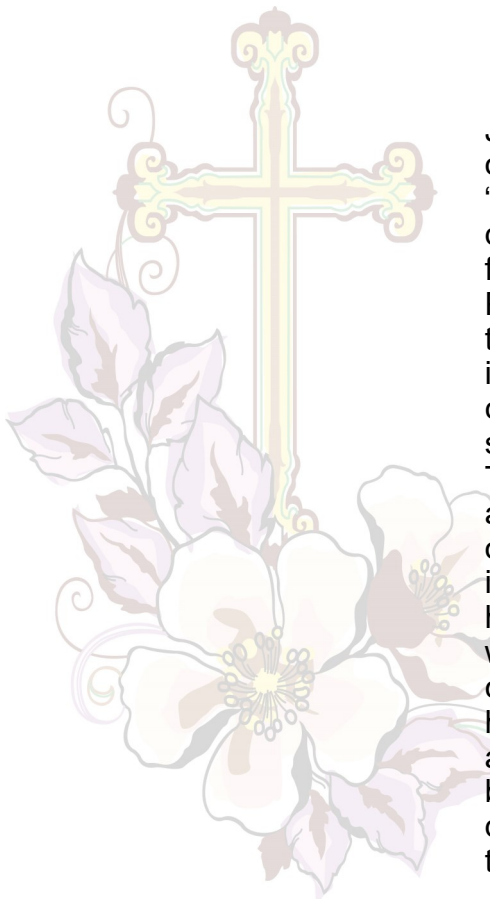


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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30

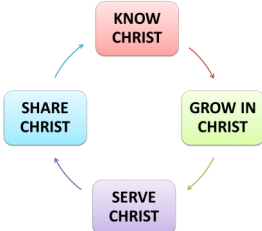
**ON THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY...
with Pastor Christopher**



Jesus spent much of his time in prayer. We don't have the text of many of his prayers, most often we're just told that he was "praying in a certain place." As I said Sunday, I envision the disciples noticing that - and noticing how calm, inspired, powerful, and challenging he was each time he returned from prayer. Prayer is about connecting with our source. Sometimes we think we need to pray in a way to get God's attention - but what is lacking is not God's presence, it's our awareness. We aren't convincing God to do something, rather we are aligning ourselves to see and participate in what God is already doing. That's what the Lord's Prayer is about - a framework of praise and petition that draws our attention to all the different ways we ought to pray. Useful, certainly, in itself, as we do each Sunday in worship - but even more so as a guide to further prayer. I hope you are setting an alarm - at 3:01pm or another time that works better in your schedule - and engaging in prayer for our church and community. We face some challenges - and we have opportunities. The key to entering into and sharing God's abundance will be our shared practice of prayer. And remember - the Spirit prays with and through us - even when we don't have the words, make the time to be inspired and "take it to the Lord in prayer!"

Mission Statement

"The mission of the First United Methodist Church of Fort Scott, Kansas, is to share the good news of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and to exemplify the love of God by knowing Christ, growing in Christ, serving Christ and sharing Christ."



First United Methodist Church

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February Birthdays: 1-Virginia Myers, Betty Galan; 3-Connie McKee; 4-Susan Willard, Jasmine Bradley; 5-Jim Covey, Tyler Slinkard; 7-James Lipscomb, Wyatt Tourtillott; 8-Alex Ward, Seth Norris, Noah Allshouse; 9-Trina Arndt, Austin Ward; 11-Nolene Whiteside; 12-Stephanie Johnson; 13-Janice Patterson, Lauren Ammons; 16-Suziee Barlet; 19-Debbie Sailors; 24-Kiptyn Hunziker; 26-Cindy Hiatt, Joce Renfro; 27-John Bloesser; 28-Peggy Bloesser.



Faith Builders in February

In February, we follow our January study with a discussion of "Justice and Adversity." God's justice is often perverted and ignored to our own peril. God's representatives are responsible to seek God's justice. This is as true today as it was in Old Testament times. We will examine how God's people sought God's justice as we examine and discuss Nathan, David, Ezra and our old friend, Job. Come join us in fellowship and discussion. We welcome you to try this for a start to your Sunday worship.

Ron Wood

SCHOLARSHIP

Graduating seniors and college students (undergraduates only) who are interested in completing a Memorials Scholarship application need to begin the process. Deadline for completing and returning these applications to the church office is March 1. Please be aware of the March 1 deadline and understand that late applications may be denied due to lack of funding availability. The applications are available in the church office, on the church's website, or you may contact Marla at 223-1950 and she'll be glad to see that you receive the application.

The United Methodist Women have a reading program. Books in five different categories: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Spiritual Growth Nurturing for Community, and Social Action have been chosen for their interest and impact on the programs of UMW. These books are in the library just down the hall from the church office. The books are on the shelf to the left of the door.

Anyone wanting to read one of the books just needs to write down their name and the name of the book and return it in a timely manner for the next person. If a member of UMW reads one in each category and reports that to our president, Jan Hedges, our group gets recognition for that in the yearly report. Good reading!!!

Jean Tucker

Thank you Marla!

As you have probably heard by now, our administrative assistant of the past (almost) 15 years has announced her retirement. We will have a reception to honor and thank Marla for her years of service after worship on Sunday, February 20, 2022.

Pastor Christopher



IN GOD'S CARE

I want to thank the congregation for the gift certificate to Redbud as a retirement gift from Feeding Families. I will use it this spring for something special. I also want to thank you for your continued support for Feeding Families. The families in our community are having their food budgets stretched now more than before and the hot meal on Wednesday night offers a welcome relief.

A special thank you to all who provide desserts weekly. Your commitment to this mission meal is noticed. This is God's meal and your being his hands and feet is greatly appreciated.

Jean Tucker

The United Methodist Women could use your help collecting Best Choice UPC labels. You may leave your UPC labels in one of the jars located by the doors at the entrances of the church or you may give them to one of the women. The UMW thanks you for your help in their fundraising effort!





February 2022

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Each Wednesday:

*9:00 to Noon-Work session at the church

>5:30-6:30 p.m. (FFiHN) Feeding Families in His Name meal served

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 9 a.m. Sewing Group-Parlor Noon Mahjong-Parlor	2 *Wednesday work session >FFiHN—to go meals only	3 Noon-Fellowship Hall is reserved 4 to 9 p.m. First Thursday Stitches—Fellowship Hall	4	5
6  3:30-5:00 p.m. Three Rivers Network meeting-St. John's UMC	7	8 9 a.m. Sewing Group-Parlor Noon Mahjong-Parlor	9 *Wednesday work session >FFiHN—to go meals only	10 Noon-Fellowship Hall is reserved 5:00-7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall is reserved	11	12
13	14 	15 9 a.m. Sewing Group-Parlor Noon Mahjong-Parlor	16 *Wednesday work session March newsletter items are due in the office >FFiHN—to go meals only	17 Noon-Fellowship Hall is reserved	18 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Friendship Soup Lunch serving to-go meals, sponsored by the Mission Committee	19
20 Retirement reception for FUMC's Administrative Assistant, Marla Gorman, following worship	21  Office closed	22 9 a.m. Sewing Group-Parlor Noon Mahjong-Parlor	23 *Wednesday work session >FFiHN—to go meals only	24 Noon-Fellowship Hall is reserved	25	26
27	28					
		Watch the bulletin for calendar changes or updates.			Dates, times and activities may change. Watch the bulletin for updates.	

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The people of the United Methodist

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Open hearts

Open minds

Open doors



Here's your February 2022 Newsletter from....

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Church Office Hours:

8:00 a.m.-Noon and 1:00-3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday

8:00 a.m.-Noon on Friday

During June, July and August 8:00 a.m.-Noon Monday through Friday

