



# The Jubilate

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Ron White, Chair Committee on Finance

I want to provide you an update on our 2010 finances, the recent Financial Campaign and our 2011 Budget.

Our 2010 Unified Budget was \$506,566. As we prepare to close our books for 2010, our total Unified Budget income will be approximately \$500,800 and our expenses will be approximately \$483,100. Because of your generous giving and the diligent stewardship of available resources by our Work Areas and Boards, we expect to have a surplus in the 2010 Unified Budget of approximately \$17,700 that we will use against our 2011 Budget.

Our 2010 Capital Improvement Budget was \$73,270. Our total income was approximately \$71,400 and Trustee expenses were approximately \$56,300. Thus, we will have approximately

\$15,100 income for future use by our Trustees.

During our recent Financial Campaign, we received pledges of \$317,529 for our Unified Budget and \$73,767 for the Capital Improvement Budget. The Capital Improvement pledges were up approximately \$7,000 over the previous year. Unfortunately, the pledges for the Unified Budget were down approximately \$16,800 from the previous year.

Because of this drop in income for the Unified Budget the Committee on Finance had to recommend to Church Council a 2011 budget that resulted in a 10-15% cut in funding from our 2010 levels for most of our Work Areas. We did not cut our Missions Work Area funding of \$4,500. Both the Committee on Finance and the Church Council felt that this is "what we are to be

about" and that this is a very small amount for a church our size. The Church Council approved the 2011 Unified Budget of \$497,669 a Capital Improvement Budget of \$80,176 on January 23.

Our church is making a positive impact on lives through our various ministries. We would like to restore the Work Area funding to at least 2010 levels. An additional \$11,145 in pledges would allow us to do so. If you have not made a pledge for 2011 or you would like to increase your pledge, you may still do this. Just place your pledge in the offering plate on Sundays or mail them to the office.

I plan to provide you brief financial updates through the Jubilate. You may contact me at 682-6956 or [rwhite1@kc.rr.com](mailto:rwhite1@kc.rr.com). Thank you for your continued financial support of our ministries.

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### Our purpose:

*"We are a Church of the Ages,  
Serving the Present Age by making  
Disciples of Jesus Christ for the  
transformation of our community  
and world"*

### Our vision:

*Being a spiritually dynamic, outward  
focused United Methodist  
Congregation enlivened by  
passionate worship, equipped  
discipleship and compassionate  
service.*



Sympathy is extended to Rebecca and Daniel Bush and family upon the recent death of Rebecca's grandmother.

Sympathy is extended to Jeannie and Karl Prinslow, upon the recent death of Jeannie's sister.



## A Message from Pastor Kevin

*The Lord gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.*

Daniel 2:21

As we begin this new year together our congregation has heard the news about Cindy White and Pastor Gary. Cindy will be retiring after 26 years of passionate, faithful service to God and First UMC.

Pastor Gary has answered the call to return home to central Kansas. His ministry has been a blessing to our church. There will be opportunities to say thank you and God Bless over the next several months.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is already searching and praying for God's direction for our staff vacancies. I invite the First UMC family to add our SPRC to your prayer list. Pray for God's wisdom and discerning spirit. I am confident that

God will lead the right people to our church and that we will welcome them with open hearts.

Take Care and God Bless,  
Pastor Kevin

## Church Council Retreat

On January 22nd, twenty members of our Church Council met at the conference center at Basehor UMC for a retreat. The retreat was from 9 am until 2:30 pm and was led by Becky Stebbins. Becky is a Local Church Ministry Con-

sultant with the Kansas East Conference. As a group we came together to learn how we, as a group of leaders, can better serve First UMC.

The day was filled with fun, fellowship, good food, and good learn-

ing opportunities. We are very appreciative to Basehor for the use of their lovely conference center.



Listening as Becky speaks to us about all of the "One Anothers" found in the Bible.



During a team building exercise, council members were asked to pass a marble around the table, only using a piece of paper. The marble was not to be touched with your fingers.

## What if what happened then, changes everything now?

A Lenten Bible Study



This is the profound question at the heart

of **"The Easter Experience"**, our Lenten study for 2011. Come join facilitator Ron White on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30p.m. for this thought-provoking, life-changing study.

"The Easter Experience" study spans the six weeks of

Lent, beginning March 9 and ending April 13. The cost for the study book is \$5.00. Using dramatic story-telling and challenging teaching by Kyle Idleman, the video series brings the passion and resurrection to life. Weekly themes include: My

Life Has a Purpose, My Pain is Understood and I Have the Promise of Eternal Life.

Make Easter more than a holiday!

To register, contact Nancy in the church office 682-5374, or by email at

[nancyshade@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nancyshade@sbcglobal.net)

## Mission Trip...Fall '11...Calling All Adults!!!



Your Mission Link, Sandy Simmons,

Chairperson, Mission Team [ssimmons7@kc.rr.com](mailto:ssimmons7@kc.rr.com)

It's been a long time coming, but we are ready to explore a mission trip for adults in the congregation. Pastor Kevin brings a lot of experience in this area, so it seems the time is right!

After exploring several possibilities we believe McCurdy School (K-12) in Espanola, NM is a good location for our first trip. Please take a look at their website

[www.mccurdy.org](http://www.mccurdy.org) to see about their history and mission. McCurdy School is a national mission institution related to the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

Work team members learn about McCurdy's mission, its history, the people served and its contributions to the religious, education and cultural life in northern New Mexico.

We would be living in dorms and eating at the student center. There is never-ending work for volunteers, both skilled and unskilled. You might help with grounds-keeping, plumbing, carpentry, help in a classroom or office, or for those with limited mobility perhaps clipping Box Tops for Education, or working in the library. No matter what your skills there is a job for you!!!

At this point if you think you have ANY interest in participating please let me know. We are looking at October or November dates and we need to make sure there is enough interest to make chartering a bus feasible! We would all travel together, likely leaving on a Sunday and returning the following Saturday.

Please prayerfully con-

**Donations Needed for Our Children's Ministry**

- ◇ Cardboard Wrapping Paper Tubes (empty)
- ◇ White lab coat (to borrow for February 23rd)
- ◇ Heart shaped cookie cutters (to borrow for February 23rd.)
- ◇ The Prince and the Pauper , Disney animated, G-rated (to borrow for March 6th)

These items may be dropped off at the Church Office.

- ◇ Drivers are needed to help get some of our senior members to church. If you can help with this ministry please contact Bea Yenney @ 682-6640.



- ◇ Updated Church Directories are available on the counter of Amy's desk in the office.

It's early but it's important! Mark your calendars!

**"Bless Your Heart, Cindy" Weekend** is going to be May 27-29. We will have retirement celebrations for Cindy White and we want everyone to come join us in honoring Cindy for her 26+ years of service in our church. Friday evening, May 27<sup>th</sup>, we will have a dinner and entertainment. Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, we will have an informal potluck. We will have more details later—mark the dates in your calendars now!



- John Aardema
- Doris Brownson
- Rebecca Brownson
- Inge Cochran
- Donna Middleton
- Ann Richardson



Mark your calendar for the Annual Youth Talent Show on **March 6th** after the second service. We will be having a Potato Bar luncheon followed by an unforgettable Talent Show! Come after the 11:00 service to Fellowship Hall to get a good seat! All donations will support the Youth Mission Trip this summer. Your support would be greatly appreciated! See you then!

Please indicate below if you will be attending the lunch and show and/or if you will be sharing a talent that day. You may turn your slips into the church office or put them in the offering plate.

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\_\_\_ Yes! I would like to attend the Potato Bar lunch/Talent show on March 6th.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Yes! I would like to share a talent at the Talent Show.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Talent \_\_\_\_\_

Number in your group \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Want to go deeper in your faith? Whether you are new to Bible study or are looking for renewal, please join us for a mid-week Bible study this spring. The following studies will have their introductory session on February 23.

### **DISCIPLE: Invitation to John**

In its wisdom, the early church chose to keep four (of the many) Gospel accounts of the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Three of these Gospels are very similar (synoptic) to each other in both what they tell about the story of Jesus and how they tell it. However, the **Gospel of John** stands apart. In it,

we find Jesus speaking not in parables but in beautiful lengthy discourses. We overhear Jesus talking with Nicodemus, a Samaritan woman, and Mary Magdalene. We marvel at Jesus turning water into wine, calling Lazarus from the tomb, and washing his disciples' feet. We linger over Jesus' great promises: "For God so loved the world...." "I am the bread of life...." "I am the resurrection...." "Peace I

leave with you...." In the very first chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus issues two invitations: "Come and see," and "Follow me." They echo the invitations of this study: to come and see this Jesus—to hear him speak, to see his signs—and to consider anew what it means to be his followers.

This **eleven-week study** utilizes the **Disciple Bible Study** format for study and

small group discussion. Not only will you experience the teachings of Jesus as related by John, you will be warmed by the fellowship found in the



small group setting.

Facilitator: Rita Wood  
Time: Wednesdays 9:00-

### **Heart and Soul**

Our answer to exercising both your physical body and your spiritual growth. Feel free to join us for the exercise, the bible study, or both! Whether you're an Early Bird or a Night Owl, we have the perfect time for you.

We hope you'll join us on Wednesdays for "Living Beyond Yourself", a study of the fruit of The Holy

Spirit as presented in the book of Galatians. In this 11-week study by Beth Moore, you will be guided through each trait listed in the fruit and encouraged to know the freedom of a Spirit-filled life. Through this study participants will look at the supernatural aspects of the fruit and that you cannot grow, learn, or produce the fruit

on your own. You will be challenged to develop the fruit by maintaining an intimate relationship with the Spirit of God. A Spirit-filled life truly results in living beyond yourself.

*Early Bird: 8:45 – 9:30 am  
Exercise, 9:30 -11:45 am  
Fellowship and Study*

*Night Owl: 6:30 – 7:15pm  
Exercise,  
7:15-9:30 Fellowship and  
Study*

Facilitator: Nancy Shade  
Study Book: \$15



To register: Contact Nancy Shade ~ nancysshade@sbcglobal.net ~ call 682-5374  
Registration Deadline: Monday, February 14.

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## Check Out This Important Information!

- ◇ **Martha Circle** will be meeting on **Thursday, February 17th** at 10:00 am to clean the church kitchen. Bring your brown bag lunch and your hostesses will provide dessert and drinks. Hostesses are: JoAnn Johnson, Loleta Hartley, and Genevieve Evans.
- ◇ We are excited to share the news that *Selah*, a Worship Outreach group from Southwestern College, will be joining us for worship on Sunday, February 20th. *Selah* will be providing music for the service and working with our Youth Praise Band the day before. We are especially excited, due to the fact that our own Megan Bustraan is a part of this group! You won't want to miss worship on February 20th.
- ◇ Jan Glick will be facilitating a Love and Logic Class at the Chapel on post Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:30 beginning Feb. 22nd and running through March 29th. Day care is provided by the Chapel, along with the book...there is no cost for members of our congregation, whether they are military or not. Contact Jan at [jglick@kc.rr.com](mailto:jglick@kc.rr.com) to sign up.
- ◇ The Boy Scouts will host a **Pancake Breakfast on March 12th**. The Breakfast will be held at Applebee's from 8 am - 11 am and tickets are \$5. You get pancakes and sausage for the \$5. You may buy tickets at the door or in advance from the scouts.

Rev. Kevin Hopkins

Rev. Gary D. Harms

Cindy White

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