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UNITED

I will describe to you how I have become one of the guardians of the term “UNITED” for many years. The story must go way back to our membership in the Evangelical United Brethren Church of the Cross in Salina. We were searching for a new church after we were transferred to Salina, and the Church of the Cross was just completing a new building. My skimpy church background was Evangelical and Reformed and my wife had been a Mennonite.

She was strong on believers immersion for Baptism. So our children had not been baptized. The pastor at the Church of the Cross was dedicating children on the first Sunday we attended. We were curious, and the pastor came that afternoon to describe the belief that children could be dedicated to God, and later baptized when they chose. That was a fit for us.

We probably learned about the union between the United Brethren and the Evangelical Church, (Wesleyan theology and German language) and why leaving UNITED in the name was very important. But our main interest was in our small Bible study group that met weekly and our Sunday school class. But that fine group and the study lead me to want to work in the church full time. But when the time came for me to have a student appointment, the EUB church did not have an opening. So I turned to the Methodist Church for a student appointment while I studied at Kansas Wesleyan.

The year after I entered seminary, the EUB church and the Methodist church merged. The 1968 merger created the UNITED Methodist Church. For we that were former EUB, the word UNITED was very important. Many clergy and lay persons in the much larger Methodist Church were often lazy and skipped the UNITED in the name of the church. So a few of us assisted them to become more careful and use the proper name.

When I finished seminary, I was serving a United Methodist Church in Leavenworth, so during the time of appointments I received a phone call, and the Wichita District Superintendent said that they had an appointment for me in Wichita. Our response as a family was that we did not choose to have our girl that was entering high school, and our son in Middle school go to school in Wichita. Could you find another place for us? About three hours later the phone rang. This time it was Bishop Stowe. “Garry, I need you to serve a church in Wichita, will you do it”? I could push back at a District Superintendent, but nobody pushed back at Bishop Stowe. Why did he NEED us in Wichita?

**COME,
LET'S JOURNEY TOGETHER
LIVING LIFE,
LOVING JESUS**

GOOD WORDS

Before the Evangelical and the United Brethren denominations combined Bethel United Methodist Church had been the flagship church of the Evangelical denomination, and West Side United Methodist Church had been the flagship of the United Brethren denomination in Kansas. The pastor at Bethel had died, and the Bishop wanted someone with EUB history to become their pastor. So we came to Wichita, and only learned this connection later.

Six years later at appointment time I was the Secretary of the Annual Conference, and the Cabinet wanted me to be fairly close to the Conference Office, but policy was that you did not get to stay in Wichita. "Garry, go out and look over Towanda and Benton," the District Superintendent said. Itinerant preachers go where they are sent. Again there was a follow-up phone call. "Garry, we want you to go to West Side United Methodist Church in Wichita." Once again my EUB history determined where I was appointed because West Side was the former flagship of the United Brethren church and they want someone with my history. I continue today, fifty four years after that UNITED Methodist Church union, I remind people that UNITED is an important part of our name.

Now things have evolved again so the UNITED becomes an important part of our name at a new higher level. A very small percentage of congregations have chosen to leave the denomination. What will they name themselves? The early indications are that there will be a fairly wide variety of directions taken. A denomination may be formed that decides to continue to use the word Methodist. Some of the churches will become non-affiliated with any other church group. Some have ceased to be a church. But for the vast majority of us that are the moderate, loving followers of Jesus, the use of UNITED in our name has become important to identify the vast majority that remain UNITED METHODISTS.

Jesus Children Our Talents

Scripture Matthew 25: 14-30

We all have special items that we put in a place where they will not be broken and maybe not even seen by others. By putting them in this "safe" place we do not use them. We keep them buried in a closet or setting on a top shelf. We do not enjoy these items and do not share them with others.

You know, Jesus told a story about something similar. In the Bible, Jesus talked about someone who gave money to three of his servants, before going on a trip. The man gave different amounts to each persons, and he wanted them to use the money wisely and make more money. Well, two of the men did what they were supposed to by using the money to make more. But another servant, who had the smallest amount of money, refused to use it or spend it. He was so worried that he buried his money! When the master came back, he was pleased with the servants who used their talents and earned more...but he was angry with the one who hid his away. He said at least the man could have put the money in the bank to save with interest. He didn't do what was intended with the gift he was given.

Remember that God gives us special blessings, and wants us to use them well. Some people are talented in school or work, and others are really good at sports or art. Maybe you have a talent for talking or making friends. God doesn't want us to hide or hold onto what we have, but to use it to bless other people. If we have material things like money or toys we can share those with people we know. We can honor God by using our talents to love and serve Him and one another. When we give things away, great and remarkable things happen. Why don't we thank God for His blessings, and ask Him to help us use them for others?

(adapted from www.ministry-to-children.com)



FALL FOOD DRIVE FOR LOCAL Ministries Concluded October 23rd

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever" Psalm 107:1

God's blessing have been poured out and his love shared! Once again, Furley Church came together to make a difference in 4 area ministries: Bread of Life in Potwin, Union Rescue Mission in Wichita, Youth Horizons of rural Valley Center, and Victory in the Valley in Wichita. Your donations of food items and cash were radically generous!

The Mission and Outreach Team is grateful for this church's giving heart, and desire to share so generously. Thank you and God bless.



RECYCLE DAYS

Last names beginning
A thru K = November 22nd
L thru Z = November 8th

Recycle Often-Recycle Right!

Go to www.wm.com for details on what can and cannot be placed in the recycle carts.

REMINDERS:

- ⇒ Please wash out all tin cans, glass jars and plastic containers.
- ⇒ Break down cardboard boxes and remove packing tape and labels.
- ⇒ Blacken personal information on prescription bottles before placing in the cart. Lids may be off or on the bottles.
- ⇒ **No plastic bags** allowed in the cart.

Furley Church recycling is offered to church attendees to encourage environmental stewardship. Recycling is picked up every two weeks. **THANK YOU** for choosing to recycle!



OUTREACH TO OPEN DOOR'S HOMELESS RESOURCE CENTER

Thank you ALL for the donations of cash, food products and TIME to continue this outreach.

November's sack lunch prep weekend is 11/19 and 11/20. Watch the bulletin and Facebook for exact date and time to make the sandwiches and fill the sacks.

Each month a "little extra" is added to the sack lunches. October's little extra was a folding toothbrush AND small tube of toothpaste. When a backpack, grocery bag or pocket holds all your possessions, a folding toothbrush could fit right in.

Open Door serves 130-150 individuals each weekday. Furley Church will continue to assist in

this ministry to the poor in November and December. Our normal delivery date is the 3rd Monday of the month. Federal holidays fall on the 3rd Monday in January and February. Open Door is closed on those days. Lord willing, Furley Church will resume the sack lunch outreach in March 2023.



COMMUNITY LUNCH

NOVEMBER 4th

German sausage, kraut, hot dogs, Bierock casserole, delicious salads and desserts fed just over 100 folks at the October Community Lunch. Carry out meals were prepared, too and several meals were delivered to congregants.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to every helping hand that made the lunch happen. Blessings on your gift of time and energy.

The doors of Furley Church will open wide on NOVEMBER 4th to serve a traditional Thanksgiving menu. And oh my, there will be pie and homemade rolls! Please join us and bring a guest. The coffee will be ready by 11 AM. Come a few minutes early to enjoy a cup of coffee and fellowship before the buffet line opens.

The last Community Thanksgiving Lunch was 2019. COVID kept us apart for two years. How wonderful it is to look forward to coming together as a community to show gratitude to God and each other for this past year. The challenges have been real and the

heartaches many in our community and church have experienced are still fresh, but through it all GOD has walked beside us or carried us. SO MUCH to be grateful for!

Prayers, please for all the community cooks that will be preparing this special meal. May God fill them with his Strength, and create JOY in serving the community together. See you November 4th.

North Butler 4-H Club News

Cora Brackenridge, Reporter

The King visits North Butler! The North Butler 4-H club meeting was held on September 12, 2022 at Emmaus Church. Harley McLaughlin called the North Butler 4-H meeting to order. Hope and Rustin McLaughlin led the 4-H Pledge and Flag Salute. 18 Members responded to roll call, which was, "What is your favorite beverage?"

Our 4-H leader, Debora mentioned how this was the last meeting for the 2021-2022 4-H year. She shared over the year there were lots of improvements on projects and many learning experiences. Everyone can't wait to start a new year with new projects. A potential change to the 2023 fair was whether photography and arts and crafts judging would be judged on the Sunday before the fair. North Butler families were asked on their opinion and whether they liked it or not. Keep that offer in mind while going into the new 4-H year! Debora also collected all of the completed record books and activity sheets in exchange for some candy, pop, and other goodies. She also explained how enrollment will start October 1st. The club celebrated and sung HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Jeremiah Goebel!

Lucy Goebel gave the 4-H Council report and shared October 2-8th is National 4-H week! She also explained how 48 hours of 4-H

works which would be October 8-9th. It is basically community service within Butler County and your club. October 22nd is officer training for all of the newly elected officers. Lastly, the county achievement will be November 5th.

Cora Brackenridge made a motion for the North Butler 4-H club to have a gift exchange at the December 4-H club meeting with a limit of \$4.00 and the gift should be suitable for a girl or boy of any age. Carson Brackenridge made another motion that the club will collect non-perishable food items also at the December meeting to donate to the Potwin Food Pantry. Lastly, secretary Ella Amend, read aloud a letter given to 4-H clubs to explain how an accessibility fund is being started for 4-Hers who need help to be able to participate in 4-H activities, such as cam, and other fun activities. It was moved and seconded that the North Butler 4-H club will donate \$50.00 to the accessibility fund.

Election of officer's was held for 2022-2023 offices. The nominating committee of Mindy and Ella Amend and Cora Brackenridge long with the help of other parents counting the ballots completed the election. The new officers are Jeremiah Goebel, President; Caleb Klingenberg, Vice President; Donovan Brewer, Secretary; Ella Amend, Treasurer; Harley McLaughlin and Lucy Goebel 4-H Council members; Page Goebel and Makenzie Creekmore, Alternate Council members; Cora Breckenridge, News Reporter; Carson Brackenridge, Parliamentarian; Rustin McLaughlin and Gracia Brewer, Song Leaders; and Julia Amend and Hope McLaughlin, Recreation Leaders.

Hope McLaughlin presented a project talk on her photography that she took to the county fair and explained her fair placings. Julia Amend led Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes as a fun song! The attendees had lots of action for the song! Who is the King that visited

North Butler? Harley McLaughlin brought her Hereford steer King to provide a demonstration on beef showmanship. She explained the attire worn by showman and how to use a comb and show stick when in the show ring.

Welcomed visitors Millie and Cora Martin, who attended the North Butler 4-H club meeting to meet the members and observe what goes on!

Lastly, the Amend family served refreshments and Rustin McLaughlin led recreation.

GREETERS

November 6th

Debbie & Makenzie Creekmore

November 13th

Denny & Carolyn Hill

November 20th

Jan & Kaedan Lane

November 27th

Gary & Lamoyne Eilert

USHERS

November 6th

Ron Buss & Keith Slater

November 13th

Marvin Spencer & Randy Koehn

November 20th

Gary Eilert & Randy Koehn

November 27th

Marcin Spencer & John Horner

COUNTING TEAM

November 6th

Jan Lane & Pam Horner

November 13th

Pam Horner & Keith Slater

November 20th

Keith Slater & Jan Lane

November 27th

Jan Lane & Gary Eilert

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