

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

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

## Pastor Connie's Corner

Reading from the book of Luke, I came to chapter 5 verses 18-26 and began to wonder. This is the story of Jesus in a house teaching and healing when some men brought a paralyzed man on a mat. They could not reach Jesus by pushing through the crowds, so they got creative and went to the roof. They removed tiles from the roof and lowered the man on the mat so that he was right in front of Jesus. The bible tells us that “when Jesus saw their faith,” (20) he told the man that his sins were forgiven. The teachers and pharisees were indignant and considered this blasphemy saying, “who can forgive sins, but God alone?” (21) Whereupon Jesus questioned whether it was easier to forgive sins or heal the body and commanded the paralyzed man to “get up, take up your mat, and go home.” (24). The man did what Jesus said, and everyone was amazed and praised God! These folks did witness amazing things, but the story has me thinking about the faith of the men who brought this fellow to Jesus. The story doesn’t tell us much about them except that their faith seemed to prompt Jesus’ action.

What was the faith that Jesus recognized? I have always assumed that it was faith that Jesus could and would heal the man if they brought him forward. That may be true, but here is what has me wondering today. Someone who was a paralytic in Jesus’s day would have been separate from the community. Maybe even considered an outcast. Was the faith Jesus saw in these who carried the man only faith that Jesus could do something for him or was the faith that Jesus saw something deeper. Perhaps the faith Jesus names is a faith in God that created within these men the vision to see and have compassion for this one who would be on the outside. Was faith a mere hope for a change in the man’s situation or was faith the instigator of the men’s action on his behalf. Just in the previous chapter of Luke, Jesus reads from Isaiah concerning the year of the Lord’s favor and he says that these words today are “fulfilled in your hearing.” (4:21) Maybe the faith Jesus seeks in us is faith that opens our eyes to see the poor, the prisoner, the blind, the oppressed, and all others that have been relegated as outsiders. Maybe it is faith that causes us to recognize the value of everyone.

*-Pastor Connie*



## Sunday Service

10:15am

Online and in person

## Sunday School

9:30am

September through April

## Upcoming Events

June 1-5

Drop off Garage Sale Items



June 5

Garage Sale Setup

June 6

Church Garage Sale

June 9

Bernice Huff Circle

June 14

Flag Day



June 21

Father's Day

First Day of Summer

June 24

Community Dinner



## THANK YOU

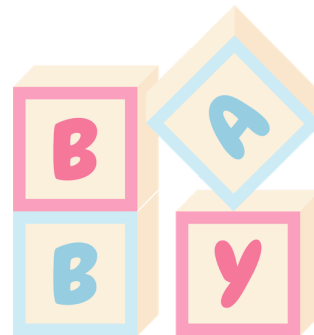
- Elves who quietly care for the church grounds: rose garden, weeding, rock corraling, and mowing.
- Trudy and Lynn and helpers who count, deposit, and post our tithes and offerings.
- The angels that removed the drape from the cross.
- Kate for faithful service Sundays and for planning great music additions to worship.
- Kevin for helping figure out how to power down the sign.
- Bob for faithful care of the grass around the church and parsonage.
- Chip and Bob for working with our roofing companies.
- Doug for bringing DART Rethinking Justice message.
- Kyah for leading contemporary music in Kate's absence.

## Introducing Jewel Koster

Jewel Poppe Koster arrived on February 24, 2026, weighing 4 lbs 4 oz and 16 inches long. Jewel really surprised her family by arriving 6 weeks early! Despite being so early, Jewel was tiny, but very healthy and strong. After five quick days in the hospital, Jewel was welcomed home by her parents Andrea and Brett Koster, and her big brother and big sister Bo and Farah Rothchild.

Grandparents of Jewel are Gary and Deb Foltz (Andrea's parents) and Ron Koster (Brett's father). Jewel's middle name is in honor of Brett's late mother, Marsha Koster. Marsha's maiden name was Poppe (pronounced like poppy). She is so loved by her family!

Please join us in congratulating the Koster family and welcoming Jewel!



Women in ministry is not a new thing to the Christian faith nor to United Methodism. Jesus was supported by women within the community, and we find them throughout the Gospels. We have just read about the women being the first to recognize and testify that Christ had risen from the dead. We learn about female leadership in Acts as the church is formulated and though Paul is often quoted as the reason women are disallowed, the list of church leaders in Romans contains many names of women.

We know that John Wesley licensed Sarah Crosby to preach in 1761. Sometime in the 1800's the attitude of women as ordained clergy changed. Officially women became eligible for ordination May 4, 1956. I had the opportunity to meet Rev. Laura Bradbury who was ordained around that time in the Central Kansas Conference of the Methodist Church. (The United Methodist Church came into being in 1968 following the union of the Methodist Church and the United Evangelical Brethren Churches.) I no longer have my notes or my paper about her journey, but she was an inspiration.

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## Outreach Report

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

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### June Mission of the Month

Neighbor to Neighbor had been the Mission of the Month for May. Our generous congregation donated a total of \$760; combined with the \$100 contribution from the missions committee a gift of \$860 to Neighbor to Neighbor to help them continue their good works for women and their children in the community. Thank you to everyone who made a donation.

The mission for the month of June is **Kansas Kids in Crisis**. As stated on their website, the purpose of Kansas Kids in Crisis (KIC) is to kick poverty by providing greater opportunities for success among low-income children in the school setting, including the opportunity to gain proper treatment for vision, dental and hearing problems, the promotion of good health (both physical and mental), and the distribution of new school supplies to children in need. Kansas Kids in Crisis is a non-profit organization located in Dickinson County. The Missions Committee has chosen this worthy organization as our Mission of the Month for June. If you wish to make a contribution, you can do so at the Missions table in the Narthex.

### May Community Dinner Serves 79

79 people enjoyed Sloppy Joes at the community dinner on May 27th . Ice Cream rounded out the meal. There were quite a few “to go” meals, and we know that those who attended at the church had a good time with good food and good fellowship. **Please come to our next community dinner on June 24th –and bring a friend!**

### Chapman Citywide Garage Sales - June 6

It’s almost here! The church garage sale will be June 6 th from 8 – 12 with the set up for the sale being June 5 th from 5 – 7. You may also bring in your “treasures” during the week of June 1. Gently used items such as kitchen wares, toys, puzzles, bedding, tools, sports equipment (fishing items go quickly!), and small appliances as well as other items are greatly appreciated. Sorry, but we cannot accept any clothing, including shoes. All items are sold by donation, so please do not put any prices on the items you bring for the sale. **In order to have a successful event, we will need many volunteers. There is a sign-up sheet on the Missions table for those who would like to volunteer their time for the garage sale.** Thank you in advance for your help and donations; all monies gained from the sale go towards the Missions of the church.



## Bernice Huff Circle

Members of the Bernice Huff Circle, with the help of others from the congregation, provided the evening meal to the youth group at 4:10 Irish Den on May 6, 2026. As a service project, circle members wanted to support the Irish Den by serving sloppy joes, chips, and cookies for their weekly meeting. Others in the congregation were also involved by donating ground beef and cookies for the meal. The number of young people attending was down so Irish Den staff froze the leftovers to serve their high school group this summer. The Bernice Huff Circle appreciates the help from our generous congregation!

We will meet on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 in Fellowship Hall to plan a trip to Great Plains Theater to see “The Church Basement Ladies”. We will also talk about the Quilt of Valor program to be presented by Donna Martinson in July. An invitation is extended to all the women of the church to join us as we serve others in our community and nurture our relationships with each other.

## Operation Christmas Child



There is a Christmas wrapped box near the Missions table for anyone to place items for OCC. Sometimes you may come upon a great deal on school supplies, toys, or clothing that would fit nicely in a shoebox, but you have nowhere to store it until November. The wrapped box is there for just that purpose; if don't have the space to store things, put them in the box and they will be stored for you until we start putting shoeboxes together.

## CUMC Members Participate in 100<sup>th</sup> Class Night



CUMC members took to the stage for the 100<sup>th</sup> Chapman High School Class Night! Alumni were welcomed to join the class of 2026 in putting on a one-of-a-kind performance to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> year of a rich tradition held at CHS. Pictured from CUMC are Sue Frieze, Emma Frieze, Trudy Barker, Doug Lindahl and Kate Thornton.

## Students Recognized

On Sunday, May 17th CUMC recognized graduating senior Cyrus Wyma (not pictured), 8th graders being promoted into high school and 5<sup>th</sup> graders moving up to middle school.



(L to R) Connor Marston, Farah Rothchild, Brylee Lovett, & Laney Thornton (not pictured: Kade Bell)



(L to R) Klohe Marston, Lexi Thornton, & Kale Hudson

"May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed." Psalm 20:4



Young disciples moment May 17th

While Sunday School is not held during the summer months, we still encourage our youth to join us for greeting and worship assistance the first Sunday of each month.

## CUMC YOUTH



Farah has really enjoyed many things about Chapman Middle School these last few years. She has worked very hard in all the athletic seasons of volleyball, basketball and track! She also loves singing in the CMS Choir and is a member of the CMS National Honor Society. She absolutely loves her friends and hanging out with them whenever she is able to. Next year, Farah is really looking forward to continuing her hardwork and dedication in summer weights and conditioning, volleyball, basketball and softball at Chapman High School. She is excited about the opportunity to continue singing in the CHS Choir, taking weight lifting class and joining many clubs and organizations within the High School. She was also recently selected to be on the High School Leadership Team. Please pray for her as she finishes up Drivers Education and starts to drive to her many events and for her to continue to be a wonderful friend, student and role model.



Laney cannot believe that the end of her middle school "era" is here. Laney has spent the last three years working hard in school, athletics and within her community. She is member of that Junior National Honor Society, CMS Leadership, CMS Basketball team, and she plays the piano, and sings in the school choir. She started a new adventure the past two years as she has become a runner. She enjoys running for the Irish Cross Country and Track teams and has spent countless hours in Salina with the Distance, Inc. and Winter Soldiers running clubs. When Laney is not pounding the pavement, she can be found snuggling her dogs, hanging out with her beloved friends, or cheering on her younger sister and the Irish. Laney is excited for all the opportunities that high school has including ag classes, Irish Ink, choir, and being a member of the Irish athletic teams. She is not sure if she looking forward to her mom being her Principal, that is "To Be Determined". Laney would love if the church family would pray for her as she travels a new path the next four years. Please pray that God's light shines through Laney and all of our young people in the coming years.



Connor is excited to begin the next chapter of his life as he heads to high school this fall. He has truly enjoyed his years at Chapman Middle School, where he made many wonderful memories and lasting friendships. Connor is looking forward to all the new opportunities high school will bring, especially classes such as FFA, welding, construction, and cabinet making. Sports have always been an important part of Connor's life, and he is especially excited for the many athletic opportunities ahead in high school. During middle school, he participated in football, basketball, and trap shooting. He also enjoys playing baseball during the summer and is looking forward to playing for the school in the spring. Some of Connor's favorite classes in middle school were Choir, Art, and PE. He approaches school, sports, and life with a positive attitude and enjoys learning new things. Connor is known for being kind to everyone he meets and is always willing to lend a helping hand whenever needed. Outside of school and sports, Connor enjoys hunting, fishing, farming, camping, and working on cars. He is also excited to get his farm permit so he can start driving and helping more on the farm. Most of all, Connor loves spending time with his family and their five dogs. We are so proud of Connor and look forward to seeing all that God has planned for him in this exciting new season of life.



## 2026 Bible School Concludes

Thank you to everyone at CUMC , St. Michael's Catholic Church and various community members who helped with Bible school this year. It was an exciting week at Rainforest Falls - exploring the nature of God! We explored the nature of God with 61 youth from our community. A special thank you to Kate Thornton for graciously taking on the role as this year's coordinator and main contact.





## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

- 2 - John & Betty West, Neal & Marci Troyer
- 3 - Zach & Peyton Loy, Clint & Dawn Albers
- 4 - AJ Thomas, John & Susan Harris
- 5 - John L. Harris, Michelle Froelich
- 6 - Todd & Sue Frieze, James Bell
- 9 - Heather Froelich
- 11 - Haley Chamberlain, Caden Coup, Bob & Janet Meyer
- 12 - Scott & Amanda Hutchison
- 13 - Katherine Hutchison, Lakin Albers
- 16 - Mike & Tara LeCount
- 19 - Ray & Sharon Allaman
- 20 - David Hutchison
- 21 - Megan Espeseth
- 26 - Adam Gobber
- 29 - Jon Wooldridge

## *Worship Assistance*



### Greeters

- June 7: CUMC YOUTH
- June 14: Bob & Janet Meyer
- June 21:
- June 28: Ray & Lynn Kruse, Darlene Stillwagon

### Liturgists

- June 7: Danielle Klein
- June 14: Trudy Barker
- June 21:
- June 28: Lynn Kruse

### Ushers

- June 7:
- June 14:
- June 21:
- June 28:

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**HAPPY**  
**FATHER'S**  
**DAY!**