



Living into a New Reality

A week ago this last Sunday, TruDee and I received a contract on our home here in Wichita. We decided we needed to get the process in motion as soon as possible in Omaha, so we spent Thursday afternoon through Saturday morning on a whirlwind tour of houses for sale in the city. I do not know for sure how many houses we looked at, perhaps as many as twenty houses in our time there. We finally narrowed it down to three and made an offer on one before we left town. We received a call on the way home that the offer had been accepted. The reality of the days in Omaha really brought the change home for me, living into that new reality is approaching fast!

Navigating change and newness always involves anxiety, excitement, loss, new energy, grief, and hope... it can be a tenuous place to be. I have spent a good amount of time over the last few weeks remembering and reflecting on the last eight years here at CHUM. Sometimes I think when we find ourselves in these times of change and transition it is easy to focus on the negatives of life. Certainly, in these last eight years there have been some bumps and struggles, missed opportunities, and perhaps even missteps. No one, no church is perfect and we do the best we can and bringing hope into the world around us.

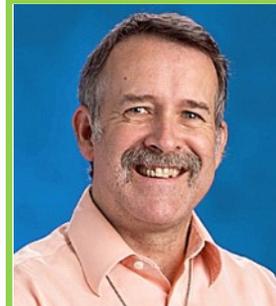
That being said, the last eight years has been filled with tremendous accomplishment and success, grace and love. Yes, we have had to make some really difficult decisions and change the way we do things. I had to change the way I lead and how I practice ministry. And so many of our retired clergy and lay people have stepped up to fill the gaps we had to create to be a healthier church. And let me say thank you to all of you for a willingness to press against the status quo and do what needed to be done.

CHUM was in the milieu of change before I arrived on the scene and we have certainly been for the last eight years. We as a community of faith, lay and clergy alike, we as a program and office staff have had to adapt and change not only to the changing landscape within our congregation but our neighborhood and city as well. But I believe we have met that challenge well and continue to grow into the future.

We as a congregation must embrace change in order to thrive as a community of faith. We must be willing to think outside the walls of the church, to find ways to invite and include our neighborhood more fully into the life of our church. We must continue to find ways to be present in the city and community that speaks to justice and equality for our future generations.

As I said in a previous writing, I am so grateful for my time here at CHUM. I have learned so much with you. I believe I am a healthier pastor because of my time with you, you have shaped and molded my practice in ways that have prepared me to better lead in an even larger setting and larger staff. I believe our CHUM is a healthier community of faith than it was eight years ago. Healthier in the way we care for one another, healthier financially...though we have a way to go yet, and healthier in the way we are present in our community.

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Farewell to Galen Shriner

Join us in the Parlor for a donut and time to share a word of

thanks and well wishes to Galen Shriner, our organist. He has accepted a position at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church here in Wichita. We have all enjoyed his incredible talent on the organ and accompanying the chancel choir. Bring a card for him or most importantly take a little time Sunday to greet him and give thanks we had him here in our midst.

Pastor Kent's

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 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

Sunday - May 20, 2018
 Day of Pentecost
**Sermon - Of Tired Faith and
 Tattered Theology**
 Rev. Kent H. Little

May 13, 2018

Attendance 240

Giving \$6,308.27

BENNY ANDERSSON & BJÖRNV LIVAELIS
MAMMA MIA!
THE SMASH HIT MUSICAL SHOW ON THE STAGES OF ABBA
NOVELLO THEATRE



Would You Like To Go To Kansas City and see MAMMA MIA! at the New Dinner Theatre?

We are interested in seeing if there are enough people to hire a coach bus to go to Kansas City and the New Dinner Theatre. It would involve a cost of approximately \$80-100 per person and a minimum of 30 persons. This would be a Wednesday event as this is the only time lunch is served. The New Dinner Theatre serves a great buffet and a good show with yummy desserts. If we do decide to go, we need to pay 2 - 3 months prior to the event. We are thinking of September. If interested, please call one of the folks below:

Sharon Peters (316) 697 - 2805

Meredith Means (316) 636 - 4463

Bob/Nancy Eyres (316) 250 - 2734



with
Free Breakfast too
Saturday, May 19th
9:00 – 11:00am

TGIF

May 18th @ 6:30pm
New Paradise Biryani Pointe
1648 S. Rock Rd.

Everyone is welcome to join us
for dinner and conversation!

For more information contact

Janice Rich, 265-4879

Also contact Janice for carpooling.



CHUM GRADUATES

***Isaac Flickinger** from East HS and will be attending Dunlap Transition Campus at Chisholm. Isaac is the son of Bart & Kris Ehling

***Ty Bruckner** from North HS and will be attending Macalester College: Private Liberal Arts College in St. Paul, MN. Ty is the son of Eric and Misty Bruckner.

***Ryan Manganiello** from Campus HS and will pursue a Business Management degree from Kansas State University. Ryan is the son of Ralph & Heather Manganiello and the grandson of Coleen Dyson.

***Noah Graham** from Derby HS and will be attending George Mason University in Fairfax, VA on a debate scholarship. Noah is the son of Stuart & Kelley Graham.

***Adam Bohanan** from Butler CC with an Associates degree in Applied Science with a major in Interactive 3D Technology Game Design. Adam is the son of Terri & Jerry Bohanan.

***Jennifer Hahn** from Missouri State University with a Bachelor's degree in Nursing and is a member of the Honors College. Jennifer is the daughter of Karen & Dennis Hahn.

***Mattie Predmore** from Wichita State University with a Bachelor's in Liberal Arts & Sciences with a major in Electronic Media. Mattie is the daughter of the late Darcy Predmore.

***Christine Bartley** from Kansas State University with a DMV (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine). She has accepted an internship at Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington, KY as an ambulatory vet. Christine is the daughter of David & Robin Bartley.

***Lora May** from Pittsburg State University with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree. She has accepted a position at Maize MS. Lora is the daughter of Brian & Susan May.

***Mollie Souter** from Butler CC with an Associates degree and will continue through outreach classes from Emporia State University. Mollie is the daughter of Roger & Kathy Souter.

Congratulations

College Hill UMC was awarded a Certificate in Appreciation of our Involvement and Support as a Spaght Advocates in Motion (SAM) Partner as "Thanks for making a difference!" Congratulations to all involved in working with the Spaght students.

Looking for a Way to Help?



Rick and Rick have been working hard in the CHUM Community Garden but could use some help with weeding. The children will be working Saturday at 1:30pm if you would like to join them or feel free to come weed at your convenience.

Book Study with Saint Mark Continues May 23rd at 6:30pm.

We will begin our study of the book, We Were Eight Years in Power, An American Tragedy by Ta-Nehisi Coates, on **Wednesday, May 23**, at Saint Mark United Methodist Church (1525 N. Lorraine) at 6:30pm. Be sure to put this on your calendar as we continue to have a discussion of racism and how we build relationship and community together to make this world a better place in which to live.
Pastor Kent

Children's Ministry Activity

The Children's Ministry is collecting undies and socks for the Wichita Children's Home. They have children up to ages 22 years old. If you are out shopping and wish, pick up some socks or some undies for the young people staying in the Children's home. They need more items for the older ones. Drop by the church office for Jodi.



Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held for 5 days during the week of July 9 - 13. It will run from 9:00am - Noon each day.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NOTES

AGAPE, Rm. 201 - Same group to watch "Relaxing Greek Style" video. Fact: Symposium means, drinking party and philosophical discussions. Sunday, "Being a Greek Refugee" - seems pertinent to current times. Lots of celebrations this week: Happy Birthday to Gary Hawley, Shelly Petty, Haley Shelton, and Mollie Souter; and Happy Anniversary to Cal & Nancy Wiebe. Papineaus treat next.

BUILDERS, Rm. 305 - Lesson 4 "Keep My Statues and Ordinances." Klyda has treats. Keep Charlie (3 hot spots), Nori and Chico in our prayers.

CHILDREN, Children's Center - Our Sunday school offering is for Undies and Socks for the Wichita Children's Home. On Saturday, May 19, at 1:30pm we are be weeding in the Community Garden. Sunday, we will have a Pentecost celebration in our classes.

COMMUNICATORS, Rm. 301 - Happy Mother's Day! We opened with singing, thank you, Robin. Happy 46th Wedding Anniversary to Evelyn & Mickey. Congratulations to Christine Bartley on her DVM, from Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Congratulations to Carly & Jobayer on their marriage. We will host a wedding shower for them on Sun day, May 20th at 2:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Prayer requests: Steve Hiebert (upcoming knee surgery); Donna & Don's son, John, as he starts new medication; Carolyn & Evelyn's sister, Marilyn, as she begins new medication; and for students to make wise choices as they begin their summer activities. Thank you, John, for leading our lesson. Read chapters 36-39 for Sunday. Carolyn has devotions on Sunday.

CONTEMPORARY STUDIES, Rm. B5/7 - Nineteen joined together for a Happy Mother's Day! Myrre Roe thanked the class for support and helping with Jon's Service. Note from Nancy Lusk thanking the class for help and support during Bill's passing. Ann Reed distributed Summer Schedule for "The Lives of Great Christians". Keith Williamson covered the final chapter in Postman's book and summarized the thesis of Leonard Schlain's The Alphabet and the Goddess. Sunday, Lecture One in Summer Series - "What Makes a Great Christian?".

DOUBLE CIRCLE, Rm. B4 - Dr. Brake presented message on Exodus 25: 1 - 7, 2 Corinthians 9: 6 - 8, and Leviticus 23: 9 - 14 , 22 on a cheerful giver and bringing to the Lord our first fruits to show our Love and Trust in Him! Bob opened class and Lilaha played "Love Lifted Me." Betty C. talked about Betty B. and her daughter, Carol, and their health problems. Praying for you both. Tom Small read devotions honoring Mother's Day. We had 18 present today. Blessings to all!

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

VICEROY, Rm. B3 - We will conclude our study of the book Good Business: Putting Spiritual Principles into Practice at Work as we consider the final chapter "New Skills for a New Millennium." We will also take a few minutes to prepare for guests on Memorial Day Sunday.



College Hill United Methodist
Youth Ministry

May 20
Family Softball
11:30am - 2:30pm

UPCOMING CALENDAR

May 27
Ice Cream Sundae Party
11:30am - 1:00pm

Summer Events
Follow the activities in the
College Hill Groove pamphlet

June 3
Family Fun Day
5:00 - 6:30pm
Chautauqua Park
352 N. Chautauqua



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.

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This is the first of a few newsletter writings in which I want to look back with you at so many of the affirmations and ministries our beloved CHUM has accomplished over the last eight years together. We are living into a new reality, both of us, and I believe the Divine is present with us and the future holds great things.

Until Next Week...
Peace and Light for Our
Continued Journey.
Pastor Kent

**Senior Recognition
during the 10:15am Worship Service
Sunday, May 27th**



**One Service Sunday on June 17th
10:00am in Fellowship Hall
Farewell Reception for Pastor Kent
Celebration for Father's Day
"Pies with Pops"**



**One Service Sunday on July 8th
10:00am in the Sanctuary
Summer Bash following the service
in Fellowship Hall.
Welcome to Rev. Jill as we celebrate her
first Sunday at CHUM!**

