



The Discipline of the United Methodist Church

Paragraph 161F- The United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching.

Paragraph 304.3- The practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. Therefore, self-avowed practicing homosexuals are not to be certified as candidates, ordained as ministers, or appointed to serve in the United Methodist Church.

Paragraph 341.6 – Ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions shall not be conducted by our ministers and shall not be conducted in our churches.

The preceding statements are excerpts from our United Methodist Discipline. They are discriminatory against Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, and Transgender persons within and outside our beloved United Methodist Church. While these statements are believed to be linked to biblical teachings in our Judeo-Christian tradition and according to debate and resolution are the traditional teachings and understandings of the faith, they are grounded in scripture texts that are tribal based, culturally bound, as well as addressing promiscuous and abusive relationships. Twenty-first Century understanding, science, and progress shows us same gender relationships in our understanding today are simply not addressed in our canon of scripture.

For these reasons College Hill United Methodist Church continues to be committed to the task of having these statements removed from our United Methodist Discipline. They are unjust, unscriptural, and harmful to our LGBT brothers and sisters, members, and those who would seek a place in the church of Jesus Christ.

As many of us know the 2016 General Conference and Council of Bishops implemented a Commission to study and bring forth The Way Forward to a Special Called General Conference of the United Methodist Church to resolve our conflicted ministry with LGBTQ persons. This Special General Conference will meet in Saint Louis, February 23 – 26, 2019. It will be a pivotal time in the life of the United Methodist Church.

In light of this coming General Conference I am calling on our College Hill United Methodist Church Community, and those who would like to join us, to be in 365 Days of Prayer for our Bishops, the Commission on The Way Forward, our Delegates, and our UM Church. It is my intent to pray for the opening of minds and hearts, that we might truly live into our stated *Open Minds, Open Hearts, and Open Doors*. It is my hope that as a result of the many prayers and actions of our churches and members justice may *finally roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream*. May the Spirit move so we would become a church of welcome, inclusion, compassion, justice, and love.

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with
Free Breakfast too
Saturday, February 17th
9:00 – 11:00am
Fellowship Hall



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**College Hill
 United Methodist Church**
 A Reconciling Congregation
 Wise in the Ways of the Spirit,
 Bold in the Ways of Justice,
 and Graceful in relationships
 with all Creation.

Church Services

9:00 am - Sanctuary
 Traditional Service

10:15 am - Fellowship Hall
 Contemporary Service

11:20 am - Ward Chapel w/ Communion
 The 40 Worship Service

Ash Wednesday - February 14, 2018
Sermon - Turn Around at 6:00pm
 Rev. Kent H. Little

Sunday - February 18, 2018
 First Sunday in Lent
Sermon - Losing Your Head
 Lenten Sermon Series - *Perilous Love*
 Rev. Kent H. Little

February 11, 2018

Attendance 209

Giving \$ 6,041.⁰¹



To the family of Bobbye Humphrey, in her death. Her funeral service will be Saturday, February 17, at 11:00am in CHUM Sanctuary.

Kids' Connection

Just a reminder that on Wednesday evenings Jodi Rice meets in the Children's Center with children ages 4 through 5th grade. They gather from 6:30 - 7:30pm. Along with some Biblical Study the children also work on a service project. There is no charge and we invite you to bring your children to enjoy time with other children.

Mark Your Calendars



The **Trinity Garden Committee** will meet in the library after the second service on **March 11**. Our group maintains both the interior and exterior gardens in the front of the church, as well as the plantings around the perimeter of the church. We will review our accomplishments from last year and plan for 2018. Anyone who would like to join our gardening group is most welcome. You do not need to have gardening experience...come and learn!
Connie Gaston, TG Chair

TGIF

February 16th @ 6:30pm

Kneaders

1821 N. Rock Rd

Everyone is welcome to join us for dinner and conversation!
For more information contact



Fun Family Faith Days



Join us for a fun day of supporting our Lady Shocker Basketball Players on **Saturday, February 24, @ 2:00pm**. This is the final home game of the season. Tickets are \$5.00 for the adults and if you RSVP and pay Jodi ahead of time then your children's tickets will be FREE! If you don't let Jodi know in advance, ticket prices will be \$8.00 at the door for adults and children. Join us for this Family Event!

From Your Junk to Someone Else's Treasure

The Mission Committee is going to sponsor a church-wide garage sale to help support missions in our church. Start saving your NICE items today as you do your Spring Cleaning of your house and garage. Donate your unwanted items (NO clothing or shoes please). The date for the sale will be Saturday, April 28th. You may start bringing your items to the church. Please drop off in Room B1 (basement at the west end). Look for more info in upcoming newsletters.

Silent Auction Items Needed

Well, it's about that time. The Middle School youth are gearing up for their fundraiser. If you are an artist and would like to donate something to the silent auction, we would love it. If you have a service that we could auction off, that works too. Are you creative and want to put together a theme basket for us, that works too. Dinners, Food, Art, Baskets all are good fund raisers for us. You can drop them off to Brian in the office. Then, mark your calendars and join us on March 11th at 6:00 pm. for the potluck dinner, silent auction and variety show. Thank you for your continued support of our youth ministry program here at CHUM.

The church building will be closed on Monday, February 19th due to President's Day.



Flowers

Every Month!

The Children's Ministry have a fun and wonderful fundraiser. For just one month of \$30.00 you can have a fresh bouquet of flowers every month for FREE! Look for someone to be selling these cards at church again this coming Sunday and begin picking up your bouquets in March. This is a \$75.00 value but for you the cost is only \$30.00. With this deal, you can also get a 2nd bouquet for \$5.00. The money raised from this event will go towards the expense for those going to Camp Fontanelle.

Camp Fontanelle for Families and/or Adults

Family Style Work Team trip will be July 29 - August 3. This is for ages 5 through 105. The cost is \$85/child and \$110/adult. This cost covers transportation, food and lodging. A deposit of \$25 will be required and scholarships will be available. Those over 18 years of age have to be Safe Gathering certified and Jodi can help with this is you are not certified. Camp Fontanelle is just north of Fremont, NE and we will be doing repair work to the church located there. It could be sanding, painting staining, decluttering, etc. Hope you will join our work team and bring your friends and family too!

Fun Family & Faith Day



Sign up and join us on **Friday, March 23, from 1:30 - 3:30pm** at the Kansas Food Bank. There are only 11 spots available at this time. RSVP to Jodi Rice by calling the church office or email: Jodi.rice@collegehillumc.org. This is a great opportunity during Spring Break for families to work together to help others in need.

Alice Keech UMW Circle

We will be gathering on Wednesday, February 21st. Join us at 10:00am in the church Parlor. All ladies are welcome - we would enjoy having you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NOTES

AGAPE, Rm. 201 - Welcome to 2 guests, Kathy and Julie. We watched and discussed "Being Paleolithic" from the Great Courses, "The Other Side of History: Daily Life in the Ancient World". We found it very difficult to comprehend 6 million years of human history. Sunday's topic is "Living in Mesopotamia". Prayers for Alisa, Marieke, Matt Petty, Ellen Moore, Karen's dad, Bob and Molly Souter's friend's twin babies. Happy Valentine's Day this week! Shelton's treat next.

BUILDERS, Rm. 305 - We will start our Lenten series, "He Chose The Nail", on Sunday. All are welcome to join us. Keep Charlie, Floris, Nori, Chuck Chipman, Chico, Gerry ReQua (in John's passing) and Mark McKee in your prayers.

CHILDREN, Children's Center - We have begun our new mission project - to buy a pig for Heifer International. Sunday, we begin our series of "Fruit of the Spirit" with emphasis on Missions.

COMMUNICATORS, Rm. 301 - Small but mighty class met and closed our study of the book Saving Jesus from the Church. Discussion of future study/discussion materials, with a decision to choose the book Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus: A Devout Muslim Encounters Christianity with video. Prayer Requests: Caywood's son, John; the ReQua and Schmoker families; all travelers; and all unspoken prayers.

CONTEMPORARY STUDIES, Rm. B5/7 - Valentine's Day celebrated early by seventeen with *Be Mine* and *Crazy 4 U* cookies! Happy Birthday this week to Linda Popp and Myrne Roe. Keith Williamson continued with review of chapter "The Medium is the Metaphor." Tabletalk focused on how the cell phone has changed your life. Sunday, Chapter 2 - "Media as Epistemology".

DOUBLE CIRCLE, Rm. B4 - Bob opened class with 14 present. The lesson today was from James 3: 1 - 12: Controlling the Tongue - to elevate our faith by allowing God to discipline our speech. Thank you Dr. Brake. Bill Means read devotions - thank you! Welcome back Betty and Howard Clements! Stay well. Moe, we saw Jane and Catherine in church - sorry we missed their hugs! Safe traveling. Blessings to all who couldn't be here today.

TRAVELING COMPANIONS, Bride's Room B14 @ 11:15 am - Join us for discussion on spiritual development and personal growth.

VICEROY, Rm. B3 - We interrupted our conversation on business ethics and personal spirituality. Members of the class had attended a lecture series on Saturday from professors associated with the Jesus Seminar and shared with the class the scholarship that has provided new information on Paul. Provided context as to why we have the Letters of Paul in the New Testament.



College Hill United Methodist Youth Ministry

February 18
Deal or No Deal
11:30am - 1:00pm

UPCOMING CALENDAR

February 25
Craft Day
11:30am - 1:00pm

March 4
Lunch Bunch
11:30am - 1:00pm
Location TBA



CHUM Nursery

The CHUM Nursery is available for children under the age of 4 years each Sunday. It is located at the west end of building across from the elevator next to Fellowship Hall.

Children's Ministries Welcomes All Children!

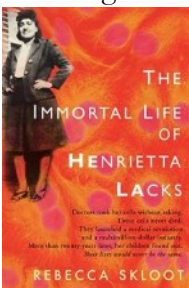
**Children's Sunday School
for 2 year olds - 5th Graders**

Sunday school will take place in the Children's Center during the Sunday school time from 10:15 - 11:30am. Take children directly to their classroom and pick them up at 11:30am from their classroom. **First Sunday of each month** is Family Worship so all children with worship with their family and there is no Sunday school.

KID'S CONNECTION
Every Wednesday evening
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Children's Center (basement)
All children welcome!

Faith Sisters' Book Club
Sunday, February 18 at Noon

Join us in the church Parlor as we discuss this month's book. The book selection is The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot. Rosemary Chapman will be hosting and would like an RSVP if you are planning to attend. You may contact her at (316) 650-9745 or by email at rose7845@aol.com. This book was chosen in honor of Black History Month and because it is a great book. It is an award winning book and was on the New York Times bestseller list for 75 weeks. This book continues to appear on reading lists for colleges and high schools throughout the country! We will also be **hosting the Meet & Greet on this Sunday** so bring snacks to share with the congregation between services.



SUMMER FUN

It is still cold outside and summer is a few months away but many of you are planning summer vacations and activities so be sure to include:

Camp Horizon

3rd - 9th graders Sleep Away

June 25 - 29

1st - 3rd graders Day Camp

June 26th

(entering grades for 2018-2019)

Vacation Bible School

Monday - Friday

July 9 - 13

9:00am - Noon

**Camp Fontanelle
 Family Work Team**

Sunday - Friday

June 23 - 27



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There will be charts available to sign up for as many days as you would like to be in prayer for our Denomination. It is my prayer we will have persons signed up and intentionally praying each of the 365 days beginning February 26, 2018. The Chapel will be open every day for this time of hope and prayer, however *prayers happen*, and you certainly do not need to be present here to be in prayer or sign up for a day. If you are not a part of College Hill UMC but would like to participate simply let us know and we can sign you up, most importantly, pray. May we indeed *Make Justice Happen, Love as God Loves, and Be the Very Reflection of God in the World.*

May it Be So.
 Pastor Kent