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Pastor Bob's Blessings

Rev. Bob Atwell, Visitation Pastor

Since I have agreed to take the position of Pastor of Visitation, I have been making calls on people that Gary Harms had on a list I was given. I also visit others on our list of mature folks. We are blessed to have so many retirees, or others to be visited. This position is described as a part time assignment.

When you minister you learn there is no such thing as part time. In order to utilize the time I have available I want to make this time as useful as possible to the church and our members.

This summer, I have made many calls to visit members. Many of the trips have been in vain. Praise the Lord our folks are healthy and active and on the go. When I

get a call about a member in the hospital, and when I visit the care facilities, usually folks will be there, and a small number of our friends are not very mobile, so I know they will be in these locations.

I would like to have anyone that would like for me to visit them to call the church office and Amy will inform me of those desiring a visit. I will then call ahead and arrange a time. If this works better, I can save time and gasoline and reduce the cost of this ministry. I want to visit those who need to know that we, the church, care about them. Please help me in this ministry, so I (we) can reach as many people as possible.

In Christ's name,
Pastor Bob

P. S.

It was recently brought to my attention that some of our members have a difficult time with the passing of the peace on Sunday mornings. Because of various problems with their hands, it is painful when someone grips their hands tightly. Last winter, you may recall, during the flu season; we did not do this. We bumped elbows, or just passed the peace verbally.

If someone doesn't offer their hand during the passing of the peace, please do not be offended. Some would like to share a handshake, but it is too uncomfortable.

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Prayer Concerns:

- Doris Brownson
- Rebecca Brownson
- Todd Brownson
- Bradley Ragsdale
- Wayne and Kathy Sodowsky and family



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.*

Did you know?



Jan Glick will be teaching **Parenting with Love and Logic** (for all ages) at the First Christian Church at the corner of 6th and Seneca. The class will begin Wed., **Sept. 7** and meets for six consecutive Wed. evenings through Oct. 12. Child care will be provided by the church, and there is a \$10 charge for the book. Our congregation is invited to participate. If anyone is interested, please contact Jan by phone, 682-3270, or email jglick@kc.rr.com. We need to know by **Sept. 1st** so that child care is set.



Acolyte Training
Is your child in third - sixth grade? Would they be interested in being part of our Acolyte Team? **There will be an Acolyte Training following the 8:30 service on Sunday, September 11th.** Our Acolytes are an important part of our Sunday Services. They bring the light of God into our service at the beginning of the service and take it out into the world at the end of



Children's Ministry Needs to Borrow

September - binoculars
Sept. 4th - Disney's Cinderella on DVD
Sept 11th - Disney's Harriett the Spy on DVD
Sept. 11th - multicolored jackets/coats (need 3)

The Media Team is searching for more members for their team. Our Media Team prepares the power point slides and runs the media on Sunday mornings. There is a rotation schedule between team members. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Amy in the church office at 682-5374 or email fumclvks@sbcglobal.net. Thank you, in advance, for responding to this need.



Singles Dinner Group

It's more fun and more appetizing to eat with someone, right? Some singles are proposing dinners for singles, modeled after Dinners for Eight. We plan to eat out together and if there are enough of us, break into groups and rotate, like the dinners for eight bunch. Sign-up sheets available in the church vestibule on Sunday morning. Open to all. Y'all come!
- Carolyn Tillotson



SPRC would like to thank Kari Anderson and all of the people that helped put on the welcome reception for Andria Savara. It was lovely.

This has been a summer of change and we would like to thank everyone for their prayers during the churches transition. This July we said good-bye to Steven our part-time custodian as he headed off to college. He goes with our prayers for a great freshman year at K-State. FUMC welcomes Austin Wells to the position of part-time custodian. He is a member of our church and a junior at Leavenworth High.

SPRC would like to thank our summer pianists for helping out: Eric Hansen, Phelba Wecas, Kayla Cupp, and Donna Elmer. You have made our summer musical. Mark Paisar officially joined our staff on Aug 21st as our organist/accompanist. He has moved to Kansas to begin KU's master degree program in organ. We look forward to hearing him play more.

The members of SPRC are very pleased that Pastor Kevin was appointed to our church for another year. We are looking forward to a fall with a complete staff and the energy and ideas they bring to serving the Lord.
- Sonia Wiley, SPRC Chair



The next **United Methodist Men's (UMM) Breakfast** will be Saturday, September 10th, 2011 at 7:30 A.M. in the Retro Diner at 819 South 5th Street (next to Domino's Pizza) for breakfast. For those of you who are out of town or have other commitments, we will miss you and hope that you can make our next breakfast. Bring a friend or neighbor to come join us for fun, fellowship and laughter and to discuss upcoming events. Please put it on your calendar! We hope to see you there!

Safe and Sacred Spaces Training Sept 24th

We will have Safe and Sacred Spaces Training class on Saturday, September 24th from 9:00 am - 12 pm in the Education Building. This training is required by the Kansas East Conference for all those individuals age 18 or older working with children, youth, or handicapped adults within our church. Forms for the classes may be picked up from Amy in the church office.

Kansas City District Vital Congregation Training - for all Clergy, S/PPRC, Church Council, and Lay Leaders

Saturday, September 24 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Location: Valley View UMC, Overland Park

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We are gearing up for an exciting Fall in Children's Ministry. To help us achieve maximum impact for the Lord we need your help! Please look through the list below and let me know if you are available and willing to help.

Nancy Shade
Coordinator of Christian Education
682-5374 or nancysshade@sbcglobal.net

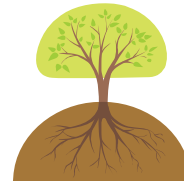
Sunday School (Sundays 9:30 – 10:45)

Assistant Teacher – 5th and 6th grade class (beginning September)
Assistant Pre-School 4 Sunday school teacher

WOW (Wesley Organizational Workers) TEAM:

This new service opportunity needs volunteers who have an hour or two of free time once a week that are willing to: **Sort, Gather, Pack and Distribute** supplies for our Children's Ministry programs (Sunday School, Kingdom Express and Wonderful Wednesday). Volunteer days and times will be set by volunteer availability. A great way to help with Children's Ministry "behind the scenes"!

Fall Opportunities to serve



Do you have an interest in helping others in our community and beyond?

Perhaps you would like to be a part Missions Work Area.

Do you have an interest in Connecting others to our congregation?

Perhaps you would like to be a part of our Connections Work Area.

Do you have an interest in making deliveries, sending cards or preparing items for our shut-ins or others?

Perhaps you would like to be a part of our Nurture/Care Team.

Do you have an interest in helping with worship; communion and ushering, Sanctuary decoration for special occasions, and supporting our music and media programs?

Perhaps you would like to be a part of our Worship & Music Team.

Do you have an interest in planning, facilitate, or helping implement Adult, Youth, and Children's Christian Education?

Perhaps you would like to be a part of our Discipleship Team?

There are many opportunities to serve and help in our First UMC Family. Please indicate if you would like to serve on one of the above Work Areas:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

1	Paul Serena, Aaron Wecas	1	Sy and Shirley Nyhart	54th
3	Chelsea Weeks, Wyatt Kitchens	3	Blaine and Merry Weeks	23rd
4	Dianna Bustraan, Bill Kidder	4	Chez and Carol Shafer	35th
6	Mary Lou Anderson, Sarah Gerges, Stan Johnson, Sonia Wiley		Mark and Jody Swiech	12th
8	Pat Brown, Brandon Jones, Brian White	8	Gary and Carol Russell	10th
9	LeRoy Hicks, Bailey Ko, Jerry Logan, Austin Wells	8	Wesley and Christel Ludwig	43rd
10	Bob Hrabak, Nicholas Sheumaker	18	Rodney and Kristina Edington	12th
12	Pat Deiter, Robert Logan, Jr., Mary Strange, Christina Wiley	19	Shannon and Sherri Williams	19th
13	Bianca Castello, Crizelda Litif, Abby Martin, Jason Whitten	22	Jeff and Kathi LaMoe	27th
14	Paige Bergman, Lane Carpenter, Paul Deiter, Ralph Moore, Ashley Sanders	23	Brian and Tracy Resch	11th
15	Courtney Hall, Lily Swiech	28	Frank and Georgia Rohrbach	65th
16	Chrystal Edington, Brodie Whepley	28	Matt and Kellie Galley	9th
17	Jo Ann Johnson	30	Tom and Karen Tish	44th
18	Joshua Wepking, Tony Young			
19	Jack Burkett			
20	John Gable, Leonard Meyer, Kurt Long, Bucky Zimmerman			
21	Emma Grafel, Carol Shafer			
22	Jim Atwell, Melissa Jones, Carol Morris, Bill Wood, Ronald Wecas, Tiffany Zimmerman			
23	Necia Parsons, Bernice Whiteside			
24	Brian Anderson, Darcy Andrews, Amanda Huffman,			
25	Everly Ziemer			
26	Riley Dilka, Jacqueline Long			
27	Jonah DaSilva			
28	Lynne Atwell, Jimmie Evans, Skylar Myslenski,			
29	Spencer Williams			
29	Joan Atwell, Jim Dirkse, Maryann McAfee, Jackie Monroe, Shannon Sanford			



Martha Circle welcomes new members. If you are available afternoons and are looking for fellowship with other women, please consider joining Martha Circle. We meet the 2nd Thursday each month at 2 P.M. Please join us for our next meeting on September 8. Annie Johnston will present our program. See you there!

UMW General Meeting

Please join all women of the church at our quarterly UMW General Meeting, Saturday, September 10th at 9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. Our hostess is Martha Circle. Our program is "Women in Ministry". This is also a special meeting for approving our 2012 slate of officers and budget. Hope to see YOU there!

Attention UMW Members: Have you paid your annual UMW dues? Please contact Carol Russell or leave your check in the church office.



Congratulations to our Director of Worship Arts: Andria Savara and her husband Justin, on the birth of a new baby boy, Jonah Wesley Savara. Jonah was welcomed home by big sister, Felicity and big brother, Caleb.

Congratulations to Zach and Anne Agnew upon the birth of a new daughter, Elizabeth Jane Agnew. Proud grandmother is Kathy Serena. Elizabeth is welcomed home by big sisters Miriam and Susan.



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SUNDAY SERVICES:

8:30 AM Worship Service * 9:45 AM Church School * 11:00 AM Worship Service * 6:00 PM Youth Group

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30 pm Jesus in the Gospels Class	2	3
<p>Sunday Choir Rehearsals:</p> <p>4:00 pm Youth Bell Choir/Genesis Chimers</p> <p>5:00 pm Young Christian Singers/ Wesley Ringers</p> <p>* indicates changes</p>						
4	5  <i>Church Office Closed</i> 6:30 Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts	6 10 am Staff Mtg 7 pm Missions, Connections, Worship & Music	7 8:45 Heart & Soul 9 Modern Parables 3:45 Wonderful Wednesday 5:30 Wednesday Dinner 6:30 Praise Band 7:30 Sanctuary Choir	8 12 pm Newsletter Deadline 2 pm Martha Circle 6:30 Heart & Soul 6:30 Jesus in the Gospels	9	10 7:30 am UMM Breakfast 9:30 am UMW General Meeting
11 2 pm Twin Oaks Service	12 6 pm SPRC 5:30 UMW Executive 6:30 Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Discipleship 7 pm Memorial	13 9:30 Esther Cir 10 am Staff Mtg 7 pm Trustees	14 8:45 Heart & Soul 9 Modern Parables 9:30 Nurture/Care 3:45 Wonderful Wednesday 5:30 Wednesday Dinner 6:30 Praise Band 7:30 Sanctuary Choir	15 6:30 Heart & Soul 6:30 Jesus in the Gospels	16	17
18	19 6:30 Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts	20 10 am Staff Mtg 5:30 Endowment Committee 7 pm Finance	21 8:45 Heart & Soul 9 Modern Parables 3:45 Wonderful Wednesday 5:30 Wednesday Dinner 6:30 Praise Band 7:30 Sanctuary Choir	22 *Staff Retreat* 9 am - 2 pm 6:30 Heart & Soul 6:30 Jesus in the Gospels	23 <i>First Day of Fall</i> 	24 9 am Safe & Sacred Spaces
25	26 6:30 Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts	27 10 am Staff Mtg 7 pm Church Council	28 8:45 Heart & Soul 9 Modern Parables 3:45 Wonderful Wednesday 5:30 Wednesday Dinner 6:30 Praise Band 7:30 Sanctuary Choir	29 6:30 Heart & Soul 6:30 Jesus in the Gospels	30	

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age by making disciples for the
transformation of the world!

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The Cat-Hawk Challenge is a great opportunity for all Jayhawks, Wildcats and United Methodists to support United Methodist campus ministry at Kansas State University and the University of Kansas.

The purpose of this challenge is to encourage United Methodists to become partners in ministry with Wesley KU or K-State Wesley. The Cat-Hawk

Challenge offers a fun way to learn about the vital ministries of these two United Methodist campus ministries. Our Bishop Scott Jones will serve as referee and commissioner. Our coaches will be Mary Lou Reece for the Hawks and we will have a brand new coach for the Cats this year.

It will be a great time from the tailgate-like snacks (including a root beer keg),

**Come & support our
United Methodist campus
ministry at KU and K-State!**

A FREE sit-down dinner, mascots, kid activities, and fun.

Show both your school spirit and your spirit- filled faith at the Cat-Hawk Challenge on **Saturday, November 5th** at Grace United Methodist Church in Olathe. You also can make a pledge towards campus ministry online.

To make a pledge or get more information, visit <http://cathawkchallenge.net>

**Pastor Kevin would like to host a Leavenworth First table full of KU & K-Staters, please contact the church office if you are interested in joining this group.

Contact the office at 682-5374 or by email at fumclvks@sbcglobal.net

Rev. Kevin Hopkins	Rev Bob Atwell	Rev. Erin Myslenski	Andria Savara	Nancy Shade	Mollie Foster	Amy S. Brandt
Senior Pastor	Visitation Pastor	Connections Pastor	Director of Worship Arts	Coordinator of Children's Ministry	Director of Youth Ministry	Admin. Assistant