



Please pray for:
Adriana Rodriguez
Sheryl Fuqua
Kathy Keesee

Congregational Care

Our Congregational Care Team is here to provide caring support for our congregation through the card ministry, visitation, meals, and prayer. If you or someone you know in our congregation is experiencing surgery, hospitalization, a lengthy illness, a death in the family, or is simply going through a rough time, please contact the church office 327-4305 so that the Congregational Care Team can share Christ's love and grace.

*The Lord is near to all who call on Him.
Pray for one another.*



Hesston UMC Celebrates Over 130 Years of Ministry

Jesus said He was the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. We humans are still constrained by time so we tend to think in terms of past, present, and future. Given that, it is natural, from time-to-time, to remember the work of Christ that has gone before through those faithful saints who chose to serve

His cause in the past. From them we learn and are inspired to hold fast to our present faith and look forward to the promise of Christ's working through the faithful into the future. In that spirit, the Hesston United Methodist Church will be celebrating over 130 years of Christian service in the Hesston area on Sunday, April 15. The day will include a worship service featuring leadership from past and current clergy and staff, special music from choirs past and present, use of liturgy drawn from the traditions of the old Methodist Church and Evangelical United Brethren Church, a fellowship dinner, a PowerPoint program of remembrance, reminiscences of former clergy, a tour of former church sites, and lots of memories, pictures, conversations, and fun. The day will begin in the Sunday School hour of 9:00AM and run throughout the day. All former congregants, and friends, and families, and fellow Christians, and fellow seekers are invited to come, remember, and be renewed in faith and fellowship.



Lunch Sacks for Open Door Ministries in Wichita

77 Lunch sacks were delivered on March 5.

April distribution is March 25, with lunches due back to the church on Monday, April 2, at 9:00AM.

Thank you for your support!

HESSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

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Or, on the Web:
www.hesstonumc.org

April Fellowship Dinner



Wednesday, April 4
5:30PM—6:30PM

Menu: Sloppy Joes,
Chips, Salad,
Desserts

Come and enjoy delicious fellowship dinner, compliments of the Fellowship team.

HUMC GARDEN

It's almost time to start thinking about our Community Garden. We are once again looking for people to help tend to the garden boxes located just north of our building. The produce grown in our garden is provided to the people of Hesston via the Resource Center.

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Shana (Shana@ humc.kscoxmail.com or 327-4305).



VOLUNTEER SHOUT OUT!!!

A big shout out to **Pam Arens** for keeping the sanctuary equipped! Every wonder each week how the attendance pads have a fresh sheet? Ever need a tissue during worship service and feeling so relieved there is box on each pew so you don't have to go on a hunt to find one? Pam comes in every week and tears off that week's attendance sheet so we can follow up with attendance count and outreach to visitors. The pews are always stocked with tissues and the previous week's bulletins are cleared out. Thank you Pam!

~Shana

Birthday and Anniversary Lists

Is your birthday and/or anniversary listed correctly in the newsletter? Do we have information that needs to be removed? Are we missing information?

We would like to make sure EVERYONE is recognized on their special day, so please contact the office to verify and/or update your family members' birthday and/or anniversary information.

Preaching Series 2018

- April 1: Easter—"God's Favorite Story"
Mark 16:1-8
- April 8: "Welfare Reform"
Acts 4:32-35
- April 15: 130th Anniversary Celebration
- April 22: "The Chief Cornerstone"
Acts 4:5-12
- April 29: "How Could I Understand?"
Acts 8:25-40
- May 6: "Even Them?"
Acts 10:44-48
- May 13: "...Show Your Choice"
Acts 1:15-17; 21-26
- May 20: "Bless the Lord"
Psalm 104:1-13; 24-25

Faith & Film

The time and location will be announced.

Amazon Smile Rewards Program

AmazonSmile is a program offered by Amazon.com, where 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases is donated back to charities selected by customers. Hesston UMC has registered and, by using the link below, your purchases will directly support the church. Simply use this link and enter your login information:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/48-0920427>

Thank you!

FACEBOOK LIVE!

Can't make church? Join the service remotely via Facebook Live on Sunday mornings. Visit [@HesstonUMC](#) at 10:10AM, each Sunday. Videos are stored on Facebook, so you don't have to miss a thing.



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE and BREAKFAST

Sunrise Service @ 7:00AM at King Park with breakfast immediately following service. All are invited to attend!

EASTER WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Join us for Sunday School at 9:00AM, followed by Fellowship Time at 9:45AM. Stay for the Easter Worship Celebration at 10:10AM.

Following Easter Worship, you are invited to stay for the children's Easter Egg Hunt!



YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

Upcoming Events:

Questions? Contact Jonathan Geidel at hesstonumcyouth@gmail.com

Other News:

- Our After-school program is now over for the year. However, children are welcome to come to the church after school on April 11, April 18, and April 25, which are the dates of our final Wednesday night meetings.
- Our last three Wednesday night activities for this school year are April 11, April 18, and April 25. Children from kindergarten through 8th grade are encouraged to join our Wednesday night activities, which are held from 4:00-5:00PM. Dinner follows, from 5:00-5:30PM.
- On the first Wednesday of each month, we will not be meeting for the children's program. Instead, all are invited to join in a Fellowship Meal at 5:30PM!
- High school youth meet from 7:00-8:30PM on Wednesdays.

Jon will be out of town May 2-5 and May 25-28.



MARCH 30 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

7:00PM in the Sanctuary

Please join us for service this Friday evening.

April 29th / 5th Sunday Fill the Table

April 29th will be our first "5th Sunday—Fill the Table" this year for the Hesston Resource Center. In the past, we've collected a wide variety of items (including non-perishable food). Recently they have been asking for specific items from individual churches. With that in mind, the list of requested items will be provided later in April. Thank you for your continued support of this worthwhile endeavor! I am sure many families in the community are blessed by your generosity.

~Beck Ruth

Ramblings

By Keith Schadel

Hesston has a former pastor who, for many years, deaned a camp for high school students at Camp Lakeside where I served as program director and as director. The camp was focused on the elements of building Christian community and activities were planned to practice living as a Christian community. An important element of the camp was learning to listen for understanding. The practice of this activity required focused effort on the part of both the listener and the speaker, because if the listener was truly listening for understanding, but failing to understand then there was a required effort on the part of the speaker to rephrase what was being said to facilitate understanding. On the other hand, the listener, in order to understand had to surrender concern for their own viewpoint in order to refrain from focusing on their response while the speaker was still speaking. Sometimes it seems that the modern church is so busy shouting its preconceived judgments at one another that it is losing the ability to listen and speak for understanding.

I grew up in a time and place where language expressed an inner worldview that was largely racist, sexist, nationalist, and generally parochial. There were games that were played, songs that were sung, nicknames employed, and thoughts expressed that used terms which were racially and culturally derogatory to various groups, identified genders as appropriately superior or inferior, chose to openly trust or distrust or value individuals based on their national or cultural origin, and generally valued all things close to home more than those further away geographically or conceptually. These factors inhibited listening and speaking for understanding.

During my college and early professional years I experienced the cultural revolution of the late '60's and early '70's which identified many of these characteristics as problematic for any society and was retrained to be more sensitive to words that hurt and words that heal (the title of a popular book of the 80's). Gone was the old adage, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me." Most folks came to agree that, indeed, words could hurt and hurt deeply. The pendulum of cultural sensitivity began to swing, and then increased its swing, and, perhaps, continues to swing. Political correctness contains within it important seeds of compassion and tolerance. There is a responsibility among those who speak to seek to use language that is respectful and appropriate. It is still, however, important to listen for understanding if real communication is to occur and the important part of that is understanding, more than the words.

Sometimes we give words more power than they deserve. Remember, words are just sounds intended to convey meaning. If we can understand the intent of the speaker the sounds have accomplished their purpose. Using the sounds as a "gotcha" tool of manipulation or judgment does not advance the ministry of Christ. I have listened to pundits discuss the insulting nature of some words used by people in public or private life and have not been able to understand what would be offensive about them. On some occasions, I have asked and essentially been told that if I have to ask I am beyond redemption. Jesus took on the form of humanity in order to be understood. His life and teaching clearly demonstrated that He understands. As a fellow traveler on the road of faith I hope you will help me phrase my speech so it is more easily understood and I hope you will be patient and merciful with me as I seek to understand, and I hope we will all pray that our Lord will transform our hearts so that we speak and listen for understanding. See you in church.

Keith's Kwips:

-Sign in a veterinarian's office: "The doctor is in. Sit! Stay!"

-I took my dog to a veterinarian a while back because he had swallowed a pocketful of coins. The next morning I called to see how the dog was doing. The vet said, "No change yet."

Thought for the Month: "Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection not in books alone, but in every new leaf of spring." Martin Luther



APRIL MISSION CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Are you ready for some fun, and also participating in a very worthwhile cause? Then make plans to attend the dessert auction! On Sunday, April 8, we will once again host our annual DESSERT AUCTION after church. The money raised at the auction will help fund our children and youth who want to attend United Methodist summer camps like Horizon (located near Arkansas City) or Lakeside (located in Scott County). The church pays for up to \$100 for each young person going to camp; they are responsible for the remaining cost.

Please sign up to bring your favorite desserts to be auctioned off and help with this special fundraiser. (A sign-up sheet is available on the INFO table.) Come and enjoy the fellowship! You don't have to bring a dessert to go home with one!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

April 12 Meeting



All of the women of the church are invited to attend our regular UMW meeting on Thursday, April 12.

We will meet at the church at 1:30PM and carpool to the Safehope office in Newton. The program (and refreshments) will be presented by the officers of Safehope.

RSVP to Helen McClain (620-951-8182 or ehmclain.ks@gmail.com) by April 9 if you would like to attend. We hope you will be able to join us for this special meeting.

~Helen McClain, UMW President

APRIL 2018						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 7:00A Sunrise Service King Park 9:00A Sunday School 9:45A Fellowship 10:10A Worship Easter Egg Hunt	2 6:30P Scouts 7:00P Staff Parish	3 2:30P 1st Tues @ Villa 7:00P Scouts	4 6:30A UMM 9:00A Bible Study 5:30P Fellowship Meal 6:30P Vocal Choir 7:00P Youth 7:30P Bell Choir	5	6 9:15A Missions	7
8 9:00A Sunday School 9:45A Fellowship 10:10A Worship Dessert Auction	9 6:30P Scouts 6:30P Trustees 7:30P Finance	10 7:00P Scouts	11 6:30A UMM 9:00A Bible Study 4:00P Hands & Feet / Bible Zone / LOL 6:30P Vocal Choir 7:00P Youth 7:30P Bell Choir	12 2:00P UMW	13	14
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Have we missed your **Birth**day or **Wedding Anniversary** in our monthly newsletter? If you are new to the church, or if we've missed your important date, please call the office or leave a note in the drop-off box. Thank you for helping update the church records!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Alex Kaminski
- 3 Janice Camp
- 5 Peyton Lewis
- 6 Susan Hamilton
- 8 Will Pickney
- 9 Kennedy Wright
- 9 Ryan Gale
- 10 Jerry Jantz
- 11 Wade Wright
- 13 John Caffrey
- 15 Marge Hamilton
- 17 Gavin Pickney
- 20 Isaiah Schertz
- 26 Roni Caffrey
- 27 Amy Schertz
- 27 Suzanne Rickenberg
- 30 Ron Fulk
- 30 Andrew Wright

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Ken & Jody Schwanke
- 20 San & Lisa Nikkel
- 27 Brian & Kimberly Koehn

Remember—if your birthday or anniversary is missing, call the church office at 327-4305.

APRIL WORSHIP LEADERS

- Reader**
 April 1 Allen Hahn
 April 8 Melinda Jantz
 April 15 Dana Stahl
 April 22 Karen Lehman
 April 29 Jerry Jantz
- Young Disciples' Time**
 April 1 Jon Geidel
 April 8 Sandie Kueker
 April 15 Jon Geidel
 April 22 Susan Hamilton
 April 29 Helen McClain
- Greeters**
 April 1 Cecil & Eunice Banning
 April 8 Bev Perry
 April 15 Suzanne Rickenberg & Ray Novak
- April 22
 April 29 Ken & Jody Schwanke
- Acolytes**
 April 1 Samantha Estes & Maddie Gish
 April 8 Gavin Pickney & Jack Gish
 April 15 Sarah van Bergeijk
 April 22 Kinsley Hamilton & Tim van Bergeijk
- April 29
Hospitality
 April 1 Buck & Helen McClain
 April 8 Pam Arens & Hanneke van Bergeijk
 April 15 Stan & LeAnn Clark
 April 22 Jack & Nyla Hobbs
 April 29 Jack & Nyla Hobbs
- Ushers**
 April 1 John King, Lowell Peterson, John Regier, Ray Novak
 April 8 Maynard Herron, Buck McClain, Howard Baugh Cory Lehman
 April 15 John King, Duane Buller, Ray Peirce, Ken Schwanke
 April 22 John King, Ken Schwanke, Buck McClain, Michael Stahl
 April 29 John King, Michael Stahl,

Communion Preparation
 Jacque Peterson