Senior Pastor Report - October 2026

Greetings Leadership Team,

Below are updates on a few activities and areas of participation from outside of my typical week to week responsibilities. If you have questions about these or any other items please do not hesitate to let me know ahead of our meeting and I'll come prepared to share!

Blessings,

Kyle

General Updates

Community Activities: Since my last report I've participated in two events outside of the church. Myself and a number of our staff and Missions Team members attended the opening of the Ronald McDonald House. Additionally we opened up our parking lot to be used for guests to park and then be shuttled to the event. I also attended a breakfast event at Epworth Villa for Pastor Appreciation Month where I had the opportunity to fellowship with members of our church who reside there as well as other area pastors.

Leadership Institute: A total of eleven staff and church leaders attended the Leadership Institute at United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas Wednesday September 30th through October 2nd. This included current Leadership Team members Kara Mitchell and Dean Smith as well as nominated incoming Leadership Team member Jennifer Hill. This was a great experience and I'll let Dean and Kara share more.

Congregational Care Ministry Team: Our recently created team has continued to meet regularly. Leadership Team's own Dean Smith has joined the team as well. We are developing plans to recruit and train what we are tentatively called Care Ministers who will aid in helping Church of the Servant remain in contact with our homebound members. We are developing a two week training that will take place during the Sunday School hour the final two weeks of January. We believe this will increase participation as many Sunday School classes are looking for speaker opportunities. The skills they will learn will aid them in their ministry of care for one another but will also lead to some being interested in aiding our care ministry to our congregation as well. You'll hear more about this in Servant communications in the coming months.

Funerals and Weddings: Since our last meeting I have spent time planning and then officiating three funerals for members of our faith family. Additionally I'm meeting with couples in preparation for two weddings taking place, off site, in December.

Pledge Campaign: Sunday, October 25th marks the beginning of our 2027 financial pledge campaign. In the week leading up to that Sunday, 665 letters with pledge cards were mailed out. Recipients include those who made a pledge for 2026, non-members who supported the church financially in 2026, and members who have attended service since 2020 but have not supported

their church financially during that time. Pledge cards will be made available in the pews and members of the faith family will also be to submit their pledge online through the e-news and website.

Church Conference Planning: As part of our meeting this month we will take pre-votes in preparation for our Annual Church Conference on Sunday November 8th. This includes receiving the report from the Nominations Committee (included in this packet), approving the recommended list of individuals for removal from membership (this has been provided to all congregants through the Connect Newsletter), and setting a recommended 2027 compensation package for appointed clergy.

Upcoming Events: We are approaching an exceptionally active and joy-filled time here at Church of the Servant. While not able to highlight everything here are some important dates: Fall Fest Sunday, October 25th 5-7p.m. (if you haven't already signed up to host a booth please reach out to Chris Ward at cward@churchoftheservant.com as soon as possible); All Saints Celebration Sunday, November 1st; Church Family Chili Cook-Off and Movie Night Friday, November 6th at 5:30 p.m.; Church Conference Sunday, November 8th at 12:30 p.m.; Messy Church Sunday, November 8th 5-7p.m.; Hanging of the Greens Sunday, November 22nd 2-4 p.m.

September Attendance

In-Person:	9/6: 345	9/13: 337	9/20: 341	9/27: 322	2026 Avg: 327
Online:	9/6: 379	9/13: 326	9/20: 374	9/27: 618	2026 Avg: 354