

## PASTOR'S CORNER -

### Communities of love

The church ought to have several communities of love. But what are those, one may ask. I think we can best think of these as small groups of people within the congregation where people share their faith with each other for the purposes of growth. Wesley believed that the clearest image of God was the one depicted in a Christian community. Looking at a Christian community and how they do life gives a glimpse of what God in the Trinity is. The appearance that is seen may be flawed, yet still it reflects the image of God in some sense. Wesley's communities were constantly renewed through repentance and confession to each other. They lived counter-culturally through radical love. They were to love each other following the exemplar of Christ. One appreciates that this had to be an act of grace. Loving together in a community of love is anything but easy. It is a messy exercise, and yet, it is the God-ordained way. It gives a glimpse of the image of God. Wesley believed that the image of God was to be witnessed in community and that Christians mirror God better as a community rather than as individuals. People as individuals are not the best image. Within God's oikonomia in the trinity, God chooses to express the God self as a triune love, three in oneness. When we meet with each other and share our faith, success and failures, we have a chance to grow. Rather than shaming one another, Christians build each other up by mutual encouragement. So next time there is an opportunity to be part of a Christian community, (choir, Sunday school bible study, fellowship or home-based group outside the congregation) join one for your own growth in faith. Remember it is a powerful example of the image of God as communion, as trinity. And once you gather, endeavor to build each other up in faith, confess to each other and forgive, encourage each other, and provide accountability to each other, in love. In short, be a community of love.

*-Pastor Susan*

### **Card Shower for Myredith Buss!**

**Her birthday is Nov. 17.**

**Send cards to..**

**639 Scott Ave.  
Salina, Ks 67401**



## OCTOBER Attendance & Offering

	Attendance Sunday School	Attendance Worship	Offering Received	Offering Needed
Oct 7	16	55	1688	1346.15
Oct 14	12	42	709	1346.15
Oct 21	10	36	846	1346.15
Oct 28	12	46	938	1346.15
Total for Month			4180	5,384.60
2018 Yr to Date			54,121.81	60,059.60
2017 Yr to Date			49,236.76	62,500
2016 Yr to Date			59,945	62,500
2015 Yr to Date			57,016	61,667

## **Come to JC's Coffeehouse!**

**Nov 4 @ 5:30**

**Fellowship Hall**



**Invite your friends and neighbors for a delightful evening of musical entertainment! There'll be plenty of coffee, iced tea, and an assortment of desserts also. We'll also have some special quilts donated for an auction during intermission. Free admission, but come prepared to bid on those auction items! So show Christian hospitality and invite your neighbors!**

Ancient Jewish sages urged people to count out and speak at least 100 blessings, or statements of gratitude, each day. What would happen if we intentionally listed 100 blessings daily? Can you imagine?!

MENTOR UMC

# INFORMER

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Our mission: to be faithful disciples  
who share Christ's love with their  
neighbors and the whole world.

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## Nov 2018 Calendar items:

- Nov 1 All Saints Day  
Mark Breese (B)  
Eva Costigan (B)  
Jeff Will (B)
- Nov 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends  
Barbara Archer (B)
- Nov 7 Gordon Hitchcock (B)  
Bill Tuzicka (B)
- Nov 11 Veterans' Day  
Steven Balaun (B)  
Ed Hernandez (B)  
Mark & Pam Breese (Anniv 2011)
- Nov 17 Myredith Buss (B)
- Nov 18 Ralph Nelson (B)
- Nov 20 Carol Plymell (B)
- Nov 22 Thanksgiving
- Nov 24 Rex Russell (B)  
Ron & Carol Plymell (Anniv1979)
- Nov 25 Christ the King Sunday  
Duane Tinkler (B)  
Robert & Vaughn Melander (Anniv 1951)
- Nov 28 Judy Unrein (B)

### **-Special Veterans Recognition-**

During worship on Nov. 11 we will have a special veterans recognition. Please provide the name of the veteran you want to honor to the Worship Committee via the sign-up sheet in the church foyer or to Rita Tinkler. We'll want to know in what branch of service they serve(d), and a picture would be wonderful.

**MUMC**

## **Pig Roast a Success!**



Oct 21 was a great day of food and fellowship as Mentor UMC reached out to their neighbors sponsoring a wonderful community event!



Special thanks go out to Rex Russell for supplying the meat and smoker, Duane and Jason Tinkler for cooking and providing the pellets, to Mark Johnson for pulling the pork, to Sams's Club for contributions, and for the Outreach Committee for handing out flyers and doing kitchen duty.

FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO EAT, I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO DRINK, I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU INVITED ME IN. —MATTHEW 25:35

Mentor Ladies met October 16, 2018 at McCall Manor. Dorothy Delker brought "The Poem". It was read by Kendra Carlin. Barbara Hofmeier brought an article "Anxiety Check" based on Phillipians 4:4. It was read by Kendra Carlin. There was discussion about the two twin size quilts that were returned to the Mentor Church by the Hastings family. DeEtta Larsen moved we put them in the auction at JC's Coffee House. Barbara Hofmeier seconded the motion. Motion carried. JC's Coffee House will be November 4, 2018 at 5:30. Those attending our meeting: Barbara Hofmeier, Kendra Carlin, Rene Morrow, Dorothy Delker, DeEtta Larsen, Rita Tinkler, Diane Russell, Virginia Lilly, Helen Nichols and Barbara Archer. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 20, 2019. We will have lunch at McCall Manor at 11:30. Rita Tinkler closed the meeting with prayer.

*Barbara Archer, Secretary*



## The Genius of Generosity

Kansas pastor Jack Wellman has been credited with the insight that "there is a certain genius in generosity." He explains that when we open our hands — figuratively speaking — to allow something to pass through our fingers, rather than holding it with tightly clenched fists, God can give us new blessings.

"God cannot pour more into hands that are already clinging tightly to what they hold," says Wellman. Whether material goods or time, ideas or talents, money or energy, the gifts God has given us so generously are to be shared just as freely with others. With our hands continually open to receive, give and receive again, God's genius cycle of generosity goes on and on.

## Looking Ahead...

**Nov. 4** – JC's Coffeehouse starts at 5:30

**Nov. 11** – Veterans Recognition during Worship

**Nov. 11** – Last day to bring filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child

**Nov. 25** – Network Church Conference - We're host to 5 other UM churches for our annual business meeting

**Nov. 25, Dec. 2, & Dec. 9** – taking donations to include your name in the Christmas Greetings

**Dec. 1** – Hanging of the Greens, starting at 8:30 AM with breakfast

**Dec. 2** – Bring poinsettias. If they are in memory of a loved one, those names should be turned in by the 16<sup>th</sup> for publication in the bulletin.

**Dec. 9** – Children's Program during Worship

**Dec. 9** – Christmas Caroling begins at 3:00, then returning to the church for a soup supper

**Dec 16** – Choir Cantata performing at both Mentor and Gypsum services, then a Christmas Dinner following our Worship

**Dec. 24** – Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm

### Remember Joaquin? We received a note from his parents-



*SPARC committee- Your love for special needs families is beyond amazing! With your generous gift we were able to pay: \$1500 to genetics, \$1478 for CT, \$650 boots, and 4 trips to St. Louis this month! Please know that we are extremely grateful for this gift! Love, the Araujos*