

# FURLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*From the*  
**Pastor**

## RULES

In Mid-size congregations like Furley (note that we may be considered mid-size because many congregations are smaller than we are) we tend to be more informal in meetings and in doing our business. For many of our activities, that works very well. But there are times when we should be following Robert's Rules of order. Since it is difficult to determine which of our activities and projects may need greater order, I recommend that we get a bit more formal most of the time.

In my eight years as Annual Conference Secretary, I was also the parliamentarian when an issue came up. Most Bishops have taken some training in parliamentary procedures, but there is the pressure of making those decisions before a large group of folks. I observed that more than one option often worked for the proper flow of business. In a local church setting, it is amazing how much time can be saved if we observe general orders of business.

I hope that we can try a couple of things to get us started. Our Administrative Council does very well at having motions in writing and having minutes of the meeting. When a motion comes from a committee, it does not need a second, so the motion is automatically "on the floor". Most of the business comes from a committee chair which means that a second is not needed. Then the discussion can start. When adequate discussion time is given, the chairperson calls for a vote.

The item that we might find most helpful in committees is to FIRST make the motion in the format, "I move that such and such a thing be done." The chairperson (who may also make a motion) asks, "is there a second?" All that means is that at least two people think the motion is good enough to discuss. The discussion then FOLLOWS the motion. Now we are discussing a specific action, and less random input is given. The chairperson calls for the vote, and the votes are recorded in minutes.

If the action that the motion is recommending is somewhat what the group wants to do, but needs some changes, up to two amendments to the motion may be made before a vote. "I move that the motion be amended by adding that the thing to be done be done on February 31<sup>st</sup>. The amendment may be accepted by the maker of the motion, or it may be voted on previous to voting on the main motion.

# GOOD WORDS

There are many more subtle ways business is done, but this is about all we need in our meetings and groups. But clean and precise motions keep us from being uncertain about exactly what was approved or rejected.

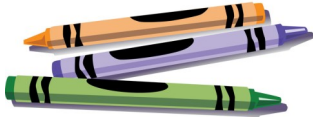
Item: There might be a report on the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Item: I may add a report item on the changes to the Trustees if there is time to get things done.

Item: We may want to say a few words about having our east lawn mowed, and never using the word Hay.

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### Children's Message



Jesus

Children

“The Bible is Like a Letter and Not Junk Mail”

**Scripture:** 2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:16

How do you feel when you receive a letter or special card? How about a letter from God? The Bible is God's letter to us. Maybe you didn't think about the Bible being God's letter to you because it's not addressed only to you. It's addressed to everyone. It's God's message telling us who He is, how much He loves us, and how He wants us to live so that we can be happy. It tells us all about everything that God did for us, including sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. We should be excited by God's letter.

We are not excited to receive junk mail. Lots of time junk mail is mail that is not very useful. It may be asking you to buy things that you don't need. Usually, junk mail is thrown away or placed in the recycle bin. How is junk mail different from important mail? Important mail might be from the government, or an invoice from a company or a letter from family or friends..

Therefore the Bible is God's letter to us and it is not junk mail! The Bible gives us instructions, is filled with love and a reminder of all He has done for us. The Bible should be read, studied as it gives you hope. It is meant to be read and cherished. We thank God for sending us

the Bible and we remember how important it is to read (and reread it) each day! Thank you God for your letter to us!

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Dear friend of Grassroots,

Thank you very much for your gift today. We pray that March has begun in a blessed way in your life.

This month we celebrate the graduation from Advanced Secondary School for both George Morrice and Joseph Mahende. A-level is the beginning of the post-secondary journey and takes the 10 subjects the students study in secondary school down to a focus of three subjects that the student has excelled in during their time in high school. Graduation from Advanced Level is the first step towards entering into university, and these two young men are exceptional in every way and we can't wait to see what the Lord does in their lives as they march towards college. Pray for them this month if you would.

In Kenya, we are working to prepare the land we purchased last year to be the Hope 27 farm. We are grateful to have been able to get connected to electricity and have the soil tested this past month, and look forward to soon drilling a well on the 10-acre parcel of land. Our prayer is to work the land, ask that God bless the work of our hands, and allow the produce to provide school fees for our scholarship students in the future.

God bless you for being a part of what He is doing among the children here. We are so grateful for your support.

Holly Heyroth Opundo  
on behalf of Grassroots, Angel House, and Hope 27

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### North Butler 4-H Club News

The North Butler 4-H Club's monthly meeting was held on Monday, February 12, 2024, at Emmaus Church. The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Cora Brackenridge. Roll was answered by "A Board game I like to Play is...", it was answered by 20 members. Secretary, Hope McLaughlin, read the minutes of the last meeting. Julia Amend gave the treasurer's report. There was no old business. In new business, Debora Claassen reminded the club about YQCA, 4-H days, and parents' night. We then sang "Happy Birthday" to Hadley, Milo, Wyatt and Jerimiah. To begin the program, Maggie Gobel led the club in singing "What a Mighty God We Serve". Jerimiah Brewer did a Show and Tell about Different Birds and the book he uses. Carson Brackenridge did a parliamentary procedure about "How to Amend a Motion.". Garrett Regier gave a project talk about Patrick Regier, his grandpa, who is a vet. Caron Breckenridge did a demonstration on "How to make brownies". Hadley Miller did a project talk about Photography mood and lighting. Maya Klingenberg did a demonstration on "How to paint positive quotes on rocks." Julia Amend did a demonstration on "How to make a chocolate mug cake." Lastly, Cora Brackenridge

Shared her talent and played “Our Lady of Liberty” on the piano. Rustin McLaughlin led the club in recreation and played Valentine tag. Refreshments were served by the Brewer Family.

By Julia Amend, Reporter



Julia shows the club “How to make a Chocolate mug cake.



Jeremiah does a Show and tell over Different Birds.



Recycle

### RECYCLING MINISTRY @ FURLEY CHURCH

The church recycling cart is available to Furley Church members and attendees to aid in personal recycling efforts. The recycle truck comes every other week. The following schedule shows for each family to have access one week a month to bring recyclable items for pick up.

Last names beginning...  
A thru K = April 9  
L thru Z = April 23

The recycle cart will be at the end of the church driveway early on each recycling day. Please wait for the cart to be at the end of the driveway before placing heavy items inside. Thank you.

THANK YOU for recycling often and right! Our small actions count for SIGNIFICANT impact as we care for creation.

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### FURLEY COMMUNITY LUNCH NEWS

Approximately 90 meals were served at the first Community Lunch of 2024. Taco Soup, Chicken and Noodles and Potato Soup with lots of toppings, salads and dessets gave diners plenty to choose from.

Cynthia Rhodes from the Fredrick Remington Historical Society shared news of Society meetings and special events. She specifically requested representation from the

Furley community on the FRHS Board. Please reach out to Cynthia by Facebook Messenger if you would be interested in representing the Furley area.

Ally Rakestraw, Social Worker, and Victim Advocate with the Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Office relayed thanks and appreciation for the gift cards donated from Community Lunch Fund 2023 proceeds. These \$15 gift cards to QuikTrip, McDonalds, Walmart, and other businesses have already helped citizens at their point of need. Generous gifts to the Community Lunch Fund all during 2023 make THIS gift possible. Thank you, Community Lunch friends!

To welcome everyone back after the three-month break, a prize drawing was held. A \$25 gift certificate to Leaker's, a St. Patrick’s Day flower arrangement from Sommer Rose in Whitewater, and a \$20 Quick Trip gift card were available to three luck lunch attendees. Woohoo! All three winners had big smiles on their faces. The law enforcement officer that won the flower arrangement offered to share it with another attendee, and the “new winner” was elated to receive the beautiful flowers. How kind of this officer to make another so happy!

PTL for great servants in Furley Church! The welcoming spirit and teamwork from the church body is on display each month during these lunches. One diner commented that if our nation could work together like Furley church folk do for these lunches, this would be a great country to live in! Only by the power of the Holy Spirit working in all of us could these lunches happen. HE gives us strength and joy to serve our neighbors.

April’s menu is chicken and rice casserole, tuna casseroles and of course delicious salads and desserts. See the flyer in this newsletter for more details. May the hospitality of the Holy Sprit fill Furley Church on April 5th. Come! There’s always room at the table for you.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6  
AT WHITEWATER COMMUNITY CHURCH

# Fundraising Banquet

Raising funds for the chaplain  
position at Wheat State Manor.

5 P.M.



**-AND-**



# The Lamplighter

A Ballet By Dramatic  
Truth Ballet Theatre

6:30 P.M.

Free will offerings will be taken.

TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT AT THE  
*Banquet* AND/OR THE *Ballet*

OR TO VOLUNTEER,

CALL TRICIA FEE AT 316.799.2181 OR EMAIL TYSON.DEBBYD@GMAIL.COM



# ***Furley Community Lunch***

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**DATE:** Friday, April 5, 2024

**WHERE:** Furley United Methodist Church  
11400 E. 101st Street N

**SERVING:** 11:30 am - 12:45 pm

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## *MENU*

Chicken & Rice  
Casserole

Tuna Casserole

Hot Vegetable

Salad, Dessert

Beverage

**Gather with friends and neighbors for good food and warm fellowship!**

**Meals delivered to home bound residents upon request by calling Furley UMC at 744-0318 after 8 AM on April 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Carry out lunches available. Carry home containers available at 12:45 pm if food is still available.

**FREE WILL** donations benefit community and church charities.

### **Bread of Life Pantry, Potwin, KS**

Nancy and Ronnie Jackson from Bread of Life will share information on current needs of this local food pantry. Please welcome them to the Furley community!



Furley Community Lunch is brought to you by the people of Furley UMC and the Furley Community. See you April 5<sup>th</sup>!



Thank you for the delicious soup that was delivered after the First Friday Lunch. We shared it with the Greenup family. I think it was the best taco soup and potato soup I've ever eaten. I'm sure it's because it was made with love.

We appreciate the cards and visits. Mom sometimes sleeps through the visits, but I tell her who has come by. And deep thanks to those of you that send your love and prayers. We are very blessed.

Gina Berg

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Thank you all for being so thoughtful during the Holiday Season. I appreciated it very much. God bless you all. Sincerely,

Mary Thompson

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Furley Church Friends.

Thank you for the cards and devotional!

It's good to know that I have people reaching, and more importantly, praying for me.

I am healing slowly. I have started to walk more, am able to get out from time to time and slowly gaining function in the left arm and hand.

May God continue to bless all of you and your church.

In Christ, Wayne Towner

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I want to "Thank" everyone for the beautiful bouquet of flowers on March 1st at your First Friday Luncheon and to the young man who gave it to me as a "March Birthday". My brother Dean and I enjoy your delicious meals.

Thanks again,  
Virginia (Held) Lipke

# Thank You!

Victory in the valley gratefully acknowledges your donation of \$100<sup>00</sup> on 2/23/2024

In support of our Mission to all cancer patients

This donation is tax-deductible as allowed by law. No goods or services were exchanged for this gift.

Your generosity will help us fulfill the practical needs of cancer patients & their families.

3755 East Douglas  
Wichita, Kansas 67218  
316-682-7400  
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## Victory House

Victory in the valley, Inc., established in 1983, is a non-profit cancer support organization. Celebrating over 30 years of serving cancer patients & their families through the generosity of our community of supporters

*"If Cancer Comes to Your House— Come to Ours"*

# Thank You!

Victory in the valley gratefully acknowledges your donation of

Snacks & groceries

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Thank You from Wheat State Manor Staff

Thank you tremendously  
 it's nice to know  
 we are appreciated  
 Stormie

Thank you  
 for the ~~snacks~~  
 Art

Thanks for  
 the snacks,  
 they were  
 good. Robam

Thank you so  
 much!  
 for the ASK  
 Thank you  
 for Christmas  
 bonuses!

Thank you so  
 much, the snacks were  
 wonderful! -Katie C.

Thank you for your  
 thoughtful gifts. It was  
 greatly appreciated.  
 Dawn Mitchell

Thank you for the snacks!  
 -Bsu

Thank you for your Kindness and Generosity - Mary T

Thank you for the snacks.  
 ☺ Sandra B.

An act of kindness  
 brightens  
 the day!

Thanks for  
 thinking of  
 us, enjoying  
 the snacks  
 Jean

Thank you for  
 thinking of us  
 and providing  
 snacks

Come  
 Let's Journey Together  
 Living Life  
 Loving Jesus

# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Volunteering at KK JJ Smith	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Fund Raiser for WSM Chaplin at Whitewater Community Church 5:00 P.M.
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Gary & Lamoyne Eilert (A)	<b>9</b> Recycle A-K	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Volunteering at KK Ad Council @ 6:00	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Robin Edwards
<b>21</b> Josh Day	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Recycle L-Z	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Joyce Dudeck Ron & Karen Buss (A) Garry Winget & Joyce Dudeck (A)	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				



GREETERS

April 7th  
Dick & Deloris Ewing

April 14th  
Denny & Carolyn Hill

April 21st  
Doug & Kim Hague

April 28th  
Ron & Karen Buss

USHERS

April 7th  
Ron Buss & Doug Hague

April 14th  
Keith Slater & Randey Koehn

April 21st  
Doug Hague & Keith Slater

April 28th  
Ron Buss & Randey Koehn

COUNTING TEAM

April 7th  
Jan Lane & Kim Hague

April 14th  
Keith Slater & Karen Buss

April 21st  
Ron Buss & Jan Lane

April 28th  
Keith Slater & Doug Hague



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