



## Furley United Methodist Church

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### From the Pastor's Desk

#### CHANGES

From our very beginning with John Wesley, we have been designed for flexibility and change. How was Wesley to provide preachers for the many groups that developed in response to his preaching out in the fields and other open areas? The model of itinerant preachers was developed where a preacher would have a circuit that he would go from preaching point to preaching point and have several of these preaching points.

It was a natural step when we began to have church buildings that a preacher might have more than one church to which he was assigned. It was natural to follow the Church of England model and have Bishops that appointed preachers to circuits. The model of having one preacher for two or more churches was the model that brought the Christian church to Kansas and the center of America.

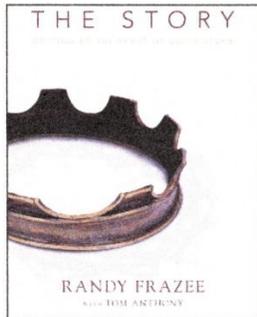
Up until almost one hundred years ago, the clergy met in an Annual Conference. It was at that annual meeting that the clergy learned where they would serve the next year as the Bishop read the list of appointments. There was no advance notice or inclusion of the laity in the process, so the pastor's family would be anxiously waiting in the parsonage to learn whether or not they were moving next week. It was common for appointments to only last two or three years.

Over the past decades there have been significant changes. A major change was for each congregation to have one lay representative for each pastor as a member of Annual Conference. I do not know exactly when this change happened. But as the country became less rural and more urban, town and city churches often had longer clergy appointments, and many were large enough to financially support their own pastor. Rural areas had smaller congregations, thus our system of connecting churches kept churches open even in area of declining population like Furley and Greenwich.

So persons in United Methodist churches are no longer surprised when the Bishop and his cabinet determine that there needs to be some shifting so that every church in the Conference is served by a pastor. This year the changes that affect Furley and Greenwich are unique. Both Furley and Greenwich have been connected to other congregations in previous years. This year is different because Kechi has been included in the connection. The cost of a full time pastor was too expensive for Kechi, so the Bishop consulted with the Councils of the Furley and Kechi churches and came to an agreement that Furley and Kechi would be connected and served by one full time pastor. This is much more of a change for Kechi since Furley has already been a half time appointment.

So I will be leaving this church at the end of June. The United Methodist (and many other denominations) have a protocol of former pastors not returning for official duties such as funerals and weddings. This is an extremely good protocol that I strictly observe because it is the best thing for the spiritual health of the congregation that has a recently appointed pastor. I have flunked retirement a few times, so we will see if it sticks this time.

Pastor Garry



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School Class continues the Bible study, *The Story*. We have begun Movement 4 — The Story of the Church (Acts — Jude) We have been studying the Old Testament prophets and kings; moving through Lamentations, Daniel, Haggai, and Esther. By mid-March will we be in the book of Malachi — leading to the Gospel of Luke. Visitors always welcome! Resource materials are available in the Sunday School classroom, no additional books/resources required.. Questions? Talk to Jan Team or Candy Elting.

### Upcoming classes:

02.22.26	17	The Kingdoms' Fall 697 - 586 BC	"The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord." Lamentations 3:25-26
03.01.26	18	Daniel in Exile 605 - 539 BC	"For he is the living God and he endures forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end. He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth." Daniel 6:26-27
03.08.26	19	The Return Home 538 - 516 BC	"Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it." Haggai 1:5-6
<b>03.15.26</b>		<b>SACK LUNCH</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
03.22.26	20	The Queen of Beauty and Courage 486 - 470 BC	"And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" Esther 4:14



## Jesus Children

“Have Faith”

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1

When others say “Have Faith”, what does that mean? Faith is trust in God. Faith is an important word. Look to Hebrews 11:1. It reads, “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for. Assurance means “sure”. We are sure that this will happen. Faith makes you sure of something. Of what? Of things hoped for.

Faith is also the conviction of things not seen. Conviction is something we believe deep down inside. We know it is true.

The author of the book of Hebrews is talking about having faith in God. God has promised us salvation. We can have faith in that. Faith is our assurance of what God has promised. Faith is the conviction that what God has said is true. So if faith is so important, how do we get it? Is it like lifting weights so we get really big arms? No. God has told us. Ephesians 2:8 reads, “ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,”

God saves us. This is something we don’t deserve. But it is through faith. Faith is like the doorway we walk through into salvation. We trust what Jesus died on the cross for us. We have faith in Him. But where does this faith come from? It is the gift of God. Faith is not your own doing. It is the gift of God. We don’t just try harder to have faith. We ask God to give us faith and we trust that He will do it.

Prayer: Dear God, we trust in you. We trust you to provide forgiveness, righteousness, and eternal life. We pray and ask you to give us faith to trust in you! Amen

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## REPORT FROM UNITED METHODIST OPEN DOOR

### Community Food Ministry

17,665 (unduplicated) individuals and 7,020 households received regular food boxes. Our new Head-To-Toe Hygiene Pantry program averages 300 families on the monthly distribution days.

### Community Supplemental Food Program

Over 1,500 individual seniors in 11 Kansas counties received almost 14,800 nutritious food boxes.

### Home Resource Day Center

Approximately 650 homeless individuals (a daily average of 154) sought shelter at the Day Center. They received lunch, showers, laundry services, and supportive programs during their stay.

### Family rapid Re-Housing

28 families 107 individuals who were homeless and /or fleeing domestic violence were successfully re-housed.

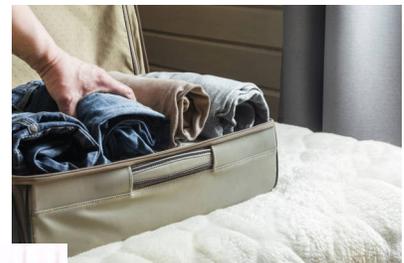
### Klothes Kloset

Nearly 3,360 households and 11,112 individuals per year shopped for free clothing and household items for infants, children, and adults.

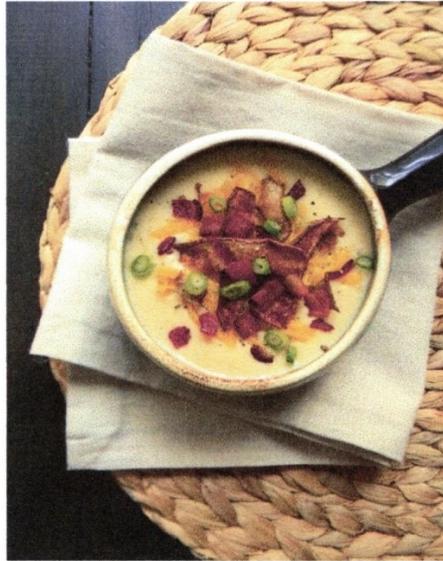
Kimberly Hague volunteers at the Community Food Ministry.

Vivian Smith, Carolyn Hill and Deloris Ewing volunteer twice a month at the Klothes Kloset.

Bring your donations to the church and these ladies will see that they get to the KK. (Clean clothing (adults, youth, men women and children, kitchen items, bedding and nicknacks) They like to receive suitcases, they are given to the homeless for there belongings. If you would like to volunteer I am sure they could use you.



## Community Lunch March 6, 2026



Furley UM Church, 11400 E 101th St N

Menu: Potato and Taco Soups

Salads and Desserts.

We will have raffle prizes

Community Lunch is brought to you by the Furley Church and  
Community.

A speaker will be present to share their mission

Free Will Offering to cover lunch expenses and aid in the church  
Community outreach.

Serving lunch from 11:30 to 12:30.

Take away boxes will be packaged by the kitchen crew.

Anyone needing delivery to home bound please call 316-744-0318  
after 9am for delivery

North Butler 4-H News

The December Meeting of the North Butler 4-H Club was held on December 8 at Emmaus Church at 7pm. Pledges were led by Julia Amend and Hope McLaughlin. Song Leader Hope McLaughlin led the song. The program started with a Project Talk by Natalie Worrell on Recycling Pinecones. Kiera Yabrough did a project talk about all of her Drawings. Next Julia Amend did a demonstration on how to make a pie crust. Lastly Cora Brackenridge did a demonstration on how to make protein bites. To end the evening, recreation was put on by the Parent Committee and was a club gift exchange.

The January Meeting of the North Butler 4-H Club was held on January 12 at Emmaus Church at 7pm. Pledges were led by Carson Brackenridge and Garrett Regier. 13 members answered the question of “What is my Dream Car?” for roll call. Song Leader Hope McLaughlin led the club in “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star”. The program started with Opal Regier doing a Show n Tell about her Barbie with her Dad who brought his pliers. Next was a Project Talk by Hadley Miller who talked about the correct way to take a good photograph. Kira Yabrough then demonstrated how to create the color black without using black colored pencils. To wrap up the night, the club played capture the flag and had refreshments.

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Greeters  
March 1st  
Randey & Denise Koehn  
  
March 8th  
Keith & Cheryl Slater  
  
March 15th  
Doug & Kim Hague  
  
March 22nd  
Ron & Karen Buss  
  
March 29th  
Dick & Deloris Ewing

USHERS  
March 1st  
Randey Koehn & Doug Hague  
  
March 8th  
Keith Slater & Ron Buss  
  
March 15th  
Jordan Black & Randey Koehn  
  
March 22nd  
Doug Hague & Ron Buss  
  
March 29th  
Jordan Black and Keith Slater

COUNTING TEAM  
March 1  
Kim Hague & Randey Koehn  
  
March 8th  
Jan Lane & Keith Slater  
  
March 15th  
Jan Lane & Doug Hague  
  
March 22nd  
Randey Koehn & Pam Horner  
  
March 29th  
Kim Hague & Keith Slater

Come,  
Let's Journey Together  
Living Life  
Loving Jesus

## 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 2026

1	Matt 18:10-14	12	20:29-34	23	22:41-46
2	18:15-20	13	21:1-11	24	23:1-12
3	18:21-35	14	21:12-17	25	23:13-22
4	19:1-12	15	21:18-22	26	23:23-28
5	19:13-22	16	21:23-27	27	23:29-36
6	19:23-30	17	21:28-32	28	23:37-39
7	20:1-7	18	21:33-46	29	24:1-14
8	20:8-16	19	22:1-14	30	24:15-28
		20	22:15-22	31	24:29-31
10	20:17-19	21	22:23-33		
11	20:20-28	22	22:34-40		

Memory Verse: "Arrogance causes nothing but trouble. It is wiser to ask for advice. Proverbs 13:10

# March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Volunteering @ KK</i>	3	4	5	6 <i>Community Lunch 11:30- 12:30</i>  <i>World Day of Prayer</i>	7
8  <i>Daylight Sav- ings begins</i>	9	10  <i>A-K Recycle</i>	11  <i>Coley Lenner Amelia Herbal</i>	12  <i>Keith Slater</i>	13	14  <i>Nancy Day</i>
15 <i>Sack Lunch Sunday</i>  <i>Trenton Pannell</i>	16  <i>Volunteering @ KK Ad Council 6:00</i>	17	18	19	20	21
22  <i>Elizabeth Herbal</i>	23	24  <i>L-Z Recycle</i>	25  <i>Mike Latta</i>	26  <i>Kathy Ozbun David &amp; Natalie Sollo (A)</i>	27	28  <i>Alanna Emerich</i>
29  	30	31				