

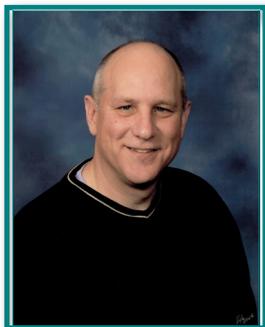
FIRST UNITED METHODIST NEWS

CONNECTING to Christ | GROWING in Community | SERVING the World

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In the past few months I have had the same conversation over and over with different people. As the church has continued to get back to normal, I have many members of our congregation say something like, "I know I need to get back to church, but I really like watching from home in my pajamas and a hot cup of coffee." I get it, and I understand completely. In fact, I am grateful that we have the technology today to make that happen. When I can't be in the sanctuary, I love having the option of worshipping with my church virtually. It also invites the question, why do we need church?

Our next sermon series is the answer to that question. We are calling it "Sacred Moments: Why we still need church." We are going to look at seven sacred events in the life of the church. The Catholic and Episcopal Church call them Sacraments. They are rituals or activities that the church offers and are more powerful in person. They remind us that the reason we need church is found in the moments when our spirit connects to God's Spirit and we experience the Holy. We need these sacred moments as much as we need the air we breathe. I invite you to join us in worship this month as we celebrate these "Sacred Moments".



Grace and Peace,

Barry

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Worship in-person or live on our website or Facebook. Replays will also be available on both sites.

8:45 a.m. - Contemporary

11:00 a.m. - Traditional

11:30 a.m. - Radio Broadcast on KMAN
1350 AM, 93.3 or 93.7 FM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:00a.m.- 1:00p.m.

Please use the double doors to the Connecting Link to enter the building and check in at the welcome desk. Thank you.

The newsletter is published monthly on the 28 for the following month. The deadline for submissions is the 15 of every month. If you have items for the congregation, please send them to Cathlene Higgins, Connections Coordinator, at fumc@fumcmanhattan.com.

When the newsletter is available you will receive a notification via email with a link to our website. If you prefer to receive a paper copy in the mail, please contact the office at 785-776-8821. If you have items for the bulletin, website, or Sunday morning worship screens, those should also be sent to Cathlene.



First United Methodist Church

Manhattan, Kansas

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:45am - Contemporary Worship

9:30am - 10:50am- Fellowship Time

Join us in the connecting link for coffee and fellowship. Please feel free to bring your own, or use one of the church's reusable mugs.

10:00am - 10:45am - Adult, Youth, and Children Sunday School

11:00am - Traditional Worship

Both worship services will continue to be live streamed on our Facebook page and our website. You can also listen on the radio at 11:30 am on KMAN 1350 AM, 93.3 or 97.3 FM

GIVING TO FUMC

There are several ways to give to the church

1. Mail your check to the church.
2. You can text 785-329-0382
Put the \$ (dollar sign) then the amount you want to donate. Registration information will appear. Enter your information, then click "process".
3. Online giving is available through our website. <https://fumcmanhattan.com/give>
4. Automatic Withdrawal (ACH)
Put the \$ (dollar sign) then the amount you want to donate. Registration information will appear. Enter your information, then click "process".

For more information about all giving options, contact Mary Jane Adams in the church office. 785-776-8821

PASTOR SABBATICAL SCHEDULE

This summer both of your pastors have been given a 4-week working sabbatical.

Barry will be gone from May 22-June 19

Melanie will be gone from July 3-July 30

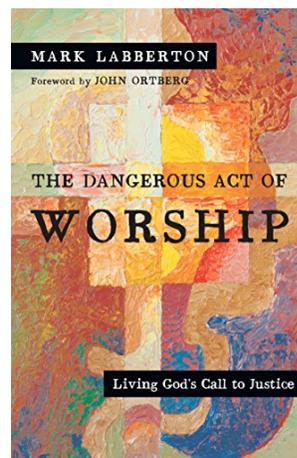
ALL CHURCH SUMMER BOOK READ

Join us as we read through THE DANGEROUS ACT OF WORSHIP by Mark Labberton. Our pastors will take turns leading discussions on

Tuesday, June 7
Tuesday, July 5
Tuesday, August 2

Two time options are available. 5:30pm on Zoom and 7pm in person at AJ's pizza. Study guides and books will be available closer to our first meeting. You can register for this study by signing up on the church website.

<https://fumcmanhattan.com/announcements>



REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP!

Get ready for THE GREAT ADVENTURE with Vacation Bible Camp at FUMC! Camp will run from Monday, June 27 to Thursday, June 30 from 9:00am to 11:45am and end with a parking lot party on Friday, July 1 at 6:30pm. Kids will have a fun week filled with Bible stories, games, music, crafts, snacks, and service. All kids going into Kindergarten to 5th grade are welcome to join the adventure. Sign up on the church website at

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*Ring in
Spring with
the Bell Choirs*

**Special Performance
Sunday, May 22 at 10 am**

The bell choirs will play in the Sanctuary between services. Come listen to Rhapsody Ringers, Allegro Ringers, and Spirit Ringers as they share their talents in service to the Spirit which moves us all. Stay after 1st service or come early to second service.



YOU ARE INVITED
**UNITED METHODIST MEN
BREAKFAST**

**THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022
6:30AM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**"Covid-19 and the
Health of the KSU
Campus Community"**

GUEST SPEAKER

**KYLE
GOERL, M.D.**

**KSU LAFENE
HEALTH CTR**



Mr. Manhattan

You are Invited!

Join us in the Community Celebration for
Dr. C. Clyde Jones' 100th Birthday Bash

Friday, June 17, 2022

K-State College of Business Building
Manhattan, KS

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

In honor of Dr. Jones, please consider donating to his established K-State Scholarships. Checks may be made payable to the KSU Foundation with the fund name or number in the memo line.

The Margaret "Midge" Memorial Cancer Research Fund (F73319)
The Karen Eileen Jones Prevette Memorial Scholarship Fund (F84344)
The Dr. C. Clyde Jones Graduate Scholarship in Business (R73285)

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

(formally United Methodist Women)

Different name but same important mission.

"We believe love in action can change the world. Act boldly and join us today!!" We seek to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.



United Women in Faith

What is "United Women in Faith"? The United Women in Faith is a group of women -- a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood. With a focus on women, children and youth, United Women in Faith (UWF) acts for justice and transforms communities.

Make a meaningful impact: Women in our congregation can put their talents, energy, and ideas to work. They can find flexible opportunities for spiritual growth and ways to act for social justice, support our community, live their faith, and enrich their lives.

Today, we mark the beginning of a new era. As United Women in Faith, we stand ready to not only continue our legacy but forge courageous new paths. We will go wherever we are needed, without hesitation, because the needs are great but our power, our resolve and our faith are even greater. To find out more, visit <https://fumcmanhattan.com/discipleship> and scroll down to United Women in Faith or go to <https://UWfaith.org>

CarePortal

When you join CarePortal, you're saying "Yes" to connections that can change lives, transform communities and reverse the foster care crisis in our nation.



"Whatever you did for one of the least of these . . . you did for me."
— Jesus |
Matthew 25:40

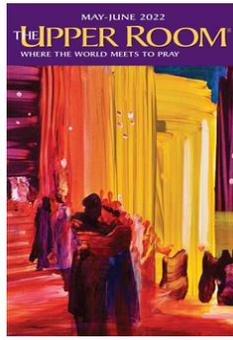
Join the
Care Portal
Response
Team



Connecting You to the Child in Need

THE UPPER ROOM

The May/June issue of the Upper Room is available. If you would like a copy, please feel free to pick them up from several locations at the church on Sunday morning or during weekly office hours.



FUMC NAMETAGS

We want to know your name! Please order a nametag for your family members and wear it when you are in the church. To order, find the basket in the Connecting Link on Sunday mornings or call the office any time.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

NO! We are not the Marines. We're the Geezers Group and we meet every Tuesday morning at 8:30am in the Harris Activity Center basement. We are a group of guys who have coffee and doughnuts while telling big stories, re-hashing sports, bragging about grandchildren, etc., and then... getting to work.

We perform various DIY minor indoor and outdoor repairs and projects all around the church campus. We enjoy working together and end up saving the church quite a bit of money in labor and repair cost. You don't have to bring any tools or even your own coffee cup, just some new stories, (we've all heard each other's by now!).

If you are interested in finding out more about the Geezers, just stop by any Tuesday morning for a cup of coffee, a doughnut, and a laugh or two.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, MAY 8

Join us for our Confirmation celebration. We will honor the work that 19 Confirmands have put in and help us welcome the newest members to the FUMC congregation.

8:45am Service - Meet the confirmands

10:00am - During the Forum Sunday School, listen to their Confirmation journey stories and participate in a cake reception

11:00am - Be witnesses to the Confirmation ceremony.

SUMMER DONATION OF THE MONTH

THE FUMC Food Pantry has been open and running extremely well for the local community. The pantry strives to create a way for people to live with dignity and have access to food and hygiene items. This summer we are going to have a donation of the month to help the pantry run efficiently. Please consider picking up a full size donation as you are able. Donation drop off will be located in the Connecting Link.

June - Toothpaste
July - Soap and shampoo
August - Wash cloths

The poster has a blue background with yellow musical notes and a violin. The text is in yellow and white.

YOUTH ORCHESTRA CONCERT

SUNDAY MAY 1, 3PM
HARRIS ACTIVITY CENTER
PARKING AT FUMC
612 POYNTZ AVE



Courtney Fellers, Director of Children and Family Ministries
children@fumcmanhattan.com 785-776-8821
Facebook @FUMC Manhattan Children's Ministry

*****LAST DAY FOR YUM AND YOUTH BELLS IS MAY 11*****

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ACOLYTES AND USHER HELPERS

We want you to be a part of service! You can light the candles at 8:45 am or 11:00am service. We do ask that you have a parent help you get robed and lit. Robes and candle lighters are located in the back of the Sanctuary in the Poyntz entrance foyer. To sign up, talk with Ronald Atkinson or sign up online. <https://www.signup-genius.com/go/10c0b4ba5a923aafb6-acolytes>

YOUNG UNITED METHODISTS ***



Regular schedule: Wednesday at 4:30pm in the Connecting Link. All 4th, 5th, and 6th graders are invited to participate in this fun, insightful time of discipleship and connection. Yes, 6th graders are welcome although they are technically in Youth Group. Jeff and I feel strongly that they can still benefit from this program on a spiritual level. It is also a way for us to keep a connection between our ministries with an overarching focus on families in our ministries.

YOUNG UNITED METHODISTS BELLS ***



Regular schedule: Wednesday at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary. This is a great opportunity to learn a new instrument and have some fun! You do not need to participate in YUM to participate in bells.

CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE

If you are wanting childcare when participating in a church activity or event please contact Courtney Fellers by emailing children@fumcmanhattan.com 72-hour notice is required.



Jeff Cunningham, Youth Director
youth@fumcmanhattan.com

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram:
@FUMCYouthMHK

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday School, 4:12 Rooms
10:00-10:45 a.m.

Youth Group, Sundays, 4:12 Rooms
Mid High (6th-8th grade), 4:00-5:30pm
Senior High (9th-12th), 6:00-7:30pm

Youth Hang Out, Wednesdays, 4:12 Rooms
3:30-5:30pm

A NOTE FROM JEFF

We have had quite a hectic few weeks in youth ministry. Starting in March with the Markdown for Missions sale, and continuing on through a trip to Branson, Holy Week and Easter, Youth Sunday, and Confirmation retreats. Over the next few weeks we get to have some time to celebrate. On May 8th we will Confirm the 19 young people who have spent the last several months studying and learning about their faith and the United Methodist Church. It is an exciting day and one that the youth have worked hard to get to. I hope you will come join us at the Forum Sunday School class as they share a bit about their Confirmation journey. Then stay for worship and help welcome our newest members into the church as they are confirmed during the 11:00 service. On the 15th we have the opportunity to honor our Seniors as we celebrate Graduation Sunday. We will recognize the Seniors at both services and there will be a reception in Fellowship Hall in between services. Come join us for cake and community as we wish these young people all the best in wherever the future takes them.

As we transition into the summer we will be looking at the role that food plays in our faith. If you have any family traditions around food and faith that you would be willing to share, please reach out to me.
- Jeff Cunningham

GRADUATION 2022

On May the 15th we will honor our graduates in worship and with a reception between services. Join us in recognizing all of their hard work and praying for their success in the future.



FUMC IS HIRING

Wedding Coordinator

We are looking for an organized and outgoing individual to serve as our Wedding Coordinator (WC). The WC is the liaison between the bride and groom and the church. They help the couple understand fees, policies and procedures both before and the day of the wedding. The coordinator has the blessing of walking alongside families during a joyous time in their lives and will also need to bring a presence of calm and care with the couple as they handle wedding day stress.

Coordinators receive \$150-\$250 per wedding which roughly levels out to \$12-\$15 an hour depending on the couple's needs. Wedding Coordinators work independently but collaborate with the pastors and other FUMC staff members, as needed. For information contact the church office at 785-776-8821.

Childcare Coordinator

Do you love children and an energetic work environment? This exciting and important position touches the lives of our youngest friends in faith assisting the Director of Children and Family Ministries. Being present on Sunday morning is a requirement. The hourly rate will be \$10.00 with a minimum of 15 hours a week. If you have questions or are interested please visit with Courtney Fellers by calling the church office or by email at children@fumcmanhattan.com

Childcare Staff

This fun position is for anyone 14 years of age and up who likes working with both kids and adults. Sunday mornings and some weekday evenings are required. For additional information contact Courtney Fellers, children@fumcmanhattan.com

The Oasis

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FUTURE OF THE CHURCH LOOKS LIKE

MAY 24, 7PM

FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
OF MANHATTAN
612 POYNTZ AVE

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/NEXTGENFUMC

"The oasis really brought calm to my week. The worship let me center myself and just be present" - Ann Hattrup

"The Oasis was the highlight of my week" - Kathy Walsten

"That was the best church ever! Please tell me we can go to the next one" Katelyn Platz

"I absolutely enjoyed THE OASIS and the worship opportunity it provided in the midst of a busy week. The youth in our community will love the positive and uplifting atmosphere."
- Ally Ingram

"(The Oasis) gave me time to soak up my kids as we sang and gave our hearts a much needed boost." - Melissa Dewitt

"No matter what our age is, we need to be challenged with new and different (things) to grow" - Mary Jane Adams

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH HAPPENINGS

In March and April, members of Current Issues and Koinonia circles of United Women in Faith labeled 4000 plant tags for The Big Garden in Omaha, Nebraska. The Big Garden is one of more than 90 US projects supported by United Women in Faith. It was started in 2005 as a program of United Methodist Ministries with the goal of building community gardens and providing education to address hunger. Since it began, The Big Garden has grown to include more than 200 community gardens in Nebraska, Kansas, and SW Iowa. The Big Garden partners with community agencies such as churches, schools, and non-profits at each garden site and provides free seeds and seedlings, educational programming, and technical support for the first three years. The community agencies help with set-up costs, program support, and garden and nutritional classes for children. In 2018, The Big Garden began a partnership with a Kansas City organization called The Giving Grove to start an orchard program. More than 241 orchards have been planted across four states. In addition to establishing community gardens and orchards, The Big Garden offers many educational programs for children and adults including topics such as soil health, composting, harvesting, cooking and food preservation. Garden educators travel around the Omaha area to teach basic gardening skills at approximately 75 garden locations.



To learn more about The Big Garden, visit biggarden.org. If you would like more information about United Women in Faith, Dixie Nickel, UMW President, dnickel6563@yahoo.com

2022 WORSHIP FLOWER ORDER FORM

Floral arrangements enhance our worship by reminding us of the beauty of God's creation.

If you would like to contribute an arrangement on a specific Sunday in 2022, you may:

(a) Make a contribution to the church, with a recommended minimum of \$45.00, and the order will be placed for you. Please indicate whether you prefer the arrangement in a basket or vase and any color or flower preference.

For special requests, please contact Judy in the church office, or email jpadgett@fumcmanhattan.com.

(b) Order/provide the arrangement on your own.

For both options, please note the following:

- Arrangements may be given in memory or honor of a loved one or special occasion.
- Please list your first and second choice of date. Every effort will be made to accommodate your preference, but adjustments may be necessary. Either way you will receive a reminder card with details.
- If you would like to do more than one order, please place each one on a separate form.

The following dates in 2022 are **not** available: Palm Sunday (April 10), Easter Sunday (April 17), VBS Sunday (June 12).

Please complete form and return (with contribution if applicable) to the church office.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Information for bulletin (e.g., given in memory or honor of ____ by ____) _____

\$ _____ (a) making contribution ____ (b) ordering own flowers, ____ basket ____ vase Dates: 1st choice _____

Flower or color preference _____ 2nd choice _____



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