

Giving Testimony
Katie and Matt Cramer
11-14-2021



Why do we give?

Simply put: Because we believe in CHUM's message of inclusivity -- that God affirms and loves all people and that we should too. We want to support CHUM's ministry of radical inclusion!

Also: It feels good! Pastor Jill used the physical representation of release in her children's sermon on Nov. 7 (hands in a fist and then opening up, fingers extended), and that is such an apt metaphor for how we view giving. Instead of holding on tightly to our financial resources, giving reminds us that we rely on God to meet our needs.

How do we determine the amount we give? And how have we made increasing our giving a priority in our budget?

Prior to April 2019, we determined our giving by just selecting an amount that felt doable. Pastor Jill invited us to get specific, so here you go: At that time, we didn't pay attention to the percentage of our income; we just aimed for about \$150-200/month. That felt like a bit of a challenge but still manageable.

For Lent 2019, Pastor Jill encouraged us all to engage in joyful giving, hospitality, training, prayer, and witness. As part of that spiritual practice, we were invited to increase the amount we were giving by 2% for the month of April. When we looked at our budget, we found that -- even though our income had been reduced -- we were able to make that 2% increase, and we chose to sustain it for the rest of the year. And that felt good!

This past March, our income increased with a new job, and we were able to start giving double what we'd pledged for 2021. That felt really good!

A few more specifics ...

With Liz Wine's helpful online calculators last week, we're paying more attention to percentages. We can see that we've been giving just over 5% of our income in 2021, still pretty far away from our goal of 10%, which we hope to achieve within the next few years.

In the meantime, we plan to increase our giving in 2022. Because Katie is a worry wart, we will pledge what we could sustain on one income with the intention of giving 6% of our total income. So, our pledge for 2022 will increase to 6% of one income, and our giving will increase to at least 6% of our total income. This puts our minds at ease because if we face another loss of income, we should still be able to meet our pledge. And if we don't face a loss of income, we'll be able to give above and beyond our pledge. And that feels good too!

An invitation

We invite you to join us in looking at the possibilities in your budget for giving to CHUM. Perhaps you can increase by a few dollars or by a percentage point. Every gift matters, and every gift makes a difference in CHUM's mission of radical inclusion. We are grateful for all of the opportunities to grow in God's expansive love here at CHUM. Thank you!

<http://collegehillumc.org/give/stewardship-campaign>

Request that pledges be returned on November 21st.

Church Services

9:00 am Worship - Traditional
(online & indoor)

10:15 am Worship - Contemporary
(online & indoor)

Online Services can be found on the College Hill United Methodist Church Facebook page or on the website at: collegehillumc.org.

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Restore

Our Memory Story series

Rev. Jill Sander-Chali

Sermon Theme: As we have practiced releasing and reimagining, we conclude our series by focusing on restoration. Ultimately, practicing faithful stewardship heals us as individuals and helps us restore right relationship with one another. In Genesis 33, Jacob and Esau experience a surprising reconciliation after years of strife and estrangement. In the final chapter of John's gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples and fills their empty fishing nets. Even after death, Jesus restores our hope and provides an abundant feast

John 21:1-14

Jesus appears to the disciples

Genesis 33:1-17

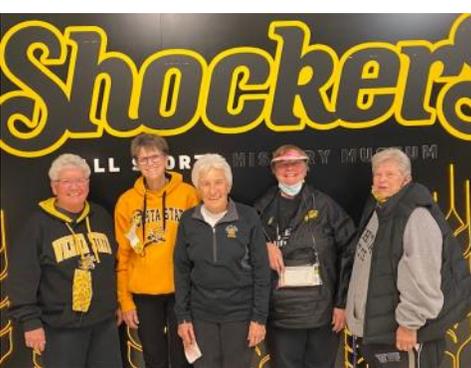
Esau forgives Jacob



November 14, 2021	
Attendance	
Views - 9:00am	131
Views - 10:15am	131
9:00am	40
10:15am	84
Total Giving	\$18,952.01

With Heartfelt Sympathy **Our Sympathy to ...**
Mary Allen and family, upon the death of her husband, Paul Allen. Paul and Mary have been long-time members of College Hill UMC. Paul's Celebration of Life service was held on Monday, November 8, 2021.

CHUM's Women's Group
 There will be a meeting of the Women's Group in the parlor Sunday, November 21, following the second service.



WSU Volleyball Alumni
 These ladies were recognized Friday night, November 12, at the WSU Women's Volleyball game. They are: **Marsha Olmsted, Peggy Clark, Alana Pharis, Reatha Stucky and Debbie Jones**. All attend the 10:15 service.

TGIF
Friday, November 19
Jumbos Beef & Brews
3750 N. Woodlawn
 Everyone is welcome to join us for dinner and conversation!
 For more information contact **Janice Rich, (316) 312-4029**

Church Conference
Sunday, November 21st @ 2:00pm
 East Heights UMC
 4407 E. Douglas Ave.

Any member of our congregation is invited to attend and allowed to vote at this annual business meeting.

Quarter Pole
 We are once again collecting quarters and will have the Quarter Pole at worship services on Sundays. Set those quarters aside and bring them to church and place in the quarter pole. The money raised will help with the expense of maintaining the Community Garden.

Safe Reopening Task Force
 On Tuesday, 11/9/2021, the Safe Reopening Task force reviewed the COVID data. The 14-day rolling average of new COVID cases in Sedgwick county decreased during the previous two-week period. The Sedgwick County COVID dashboard classifies our hospital status as "yellow/cautious." We continue in Phase 4 which allows for indoor and online worship as well as indoor small groups of all ages. The next review is on Tuesday 11/23/2021.

The CDC indicates that the level of community transmission is high in Sedgwick County; therefore masks and social distancing are required in the building. A simple health screening will be conducted at the entrance and check-in log filled out for contact tracing purposes. Food is not to be served in the building.



Birthday Card Shower for Pat Miller on November 22nd
 Cards can be mailed to:
Pat Miller
505 N. Maize Rd, #310
Wichita, KS 67212



New Member to CHUM Family
 Please welcome

Allison Herring! She joined the church on Sunday, November 14, during the 10:15 Worship service. Her son, Clay, is a member of the CHUM Youth Group and it is because of our program and the acceptance they feel at church that helped her decide to become a member of the CHUM Family.

Aluminum Tabs
 We will continue to collect all aluminum tabs for Mackenzie to contribute to the Ronald McDonald House. Our hope is to help her bypass the goal she has set to reach for donation next October on her 10th birthday! Drop your tabs off in the church office or leave a message for Patty if you need them picked up.

CHUM Stewardship Drive
 Hey! If you need a 2022 Pledge Card, pick one up from the church office or fill one out online at our website: www.collegehillumc.org.
 (see the Giving Chart on page 4.)

COVID Tests available
Rapid Antigen Test
Location: College Hill UMC
 Rapid Test (Binax): **Yes**
 Hours: **Monday 11am - 3pm**
Tuesday 9am - Noon
Thursday 10am - Noon

Phone # - (316) 683-4643
Webpage - www.collegehillumc.org

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NOTES

CLASSES MEET AT 10:15 AM UNLESS NOTED

AGAPE - Hanging of the greens during Sunday school next week. We will continue our video series the following Sunday. Reminder: Zoo trip on the 21st. Jim is getting our tickets. We don't have the adopted families yet for Christmas but consider giving to the class treasury so we have enough funds.

COMMON THREADS - Via DVD, we climbed Mount Sinai with Adam Hamilton to watch the sun rising over the Sinai peninsula. Then, we considered the first commandment, as found at Exodus 20:2-3. We discussed the context of this commandment within the experience of the Israeli exodus. We concluded our discussion by addressing the question, "What is at the center of our lives: is it God or something else?" Please contact Rick Biles at jamesrichardbiles@gmail.com if you would like to visit or join this class.

COMMUNICATORS - Happy birthday to Carolyn! Revised schedule for class activities as follows: November 21 - Don Caywood devotions, decorate the parlor; November 28 - John Brewer devotion, wrap gifts for adopted family; Dec. 5 - Tricia Glidewell devotion; Dec. 12 - Debbie D. devotion; and December 19 - Barry & Sharon devotions and Christmas program. Committees continue to research renovation samples for classroom. Prayers: Mary Allen & family, Trudy Mac, and David Klassen.

VICEROY - Thanks again to Mike and Brian for hosting our pre-Thanksgiving potluck, it was a great success! We will review chapter 1 in the book, Republican Jesus: How the Right has Rewritten the Gospels, by Tony Keddie. Where are the touchstones in our history where we share ideas with the political right? It becomes a measure of interpretation as we move forward.



**NEW Suitcases,
Backpacks or Duffel
Bags for
Susan's
Kids**

**Bring in your
contributions to the church.**



**A collection box is
outside the church
office.**

CHUM's  **Channel**

Look for us at [https://
www.youtube.com/channel/
UC0_SDrUvXInezViBKayicxw?
view_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0_SDrUvXInezViBKayicxw?view_as=subscriber).

abide
John 15:4

College Hill United Methodist
Youth Ministry

Sunday Mornings

10:15am on 2nd Floor

All youth, 5th-6th and 7th-12th grades, come join us as we gather together indoors in our classroom on 2nd floor. Contact Brian Sutton with questions

Brian.sutton@collegehillumc.org

Children's Sunday School

for 5 years old through 4th grade

Sunday Mornings

10:15am Indoor

Contact Jodi Rice

Jodi.rice@collegehillumc.org

CHUM Nursery is Open

The CHUM Nursery is available on Sunday mornings for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years.

It is available from
8:30am - 11:15 am.

During the 9:00am service, children will be in the nursery on the main floor across from Fellowship Hall.

During the 10:15am service, the drop off and pick up will be downstairs in the Children's Center.

**Parent's Day Out
Let Us Watch the Kids Awhile**

Christmas Party!

**Gingerbread Nativity Decorating, carols,
Games, and Christmas Crafts**

December 4th, 2021

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Jodi.rice@collegehillumc.org



Address Service Requested

Want to Participate in the Children's Christmas Pageant?

It is that time of year again! Calling all kids who would like to be in the Christmas pageant, recordings start this coming Sunday. We will begin recording the Christmas pageant during our Sunday school time. The children will work on this during the next few weeks. Sunday, November 21, is a big recording day for the non-speaking roles: animals, shepherds, and angels. If any family would like to participate and would like a private video recording session, email Jodi at: jodi.rice@collegehillumc.org.



Income Range (AGI)	% of Income Given to Charity
Under \$15,000	13%
\$15,000-\$29,999	8%
\$30,000-\$49,999	7%
\$50,000-\$99,999	5%
\$100,000-\$199,999	3%
\$200,000-\$249,999	3%
https://districtcapitalmanagement.com/how-much-should-i-donate-to-charity/	
Data calculated from information on tax returns filed in 2017.	