

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST NEWS

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*As a pastor, I have been asked questions like these: What is your favorite Bible verse? What is your favorite book in the Bible? Which of the four Gospels do you like the best? Who is your favorite Bible character? Those are fun questions and my answers can often change from day to day, but I think there is an even better question we should ask: What are the most important stories in the Bible? If you had to narrow it down, what are the stories in the Bible that every Christian should know?*

*Beginning this month, we are going to answer that question in worship. Our January and February sermon series will highlight eight core stories that everyone should know to understand the Bible and the big picture of salvation history. That does not mean we will talk about every story in the Bible or even your favorites, but we will address the most important. Join us in person or on-line beginning January 1. There is no better place to be to start the new year than in worship with your church family.*



*Grace and Peace,  
Barry*

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Worship in-person or live on our website. Replays will also be available on our website.

8:45 a.m. - Contemporary

11:00 a.m. - Traditional

11:30 a.m. - Radio Broadcast on KMAN 1350 AM, 93.3 or 93.7 FM

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Friday, 9:00am - 1:00pm

**\*\*The office will close**

**Friday, December 31 at 12:00pm**

**and all day Monday, January 1, 2023**

Please use the double doors to the Connecting Link to enter the building and check in at the welcome desk. Thank you.

The newsletter is published monthly on the 28 for the following month. The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month. If you have items for the congregation, please send them to Cathlene Higgins, Connections Coordinator, at [fumc@fumcmanhattan.com](mailto:fumc@fumcmanhattan.com).

When the newsletter is available you will receive a notification via email with a link to our website. If you prefer to receive a paper copy in the mail, please contact the office at 785-776-8821. If you have items for the bulletin, website, or Sunday morning worship screens, those should also be sent to Cathlene, [chiggins@fumcmanhattan.com](mailto:chiggins@fumcmanhattan.com).



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## COMBINED WORSHIP

Please join us for one combined worship service.

*January 1, 2023*  
*10:30 am*

Sunday School for all will be cancelled this day.

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

(Starting January 8, 2023)

**8:45am - Contemporary Worship**

**9:30am - 10:50am- Fellowship Time**

Join us in the connecting link for coffee and fellowship. Please feel free to bring your own coffee mug.

**10:00am - 10:45am - Adult, Youth, and Children Sunday School**

**11:00am - Traditional Worship**

Both worship services will continue to be live streamed on our Facebook page and our website. You can also listen on the radio at 11:30am on KMAN 1350 AM, 93.3 or 97.3 FM

## GIVING TO FUMC

There are several ways to give to the church

1. Mail your check to the church.
2. Text 785-329-0382. Put the \$ (dollar sign) then the amount you want to donate. Registration information will appear. Enter your information, then click "process".
3. Give on-line through our website.  
<https://fumcmanhattan.com/give>
4. Automatic withdrawal (ACH) is available in two ways
  - You can set up a recurring gift through our website [www.fumcmanhattan.com/give](http://www.fumcmanhattan.com/give)
  - You may call the church office and speak with Kat McKee to set up these transfers. Please have your bank account information available.

For more information about all giving options, contact Kat McKee in the church office by calling 785-776-8821

**January 8, 2023 at  
10:00 AM**

**NEW Members  
Class**

Find Out More About This Church

Sign up on the  
church website  
[www.fumcmanhattan.com](http://www.fumcmanhattan.com)

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**WE'RE  
SPREADING  
THE LOVE  
WITH COFFEE**

Starting January 15th @ 9:45  
Fellowship Hall

Have you been missing your friends and church community? Please join us with our new coffee bar and donuts. If you would like more details or to join the team contact Tracy Holborn, [tracyholborn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tracyholborn@sbcglobal.net)

# CHARGE CONFERENCE 2023

Our annual Charge Conference will be Sunday, January 8 starting at 5:15 pm with a soup dinner in Fellowship Hall. All members of FUMC are encouraged to attend. This will be a time of information, fellowship, and celebration, led by our District Superintendent Rev. Jenny Collins.

Childcare is available with 72 hours notice by emailing Rachel Hill at: [nursery@fumcmanhattan.com](mailto:nursery@fumcmanhattan.com)



**Sunday, January 8**  
**5:15pm Dinner**  
**6:00pm Meeting**

*Thank you*

THANK YOU for all the expressions of love as I transition away from the Church Administrator position. It has been overwhelming and I am so truly blessed. I am pleased that Kat McKee and I have been able to work together for the last 2 months as she takes on the role of Director of Finance & Staffing. I know that you will welcome her and help her as she learns about the programs, members, and all the various things that happen here at FUMC. Thank you again for EVERYTHING!!!

*Mary Jane Adams*

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## ANGEL TREE

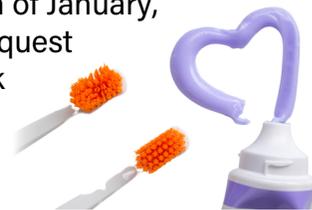
FUMC is showing their love in the Manhattan area again. The Community Church has raised over \$6855.00 in gift cards that were gifted to kids (and their families) who are aging out of the foster care system. Your generosity will help purchase food for their tables, gifts for their kids, necessary household items, and a chance to make purchases they haven't been able to make. Thank you to each and every child and adult who helped towards this total.

## SUNDAY DONUTS

Sunday Fellowship time between services isn't quite the same without coffee and donuts but your help is needed to make that happen. Are you able to pick up the donuts on your way to church once a month? Are you willing to help cut the donuts and set them up on trays? If you have a few extra minutes to help, please contact **Pastor Courtney Fellers** (cfellers@fumcmanhattan) to discuss how you can help with Sunday Fellowship.

## PAD THE PANTRY

The monthly donation request has been going so well, we would like to continue letting you know needs in the pantry and ask for your help as you are able. In the month of January, the pantry would like to request tubes of toothpaste. Thank you for your generosity!



## WELCOMING MINISTRIES

Romans 15:7: "Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God"

This service area includes greeting and welcoming guests as they arrive at the church during office hours and answering phone calls. We request two hours of your time once a week to help us create a warm and welcoming experience for visitors. If you would like to discuss helping in this ministry, please contact Phil Mattox by calling or emailing him. (785) 323-8865 or pmattoxx6@gmail.com

## CONFIRMATION 2023



It's not too late to participate  
in this new session!

Contact Jeff to join the class.  
youth@fumcmanhattan.com

**Classes Start**  
**Sun., January 8, 2pm**

## Prayer Chain

Are you looking for a way to be involved in a ministry? Here is your chance to do something for the Lord and your church. You don't need any special talents or a lot of time. You won't be required to teach or prepare a lesson. You need not attend special meetings. All you need to be able to do is pray--and we can all do that.

When committing to a prayer chain you will be asked to pray as you go about your day: at meals with your family, in your daily devotional time, as you are driving in your car, etc. If you would like to participate please contact Pastor Courtney, cfellers@fumcmanhattan.com



# CHRISTMAS JOY FOUND AT FUMC IN DECEMBER

Platters of cookies were taken to 10 local agencies as gifts from FUMC. The cookies were all donated by FUMC bakers and assembled by the Connections Committee.



FUMC families participated in Bethlehem Revisited experiencing the Christmas story by live actors.

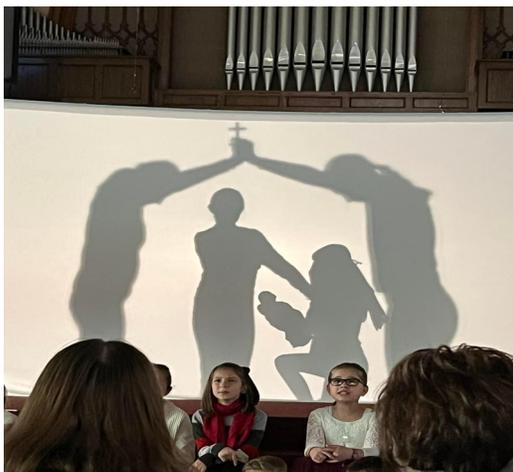
Our Jayhawk loving Youth Director in all his KSU purple glory after the youth group raised enough to meet his challenge.



The church staff and their families enjoyed the Midwest Dream Car Collection during their holiday party.



Over 60 musicians presented "Lessons and Carols" during service.



The student ministry presented the Christmas story in song.



# UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

## Helping Children Is One Of Our Missions

United Women in Faith are a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood. With a focus on women, children and youth, we act for justice and transform communities. We have 4 circles that meet at different times during the month. One of the circles is Current Issues which meets on the third Tuesday morning of most months throughout the year. They have devotions, concerns for others, and a program at each meeting which focuses on our church, Manhattan, and areas concerning women and children. For years, one of their missions has been to focus on helping the nurse who serves two elementary schools in Manhattan meet the needs of the children. The circle takes a monetary collection twice a year and uses these funds to provide extra sweatpants, tights, underwear, shorts, and tops for boys and girls in various sizes. Each time they receive a note of thanks stating: "The donation of clothing is a blessing for my nurse's office and for many students in need. Thank you is not enough to express my gratitude."



They look forward to continuing with this mission and many other projects throughout the year to help others. If you would like to donate to this project or are interested in learning more about our Current Issues circle, please contact either Carol Fogo 785-534-2465 or Becky Ward 785-473-7667.

### 2023 WORSHIP FLOWER ORDER FORM

Floral arrangements enhance our worship by reminding us of the beauty of God's creation.

If you would like to contribute an arrangement on a specific Sunday in 2023, you may:

- (a) Make a contribution to the church, with a recommended minimum of \$45.00, and the order will be placed for you. Please indicate whether you prefer the arrangement in a basket or vase and any color or flower preference. For special requests, please contact Judy in the church office, or email [jpadgett@fumcmanhattan.com](mailto:jpadgett@fumcmanhattan.com).
- (b) Order/provide the arrangement on your own.

#### For both options, please note the following:

- Arrangements may be given in memory or honor of a loved one or special occasion.
- Please list your first and second choice of date. Every effort will be made to accommodate your preference, but adjustments may be necessary. Either way you will receive a reminder card with details.
- If you would like to do more than one order, please place each one on a separate form.

The following dates in 2023 are **not** available: Palm Sunday (April 2), Easter Sunday (April 9).

**Please complete form and return (with contribution if applicable) to the church office.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Information for bulletin (e.g., given in memory or honor of \_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (a) making contribution \_\_\_\_ (b) ordering own flowers, \_\_\_\_ basket \_\_\_\_ vase Dates: 1st choice \_\_\_\_\_

Flower or color preference \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_

**Courtney Fellers**  
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Hello, Friends!

As you enter a new year, always know I carry you in my thoughts and prayers. I encourage you to set an intention each day to remember you are so very loved by an amazing God who walks with you each and every day!

I love you and am grateful to be in ministry with you!

Pastor Courtney

### Holiday Schedule:

Sunday, January 1  
combined worship at 10:30, no Sunday School.

Sunday, January 8  
Regular Sunday morning schedule returns  
Sunday School 10:00am-10:45am in the  
Education Center

Wednesday, January 11  
YUM returns at 4:40 pm  
YUM Bells returns at 5:30 pm

## Children's Weekly Schedule

- YUM- Wednesdays from 4:30pm to 5:30pm.
- YUM Bells - Wednesdays from 5:30pm to 6:15pm.
- Sunday School - Sundays from 10am to 10:45am



We have some more Student Ministry t-shirts in Courtney's office if your kids didn't get one and would like one.

• There will be several things happening in Youth Ministry over the next few months in addition to our normal schedule. Here's a quick overview.

- Confirmation Begins
- Markdown for Missions
- Young Christians Weekend
- Youth Sunday
- Confirmation Retreat
- Confirmation Weekend
- Graduation Weekend
- Anapra Mission Trip

• Keep an eye out for more information about these exciting offerings. If you would like more information about any of them let Jeff know.

## Youth Weekly Schedule

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| Sunday    | Contemporary Worship 8:45am<br>Sunday School 10:00-10:45am<br>Traditional Worship 11:00am<br>Mid-High Youth 4:00-5:30pm<br>Sr. High Youth 6:00-7:30pm |
| Wednesday | Youth Hangout 3:30-5:30pm   |
| Friday    | Devotional Donut 6:30am<br>at Varsity Donuts  |



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