

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Let us gather as a community to celebrate the blessings that surround us

Pastor Connie's Corner

As we approach the 250th birthday of this great country, I find myself contemplating the role of patriotism in the life of a Christ follower. Part of our US history embraces the freedom and ability to live faith and religious life as we each see fit and yet recent changes announce many denominations and religions don't receive equal status. Through the years, many have come to equate Christianity with citizenship. Perhaps, like me, you have perceived this to be true for those with a particularly narrow understanding of what it means to be Christian. When I heard Brian Kaylor speak to Great Plains Annual Conference, I learned that we who are members of mainline churches have played a significant role in the formation of Christian Nationalism. I brought home 2 books, which I have barely begun to read, in hopes of sharing what I am learning with you.

I invite you to picture yourself walking into a sanctuary for the very first time. In nearly every church in America, what will be the first thing you see? That's right, there is the American flag, and often there is also the Christian flag; but which is given the place of honor? It is the American Flag. If you were looking at that for the first time, who would you say we worship? Many church leaders are uncomfortable with the message of the US flag placed over the Christian flag, but the attempts to move flags within the sanctuary is often a fight with no a healthy outcome. Never mind the possibility of moving flags to another area outside the sanctuary.

We have been through so much on our way to this 250th celebration. Some of our history has been amazing. We have a great legacy. We also have some history that many of us would like to hide. Getting from there to here for any entity involves both positive and negative aspects.

I am a proud patriot and love my country. I am thankful for all who dreamed this great dream and all who have sacrificed to protect it. I thank God for my homeland. I do hope and pray that I can always keep my love for God and my love for country each in their appropriate place.

Happy 4th of July.

Sunday Service

10:15am

Online and in person

Sunday School

9:30am

September through April

Upcoming Events

July 4
HAPPY 250th
BIRTHDAY
AMERICA



July 7
Bernice Huff Circle -
Quilt of Valor
Community Event

July 12
Fellowship Coffee -
Group 1

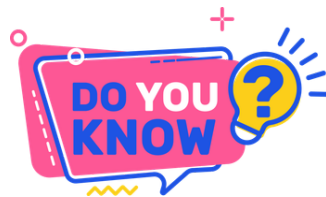
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Community Dinner

THANK you

- Bat wrangler Bob and his trusty net.
- Erin for the extra work setting up our new financial software.
- Kate for VBS Leadership and all others who stepped in to help.
- Collette for great representation at the Great Plains Annual Conference.
- Circle ladies who prepared and served a meal at 410 Irish Den.
- Marilyn for the beautiful music and faithful service and to Linda for covering when she can't be here.
- Darlene for coordinating our support of the blood drive each month.
- Everyone who helped make the garage sale a great success.



“For you were called to Freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”
-Galatians 5:13



United Methodists believe in and support education. That support can be seen at all levels. Many UM Churches open their doors and dedicate part of their facility to early childhood education. Some preschools are licensed and through the church and teachers are members of the church staff. Other privately owned preschools are hosted on church property. Many churches host their own scholarship programs to support local students. We also support The General Board of Higher Education connecting with higher education worldwide. Check it out at gbhem.org.

Within the Great Plains Conference, we support 4 United Methodist related colleges and universities as well as campus ministries at each of our state colleges.

Outreach Report

Here at CUMC, we are reaching out as we love, grow and serve through faith

July Mission of the Month



The mission of the month for June was Kansas Kids in Crisis. Through the generosity of the congregation and a donation through the missions committee we are pleased to send a check to this deserving organization in the amount of \$606.00. Thank you to all who contributed to this mission.

It is Christmas in July! Since we have a Blessings Box that serves the people in our own community, we will again be collecting food items to fill our Blessings Box. Protein packed food is always needed: tuna, peanut butter, any type of canned meats. We hope to have a collection of food that can be used right here to keep our Blessings Box full for our community members in need. If you would like to contribute, please use the Christmas Wrapped boxes in the Narthex to put your donations. Cash donations may be made at the Missions table in the narthex.

June Community Dinner Serves 74

With thanks for our grill master Ray Allaman, we were able to feed 74 people a meal of hamburger, potato salad, baked beans and cupcake. A huge shout out to those who contributed to the Community meal through food and helping to get our neighbors fed.

Citywide Garage Sale a HUGE Success

This year's yard sale was a super success. The missions committee sets up the sale with the help of some church members, and, again this year it was quite an undertaking. There were plenty of items to choose from, and the price is always right. At the end of the sale the hope is that we can collect around \$1200.00 so there is a \$100.00 donation available to each monthly mission. Happily, this year we collected over \$1,900.00. The monthly missions will be covered as well as other opportunities to help out those in our community. Many thanks go to everyone participating in this event, it couldn't be done without you. Time to start saving up for next year!



Outreach Report

Continued



School supplies are already on sale in some stores in the area. Please keep OCC in mind when picking up your school supplies. Pencils, crayons, markers, paper and scissors are always welcome in a shoebox. There may be some summer clothing items on sale also which would make a great additional gift for a recipient of an OCC shoebox. Some items have already been donated for the cause, which will be brought out when we fill the boxes in the fall. Keep your eyes open for great deals on items that would make a child smile and feel blessed to have been chosen to receive a shoebox. We want the children receiving these boxes to feel the Joy and Love packed in each one. Thank you for your continued participation in this world-wide mission to share the word of God.

Helping Hands; Helping One Another

Thanks to gifts from Chapman Lions Club, CUMC missions committee, and Helping hand, a ramp has been added to the home of one of our neighbors here in Chapman. And a big thank you to Carl Boley for his quality work building this ramp.



Bernice Huff Circle

On June 9th, 11 members of the Bernice Huff Circle met and plans were made to attend “The Church Basement Women” at Great Plains Theater on June 24th.

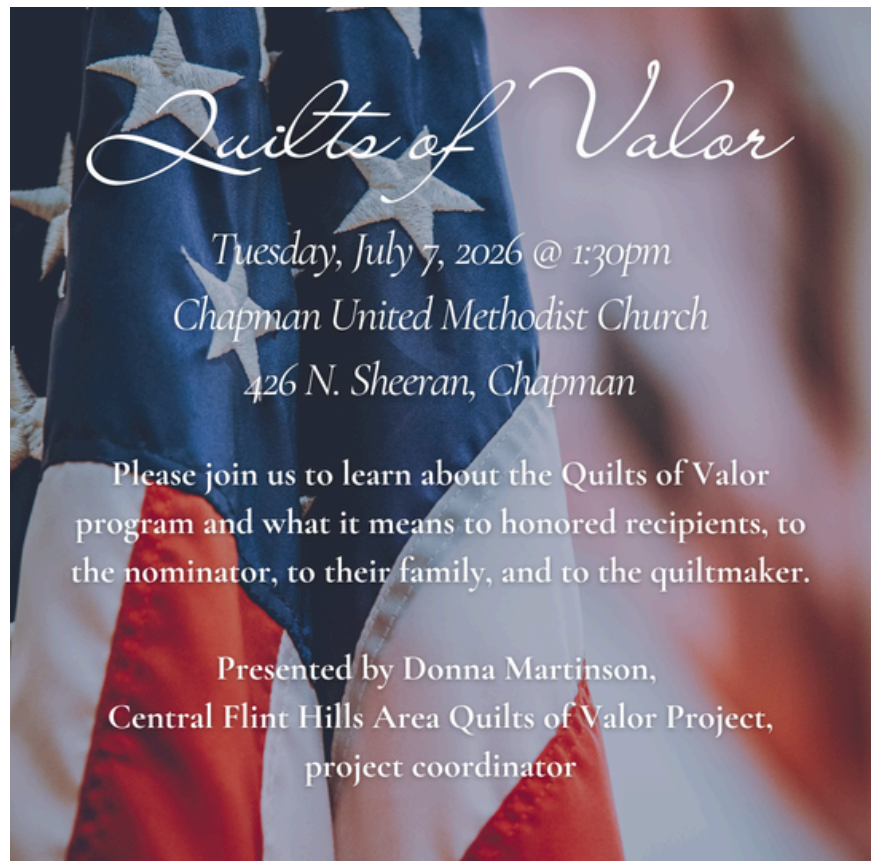
The group also discussed the July meeting that will be held on July 7th. Donna Martinson will provide the program on the Quilts of Valor that will be open to the community. Members were encouraged to invite others, especially veterans and their families.

A timeline of women in the military was given. Women have found ways to serve their nation since the Revolutionary War from cooking to disguising themselves to fight in battle. Women's roles became more crucial during the Civil War as their support extended to nursing, a major component of service.

The 20th century changed everything for women in the military. During WW I, women were allowed to openly serve in the military, even though they did not yet have the right to vote. With the unprecedented need for service members during WW II, women stepped up to fill non-combat roles in all branches of the military working in factories, serving as radio and telephone operators, and training their male counterparts in air combat tactics. During the Korean War, President Truman signed the Women's Armed Services Act officially allowing women to serve as full permanent members of all branches of the Armed forces. One month later, he signed an executive order ensuring the Black women could now serve equally.

There were a lot of “firsts” since that time. In 1994, President Clinton rescinded the “risk rule” allowing women to serve in all positions except for direct ground combat. The ban on women in combat was lifted entirely in 2013 and put into action in 2015. Women now serve in almost any role in the Armed Forces.

A farm girl from Chapman had a role in The evolution of women in the military. Nadine Engler Canfield Nagle grew up south of Chapman and became a young widow after her husband, Dale Canfield, was killed in WW II. She decided that she would fly in his place and became a WASP to serve her country. After the war, she remarried and became a kindergarten teacher in Dayton, Ohio. She continued working to ensure these women pilots were recognized, and in 1977 they were finally recognized as veterans by the US government. She died in 2018, 2 months shy of her 100th birthday.



Quilts of Valor

Tuesday, July 7, 2026 @ 1:30pm
Chapman United Methodist Church
426 N. Sheeran, Chapman

Please join us to learn about the Quilts of Valor program and what it means to honored recipients, to the nominator, to their family, and to the quiltmaker.

Presented by Donna Martinson,
 Central Flint Hills Area Quilts of Valor Project,
 project coordinator

District Conference Report Given by Collette Erickson

The Great Plains Annual Conference was held May 27-30th in Kearney Nebraska. This year the theme was “Serve Joyfully”. There were workshops and Laity meetings that gave us time to share ideas and activities of churches in our conference, ways that we can joyfully serve, not only in our church, but also in our community.

I felt like two main scriptures were the focus of the conference. The first verse was 1 Peter 4: 10-11 “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace...”

At the opening worship service Dr. Charlotte Abram, an amazing speaker, reminded us that God gave us the gifts and it doesn’t do any good to have a gift, if we don’t put it to use.

Our North Central Kansas Laity group discussed “A Ministry of Presence.” We were presented with questions: How do we let our community know that we are here and that we support them? And using the gifts of our congregation, how can we do more in outreach to our community?

I learned of K-State’s Wesley Ministry—a UMC community on campus. A fraternity house was converted into a meeting place for students with dorm space for 26. What a great gift of outreach.

They reminded us that this year is 70 years of women being ordained in the Methodist Church. Giving women a chance to use their gifts.

We heard Jaron Bell of Overbrook, KS who has made a country gospel recording and become a minister in the church. His song “I Found God in a Melody” was a great example of using his gifts: musician, comedian, minister. Jaron has a professional page at jaronbell.com.

The 2nd Bible verse that was a focus of the conference was Matthew 25: 35-45, I’m sharing 25:40 when Jesus said “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.”

This verse applied so many times throughout the conference but especially in the voting on resolutions. Every resolution passed after brief questioning and discussion.

1. We voted that the UMC will support migrants, immigrants, and refugees and work toward humane immigration policies and to eliminate violence and racism.
2. We voted to endorse the Cairo Palestine II document, giving churches time and materials to study the document in the coming year.
3. We voted to affirm the worth, dignity, and humanity of transgender, non-binary, and gender nonconforming persons and to reject and condemn violence perpetuated toward them.

Each of those resolutions has an education component attached to it for our churches, and each resolution recognizes that every person is a child of God.

Finally, the conference was a time for recognizing and celebrating. The Commemoration ceremony celebrated and recognized the lives of clergy, spouses, and children who had passed away in the last year. There was a recognition ceremony for retiring clergy. And there was an ordination ceremony for those just entering into the ministry.

And during the setting of appointments, Rev. Connie was appointed to our church again for the coming year.

In keeping with the theme Serve Joyfully: Thank you for allowing me to represent Chapman UMC as your lay member. Next year’s conference is at The Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, KS June 2-5.

SUMMER BIBLE VERSES FOR YOUTH

1 Thessalonians 5:16 - Rejoice evermore!

Teaching Tip: Teach children to get excited about the Lord by worshiping and singing to our amazing Creator!

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

Teaching Tip: Always be in a state of prayer. Keep your thoughts focus on Him.

Romans 10:13 - For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Teaching Tip: Call upon the Lord, and He will save you!

Hebrews 13:8-Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Teaching Tip: Jesus never changes, he is the same in the past, present, and future.

1 Chronicles 16:11 - Seek the Lord and his strength ,seek his face continually.

Teaching Tip: Look to the Lord for strength and guidance always.

Ephesians 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Teaching Tip: Be kind to each other whether it's a sibling, friend, or someone who wants to harm you with their words. Forgive those who need forgiven as Christ has forgiven us many times over.

Psalms 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Teaching Tip: Memorizing Bible Verses is biblical! It keeps you from sinning.

Psalms 37:4 Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Teaching Tip: Be delightful in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Matthew 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Matthew 22:38 This is the first and great commandment.

Matthew 22:39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Sarah Will
- 3 June Ann Francis McLaughlin
- 4 Demi Troyer, Gary & Lori Townsend
- 6 Thomas Hutchison
- 8 Harold Bray, Lance Tilton
- 9 Joyce Dickinson, Paige Edwards, Paul Froelich
- 10 Cyras Wyma
- 12 Ray Allaman
- 13 Joan Atkinson, Paul & Janette Froelich
- 14. Landon Will, Ken Trickle
- 15 Mandy Will, Quinn Turner, AJ & Carla Thomas
- 16 Sloane Troyer
- 17 Mitch & Myken Edwards
- 20 Daniel & Jill Will
- 21 James & Erin Bell
- 23 Debi Sweet, Marci Edwards Troyer
- 24 Darlene Stillwagon, Drew Snitker, Jo Osbourne
- 26 Kami Albers Poell, Violet Poell
- 27 Kevin & Conni Suther, Joe & Kaylene Hockensmith
- 28 Susan Harris, Chester & Joyce Leach
- 31 Sue Frieze

Worship Assistance



Greeters

- July 5:
- July 12: Terry & Sylvia Schmidt
- July 19:
- July 26:

Liturgists

- July 5:
- July 12: Trudy Barker
- July 19: Danielle Klein
- July 26:

Ushers

- July 5:
- July 12:
- July 19:
- July 26:



Sign up sheets for July, August, & September are now available!
Please consider signing up for worship assistance.

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Join us in congratulating
Pastor Connie on her
reappointment to CUMC for
another year. We continue to
be blessed by her leadership
and look forward to another
year with her!