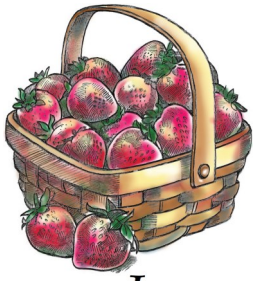

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GOOD WORDS

Jesus Children

"Summer Vacation"

Hebrews 1:10 "And: In the beginning. "Lord, you established the earth, and the heavens are the works of your hands."

It's that time of year again; summer! Summer is a time for star gazing, warm weather, eating hot dogs and hamburgers cooked on the grill, baseball, and time to cool down in the pool.

One of the things many families are able to do during the summer is take a vacation. A time when the grown-ups get to take a break from work and the family gets to spend time together at home or somewhere away from home. It could be a long trip-to the beach of a national park or the state lake. Or your family might go to visit family. The nice thing about a vacation is that it's a break from the normal schedule. It's a time to be together and do things as a family. Everybody needs a vacation, even if it's just a day or two away with your family. But did you know that there is someone who never, ever takes a vacation? God never takes a vacation from loving you and me, from watching over us, from providing for our needs. God is always there to hear our prayers and to give us the love and strength we need.

Aren't you glad God doesn't take a vacation! Even as we get away from our regular activities, let's not take a vacation from spending time with God.

(adapted from www.preaching.com)

LEARNING THE HARD WAY

Pastors have been trained in what is called Clinical Pastoral Education or CPE. I am not certain that very much of the training has changed, so I have been going about pastoral calling on persons in the hospital using that model of ministry. I should have been more aware of what the changes in hospital care meant for pastoral care. We were amazed when our daughter was to have her shoulder replaced and we asked how long she would be in the hospital. "Oh, I won't be in the hospital, that is now out-patient surgery."

So when does the church or pastor interact with a person that has major surgery, but it is out-patient? We do not know how to interact in these situations. Except that I have had a recent experience where I learned the hard way. I have learned that once the surgeon releases you from the hospital, and you go to Home Health, you are actually under the care of your family physician who is supervising the home health providers.

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

Surprises! You might have been told by surgery staff that some things were to be done in their office, but with home health, it was done at home. No, I do not want to go into details, but for me it was a major learning experience. So based on those experiences, I have redesigned the "hospital ministry" to extend to Home Health and maybe beyond.

But ministry can not happen if you are not willing to be open to the fairly important role that we have developed. Connect, communicate, care!!!

Rev. Garry Winget

CHANGES AS OF JULY FIRST.

Pastors Bennett and Winget have been serving as "supply pastors" since last October. That means that they are employed to provide Sunday worship, and a few additional tasks that are negotiated. This has been a rare situation with two ordained elders serving one congregation.

July first, Pastor Winget has been appointed to serve half time as our pastor. It is common for a congregation our size to be served by a pastor that is less than full time. But will there be additional pastoral care available with one half time pastor rather than two Supply Pastors? Yes. In fact the ratio of the time a half time pastor has on a per member basis is far greater that what is available in a full time church. Also, since Pastor Winget is an ordained elder, his experience and education is what would normally be expected of a full time pastor in a large church.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee will meet in a few weeks and develop a plan/schedule for the best use of the pastors time.

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Free Resources

The Great Plains Conference would like to pass along resource material (from the former Resource Center) to churches and individuals to use.

We will have boxes of FREE resources at this year's Annual Conference, June 8-11, 2022 at LaVista, NE.

Please ask your representative attending AC to grab resources for you while they are at Annual Conference.

All materials will be boxed by the author's last name.

Tell them to bring lots of bags and find the bright yellow sign at AC to see what we have to give away!

Julie Kohr (Great Plains Conf.)

Recycle

DAYS

Last names beginning

A thru K = June 7

L thru Z = June 21

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** are allowed in the recycle cart. Go to www.wm.com for all the nitty gritty details on recycling. Thanks for your cooperation!

OPEN DOOR SACK LUNCHES

A huge THANK YOU to all who helped with our Open Door sack lunches in May: Jan, Gary, Matilda, Teresa, Pam, John, Joyce, Candy, Keith, Makenzie and her 4-H Club friends.

Furley UMC partners with the Kechi UMC to provide a lunch delivered the 3rd Monday of each month March through December. 120+ folks are fed each weekday at the Open Door in downtown Wichita.

Your donations of food items and cash move the ministry forward. The sack lunch cupboard is in good supply with peanut butter, jam/jelly, fruit cups and pudding cups to start the summer. Items in short supply are granola bars, fruit bars, cracker packs and small boxes of raisins. If you find these items on sale and can purchase a few for the lunch outreach, please leave them in the church kitchen and clearly mark they are for the sack lunches. Thanks!

Each month we add a little something extra such as socks, gloves, chap stick, etc. May's "little something" was a small toothbrush and toothpaste. A packet of mints, small candies, a scripture, and prayer are part of each lunch, too. The Mission and Outreach team is grateful to the 4_H Club members for assembling these packets at their May meeting.

Saturday afternoon, June 18th @ 4:00 is the next time the lunches will be assembled for delivery on June 20th. Watch Facebook and the bulletin for any changes to this time. Summer weekends get busy! Being flexible is important for our volunteers.

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 at Open Door an opportunity to minister in deeper ways to those who come for help. Be the God of provision to Open Door as the number of people requesting assistance will increase

over the summer months. Use your little lock at Furley church in a big way for the strangers who come to the open Door. In Jesus name, AMEN.

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FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNITY LUNCH

The first Community Lunch in 2 years happened on May 6th, and it was fabulous! PTL for the awesome volunteers who worked together to make lunch happen. And to those who cleaned up and put the pews and everything else back together for Sunday worship, THANK YOU!!

It was great to see many of our regular lunch attendees from 2 years ago return, the gang from Wheat State Manor back at "their table" and many first time dinners, to.

Nurses from Interim Home Health shared briefly about home health, and hospice services they provide. Good information for all. Blood pressure checks were provided, we well. Rev. Bennett and Pastor Garry were introduced to the community. A BIG THANK YOU from the Wheat State Manor table went out to Furley church for all we do to support the manor.

Fried and baked chicken are part of June's menu. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for more details. Lord willing, all can gather in His House for lunch and fellowship as a community on June 3rd. *********

ON GOING SUPPORT FOR ANDOVER TORNADO VICTIMS

The Great Plains Conference Disaster Response Team was activated immediately after the April 29th tornado. Their assistance to organize and support volunteers from all over, in partnership with United Way of the Plains, is what the GPC Disaster Response ministry is all about.

Ongoing financial support of the Great Plains Disaster Response ministry helps these teams stand ready to respond. If you would care to support the GPC Disaster Response ministry, simply designate on your check or offering envelope :GPC DRM" and it will be passed along to the Conference Treasurer.

United Way of the Plains is the fiscal agent for those impacted by the storm. If you know someone impacted, encourage them to register by calling the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS. Donations may be made directly to United Way of the Plains.

- **Text** "teamwork" (one word, no spaces) to 41444 to give on the go from your phone.
- **Mail a check,** payable to United Way of the Plains with "Disaster Relief Fund" on water St., Wichita, KS 67202

You may give through Furley Church, as well, and note "United Way of the Plains" on your memo or offering envelope. Our collective gifts will be passed along to United Way.

Furley Church provided a gift from our Good Samaritan Fund directly to the Andover UMC to help defray increased utility, cleaning, and support expenses shouldered by the church while they served the Andover community.

MID YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

Matthew 6:21 "For where your treasurer is, there your heart will be also."

As your Treasurer, I am blessed beyond measure with your financial faithfulness this year. Offerings to the General Budget are running ahead of last year, as of April 30, Cash Reserves for the General Budget are strong as we enter the summer months. These are blessings, indeed.

As we welcome Pastor Garry Winget and his wife, Joyce to appointed ministry at Furley on July 1st, we will return to providing a salary for our Pastor. Our interim Pastors have had an alternate payment plan in place since mid-October 2021.

The annual audit of church financial records and practices was completed in April. All is well! The required Fund Balance Report has been submitted to our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Mitch Reece.

Summer months are traditionally leaner in attendance and offerings for churches. If you will be traveling or away from worship for other reasons there are options for sharing your tithes and offerings. If you are a user of PayPal, search for Furley United Methodist Church and give electronically. Or mail your offering to our Financial Secretary, Carolyn Hill at 3745 NW Butler Road, Benton, KS. 67017. Offering may be mailed directly to the church as well, to the attention of our Financial Secretary.

What truly blesses my heart as your Treasurer is the generosity directed outside our immediate church. The value of your donations

Bingo prizes for Wheat State Manor, food items for our sack lunches, or clothing given to the Klothes Kloset is immeasurable. Support of Matiko in Tanzania, the Good Samaritan fund, and other special offerings and opportunities for outreach-like the Adopt-A-Teacher effort in June are so exciting to be a part of. I write checks that pass on your blessings from God so another can be blessed, as well. This part of my volunteer work as your treasurer is pure joy! I know, and see, the treasure of your hearts in the love you share in the name of Jesus.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Treasurer. If you have any questions about church finances do not hesitate to reach out to me at cbslater58@gmail.com or 316-737-0038.

These Ladies have volunteered at the Klose Kloset for many years. Carolyn and Deloris started in 2010 . Vivian joined at a later date. We have made a lot of friends there. They are a joy to work with.

Makenzie on Native American Sunday

Greeters

June 5th
Denny & Carolyn Hill

June 12th
Jan & Kaedan Lane

June 19th
Debbie & Makenzie C.

June 26th
Gary & Lamoyne Eilert

Offering Ushers

June 5th
Gary E. & Keith S.

June 12th
Randy K. & Dick E.

June 19th
John H. & Marvin S.

June 26th
Gary E. & Keith S.

Adopt-A-Teacher

A Furley Church Mission Project

In order to show our support and appreciation for the teachers of the Remington School District, the Furley Church Mission & Outreach Team invites you to join us in a mission project entitled Adopt – A – Teacher. Our goal is to see that each teacher receive a $25 gift certificate to help them prepare their classroom for the 2022-2023 school year.

How may you help? From the board in the church, you will select an "identification card" (or multiple cards) from the heading RES, RMS, or RHS. The card will identify a teaching position: A1-A22 are RES teachers; B1-B19 are RMS teachers; and C1-C18 are RHS teachers. Please fill out the card(s) and place the card(s) and your donation in the Offering Plate.

The goal is to have the gift cards to the teachers prior to the start of school when they will be preparing their rooms so you have this giving opportunity during the months of June and July.

Exodus 18:20 *"Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave."*

Thank you in advance for your support of our community

June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 First Friday Community Lunch 11:30-12:45	4
5	6 Volunteering at KK	7	8 .....Annual Conference at LaVista, NE.....	9	10	11 Jessica Koehn
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Sack Lunch Saturday 4 pm Jim & Jan Lane (A)
19 David Day	20 Volunteering at KK Open Door Lunch delivery	21 Marci Herbal	22 Jim Lane	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

God Is GREAT - God Is GOOD

June 2022 Scripture Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Read 1 Chron. 29:11 Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory	2 Read Deut. 10:17 The great, the mighty and the awesome God	3 Read Isaiah 40:26 Lift up your eyes . . . who created these by his greatness?	4 Read Job 37:5 HE does great things that we cannot comprehend
5 Read John 3:16 Our Good God loved the world so much that he gave us his Son, Jesus	6 Read Ephesians 2:8 It is by God's grace - his good, good grace – that we are saved	7 Read Psalm 34:7 He delivers those who fear him	8 Read Nahum 1:7 The LORD is good; He is a refuge in times of trouble	9 Read Psalm 116:5 Our great God is full of compassion	10 Read Psalm 117:2 For Great is his love towards us: the faithfulness of the LORD endures	11 Read Deut. 31:8 The LORD himself goes before you. Do not be afraid or discouraged
12 Read Psalm 107:1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good	13 Read Psalm 10:17 You hear, O LORD, the desire of the afflicted. You encourage them	14 Read 1 Peter 2:4 - 10 The Father has lavished his Great love on us	15 Read 1 Cor. 2:6 - 10 God has prepared wonderful things for those who love him	16 Read Lament. 3:22 Because of God's great love and compassion, we are not consumed	17 Read Psalm 34:8 Taste and see that the LORD is good	18 Read Psalm 111:2 Great are the works Of the LORD
19 Read Psalm 100:4 - 5 Give thanks to the LORD for he is good. His love endures forever	20 Read Philippians 1:6 He who begins a good work in you will see it to completion	21 Read Heb. 13:20,21 Jesus will equip you with all things good for doing his will	22 Read Isaiah 46:4 Our good God will sustain us and carry us in our old age	23 Read Psalm 119:68 You are good, and what you do is good; teach me your decrees	24 Read Psalm 136:1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever	25 Read Psalm 31:19 You have great goodness stored up for those who fear you
26 Read Psalm 23:6 Surely, your goodness and mercy will follow me all the days	27 Read Luke 18:18-19 Jesus answered, "No one is good – except God alone"	28 Read Romans 2:4 The goodness of God leads us to repentance	29 Read John 10:11 The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep	30 Read 1 Timothy 4:4 For everything God created is good		

First Friday Community Lunch

DATE: June 3, 2022

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

SERVING: 11:30 am - 12:45 pm

MENU

Fried Chicken or
Baked Chicken

Baked Beans

Salad

Dessert

Beverage

(The "Chicken Express" will be delivering VERY CLOSE to 11:30. Thanks for your patience.)

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 9 am on June 3rd.

Carry out lunches available.

Free will donations benefit community and church charities.

First Friday lunches are brought to you by the people of Furley UMC and the Furley Community.

See you June 3rd!