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# October 2022

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I don't know if you noticed when you go out to eat or shop in a store that an automatic tip calculator pops up. It has a button for ten percent, fifteen percent, or twenty percent. Sometime, there is a button for no tip. Tipping culture has become part of our experience where we can express generosity to our server or clerk who has done well. We are considered generous if we tip ten percent or more. Most people like to consider themselves generous or remember days when tipping was a big part of their income.

What if we took that same attitude toward Jesus and his Body, the Church? I often shake my head in disbelief when people will contribute more money to the waiter after a nice dinner out than give to their local church and the mission of Jesus. What is the disconnect between generosity in the marketplace and generosity in the church?

Unfortunately, I don't have the answer. Only you do. For some of you, this question is a non-starter because you are tithers and have given ten percent or more of your income for years. For others, we struggle to make ends meet because we spend too much on ourselves and leave the leftovers for God. Often, there isn't much left over. Furthermore, we have some in the church that distrust the pastor or leaders of the church and question whether "their money" is being spent well. I hope you don't fall into the last category.

Church staff and leaders work diligently to be generous in our community. We pay our staff fair and reasonable wages. We maintain our facility and ministries with responsible actions. I hope you believe that as a church, we are going in the right direction. As the pastor, I know that we don't have any control over what other churches do but we do influence this church. I believe we make a difference for Jesus Christ in the lives of many people and Leavenworth County.

When you receive your pledge card this month, here are a few things to consider as you commit yourself to Christ through your "prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness."

- If you gave to the church the same way you gave to your waiter or barista, how would it change your giving habits? How often do I press "no tip" with Jesus?
- What would have to grow in you to consider tithing (giving 10% to the church) as an act of generosity instead of an oppressive duty or expectation? Or, for you to consider adding another percentage or two to your existing giving habit?
- How is the lack of people's generosity an attitude of distrust? Do they really wonder if God will provide for their needs and many of their wants, too?

It takes all of us to do our share financially to provide for the ministries of First United Methodist Church of Leavenworth. When you consider that God is the giver of every good and perfect gift (James 1:17) saying thank you through generous giving seems a small act of gratitude. Thank you for all you are doing to bring Kingdom of God.



Everything in heaven and earth is Yours, O LORD. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. "God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand." 1 Chronicles 29:12-14



1st	Kathryn West
2nd	Jim Glick
	Rick Roush
4th	Margaret McLaurin
7th	Lou Ann Roggentien
8th	Alicia Moody
9th	Jacob Brandt
	Margaery Scheele
	Cory Martin
12th	Linda Hermann
	Andi Pawlowski

13th	June Bond
	Kristen Dilka
14th	Kathy Huskey
	Margaret Songer
	Valancy Varnal
16th	Steve Johnson
	Bonnie Smith
17th	Morgan Johnson
18th	Chet Cole
	Mike Mix
19th	Roy Davis
20th	Mallie Rust
21st	Sherry Lauber
22nd	Helen Parks
24th	Roma Keller
25th	Kathy McKinley
26th	Wayne Parks

26th	Cape Rust
27th	Austan Sargent
	Blaine Weeks
	Sherri Williams
	Dave York
28th	Frank Geib
	Harold Poe
29th	Haylie Dilka
	Jeff Perry
30th	Navya Hopkins
	Maia Songer
31st	Kristina Edington



1st	Jeff & Tammy John
7th	Rick & Shari Hansen
9th	Tim & Bobbi Burkett
11th	Steve & Carla Wiegiers
12th	Klaus & Shannon Sanford
	Grant & Amy Zschoche
13th	Matt & Laura Johnson
25th	David & Sheryl Reddell
30th	Forrest & Janette Holdeman

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21 years
27 years
8 years
43 years
30 years



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**“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Matthew 9:37-38**

United as One has over the past three years come together in an effort to show community unity with churches from around Leavenworth County celebrating in our green space. For 2023-2024 we are shifting our focus to service – service in our schools. After prayerful consideration, we are moving forward to serve our Leavenworth (starting this semester) and Lansing (starting next semester) school teachers and staff with the single purpose to let them know “they are loved and valued.” The scope of this initiative is large and needs many ministries cooperating together.

Here are three values we want to uphold as we collaborate on the best ideas:

- \* Focus on the school staff (teachers, paras, office admin, custodial, etc.).
- \* Do something that adds value to the school staff and says, “Thank you!”
- \* Communicate to the school staff that they are loved and valued.

We fully understand that not all of us have the same assets or resources, however, each of us has the same calling to love the Lord and love our community—and that we will do together.

As many of you know, we have already established a partnership with Anthony Elementary School. This semester we are adding Nettie Hartnett Special + Virtual school. Moving forward in the school year, we will provide a meal for the staff during parent/teacher conference weeks and for teacher/staff appreciation week. Additionally, we will provide treats for the entire school body for an early release day and periodically love on them with donuts. All of these activities are budgeted events through our Outreach Ministry.

Where you can help:

- \* **We will be writing appreciation notes to the schools’ staff this next month** – we need scribes. We have the blank cards in the office.
- \* We will have volunteer opportunities throughout the year (like during the Family Fun Night – see pictures below) – we need servants.
- \* Super Soup Day is planned for Nov 1st, because this church can make some soup! It will be soup, bread and desserts – more details on time and locations to follow.
- \* We need individuals who are willing to read with individual students, as needed – we need stewards.
- \* Leavenworth schools need substitute teachers – immediate need. Mrs. Amy Jo Troyer (LV Assistant HR Director) has provided a list of resources about substitute teaching or volunteering at the school: Become A Substitute Teacher in LV
- \* Become a Volunteer in LV -<https://securevolunteer.com/LEAVENWORTH-USD-453/home>
- \* We need to pray for our schools, teachers, staff, students and parents. Children spend half their waking hours in school.

I invite you to pray about your involvement in one of these initiatives. I believe that we can make a difference for the Kingdom of God when we join our efforts together. If you have any questions – call me!

in Christ Ed



## The Scouting Ministry at FUMC includes Cub Scout Pack 3109, Troop 173 and 6173

Pack 3109 is moving forward in the new school year. Due to competing activities for youth and leaders, Cub Scouts are switching their meeting time to Tuesdays, at least through soccer season!

We are in the middle of the dreaded re-charter with annual Scouts BSA program.

Annual fees for YOUTH are \$119 and ADULTS: \$99.

The pack is selling meat sticks (2 for \$3) to raise money for the annual recharter fees of \$119. Ouch, I know!!! So, if you would like to grab a few meat sticks to help out the pack or just enjoy the flavor, stop me. I have Traditional, Teriyaki, Smoked and PICKLE flavored, but there are other flavors available. If you like the hotter adventures, we can make that happen, too.

Troops 173 and 6173 had a great time at the Monarchs ball game and camp out. We had to get up early because the sprinkler system kicks in at 6 AM.

The family cook-out was another huge success and the weather was perfect. The Scouts cooked in the new church firepit and served about 45 people. I gotta tell you, the biscuits were flakey and buttery. Next year I am asking we bring a bit of honey to put on them. Desserts were INCREDIBLE! Apple Crisp, Brownies, and Ice Cream. Later in the evening as it cooled off, we had warm cinnamon buns.

This month we also conducted our semi-annual Court of Honor to award rank advancements and merit badges. The Scouts earned nearly 100 merit badges. Following dinner and the Court of Honor the Scouts conducted a U.S. Flag retirement ceremony. As the Scouts were cleaning up in the evening we saw the series of Starlink Satellites float across the northern sky. During the activities we had one family visiting the troop to see if we could be a good fit for their son. He signed up for Scouts.

Last week the Scouts completed their Merit Badge requirements for Citizenship in the Community by participating in the Leavenworth City Council meeting. On a side note, the Chalmer family moved to West Point, NY and have visited one troop already, but her words were, “We went and visited a troop last week nearby. It wasn’t as scout-led as 173, so I think we’re going to check out another neighboring troop to see if we can find a closer fit.”

For the Scouts it is fun and adventure; for the adults it is about values and finding that moral compass in life.

A Scout is ... reverent.

*Bill Kibler*







Kids First Worship meets during the 11:00 service each Sunday on the lower floor of the Sanctuary building. In October we will continue to work our way through the Old Testament. We will be focused on Elijah and Elisha.

October 1 – Elijah in Hiding  
October 8 – Elijah and the prophets of Baal  
October 15 – Elijah and Elisha  
October 22 – Elisha and the Widow  
October 29 – Elisha and the Invisible Army



Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings from 9:45 am – 10:40 am. We have two classes. The non-readers meet in room 105 of the Education building. The readers meet in room 204 of the Education building.. With the Bible as our foundation, we will be using science, art and activity to not just tell God's story, but learn what it means for us. Our lessons will be a deeper dive into Elijah and Elisha.



Fusion 56 meets on Sunday afternoons from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm. Designed especially for 5th and 6th graders to meet them where they are and support them as they grow. This month we will parallel Pastor Dave's sermon series, "What Did Jesus Do?"

Refuge is for 7th through 12th grade. They also meet for lunch at 12 pm but then they separate for their own study. For more information, contact Kristen at khowell@fumclvks.org.



Wonderful Wednesday is a fantastic way to remind children that God is not just for Sundays, he is for EVERY day. Our theme this year is The Journey. We will start out getting to know each other and then go on a journey with Paul and his friends. Friends are always welcome! In October, we will join Paul on his, first travels. We will take our passports and learn about Cyprus, Antioch, Iconium and Lystra. We will also find out what happened that made Paul and Barnabas part ways.



Mother's Morning Out is an outreach for young families in our community. But we need volunteers to keep this ministry going. The next Mother's Morning Out will be October 11, from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. We have three age groups; babies, toddlers and pre-K. If you are willing to help, please contact Nancy at nshade@fumclvks.org.

**What:** Trunk or Treat with a Twist! In addition to decorated trunks for kiddos to Trick or Treat, we will also be presenting "Shine". Fun activities for families and kids.

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

**Time:** Pray every evening at 5 pm through October 31.  
Sign up for an hour (or longer!) shift to help on October 31.  
Sign up to help with set up or tear down for the event.

**Treasure:** Donate needed candy or other treats.

**Talent:** Volunteer to lead a Station for Shine.

Decorate a Trunk!

Contact Nancy to volunteer! nshade@fumclvks.org



I'm working as the STEM teacher for Richard Warren Intermediate, supporting approx. 475 students. Some of my ideas for upcoming STEM projects will need these materials shoeboxes, paper towel rolls, toilet paper rolls, tin cans, plastic containers like for butter, sour cream or whipped cream.

Some upcoming engineering STEM projects will be:

1. Making Erhu and Ruan (ancient Chinese instruments)
2. Egyptian Pyramids
3. Mini Greek Chariots
4. Roman Road Maze
5. Roman Aqueducts
6. Create a Model Invention
7. Create Ecosystem Models

If you can help, please bring items to the church office during the month of October. For more information contact me at Christine.varnal@lvpioneers. Thank you so much for your help. **Christine**



October is Pastor Appreciation month. Some people joke that pastors 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"**

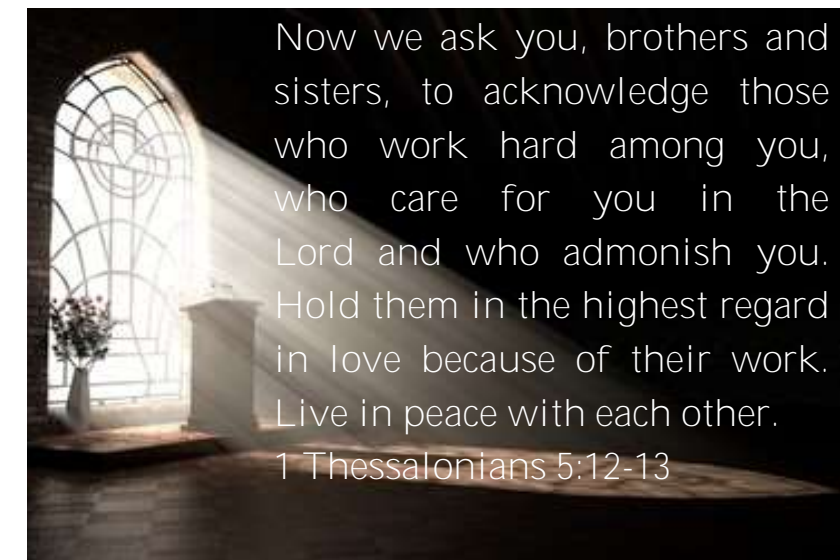
90% work between 55 to 75 hours per week

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.







October is breast cancer awareness month, so you are going to start seeing pink. Schedule a mammogram, it could save your life. A regular mammogram, 22 years ago, discovered a cancerous lump in my breast. Since it was found early, stage one, no chemotherapy was needed. This even led to further events for me as nine months later stage four ovarian cancer was discovered. Surgery and chemotherapy followed. A genetic test indicated I am positive for the BRCA1 mutation. People who inherit harmful variants in one of these genes have increased risks of several cancers—most notably breast and ovarian cancer. Speak to your health care provider to determine when you should begin regular mammograms. Early diagnosis is important. It could be life saving! YOU are important, and this is too.

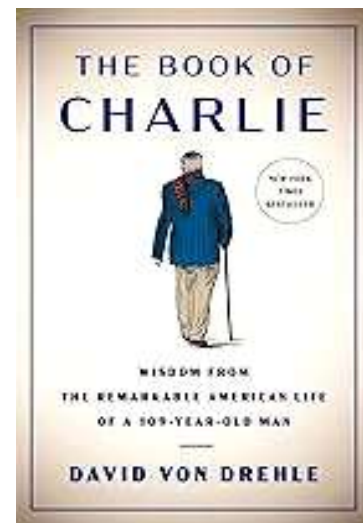
When you see pink, schedule an appointment. **Cheryl Rader**

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Jonas Anderson is a recent Lansing High School College Board National Award Winner. He along with ten other students received this honor for notable academic achievements and test scores (PSAT and AP) qualify them for the honors. Colleges and scholarship programs use these honors to identify students through College Board's Student Search Service. The awards can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with universities across the country, helping them stand out during the admissions process. Great work, Jonas!



Itchin' to Stitch has been working on quilts to honor our veteran's. On October 19, at 1:30 pm they will be getting together to put the final touches and name tags on the quilts. New members are welcome to join them.



**NOVEMBER 7**  
**1 PM**



When a veteran Washington journalist moved to Kansas, he met a new neighbor who was more than a century old. Little did he know that he was beginning a long friendship—and a profound lesson in the meaning of life. Charlie White was no ordinary neighbor. Born before radio, Charlie lived long enough to use a smartphone. When a shocking tragedy interrupted his idyllic boyhood, Charlie mastered survival strategies that reflect thousands of years of human wisdom. Thus armored, Charlie's sense of adventure carried him on an epic journey across the continent, and later found him swinging across bandstands of the Jazz Age, racing aboard ambulances through Depression-era gangster wars, improvising techniques for early open-heart surgery, and cruising the Amazon as a guest of Peru's president

David Von Drehle came to understand that Charlie's resilience and willingness to grow made this remarkable neighbor a master in the art of thriving through times of dramatic change. As a gift to his children, he set out to tell Charlie's secrets. The Book of Charlie is a gospel of grit—the inspiring story of one man's journey through a century of upheaval. The history that unfolds through Charlie's story reminds you that the United States has always been a divided nation, a questing nation, an inventive nation—a nation of Charlies in the rollercoaster pursuit of a good and meaningful life.

The book club will meet on November 7, at 1 pm. We welcome other book lovers to join us.







# Going Home

I left Kenya in 1994 to become a nanny in Germany. After finishing as a nanny, while I was studying at the University of Heidelberg when I met my husband, Michael. Since 1994, I have returned to Kenya in 1996, 2000, and 2007. I planned to return every five years, but life events got in the way; we helped my in-laws before they passed away, our daughter Jamie was born in 2009, and I studied for many years to become a nurse practitioner.

I returned to Kenya this summer after 15 years. It was a long overdue return to my roots. I traveled with my immediate family three American friends. For my friends, my daughter, and my nieces and nephew, this was the first time they were visiting Kenya and Africa. It was interesting to see how they all experienced this vacation.

We were in Africa for 3 1/2 weeks. We shared excellent world-class tourist experiences by going on Safari to the Masai Mara and having a beach vacation at an all-inclusive beautiful resort on the South Coast of Kenya, Diani Beach. We took the train from Nairobi to Mombasa. We took one day off our beach vacation to visit Mombasa.

Once outside the resort, we viewed the poverty in Kenya close up. There are rich, poor, and a small but growing middle class. We visited the historic Fort Jesus, built by the Portuguese, where they ran the slave trade until they were defeated by the Arabs who took over. After Fort Jesus, we walked through the old town of Mombasa, viewing and literally smelling the poverty. Our friends and the children saw another world as we walked through the alleys, seeing beggars and trash. We visited the Mombasa Market, purchased spices, and viewed the available fruits and vegetables. We visited the Bombolulu workshop, where the physically handicapped make crafts, including carvings, textiles, and wheelchairs. It was founded in 1969 by the Methodist Church. We could purchase gifts from the gift shop at a fair price without haggling.

While in Nairobi, we were honored to be hosted by KDF (Kenya Defense Forces) CGSC alums. They held a lovely luncheon for us and gave us many gifts to bring back. The next day, we had a family reunion at a cousin's house with a catered lunch for all our relatives. I saw cousins in their 30s and 40s who were small children when I left for Germany. Due to immigration, it was my first time with my mom and sisters in the same location. Jamie met over 100 relatives for the first time with her three American cousins and learned about Kenyan culture.

We also visited my former high school, a Catholic boarding school founded by an American Jesuit brother named John Koczka. It is five and a half hours from the capital in a rural area. I had not been back since graduating in 1992. My daughter, nephew, and nieces saw how different my school life was from theirs.

This trip was therapeutic for me and my family and made me realize that I am blessed beyond measure. Being back home, where everyone spoke Swahili was lovely, and 99 percent of the people looked like me. I am forever grateful for what the lord has done for me. **Catherine Brettmann**



Camp Horizon is a United Methodist church camp near Ark City, Kansas. Every summer hundreds of teenagers come to camp for swimming, hiking, games and most of all to hear about Jesus. After the summer is over, there are many things at the camp that need to be repaired, painted, trimmed, organized, etc. That is where Cheryl and Gary Rader come in. For years, they have organized a mission trip to Camp Horizon to close up the camp and prepare it for the next summer. This year thirteen people went to Camp Horizon. They left on Sept 24. They worked hard, but they played hard as well. Their hard work benefits kids they will never meet, but they are happy to help.

The Raders will be organizing another mission trip to Camp Horizon next September. You are welcome to join them.





Every year the Nurture and Care team prepares a delicious meal for our Octogenarians. Many of them look forward to this special occasion all year. Gary Keller was the special guest this year and played oldies, but goodies on the piano. Everyone loved his music. Enjoy these photos of our dear church family. And thank you to everyone who worked hard to make this special event possible.

