**If it is comfortable, please stand*

***Guests** – thank you for joining us. We would love to connect with you! Please fill out the Welcome side of the bulletin insert or use this QR code.*

***Prayer Request** - If you have a prayer request, we encourage you to fill out the prayer request side of the insert and either give it to an usher or put it in the offering baskets.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

LIGHT OF CHRIST COME INTO OUR MIDST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *1 Chronicles 16:11*

**Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!**

*OPENING HYMN ***Sweet Hour of Prayer*** UMH # 496

OPENING PRAYER

SONGS OF PRAISE ***Goodness of God***

PREPARING FOR PRAYER

Song ***Breathe***

Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Lord's Prayer

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG ***Where Children Belong*** FWS # 2233

OUR TITHES, GIFTS, & OFFERINGS

*We will be passing the offering plates, or you can leave your giving in the baskets at the back.* Please scan the QR code to give your worship offering.

*DOXOLOGY UMH # 95

OFFERTORY PRAYER: **Gracious God, thank you for your love and care. Use these gifts to bring hope, encouragement, and love to others. Help us notice, listen, and care as we share your love with the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

*HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

L: Word of God for the people of God,
**C: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE *HANDLE WITH CARE: Pray First* Pastor Trudy Hanke

*HYMN OF DEDICATION ***Near to the Heart of God*** UMH # 471

*BENEDICTION

*LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT BEFORE US

*SENDING FORTH ***Surely The Presence*** UMH # 328

POSTLUDE

**Holding One Another In Prayer**

Art & Ruth Roemmich Ron McGimpsey Chris Berry
Linda Pettygrove Sheila Hubbard Wendy Moomey

Call Pastor Trudy or email her at thanke@greatplainsumc.org,
with any prayer or visit request or call the church office and leave a message with Susan for Pastor Trudy.

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**Church Secretary**- Susan Marsh fumcyork@windstream.net church office: 402-362-4571 / 402-362-5479
**Support Staff**- Joni Powers **Parish Nurse**- Kristi Scheele
**Organists**- Pete Cordes & Sandra Quiring **Praise Team-** Laura McDougall & John Meister
**Church Office Hours**: Monday – Thursday- 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Leadership Board Members**: Bill Lundy, chair; John Bennett, Wally Bryne, Pat Hotovy, Leo Kringle, Barry Redfern, Kristi Scheele, Jean Thiele, Sally Bailey, Lay Member to Annual Conference
**Care Team**: Shauna Becker, Sandra Mills, Kerri Naber, Kristi Price

## The Church in Action

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| Monday- Tuesday | | **Red Cross Blood Mobile** |
| Monday | 5:30 p.m. | **Leadership Team** |
| Tuesday | 8:00 p.m. | NA Group- basement |
| Wednesday | 10:00 a.m. | **Women Wednesday Bible Study** |
| | 6:00 p.m. | **W.N.L. & Youth Group** |
| | 6:00 p.m. | **Praise Team** in the sanctuary |
| Thursday | 8:00 p.m. | NA Group- basement |
| Saturday | 7:00 p.m. | NA Group- basement |

**October Greeters Needed –** a signup sheet in on the Welcome Center

**Children's Christmas Program** practice starts Sunday, November 15th at 9:15 a.m. More details are in the mailing going out next week.

York Legion Post 19 is selling **Evergreens for Christmas**
An order form is on the Welcome Center

**Accessible Parking:** Please help us reserve the parking spaces on the west side of the building near the Fellowship Hall entrance for those who need elevator access.

**Wednesday Nite Live 2026-2027**
Use the QR code to register or there is a link on our website.

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## Hope Gospel Rescue Mission Annual Banquet

Monday, November 9 at Holthus Convention Center
Meal served by Kerry's Catering of McCool Junction.

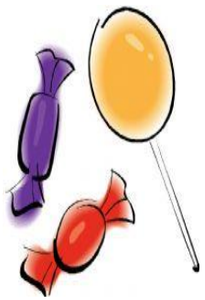
Our guest speaker for the evening will be Dan Meers. Dan has been KC Wolf, the mascot of the Kansas City Chiefs, for more than 30 years. In 2006 he was selected as the first NFL mascot inducted into the Mascot Hall of Fame. The banquet itself is available to the public at no cost. Additional details regarding RSVP's will be posted on our website at hopegospel.org as we get closer to the banquet event.

### Celebrating Bernice Mason's 106th Birthday

Bernice Mason turns 106 on Sunday, October 25!
Her family invites everyone to celebrate with her:

- **Location:** The Hearthstone
- **Time:** 2:00–4:00 p.m.

All are welcome!
**Cards may be sent to:** Bernice Mason The Hearthstone P.O. Box 159 York, NE 68467



We'll once again host a booth at **Trick or Treat the Trails**. Candy donations are appreciated and may be dropped off at the church by Sunday, Oct. 25. Thank you for supporting this community outreach!

## Kids Winter Clothing Drive

Throughout October, our York location is partnering with the York Country Club and Blue Valley Community Action to host a Kids Winter Clothing Drive. We're collecting new or gently used winter essentials, including coats, sweaters, snow pants, sweatpants, socks, snow boots, hats, and gloves for children in sizes 3T through Youth Small and Big Kid sizes 10 through 2.

We will have a tote at the church for donations, or you can be dropped off at Midwest Bank or York Country Club throughout the month as we work together to help local kids stay warm this winter.



# Handle with Prayer

## *Simple Prayers for Caring Moments*

**When someone is hurting**
*God, be close to (name) today.*
*Give them strength and peace. Amen.*

**When someone is grieving**
*God, surround (name) with your love and comfort.*
*Help them know they are not alone. Amen.*

**When someone is sick**
*God, be with (name) in their sickness.*
*Give them healing, strength, and peace. Amen.*

**When someone is anxious**
*God, calm (name)'s heart and remind them*
*that you are with them. Amen.*

**When someone is facing a difficult decision**
*God, give (name) wisdom and clarity.*
*Guide their next step. Amen.*

**When someone is afraid**
*God, be with (name) in their fear.*
*Give them courage and peace. Amen.*

**When someone is lonely**
*God, help (name) feel your presence*
*and remind them that they are loved. Amen.*

**When someone is struggling**
*God, meet (name) right where they are.*
*Give them what they need today. Amen.*

**When someone is celebrating**
*God, thank you for this joy in (name)'s life.*
*Help us celebrate with them and give you thanks. Amen.*

**When you don't know what to say**
*God, you know what (name) needs even when we don't.*
*Be with them and hold them close. Amen.*

# PRAY FIRST

## *Before you care, pray.*

**SHOW ME.**
Help me see.

**GUIDE ME.**
Show me what to do.

**LEAD ME.**
Help me follow.

**GIVE ME COURAGE.**
Help me take the step.

**HELP ME LISTEN.**
Open my heart.

**HELP ME NOTICE.**
Show me what they need.

**GIVE ME THE WORDS.**
Help me speak with care.

**HELP ME BE PRESENT.**
Help me simply be.

**WORK THROUGH ME.**
Let your love shine.

**BE WITH US.**
We are not alone.

PRAY FIRST. | TRUST GOD. | STEP OUT IN FAITH.