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First United Methodist Church

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*Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship: 8:30 & 10:45 am,
5:30 pm*

May 8, 2019

“Cast Down” Sheep

In Psalm 42:11 he cries out, “Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.”

There is an exact parallel to this in caring for sheep. The term “cast down” is an old English shepherd’s term for a sheep that has turned over on its back and cannot get up again by itself. In the book, **A Shepherd Looks At Psalm 23**, the author writes: “A cast sheep is a very pathetic sight. Lying on its back, its feet in the air, it flays away frantically struggling to stand up, without success. Sometimes it will bleat a little for help, but generally it lies there lashing about in frightened frustration. If the shepherd does not arrive on the scene within a reasonably short time, the sheep will die.”

The Psalmist was a shepherd and he reminds us that sheep are not the only ones who experience being “cast down.” Sometimes people find themselves in a seemingly hopeless situation. In fact, a shepherd will tell you that even the largest, strongest, and healthiest sheep can become “cast down” and need the good shepherd to get them back on their feet again. Interestingly, buzzards, vultures, dogs, coyotes and cougars all know that a cast sheep is easy prey and that death is not far off.

A good shepherd works tenderly with cast sheep. The sheep is carefully rolled over on its side. Straddling the sheep, the shepherd holds the sheep upright, rubbing its legs – in order to restore circulation. Little by little the sheep regains equilibrium and starts to walk steadily and surely. “There is something intensely personal, intensely tender, intensely endearing, yet intensely fraught with danger in the picture.”

Yes...we are all like sheep. It’s encouraging to know that even when we feel undone by life, the Good Shepherd (Jesus) is working to restore our soul. He comes quietly, gently, and reassuringly...no matter when or how we may be cast down. We rediscover our hope and our help.

“I know of nothing which so quiets and enlivens my own spiritual life as the knowledge that God knows what He is doing with me!”

So...why are you cast down, O my soul? Hope in God...

*Pastor
Dave*

Mark Your Calendar

May 26	New Member Sunday
May 29-June 1	Annual Conference in Topeka
June 9	FUMC Car Show
June 24	Summer Salad Luncheon
July 15-19	VBS



1st Annual Car Show

Mark your calendar for the first Annual FUMC Car Show which will be Sunday, June 9. There will be a lunch and a number of great cars to view at this first ever event for Winfield FUMC! The event will be free to attend and the only cost will be lunch.

School Supplies Needed

Part of the experience our youth will be involved with at Youth 2019 in Kansas City this summer is providing school supplies to children all over the world. If you would like to donate, there will be a box in the foyer of our church. The following items are needed:

- unsharpened pencils
- 12" rulers
- box of 12 colored pencils
- box of 24 crayons
- student rounded scissors
- spiral notebooks of 8" x 10 1/2" lined paper

If you have any questions, please call Bill Podschun.



Open House!

Please join Camp Horizon, 30811 Horizon Dr., Arkansas City, for the celebration of the new pool and basketball court on Sunday, May 26, at 3:00 pm.

Also, Registration Time....

It's time to register for church camp! For all the info, click <https://horizoncenter.campbrainregistration.com/>. Also, if you would like to apply for a scholarship from our church, go to the website: www.winfieldfumc.org.



The Summit Youth Academy is July 21-27, 2019 at Southwestern College. The Summit is a week-long experience in growing in faith for rising juniors and seniors in high school. We'll have daily classes, Bible studies, and small group covenant groups, and will practice spiritual disciplines with contemplative practices. We'll spend time at Camp Horizon, Circles, & SoCe Life with team-building, serving, missional immersion, and poverty simulation. Connect with God, one another, and Christian leaders. Be educated in Wesleyan theology. Be mentored in God's call to serve. For more information, visit www.summityouthacademy.org or contact Wendy Mohler-Seib: summit@sckans.edu or 620-229-6246. Registration: <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/eventdetail/11729392>

Prayer List

Winfield First Family

Joan Bair	Everett Newman	Rachel Podschun
Pat Davis	Oscar Peterson-Veatch	Larry Schuster
Vernon Goertz	Ray Nichols	Bob Spears
Cindi Madrigal	Allan Norton	Julie St. Peter

Extended Family and Friends

Valerie Aladieff	Steve Graham	Jim McPherson
Alicia Brinlee	Buddy Hendrix	Carla Mohlstrom
Matt Burroughs	Jasmine Graves-Vaught	Blake Morgan
Gary Courtney	Julie Harris Harden	Mitch Potucek
Sandy Dix	Ashley Jarvis	Taegen Shogren
Kim Estabrook	Curstin Jenkins	Brantley Taylor
Peggy Everett	Jason Jenkins	Aaron Toney
Greg Garrison	Terry Johnson	Rob Totino
Mark Godsey	Caroline Martin Snyder	Blakeslee

Grief & Loss

The Reid family in the death of Doug's father

World Concerns

Military & first responders and their families, peace for all nations, flooding in the Midwest; people affected by natural disasters worldwide.

Prayer Chain

If you have concerns or joys for which you desire prayer, please email Carolyn Eastman, ice1936@gmail.com or the church, office@winfieldfumc.org.

Reminders from Church

If you would like to receive reminders from church by text message, please call or email us with your cell phone provider. Otherwise, you will continue to get reminders by email or post card.

A Look at Our Loyalty

	April 14	April 21	April 28	May 5
8:30 Worship	62	140	45	67
10:45 Worship	120	247	121	128
Evening Worship	52	75	42	50
Total Worship	234	462	208	245
Sunday School	112	83	93	109
Offering	\$7,358	\$8,600	\$8,334	\$14,224
Needed Weekly				\$12,050
Needed as of April 30				\$208,859
Received as of April 30				\$189,295

We Have a Mobile App



First United Methodist Church now has a mobile app that can be downloaded to your phone! This is an exciting new way to submit prayer requests, listen to previous

sermons, register for events like VBS, or make a one-time or recurring gift from wherever you are, through the Giving module. To download our app, go to the church website, <http://winfieldfumc.org> and click on the banner for the app.

Extending Thanks to . . .

Everyone who helped with the flower cross for Easter – Chandra & Sage Snively, Todd DeMint, Madeline Norland, Annika Morris, Mandie Speegle, Cheryl Rude, Molly Just, Jane Dexter-Clock, Pam Olney, Beth Wilke, Jessica Bates and Randy Vanderpool. It was amazing!

To everyone who delivered lilies to our Homebound Members on Easter.

Molly Just, Jordan Butler, Victoria Lybarger & Jonah Robson for leading worship at the SonRise service!

Bill & Debbie Bridges and Julie & Dennis Rice for delivering commodities in April.

Gary Brewer, Stan Nichols, Bill Bridges and the Middle School youth for helping with cleaning out the flower beds and laying mulch.

Becky Long, Madeline Norland and Beth Wilke for serving the “Boxed In” dinner.

Thank you

The Cowley House of Hope greatly appreciates your recent support of the Boxed In Event. The meal and use of your facilities to gather our team were very helpful! You helped to make the event a success. Through this event we were able to provide information and education to a number of people from the community and raise almost \$2000 toward a homeless shelter right here in Cowley County. Special thanks to everyone who provided the meal! For more information you can find us on facebook or at: cowleyhouseofhope.org. Todd DeMint

Thank you so much for the handmade prayer shawl for Brooks Hasselbring. Knowing that it was prayed over specifically for him makes it that much more special. We are forever grateful.

Sincerely, The Hasselbring Family

I am so grateful for my church family and their support during this difficult time of recuperation from a serious accident. Your calls, cards, prayers and support have meant the world to me.

Love, Joan Bair

Blood Pressure Checks

Join us the second Sunday of each month to have your blood pressure checked by one of our friendly nurses in Fellowship Hall from 9:00-10:30 am. The next date is this Sunday, May 12.

Tasker's 65th Anniversary

Gordon and Jo Ann Tasker will be honored with a reception for their 65th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 8, from 2:00-4:00 pm in the MacGregor Room at Cumbernauld, hosted by their children. All are invited to help celebrate!

From Lay Leader Todd DeMint

I'd like to thank the congregation for their support during my recent trip to Nebraska for flood disaster response. As you know, much of Nebraska suffered widespread flooding which resulted in loss of property, livelihoods and lives. What you may NOT know, is that through your regular tithes and offerings here at Winfield FUMC, you support the conference teams of Emergency Responders. I am a member of one such team, called an ERT (Emergency Response Team). The ERT's are groups of volunteers who go to these areas, as we are invited, and directly help people. On this trip, our focus was to salvage belongings and prevent further damage to homes. On some other trips we might tarp roofs, pump water from basements, move furniture, listen to their stories, or anything else that needs done.

We are organized under the Great Plains Conference which provides all the things we wouldn't be able to do as individual congregations: a staff person, funding, contacts, credibility, and media access. The conference has a single staff person, Hollie Tapley, who coordinates and communicates with dozens of volunteers, multiple aid agencies and various city and county emergency personnel. The conference funding provides safety gear, training for volunteers, some tools and transportation as well as items like dehumidifiers, fans, or pumps that people need. The conference trains us in both disaster response and Safe Gatherings so the communities who invite us know we will first do no harm. Other groups who respond may not have the backing of a credible name like the Great Plains Conference. Hollie seems to have phone numbers or e-mail addresses for every trained volunteer, emergency manager, Red Cross responder, and aid agency in both Kansas and Nebraska. These kinds of contacts and the time to maintain them would be nearly impossible for any individual church. And, through years of this work, we have gained a reputation with some media outlets so we can use print, video, news and social media to spread the word about disasters and the needed response.

None of this would be possible without the churches contributing to the conference. When we go to a disaster area, the most important thing we bring is hope. At a time when all seems lost and overwhelming, many people in the midst of a disaster just feel like giving up. But when help arrives, we can be the light at the end of the tunnel. We get to be the small voice that says "it will be ok", "you can do this", "we can do this". I want you to know and understand that this is one of many ways YOU at Winfield FUMC are having a real and meaningful impact in the world. Thank you.

I appreciate all you do very much, and I know a few people in Nebraska who are extremely grateful.



Happy Birthday

to all who are celebrating birthdays in June! The birthdays of the members and friends for whom we have records are listed below. If you have additions please call the office so we can update our records. Send a card, make a phone call, or do a little something to help recognize these birthdays when you can.

- 6/1 Clark Hill, Ned Mattingly, Jalaine Richardson, Gwen Tyler
- 6/3 Kevin Boline, Jennifer Vaden
- 6/4 Garrett Bogle
- 6/5 Randi Hutto, Marilyn McNeish, Bryant Stewart, Kim Tadtman, Julie Wilke
- 6/6 Katy Arneson, Barbara Trecek
- 6/7 Adrienne Ledy, Marcia Wheatcroft
- 6/8 Hayden Haynes, Kelli Osen
- 6/9 Bart Dennett, Dennis Gerber, Everett Moore
- 6/10 Debbie Pearce
- 6/11 Peyton Reynolds
- 6/12 Craig Isom, Dana Jewers
- 6/13 Noah Everett, Leah Velz, Sutton Wilson
- 6/14 Jane Reeves, Trevor Richardson
- 6/15 Tim Eastman, Sylvie Hutto, Zane Zakharov
- 6/16 Barbara Ghan, Phyllis Hatfield, Reid Sutton
- 6/17 JoAnn Parsons
- 6/18 Sam Hicks, Lucinda Montgomery, Roger Storm, Dick Wilke
- 6/19 Bo Camp
- 6/20 Cale Lindenman
- 6/21 Celestine Allen, Heidi Hill, Pat Howard, Joe Hutto, Meganne Nihart
- 6/22 Randy Finuf, Cory Gale, Harper Haynes, Gary McCutcheon
- 6/23 Bob Clock, Jolene Eastman, Judy Nation, Kristin Stewart, Michelle Zakharov
- 6/24 Max Allison, Jessica Bates, David Clift, Jean Dewell
- 6/25 Marcus Adler, Sandra Bogle, Annie Kaufman, Craig King
- 6/26 Meg Calvin, Laine Moore, Jenna Richardson
- 6/27 Sam Butler, Grady Duncan, H.T. Hittle
- 6/29 David Robert Allen

Summer Sunday School

Starting June 2nd, pre-K—5th grade will combine for one-room Sunday School in Room 205.

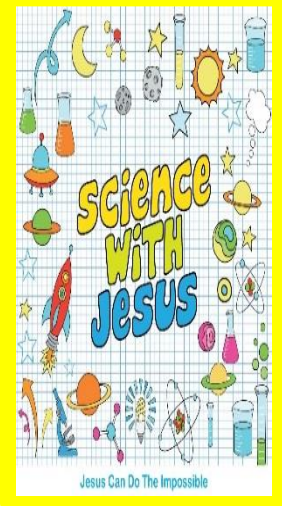
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Summer Break

The last springtime Kid's Club & EE=May 8.

Last springtime KDI= May 10th.



Volunteers are Needed!

We're looking for several volunteers for VBS this summer (July 15-19). Talk to Jessica if you would like to help out!

VBS Registration is open!

Rising K-5th grade voyagers join us as we travel through space to explore God's power! You can register now on the church app or online at

<http://winfieldfumc.org/children/vbs>



~~~~ Youth News ~~~~



High School Senior Breakfast

High School Senior Breakfast will be Sunday, May 12 in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 am.

Seniors will be recognized in the 10:45 worship service.



Middle School Youth

Our final week of middle school youth group for the spring is May 8. We will begin our summer schedule with Middle School youth activities on Sunday, June 2 at 5:30 pm.

High School Youth

Our final high school youth group meeting for the spring will be May 12. We will begin our summer schedule for High School youth activities on Wednesday, May 29 at 7 pm.



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Summer Salad Luncheons



The Summer Salad Luncheons will be held the last Mondays of June, July and August. The first Luncheon is Monday, June 24. The lunch is from 11:30 until the salads are gone and will benefit the Mission & Ministry Fund.

Please sign up if you can donate a salad and plan to join us for these wonderful meals. Julie Rice is our coordinator again this summer – talk to her if you'd be willing to help.



Lawn Mowers Needed

It's time to sign up to help mow the church lawn. There is a sign-up sheet on

the first floor across from the elevator. The church has all the necessary equipment and Randy will be glad to show you the ropes.

No Sunday Night Worship May 19

Because of High School graduation, **Sunday Night Worship will not be held on Sunday, May 19.**

Special Worship Dates

On Memorial Sunday, May 26, and Independence Day weekend, July 7, we will have **one combined 10:00 am worship service.** The adult Sunday School classes who decide to meet that day will meet at 9:00 am (children and youth Sunday School classes will not meet.) Fellowship Time will be from 8:45-9:45 am.

Great Plains Annual Conference

This year Annual Conference will be held in Topeka from May 29-June 1. Lisa Buffum and JoAnn Parsons are our Lay Members to Annual Conference. Please be in prayer for our representatives, our pastors and for all the work of Conference.