

First United Methodist Church
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Ada/Minneapolis United Methodist Community
Christ’s Ambassadors by Inviting, Sharing, Nurturing and Forgiving
From the Heart of the Pastor!

Acts 2: 1 – 4 “When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.”

August falls close to the beginning of the season after Pentecost. The season after Pentecost is one of my favorite. It is the longest, stretching from the day of Pentecost to Christ the King Sunday, just before the beginning of the Advent season. Within the New Testament, only Luke-Acts divides Jesus’ resurrection, his ascension, and the giving of the Holy Spirit into three distinct and temporally separated events (compare John 20, which talks about them all on the same Easter day). Yet it is Luke-Acts’ plotting of the story that has overwhelmingly shaped the church’s memory and liturgical pattern. Perhaps that’s appropriate; though these three belong together as a unified whole, together clarifying what God has done for and through Jesus. Perhaps these claims are so momentous that each deserves and needs a festival of its own for the church’s consideration and celebration. And so Acts moves us from the Easter encounters with Jesus, through the ascension, and now to the startling events of Pentecost.

For John, the Spirit is the Advocate, the continuing and comforting presence of Jesus with the church, and the source of peace. For Paul, the Spirit is that which unites us to Christ, makes us into his body, and gives particular gifts to each person for the sake of the community. For Luke-Acts, the Spirit is the power of God, the mighty burning wind that blows the church into new and unexpected places of ministry.

Of the three, the portrayal of the Spirit in Acts is the most disturbing. Who knows where such a Spirit might blow? Being a disciple of Jesus in this windstorm will bring the church and you along with it, to unexpected places, and unexpected grace. It may only be in retrospect, and with inspired interpretation, that we can look back and recognize the Spirit’s driving wind rather than simply a frighteningly chaotic storm.

It is astonishing that the giving of the Spirit is described so briefly: just verses 1- 4, and the momentous event that Jesus had promised in chapter 1 is over. They are four weighty verses, of course. The Spirit comes with the marks of God’s own revealing presence: fire, wind, and noise (compare this scene with Exodus 19:16-19 and 1 Kings 19:11-12). But the focus of attention, both in the reaction of the crowd and in Peter’s sermon, is not on the wind and fire, and even on the Spirit as such, but on the words that the believers are speaking.

The church is the vanguard of the Kingdom, of the realm of God that is both coming and yet to come. God has poured our His Spirit. Let the church speak. When God says “in the last days I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh,” God means “all flesh!” The church grows and spreads and among all peoples serves the coming reign of God. I am glad I am serving the Lord with you at this point in time! God bless you all! See you all in church! Pastor Kennedy Mukwindidza.

AUGUST EVENTS AND SCHEDULES ANNIVERSARIES

2 - Marvin & Joyce Hamm
3 - Dale & Colette Henderson
5 - Ron and Pam Feldt
8 - Cody & Canyon Hamm
18 - John & Rosalee Tibbits
20 - Steven & Barb DeWitt
24 - Bruce & Gretchen Cleveland

BIRTHDAYS

2 - Tyrese Lee Banks
7 - Denise Fuller, Melanie Kuder and Alexander Kuder
8 - John Darrow and Lily Kate Kvacik
9 - Gary Hogg
12 - Corey Bohl
14 - Summer Blake
20 - Joan Miles and Lindsey Diercks
22 - Jim Callarman, Jeff Blake, and Devin Knox
23 - Larry Bertrand, Steve Baccus
24 - Preston Williamson
25 - Jordan Peck and Connor Peck
28 - Chelsea DeWitt

ACOLYTES

6 - Paul & Kaleb Ocker
13 - Riley & Ethan Bohl
20 - Braxton & Gracen Grimes
27 - Joel Abell & Braedee Weatherman

CHILDREN'S MESSAGES

6 - Tamala Lott
13 - Cassie Bohl
20 - Dale Parker
27 - Dale Henderson

GREETERS

6 - Eldin and Jane Smith
13 - Eldin and Jane Smith
20 - D Phillipson and Dale Parker
27 - The Abell Family

LITURGISTS

6 - Steve Baccus
13 - Steve Baccus
20 - Shayla Bailey
27 - Shayla Bailey

NURSERY HELPERS

6 - Deb Pounds & Becky McDuffee
13 - Angie Darrow & Becky McDuffee
20 - Tamala Lott & Becky McDuffee
27 - Kristi & Paul Ocker & Becky McDuffee

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - ADULT

Adult Sunday School Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Following are the lessons that will be discussed.
6 - Calling to Witness
13 - Called to Break Down Barriers
20 - Called to Preach
27 - Called to Be Inclusive

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

August 27 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Ice Cream Social Fundraiser in Fellowship Hall.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Remember....Donations are always welcome for the Salina Rescue Mission for men and the Ashby House for women and children. Both places need clothing and toiletries. The donation boxes are in the hallway south of the Church office.

DILLONS REWARDS

If you have a Dillon's plus account and an e-mail address: Search Dillon's Community Rewards
Sign in OR create an account - Click on "Enroll Now" - Enter the 5-digit NPO and search: First United Methodist Church No. is 24771

PROJECT FOR GIRLS IN ZIMBABWE

Pam Feldt, Gail Eckert, Sharon Foust, Denise Fuller and Rosalee Tibbits cut and sewed reusable sanitation pads and hygiene kits for school girls in Zimbabwe. The projects will be sent with Pastor Kennedy when he travels to Zimbabwe in August.

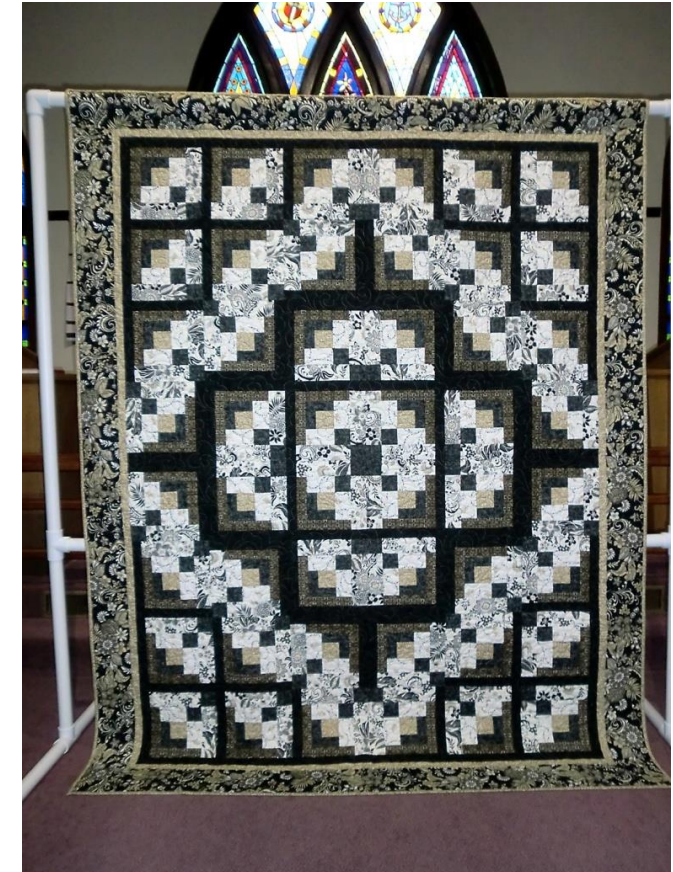


Laying out and cutting material for hygiene kits.



Sharon Foust and Gail Eckert busily putting hygiene kits together for Zimbabwe girls.

QUILT RAFFLE



Mary Ann Tasker has made the above displayed beautiful quilt that has been machine quilted by Kathryn Perney. Following is pertinent information about the Quilt Raffle:

Quilt size: 70 X 88

The drawing will be October, 2017

Tickets are sold at \$1.00 each

Tickets are available from:

Church members

Church office (785) 392-3029

Mon. - Fri. 7 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce

(785) 392-3068


Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

AUGUST COLORING PAGE

GOING TO CAMP WITH CHRIST AND MAKING NEW FRIENDS IS FUN!!!



RaisingOurKids.com

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 27 – Pastor leaves for mission trip July 30 Guest Speaker	July 31	August 1	2 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	3	4	5
6 Communion Guest speaker in Pastor’s absence.	7	8	9 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Admin. Council Comm. Meet	10 10:30a.m. OCMA at United Church of Bennington	11	12
13 Guest Speaker 2 nd Sunday Dinner hosted by Worship Committee	14	15 1 st day of school (dismissal at 1:00 p.m.) 	16 6:30 p.m. Bible Study Pastor back from Zimbabwe	17	18	19 Parker Roth returns??
20	21	22	23 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	24 Todd Seifert to interview Pastor and church people (see page 7)	25	26 Parker Roth returns?
27 5-7 pm UMW Ice Cream Social Fund Raiser	28	29 9:30 a.m. Minister Peer Group meets in Wesley Room	30 3:45 p.m. Acolyte Training 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	31		



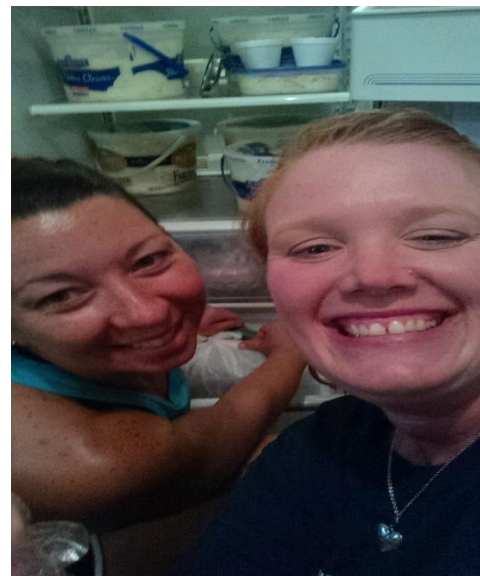
UMC FOOD STAND AT THE OTTAWA COUNTY FAIR, 7-18 THRU 21, 2017



Ms. Megan at the window of the food stand "cheerfully" wanting to take your order!



Dale Henderson "cheerfully" waiting to cook your food!!!



Cassie Bohl & Megan Grimes--two of the many workers at the stand!



Jill Runnion, one of the devoted helpers at the stand.



Diana Peck concentrating on her next move! "Let's see now....."



Looks like Gracen Grimes has had her face in the pie...taking part in the whip cream and chocolate relay race!



Campers Left to Right: Kaylee Tibbits, Riley Bohl, Connor Peck, Braxton Grimes, Jordan Peck, Gracen Grimes, Brinley Boyer, and Ethan Bohl.



SAVE-A-LABEL PROGRAM

We are officially registered in Best Choice "Save-A-Label" program. Save only the UPC symbol from Best Choice products. Some products are excluded from the program: aluminum soda cans, aerosol cans and cigarettes. Please leave labels in the box provided in the foyer. All money earned from this program will be used for youth projects. Contact Colette Henderson with questions

MEMORIAL APPRECIATION CARD TO UMW

The front of the card reads:
*Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
 or sat quietly in a chair.
 Perhaps you sent a funeral
 spray, If so, we saw it there.
 Perhaps you spoke the kindest
 words, as any friend could say,
 Perhaps you were not there at
 all, just thought of us that day.
 Whatever you did to console our
 hearts, We thank you so very
 much, whatever the part.*

The message inside the card reads:

The Family of Riley D. Tibbits sincerely appreciates the lunch and refreshments provided to us before and after the service. (We proudly showed off our beautiful sanctuary, as well!)

CAMP HORIZON CHURCH CAMP (Cont. from July, 2017 Newsletter)
Even though Children's Church Camp was the latter part of July, the continuation of church camp pictures were taken about the time the July newsletter was sent out, so following are additional pictures of church camp to share with you.



Ethan Bohl ziplining.



Braxton Grimes walking across high ropes.



Riley Bohl rock climbing.



Braxton Grimes, Brinley Boyer and Kaylee Tibbits working intently on arts and crafts.



Riley Bohl climbing vertical obstacle course.



Kaylee Tibbits showing her archery skills!



Jordan Peck, Diana Peck and Ruthie Sanders helping in the Concession Stand....



More helpers...Cory Bohl, Gary Bacon and Daren Sanders



Corey Bohl and Pastor Kennedy Mukwindidza preparing someone's meal!



Steve Baccus and Lane Sanders watching the "cooker" cook the food!!

SAWDUST PIE

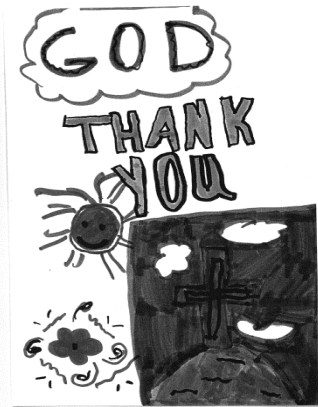
Made by Christa Lott to sell at the County Fair Food Stand

- 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ C sugar
 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ C graham cracker crumbs
 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ C shredded or flaked coconut
 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ C coarsely chopped walnuts or pecans
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ C chocolate chips
 - 7 egg whites, unbeaten
 - 1 unbaked 10-inch pie shell
- Put egg whites into a large bowl. Add sugar until slightly mixed. Add graham cracker crumbs, coconut, chocolate chips and nuts. This will turn into a gooey mixture. Mix until well blended. Turn into the unbaked pie shell. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes or until center is firm. Can be served warm with shipped cream. Cuts better when cool.
- YUMMY!!!**



Dear Joan,
Thank you for opening your doors for our community health screening in your community. It is because of your generosity that Life Line Screening continues to be able to bring these health screenings into your area and for that, we are very appreciative.
We look forward to working together again!
We appreciate all your help and support with hosting this community outreach event.
Sincerely,
Karen McGaffney, Life Line Screening

THANK YOU CARD FROM BRINLEY BOYER
FOR SENDING HER TO CHURCH CAMP!
Front of card:



Inside of card:



5 Suggestions to Attract Young People to Church

By: Ron Edmondson

I have never met a church which didn't want to reach young people. Every church sees the value in younger people becoming an active part of the church. They know the future life of the church depends upon it. The problem is often the church doesn't act like what they claim to value.

If a church is more interested in protecting traditions, for example, than it is in creating a future, then it will most likely fail to attract young people.

At least that's been my experience.

If a church is interested in attracting young people, it must think strategically about doing so. And, let's be honest- we are all figuring out this subject. I'm totally open to learning from you. These are just some things I've observed.

Here are 5 suggestions for attracting young people to church:

Value them and their ideas
Young people will want to do things differently. They see things differently. We must give them a voice and an access to authority. This doesn't mean we have to change anything we believe or teach, but it does mean we have to listen to them and not dismiss what's on their heart and minds. I've found I must make time in my schedule for the younger generation. I need to engage them regularly. They want to know me personally. But, when I do, it's huge to them – and I have more credibility to speak into their life. (And, it fuels me personally.)

Give them a place to serve
Find ways to let young people assist others. It's a huge value for them. For the newer generation, it appears service may be the new front door. They will care more about serving than they will about "membership". They want to make a difference meeting real needs. I've discovered they like hands

on experiences. And, they usually aren't afraid to get their hands dirty.

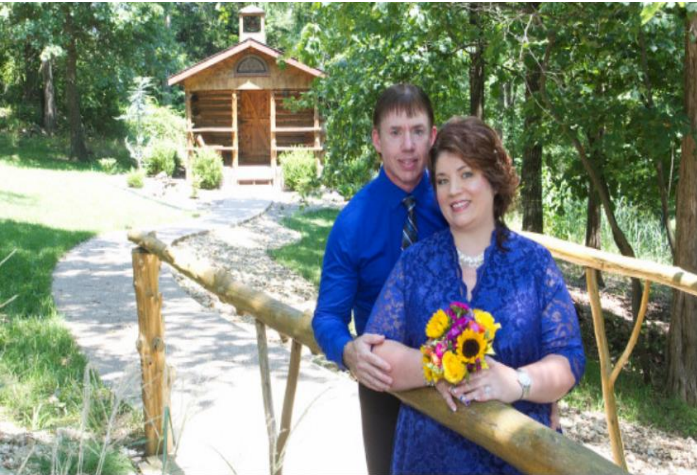
Be genuine with them
Young people can spot phonies. Let them see you are real. Authentic and transparent have been admired cultural values all their life – so they will accept nothing else. Be honest with them – about your shortcomings, your flaws and your fears. Let them learn from your mistakes and the things you did right.

Love them
Young people want to sense they are loved – even when they mess up. In my experience, young people want a safe place to be transparent and they want you to love them even when they do things – and believe things – of which you wouldn't approve. If you want an opportunity to speak into their life, they have to know you genuinely care for them.

Guide them
Young people want direction and they want to learn from your experience. If you talk about the concept of mentoring – they are into it. If a more experienced person is willing to invest in them – they'll listen. This is a huge opportunity for the church in reaching a newer generation.

These are a few of my observations. Feel free to add your own. There are so many things drawing our young people's attention these days. The opportunities before them are unlimited. And, frankly, church is only one small option for most of them. We must be intentional and strategic if we want to reach them.

WEDDING JOYS
Shayla Boyer and Tim Bailey
were married in the chapel in
Branson, Missouri on July 7,
2017



Congratulations Tim and
Shayla Bailey! May God Bless
your marriage richly!

WILL YOU BE WILLING TO BE
INTERVIEWED BY TODD SEIFERT,
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS,
GREAT PLAINS CONFERENCE OF THE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH?

Thursday, August 24, 2017 Todd
Seifert, Director of Communications,
Great Plains Conference of the UMC
will be here to interview Pastor
Mukwindidza and others in our
congregation who have helped with
ministry in our church. This is in
connection with Charge Conference that
will be held November 19 in Concordia,
KS. Come to the church on August 24
at 5:00 p.m. if you are willing to be
interviewed.