
NEWS FROM THE PEWS

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

Pastor Connie's Corner

Thank you to everyone who stepped in to help make my vacation possible. You folks are so quick to step up as needed. It was a lovely week. It is difficult to convey what the experience of the Walnut Valley Festival is like. Though we set up camp a week prior to the actual start of the festival, we are already surrounded by neighbors, and the people just keep coming. It is hard to explain this pop-up community and how it functions. I was working around the camp on Tuesday while our daughter was at her job in Haven Kansas and our granddaughter was working at her festival job. Soon, I found myself in trouble because of the heat. I went to a camper near ours and asked for help. Without a thought, Billy and his wife leaped into action. They gave me fresh ice water to drink, placed me in front of an electric fan, gave me a bowl of cool water and a washcloth I could use to cool my body temp, and even offered to let me use of their shower. Soon my heart rate was easing back to normal and I was feeling better. My daughter had already made friends with Billy and Claudia, but they didn't know who I was until they were already helping me. The community that is created at the festival is a great picture of what community should be.

Throughout the weekend, people shared food, comfort, music, laughter, and any help folks needed. One elderly woman camping alone packed her stuff on Sunday morning then noticed me all alone (I rise much earlier than my family) starting to organize and pack. She marched right over to see if I needed help to take down the tent and canopy. She must have been hot and tired from completing her own work, but she still wanted to make sure I had help if it was needed. She saw me and in her seeing, anticipated my needs.

It seems to me that God invites us to be just this sort of community. Look around, who do you see? Who have you not seen? What might you do to bless and care for those around you? What do you need? Who might you ask for help? In what ways can we each brighten the corner in which we live?

-Connie

Sunday Service

10:15am

Online and in person

Sunday School

9:30am

September through April

Upcoming Events

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 -
Ladie's Bible Study

October 11 -
Fall Hot Dog Roast

October 13-
B. Huff Circle

October 25 -
Fellowship coffee hosted
by care group 3

October 28 -
Community Dinner

October 31 -
Trunk-or-Treat

November 4 -
Soup Supper Fundraiser

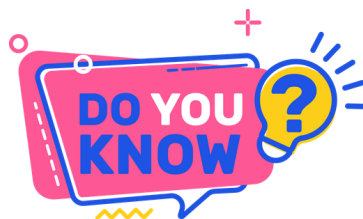




- **Leadership Team members** for the upgrade in our fire and emergency safety system.
- **Everyone who is participating in the listening sessions** for justice ministries.
- **Sunday School leaders** for a new beginning and to parents for bringing your children.
- **Colette** for organizing Laity Sunday and to **Kyah, Farah, Sue, Lynn, Janet M., Brian, Jo, Kate, Kevin, and Laney** for sharing your stories and your gifts to make it a success.
- **Everyone who is donating** items for our OCC boxes.
- **Chip, Bob, and Leadership team** for continued work of roof leaks. We think we have success.

Pastor Appreciation Month

As many of us are aware, October is pastor appreciation month. This gives us a special opportunity to show our appreciation and support to Pastor Connie and all she does at CUMC. Last year members were asked to describe Pastor in one word or a short phrase - gracious, compassionate, caring, a friend, and thoughtful are just a few of those words that were listed and continue to hold true today. During the month of October let us continue to show our gratitude and appreciation to Pastor Connie and what she has and continues to do at CUMC. THANK YOU, Pastor Connie!



Great Plains Conference of the UMC supports campus ministries on campuses across Kansas and Nebraska. You can check them out here <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/campusministries>.

According to this website, 80% of the students on college campuses do not have ongoing relationships with a local church when they arrive on campus. Our call to invite people into an encounter with God is meant for all ages. College age students are making decisions and forging relationships that will have lifelong impact. When we support these ministries on college campuses, we make a difference for the kingdom of God and we make a difference in the lives of people.

Outreach Report

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

Operation Christmas Child Kickoff!



October is the “official” kick off for Operation Christmas Child. There are Christmas wrapped boxes marked Operation Christmas Child in the narthex for you to put in your donated items to be packed in the shoe boxes. If you wish to pack your own shoe box, there are some empty boxes available at the Missions Table. Either way, it is important to remember to pray for the children receiving these shoe boxes while packing each box. As a congregation, we have given generously for this cause in the past. The goal is to make sure each box is “filled to the gills” with meaningful gifts to brighten a child’s Christmas. Also found at the Missions Table is a donation box for anyone wanting to make a monetary donation to go towards the \$12 cost for the shipment of each shoebox. We are hoping to pack 100 boxes, which means \$1,200 total needed to send them all. Missions will help with this cost, of course, but anything you can give will be appreciated. When writing a check please make it out to either Samaritan’s Purse or Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is designated by the Missions committee to be the Mission of the Month for the month of October and part of November.

The Packing Party will be held after church service on Sunday, November 15, when everyone in the congregation is invited for lunch and the opportunity to fill the shoeboxes our church will be sending to children across the world to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

“Why \$12”

People often ask why it is necessary to include \$12 with each shoebox filled, especially after considering the cost of filling a shoebox. Here are some examples of what the \$12 goes towards.

Collection

After shoebox gifts are dropped off at nearly 5,000 locations around the United States each year in November, trucks transport the precious cargo to eight different processing centers.

Processing

Eight processing center warehouses around the country are secured so that thousands of volunteers can inspect the shoebox gifts and prepare them for international shipment. Shipping to Over 100 Countries Ships, trucks, and airplanes transport millions of shoeboxes to the countries where they will be distributed. Once there, local churches use many modes of transportation to get them to children in need as a tangible expression of God’s love.

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Gospel Materials

Your \$12 donation to Operation Christmas Child helps us train and equip local churches to use our Ministry Partner Guide. This resource shows churches how to share the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ in a child-friendly way. Your donation also provides the Greatest Gift Gospel Booklets, which are written in the children’s language and distributed along with the shoebox gift.

Monthly Mission Raises \$410 for CES

In continuation of the giving hearts of the people of CUMC, the total amount donated to the medical needs of students in our local elementary school is \$410.00. The mission for the month for October is for Operation Christmas Child to help send the shoeboxes to children all over the world as well as to buy items to place in the shoeboxes. Thank you in advance for your generous participation in this mission to spread the Joy of Jesus.

Laity Sunday Held

While Laity Sunday is typically held in October, with Pastor Connie being scheduled for vacation on Sunday, September 20, the decision was made to move it up at CUMC. Collete Erickson led the service that was focused on "God is in our Story". Members of the CUMC congregation - Lynn Kruse, Janet Meyer, Brian Sweet, Jo Osborne, Kate Thornton, and Keving Suther - graciously agreed to share scripture and stories of how God has and continues to write their story. Sue Frieze led the young disciples moment and our youth members - Kyah Bell, Farah Rothchild and Laney Thornton led the contemporary music. Thank you to everyone who had a part in Laity Sunday!



Thank you also to Care Group two for hosting fellowship coffee after the laity service. It was a wonderful way to wrap up Laity Sunday and praise Jesus for the stories he continues to write it all of us.

Monthly Community Dinners to Pause

A huge thank you to Ray and Lynn Kruse who continue to donate so much of their time to making our monthly community dinners a huge success. Thank you also to everyone who volunteers to make food and serve it to those in attendance. We continue to bless people each month and everyone's part - big or small - plays a part in it.

Please remember that community dinners will pause for November and December and resume again in January. Join us on Wednesday, October 28th for our final community dinner of 2026!

Circle Ladies Tour Hildebrand Dairy

The Bernice Huff Circle met on Friday, September 25th, for a tour of Hildebrand Dairy. Nine members learned the history of the Hildebrand Farms Dairy, how they operate their business, and the acquisition of the robotic milking machine. We toured the milking barn to see those machines in action, then the bottling plant before enjoying samples of their flavored milks and vanilla ice cream.

The group then completed plans for next month's meeting to put together hygiene kits for Operation Christmas Child. **October's meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13th at 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall.** Mark your calendars and plan to be there to help!

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.



Ladie's Bible Study

The ladies Bible study will begin on October 1st and continue on Thursdays through November 5th. Eleven ladies have signed up to study "Who Is Jesus" (a Stonecroft study). Trudy Barker will be the study leader for the 1:30 event in the conference room.

Trunk or Treat

The CUMC Trunk or Treat event will be on Saturday, October 31st. Bring your decorated trunk full of treats to greet the children. Watch for additional information to come on this event.





CUMC HOT DOG ROAST & FALL FUN

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL HOT DOG
ROAST AND EVENING OF FALL FUN!

ROASTING HOT DOGS
SMORES
GAMES
FELLOWSHIP
HAYRACK RIDE

**PLEASE BRING YOUR CHAIRS
AND HOTDOGS FORKS**

SUNDAY **OCT 11** **5:30PM**
2026

CHIP AND JANET EDWARDS
22671 NICHOLSON ROAD, CHAPMAN

***WATCH FOR A SIGN UP SHEET
IN NARTHAX***

CUMC Youth



Sunday, September 13th kicked off the start of the 2026-2027 Sunday school season. Teachers, youth, and parents met upstairs for donuts and juice while students painted rocks. The rocks were to remind the students that Jesus is their rock – our solid foundation. The rocks were then placed near our church for others to find or see, reminding them too of that foundation. It's also hoped that others will see them and know that Chapman UMC is still open and willing to share their faith with the community.

Join us in thanking those who have once again volunteered to help lead during this year's Sunday school.

K– 2nd Grade: Jean Gobber & Collette Erickson

3rd—5th Grade: Sue Frieze

Middle School & High School: Kate Thornton

Sunday school is every Sunday at 9:30am. Please reach out to any of the Sunday school teachers for specifics or any questions you might have.

“And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children.”

- Isaiah 54:13

CHALLENGE YOURSELF

When was the last time you personally invited someone to join you for a Sunday service?
When was the last time you personally invited someone to join you at the community dinner?
When was the last time you personally invited someone to join you at Sunday School? When was the last time you simply let someone know that CUMC welcomes all and extended an invite to visit? How many people would we touch if we all just consider doing this one time?

Upcoming CUMC Events

OCT
11

5:30 - 7:30 PM

*Hot Dog Roast &
Fall Fun*

OCT
28

5 - 7 PM

*Last Community
Dinner of 2026*

OCT
31

TIME TBD

Trunk-or-Treat

NOV
04

5 - 7 PM

*Soup Supper & Bake
Sale Fundraiser*

NOV
15

11:30 AM

OCC Shoebox Packing

NOV
22

11:30 AM

*Decorate Church for
Advent*

NOV
29

11:30AM

*5th Sunday
Fellowship Dinner*

DEC
6

2 PM

*Prayer Partner
Reveal Reception*

DEC
13

10:15 AM

*Children's Program
& Bell Choir*

DEC
21

7 PM

Blue Christmas Service

DEC
24

6:30 PM

Candle light service

DEC
25

"A Savior Is Born"





Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 10/1 Lance & Erin Tilton, Zack Loy
- 10/2 Alyssa Gobber
- 10/5 Brooke Becker
- 10/7 Tucker Zink
- 10/13 Dottie Letellier
- 10/14 Ray Daisy
- 10/21 Gary Townsend, Tara Frieze LeCount
- 10/22 JL Craig
- 10/23 Tina Harris
- 10/24 Ray Kruse
- 10/25 Mitch Edwards, Stacia Taylor
- 10/26 Havel Will
- 10/29 Steve & Jaime Johnston
- 10/31 Kaylene Hockensmith, Kevin & Cynthia Francis

Worship Assistance



Greeters

Oct. 4 Sabrina Samuelson
 Oct. 11
 Oct. 18
 Oct. 25

Liturgists

Oct. 4
 Oct. 11 Danielle Klein
 Oct. 18
 Oct. 25

Ushers

Oct. 4
 Oct. 11
 Oct. 18
 Oct. 25

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Soup Supper Fundraiser Scheduled

Mark November 4th on your calendar; we are planning on having a Soup Supper/Bake Sale on this date. Volunteers will be needed to make soups (we will have 5 different kinds), desserts, and relish items. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex as we get closer to that time.

This year we will be including a bake sale with our soup fundraiser. Think of the tastiest pastry, pie, cake, candy or snack that you have made, take out the recipe and cook it up! It would be great to have long tables full of delicious “goodies” for people to choose from. Thank you for supporting this activity.