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One of the phrases that I have really tried to focus on in the past year is “Be thankful for what you have.” It’s so easy to look at all of the things that aren’t the way they use to be or the people who have gone. While these memories might make us glum, angry or miserable, nothing we can do or say can change the fact that things change. Instead of complaining about what is lost, I am learning about contentment and gratitude during this season. Thanks for little things that I might otherwise take for granted like good health or family. If you are like me, I am blessed beyond measure. God has been so good that I have the luxury of griping about things that are really inconsequential. Marianne Williamson said “Joy is what happens when we allow ourselves to recognize how good things are.” While things might not be exactly as I want them to be, I recognize how good things are! November 7 is All Saints Day. We’ll give thanks to God for those who have died this year. Many names are on our list this year due to COVID as well as life in general. It is a time of remembrance and gratitude for those who have come before us. On Sunday, November 14, we’ll be focusing our worship service on gratitude as an appropriate response to grace. We give resources of time, talent and treasure as a generous act of worship. We’ll remember veterans who served our nation so we can enjoy freedom and a nation unlike any other in history. We are aware that we can be thankful in all circumstances because God is good and God is with us, not against us. We have Christ and the ability to know Him, to experience new life in his love. Family and friends may gather around on Thanksgiving but we already know how good we have it. Every day for a Christian is Thanksgiving because of the grace of Jesus Christ. Our response is gratitude and generous giving to others. In the pages of our November Life @First United Methodist, you will see what vibrant Christian community looks like. Loving and living for the sake of Christ’s Kingdom. Yes, I am thankful to be pastor of this church. I’m thankful for what I have! ENJOY!!

Pastor Dave



There are two opportunities for you to worship with your community this Thanksgiving. Wallula Christian church will have a prayer, praise and pie service on November 14 and FUMC will join with the Christian church, the Presbyterian church and Pilgrim on November 21.



2nd	Pamela Gephart	12th	Marsha Gaffin	25th	Valynn Schmierer
	Pat Long	14th	Kevin Bond	26th	Michael Ralls Jr.
	Lea Ann Weilbacher	16th	Sandy Davis	27th	Jeff LaMoe
3rd	Kyle Lauber	17th	Kay Hale	28th	Madison Christy
4th	Jeff Andrews	18th	Cindy White		Frankie McLaurin
	Cheryl Rader	20th	Kristen Howell		Madison Mohan
7th	Norman Dawson	23rd	Jo Burkett		Kaelyn Mohan
	Sy Nyhart		Dan Wiley	30th	Madi Boyles
8th	David Landis	24th	Emma Yates		



13th	Bill & Sheila Bailey	56 years
22nd	Steve & Barbara Kempf	41 years
	Ollie & Kathryn West	35 years
25th	Rod & Kathy Huskey	20 years
30th	Mark & Sherry Lauber	25 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.



SERVE DAY, OCTOBER 16



Serve day is not just a great way to help your neighbor, it's a great way to make your neighbor your friend. Relationships are built when we work together for a common good. Our next Serve Day will be December 11. We will be caroling home bound church members, raking leaves for octogenarians and wrapping Christmas presents for Anthony students.



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 & love to everyone that reads this wonderfully incredible newsletter. The Lord is at work in FUMC of Leavenworth Kansas. Financially we are holding steady through three quarters of the year, thank you everyone. The west side parking lot project is finished. The planning committee for the ADA ramp/inclined sidewalk has a proof of concept proposal, chaired by Mike Mix. The committee conducted several conversations surrounding feasibility/accessibility/cost/priority and concluded with the proof of concept. The committee researched several options and weighed the pros and cons of all. The recommendation of this committee will be shared and voted on by the entire congregation soon. If you have questions, please contact Mike or myself.

The annual Church Charge Conference happened on the Oct 26th. Thank you to everyone that participated! “Decisions are made by people that show up.”

Pledge cards have been mailed out. Please look into your heart and ask the Lord where he wants you in using your treasures for the coming year. If we sincerely want to change ourselves for the better, we must start on the inside and work our way out from there. Lasting change doesn't occur "out there"; it occurs "in here." Life is constantly changing. Our circumstances change; our opportunities change; our responsibilities change; and our relationships change. Transformation starts with God, and it starts in the silent center of a humble human heart...like yours.

Revelation 21:5 NLT

“And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making everything new!” And then he said to me, “Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true.”

Serving is the true manifestation of our love of the Lord and our neighbors. Serving is more than doing, more than giving, **it is love. The love this congregation brings on a daily basis is steaming ahead. Feeding the hungry (Samaritan's Buffet, Leavenworth Mission Volunteers, Backpack Buddies), housing the homeless (Leavenworth Interfaith Community of Hope), and loving unconditionally on our neighbors not for individual/collective recognition but to bring glory to our Lord Jesus (Itch'n to Stitch, Grief Share, AIR, Youth Mission, Children First Worship, Bible Study Groups, Sunday School, Scouts and Music) 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.

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 how to survive the upcoming holidays. Holidays are time when the difficult emotions of grief hit even harder, and people need extra encouragement to make it through the new struggles they are facing. We will discuss coping strategies and ways to help ease the burdens that we face when celebrating without a loved one. 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.



We want to welcome the Bolser family to our church family. Ian and Georgia have been married 10 years, but it took their mothers to get them together. They were living in separate towns. Ian in El Paso and Georgia in Corpus Christi. Both of their mothers encouraged them to try eHarmony.com and they both paid for a year subscription. When we were about to give up, 11 months later, they found each other. They talked almost daily on the phone for 6 months until they finally met in romantic San Antonio, TX. Ian proposed to Georgia on Easter the following year and we were married that summer.

Ian does Cyber and Electronic Warfare for the Army and has been deployed twice, once to Iraq and another to Eastern Europe. He has been in the military for 12 years total. Georgia was a medical surgical nurse, then a middle school teacher and is now teaching all three hooligans at home.

McKenna is an eight year old spunky and active girl who loves math, puzzles, and reading (especially Harry Potter). Her favorite subjects are Bible, math and history. She loves rollerblading, drawing, playing with friends, soccer, hiking, and hunting with dad. In fact she harvested her own deer with her dad. Hunter is a shy six year old introvert who loves collecting bugs, climbing trees and building with Legos and magnets. His favorite subjects are writing and science. His favorite sport is putt-putt golf. Caroline is a gregarious five year old little ball of energy who loves makeup, singing, dancing and being a "princess." Her favorite subjects are Bible and phonics. She loves singing in church, singing anywhere really, reading, coloring, crafts and playing with friends.

Ian is an avid hunter, voracious reader, and loves travel and adventure. He played hockey competitively and lived in Australia and the UK on exchanges through his schools. Georgia loves art, poetry, collecting books, cooking and skydiving....yes skydiving. She is also quite entrepreneurial.

The family as a whole loves to go hiking and camping. They have visited over a dozen national parks in the last three years. Ian said, **“Our favorite parks are Bryce Canyon, Sequoia National Park, and Yosemite.** The family moved here to attend Command and General Staff College, coming from Fort Irwin, California. As that duty station is in the Mojave Desert, the family is loving the rain, beautiful fall colors and a sense of community at Leavenworth and within the church”.

Ian grew up Methodist, attending only a few times a year. Georgia and all three kids were baptized a few years ago. **We are still new and learning the faith. Ian said, “We LOVE the Church here and how welcoming the congregation has been. It feels like family which is so comforting”.**

The family will be here until graduation next summer from the class and will be moving to the east coast as they go where the Army tells them.



welcome baby

John and Leighann Pelham welcomed their new son to the world on October 4. His name is John Thomas Pelham V. His big sisters, Iris and Opal are excited to have a little brother. The Pelhams are a military family. John is in the SAMS program. We are so happy to have them be a part of our church family.



Kids First Worship is continuing their study of the Patriarchs of the Old Testament. They are also focusing on gratitude. Below is a calendar the kids can use to be thankful for different things in their life each day. (It is a good practice for adults, too) The money you collect from the Thanks Banks can be placed in the special Thanksgiving offering for Trinity House and the Leavenworth Mission.



Wonderful Wednesdays are learning life skills like cooking as well as learning about the Bible. In the photo, Carol Shafer is helping Valancy Varnal make noodles. It is not too late to join Wonderful Wednesdays, the registration is at fumclvks.org



Sunday School is from 9:45 – 10:40 a.m. in our Education Building. We currently have two classes.
Class 1 – Room 105 Pre-K through 1st grade
Class 2 – Room 202 2nd – 6th grade
During Sunday School children experience engaging activities that bring the Bible to life. They will not only learn the stories, but ways to apply the principles in their everyday life.

Kids will have an opportunity to be in a puppet show and to sing a song in our Christmas program. We will rehearse the song during Sunday School. Contact Nancy Shade, nshade@fumclvks.org if you are interested in participating.

November

FUMCL Thanks Banks

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Clean Water 1 Dime for every faucet in your house.	2 A Place to Live 1 Quarter for every room in your house.	3 Food Thank God for your favorite food. Add \$1	4 Clothes 1 nickel for every pair of socks that you have.	5 Warmth 1 penny for every degree set on your thermostat.	6 Light 1 nickel for every light bulb in your house.
7 Pray for those who do not have the items from the previous week.	8 Teachers \$1 for your favorite teacher	9 Firemen \$1 for the fire station closest to your house.	10 Health Workers 1 penny for every band-aid you have	11 Police 1 quarter for every police car you see today.	12 Family Donation of your choosing.	13 Extended Family Donation of your choosing.
14 Pray for those who serve in the positions from the previous week.	15 Books 1 penny for every book you have.	16 Stuffed Animals 1 penny for every stuffed animal you have.	17 Dishes 1 nickel for every plate you have.	18 A Place to Sleep 1 dime for every bed in your house.	19 Art Supplies 1 penny for every crayon you have.	20 Hygiene Supplies 1 dime for every bar or bottle of soap.
21 Pray for those who do not have the items from the previous week.	22 Friends Thank God for your best friend. Donate \$1	23 Country Thank God for our country. Donate 1 penny for every state.	24 Kansas Thank God for our state. Donate \$1.	25 Your town. Thank God for your town. Donate \$1	26 Neighbors Thank God for neighbors. Donate \$1	27 Pets Thank God for animals. Donate 1 quarter for every pet you have.
28 Pray for the leaders of our town, state and country.	29 Pastor Dave Thank God for Pastor Dave. Donation of your choosing.	30 Love Thank God for his amazing love. Donation of your choice.				

Dear First United Methodist church friends,
We can not say Thank you enough for you continued support and generosity! We truly appreciate all of the ways you take care of our school and staff!!! We look forward to our growing relationship.
Sincerely,
Casandra & the entire Anthony school family.

Thank you!

Dear Friends at First United Methodist Church,

On behalf of the Lansing Educational Foundation, we would like to thank you for your generous support. The Foundation works diligently in partnership with our schools and community to enhance excellence in the learning environment. We do this by providing funding for additional material and resources for programs that have unique goals designed to enhance the K-12 educational experience. In addition, we strive to promote and encourage the on-going collaboration and partnership among the schools and community at large.

Thank you again for joining with us and helping in our endeavors.

Sincerely yours in education,
Christine Aus, LEF President



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the gifts of cards, kind words and goodies for my birthday and pastor appreciation month. My mail box was never empty with some kind of generous and thoughtful act of love. YOU ARE THE BEST! I am blessed beyond measure by your kindness.

Pastor Dave



Dear Church family,

I am so absolutely overwhelmed. Over 20 folks from 5 years old to over 25 years old showed up at my house on a beautiful fall day. They came with rakes, trimmers, blowers, gloves, you name it. They pulled weeds, picked up sticks, blew acorns and leaves, raked, cleaned the bird bath, trimmed everything there was to be trimmed -- even cleaned the twigs off my roof. And they even handed out hugs! Can you believe that. My heartfelt thanks to everyone. That was truly a God moment. Thank you, Church family. What a blessing!
Marguerite Hilscher



Dear Church Family,

I sincerely appreciate the prayers that my church family has offered on my behalf during my recent radiation treatments at the KU Cancer Center.

Thank you.

Alice Hall

Thank You!



Dear Church Family,

I want to thank the folks who came out on Serve Day and cleared my walnut grove of fallen limbs. I appreciate your service very much. I've since mowed in there and have it ready for the winter months. What a blessing!

Maryann McAfee



Dear Cornerstone Sunday School Class,

Thank you for the lovely fruit basket, or as Ed called it "Eve food". It helped us say no to the Halloween candy. Haha. We love working here and appreciate your generosity. Thank you.
The FUMC staff





If you worked for 216 hours, what would you accomplish? Nine adults, ranging in age from 62-82, **accomplished so much!** It wasn't all work and no play as fellowship, games, and Gator tour of the land was enjoyed. Knowing we helped Camp Horizon to ensure youth, and others, could enjoy this magical place was truly rewarding. Please give some consideration to joining us next year in this opportunity.



Mary Lou Anderson, Don Gaffin, Kathi LaMoe, Gary & Cheryl Rader, Wilda Wicke, Jim & Edie VanMaanen, Tim Yenney went to Camp Horizon to prepare the grounds for campers next year.



The cleaning and preparing of the outdoor chapel for a wedding on Friday made the bride and groom extremely happy. Another wedding was planned the next week so the beautification of the chapel and grounds made a tremendous impact.

Tim is priming the railings between the Cedar lodges. They worked very hard, but enjoyed delicious meals from Cheryl and lots of fun and games as well.



Gary and Jim hauled off 20 LARGE tree trunks with tractor to burn pile. Mary Lou is hosing off the basketball court, which was later repainted. They also repainted the volleyball court and the 4 square game. They applied 12 gallons cement sealer to outdoor chapel floor. They weeded 9 flower beds, filling 14 large garbage bags with weeds. They primed and painted trim on six windows on outside of Inspiration Lodge and vacuumed and shampooed stairs inside. They power washed, blew debris off splash pad, then chaulked seams. They repaired, primed, and painted railing between Cedars dorms and removed 80 square feet of sheetrock and insulation in Cedars. They organized the canoe shed and cleaned and painted a 16' trailer.



We have a wonderful time with our friends at AIR. October 25 we decorated pumpkins **donated from Gary and Cheryl's garden.** Our goal is to provide our friends with physical and mental stimulation, and most of all **friendship. But AIR ministry isn't just for our friends.**

Dementia affects the whole family. It is 24/7 and can be exhausting both physically, mentally, and spiritually. One of the purposes of AIR ministry is to provide support and respite for caregivers. November is National Family Caregivers Month, a time to recognize the struggles family caregivers face and the importance of the care they provide. Several of our caregivers have been having an especially difficult time and would appreciate your prayers and perhaps a card or call. Here are a few other ideas to help you support caregivers you may know.



Ten Ways to Support a Caregiver

1. Offer to run errands, i.e. take the car for an oil change or mail a package, or pick-up groceries.
2. Do something special for holidays or birthdays. People **with dementia don't remember these special days.**
3. Offer to stay with their loved one when they have an appointment or just need a break.
4. Listen. Sometimes caregivers just need to talk to another adult and feel heard. They also need confidentiality.
5. Help with seasonal home maintenance such as mowing, raking leaves or shoveling snow.
6. Bake an extra batch of cookies or some other treat and surprise them.
7. Encourage them to attend a support group or offer to attend with them.
8. Schedule a special day to pamper them
9. Offer to do a special house cleaning day.
10. Pray for them.



First and Third Wednesdays
5:45-7:30 pm

729 Pennsylvania,
Leavenworth, KS, US

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE



November 8 - Veteran's Day



November 15 - Mickey Mouse Birthday



November 22 - Thanksgiving



November 29 - Christmas Sock Hop



God works in all our lives, we just need the eyes to see it and the courage to share it. If you would like to share your God story, contact Sandy.

In April 2020, at the height of the pandemic lock down, Carla Hamon lost a dear friend. She made a donation in her honor to Saint Vincent Clinic in Leavenworth. She received a thank you letter from the clinic that contained a prayer for those suffering from the Coronavirus. After reading it, Carla felt moved by the Holy Spirit to pray this prayer every day, thinking especially of those she knew who had COVID or the families that had lost someone they loved to COVID. She said, **"It was at the beginning of the pandemic when we had no hope and we had no idea where all of this was going. It was a very scary time and praying this prayer gave me comfort."** Carla prayed,

"Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus.

May those who are infected receive the proper treatment & the comfort of your healing presence.

May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded from the onslaught of the virus.

Give solace to those who grieve the loss of loved ones.

Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health. Help us rise above fear. In Jesus name, Amen"

She also found comfort in Psalm 91:5-6. The prayer and scripture became part of her daily routine. A year and a half later, Carla was in Carol Shafer's Psalms Bible study. When Carla had started the Psalm study, she found it very challenging, and wasn't sure if she could to it. Then in session three, the author, Sandra Richter, wrote about COVID and used Psalm 91:1,5-7. She wrote, "Whatever comes your way, know that the words of this ancient hymn are as true today as they were then." She also wrote, "Our song shapes our faith. Our faith shapes our song." Carla realized how true that had been in her life. She was touched at how God had been at work in her life through Psalm 91 and the prayer. She was so glad she had continued the Bible study.

Perhaps you have thought about joining a Bible study, but wondered if it would be too hard, or if you would feel awkward, or if it would be worth your time. Advent is a great time to try something new and there are two Advent Bible studies starting in November. Heart and Soul has moved to Tuesdays at 9:30am in room 103 of the Education building. See Marti Crow for more details. The Women's Bible study meets on Tuesdays at 10am OR Thursdays at 6:30pm in room 101 of the Education building. Carol Shafer teaches that class. New Life Seekers Sunday School class is also starting an Advent study called "Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide" soon. They meet in room 203, Sundays at 9:45am. See Donna Ramsey for more information.

**You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
You will not fear the terror of the night,
or the arrow that flies by day,
or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.
A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
Psalm 91:1, 5-7**

When God Comes Down
JAMES A. HARNISH

Heart & Soul
Tuesday, 9:30 am
Starting November 9
Books \$11
See Marti Crow for details.

Women's Advent Bible Study
Tuesdays, 10 am
OR
Thursdays, 6:30 pm
Finding faith in the story of the Grinch.
Carol Shafer - Leader

THE HEART
THAT GREW THREE SIZES



October was a busy month for the scouting ministry.

The first weekend involved camping at Camp Hohn, MO, for the fall camporee. The Scouting programs are making the move to incorporate STEM, or Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The traditional conservation and safety oriented activities are still there but now Scouts are experiencing basic and high level technology. How often do you get to meet and work with a \$70,000 robot named SPOT? Scouts participated in Drones, Invention Lab, Woodworking, Climbing, Welding, and Tech. In Invention Lab, Scouts exercised their electronics skills and use soldering irons to make a unique, invention project. In a forge, Scouts experienced how to join metal. It did not rain all weekend, only 11 times....

Closer to home, Scouts went to the Negro Baseball Museum in Kansas City. In the evening, on the green space, your Scouts conducted their annual family Campout. The program included a great dinner followed by a Scout run Court of Honor. 64 merit badges were awarded and scouts advancements were recognized. Scouts and parents took the time to and enjoyed thanking the Tinkler Trustees for their generosity in supporting the Scouting Ministry. The evening culminated with retirement of flags.



But wait, there is more! Aside from weekly meetings, Cub Scout Pack 3109 has brought the OUTING in scouting... It was a perfect fall day to be out in the woods hiking. And who doesn't like to have a walking stick? Can you guess where the Cub Scouts hiked? The Webelos hiked a little over 3 miles together and participated in a surprise first aid drill (re-enactment, no Cub Scouts were hurt). The rest of the Pack joined in for hot dogs and s'mores together afterward. The Scouts practiced leave no trace principles, put the outdoor code into practice, and enjoyed a beautiful day in God's creation together observing flora and fauna.

The next adventure for the Scouts is called One Homeless Night on November 6, when we conduct our awareness of Homeless Youth in the Greater Kansas City. If any of the congregation wish to join us, please dress for warmth. This is your church bringing nearly 40 youth and leaders to a closer appreciation of what it means to be reverent through the Scouting Ministry at First United Methodist Church. Thank you for that loving support.



I ♥ MY CHURCH

This month we are focusing on our younger church family. Some of our church family have gone away to college or to other communities to pursue their careers. If we missed a student, please send us an update and we will put it in the newsletter soon.



Elizabeth Sanders is a sophomore at Missouri Science & Technology in Rolla, MO. She is majoring in Geology and Geophysics with interest in sustainability. She is involved with Eco Miners as events coordinator and Zeta Tau Alpha sorority as diversity chairperson. She hopes to one day work for the National Park Services.



Rachel Sanders is a sophomore at KCKCC completing her General Education requirements to go on in the field of nursing. She hasn't chosen a university for next year to complete her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She is also working full time at Twin Oaks retirement facility during nights as a CNA. She loves her job and hopes to continue working with the elderly and those with dementia. Kyle Sanders graduated last year from Washburn with a degree in Communications. He started this summer with a school district in Topeka. He is a Para for 2nd graders and is running after school programs. They have all greatly appreciated the assistance towards tuition they have received from our FUMC!

Aaron Brown is a Freshman at the Missouri University of Science & Technology in Rolla, MO. He is a member of the SAE Collegiate Race Car Team, where he got to engineer and build this car from the ground up. They take their cars around the country, racing against other colleges and universities. He puts hands-on classroom theory and plans into action. He is also enjoying playing in the jazz band.



Emily Wecas graduated from Fort Hays State is working for a veterinarians office in Basehor and is also working for the LV County Humane society. She has applied to vet school and hopes to start next fall. Garrett Wecas is working for his father, Aaron, full time learning construction and becoming a handy man.



Sarah Lauber is enjoying her freshman year at Kansas State where she's studying Animal Science on the pre-veterinary pathway. During her free time, she volunteers at the T. Russell Reitz Animal Shelter in Manhattan.

Kyle Lauber is in his junior year at KState majoring in Park Management and Conservation. He enjoys rowing with the school's non-competitive crew.

Colton Lauber started his chemical engineering career in October working at Burns and McDonnell in Kansas City.

Alexis Hoffman has been taking riding lessons out at Tally Ho Equestrian Center for almost a year now. She is training for hunter/jumpers/equitation which are English riding disciplines. She competes in monthly horse shows out at Tally Ho and loves learning new things and helping new or young riders. The Hoffman's recently purchased a horse for Alexis. His registered name is Kings Prayer but they are calling him Breeze. Owning your own horse comes with a lot of responsibility but also will allow Alexis to ride more often and to improve her skills.



Anya Anderson was recently a candidate for Leavenworth County athlete of the week and she came in 11th at the regional Cross Country meet and will be going to State. Jonas is an alternate for Cross Country State.

Impacting Our Community Through the Public Schools



Left to Right: Principal Rob McKim, Lansing Education Foundation President, Chris Aus, Jonas Anderson, Wyatt Brown, Hannah Banker, Anya Anderson, Lauren Hooser, Corbin Holyfield, Susanna Banker



We as a congregation have made a commitment to make a positive impact on our community. One way we are doing that is by supporting our local teachers and school districts. On Sept. 24, these Lansing High School students who are church members presented the check to Lansing Education Foundation President Christine Aus for \$1,000. This money goes directly into classrooms to help teachers create better learning opportunities. We also gave \$1,000 to the Leavenworth Educational Foundation and \$1,100 to the Kansas City Kansas Community College Pioneer Career Center.

We as a church family have entered into a relationship with Anthony Elementary for a continuous opportunity to love the best of us by providing resources and showing kindness to the teachers and students. Anthony serves many low income families so it faces many challenges other schools may not encounter.



At the beginning of the school year, as a church family, we gave \$100 gift Certificates to each teacher so they could prepare their classrooms for the coming year. On October 21, we paid Joey Denney and Sis' Sweets to provide a delicious dinner while the teachers did their parent/teacher conferences.

In November, we are going to have an angel tree for Anthony students that may not get many presents. Pray about how God would lead you to bless a family in our community. In December, we as a church family will be hosting a Christmas party for Anthony school. If you would like to help with the Christmas party, contact Ed Garven.



In addition to supporting the public schools, we donated school supplies to the tutoring program at the Richard Allen Cultural Center and Museum. They tutor all grade levels. The program is staffed by volunteer teachers, military personnel, and community members. If you would like more information about this program, check out their website, www.jazzbytheriverleavenworth.com.

We believe by supporting our schools, teachers and students, we are following what Jesus said in Mark 9: 36-37. To find out how you can volunteer or reach out to the schools, contact Ed Garven.



Jesus took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."
Mark 9:37

Say Thanks With Giving

As we enter the giving season, let's remember our neighbors and those less fortunate. Here are some giving opportunities that directly impact our community.



Each Thanksgiving, our church family have a designated offering for a local charity. This year Trinity House food bank and the Leavenworth Mission food bank are the charities we will be supporting. If you would like to contribute to the Thanksgiving offering, please make sure to designate on your envelope or check what amount of your offering



Trinity House and the Interfaith Community of Hope are collecting new or gently used coats, gloves, hats and socks. Community of Hope will be giving their coats away on November 13, World Kindness Day. Both organizations are also giving away non perishable Thanksgiving food boxes. Donations to Trinity House can be dropped off at at 10th & Marion from 10 am to 1 pm on Tues, Wed, and Thurs. Donations for Community of Hope can be dropped off at 311 Kiowa, Monday-Thursday 9am to 3pm. Bring to east parking lot door and ring the doorbell



Council on Aging helps seniors in our community through Meals of Wheels, transportation and special events. They are making Christmas stockings for 400 seniors who are on limited incomes. Here are some of the items they will be putting in the stockings. Donations can be dropped off at 1830 S Broadway Street from 7 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday before November 30.

Sugar free cookies or hard candies
Postage stamps
Small Lotions
Pudding or Jello Cups
Small pads of paper and pens
2022 Calendars
Small Kleenex packages
Toothpaste

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Itchin' to Stitch

Itchin' to Stitch dedicated 82 fleece blankets to the Joy Meadows Foster Community. They still have many other projects they are working on. Their next meeting will be November 18 at 1:30 pm and they will be doing a Stash Swap. Bring all you fabrics, and notions you don't want anymore to exchange for new to you. One woman's trash is another woman's treasure! New members are welcome!



Captain Peter LaMoe is a Marine Corps Aviator. He flies the V22 Osprey and is stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in San Diego, CA. Prior to that he spend 3 years in Okinawa, Japan. Sara LaMoe graduates on Dec. 11, from Kansas State University with a degree in Math. She will be Commissioned Dec. 10th as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. She is waiting to hear on her assignment, hopefully by Thanksgiving! She has enjoyed going to Cheryl and Gary Rader's Football Tailgates each Fall! Go Cats!



Leah Wiegers is in her final year at the US Air Force Academy. She will graduate and be commissioned as a second lieutenant in May 2022, with a degree in Civil Engineering. She hopes to be selected to serve as a civil engineer for the Air Force. During her time at the Academy, she has run two marathons as a member of the USAFA Marathon Team, played percussion in the cadet orchestra, earned her jump wings, and helped build a pedestrian bridge near Vail, Colorado in a project between USAFA and the US Forest Service. Leah will learn her Air Force job and assignment location any time; she is interested in serving overseas.



Alyssa Wiegers is in her second year at the University of Chicago. Alyssa is studying Environmental and Urban Studies along with Data Science, and she has a great interest in History. She is a member of the Ransom Notes, a coed A Cappella singing group selected as 2021 International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCA) Finalists. She volunteers for the campus radio station, and is a part time campus representative for Red Bull and Heelys shoes. Summer 2021, she worked outside at a dig site as a Paleontology intern in Montana. Recently, she accepted an internship with the Chicago Field Museum.

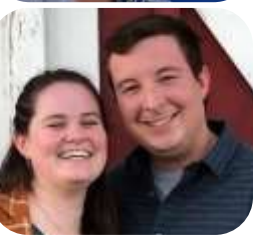


Lindsey McKinley is running Cross Country for Leavenworth High School.

Robert McKinley is currently a junior at KState studying psychology. He is playing baseball for the club team and has been working with the Wildcat ROTC Battalion exploring a possible future with the Army. Michael McKinley graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from KState in May 2020. He is currently living in Quincy, IL and working for Knapheide designing custom work truck bodies.



Alayna Parvin has been chosen for District, State and National Choir for the second year. Only 250 students are chosen from the United States for National Choir by blind auditions. Because of COVID restrictions, the National Choir will perform virtually.



Bellarmee Milosi, who was our intern here in the summer of 2019, graduated from Methodist Theological School in Ohio in May 2021. He is now the Associate Pastor at St. Paul United Methodist church in Papillion, Nebraska. The robe he is wearing in the photo was purchased with a monetary gift from our church. Bellarmee will be preaching here at our church on January 2.



We're a church family. We want to recognize the accomplishments of our brothers and sisters. If something wonderful happen in your life or your child's life, please share it with the church office. If your child is currently serving in the military or is at college, please share their current address with the office.

LIFE @ FUMC

Bible stories, games, candy and costumes! It was a beautiful October day for our Fall Festival. Kids played games while they learned about Bible heroes like Daniel, David, Noah and Jesus. Thank you to all our volunteers!

