

Crestview



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Building disciples for Christ by making God's love real to others."

"Looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfector of our faith." Hebrews 12: 2
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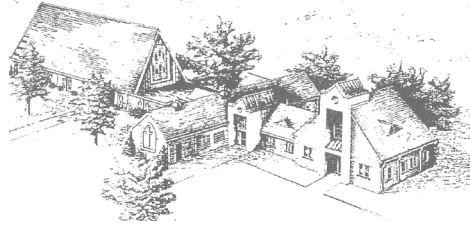
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The Apostle Paul exhorted the early church to "Make every effort to **keep the unity** of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3). Paul's exhortation implies that it is not our responsibility to create or build unity. Our responsibility is to keep the unity.

So, if unity is what we are created to have and designed to maintain, why do we often have disunity among us? The simplest answer is that there is something broken within us (sin) that keeps us from experiencing the unity God intended. While correct, this answer is too often used as an excuse for allowing disunity to continue among the family of God. It is as if we expect there to be conflict so we might as well accept it.

My amateur sleuthing deduces that a reason we have resigned to conflict within the family of God is because we live in a world of conflict. There is so much conflict within us and around us that we are not surprised when conflict arises among the family of God. Because there is conflict within us and around us, we avoid the conflicts that arise within the family of God.

Sometimes conflicts seem to go away on their own, but they simply become dormant until something triggers an outbreak. Other times, conflicts become like big, pink elephants in the room. Everyone knows they are there – they're big, pink, and elephants – but no one wants to admit seeing them. Admitting seeing the elephant means admitting there's a problem. Admitting there's a problem requires followers of Christ to "make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Instead, we ignore, avoid, and deny in hope peace is maintained.

Interestingly, the brokenness that keeps us from having unity of the Spirit is one of the means of experiencing unity of the Spirit. When we realize that there is something broken in all of us, this opens an avenue for resolving conflict and reconciling with one another. At any time, any of us could be the wounded person who feels ignored or hurt. Likewise, any of us could be the one ignoring or hurting. When we put ourselves in the other person's place, we often receive a new perspective that the Holy Spirit uses to bring healing and reconciliation.

Jesus says in John 17:21, "I pray they will be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you." "They will be one," means that we are invested in each other's lives and that our highest priority is not what's best for me but what's best for the other person.

At Jesus' baptism, God said, "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed, "Not my will, but thy will be done." In the first, God elevates Jesus above himself. In the second, Jesus elevates God's will above his own.

How often do we look at another and say, "This my brother or sister in whom I am pleased"? When was the last time we said to a brother or sister, "Not what's best for me but what's best for you"?

Think about it. Pray about it. I look forward to worshiping with you.

Pastor Kevin

It's Your Business: Our financial status through April 30, 2025

Bank Balance: \$ 105,828.67
 Designated Funds: \$ 92,147.06
 General Funds: \$ 13,681.61
 Mission Shares paid to date: \$ 9,047.32

Copies of the Monthly Finance Report are always available in the Church Office.

Total unpaid Mission Shares for 2025 (\$12,661.68)

TOTAL: Budget \$158,379.08 + Mission Shares \$21,709.00 = \$180,088.08 needed for 2025

Please note: To keep prayer concerns refreshed in the weekly bulletin & newsletter, prayer requests will be renewed every 2 weeks with the exception of ongoing critical needs. We hope this keeps us updated and brings our attention to new requests. Thank you. Pastor Kevin Rea



Prayer Requests

Concerns: Debra & Chuck Forman (passing of her step-dad), Kathy Singer, Charlie & Janell McKinney, Carole McFarland, Dave & Mary Manley



Our Men and Women currently serving in the Military: Matt Thompson; JoAnn Montgomery's Grandson & wife, (Jacob & Lexci Crawshaw); Rick & Laura Anderson's son (Matt Anderson); Oleta Schafer's grandsons (Matt Cavanaugh & Ben Tressler)

You can join the 22 other households that currently support Crestview UMC each time they shop at Dillon's! The website to sign up is: <https://www.dillons.com/i/community/community-rewards> CRESTVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (41597)



5th Sunday Special Offering

FOR YOUR 2025 CALENDAR:
 June 29,
 August 31
 and November 30



The second Sunday of each month, we promote a food drive to collect food for our volunteers to place in the box. BUT you can drop off items during the week as well M-F from 9:00a-Noon! We fill it every day and it's emptied by nighttime.

Thank you for your continued support!

THERE WILL NOT BE Coffee with Pastor at Café Quetzal in June.



ALSO PLEASE NOTE: PASTOR KEVIN WILL BE ON VACATION JUNE 9-15.

thank you!

Thank you for all the cards, prayers, and support for the family throughout Don's illness and passing. We are blessed to be part of such a caring community.

Debra & Chuck Forman and family.

Thank you for the birthday cards. I appreciate you remembering me on my 96th birthday. With love and God bless you.

Mary Lou Irwin



In Memory of Randy Shannon
 1956—2025

A celebration of life for Randy will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2025 at 11am at Crestview UMC. The family kindly requests casual attire. In honor of Randy's love for sports, feel free to represent his favorite teams: The Kansas City Royals, The Kansas City Chiefs or the Green Bay Packers.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Alzheimer's Association, 8001 Conser, Suite 240, Overland Park, KS 66402 or they may be given to Crestview UMC.

2025 GRADUATES



Eli Artzer

Grandson of Vivian McCormick
School: University of Kansas Summa Cum Laude
Mechanical Engineering
Continuing on for Master in Structural Engineering

Nathan Theodore Casper

Nephew of Ruth Davis
School: High School in Lincoln , NE
Plans: Attend college

Eric Dwyer

Son of Teresa & Chuck Mountain
School: Lincoln Seminary at Ozark Christian College
Masters of Christian Ministry

Lilly Fulton

Daughter of Benjamin Fulton
School: Washburn Rural High School
Plans: Attend Washburn University
Field: Study Social Work

Jenna Gorton

Daughter of Mark Gorton
Granddaughter of Pat Gorton
School: Washburn University
Masters in Communication

Skylar Mangers

Granddaughter of Kathy Singer
School: University of Kansas
Bachelor in Social Work
Continuing on for Master's Degree in Social Work

Cale Marsh

Grandson of Julia Marsh
School: University of Kansas
BA in Psychology

Caden McHugh

Nephew of Ruth Davis
School: Manhattan High School
Plans: Attending Butler Community College

Andrew Rea

Son of Pastor Kevin Rea
School: Washburn University
Bachelor in Economics

Andrew Ruff

Grandson of Pat Gorton
School: Truman State University
Major: Computer Science
Minor: Philosophy and Religion
Minor: Linguistics

Asa Wiley

Grandson of Gregg & Kathie Duguid
School: Lawrence High School
Plans: Attend Kansas University



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Marilyn Marye
- 8 Connie Hardesty
- 8 Connie Roth
- 9 Lindsey Freel
- 10 Silas Guyer
- 11 Nicholas Weber
- 11 Red Turner
- 12 Lori Hudson
- 18 Lilly Fulton
- 22 Guy Bishop
- 24 Janet Kelley
- 26 Bethany Weber



Save the Date! JULY 16

United Women in Faith Unit meeting,
Wednesday, July 16 at 5:30 in the Parlor.
ALL are welcome! Please join us for our Salad
supper followed by an awesome program.

We've invited Johnathan Sublet and Tricia
McCourt of SENT (Strengthening and Equip-
ping Neighborhoods Together) to come share
about what they are doing in the Hi-Crest area of
Topeka.

Johnathan has a great story to share and we
hope we'll have a great turnout for our guests -
stay tuned for more details.



It's almost June and our Doorstep Food Challenge is upon us! We'll be collecting non-perishable food items during the month of June to help fill the shelves at Doorstep in July. As we've done in the past this will be a fun contest between supporters for KSU, KU and WU. Please begin bringing your



competition between "schools"

Thanks for your participation!

We have volunteers that will shop school you're supporting!!

always welcome!! Please use the contribution! Or, if you receive this for Doorstep and either mail it or drop it in the offering plate on Sundays in June.



- of course the ultimate winner is Doorstep!!

for you if that's helpful - just let us know which And monetary donations direct to Doorstep are envelope included in this newsletter for that newsletter electronically, please mark it clearly

Doorstep Newsletter Article – June 2025

This month is the beginning of our 59th year of neighbors helping neighbors!

Thank you to everyone who bought quilt tickets and attended our Appreciation Banquet! The quilt drawing with the special theme quilts helped us make over \$2,000, this is a first, I think! Congratulations to our Volunteer of the Year Award Winners: Laura, Diana, Linda & Annie! We truly could not function without the assistance of all our volunteers!

Our Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run is Saturday, June 7th, at 9am at Lake Shawnee. Didn't pre-register? That's OK, come out to shelter houses 1 & 2 and sign up by 8:45am. This year's event is our "Countdown to 60" as Doorstep will celebrate 60 years of service in 2026! We have a special logo for our 60th anniversary which will be on the shirts this year.

The need for food assistance has remained level compared to this time last year. Our food expenditures in 2024 were \$84,500 just to keep food on our shelves to help feed our neighbors. In the first 4 months of 2025, we provided 52,188 pounds of food in 905 food orders feeding 2,293 individuals; and we have provided \$56,710 worth of clothing and household items thanks to our donors! Please remember Doorstep when you go to the grocery store and pick up a few items to share with us and your neighbors in need.



Current Doorstep Needs ~ May 2025

Donations accepted: Mon-Fri 9:00a-2:00p. 1119 SW 10th Ave. (use south door)

Clothing Room Needs: (Gently Used, Not New)

Men's Pajamas ~ All Sizes

Women's Pajamas ~ All Sizes

Silverware

Bed Sheets ~ Twin & Queen

Toothpaste (Full Size)

Men's Shoes ~ Sizes 11 and up

Boys Shorts ~ All Sizes

Hand Towels & Washcloths

Comforters ~ Queen & King

Food Room Needs:

Pancake Mix

Egg Noodles

Cream of Mushroom Soup

Canned Beans ~ (Pinto, Black, Chili)

Canned Fruit ~ Variety

Vegetable Soup

Pancake Syrup

Canned Milk

Canned Tomatoes

Boxed Potatoes ~ Scalloped

Tuna

Baked Beans

Pork N Beans

Corn

Peas

Moses

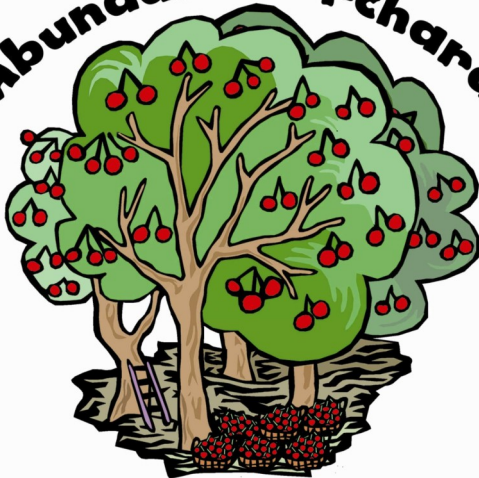
Man. Myth. Legend.



Summer Worship Series Beginning June 22, 2025

Join us this summer as we look at Moses. Aside from Jesus, no one in the Bible had a higher level of intimacy with God than Moses. The Bible tells us that Moses knew God face to face. Each week, our look at Moses will reveal someone who was not much different than us. Moses struggled, had times of anger, and was frustrated. The stories of Moses offer us a mirror that we can use to learn something about ourselves – our dark side and the great potential God has placed within us.

Abundance Orchard



where faith grows
and hungry people
are fed

Vacation Bible School

at Crestview UMC

**“Abundance Orchard: Where faith
grows and hungry people are fed”**

Age 3yrs - 5th grade welcome!

Friday, June 27 - Storytelling and Ice

Cream Social 6:30 - 7:30

Saturday, June 28 - 9:00 - 1:00

**Invite your family, friends and
neighbors to come join us!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ASCENSION SUNDAY 9:30a Worship 10:30a SS	2 7:00p Coin Club (fellowship hall)	3	4	5 8:30a T.O.P.S. (par) ← ANNUAL CONFERENCE →  Pastor Kevin will be in attendance.	6 8:30a T.O.P.S. (par)	7 9a Doorstep FunRun 6:00p Memorial Grp. (fellowship hall)
8 PENTECOST BLESSING BOX 9:30a Worship 10:30a SS 	9	10	11	12	13 8:30a T.O.P.S. (par)	14 
<i>Pastor on vacation through Sunday the 15th</i> →						
		6:00p AA Leaders (fellowship hall)	7:00p Solutions Grp. (fellowship hall)			6:00p Memorial Grp. (fellowship hall)
15 PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY 9:30a Worship 10:30a SS 	16 5:30p Ad. Council (parlor)	17 10:15 parlor reserved	18	19 	20 8:30a T.O.P.S. (par)	21 6:00p Memorial Grp. (fellowship hall)
Pastor gone			7:00p Solutions Grp. (fellowship hall)	7:00p Stamp Club (parlor)		
22 9:30a Worship 10:30a SS	23	24	25 7:00p Solutions Grp. (fellowship hall)	26	27 8:30a T.O.P.S. (par)	28 9:00a-1:00p VBS 6:00p Memorial Grp. (fellowship hall)
29 9:30a Worship 10:30a SS	30	June 2025 				

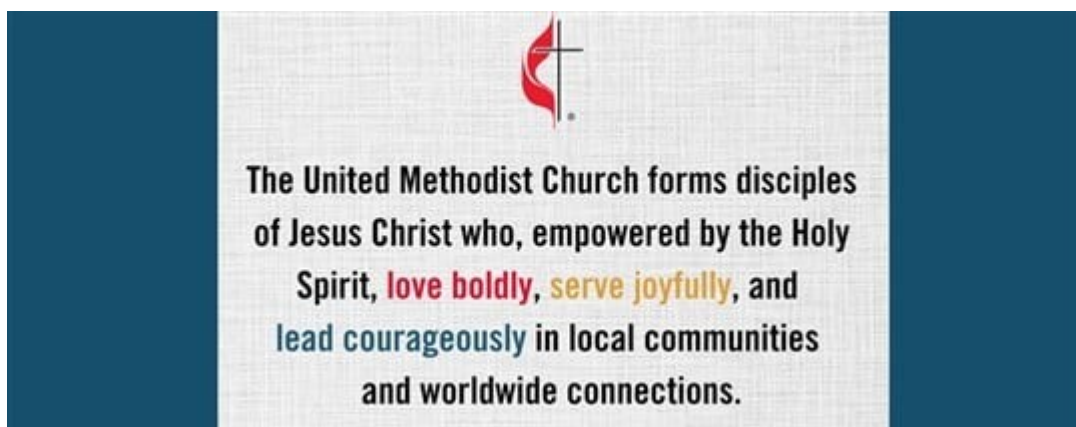
LOVING GOD

Annual Conference
Salina, Kansas
June 5-7, 2025

Deuteronomy 6:5

The Great Plains Annual Conference is coming up. Teresa (Crestview), Valinda (Grace), and Pastor Kevin will attend. Among the actions taking place this year is the voting on four constitutional amendments that came out of last year's General Conference gathering. (General Conference consists of clergy and lay representatives from the United Methodist Church around the world.) Constitutional amendments require every annual conference of the United Methodist Church to vote on them. To approve a constitutional amendment, 2/3 of the voting members to annual conference must approve it. In addition, 2/3 of all annual conferences worldwide must vote to approve the amendment. If an amendment is approved, it becomes part of the official law governing the United Methodist Church worldwide and part of The Book of Discipline. The constitutional amendments coming before all annual conferences are as follows: Regionalization, Inclusiveness of the Church, Racial Justice, and Clergy Education and Voting Rights. If you are interested in learning the specifics of each constitutional amendment and receive this newsletter via email, you click on this link [Proposed Constitutional Amendments](#). Or you can contact Pastor Kevin to receive a printed breakdown of each amendment. Please pray for the work that will be done while in Salina. If you are interested in following the proceedings, you can do so on the Great Plains website: greatplainsumc.org

New Vision Statement for the United Methodist Church

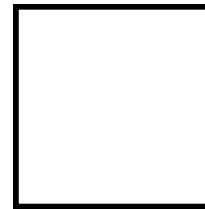


The new vision statement reflects both who the United Methodist Church already is and God's dream for us.

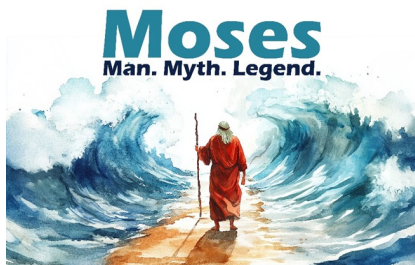
Love Boldly: We passionately love God and, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender, and walk of life. (Matthew 22:37-39 | John 13:34-35)

Serve Joyfully: With the heart of Christ, we journey alongside the most vulnerable among us, offering care and compassion with joy. (Psalm 100:1 | Nehemiah 8:10 | John 13:14-15 | 1 Peter 4:10)

Lead Courageously: Following Jesus' example, we resist and dismantle all systems of evil, injustice, and oppression, striving for peace, justice, and reconciliation. (Joshua 1:9 | Ephesians 6:10)



**SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES
BEGINNING JUNE 22**



***Thank you to our
E-readers!***

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**The 15th of the month is the deadline
for the next month's Crestviewer.**

If you know that someone from our congregation who is in the hospital, if they approve, please contact Pastor Kevin, so he can lift them up in prayer and possibly visit them.

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if you prefer to receive it that way!**



***Crestview Church is also on
Facebook and found by searching
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If you would like to be notified by e-mail when there are new prayer concerns, or if you have a prayer concern you would like others to know about, please call the Church Office at 272-3676 or e-mail your information to the Church at the above address.



All e-mail addresses will be kept confidential.