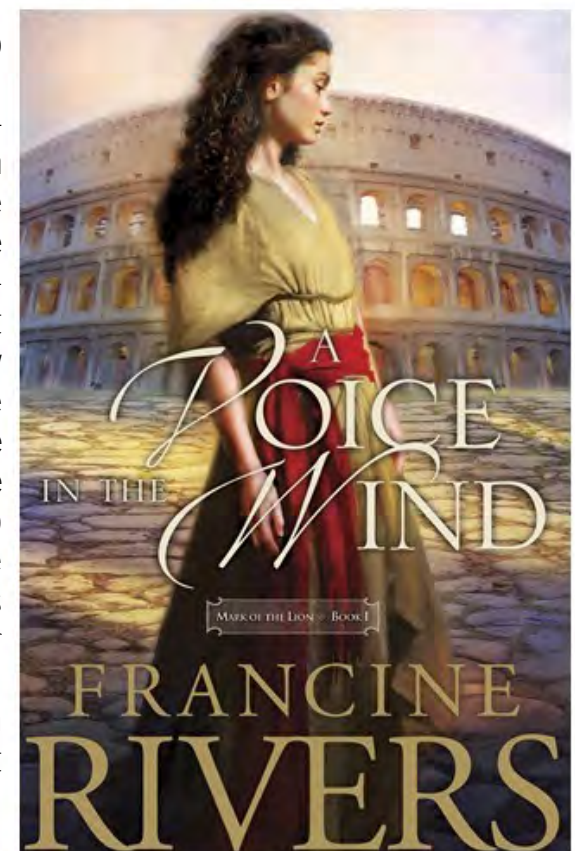
This huge project began with an anonymous donation of over 140 yards of fleece material. Then Teresa Hicks **used some money from Phelba Wecas' memorial fund** to buy additional material. Phelba was a teacher who loved kids and loved to sew, so it was a perfect way to honor her. Many hands made light work, so thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time.



We extended the time to read our next story to allow other people to join the conversation. If you love to read, consider joining us.

"A Voice in the Wind" is a historical fiction story of a young Christian-Jewish slave named Hadassah living under the Roman Empire. When Hadassah is captured by Roman soldiers, her entire family is killed. She serves as a slave to a teenaged Roman woman named Julia, whose parents marry her off to a much older man. Although Julia initially dislikes Hadassah because of her plain appearance, she comes to trust her. Hadassah is faithful and kind but afraid of many things. As the story progresses, she gains the courage to tell others about her faith and the God that she serves. The story goes into many different side characters, such as the young gladiator Atretes, who—as well as the main characters—are all searching for peace and purpose but unable to find it in the world of pleasures Rome has to offer. Throughout the entire novel, Hadassah's Christian faith (kept a secret for fear of death) is continually challenged and evolved, helping her overcome the harsher aspects of life as a slave in the Roman Empire.

The book is available at the library, Christian book stores and through Kindle and other digital sources. We will meet at Wesley Hall Oct. 26, at 1 pm to discuss the book. For more information, contact Sandy at swood@fumclvks.org.





Brendale Taylor and Doug Wakeley were married on Sept. 18.



Seven Ladies enjoyed lunch at the Depot. The next Ladies Lunch is Oct. 14 at Baan Thai. All ladies are welcome to attend.



September 18, churches from around Leavenworth came together for United As One - Around the Table to eat a meal, play, talk, pray and worship. Bishop Tony Majors from Glimmer of Light Fellowship and Ed Maquay from Westside Family church demonstrated sacred silence by washing each others feet. Then Bishop Majors spoke about courageous conversations and living a life of humility and service. There was a praise band comprised of several churches and fun inflatables for the kids. Five churches provided a great meal for everyone. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make the night a success.

