

The Tower

First United Methodist Church

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

Doorway into a Prayerful Life

Dallas Willard writes that The Lord's Prayer is a doorway into the praying life: "In my family that prayer was, for three generations I know of, always said in unison at the breakfast table. But at some point, for reasons I cannot explain, I began to use it in a new way: taking each phrase of it and slowly and meditatively entering into the depths of its meaning..."

Willard points out that there are five categories of request in this model prayer: 1.) That the name "God" would be regarded with the utmost possible respect. 2.) That his kingdom would fully come on earth. 3.) That our needs for today be met today. 4.) That our sins be forgiven, not held against us. 5.) That we not be permitted to come under trial or to have bad things happen to us.

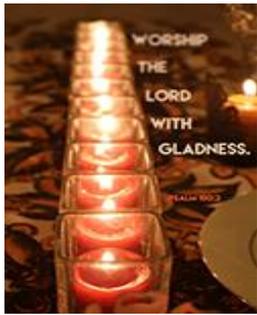
But what I really appreciate is Dallas Willard's rewording of the Lord's Prayer to capture better the fullness of its meanings:

***Dear Father always near us,
may your name be treasured and loved,
may your rule be completed in us –
may your will be done here on earth
in just the the way it is done in heaven.
Give us today the things we need today,
and forgive us our sins and impositions on you
as we are forgiving all who in any way offend us.
Please don't put us through trials,
but deliver us from everything bad.
Because you are the one in charge,
and you have all the power,
and the glory too is all yours – forever –
which is just the way we want it! Whoopee!***

Willard writes that prayer is "talking to God about what we are doing together." The heart of prayer is the request. We are to pray about what concerns us. Requests may be granted. Or they may not. We do not know enough and our desires are not perfect enough...to get everything we want. Our requests are made with trust...lots of trust.

Pastor Dave

September 19, 2018



Sunday Night Worship

Sunday Night Worship continues each week in Fellowship Hall. We gather at 5:30 pm for a meal, with worship at 6:00 pm. Childcare is available, if desired, for children age 5 and under and dress is casual. Everyone is welcome!

“Because We Care” Sunday

Biscuits and Gravy will be served from 8:00-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday, Sept. 23, to benefit the ministries included in “Because We Care” Sunday. Twice a year money is raised to benefit various local, national and international missions selected by our church conference and Missions Ministry Team. Look for the “Because We Care” brochure in today’s Tower.



The annual CROP Hunger Walk will be held Sunday, Sept. 30, from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Pecan Grove.

Registration is at 1:30 pm. Pick up a donation envelope in the church office. Church World Service provides supplies, shelter, and education to those in need. Will you please donate this year? 25% of all donations raised stays here in our community: 15% helps our local Food Pantry and 10% goes to Joseph's Storehouse. You may also donate online at crophungerwalk.org/winfieldks. If you have questions, please call Sherry Pugmire, 221-1994.

Flu Shots

The Cowley County Health Department and our Health and Wellness Team will offer a Flu Shot Clinic on Sunday, Oct. 21, from 9:00-10:30 am. The regular flu shots are \$25.00, and the high dose is \$50. New this year is a shot called Flublok that is not egg based and is for people 50 years of age and older, which is supposed to give better immune response. It is also \$50. Medicare and many insurance plans cover flu shots. For those not covered, our Health and Wellness Team will cover half of the cost of the shot for the first 25 people.



The Helping Hands emergency assistance fund is currently out of funds. So far in 2018, we have helped 371 families with utilities, rent,

medicine, and other basic life needs. If you would like to help, please make your check to FUMC and mark Helping Hands in the memo line.

Monday Bible Study

Ladies are invited to join a small group Bible Study Monday mornings at 10:00 am at Julie Rice’s home, 12 Leed Rd. We do have fun! Call Julie at 316-706-9009 if you have questions.



The Wednesday Women’s Bible study meets each week at 10:00 am in the church library. Jo Ann Tasker (and friends) lead this group and they are using the book, “Everybody, Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People” by Bob Goff. Call the church office if you are interested.

Come Wednesday Noon

The “Come Wednesday Noon” Bible Study meets each week from 12:10-12:50 pm in the church library. They are using Max Lucado’s book “Anxious for Nothing”. Please speak with facilitator Shawn Emerson if you would like to know more. Everyone is welcome.



District Listening Session

Bishop Reuben Saenz will hold listening session in each of the Districts in the Great Plains Conference to discuss the report from the Commission on the Way Forward. Our District is

invited to Chapel Hill UMC on Saturday, Oct. 6, 10 am-12 noon or to Wellington First United Methodist Church 3:00-5:00 pm that same day.

Commission on The Way Forward

The proposed legislation for resolving the denomination's differences over human sexuality and the ordination of LGBTQ people, as well as the full report of the Commission on a Way Forward, are part of the United Methodist Judicial Council's October docket. The legislation will go to the special 2019 General Conference in February. Read more about the three plans by clicking this link:

<https://www.umnews.org/en/news/court-docket-details-proposed-plans-for-umc>



Medical Loan Closet Needs

One gallon of exterior white paint and a ceiling fan with three lights are the needs of the Medical Loan Closet for their new location at 501 Harter. Please contact the church office (221.2700) if you could donate either of these.

**Prayer List
Winfield First Family**

Rosemary Almassy	Kent Melcher	Cleta Porter
Pat Davis	Oscar Peterson-Veatch	Chandra Snively
Dwight Hatfield	Loren Pontious	Gordon Tasker
		Edna White

Extended Family and Friends

Valerie Aladiieff	Jess Hollingsworth	Susan Nettrouer
Mike Anderson	Curstin Jenkins	Brenda Richard
Kenna Biddle	Jason Jenkins	Betsy Rush
Gary Butler	Terry Johnson	Courtney Smith
Gary Courtney	Ashley Law	Brantley Taylor
Jessica Ellison	Jim Miller	Roxann Taylor
Peggy Everett	Carla Mohlstrom	Aaron Toney
Jack Finley	Kelley Murphy	Rob Totino
Cindy Hackney	June Neal	Shatzi Ukena
Harley Hoyt	Steve Nettrouer	

Grief & Loss

The family of Jim Staubs in the death of his mother
 The family of Bob Carter in the death of his sister
 The family of Dee Ledy in the death of her sister-in-law, Naomi
 The family of Brady Thiel in the death of his grandmother
 The family of Eric Hunt in the death of his father, Donovan

World Concerns

Military & first responders and their families, people affected by flooding, peace for all nations.

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.

Extending Thanks to . . .

Bill & Debbie Bridges, Dennis & Julie Rice and Randy Vanderpool for helping with commodities in August.

Bill Bridges, Ron Godsey and Clyde Vasey for mowing the church lawn last month.

Everyone who brought salads and/or helped with the August Summer Salad Luncheon: Julie Rice, Lenora Nation, Susan Dean, Cheri Nichols, Irene Hubbell, Beth Wilke, Roger Lungren, Dee Ledy, Madeline Norland, Kent Miller, Jacque Nation, Judy Keller, Loren Pontious, Jane Dexter-Clock, Mari Wallrabenstein, Sarah Storm, Debbie Bridges, Clyde & Linda Vasey, Barbara Humpert, Gwen Tyler, Nancy Peacock, Lynn Biddle, Julie Melcher, Pam Olney, Joan Bair, Joanne Black, Tom & Sue Bossi, Carolyn Eastman, Ron Godsey, Ruth Gordon, and Georgia Larson. Thank you all so much!

Thank You

On behalf of the staff and board of directors of Horizon United Methodist Center, thank you for your continued, generous support of this organization!

Joel Wilke, Camp Director



Happy Birthday!

To all who are celebrating birthdays in October. 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.

- 10/1 Charlotte Call
- 10/2 Kannon Musson
- 10/3 Michelle Adler
- 10/4 Kenyon Potts, Gene Webb, Anthony Whetstone
- 10/5 Alex Doyle
- 10/6 Aaron Rankin, Nancy Revell
- 10/7 Amanda Mugler, Debbie Smith, Hailey Soukup
- 10/8 Karla Sultz, Brady Thiel, Paige Wysocki
- 10/9 Camden Humphreys, Katelin Hutto
- 10/10 Avery Osen, Craig Thompson
- 10/11 Bob Baer, Al Guernsey, Sophia Isom, Everett Newman, Emily Sarnacki
- 10/12 Greg Donals, Makenna Price, Bob Sheetz, Jason Speegle
- 10/14 Kayla Smith
- 10/15 Melvin Hubbell, Carl Johnson, Cassie McGuire, Michael Nuss, Ellie Samms, Andrew Tadtman
- 10/16 Madison Boline, Steve Reeves
- 10/17 Ben Adler, Jordan Butler, Rozlynn Richert
- 10/18 Joanne Black
- 10/19 Stephanie Hammer, Brad Jones, Kent Melcher
- 10/20 Brenda Hicks, Raelond Johnson, Travis L'hommedieu, Ruthie Lashier, Brenda Little-Wilson, Jasmine Morris, Kevin Redford, Becky Reid, Easton Trecek
- 10/21 Marshall Detter, Steve McKinney, Doris Reynolds
- 10/22 Colleen Andreas, Renee Price
- 10/23 Eliza Camp, David Jack
- 10/24 Ron Godsey, Alyssa Hutto, Tom Kumorowski, Alan Nation, Ryan Pugmire
- 10/25 Dean Kennedy, Nick Mattingly
- 10/26 Vickie Grow
- 10/27 Lori Peters
- 10/28 Landon Fox, Julie Lashier, Annika Morris
- 10/29 Jeff Soukup, Chuck Wolfe
- 10/30 Pat Davis, Ella Miller
- 10/31 Ames Pipes-Ternes, Ruby Woodburn

A Look at Our Loyalty					
	August 19	August 26	September 2	September 9	September 16
8:30 Worship	75	65	47	42	
10:00 Worship					151
10:45 Worship	210	179	148	141	
Evening Worship		55	40	66	50
Total Worship	285	299	235	249	201
Sunday School	136	138	100	117	58
Offering	\$8,478	\$10,839	\$8,265	\$7,466	\$5,684
Needed Weekly					\$13,060
Needed as of 8/31:					\$452,766
Received as of 8/31:					\$392,096

Online Giving

A one-time or recurring donation to the church can be made by clicking on the following link <http://winfieldfumc.org/giving> and scrolling to the bottom of the page to click the "Give" button. Thank you for your generous donations that enable the many ministries of this congregation.

New "Text to Give" Option

We can now receive gifts via text. Simply send a text message with the dollar amount to (620) 254-0770. If this is your first time giving this way, you will have to fill out a short form with your billing info. After the initial setup, giving is as easy as sending a text message.

"Be the Match"

First United Methodist Church is sponsoring a community-wide Bone Marrow Donor Drive. 12,000 people need a bone marrow transplant every year to fight and cure many diseases. The Peterson-Veatch family in our church is one example. FUMC is partnering with Southwestern, the Chamber of Commerce and William Newton Hospital to raise awareness and encourage new donors age 18-44 to register at <https://join.bethematch.org/BeTheOneWinfield>. We are also raising funds to support both the registry and Ronald McDonald House who have greatly helped the Peterson-Veatch family. The fundraiser dinner to culminate the donor drive is 5:00-7:00 pm on Sunday, Sept 30 at the High School commons. The suggested donation is \$7 per plate and we will serve burgers, sides and drinks. All proceeds will benefit Ronald McDonald House and BeThe Match (the national marrow donor registry). Also, please call the church if you can provide cookies for the dinner.

Dillons Cards

In 2017, First United Methodist Church in Winfield received \$3195 from the Dillons Rewards Card Program! That money goes to the Winfield Community Helping Hands program to assist people with emergency needs for utilities, housing, medicine, transportation, etc.

If you have never signed up, it is not too late! Enrolling and selecting FUMC to receive the Dillons Rewards is easy. Go to www.dillons.com/communityrewards and sign in to your online account, or create a new account if you don't already have one. Scroll down to the bottom of the page to *Community Rewards*. Click on *Enroll Now*. Find and select First United Methodist Church, Winfield, or put in our Organization Number, NR885. Call or come in to the church office if you need any help. Thank you for supporting Helping Hands in this easy and effective way!

No Current Address

We have no current addresses for the following members: Jessica Calvin, Sean Cohee, Michael Harding, Jim Holcomb, Lee Musson, Jason Phillips, R. J. Reed, Alex Somerville, and Steve Zanardi. Please let us know if you can help.

Please Let us Know...

Thank you for letting the church office know if you move or change your phone number. (If you go to just a cell phone, your name will not be listed in the phone book.) If you move and we do not have your new address, the newsletter comes back and we have to pay. Thanks!



Our local church receives many requests for special offerings. First United Methodist Church has established two annual "Because We Care" Sundays to support these worthy ministry and mission programs. All of these are "second-mile" gifts that go beyond the ministries we support through the budget. This is a listing of the Fall 2018 "Because We Care" offerings. *Please indicate the amount you choose to give to each ministry on the section on the back page, and detach to include with your offering.*

NATIONAL/GLOBAL

UM COMMITTEE ON RELIEF IN SYRIA

The war in Syria continues with impacts reaching far beyond its borders. With no sign of a pending peace agreement, thousands of Syrian-Armenian refugees have travelled to Armenia in search of a secure and safe refuge. More than 10,000 Syrian-Armenian refugees have fled to Armenia since the fighting started two years ago; among them, 7,000 have applied for residency. The Syrian city of Aleppo, which was home to most of Syria's 100,000 Armenians, has seen some of the heaviest fighting. UMCOR is supporting these refugees by facilitating their integration in Armenia. Specifically, UMCOR will provide hygiene kits to 1,334 displaced Syrian families, psychological support, and Armenian language classes for school age children.



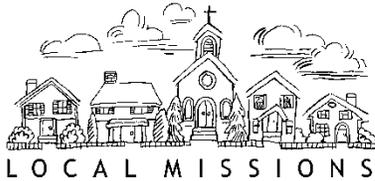
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

The World Communion Sunday offering supports United Methodist ministry through scholarships for disadvantaged, ethnically diverse students in the U.S. and other countries. All recipients are United Methodists.

CONFERENCE/ JURIDICTIONAL

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY

This offering supports United Methodists seeking higher education, and funds the UM Scholarships and Student Loan Fund administered by the General Board of Higher Education.



WINFIELD COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is located at Grace United Methodist Church, 320 College St. It is open weekdays 8:30 - 11:00 am. It is staffed entirely by volunteers from the community and assists families in the area with emergency food supplies.

WINFIELD COMMUNITY HELPING HANDS

In 2013 this outreach ministry was renamed the Winfield Community Helping Hands. It is supported by several other congregations in the community, as well as our congregation, and is coordinated by the Helping Hands Ministry Team. The fund provides emergency financial assistance for shelter, food, clothing, utilities, medical and transportation needs. Through August 2018 Winfield Community Helping Hands has helped almost 370 families.

FEDD

The FEDD program - Families Eating Donated Deer was founded by Dick See and has been helping those in the county for over two years now. Deer hunters provide venison to residents of Cowley County.

All legally harvested deer is processed locally and distributed to needy families through the Winfield Food Pantry and Tuesday's Table.

EAGLE NEST

Eagle Nest is a local non-profit organization committed to improve the well-being of people living in poverty and to strengthen families by providing hands-on programs. Activities of Eagle Nest include Cowley County Women's Jail Program, Cancer Suite, Active Parenting Publishers, and their Ladies Resale Shop. Their aim is to help families identify problems and gain opportunities to reach their full potential.

MY PLEDGE TO BECAUSE WE CARE- Fall 2018

Please indicate the amount you choose to give to each ministry next to the selections below and detach this portion of the page to include with your offering.

Your gifts are greatly appreciated!

_____ UMCOR in Syria

_____ World Communion Sunday

_____ U.M. Student Day

_____ Winfield Community Food Pantry

_____ Winfield Community Helping Hands

_____ FEDD

_____ Eagle Nest

_____ Circles Cowley County

Name _____

(Please indicate amount for each preferred area.)

CIRCLES COWLEY COUNTY ANTI-POVERTY INITIATIVE

Circles Cowley County believes that the responsibility for both poverty and prosperity rests not only in the hands of individuals, but also with societies, institutions, and communities. Their approach is a progressive model grounded in research that suggests families must have strong social capital and connections within their communities in order to improve their economic situation. Each Circles consists of 10-12 families who enroll in Circles Leadership Training to build financial, emotional, and social resources as well as an Economic Stability Plan that sets goals unique to their own needs and dreams. These families, called Circle Leaders, are paired with trained middle- to high-income community volunteers called Allies who support their efforts to achieve economic stability each week.



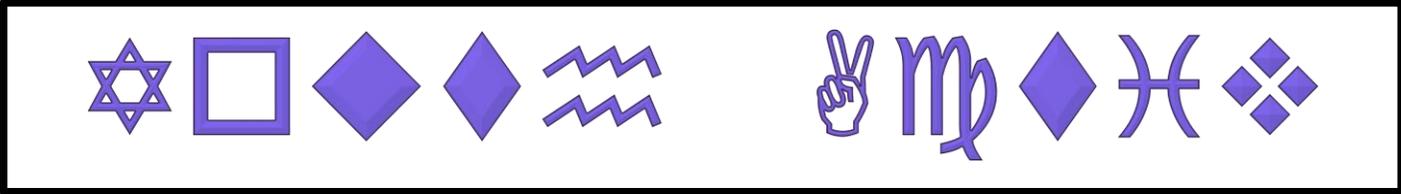
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#Be3kids

FUMC CHILDREN'S MIN.



Thank you to all of the KidMin teammates who helped to launch KDI, KC, and EE last week!



HS Youth Group

High School Youth Group meets weekly on Sunday nights at 7 pm following 5:30 Sunday Night Meal and 6:00 Sunday Night Worship in Fellowship Hall. Join us for any part of the Sunday evening activities.

HS Girls Group

A high school girls group is getting started on Thursday nights at 1926 E. 15th. Laura Podschun and Erin Hall are leaders of this gathering.

MS Youth Group

Middle School Youth Group meets weekly on Wednesday nights from 6-7:45 pm at the church. The evening starts with a meal which is followed by a group lesson that is usually at an off-site location from the church.

LOVE WELL

— YOUTH 2019 —

Youth Praise Team

Youth Praise team meets weekly each Sunday from noon until 1 pm to rehearse for leading in worship. Talk with our intern Victoria Lybarger if you are interested in helping.

Our youth are going to a National event, Youth 2019, in July next summer. There will be another meeting to secure deposits and organize fundraisers on Oct. 14 at 4:30 pm. We expect over 5000 students from around the world will attend this event from July 9-14.



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Mark Your Calendar

- Sept. 23 "Because We Care" Sunday
- Oct. 6 District Listening Sessions on the Commission on "The Way Forward"
- Oct. 13 Church Ladies at CHC
- Oct. 17 Tower date
- Oct. 21 Laity Sunday
- Nov. 4 All Saints Sunday
2:00 pm Church Conference

Church Ladies

The "Church Ladies" group meets the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 am at College Hill Coffee. Each month we share a devotion, discussion & prayers. The next meeting is Saturday, October 14. Speak with JoAnn Parsons or Pastor Beth for more info.

Estate Sale

Come to Karen Rohr's estate sale on Thursday, September 20 at 5:00 pm, 2800 E 12th, #B2. The majority of her estate will go to the church so please come get some bargains! Check out Lungren Auction Services for a list of items. Included are a nice mobile home and a VERY Low mileage 2001 Honda Accord.



Local Mission Trip Opportunity

A small group from our church will be going to Alpha Christian Children's Home in Perry, KS October 14-24. They will be working on several construction and maintenance projects for this non-profit children's home located 25 miles east of Topeka. Volunteers are still needed and jobs for all skill levels are available. Please join us for all or a portion of this mission trip which takes place during Southwestern's and USD 465's Fall break. For more information, contact Pastor Rachelle or Bill Ward.



Calling All Technology-Savvy Volunteers

We are in the process of training additional persons to operate our media, video and sound. If you are interested, please contact Bill Podschun.