

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

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

Pastor Connie's Corner

Annual conference is right around the corner (May 27-29). This will be my 30th conference session completing my 29th year as pastor. I have spent a third of that time serving God alongside you folks here in Chapman. What a blessing these nine years have been. I look forward to our continued ministry together.

I thank God for the all the people we have been privileged to feed. We have served grieving families and given them the opportunity to spend time with loved ones sharing memories and building new ones. We served our community here in the church and delivered meals to folks at home. We have supplied groceries when pay day doesn't come fast enough. We have cooked for the young folks at Irish Den. We laughed and loved together over fellowship goodies, firepits, soup, ice cream, and birthday cakes.

We have supplied Christmas to children across the world and to families here in Chapman. I can't even begin to count how many people have been touched by our monthly gifts to mission outreach.

What we do to glorify God is seen way beyond the church doors. We live out our faith in community. Look around and you will find CUMC people loving and serving through their work, leisure, and community connections. So many organizations benefit from faithful leadership provided by CUMC members.

The summer schedule is upon us and that will make church look a little different, but I am confident in our commitment to God and to one another. Hold one another close in prayer. Check on your Care Group members and other friends. Never stop loving God with your whole heart and loving your neighbor as God loves you.

-Pastor Connie

Sunday Service

10:15am

Online and in person

Sunday School

9:30am

September through April

Upcoming Events

May 6

Bernice Huff Circle

May 7

Women's Bible Study

May 10

Mother's Day

May 17

CHS Graduation

May 18

CMS 8th grade
Promotion

May 20

Last day of school!

May 27

Community Dinner



- Bob & John for seeking and finding fire alarm system problems and solutions.
- Leach and Boles families for providing Easter Lilies.
- The angels that draped the cross.
- Care group 1 for the lovely fellowship coffee.
- Ray, Lynn, and others who fill the blessing box.
- Love Grow and Serve team for honoring our SS teachers and employees.
- Bob for faithful care of the grass around the church and parsonage.
- Chip for his work with our roofing companies.

Suthers Recognized for 25 Years

Congratulations to Kevin and Conni Suther who were both recognized for twenty-five years of service at USD 473 this year. Kevin is the current superintendent and Conni is a kindergarten teacher at Chapman Elementary. What a remarkable accomplishment. Thank you for your dedication to our teachers, staff and students within the district.



The united Methodist Church is active worldwide. That activity includes care and support of creation and people all over the world. UMC.org features a page on Global Ministries which partners with local churches to bring transformation to people and communities wherever there is a need.

Local congregations can only reach a small area, but when local congregations work together and pool their resources, there is abundance. God is at work in the world and through our global connections we can participate in that work from building churches to cleaning up following disasters. We have connections with one another and also with leaders and governments around the globe. When a need arises we often already have an agency in place to respond immediately.

I am blessed to be a part of a church that cares for all God has created.

Outreach Report

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

May Mission of the Month

Thank you for supporting the mission of Helping Hands right here at CUMC. With contributions from the congregation and the Missions Committee a donation of \$920.00 was given to continue the support of people in need.

The Mission of the Month for May is Neighbor to Neighbor. Neighbor to Neighbor was established in January 2017 as a not-for-profit organization that is supported by grants, financial, and in-kind donations. Neighbor to Neighbor- Abilene is a place where women of all walks of life, with or without children, can find mutual support in an encouraging and safe environment. Their stated goal for women is: **Take care of yourself. Take care of each other. Take care of this place.**

Neighbor to Neighbor is in partnership with Parents as Teachers, Abilene Cares Coalition, Quality of Life Coalition, Mommy 'n Me Breastfeeding Coalition, KSU Extension Services, and USD 435. Neighbor to Neighbor strives to serve all women (any age; marital, parental or work status) by offering free resources for healthy fulfilled living.

If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause to help women of all walks of life, you may make a donation at the Missions table in the Narthex.

Community Dinner Serves 78

The community was treated with a delicious meal that consisted of ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans and cupcakes for dessert. 78 meals were prepared and served. Come join us on May 27 for another great meal and interesting conversation with your community members. Bring a friend!

Chapman Citywide Garage Sales - June 6

Please continue to find those items that could be used at our annual yard sale. The profits of the yard sale goes towards the outreach of CUMC's missions. We will be needing volunteers to help set up the sale, work during the sale, and take down our sale. The hours of the sale will be 8 to 12 on Saturday, June 6. As always, many hands makes the work light AND fun! We will have signup sheets as time gets closer.



Thank You!

Dear church family,
I would like to sincerely thank you so much for the gift card to Irish Den that you gave me for staff appreciation! It makes me smile to feel appreciated and feel your love!

♥ Marilyn Weishaar, organist

Bernice Huff Circle

The Bernice Huff Circle met on April 7th at Suzi's Deli in Abilene before going to the Dickinson County Historical Society. Eight members enjoyed a delicious lunch and considered lessons from Galatians 6:7 – what you sow, so shall you reap. Some seeds we plant in ourselves and others include love, kindness, and prayer, and we tend these seeds with our words and actions. Other thoughts were that seeds are planted in the dark (soil), you can't sow and reap in the same season (results take time), and after each harvest we should rest. The group also made plans for serving the meal to the youth group at 4:10 Irish Den on May 6th.

The Dickinson County Historical Society was the next stop to view the more than 70 quilts at the quilt show, including several by Trudy Barker, and to visit the pioneer buildings on the property. The afternoon ended with a ride on the C.W. Parker carousel. The group will not have a formal meeting in May. Instead members will complete preparation of food to take to the Irish Den on May 6th. If others in the congregation would like to be involved, they may bring 2 dozen cookies to be shared with the kids.



Next month, we will meet on June 9th 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 some outreach opportunities and our program 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.



We need your help! Share what you know!

Are you holding on to something you know (or do) at CUMC that could be shared with others? We are wanting to collect this knowledge and file it in the church office.

- Do you know how to change the church chimes?
- Do you know how the outside marque was installed and where the power button is?
- Do you know how the lights get changed out?
- Do you know a piece of history or story that would be beneficial for those who come after us?
- Do you file information at your house that could be filed at the church?

There is no piece of information that isn't welcome. Please write down what you know and submit to Pastor Connie to be filed. We appreciate your help with this.

Volunteers and Employees Recognized

On Sunday, April 12 volunteers and employees were recognized for their hard work and dedication to CUMC. So many of are members volunteer and work for the betterment of our church both in view and behind the scenes. We could not be more blessed. THANK YOU!



Marylin Weishaar - Organist and Jamie Snyder - Custodian . Not pictured: Erin Tilton - Secretary and Kate Thornton - Tech & Music



Sunday School Teachers: Jean Gobber and Tracy Schmidt. Not pictured: Sue Frieze, Kate Thornton and Collete Erickson



Chip Edwards - Board Treasurer

A special thank you....

An extra special thank you to Chip Edwards who has served as church treasurer for what has been calculated for as many as 25+ years. When asked about his dedication to CUMC and the position to pay bills, do payroll and help with the budget Chip simply said, “we all do our time.” While he certainly does not wish to be recognized, his dedication and willingness to do this work as a volunteer for so many years is something that cannot be overlooked. We are grateful for his knowledge and the work he has done.

Sharing Joy

CUMC celebrated the JOY of Christ being risen at the April 12th service, included “Sprinkles of Joy” (gifts being passed out to everyone) by Pastor Connie.



CUMC YOUTH

May is a busy month! Emotions are high with excitement of the summer coming up, graduates excited to graduate, nerves of the next chapter and everything in-between. Here at CUMC we have several 8th graders who are going to be promoted and begin high school in the fall. We will highlight them in the next couple of months. Please send your photo and information to chapmanmethodist@gmail.com so we don't miss highlighting your student.



Brylea Marie Lovett is the daughter of Mark and Megan Lovett. We are proud of all her hard work and positive impact at Chapman Middle School over the last three years. As a member of the Junior National Honor Society, Brylea has consistently demonstrated academic excellence, responsibility, and integrity. She complements her academics with an impressive commitment to athletics, participating in volleyball, basketball, and softball, where her teamwork, discipline, and determination shine through. She is excited for high school competition in all three sports and to be involved in various activities. She loves to spend spare time with her friends and family along with playing with her niece and nephew.

She is a hardworking student in the classroom and a fun and compassionate friend. Brylea brings a positive attitude to everything she does. Her determination and willingness to support others make her a respected peer and a role model among her classmates. As she moves on to high school, Brylea carries with her the skills, character, and confidence that promise continued success. Congratulations Brylea! We are so proud of you!



Kade enjoys sports, history, and his dogs. One of his favorite parts of middle school was the time spent with his classmates, building friendships and making memories. He especially cherished playing basketball for his dad. He's excited for what's ahead, including being in the same school as his sister, who will be a senior, and his dad, along with many new classes to explore. While he jokingly asks for prayers that his team makes it to state in basketball, he would truly appreciate prayers for balance as he takes on all the opportunities and responsibilities in high school.

2026 Bible School Scheduled - Help still needed

Vacation Bible School will be May 26-29, a joint venture with St Michael's Catholic Parish. While Kate has graciously agreed to coordinate this year we are still be looking for helpers who can be present with us during the week. Are you available to run the games throughout the week or volunteer in another capacity? Please let Kate know as soon as possible so she can begin finalizing the volunteer duties and get information out to everyone.

“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially those who belong to the family of believers.” - Galatians 6:10



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 5/2 - Kathy Albers, Eli Hanson, Autumn Hutchison
- 5/5 - Sharon Allaman, Stacey Meyer Combes
- 5/8 - Donna Relihan, Peyton Suther Loy
- 5/9 - Jerry & Jo Osbourn
- 5/10 - Adam & Alyssa Gobber
- 5/11 - Liam Thomas
- 5/13 - Dick & Dottie Letellier
- 5/14 - Ray & Lynn Kruse
- 5/15 Todd Frieze
- 5/18 - David Will
- 5/20 Karly Hockensmith, Andy Gobber
- 5/24 - Ailee Mae Gobber
- 5/25 - Kinslee Froelich
- 5/26 - Dakota & Kristen Becker
- 5/27 - Jaime Snitker Johnston, Dennis & Sarah Will
- 5/29 - Kyndall Freeman

Worship Assistance



Greeters

- May 3: Ericksons, Trudy Barker
- May 10: Leachs, Edwards
- May 17: Sabrina Samuelson,
- May 24:
- May 31: Kruses

Liturgists

- May 3: Jean Gobber
- May 10: Danielle Klein
- May 17: Trudy Barker
- May 24:
- May 31: Lynn Kruse

Ushers

- May 3:
- May 10: Chester Leach
- May 17:
- May 24:
- May 31:

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“Honor her for all that her hands have done. and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.”

PROVERBS 31:31