

# The Tower

First United Methodist Church

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*Ministers by baptism*  
*Every Christian*

*Senior Pastor by ordination*  
*Rev. David Brian Smith*

*Executive Pastor*  
*Pastor Beth Wilke*

*Associate Pastor*  
*Pastor Rachelle Speer*

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*Children's Director*  
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*Music Director*  
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*Organist*  
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*Nursery Director*  
Mandie Speegle

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

## “Kicking Cynicism in the Teeth”

**Cynicism is a cruel taskmaster. What dies when cynicism prevails is HOPE. The foundation for the Christian faith is hope. After the death of Jesus - nobody saw hope rising. But the resurrection of Jesus melted cynicism and doubt and anchored the HOPE of disciples then and now. Carey Nieuwhof writes, “Of all people on earth, Christians should be the least cynical. After all, the gospel gives us the greatest reasons to hope.”**

**Discouragement and despair knock at some point on everyone's door. John Wesley wrote that discouragement was one of the most powerful of “Satan's Devices.” Carey offers a discipline that kills cynicism and keeps hope alive: cultivate curiosity...curious people are never cynical. He offers five keys to help us become more curious.**

1. **Schedule Thinking Time** - curiosity needs time to breathe
2. **Ask Open-Ended Questions** - the curious ask, then listen
3. **Give Fewer Answers** - the curious don't need to be omniscient
4. **Dream More** - curious people dream, wonder, and imagine
5. **Ask Two Pivotal Questions** - Why? Why Not?

**Cynicism is complicated and it undersells the possibilities. I am always stunned by the cynicism of Nathaniel when he commented, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” By the way...the answer to his question is YES (Jesus of Nazareth).**

**Our hope is built on “nothing less than Jesus.” So hope again. Believe again. Trust again. Cultivate curiosity. When hope is strong, cynicism doesn't stand a chance....**

*Pastor Dave*

February 27, 2019

## Extending Thanks to . . .

Bob Carter for serving as our Sunday School Secretary for many, many years! Bob has decided it is time for him to retire. We appreciate Carl and Dana Jewer who have agreed to step into this important position. Thank you Bob, Carl and Dana!



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

The individuals that ordered Simply Follow t-shirts:  
Thank you for supporting our youth!  
(You can expect them to be in the last part of March.)

## Church Camp



It's time to register for church camp! Click on this link for details

<https://horizoncenter.campbrainregistration.com/>.  
We will have camp scholarships again, so check with the church office about the funds available.

## 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.

## Hygiene Item Collection

The Anna Ruth Circle of United Methodist Women is coordinating a drive to collect hygiene items to give to Helping Hands clients. Items needed are packaged toothbrushes, toothpaste, and bars of bath soap. Please bring items to the church foyer during February.

## Have a Peanut Butter Heart

During the month of February we are invited to donate Peanut Butter to the Winfield Community Food Pantry in support of "Have a Peanut Butter Heart". Peanut butter is an inexpensive source of protein that is popular with all ages. Please take any type and size jar of peanut butter to the Food Pantry 8:30-11:00 am Monday through Friday, or bring it here to our church and we will get it to the Food Pantry.

## Communion Servers

If you would be interested in helping serve communion in worship, please call or email Pastor Beth at 221-2700, or [beth@winfieldfumc.org](mailto:beth@winfieldfumc.org). We can also add you to the Sign Up Genius email which lets you pick a date to serve at your convenience.

## Holy Land Pilgrimage October 28

A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to a special place, and ours includes a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and a visit to Jesus' hometown of Nazareth. It continues at the traditional site of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. Stand in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed on the night before his crucifixion. Walk the Via Dolorosa where Jesus struggled to carry his cross. Offer your prayers at Golgotha, where Jesus died, was buried, and rose on the third day. At every stop, deepen your spiritual life with moving devotions. You will return having experienced with all your senses places that are holy to Jews, Christians, and Muslims. This trip will expand your knowledge, deepen your faith, and lift your spirit.

The cost of the trip includes international airfare, all travel in Israel, hotels, and delicious breakfast and dinner buffets each day. Contact Rev. Kent Melcher if you would like to know more.

## 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!

## 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. All women are invited to join this fun and informal group. The next meeting is Saturday, March 10. Speak with Pastor Beth if you'd like to know more.

## Online Giving

A one-time or recurring donation can be made by clicking on to 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.

## Blood Pressure Checks

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

## Mark Your Calendar

March 6	Ash Wednesday
March 8-15	Spring Break
March 12-13	Boxed-In Event
April 14	Palm Sunday
April 21	Easter

## Kids' Day In Openings

Our Friday morning Kids' Day In program still has a couple of openings for children ages 2-5 years old. This wonderful fee-based program includes Bible stories, crafts, gym time, storytelling and more. To enroll or for more information, please call the church office, 221-2700, or email director Jessica Bates, [jessica@winfieldfumc.org](mailto:jessica@winfieldfumc.org).



The deadline for scholarship applications for the 2019-20 school year to be received in the

church office is **Monday, Mar. 4, 2019, at 5:00 pm, and no applications will be accepted after that time.**

If you have any questions, please contact: [Nancy@winfieldfumc.org](mailto:Nancy@winfieldfumc.org)

## Coffee and Donuts Sunday Mornings



Every Sunday morning coffee, donuts, and fruit are offered in the Fellowship Hall. However, for the past few months donations received have not been

meeting the cost to provide Sunday morning treats and beverages. Donations of coffee and contributions to the donut fund are greatly needed and appreciated!

## Lenten Bible Study

Pastor Rachelle will lead a Lenten Study, "Listen to Him; 40 Steps on the Road to Resurrection", by JD Walt. This is a 6 week Bible Study that will meet on Wednesday nights from 6-7:15 pm in Room 200 beginning March 13. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center or office. Books are \$12 each. The forty days of Lent open up a journey from the top of Transfiguration Mountain to the bottom of the Valley of the Cross. These forty days provide forty steps, if you will, to lean in and listen deeply to Jesus. Childcare will be provided as requested.

## Lenten Calendars



Pick up your Lenten Calendars and banks after worship this Sunday, March 3. Each day of Lent includes a Bible verse and a related offering. The offering this year will go to missions. We will return the banks on Easter Sunday.

## UMW Guest Day & Brunch

*Anna Ruth Circle, United Methodist Women, is hosting guest day on Thurs., March 21. Please join us for brunch at 9:30 am followed by guest, Holly Heyroth Opundo, missionary in Tanzania, sharing about her work at Angel House Orphanage and School. Holly is a graduate of Derby High School and Kansas State University and has a passion for helping children thrive and learn. Come help us welcome Holly!*

## A Look at Our Loyalty

	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
8:30 Worship	56	58	47	63
10:45 Worship	168	143	149	143
Evening Worship	25	42	63	69
Total Worship	255	243	259	275
Sunday School	105	111	93	117
Offering	\$12,110	\$9,561	\$7,343	\$4,224
Needed Weekly				\$12,050
Needed as of Jan.31				\$52,215
Received as of Jan. 31				\$30,339

**Prayer List**  
**Winfield First Family**

Pat Davis	Everett Newman	Larry Schuster
Lewis Gilbreath	Allan Norton	George Storey
	Oscar Peterson- Veatch	Edna White

**Extended Family and Friends**

Valerie Aladieff	Buddy Hendrix	Blake Morgan
Alicia Brinlee	Curstin Jenkins	Jeff Morris
Matt Burroughs	Jason Jenkins	Mike Niederee
Gary Courtney	Terry Johnson	Marsha Spangler
Mark Davis	Jim McPherson	Brantley Taylor
Peggy Everett	Carla Mohlstrom	Roxann Taylor
Jill Halcomb	Buddy Hendrix	Aaron Toney
Julie Harris Harden	Lee Moorman	Rob Totino
Caroline Martin Snyder Blakeslee		

**Grief and Loss**

Julie St. Peter in the death of her mother

**World Concerns**

Military & first responders and their families,  
 peace for all nations.

**Prayer Chain**

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

**Boxed In**



A coalition of people from Cowley County are working to establish a homeless shelter. The kick-off event for fundraising and awareness is April 12-13.

*Boxed In* is an event raising money to renovate the Cowley House of Hope, which will provide

temporary

housing and assistance for homeless women, men, and children and is set to open by Winter 2020. By participating, you will have a crucial part in making this happen!

Homelessness has daily challenges most of us cannot imagine. For the homeless, this often carries with it a sense of hopelessness and alienation.

*Boxed In* is a statement. A community joined together saying, "We see you, and want to help!" With *Boxed In*, we can take one small, but critical step in offering Hope to the homeless.

During the registration process, you will be guided through how to donate, begin fundraising, and make the most of your network to reach your fundraising goals!

**During the event**, there will be a number of activities to both foster awareness and community, including a contest for the best made shelter!!

For all the details and to register, visit the events page at [www.cowleyhouseofhope.org](http://www.cowleyhouseofhope.org).



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

**Happy Birthday**

to all who are celebrating birthdays in March! 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.

- 3/1 Kamy Hopper, Carley Lewis, Bob McGregor
- 3/2 Jayna Bertholf, Ray Dewell, Rachelle Speer
- 3/3 Kaden Lattimore, Tyelor Rozell, Gail Sawyer, Russell Wallrabenstein
- 3/4 Linda Byerley, Jim Davis
- 3/5 Marj Logsdon, Linda Vasey, Monte Wyckoff
- 3/6 Braxton Bradbury, Jay Buffum, Brenda Lloyd, Mary Carol Spears, Chris Wilson
- 3/7 Merrill Gordon, Allison Homan, Cory Lindenman, Cooper Sumpter
- 3/9 Elias Miller
- 3/10 Chris Madrigal, Brandon Wampler
- 3/11 Clint Bradbury, Melissa McCaslin
- 3/12 Jane Bosie
- 3/13 Sarah Boline, Al Holdeman, Janene Lattimore, Roger Moore
- 3/14 Lin Lewis, Marj Webb
- 3/15 Bill Bridges
- 3/16 Caleb Hartman, Kelle Hutto, Helene Lynn
- 3/17 Clark Kingsbury, Zach McCaslin, Mark O'Neil
- 3/18 Graham Donals, Adam Eastman, Cindy Pray
- 3/19 Eric Andreas, Abby Bertholf, Adam Everett
- 3/20 Jean Hein, Mark Thomas
- 3/21 Larry Flick, Kaitlin Shimon, Mandie Speegle
- 3/22 Judy Haynes, Brian Horner, Kristin Humphreys, Olivia Phillips
- 3/23 Sarah Miller, Jack Speer
- 3/24 Lee June, Kale Madrigal, Brett Stone
- 3/25 Kyra Cornejo
- 3/26 David Lashier, Hayes Pipes-Ternes, Josh White
- 3/27 Braylon Homan, Kyan Mattingly, Trish Wagner
- 3/28 Nate Adler, Ayla Butler, JoLynn Parsons, Hudson Trecek
- 3/29 Michael Bosie, Mary Brummett, Michael Harding
- 3/30 Sydney Fox, Ross Hicks, Don Lawing
- 3/31 Kody Brenn



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. The ministries listed below are "second-mile" gifts that go beyond your pledged giving. This is a listing of the Spring 2019 "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; among them, more than 7,000 have applied for residency. UMCOR is supporting these refugees by facilitating their integration in Armenia. Specifically, UMCOR will provide hygiene kits to thousands of 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.

#### **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
- \_\_\_\_\_ Camperships
- \_\_\_\_\_ Winfield Community Helping Hands
- \_\_\_\_\_ Circles Cowley County
- \_\_\_\_\_ SC Discipleship to Belize
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday's Table
- \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Loan Closet
- \_\_\_\_\_ Missions and Ministries

Name \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please indicate amount for each preferred area.)*



## LOCAL MISSIONS

### CAMPERSHIPS

Every year more children and youth are interested in going to Camp Horizon or on church retreats. Funds are needed by many of them to assist them with the cost of attending the camps and conferences. It is at these camps that many young people make a commitment to follow Jesus more closely. Your support in this area makes it possible for young people to receive a campership to help with the cost of the camp up to a certain amount.



Church Camp

### WINFIELD COMMUNITY HELPING HANDS



This outreach ministry is operated through our local congregation and coordinated by the Helping Hands Team. Last year 544 families were helped with \$88,000 in emergency aid for basic needs such as utilities,

shelter, medicine, etc.



### 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.

### SC DISCIPLESHIP TO BELIZE

Discipleship team is having a wonderful year at Southwestern College, and feeling God's will to do more for the world around us. We want to share with you a challenging ministry opportunity that God has presented. This May we will be working with Praying Pelican Missions in Belize. We will be working closely with children by partnering with local churches to provide a VBS and sports ministries, as well as partnering with local school youth.



### TUESDAY'S TABLE



Tuesday's Table is a ministry which provides free meals every Tuesday evening from 5-6 pm here in our church's Fellowship Hall. Next month marks the 10 year anniversary of this ministry. In that time, we have served over 35,000 meals. Each week approximately 80 meals are provided.

### MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

The Medical Loan Closet of South Central Kansas, sponsored by our church, is located here in Winfield. Their mission provides quality, durable medical equipment at no cost to the uninsured and others in need, to be used and returned when no longer needed. This ministry is serviced completely by volunteers in our community.



### MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES

One of the unique and defining factors of the United Methodist Church is that we are Connectional. One way we show this connection is through apportioned giving. Apportioned giving is a term which describes how the money you give to your church each week is divided and distributed throughout the United Methodist Church. Through you and your support of apportioned giving, we are able to participate in the ministry and missions of the United Methodist Church both locally and around the world. In this way, our church "tithes" to the global UMC which extends our mission around the world in a variety of ministries, such as: new church development, higher education and campus ministries, disaster response, ministerial support, missionary support, and administrative costs for connectional ministries, boards, and offices, etc.



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KIDS' CLUB



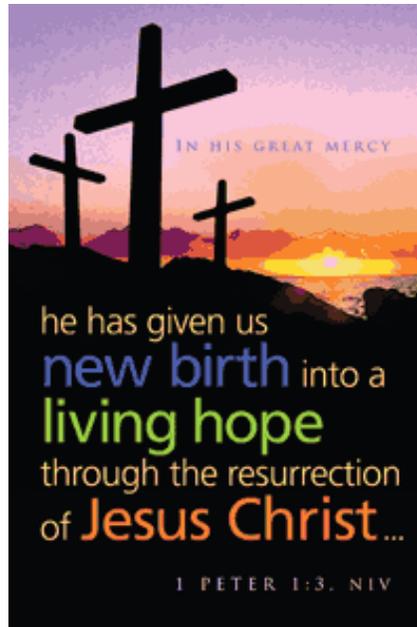
Starting Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> we are asking that all elementary students that attend Sunday School check-in at the station located in front of Fellowship Hall!

## ~ Youth News ~

**SOLD**  
**YOUTH AUCTION**  
for the auction.

The youth auction to raise money for this summer's retreats will be Sunday, March 31. Youth should begin gathering items

Thanks to all the adults that helped with our outing to the trampoline park!



We will continue through the spring studying the journey of Jesus to the Cross and Resurrection in both our middle and high school youth groups.



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*Henry Schwartz, with parents Taylor & Joe Schwartz, on his baptism Sunday, 2.3.19 at Winfield First United Methodist Church*



*Jessica Bates, Merrilee & Darrell Morse, Taylor & Joe Schwartz, welcomed as new members, 2.3.19 to our church family*



*Luke, Katy and baby Denver Arneson Denver's Baptism on Sunday, 2.10.19 at Winfield First United Methodist Church*



*Brooks Porter, born 1.14.19, with his brother Evan, sister Leighton, & parents Whitney & Brad Hasselbring*