

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST NEWS

CONNECTING to Christ | GROWING in Community | SERVING the World

Last Fall, we planned to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our partnership with Antonio and Dina Briones and the Susanna Wesley School in Anapra, Mexico. Covid put our celebration on hold when Antonio and Dina could not travel to the United States. The first weekend in October, we will finally have our celebration with Antonio, Dina, and two of their children.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Antonio will preach at both worship services. During the Sunday school hour, Dina and Antonio will give an update on how the school is doing, especially during the pandemic. After the 11:00 worship, the Briones family will greet people in the Connecting Link.

FUMC's relationship with the ministry in Anapra began in 2000 when our youth group visited the Briones family in Mexico and caught the vision they were trying to build. On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will take a special offering to bless the school and the children they serve.



*Grace and Peace,  
Barry*

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## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

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, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.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<sup>th</sup> for the following month. The deadline for submissions is the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. If you have items for the congregation, please send them to Deanna Likes, Communications Coordinator, [dlikes@fumcmannhattan.com](mailto:dlikes@fumcmannhattan.com)

The newsletter is always available on our website under "Get Connected - Monthly Newsletter". If you prefer to receive a paper copy in the mail, please contact the office.



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Manhattan, Kansas

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## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

**Contemporary Worship - 8:45 a.m.**

**Fellowship Time - 9:30-10:50 a.m.**

Coffee only is available in the Connecting Link. Please bring your own, or use one of the church's reusable mugs. This helps us all be good stewards of our money and our earth.

**Sunday School - 10:00-10:45 a.m.**

**Traditional Worship - 11:00 a.m.**

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

## SERVICES WEBSTREAMING

With our services being streamed to Facebook and our website, you or your children may end up on video, especially during the Word for Young Disciples. We do our very best to not have any close-ups of the congregation.

## THE UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL

The September/October issue of the Upper Room is available in several locations to pick up when you come to church on Sunday morning or during weekly office hours.

## PARKING OPEN AT ASCENSION VIA CHRISTI



Ascension Via Christi Hospital has given us permission to park in their clinic lot (corner lot northeast of the church) on Saturdays and Sundays.



On our first Serve Sunday, come learn more about serving in our Anapra Ministry. From Mission Trips, to supporting teachers and students from afar, there are opportunities for everyone to change lives!

## GIVING TO FUMC

**There are several ways to give to the church**

1. Mail your check to the church. Mail is being delivered and picked up daily.
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. Download the 'GivePlus Church' app to set one-time or recurring donations. You can manage and view your giving from here.
4. **Online giving** is available through our website. Click on the "Giving" tab and scroll to the "on-line" giving picture and follow the instructions listed.
5. Automatic Withdrawal (ACH) is available for anyone who would like to set it up through the church office. It is a free service provided by our bank.

For more information about all giving, contact Mary Jane Adams in the church office, 785-776-8821, [mjadams@fumcmanhattan.com](mailto:mjadams@fumcmanhattan.com).



**DON'T FORGET!**  
**SIGN UP FOR YOUR CHURCH**  
**DIRECTORY PICTURE**  
*October 5-9*

When coming to the church for your photo session October 6-9, please enter through the west parking lot Connecting Link doors.

Visit our website at [www.fumcmanhattan.com](http://www.fumcmanhattan.com) for available times.



### 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@fumcmannhattan.com](mailto:jpadgett@fumcmannhattan.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 \_\_\_\_\_



*Sunday School Classes*

**Christ and Culture**  
Library

**Faith and Family**  
Alan Lee Center

**Faithlinks**  
HAC Parlor

**Open Door**  
Alan Lee Center

**Pairs and Spares**  
Classroom 3



Sign up on the church website



## MEETING SCHEDULING

If your group wants to use the buildings for a committee meeting, women's circle, Bible study, etc., please contact the office and fill out a room request form. We still encourage all groups to continue to offer online options to those who choose not to make the in-person meetings. Please do not assume your request has been filled. You will be contacted once your meeting request is granted. Finally, all requests must be turned in 48 hours prior to your meeting time. Please contact Cathlene Higgins, Connections Coordinator, at [chiggins@fumcmanhattan.com](mailto:chiggins@fumcmanhattan.com) for room request forms or questions.

**UNAFRAID**

LIVING WITH COURAGE AND HOPE IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

Join the study three ways:

**Sunday Mornings 10am, Fellowship Hall**  
Taught by Pastors Barry and Melanie

10/10: Understanding Fear  
10/17: Crime, Race, Terrorism, Politics  
10/24: Failure & Loneliness  
10/31: Apocalypse, Change, Finances  
11/7: NO book study - Break for Serve Sunday  
11/14: Aging, Illness, Dying

**Monday Evenings 7pm, ZOOM**  
October 4 - November 8  
(no meeting on 10/25)

**On Your Own!**  
Read the book on your own but be sure to join us for...

**UNAFRAID CHAPEL SERVICE**  
**11/30 7PM, SANCTUARY**

## GET SOCIAL WITH US

Jesus said follow me... and now we ask the same of you! If you are on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, make sure you "like" and "follow" us on these platforms. Find us on Facebook at First United Methodist Church of Manhattan, KS. We are @fumcmhk on Twitter and fumcmhk on Instagram. Share our events and status updates when we post. Check in every time you come to church (not just Sunday mornings). If you take pictures or post at church, tag us in them. For all photos, status updates, and tweets, use the hashtag #fumcmhk.

## COPYRIGHT AND SOCIAL MEDIA

As we use social media more and more to share the excitement of FUMC with family and friends please remember that there are copyright laws that do apply to various media presentations and much of the music that you hear. Thank you for your understanding.

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### Greeters & Ushers

If you are a people person, this is the perfect fit for you! Happy, smiling faces are wanted to say hello to members and guests as they enter the church on Sunday morning.

Contact Cathlene Higgins, [chiggins@fumcmanhattan.com](mailto:chiggins@fumcmanhattan.com).

### Praise Band Members

Are you feeling a call to serve in the third most fun volunteer ministry at FUMC (1<sup>st</sup> being video and 2<sup>nd</sup> being sound)?

Then share your musical gifts in the Praise Band! We need people who can play piano, keyboards, drums, guitars, or any other instrument where you may have a talent. Vocalists are also wanted. There are opportunities for all!

We want musicians to commit to serve about two Sundays a month. Contact Adam Inman at [adamipi@hotmail.com](mailto:adamipi@hotmail.com) if you would like to audition!

### Technology Team Members

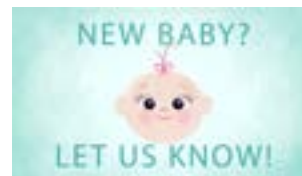
Technology minded people are needed to run cameras, slides, and audio. Contact Robbie Phillips, [rphillips@fumcmanhattan.com](mailto:rphillips@fumcmanhattan.com) to get involved.

### Welcome Center Volunteers

Do you enjoy meeting new people? Does smiling come easy to you? If you have Monday-Friday daytime availability, we have just the volunteer task for you!

We are looking for friendly faces to be at the Connecting Link Welcome Desk for one two-hour shift per week, 9:00-11:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Contact Phil or Carol Mattox at 757-778-5619 or [pmattox@cox.net](mailto:pmattox@cox.net) to complete a simple one-hour training on hospitality.

This is a no-stress opportunity that will bless many as they enter our church doors. Volunteers must be fully vaccinated to serve in this ministry.



If you, or someone in your family, has a baby, please tell the church by emailing [fumc@fumcmanhattan.com](mailto:fumc@fumcmanhattan.com), or calling 785-776-8821.

We want to celebrate with you, and keep our records up to date. We have a ministry at the church to reach out to new parents and provide them with a baby blanket. We also provide a rose for the altar, if requested.



# CONNECTIONS

## CORNER

Happy October, FUMC Faith Family! Our church family is made up of believers. All of who The Spirit dwells in and has given us such loving hearts. We are individuals devoted to Jesus's teachings of prayer, fellowship, and most importantly, carrying each other's burdens. I recently had the opportunity to talk with Sherri Hooper about the Sew Sisters ministry. What I discovered is this group of sewers is one of the most genuine examples of serving by using their God-given talents.

**Sherri, you are the third generation of the Hooper family to be members of FUMC, MHK and have participated in various and numerous committees, classes and groups; can you tell me about the group you have stayed with for more than ten years?**



**Sherri Hooper,  
Sew Sisters**

Sew Sisters was started by Pastor Diana Chapel in 2001 with a project of cutting out nine sleepers for Ft. Riley soldiers' babies, and our projects have progressed from there. Our projects are always outreach projects for local needs. Our mission is to use donated materials and our time to make usable items for missions. We sew individually, but we also have group projects and have fellowship together while we sew. We use materials that might not be used up to help people. Our projects are led by different people and depend on materials and group interest.

**What type of projects have Sew Sisters worked on over the years?**

Curtains for Wesley house, lap quilts for nursing homes and the Butterfield youth ranch, receiving blankets for mission birth kits, adult aprons for St. Joseph, and baby blankets for several groups, including FUMC, Ogden Friendship House, and other local ministries.

**What is one of your favorite projects Sew Sisters has worked on?**

The lap quilts, for sure. I know they will keep someone warm and making them uses odd materials we have been given. There is no specific pattern, so there is lots of creativity that goes into it.

**What kind of sewing talent do you need to participate?**

This group is sponsored by the United Methodist Women, but anyone can join. We enjoy the talents of knitters, "cricuters", embroiderers, or people who can just help cut materials. You don't need to be an expert sewer; just have a desire to enjoy helping others.

**What would you like the congregation to know about Sew Sisters?**

We appreciate donations of all types of materials, polyester filling, new pillow forms, low loft batting, thread, and yarn. We also invite new crafters of any talent level to join us any time.

Sew Sisters meets on the first Sunday of the month in the Alan Lee Center from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Contact Sherri Hooper at 785-539-6453.

*Cathlene Higgins,  
Connections Coordinator*



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY **FUMC**

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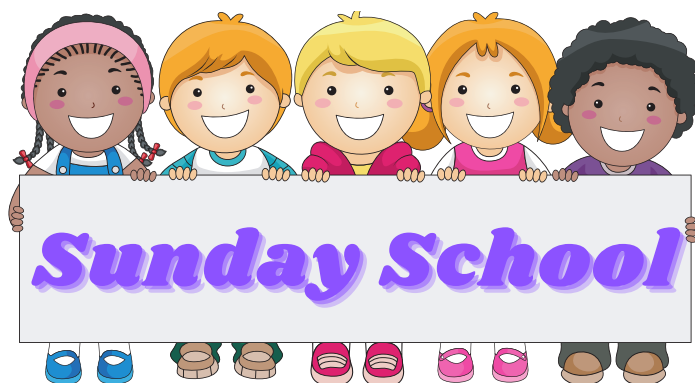
Facebook @FUMC Manhattan Children's Ministry



**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

It is a place that connects mothers with children newborn to high school and we focus on a variety of topics. There is also a Zoom option.

Follow us on Facebook @ Building Better Moms - Manhattan, KS, or email Courtney for more information.



We ask that everyone, children and adults, who participate in Sunday School wear a mask. All of the precious children in our ministry are still vulnerable to the virus and we want to continue to protect them.

We are also needing Sunday School volunteers. Please email Courtney for more information.

## ACOLYTES

Children are needed to bring in the light of Christ for both worship services. For the Sign-Up Genius link, please email Courtney.



## YOUNG UNITED METHODISTS

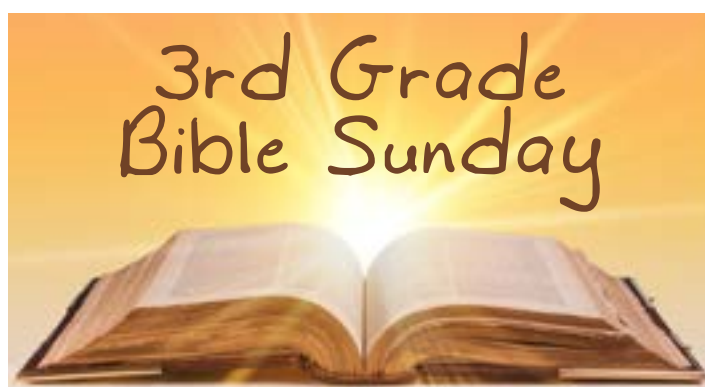
**Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m., Connecting Link**  
4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to participate in this fun, insightful time of discipleship and connection. Yes, 6<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome although they are technically in Youth Group. Jeff

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.



## YUM RINGERS

**Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. Sanctuary Bell Loft**  
This is a great opportunity to learn a new instrument and have some fun! You do not need to participate in Y.U.M. to participate in bells.



## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, 10:15 A.M., COURTYARD

Pastor Barry will present the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders with their Bibles between services. A cookie reception to celebrate will follow. Children's Sunday school is canceled this Sunday so all can be present for this special occasion.





Jeff Cunningham, Youth Director

youth@fumcmanhattan.com

620-714-0543 - call or text

**Facebook, Twitter, Instagram:**

@FUMCYouthMHK

## UPCOMING EVENTS

We are planning a bonfire/corn maze night and a Halloween party. Check your email or get in touch with me for more information as we get closer to these events.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Sunday School

**Sundays, 4:12 Rooms**

10:00-10:45 a.m.

### Youth Group

**Sundays, 4:12 Rooms**

Mid High (6th-8th grade), 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Senior High (9th-12th grade) 6:00-7:30 p.m.

### Youth Hang Out

**Wednesdays, 4:12 Rooms**

3:30-5:30 p.m.

## YOUTH NEWS

It is getting cooler, the days are getting shorter, and football is back (Go Chiefs!). Fall is here, and I am ready for it. Although with fall comes busier schedules and, for some, more stress as we move into the holiday season. Last month in youth group, we did a class on prayer and the various ways to incorporate prayer into your daily lives. One of the things we did was look at a few different apps that can help guide us in prayer or meditation when we might be having trouble getting into the rhythm ourselves.

1. **Hallow:** A full service prayer and meditation app designed for Catholics, but with lots of good stuff for anyone.
2. **Pause:** This is a Christian meditation app that is great for people who are new to meditation or don't have a lot of time. It offers 1, 3, 5, and 10-minute sessions.
3. **The Bible app by YouVersion:** This is my favorite Bible app and it has added lots of features over the years. In addition to multiple Bible translations and excellent reading plans they have added a prayer journal and guided prayers into the app.

I hope you find this list helpful as a way to pause, and as Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still and know that I am God."

## PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Crowd Control, especially for special events
- Weekly volunteers
- Trip Chaperones
- Meals - Please take a look at the dates available. There are \$20.00 Dillons gift cards available to help offset the cost of providing the meal. Here is the signup link for the youth meals:  
[www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084baeab29a20-youth1](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084baeab29a20-youth1)

**Our Covid-19 policy is that everyone will wear a mask indoors.**

*Jeff*





## FIT CLOSET AND CLOTHING EXCHANGE

The last few days in September saw the FIT Closet transformed from spring/summer offerings to fall/winter! Our boots and coats are ready for families when they come in for their October shopping appointment. Are you switching your closets over to fall/winter at your house, too? If so, please know that we're happy to receive any children's clothing (sizes 3T and up) regardless of season. HOWEVER, please hold onto any adult spring/summer clothes until March (as we simply don't have room for these right now).

### Critical Needs List

This is updated weekly on our website, [www.fitcloset.org/current-critical-needs-list](http://www.fitcloset.org/current-critical-needs-list). So, if you're wanting to have up-to-date information about what to purchase for us or what you might donate from your house, this is the place to go!

### Donation Drop Off

Remember, all donations are to be dropped off at the USD 383 Maintenance Shop. They are open Monday thru Friday, 7am to 4pm. The cart will be parked right outside the main entrance (2031 Casement Road). Simply park your vehicle and drop your bags or boxes of donations into the cart. If it's raining (or snowing - hopefully not yet), the cart will not be outside; buzz into the front entrance and someone will be happy to assist you.

### Monetary Donations

If you'd like to make a monetary gift to the FIT Closet, please make the check out to USD 383 and remember to write "FIT Closet" in the memo line (otherwise your donation will go in the school district's general budget).

### Does Your Group or Organization Need a Speaker?

Tracy Emery, FIT Closet Coordinator, would be very happy to provide a presentation about the FIT Closet, our mission, who we serve, and how to get involved. She can be reached by email at [fitcloset383@gmail.com](mailto:fitcloset383@gmail.com).

Thank you to the family at First United Methodist Church for your continued support of the FIT Closet and those we are blessed to serve!!!

### More Information

For the most up-to-date information, visit our website: [www.fitcloset.org](http://www.fitcloset.org), or Facebook page: USD 383 FIT Closet.

Tracy Emery, Coordinator

USD 383 FIT Closet and Clothing Exchange

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**TREASURES**  
*& sweets*

Online Auction begins  
Nov. 14 at noon

Live Sale in the Link  
Nov. 21, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Get your homemade crafts,  
baked goods, and more to  
celebrate the holidays.

All proceeds benefit the mission goals of United Methodist Women



**United Methodist Women**

Help women, children and youth in the community

New towels and washcloths needed

Donate in the link today

## COMMUNITY DINNERS



FUMC hosts meals on Wednesday and Saturday at 6:00 p.m. for anyone in the community. Until further notice, meals will be to-go only. Donations are also being accepted.

Common Table sponsors an evening meal every day of the week in the downtown area. Some sites also provide a breakfast or sack lunch for the next day.

If you, or someone you know, need a meal or other type of assistance, visit our website for a list of resources available, including the sites for community meals. Please keep in mind some agencies are making adjustments, so it is best to call or visit their respective websites first.

If you have questions, please contact Ryan Likes, Kitchen Coordinator, [kitchen@fumcmanhattan.com](mailto:kitchen@fumcmanhattan.com).



Thrive! is not your typical social service program. We invest our resources in a small number of participants for 18 months to impact true change in their lives. Each participant is matched with a team of volunteer Allies, who participate twice a month, helping participants to set and achieve goals and create the relationships and support needed to allow our participants to increase stability, social connections, and health and the confidence to improve their lives. We need YOU to join us as an Ally to help us end poverty in our community. For more information, please contact Jayme at [director.thriveflinthills@gmail.com](mailto:director.thriveflinthills@gmail.com)



### DILLONS COMMUNITY REWARDS

The Groceries for God program is linked directly to your Dillons Plus card you already use to get fuel points and take advantage of advertised specials. If you have not already done so, follow the steps below to complete the process. You only have to do this once, there is no need to re-enroll each year.

1. Go to [www.dillons.com/communityrewards](http://www.dillons.com/communityrewards).
2. Create an Account including e-mail address - if you do not have an e-mail address see instructions below.
3. Enter shopper card number or alternate ID# & last name.
4. On Account summary screen scroll all the way down to Community Rewards – click “enroll.”
5. Fill in personal information Enter MY114 – You will then see ☐ First UMC Groceries for God – 13275 Anthony Dr.\*
6. Click in the circle as this is our Groceries for God program.
7. Click on Save, and you should get a note at the top of the page indicating your sign up has been completed.

You will automatically start earning rewards for FUMC on qualifying purchases made using your Plus Shopper's card! Items which do not qualify include fuel, postage, alcohol, tobacco, Kroger gift cards, and variable load gift cards. A full list is available on the Dillons website.

If you DO NOT have internet, but use this program, you will need to call 1-800-576-4377 and it will be #3 on the recorded menu. They will walk you through the process of signing up.

*\* 13275 Anthony Dr. is Bob Sawyer's address. Bob is the Groceries for God coordinator and this address is used just for communication on the program. No personal information is sent to Bob.*

A graphic for the "Stockings for Soldiers" program. It features a large red Christmas stocking with white snowflake patterns, filled with various items like a blue gift box, a red gift box, and a small red gift box. The background is white with blue and red wavy lines and snowflakes.

SHARE THE  
*Holiday Spirit*  
WITH OUR TROOPS

*Stockings for Soldiers*

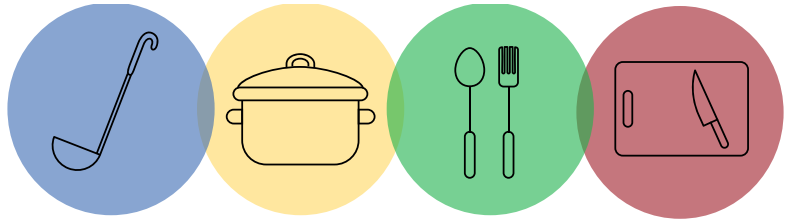
A wonderful way to show your support and appreciation for our soldiers and the sacrifices they make each and every day to preserve our freedom.

This is a perfect opportunity to provide supplies such as Christmas-themed fabric, solid fabrics in red/green/white or cream or to rev up your sewing machines to create colorful Christmas stockings. Cash donations are always welcome.

For additional information contact Becky Ward at [bbward67@aol.com](mailto:bbward67@aol.com)

sponsored by  
**FUMC Sew Sisters**

# KITCHEN *Restore*



an initiative of the Food and Farm Council of Riley County and City of Manhattan

## MISSION

A community donation initiative to provide “starter kits” containing gently used or new household kitchen tools and equipment to individuals and families.

## HOW TO HELP

- 1 Donate gently used or new household kitchen tools and equipment
- 2 Cash donation  
*checks can be written to Riley County Health Department, 2030 Tecumseh Rd Manhattan, KS 66502*  
*Memo: FFC/Kitchen Restore*
- 3 Purchase items through our Amazon Wishlist *\*see backside for more info*

QUESTIONS OR TO ARRANGE FOR LARGE DONATIONS PLEASE CONTACT:

Megan Dougherty | (785) 537-6350 | [rckitchenrestore@gmail.com](mailto:rckitchenrestore@gmail.com)

TO DONATE ITEMS  
**NEW DROP OFF  
LOCATION!**



Kitchen Restore Shed  
located on the alley/north  
side of the Salvation Army

**310 Poyntz Ave**

OR

Riley County Extension at  
**110 Courthouse  
Plaza, Rm B220**



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