

FIRST UNITED METHODIST NEWS

CONNECTING to Christ | GROWING in Community | SERVING the World

When I arrived at Manhattan First almost two years ago, one of the reasons I was excited to serve was our pastoral team. Both Pastor Melanie and Pastor Sarah had strong reputations in the conference. Each pastor had a unique set of gifts that complimented the rest of the team. Working with both pastors has been a joy, even in this unusual year.

As United Methodist pastors, we understand that every appointment is for one year at a time. Every July, pastors are re-appointed where they are needed or where they feel called. Pastor Sarah has lived her call to promote justice here in Manhattan, and now she is discerning God's call to continue her ministry in another location.

On May 23rd we will have the opportunity to celebrate Pastor Sarah's ministry during worship and at a reception between services. We will pray God's blessing upon her as she moves into a new ministry setting. Personally, I will miss working on the pastoral team with Sarah, but I am grateful that she was here as I started my ministry in Manhattan.



*Grace and Peace,
Barry*

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Worship in-person or live on our website or Facebook. Replays will also be available on both sites.

9:00 a.m. - Contemporary

11:00 a.m. - Traditional

11:30 a.m. - Radio Broadcast on KMAN
1350 AM, 93.3 or 93.7 FM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Please use the double doors to the Connecting Link to enter the building. Thank you.

The newsletter is published monthly on the 28th for the following month. The deadline for submissions is the 15th of every month. If you have items for the congregation, please send them to Deanna Likes, Communications Coordinator, via the website under "About Us - Monthly Newsletter"

The newsletter is always available on our website under "About Us - Monthly Newsletter. If you prefer to receive a paper copy in the mail, please contact the office at 785-776-8821. If you have items for the bulletin, website, or Sunday morning worship screens, those should also be sent to Deanna.



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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Contemporary - 9:00 a.m.

Traditional - 11:00 a.m.

Both services will continue to be livestreamed on our Facebook page and our website. You can also listen on the radio at 11:30 a.m. on KMAN 1350 AM, 93.3 or 97.3 FM.

You will no longer need to register for worship but we will continue to wear masks and have adequate spacing between families. Pews will be designated for seating to maintain social distance. The 9:00 a.m. start time for the early service is temporary until we are able to resume our full schedule.

FIRST SUNDAY COMMUNION

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Church Courtyard

Communion is an important sacrament that connects us to God and each other. Please wear a mask and stay in family groups. Each person will receive individually packaged bread and juice. Come and go as it is convenient for you.

A NOTE FROM YOUR PASTORS

We are pleased to announce that the pastors are fully vaccinated, and we are resuming pastoral visitation at private residences, local retirement communities, and care facilities. Our offices are also available for meetings. We could use your help. Will you please let us know if you would like a visit or if you know of a friend, family member, or neighbor who could use a pastoral visit? It is difficult for us to know who is comfortable with a visit and who is not. If individuals don't feel quite ready for a visit yet, that is ok! We will continue to reach out via phone, technology, or letter to accommodate individuals comfort level.

THE UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL

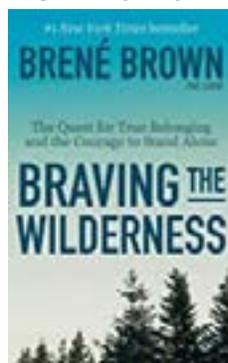
The May/June issue of The Upper Room is available. If you normally pick up a copy when you come to church, email mjadams@fumcmanhattan.com or jpadgett@fumcmanhattan.com or call the church and leave a message and we will put one in the mail to you. You can also pick one up during office hours.



On Sunday, May 9th we will be honoring the 2021 high school graduates at both services, and they may choose which one fits their schedule best. The full list of names will be read at both services and the graduates who are there will be able to tell the church who they are and what their future plans are at that time. We will have a cupcake reception between the services in the Courtyard. You are invited to stop by and congratulate the graduates at that time. We will be taking a group photo on the steps of the church at 10:30 a.m. This photo will be shared on social media and printed in the bulletin the following week to honor and showcase the graduates.

FUMC SUMMER BOOK CLUB

Register by May 31st



The last several years, the FUMC summer book club has been a highlight of my (Pastor Melanie) June – August. The commitment is low, but the return is huge! You're able to read an inspiring book, learn from others, and add some community into your summer fun. You will meet new people and gain new insights as we study the book "Braving the Wilderness" by Brene Brown. This will also prepare you for our August – September sermon series which will cover this very book.

There will be a few different meeting options in June, July and August. So, you would just pick a meeting date/time each month that fits your schedule to make simply three book club meetings throughout the summer.

Email mnord@fumcmanhattan.com to learn more details or join the "club!"

BOOKS FOR ALL WOMEN ADDED TO CHURCH LIBRARY

Many may not be aware that the FUMC Library offers new books of interest to women each year. Selections cover a variety of current topics as well as those aimed at helping women grow in faith, family, and community.

The new books are purchased annually and donated by United Methodist Women at FUMC, said Rosemary Boggs, who leads program resources for the group.

Boggs, who surveys recommendations from the UMW International Annual Reading Program when choosing the books, credited the long-standing program as offering something for almost every interest.

Many, she said, align with social action, spiritual growth and practical, everyday living in today's world. Others focus on cultural differences and offer a greater perspective of the larger world.

"I like to read a variety," Boggs said. "Some may deal with difficult topics, but allow us to build a better understanding of our world."

Both new and previously purchased (by UMW) books are located to the right as you enter the Library. The newest books are on the same shelf as "Response" Magazines.

After choosing a book, please take a moment to sign the card and place it in a recipe-like box (located in a basket above the books). When returning the book, please place the card back in the book and return the book to the shelf.

More information about the UMW Reading Program 2021 can be found at:

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram>

UMW encourages all women to read a variety of books from the UMW Reading Program list throughout the year.

FUMC YOUTH ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE

Sunday, May 9th, 2:00 p.m., Norvell Band Shell at City Park

Please come out and support the FUMC Youth Orchestra at their year-end performance.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Floral arrangements enhance our worship service by reminding us of the beauty of God's creation. If you would like to contribute an arrangement for a 2021 Sunday service, in memory or in honor of someone, contact Judy at jpadgett@fumcmanhattan.com to handle the details. You can also sign up on our website.



Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school term is now open. Children's Day Out is offered for toddlers-3 year olds and Preschool classes are for 3-5 year olds. Our school term runs from September-May. Contact Director, Lindsay Kinsinger at preschool@fumcmanhattan.com with questions or to request an enrollment packet.



CONNECTIONS

CORNER

My favorite verse recently is from Revelations that says, “Behold, I have put before you an open door, which no one is able to shut.” While we have allowed anyone to come and go throughout the last year, the week of April 19th we started to unlock the Connecting Link doors during office hours and inviting our congregation to freely come and go. We have open doors friends! I am also excited to tell you that inside those doors our Welcoming Committee members with their beautiful smiles and helpful hearts are taking their place at the reception area inside the Connecting Link and our Sunday Greeters are ready to welcome you into the church each week! God bless our open doors and all who walk through them! If you have missed the interaction with our church family and the community and would like to help welcome all who enter our open doors, please contact me in the church office to discuss how your beautiful smile and helpful heart can benefit our church!

Cathlene Higgins,
Connections Coordinator

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Greeters

If you are a people person, this is the perfect fit for you! Happy, smiling faces are wanted to say hello to folks as they enter the church on Sunday morning.

Contact Cathlene Higgins, chiggins@fumcmanhattan.com.

Praise Band Members

Are you feeling a call to serve in the third most fun volunteer ministry at FUMC (1st being video and 2nd being sound)?

Then share your musical gifts in the Praise Band! We need people who can play piano, keyboards, drums, guitars, or any other instrument where you may have a talent. Vocalists are also wanted. There are opportunities for all!

We want musicians to commit to serve about two Sundays a month. Contact Adam Inman at adampmi@hotmail.com if you would like to audition!

Sunday Morning Technology Team Members

Have you been watching the Sunday morning services online for the last year wondering how that happens? If so, the Sunday morning technology team may be for you! Technology minded people are needed to run cameras, slides, and audio. Contact Deanna Likes, dlikes@fumcmanhattan.com to get involved.

Ushers

Both the 9:00 and 11:00 services are in need of ushers. Contact Cathlene Higgins, chiggins@fumcmanhattan.com.

Welcome Center Volunteers

Do you enjoy meeting new people? Does smiling come easy to you? If you have Monday-Friday daytime availability, we have just the volunteer task for you!

We are looking for friendly faces to be at the Connecting Link Welcome Desk for one two-hour shift per week, 9:00-11:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Contact Phil or Carol Mattox at 757-778-5619 or pmattox@cox.net to complete a simple one-hour training on hospitality.

This is a no-stress opportunity that will bless many as they enter our church doors. Volunteers must be fully vaccinated to serve in this ministry.

GIVING TO FUMC

There are several ways to give to the church

1. Mail your check to the church. Mail is being delivered and picked up daily.
2. **You can text 785-329-0382.** Put the \$ (dollar sign) then the amount you want to donate. Registration information will appear. Enter your information, then click “process.”
3. Download the ‘GivePlus Church’ app to set one-time or recurring donations. You can manage and view your giving from here.
4. **Online giving** is available through our website. Click on the “Giving” tab and scroll to the “on-line” giving picture and follow the instructions listed.
5. Automatic Withdrawal (ACH) is available for anyone who would like to set it up through the church office. It is a free service provided by our bank.

For more information about all giving, contact Mary Jane Adams in the church office, 785-776-8821, mjadams@fumcmanhattan.com.

MEETING SCHEDULING

Due to COVID-19, we are offering limited meeting spaces to church groups for now. If your group wants to use the buildings for a committee meeting, women’s circle, Bible study, etc., please contact the office and fill out a room request form. Of course, we still encourage all groups to continue online or offer online options to those who choose not to make the in-person meetings. Because of limited spaces and availability, please do not assume your request has been filled. You will be contacted once your meeting request is granted. Finally, all requests must be turned in 48 hours prior to your meeting time. Please contact Cathlene Higgins, Connections Coordinator, at chiggins@fumcmanhattan for room request forms or questions.

PARKING OPEN AT ASCENSION VIA CHRISTI



Ascension Via Christi Hospital has given us permission to park in their Clinic lot (corner lot northeast of the church) on Saturdays and Sundays.

GET SOCIAL WITH US

Jesus said follow me... and now we ask the same of you! If you are on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, make sure you “like” and “follow” us on these platforms. Find us on Facebook at First United Methodist Church of Manhattan, KS. We are @fumcmhk on Twitter and fumcmhk on Instagram. Share our events and status updates when we post. Check in every time you come to church (not just Sunday mornings). If you take pictures or post at church, tag us in them. For all photos, status updates, and tweets, use the hashtag #fumcmhk. Look for specific hashtags for each week in the Sunday bulletin.

COPYRIGHT AND SOCIAL MEDIA

As we use social media more and more to share the excitement of FUMC with family and friends please remember that there are copyright laws that do apply to various media presentations and much of the music that you hear. Also, please be aware not all families have given permission for their children to be videoed and shared on social media. Thank you for your understanding.

SERVICES WEBSTREAMING

With our services being streamed to Facebook and our website, you or your children may end up on video. We do our very best to not have any close-ups of the congregation.



If you, or someone in your family, has a baby, please tell the church by emailing fumc@fumcmanhattan.com, or calling 785-776-8821.

We want to celebrate with you, and keep our records up to date. We have a ministry at the church to reach out to new parents and provide them with a baby blanket. We also provide a rose for the altar, if requested.



COMMUNITY DINNERS

FUMC hosts meals on Wednesday and Saturday at 6:00 p.m. for anyone in the community. Until further notice, meals will be to-go only. Donations are also being accepted for the community meals.

If you have questions, please contact Ryan Likes, Kitchen Coordinator, kitchen@fumcmanhattan.com.

THRIVE!

Small Successes Lead to Long Term Change

Leaders take on a big challenge when they commit to participate in the Thrive! program to change their families' lives. Each leader teams up with 2-3 volunteer Allies who provide encouragement and support as the Leader works to achieve their goals. Change takes time and each success, no matter how small, is an important step on that journey. And, setbacks, though disappointing, can be powerful learning opportunities in a supportive environment, instead of devastating barriers.

Imagine the encouragement and support needed for the Leader who struggles to have enough money to make it through the month and has a goal to make it through the month, PLUS put money aside in savings for an emergency or holiday shopping or that car insurance payment. There are lots of conversations about budgets, cutting expenses, adding another part-time job or more hours. But the Leader is in charge and they make the decisions on what to do and how to do it.

As an Ally, sometimes you speak up, bite your tongue, and grit your teeth. It can be hard to encourage and support, yet provide the space your Leader needs to make their own choices. You say lots of prayers, asking God for guidance for your Leader and yourself. And, then comes the text message or the phone call ... last month was so cold and I just got the electric bill \$\$\$\$! You take a deep breath, already thinking about what options your Leader might consider. But before you can say a thing, the next message is how your Leader saved up overtime from previous paychecks and can cover not only this electric bill, but next month's bill which will be higher too! And, together, you laugh and celebrate this success and the progress toward long term change. A year earlier, this situation would have been a disaster, shaking confidence and maybe even motivation to try to make a better life. God is good all the time! And all the time, God is good!

Do you hear God calling you to be an Ally? Or maybe you and a couple of friends would like to work together to encourage and support a Thrive! Leader. Email Jayme Morris-Hardeman, jmorrishardeman@gmail.com, for more information about how to volunteer.

Please support Thrive! through your financial gifts by donating through the Thrive! website, www.thriveflinthills.com or through giving at First UMC.

FIT CLOSET AND CLOTHING EXCHANGE

The FIT Closet will close for the summer on Thursday, May 13th. We ask potential donors to hold on to clothing and financial donations until we reopen in late July (date is yet to be determined).

As we close out another school year, we want to express our gratitude to the family at First United Methodist. Your church has been instrumental in supporting the FIT Closet from day one and that support has never wavered since...so THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

As we look towards the 2021/22 school year, we need to add some volunteers to our team. Some of our current teammates are moving or need to take a break from volunteering with the FIT Closet. If you're interested in joining our team (either on a weekly three hour shift or as a substitute), please email us at fitcloset383@gmail.com. You can also call us at 785-320-6750 (if the coordinator is not available, a message will be relayed to her and she will call you back as soon as possible).

Upcoming Events

Plans are underway for Stuff the Bus, UnStuff the Bus, as well as school supply organization and distribution to students. Stuff the Bus will be held in the Manhattan Walmart parking lot on Saturday, July 17th, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. UnStuff the Bus will take place immediately thereafter into Rezac Auditorium at Manhattan High School - West Campus. School supply organization efforts will be scheduled between July 20th and July 26th. School supply distribution will happen in tandem with Central Registration on Friday, July 30th.

If you'd like to volunteer to assist with any of our school supply-related efforts, and/or if you're part of an organization or group who would like to run a school supply collection drive, please reach out to Tracy Emery, FIT Closet Coordinator, at fitcloset383@gmail.com.

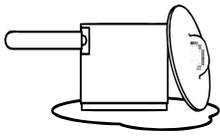
Another date to remember - Saturday, August 7th.

The annual Everybody Counts event will once again be held at the Douglass Center Complex (9th and Yuma). Information from area social service agencies, as well as free services and a lot more will be available!

More Information

For the most up-to-date information, visit our website: www.fitcloset.org, or Facebook page: USD 383 FIT Closet.

Tracy Emery, Coordinator
USD 383 FIT Closet and Clothing Exchange
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Kitchen Restore



Mission: A community donation initiative to provide gently used or new household kitchen tools, starter kits, and equipment to individuals and families.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP? Donate and challenge others to do the same!

WHY? More than 100 Riley County families need starter kitchen items to cook at home.

THREE WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE:

1. Donate gently used or new household kitchen tools and equipment
2. Cash donation (checks can be written to Riley County Health Department, 2030 Tecumseh Rd Manhattan, KS 66502. Memo: FFC/ Kitchen Restore) Kits cost \$100. Any donation welcome, small or large!!
3. Donate an operating space in Manhattan for Kitchen Restore to store items and assemble kits



TO DONATE ITEMS:

All drop off sites currently closed due to Covid-19 however....

We have more families in need than ever before so please, reduce, reuse, and recycle!

Donate to Kitchen Restore today!

To donate kitchen items, contact the following to arrange for drop off or pickup!

Sharon Davis
785-539-7044
hbadavis@gmail.com

Megan Dougherty
785-537-6350
mcdough92@ksu.edu

Items we can accept:

- Working small electrical appliances: microwave ovens, griddles, skillets, slow cookers, hand mixers (include use guides if available)
- Stove top cookware: Dutch ovens, small and large saucepans, soup pots
- Oven bake ware: bread pans, cookie sheet pans, 9x13 and square pans, casserole baking dishes, pie pans, pizza pans
- Mixing bowls
- Colanders
- Mixing and serving spoons, spatulas, ladles
- Measuring tools - dry cups, liquid cups, measuring spoons
- Handheld can openers
- Knives-- utility, paring, bread and serrated slicing
- Storage containers and lids
- Cutting boards (prefer new)
- Potholders/Dish towels
- NO single use wares, please

<http://www.flinthillswellness.org/nutrition-workgroup.cfm>

Kitchen Restore
an initiative of the
Food and Farm Council of
Riley County and City of Manhattan





CHILDREN'S
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SUMMER SUNDAYS AT THE FARM

June 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

We are planning Summer Sundays at the Farm on the four Sunday nights in June. We'll have lots of games, camp-style crafts, snacks, worship, singing and dancing, and of course trips to the creek. This is going to be a wonderful time of fellowship for families as we come back together after a long time apart. We will need some volunteers to help make these Sunday nights great, so if you'd like to help with planning, prepping, or assisting one evening, please call or email me.

Mark your calendars and plan on joining us for these great Sundays and feel free to bring some friends! I look forward to spending time with all of you!





Jeff Cunningham,
Youth Director

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 9th - Graduation Sunday

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Middle School Youth Group (7th-8th grade)

Sundays, 4:00-5:30 p.m., 4:12 Rooms

High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade)

Sundays, 6:00-7:30 p.m., 4:12 Rooms



May signals the end of the school year and start of summer. I am confident that this summer will be significantly more normal feeling than last years did. There will be a lot of things going on in the youth ministry this summer and I can't wait to get started.

May 9th will be our graduation celebration. We will honor our graduates during both services and have a cupcake reception in the Courtyard between. I would like to invite you to come out and congratulate the class of 2021 as we enjoy some delicious treats.

In June we will once again be helping with Vacation Bible School, but it will look a little different than previous years. Instead of one week at the church, VBS will be on Sunday nights in June at the Fellers' Farm. These Summer Sundays will run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. with a worship service/music time at 7:15 p.m. On June 27th we will have a celebration at the farm to welcome our new youth members into the group.

We will be taking the first two weeks of July off as they are July 4th and then I will be on vacation on the 11th. On July 18th we will return to two youth groups with 6th-8th graders from 4:00-5:30 p.m. and 9th-12th graders from 6:00-7:30 p.m. This summer we will be Finding God in the Movies, where we look at how we can see the truth of God in popular culture. Each movie will be a two-week cycle where we watch the movie one week and discuss it the next week. So, if you have any movies you would like to see us take a look at please let me know.

I hope we will be able to have a back to school cookout and pool party in August, but that will depend on the pandemic and our community numbers.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 CONFIRMANDS!

Back row (left to right): Jack Spiegel, Sam Spiegel, Jacob Kuntz, Josiah Mendoza
Front row (left to right): Sky Buffington, Avery Inman, Olivia Mecseri, Christian Brooks
Not pictured: Landon Knopp and Carson Young



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