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From Pastor Garry Winget

Am I remembering right that we used to have two presidents days. I was pleased because Lincoln's day was on my birthday, or close, and Washington was later. Now we have moved them into one day, although they did manage to put the Super Bowl on my birthday. But we need to do everything we can right now to celebrate our democracy.

Arthur Okun says, "Capitalism and democracy are really a most improbable mixture. Maybe that is why they need each other-to put some rationality into equality and some humanity into efficiency." For a lot of people, this is a jarring statement because we have assumed that capitalism and democracy were the same thing. It is true that democracy exists in nations that do not have capitalism, and capitalism exists in nations that are far from democratic. Why is the United States unique?

Our history books say far too little about the influence in America by the church in those formative frontier years between 1820 and 1860. The Methodist Church (with strong help from the Baptist) in the frontier camp-meeting phase of our national development was the strongest single element that shaped our moral attitudes. It was the church that instilled in Americans the profoundly important concept-"namely that a good citizen of a decent society has a personal responsibility to serve the needs of others. In that simple age-old proposition lies the essential distinction between a brutalizing society and a caring and responsible one." The reason our system cannot easily be translated to other nations is that the caring principle is hard to transplant.

But the most alarming thing I experience is the eroding of this central theme here in America. We now have generations of people who care only for themselves. Greed and feeling good are seen as the goals of life. Or perhaps folks just meander along without involving much thinking. What we need to realize is that the loss of the caring spirit can lead to the destruction of America. I believe that the church alone can give us that caring spirit. We in the church must help America move away from the spirit of immediate need gratification to thinking about one another and about our corporate future.

GOOD WORDS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
PASTOR GARRY

Children's Message

Jesus Children

"Is It Spring Yet?"

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 11 "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven": "He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end."

February eventually gives way to March. Snow is less frequent and the ground thaws. March turns into April, and flowers start to bloom. Trees bud. A crisp freshness fills the air, and color comes back into our yards. Spring is the best! Gone is snow and slush. We really appreciate spring as God's creation roars back to life. Spring is a great opportunity to enjoy nature's beauty. You can use the warmer weather to go for a long walk. During that walk, you might reflect on God's handiwork. Breathe in the fresh air, and enjoy the flowers of all sizes, shapes, colors and fragrant scents.

Consider the term "spring cleaning." Many use this time to vigorously clean their houses, cars, work areas, etc. But others see this as a time for high school and college graduations where the celebrations point out that this is not the end of schooling but the *beginning* of a career. The act of starting something new...the next chapter in your life.

Remember, God created seasons; they were designed with a purpose in mind so just as the earth comes alive again after winter, God gives Christians a chance to start a new to recommit themselves to God's way of live.

The next time you pass a budding tree, or see that first red-breasted robin, consider the many wonderful aspects of how God designed spring-and give our Creator thanks!

(adapted from www.sermons4kids.com)

OPEN DOOR NEWS

United Methodist Open Door partners with other organizations to provide food, clothing, and shelter for homeless and low-income individuals and families.

This year the following help was provided.

- ♦ **Community Food Ministry** - nearly 5,000 unduplicated families/10,435 unduplicated individuals received more than 20,000 food boxes.
- ♦ **Commodity Supplemental Food Program**-Nearly 2,000 individual seniors in 11 Kansas counties received over 14,000 nutritious food boxes.
- ♦ **Homeless Resource Day Care Center** - Over 1,500 homeless individuals sought shelter at the Day Center. They receive lunch, showers, laundry services, and supportive programs during their stay.
- ♦ **Family Rapid Re-Housing** - Approximately 50 families/159 individuals who were homeless and/or fleeing domestic violence were successfully re-housed.
- ♦ **Klothes Kloset**-Over 850 families per month/10,200 per year were served free clothing for infants, children, and adult.

A big Thank You to Kim Hague, Carolyn Hill, Vivian Smith and Deloris Ewing for volunteering at Open Door.

Thank You!

To the kind members of the Furley Church Family,

Bub and I want to thank you for holding him in your hearts and in your prayers. Your prayers and caring cards have meant so much! Through this long process knowing that we were being held in prayer and in loving hearts eased our fears and lifted our hearts. All is going so well in his recovery.

With sincere gratitude.

Deb and Bub

Furley Church,

You make me smile. Thank you so much for all of your prayers and cards. They bring a smile to my face every time I open them. Please let all of my prayer warriors there at Furley Church we appreciate them so much.

Blessings,

Melissa Johnson



Recycle

RECYCLING
MINISTRY
@ FURLEY
CHURCH

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

A thru K = March 9

L thru Z = March 26

The Recycle Cart will be at the end of the church driveway early on each recycling day. If you have heavy items to recycle, if possible, please wait for the cart to be at the end of the church driveway before putting items in the cart. Thank you.

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Three prayer shawls were gifted during the month of January to acknowledge the loss of a family member. Another shawl was gifted to bring comfort and strength during a difficult season. A baby blanket was given in February to celebrate a precious new life.

And now, the prayer shawl inventory is low. Do you enjoy working with yarn as a knit or crochet artist?

Would you please consider partnering with our small group to create lovely shawls? Prayer shawl patterns are available online, or from our ministry cabinet. Yarn kits are also available. Please reach out to Carolyn Hill, Nancy Day, Cheryl Slater or Sarah Smith if you'd like to get started creating a prayer shawl.



MISSION OUTREACH

Mission Outreach gathered 303# of food for the Super Bowl food drive. This was delivered to Bread of Life at Potwin. Thank you to everyone for supporting this mission.



COMMUNITY LUNCH RESUMES ON MARCH 1st

The doors of the church will open, and our Community Lunch ministry will serve folks once again on Friday, March 1st.

We hope you can join us for soup and salad and dessert! See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for details. Share with friends. Information is also available on our Facebook page.

A couple of changes have been made to this year's lunch schedule. Please see the "SAVE THE DATE" flyer and put these dates on your calendar. We will take the month of JULY off for vacation, returning the first Friday in August. Then in November, we will serve our Thanksgiving Community Lunch on the 2nd Friday, November 8th.

To welcome everyone back on March 1st, a prize drawing will be offered to lunch attendees. Tickets for the drawing will be available in the lobby of the church. Will the luck of the Irish be yours on March 1st? Be sure to see Ron Buss or Pam Horner for that lucky ticket! Wear something green to honor those Furley Bobcat's, too.

The Community Lunch Team desires your prayers as we get back to serving the community. We are thankful the young people at Youth Horizons will come as they are able to help set up tables, chairs, then return for lunch and to help with cleaning up. And we are thankful for our community members who share their culinary talents with delicious addition to the buffet table. God is good!

May the hospitality of the Holy Spirit fill Furley Church on March 1st. Come! There's always room at the table for you.



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RISEN

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is published monthly
by Furley United Methodist Church.

If you would like to submit an
article for the Newsletter please
contact

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Deadline is the 19th of the month.

GREETERS

March 3rd
Denny & Carolyn Hill

March 10th
Dick & Deloris Ewing

March 17th
Doug & Kim Hague

March 24th
Ron & Karen Buss

March 31st
Denny & Carolyn Hill

USHERS

March 3rd
Ron Buss & Randey Koehn

March 10th
Doug Hague & Keith Slater

March 17th
John Horner & Randey Koehn

March 24th
Ron Buss & Doug Hague

March 30th
Randey Koehn & Keith Slater

COUNTING TEAM

March 3rd
Keith Slater & Ron Buss

March 10th
Pam Horner & Randey Koehn

March 17th
Jan Lane & Doug Hague

March 24th
Karen Buss & Keith Slater

March 31st
Pam Horner & Randey Koehn

Thank to everyone for jumping in when those on the schedule are not in worship. I know how life happens and plans get changed, so no worries when you are not able to count.



Come
Let's Journey Together
Living Life
Loving Jesus

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 World Day of Prayer Community Lunch 11:30-12:45	2
3	4 Volunteering @ KK	5	6	7	8	9
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins	11	12 Keith Slater	13	14 Nancy Day	15	16
17	18 Volunteering @ KK Ad Council @ 6:00 Pam Horner	19	20	21	22	23
24 PALM SUNDAY	25	26 Kathy Ozbun	27	28 Maundy Thursday Candle Light Service @ 6:30	29 Good Friday Bingo WSM @ 3:00	30
31 EASTER Worship @ 10:45 No Sunday School						

SAVE THE DATES!

2024 FURLEY COMMUNITY LUNCH SCHEDULE

WHERE: Furley United Methodist Church
11400 East 101st Street N
Valley Center, KS 67147

TIME: Serving between 11:30 AM and 12:45 PM

WHEN: March 1st April 5th
May 3rd June 7th
July . . . NO LUNCH SERVED, We're on Vacation!
August 2nd September 6th
October 4th November 8th Thanksgiving Lunch

Gather with the community for lunch and fellowship!

Free will offering.

Follow our Facebook group "Furley United Methodist Church" or check out our website www.furleyumc.org for more information about our Furley Community Lunch ministry! Call 316.737.0038 for more information.

HOPE TO SEE YOU FOR LUNCH IN 2024!

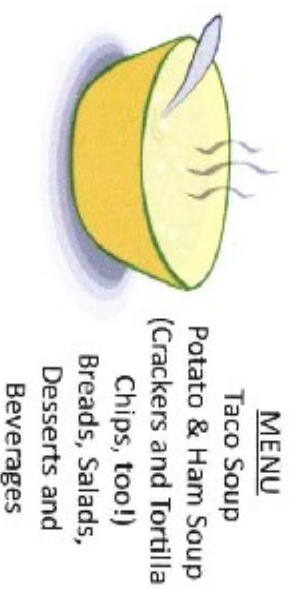
FURLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
11400 EAST 101ST STREET N
(Corner of 101st Street N and Greenwich Road)

WHAT: Furley Community Lunch

WHEN: March 1, 2024
SERVING 11:30 AM TO 12:45 PM



MENU



Taco Soup
Potato & Ham Soup
(Crackers and Tortilla
Chips, too!)
Breads, Salads,
Desserts and
Beverages

Carryout meals available. Food delivery to
home bound upon request. Call 316.744.0318
after 8 am on March 1st. Need a to go
box? Containers will be made available after
12:45 pm.

Free will donation
supports the Community
Lunch Fund.



**Come! Enjoy food and
fellowship at
Furley Church!**

DAILY BIBLE READING

The following Bible reading will take you through the New Testament in small passages. There will also be a memory verse for each month. Memory verses help us deepen our reading, and help with our mental health. The Reading will be available before the first of each month.

MARCH

1	Mark 10:17-22	11	Mark 12:13-17	22	Mark 14:27-31
2	Mark 10:23-31	12	Mark 12:18-27	23	Mark 14:32-51
3	Mark 10:32-34	13	Mark 12:28-36	24	Mark 14:43-52
4	Mark 10:35-45	14	Mark 12:37-44	25	Mark 14:53-65
5	Mark 10:46-52	15	Mark 13:1-13	26	Mark 14:66-72
6	Mark 11:11-14	16	Mark 13:14-23	27	Mark 15:1-15
7	Mark 11:15-19	17	Mark 13:24-31	28	Mark 15:16-40
8	Mark 11:20-26	18	Mark 13:32-37	29	Mark 15:33-41
9	Mark 11:27-33	19	Mark 14:1-11	30	Mark 15:42-47
		20	Mark 14:12-21	31	Mark 16:1-8
10	Mark 12:1-12	21	Mark 14:22-26		

Memory Verse Mark 9:50b, "Have the salt of friendship among yourselves, and live in peace with one another."