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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Building disciples for Christ by making God's love real to others."

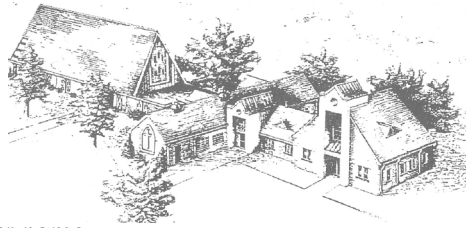
"Looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfector of our faith." Hebrews 12: 2

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From
the
Pastor

Hi Church,

I had a high school geometry teacher who would say, "I need three volunteers to do a problem on the board." Then before anyone could volunteer, she would point say, "You. You. And you."

There are times when I think we view God as a high school geometry teacher. We see the problems of the world, the struggles of the church, and the challenges of our neighbors and think, "If God wants me to do something, God will tell me." The thing is God is not a high school geometry teacher.

In God's infinite grace, God chose humanity to be a little lower than angels and to have a special relationship with God. God also chose to give us the responsibility of choosing him. We decide whether to choose God's grace and to enter a relationship with God. If we choose that, we are saying that there is logic, meaning, and value in God's purpose for our lives and for the world. We are saying that there is something that makes sense in a world full of senseless happenings. We are saying that God is working out his perfect purpose by choosing and using imperfect human beings.

It was the Apostle Paul's conviction that God's perfect purpose is fulfilled through imperfect people. This why Paul wrote such things as: *I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus* (Phil. 3:14). *For we are what he had made us, created in Christ Jesus for Good works, which God prepared before for us to do* (Eph. 2:10). *My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness* (2 Cor. 12:9).

Most people who read this article are people who know and have experienced the fullness of what it means to be chosen and created by God and to have a purpose and part in God's perfect purpose for this world.

Here is the challenge before us. We spend a lot of time in what Thomas Hilton described as "nickle and diming God to death." We know that we are part of God's perfect purpose and have a part in fulfilling God's perfect purpose, but we tend to focus on little things that are safely within our comfort zones and hope God will be pleased with our efforts. But the journey of faith inevitably calls us to take risks. The journey of faith is a call to move away from the familiar and secure to encounter the unfamiliar and sometimes dangerous.

The Ephesian church is a good example of this struggle. At one time, it was a beacon of light for the good news of Christ's saving grace. It was filled with hard working people whose desire was to serve Christ.

But Revelation 2 tells us that somewhere along the way they lost that first love. They had settled for safety and security. They were "nickle and diming God" with their efforts. They forgot about stepping out in faith, risking failure, and difficulty. They forgot that the deciding factor in what to do was not whether it would be successful. The deciding factor in what to do was whether God was calling them to do.

This is the challenge I believe our churches are facing. I fear we spend a lot of time waiting for God to call on us when God's really looking for volunteers. I fear that our decision making is based on what we can do and not on

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what God can do. I believe that our church leadership wants to change that approach. It won't be easy and there are going to be hard decisions to make. This is why I am calling our churches to prayer. I am asking you to be in intentional prayer for our churches and our leadership. You can do that during your personal devotional time, and you should do it then. You can also join me on Tuesday evenings at 6 pm in the Crestview parlor for an intentional time of prayer. Together, we can press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Think about it (Pray about it) and I will see you in church.

Pastor Kevin

It's Your Business: Our financial status through Sept. 30, 2023

Bank Balance: \$ 44,907.46
 Designated Funds: \$ 44,907.46
General Funds: \$ 0.00
 Mission Shares paid to date: \$ 9,926.98

Copies of the Monthly Finance Report are always available in the Church Office.

Total unpaid Mission Shares for 2023 (\$ 10,343.02)

TOTAL: Budget \$187,232.05 + Mission Shares \$20,270.00 = \$207,502.05 needed for 2023



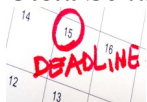
Please note: To keep prayer concerns refreshed in the weekly bulletin & newsletter, prayer requests will be renewed every 2 weeks with the exception of ongoing critical needs. We hope this keeps us updated and brings our attention to new requests. Thank you. Pastor Kevin Rea



Death: Steve Trahoon (9/19)

Concerns: Pat Ripper (broken hip); Nancy Foster; Jennifer Bahr-Slocum; Oleta Schafer; Reva Hern (cancer); Sherry Perry (cancer); Ruth Davis (recovering from her fall), Tom & Peggy Palmer's niece (Stacy—breast cancer); Oleta Schafer's son (Mark); Dave & Mary Manley (for their son & wife, Jason & Farrah, as he remains in severe pain); Kim Brooks

Our Men and Women currently serving in the Military: Matt Thompson; JoAnn Montgomery's Grandson & wife, (Jacob & Lexci Crawshaw); Rick & Laura Anderson's son (Matt Anderson); Oleta Schafer's grandsons (Matt Cavanaugh & Ben Tressler)



Wednesday, Nov. 15th is the deadline for the December Crestviewer!

Pastor Kevin's sermons are available on the Church Website (usually by Tuesday) and a link is shared on our Facebook. AND you still have the option of listening to worship on the phone! You can call (785) 200-3223 and Pastor Kevin's sermon for the week will play over the phone. Crestview has several members who do not have computers or internet and are still unable to meet with their Crestview family. Please, let folks know this is an option!

You can join the 24 other households that currently support Crestview UMC each time they shop at Dillon's! The website to sign up is:



<https://www.dillons.com/i/community/community-rewards>

CRESTVIEW UNITED
 METHODIST CHURCH (41597)



UWF Events:

Nov. 5th 11:30a Exec. Meeting
 Nov. 8th 1:00p Agape Circle
 5:30p Faith Circle

I want to thank you all for all the support you gave me these last 6 months. I knew you were praying for me by the way I was doing so well.

Thank you for the prayers and cards. Also, thank you for the birthday cards. I feel so blessed! God Bless. Reva Hern



There is a surprise 40th Birthday party / meal for Jennifer Shofe planned for Saturday, Nov. 11th from 11:00a—1:00p in the Church Fellowship Hall. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish to share. Meat, drink, dessert are provided!

Doorstep Newsletter Article ~ November 2023

What seems to be the big story this year has been the sharp increased need for food assistance in our community and here at Doorstep. Our original budget for food purchases in 2023 was \$8,000 because that had been the average for the past several years when paired with donations of food. Our actual food purchases by year-end will likely be \$50,000 or more. The need is up, prices are up, and donations of food items have been down creating our current situation. When you go to the store, or order food to pick up, if you are able to help please remember Doorstep and get a few extra items for us to give to your neighbors in need as well.

We have reached that time of year again when Doorstep turns much of our focus towards our Christmas Adoption Project. Again, this year we will adopt 260 households from the Christmas Bureau applications. This amounts to over 800 individuals that we will provide Christmas gifts, food, blankets, hygiene items and gift cards. But we cannot do that without the help of our member congregations, individuals, and community groups.

Items we currently need donated for Christmas are: (NEW)

Queen and King Size Blankets (New): Please **NO THROWS**.

We need a total of 260 to provide at least one to each household!

Full-Size Hygiene Items: Shampoo, Conditioner, Bar Soap, Body Wash, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Razors, Brushes and Combs

Household Items: Griddles, Silverware Sets, Dish Sets, Cookware – Sauce Pans, Sheet Sets (Queen & King), Small Laundry Baskets with cleaning supplies (All-purpose cleaner, laundry soap & softener, dish soap, rags, scrubbing pads, window cleaner) (new)

Gifts: Tool Sets, Cologne & Perfume Sets, Body Care Sets (men/women)

Toys & Games: Nerf Guns, Lego Sets, Action Figures, Dinosaur toys, Family Board Games, Puzzles, 'Barbie the movie' toys

Hoodies: Men/Women/Teens – Varying sizes (Medium – 4X), colors, designs, sports teams, or plain

Monetary Donations: to purchase food, gift cards and items we're lacking.



DOORSTEP REPORT FROM JULIA MARSH:

FOOD ROOM NEEDS: Canned beans all varieties, dry beans, canned milk, powdered milk, chicken noodle soup, tomato soup, cream of mushroom soup, vegetable soup, boxed potatoes, dry spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti O's, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter, peas, ravioli, pork 'n beans, canned fruit, egg noodles, oatmeal, tuna, boxed pastas, pancake mix, saltine crackers, tomato sauce

Hygiene items: Full size shampoo, bar soap, conditioner, razors, toothpaste, body wash, toothbrushes, deodorant, brushes and combs.

CLOTHING ROOM NEEDS: Men's sweatshirts and sweatpants, men's jeans, men's dress slacks especially sizes 30-34, men's shoes, men's t-shirts and men's dress shirts, 3x-7x, women's sweatshirts, and sweatpants, women's sleepwear, boys jeans, sweatpants and shirts, girls jeans, sweatpants, and shirts, girls pajamas, teen girls jeans, sweatpants and shirts, feminine products (tampons and pads), small appliances, bedding: blankets, comforters (all sizes) sheet sets (Twin, Queen and King, clean Bed pillows

DUCK RACE: In Doorstep's first year to participate, 166 ducks were sold and Doorstep made \$348.00.

NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR Walk-Run: Crestview donations were \$180.00 of the over \$1,000 earned.

DOORSTEP CHRISTMAS ADOPTION PROJECT: Again Doorstep will adopt 260 households from the Christmas Bureau. This amounts to over 800 individuals. Items needed are **NEW:** queen and king blankets, household items, gifts for men and women, (cologne sets, tool sets), hoodies, toys and games, and monetary donations to buy food and gift cards. The Christmas Distribution is Tuesday, December 12, Wednesday, December 13 and Thursday, December 14. Opportunities are available for volunteers on these days.

September donations from Crestview: \$655.00 and 60 pounds of food.

Julia Marsh, Crestview Doorstep Coordinator

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 	2 6:15 Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Choir	3	4 9a-Noon Parlor res. Remember to set your clocks back before bedtime! 
5 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS 9:30a Worship Remembrance Sun. 10:30a Sunday School 11:30a UWF Exec. 2:00p Charge Conf. At Topeka First 5:00p fellowship hall reserved	6 7:00p Coin Club fellowship hall	7 6:00p A time of prayer for our Church (parlor)	8 1:00p Agape Circle 5:30p Faith Circle	9 9:30-11:30 Coffee with Pastor at  6:15 Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Choir	10	11 Noon—3p Fellowship Hall Reserved
12 BLESSING BOX SUNDAY 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School 5:00p fellowship hall reserved	13	14 6:00p A time of prayer for our Church (parlor) 6:00p Dist. 8 AA Leaders Mtg. (f. hall)	15	16 6:15 Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Choir 7:00p Stamp Club	17	18
19 COMMITMENT SUNDAY 9:00a Fellowship (Parlor/Library) 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School Noon: Spaghetti Dinner at Grace UMC (free will offering) 5:00p fellowship hall reserved	20 5:30p SPRC meeting (parlor)	21 10:15a parlor resv. 6:00p A time of prayer for our Church (parlor)	22	23 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 	24	25
26 9:30a Worship 10:30a Sunday School 5:00p fellowship hall reserved	27	28 6:00p A time of prayer for our Church (parlor) 7:00p C. N. O. (fellowship hall)	29	30 6:15 Bell Choir 7:00p Chancel Choir		

November Birthdays

1st Brett Basom
 3rd De Jones
 6th Alex Willetts
 8th Terresa Mountain
 9th Harper Jo Basom
 10th John Roth
 Connor Smith
 Kendra Smith
 Taylor Schubert
 Drake Voorhees
 11th Teresa Tuchscherer



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Verne Dow
 Elizabeth Driver
 Mary Absher
 Joanne Dow
 Laurie Pigg
 Shaun Schmidt
 Joshua Miller
 Thomas Schmidt
 Aaron Briggs
 Jim Voelzke
 Keagan Downing
 James Pinger
 Jennifer Shofe
 Jenna Felsburg
 Claudia Voelzke



Commitment Sunday is coming on Sunday, November 19th! Please join us for a light breakfast provided by your Finance committee. We'll gather in the Parlor/Library area at 9:00 for some fellowship and food before gathering together in the Sanctuary for worship at 9:30. As our church faces some challenges, let's take this time to celebrate our commitment to the church, to God and to each other.

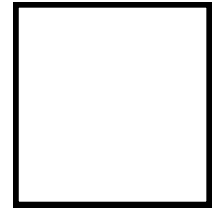


Grace UMC is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on November 19, Serving from Noon-1:00p. They are serving homemade meatballs/sauce and are requesting a free will donation! If you are interested in attending, please contact Grace UMC at 785-232-3333, so they can make plans for you to join them!



As the weather is turning cooler, and you're digging out your hats & gloves, or purchasing new ones, please keep in mind the need for others as well. Now is a great time to pick up hats & gloves for our future "Charlie Brown Tree" which will appear around Nov. 26th. These items will be shared with Doorstep, so we have a short window of time until they need to be delivered to them by Dec. 10th!





To our e-readers!
Thank you!



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If you know that someone is in the hospital, if they approve, please contact Pastor Kevin, so he can lift them up in prayer and possibly visit them.

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**We do offer our newsletter via e-mail,
if you prefer to receive it that way!**



***Crestview Church is also on
Facebook and found by searching
for Crestview United Methodist
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If you would like to be notified by e-mail when there are new prayer concerns, or if you have a prayer concern you would like others to know about, please call the Church Office at 272-3676 or e-mail your information to the Church at the above address.



All e-mail addresses will be kept confidential.