

FURLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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From the
Pastor

JOIN OR ATTEND

In a former time, United Methodists paid a conference share based on their budget, their attendance, and their membership. So it became important to not let the membership roll be larger because of inactive people who have changed churches or moved. But we changed to a system based on the amount of money we spend to operate the church (excludes outreach and ministry).

So our membership roll has a much more spiritual meaning. It gives us a record of the folks that we should be caring for with ministry and spiritually. A congregation our size does this quite well because we know most of the stories of our members. But we only do this if we actively seek information and feedback.

The important fact though is that our congregation does not make a distinction between person who are members (join) and those who attend without taking that formal step. All persons who chose to be in ministry do so without regard to membership. There are a few formal votes and actions that are done by members, but since we function with few disagreements it is less important.

For some of us, there is a feeling of being more connected if we have joined as a member. For me as a pastor, I have multiple angles. First, we are a community of faith do worshipping together as a community is primary. The other first is that pastoral care in homes, hospitals, or anywhere is given to everyone who we can serve. The other first is the more theological time when joining the church involves you becoming a “professing” baptized MEMBER. When joining the church you are asked to reaffirm your baptism, and “As a member of Christ’s universal church, will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?” and “as a member of this congregation will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and our service.

Yes, there were three firsts because I could not decide on another way to list these important areas in the church. It must be clear that our pastoral care ministry is to those whom ministry is desired and needed. For persons that have not made a profession of faith, I recommend that we have a discussion about what that means. The small membership congregation can be, should be, and must be more flexible so ministry can happen, and for this reason we take less notice of management details for which I am responsible. There are no members that will be removed from membership this year, but we are publishing the list of persons whose information is absent, and to whom we can not offer pastoral care.

(Pastor’s notes continued on page 2)

GOOD WORDS

We are coming to the time for our Annual Charge Conference, and one of the questions we have is “provide list of inactive professing members who are being considered for removal.” We are not considering removal of any members this year, but part of the process that was mentioned in the pastor’s article is to contact professing members to determine their spiritual situation if they are inactive in the Furley United Methodist Church.

The first list is of persons for whom we do not have any contact information.

Harvey Bunyard
Joyce Cassady
Sara Casey
Lori Jorgenson
Shelia Kocher
Jean McMurray
Richard McMurray
Jeff McMurray

Please give any contact information on these individuals to the pastor.
We have contacted by mail the three persons whose information we had.

Joe Brown
Shane Casey
Chris Telford

Jesus Children
“Calm Not Fear”

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

Wouldn’t it be amazing if you could just give a signal and change the weather or those events impacting your life? In the scripture above, Jesus does just that. Jesus and His disciples were out on a boat, and a storm picked up. The disciples were fishermen, so they knew how to handle a boat and had been in a storm before. But they knew this was going to be terrible. Jesus is asleep in the boat, so they woke him and asked for help. Jesus got up, and told the waves “Peace! Be Still”

All of a sudden, it was completely calm. This Bible story demonstrates God’s amazing power. But it also reminds us of some other important things. Almost every day we hear of natural disasters that have occurred in the world. We worry that there might be a natural disaster coming our way. Does reading that news ever cause you to feel worried or scared? To feel helpless? Please remember that in spite of any disaster Jesus cares! He is in control, even when it might seem like he is “asleep” in the boat. Jesus

is in the midst of those disasters as he gives strength and hope to the people living in the results of the disaster.

There are other things in our lives that feel like a disaster. These “events” make us anxious or frightened and they kind of stir up our emotions. Sometimes our fears make us feel like our insides might “bubble over.” But when we pray and put our trust in Jesus, his power can calm our hearts and settle our nervous minds. He brings us lasting peace and calms the worries. If Jesus can control the weather with just a simple command, we can be confident that he has power over our fears. We can ask him for help, hope, and guidance. When things are rough, remember Jesus is there in the boat with us! Trust in him for strength and direction in how we might reach out to help others dealing with their disasters as we cope with our own. He will calm the storms in our lives!

Thank you Lord for being in control. You bring peace to our troubled hearts. Thank you for taking care of me and others in need. Help me trust in you for all things. Thank you for your love for all of your children. Amen.
(adapted from www.ministry-to-children.com)

RECYCLE OFTEN AND
RECYCLE RIGHT!

Last names beginning....

A thru K = October 24

L thru Z = October 10

There has been great participation in church recycling, thank you! Please remember to flatten cardboard boxes and plastic bottles before placing them in the cart.

More details on what can and cannot go in the recycle cart are found at www.wm.com.

Thank you for recycling often and right!

COMMUNITY LUNCH
BLESSINGS!

Smiles, hugs, and laughter filled Furley Church on Friday, September 1st as approximately 130 gathered for lunch and fellowship. Several comments of “of more people that we expected” were heard. What a blessing to welcome so many into God’s House called Furley United Methodist Church.

Wichita East/West District Superintendent, Dr. Chali, was present. He enjoyed meeting Furley Church members and the

community. THANK YOU for making him feel welcomed. Special thanks, as well, this month to our kitchen and clean up crew. Each pair of helping hands-and you know who you are-works hard to keep up with washing trays, cleaning spills from the carpet, monitoring the buffet line, picking up trays from guests and helping to vacuum, put away tables and chairs and move pews. Well done, everyone!

Butler County Commissioner, Kelly Herzet shared an update on the K254 Corridor Associations work, encouraging community members to attend the KDOT Consult in Newton on October 5th. Tricia Fee from Wheat State Manor shared news residents were coming to the Manor. All are invited to a Community BBQ at WSM on September 21st. An invitation from Jan Brandom to the new Adult Class on Sunday mornings was given, along with information from Cheryl Slater on the October Food Drive at Furley Church.

Diana Thomi from Victory in the Valley will join our October 6th lunchtime gathering to share about services provided by that organization. Victory in the Valley is one of our Food Drive recipients, along with UM Open Door in Wichita, Bread of Life in Potwin, Sunlight Childrens Home in Andover, and Youth Horizons on N. Woodlawn.

As always, please hold this gathering up in prayer: strength for our church family each month to prepare and serve our community, for good conversations that honor God during the lunches, for Furley Church folk to be welcoming

and attentive to our guests and their needs, for God to move in hearts and minds and use this gift of food and hospitality for His glory.

See the flyer included in this newsletter for October's menu details. Hope you can join us for lunch on October 6th.



We said "Thank You and God Bless" to this great young man, on Sunday, August 27th. He is off to a new job. He's been a wonderful help at the Tec Table every Sunday for the past year at Furley United Methodist Church. We'll sure miss seeing you, Daniel, but God has another path for you right now. Walk in freedom and follow God's lead.

To The Furley Church Community,

Thank you all for all the support in my pursuit of a career. I have enjoyed my time at Furley and hope I have let the tech side of things in a better place. I deeply appreciate the gifts and well wishes that all of you have offered me, as well as the opportunity to work at Furley and enhance my skills. You were all so kind and supportive of me and all my endeavors. If you ever need help with anything, please let me know. I will continue making the slides for the church service and offering my support where able. I ask that you offer patience to Jason as he adapts to the new system. I am sad to have to leave Furley but know that this unique opportunity will be a good step towards my career. Again, thank you all for your love and support.

Sincerely, Daniel Fee

North Butler 4-H Club August Meeting

The last 4-H meeting before school starts! The club members met at Wheat State Manor nursing home to show off and explain their 4-H fair projects to the residents. Then, everyone met at Emmaus to enjoy the club achievement program with pizza, pop, and treats.

After celebrating the member accomplishments, Caleb Klingenberg called the North Butler August meeting to order and Garcia Brewer led the club in the 4-H pledge and Flag Salute. Roll call was, "My favorite fair project was..." and 16 members responded. Donovan Brewer, secretary, read the June and July minutes and Ella Amend provided the treasurer's report with no deposits, and one withdrawal

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Living Life,
Loving Jesus**

made towards the Clover Café. Debora, announced buyer's cards, ribbons, and premium money were ready for pickup at the Butler County Extension Office and for anyone who sold livestock/projects in the auction. Happy Birthday Lucy! There is a record book meeting on August 24 at the extension office for anyone who doesn't know how or wants refreshed on how to fill out record books. The Potwin Watermelon Fest is August 26th and the club will have a float. Lastly Emprise bank in Potwin is still accepting posters that the 4-H members make, that are filled with pictures of their entries at the fair. Record books and activity sheets are due next meeting, and the state fair is September 8-17. The meeting was adjourned to the program.

Gracia Brewer led the club in *Do Your Ears 2x* and the whole club sung along. Hope McLaughlin presented a project talk of how she gets the lice off her chickens. Seven dust and dirt is provided for her chickens to take a dirt bath! Ella Amend had a project talk of her chevron wooden cutting board constructed out of scrap pieces of cherry and maple woods. Recreation, led by Julia Amend, ended the evening with Clap and Catch, which she learned from basketball camp. The club members made a circle and before Julia threw the ball at you, you had to clap then catch the ball; sometimes she would fake you out. After the meeting, there was an officer sign up sheet for 4-H members to start thinking what office they would like to run in for this upcoming 4-H year.



GREETERS

October 1st
Denny & Carolyn Hill

October 8th
Ron & Karen Buss

October 15th
Gary & Lamoyne Eilert

October 22nd
Doug & Kim Hague

October 29th
Denny & Carolyn Hill

USHERS

October 1st
Gary Eilert & John Horner

October 8th
Randy Koehn & Ron Buss

October 15th
Dick Ewing & Marvin Spencer

October 22nd
Doug Hague & Keith Slater

October 28th
Gary Eilert & John Horner

OFFERING COUNTERS

October 1st
Keith Slater & Pam Horner

October 8th
Jan Lane & Pam Horner

October 15th
Jan Lane & Karen Buss

October 22nd
Keith Slater & Ron Buss

October 29th
Keith & Randey Koehn

September First Friday Lunch



Pictures from Wheat State Manor BBQ



Thank you cards
from Remington
Middle School and
Potwin.

Our Confessions and God's Faithfulness

October 2023 Scripture Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Read Psalm 32:5</p> <p>I acknowledge my sin, confess transgressions, and YOU, O Lord, forgive</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Read Psalm 38:18</p> <p>I confess my iniquity. Anxiety fills me because of my sin</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Read Psalm 19:12</p> <p>Deliver me, LORD, from hidden faults!</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Read Psalm 66:18</p> <p>If I regard wickedness in my heart, the LORD will not hear me</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Read Psalm 32:3</p> <p>My body wasted away with my unconfessed sin</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Read Prov. 28:13</p> <p>He who confesses his sins will find compassion</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Read Romans 10:10</p> <p>Confess with your mouth, receive salvation.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Read Deut. 9:4</p> <p>I confessed to the LORD, my God, who keeps His Covenant</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Read Hebrews 10:23</p> <p>Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering!</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Read 1 Timothy 6:12</p> <p>Fight the good fight. Make good confession in the presence of witnesses</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Read 1 John 4:15</p> <p>God abides in the one who confesses Jesus is the Son of God</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Read Romans 10:9</p> <p>Confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that Jesus was raised</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Read Psalm 51:1</p> <p>Be gracious to me, O God, blot out my transgressions</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Read Hosea 5:15</p> <p>In their affliction they will eventually seek me</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Read Luke 15:18</p> <p>I will get up and go to my Father and say, "I have sinned against heaven and in your sight."</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Read Luke 15:21</p> <p>And the son said, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight.'</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Read 1 John 1:9</p> <p>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Read 2 Sam. 24:10</p> <p>O LORD, please take away the iniquity of your servant</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Read 1 Sam. 15:24</p> <p>And saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, I have transgressed the commands of the LORD"</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Read Matthew 10:32</p> <p>Jesus said, "Therefore, everyone who confesses me before man, I will confess before the Father"</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Read Matthew 16:16</p> <p>When asked, Simon Peter confesses, "You are the Christ. . ."</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Read James 5:16</p> <p>Confess your sins to one another, pray for each other, be healed</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Read Luke 18:13</p> <p>The tax collector said, "God, be merciful to me, the sinner!"</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Read Psalm 25:11</p> <p>Pardon my iniquity, for it is great</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Read Jerem. 14:20</p> <p>We know our wickedness, O Lord. We have sinned against You</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Read Num. 21:6,7</p> <p>Moses interceded for the people when they confessed sin</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Read Psalm 51:3</p> <p>I know my transgression; my sin is ever before me</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Read Psalm 106:6</p> <p>We have sinned like our fathers, behaved wickedly</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Read Lamen. 1:20</p> <p>My heart is overturned within me . . . I have been rebellious</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Read Isaiah 64:5,6</p> <p>Our iniquities take us away like the wind</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Read Mark 1:5</p> <p>They were being baptized, confessing their sins</p>				

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Volunteering @ KK	3 Set Up for First Friday Lunch 11:30	4	5	6 First Friday Lunch 11:30-12:45 Roger Tallman	7 Candy Elting
8 Meeting follow- ing Worship to review the 2024 Budget Gary Eilert	9 Administrative Council Meeting @ 7:00	10 Recycle L-Z	11	12	13	14
15 Prepare Sack lunches for Open Door 9:15	16 Volunteering @ KK	17	18	19	20	21
22 Charge Conference @ Valley Center UMC @ 2:00	23	24 Recycle A-K	25	26	27	28
29	30 Jason & Sarah Smith (A)	31				

First Friday Community Lunch



Furley United Methodist Church

11400 E. 101st Street N

(NE Corner of 101st and Greenwich Road)

WHEN: 11:30 am – 12:45 pm on **OCTOBER 6th**

MENU

Hot Dogs & Kraut, BBQ Pork

Baked Beans, Salads,

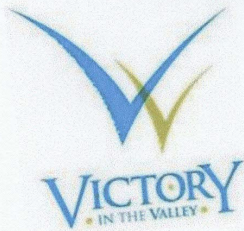
Dessert and Beverage

Carryout meals available. Need a to go box for the weekend? Containers will be made available after 12:45 pm. Delivery to home bound by calling 316-744-0318 after 8 AM on October 6th.

FREE WILL Donations to the Community Lunch Fund.



The Thanksgiving Lunch Food Request list will be available. Sign up to bring your favorite dish for the **Community Thanksgiving Lunch on NOV. 3rd!**



The Fall Food Drive for local pantries and charities runs 10/1 through 10/29.

JOIN WITH Furley UMC and bring canned goods, pantry staples, etc. for the following ministry groups:

Sunlight Children's Home, UM Open Door, Bread of Life, Youth Horizons, and Victory in the Valley

Diana Thomi from Victory in The Valley will join us for lunch. Please give her a warm Furley welcome!



First Friday Community Lunch is brought to you by the Furley UMC and Furley Community members.