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Jesus Children

“Citizens of Heaven”

We love our country, and have pride to be an American; and we stand firm and uphold all that she stands for. We need to focus on the fact that we are indeed, FIRST, citizens of Heaven. While pledging our allegiance to the Flag and to the United States of America, we must also remember that your FIRST allegiance and loyalty is to God, who is sovereign over all creation.

We show patriotism and love for our nation by praying for our leaders; for their wisdom, integrity, and their personal salvation through Jesus.

Praying for our leaders frees up our hearts to express our gratitude to God for the opportunity to live in the best country in the world! We want to always thank Him for the freedoms we enjoy and fight to preserve. We must remember to Pray for the Holy Spirit to bring revival in the USA, so that once again, we are living in a truer alignment with His Word.

Go bless America.

(adapted from [www.whatsinthebible.com](http://www.whatsinthebible.com))

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Welcome

Rev. Garry Winget and Joyce to  
Furley United Methodist Church  
as our pastor starting July 3rd.

FROM  
THE  
PASTOR



WHAT HAS CHANGED

Our church year for administrative issues starts on July first of each year. This year we have changes that are not very noticeable, but are important in the administration of the church. Beginning last October, Pastors Bennett and Winget were asked to be pastors of our church for the rest of the conference year. Their status was unusual in that there were two full elders assigned to a small congregation, and they were to preach on alternating Sundays. Their basic role was to provide Sunday worship, and they were paid by the week. The best church language is that they were “supply pastors.”

It seems that this arrangement can only be short term. So with the start of a new conference year, Pastor Winget has been appointed as our half time pastor. This is a regular status for a pastor of a small membership church. There are certain criteria that are set for pastors in this status. So what will this change look like for Furley?

You may not notice the changes. Pastor Winget will preach every

GOOD WORDS

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

Sunday instead of every other Sunday. Some of the administrative duties cared for by Pastor Bennett will be done by Pastor Winget. Pastoral calling that was not part of the former arrangement will be done by Pastor Winget. Pastor Winget will be available to meet members of the church in the church office by appointment. The Staff Parish relations Committee discussed whether or not there should be specific office hours in the church building, and chose the more flexible model of having office meetings by appointment.

Flexible hours means that we can meet at your convenience rather than by a set time each week. Feel free to contact Garry at 316-641-4442 or wingetg@earthlink.net. If you send an e-mail and do not get a response the same day, please use the telephone since e-mail does not always work.

Pastor Garry Winget

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OUTREACH TO OPEN DOOR'S  
HOMELESS RESOURCE  
CENTER

THANK YOU to all the helping hands that prepared and delivered our seventy sack lunches for Open Door for June: Gary, Jan, John, Keith, Lamoyne, Matilda, Nancy, Pam, Teresa, and Trenton.

Furley UMC partners with the Kechi UMC to provide a lunch delivered the 3rd Monday of every month March through December.

100-120 folks are fed each weekday at the Open Door in downtown Wichita. The summer months are adding to that number daily.

Your donation of food items and cash move this ministry forward. Cracker packets, granola bars, fruit & grain bars, and other individually packaged may be brought for these lunches at any time. Please leave in the church kitchen and mark for Sack Lunches.

A packet of mints, small candies, a scripture, and prayer are part of each lunch, too. Individually wrapped Purell wipes were included in the June lunches. Ankle socks will go with the July lunches thanks to your generous cash support of this ministry.

Saturday, July 16th is the next time the lunches will be assembled for delivery on July 18th. Watch Facebook and the bulletin for any changes to this time. Summer weekends get busy! Being flexible is important for our wonderful volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers...another delivery person is needed to share that responsibility. Contact Cheryl Slater at cbslater58@gmail.com for information.

Loving God, take our offering of a sack lunch and make it be manna to the receiver. May this act of mercy give the staff of Open Door opportunity to minister in deeper ways to those who come for help. Be the God of Hope to Open Door as the number of people requesting assistance increases over the summer months. Use your little Furley church in a big way for the people who come to the Open Door. In Jesus name, AMEN.



#### RECYCLE DAYS

Last names  
beginning...

A thru K = July 5

L thru Z = July 19

Recycle Often-Recycle Right

Please wash out all tin cans, glass jars and plastic containers. Cardboard must be broken down with packing tape and labels removed. Unfortunately, **no plastic bags** allowed in the recycle cart. Go to [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com) for all the nitty gritty details on recycling. Thanks for your cooperation!

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#### JULY 1st COMMUNITY LUNCH IS UPON US

Whew! The days of June are flying by as preparation for July's lunch is well underway.

The menu of ham salad, chicken salad and PB and J sandwiches make the lunch an easy grab and go meal for busy farmers and families. Add some Calico Baked Beans, fresh fruit or another refreshing salad, chips, and a dessert for a quick summer lunch. THANK YOU in advance to all those who will be providing food items for the buffet line.

Furley's good friend, Butler County Commission Chairman Kelly Herzet, greeted June diners as he served them fried/baked chicken from Leeker's and Walmart. Approximately 135 came for lunch! New friends from Youth Horizon's came on May 31st to lend a hand setting up tables and chairs. Thanks to these friends AND our great crew in the kitchen for all their work on June 5th.

If you are not able to attend on July 1st or help with food items, please remember to hold this gathering in your prayer's. May the fellowship of the Spirit guide word and actions during this gathering time. May the joy of serving together settle over our volunteers. And may the love of Christ be evident in Furley Church to all who walk through the door for food. In that love, Holy Spirit, draw people closer to YOU. In Jesus name. AMEN.









### May 2022 North Butler 4-H Club Meeting Minutes

By Cora Brackenridge, Reporter

Harley McLaughlin called the North Butler 4-H Club to order on May 9 and Maya and Caleb Klingenberg led the 4-H Pledge and Flag Salute. Cora Brackenridge stepped in for Ella Amend as secretary and roll call was “My favorite 4-H project is....” and 21 members responded. Caleb Klingenberg gave the treasurer’s report and there was no changes to the ending balance. The leader’s report was given and asked everyone to mark June 21 on our calendars as the 4-H club can make cakes for the June birthday’s at Wheat State Manor Nursing Home. The 4-H mini fair is June 18, Each 4-H club in the county has been asked to make a gift basket for a silent auction. The 4-H members decided that the club basket will have a Movie Theater theme and Lucy and Makenzie will shop for the gift goodies. Noah McLaughlin donated \$30 for the shoppers to spend for the basket. Lastly, in the leader’s report members answered enthusiastically, “how many more days until school is out?”, followed by handing out candy.

The meeting was adjourned and the exciting program started. Carson Brackenridge provided a parliamentary activity with members learning by using cut paper’s with ideas on different procedures and how to respond to the president. Real turtles were in attendance for the 4-Her’s to see up close! Benjamin Patton shared a show and tell on his painted and red eared slider turtles, names Pip, Pepperoni, and Faming Jo and explained how to take care of them. Selah Patton presented a project talk on how she created cool designs with pictures she drew on a personalized wooden box. Maya

Klingenberg did a demonstration. Talent was by Carson Brackenridge. He played Mary Had a Little Lamb on the recorder. The attendees had fun working together for a community service project of assembling snack packages for sack lunches that the Furley United Methodist Church provides once per month to an Open Door service helping homeless.

Refreshments were served by the Harder Family.

Have a Wonderful Summer!

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### MISSION MORNING TOGETHER

Six Furley ladies traveled to Wichita on Tuesday, June 21st, for a morning of learning more together about two organizations: Victory in the Valley and The Treehouse. Both organizations have received various kinds of assistance from Furley Church in the past year (s).

A few things learned, or were reminded of, from Victory in the Valley include

- Support groups and services are available for men, children, youth and families as well as women.
- Transportation to and from treatments is available for cancer patients at no cost to the patient.
- Eight—seven cents of every dollar donated goes to provide direct help in various ways to cancer patients.

And from the Treehouse.....

- Classes to educate Mom’s on parenting, healthy relationships and spiritual growth are offered
- Mom’s participating in Tree-house programs can earn “bucks” to spend at the house



Thrift store on infant and younger child clothing, or redeem for diapers or formula.

- The donation room is very well organized and clean. Groups of volunteers help sort and prepare the clothing for the thrift store.
- Layettes are provided to each Mom-one per household-to celebrate the new life of the child and honor the Mom's choice to give life.

Both of these organizations serve from a Christ centered heart to share His love with people at their point of need. Each one has very few paid staff. Volunteers are the strength and muscle that keep their ministries moving forward. Training is provided in each organization for volunteers.

The group enjoyed lunch with Pastor Garry and Joyce following our Mission Morning. Ladies attending were Carolyn, Jan L., Lamoyne, Matilda, Vivian and Cheryl.

All agree the morning was informative and inspiring. And, any kind of help Furley Church can provide to either group is well placed to make a positive Christian impact in the Wichita area.







### THANK YOU

Thank you guys so much  
for the card! I'll always  
consider Furley Church  
as a second home!

- Cole Segraves

*Cole Andrew Segraves*

### Thank You Notes

Thank you for all the prayers and thoughts. Thanks for both cards. It means a lot to me. I am doing better. It is a slow recovery, but getting there. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the next First Friday gathering.

Jeff N.



### GREETERS

July 3rd

Jan & Kaedan Lane

July 10th

Denny & Carolyn Hill

July 17th

Debbie & Makenzie Creekmore

July 24th

Gary & Lamoyne Eilert

July 31st

Jan & Kaedan Lane

### USHERS

July 3rd

Randy Koehn & Dick Ewing

July 10th

John Horner & Marvin Spencer

July 17th

Gary Eilert & Ron Buss

July 24th

Keith Slater & Randey Koehn

July 31st

Gary Eilert and Keith Slater

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If anyone has a story or article that can be used in the newsletter please let me know. Always seem to have space to fill with something.

If you would like to help with being a Greeter or Usher Please let Deloris know. Pastor Gary would like to see couples and ladies ushering.



Hello and Goodbye...

It's almost how it feels. I began preaching here last November, sharing duties with Garry Windget; who by the way has been a joy to share duties with, and now it is time for me to go on my way to other things. It seems like I only got here, and I did. But what a wonderful couple of months it has been for me, and I have enjoyed every moment of it. Thank you for sharing your faith journey with me.

As I go, I want to share bit about my new journey. I am currently working with the Hutchinson and Salina District Superintendent, Karen Rice Ratzlaff. Karen and I have known and worked with each other for over 30 years in different capacities. Currently, the Hutchinson and Salina District Superintendent has nearly 120 churches. About 80% of those churches (close to 95 in number) average 50, or less in worship each Sunday morning (post covid). About 50% of all her churches (about 60 churches post covid) have 25 or less in worship each Sunday morning. The District Superintendent is struggling to fill her full-time appointments. There are few people available to cover less than full time appoints. Right now, if a church or churches could afford a ½ time pastor, she would have no one to appoint.

This is not a Great Plains Conference issue, or United Methodist Issue, it is an issue for the North American Churches. Fewer people in worship among all churches, also means fewer people willing to serve in all types of ministry roles.

Let me also compound the situation. The Hutchinson and Salina District Superintendent, combined with the Dodge City, and Hays District Superintendent, together, are now responsible for an area that covers a little over half the state of Kansas, and less than 20 years ago, was covered by 6 District Superintendents.

This is the situation we now find ourselves in. It is the fault of no one person. I would say it is part of the "systemic geopolitical forces at work," whatever that means. We are part of it, but so are a lot of people beyond our reach, and control. The issue now is, "How do we deal with the current realities of our new situation?" It means doing things differently, and smarter.

Let me tell you what we are working on in response to this situation. We are reaching back deep into our Methodist roots of circuit riders. I have been working with Karen, and the pastor of the Salina First UMC, Richard Fitzgerald to create a circuit of churches called the Hutch-Salina Circuit which will be served by lay speakers, class leaders, retired pastors, and the Salina First UMC.

Each church will have a class leader. Class meetings were at the heart of early Methodism. Class Leaders were the leaders of a group of people who gathered to worship, and to hold each other accountable in the ways of discipleship of Jesus Christ. Does that sound suspiciously like the church? Well, it is the church before pastors were appointed. Furley, was probably a class meeting early in its history as it became a church. Furley, eventually became an ordained pastor visiting at least once quarter, serving the sacraments, and conducting official church business. It was not that long ago, many churches only served communion once a quarter. The origin of quarterly communion goes back to the early circuit riders.

My role in this new Hutch – Salina Circuit is that of Class Leadership Coaching. I will help coach the churches, and class leaders through this transition. This model is to make sure that churches have the resources they need to continue their important work of ministry in their areas.

Not long-ago sitting around the table at Furley, one of you all acknowledged, "We are alright the way we are." I don't think that was meant to say that you could not change or adapt, but rather, as a people, you were a people both willing, and capable of carrying out good ministry in the name of Jesus Christ. I furthermore want you to know, I have used you as an example of how powerful a small congregation can be in its area.

I acknowledge, you all have an advantage that many small churches do not. You live close to Wichita where there is a larger number of retired pastors, and lay speakers. I cannot tell you how grateful I am that Garry is able to stay on and be in ministry with you. However, what I recognize in the Furley congregation, is your ability to be disciples in your area: to pray, to worship, to reach out, to minister to the lonely and forgotten, and care not only for yourselves, but for those halfway around the world. You do not have to be big to have big faithfulness in ministry.

As I leave Furley, you will always be a part of me. I will carry your joy, and your faithfulness with me. You have taught me much. I will pray for your continued faithfulness to the mission of Jesus Christ. Thank you for the journey my friends.

Grace and peace...

Quentin

# God's Great Mercy

## July 2022 Scripture Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<sup>1</sup> Read Ephesians 2:4  Our God is rich in mercy	<sup>2</sup> Read Titus 3:5  He saved us because of HIS great mercy
<sup>3</sup> Read 1 Peter 2:10  Once you were not, but now you are. Once you had not, but now you have God's mercy	<sup>4</sup> Read Luke 1:50  His mercy on those who fear him generation after generation	<sup>5</sup> Read Romans 9:15  God said to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy."	<sup>6</sup> Read Romans 9:16  Not on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy	<sup>7</sup> Read Romans 9:23  God waits patiently to make the riches of his glory known to those he gives mercy	<sup>8</sup> Read Psalm 4:1  God will have mercy on me and hear my prayer	<sup>9</sup> Read Psalm 6:9  The LORD has heard my cry for mercy; The LORD accepts my prayer
<sup>10</sup> Read Micah 6:8  Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God	<sup>11</sup> Read Micah 7:18  You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy	<sup>12</sup> Read Psalm 116:1  The LORD heard my cry for mercy. I will call on him for as long as I live	<sup>13</sup> Read Psalm 130:2  LORD, let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy	<sup>14</sup> Read Psalm 143:1, 6  LORD, hear my cry for mercy. I thirst for you	<sup>15</sup> Read Psalm 27:7  Hear my voice, o LORD. Have mercy on me	<sup>16</sup> Read Psalm 130:7  With the LORD there is mercy and plenteous redemption
<sup>17</sup> Read Isaiah 55:7  Let the wicked return to the LORD. He will have mercy upon them	<sup>18</sup> Read 1 Timothy 1:16  God was merciful to me, the worst of sinners	<sup>19</sup> Read Exodus 34:6  I am the LORD God; I am merciful and patient with my people	<sup>20</sup> Read Deut. 4:31  If you turn back to him and obey him completely, he will have mercy on you	<sup>21</sup> Read Hebrews 4:16  Draw near to the throne of grace so you can receive mercy	<sup>22</sup> Read Luke 6:36  Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful	<sup>23</sup> Read 1 Peter 1:3  According to his great mercy he has caused us to be born again
<sup>24</sup> Read 2 Samuel 22:26 You show yourself merciful <sup>31</sup> 2 Samuel 24:14 God's mercy is great	<sup>25</sup> Read Daniel 9:9  To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness	<sup>26</sup> Read Jeremiah 3:12  I am merciful declares the Lord. I will not be angry forever	<sup>27</sup> Read Joel 2:13  Return to the Lord your God for he is merciful	<sup>28</sup> Read Jonah 4:2  I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful	<sup>29</sup> Read Proverbs 28:13  Confess your transgressions and obtain mercy	<sup>30</sup> Read Psalm 23:6  Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all my life



# July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>First Friday Lunch 11:30-12:45</i>	2
3	4 Independence Day 	5	6	7	8	9
10	11  John Horner Lamoyne Eilert Keith & Cheryl Slater (A)	12	13	14	15	16 <i>Lunch prep for Open Door</i>
17	18 <i>Ad. Council 7:00</i>  ** Vivian Smith	19	20	21  Cheryl Slater Randy & Denise Koehn (A)	22  Jared Lane	23
24	25	26	27	28  Carolyn Hill	29	30
31	** Deliver lunches to Open Door  Ladies volunteering @ KK					



# First Friday Community Lunch



Furley United  
Methodist Church

11400 E. 101<sup>st</sup> N

(Corner of Greenwich and 101<sup>st</sup> N)



WHEN: July 1st, 11:30 am – 12:45 pm

*Join us for good food and fellowship!*

*FREE WILL donation for church and community charities.*

## MENU

**Ham Salad, Chicken Salad and  
PB & J Sandwiches,  
Chips, Baked Beans, Salads, Dessert &  
Beverage**



Need a sack lunch to go? Call the church after 9:00 am on July 1st @ 744-0318 to place your order for pick up during serving times. Delivery to home bound upon request, as well.

First Friday Community Lunch is brought to you by Furley Church and the Furley Community. NO First Friday Lunch in AUGUST. Enjoy your summer!