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The term connectional did not mean much to me as I entered the ministry. But I was appointed within the connectional system of the United Methodist Church to two congregations that could not survive alone. The model of appointing a pastor to serve more than one congregation has kept many western Kansas churches open. Yes, as the population declines, churches, businesses, schools, and farms consolidate or close, but our connectional system is the best way to serve our world.

When I was appointed as the Executive Minister of United Methodist Urban Ministry in Wichita, there was a struggle going on over the name "Food Bank". What is now the Kansas Foodbank came after we did, and we had the name, but their national connection demanded that they use the name Food Bank. So an argument ensued. It was a bit ugly. The only thing the Bishop said to me was "settle this thing." So I did settle it. Charities have to compete for the community resources in some ways, but I became Mr. Collaboration. We pulled together seven agencies to attack the problem of serving the homeless. There was not a single agency in Wichita that could have gotten the \$7,000,000 federal grant for the homeless, but together we received this multi-year grant and we learned to work together. We connected, the homeless were served!

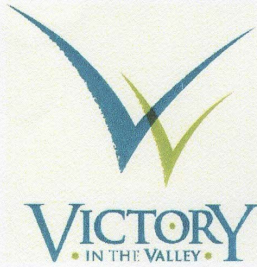
Did you know that in Kansas there are counties that are labeled "frontier counties"? Those are the counties with a population of six or fewer persons per square mile in population. So then it may not be so surprising that many people in Kansas still use "frontier" thinking. We call it radical individualism. This is the self-centered thinking that I do not need help, encouragement, support, even a smile from anyone, I can do it alone. That thinking is contrary to Christianity. In the letter to the Hebrews the scripture says, "Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more." We are a Bible based congregation that is closer to the New Testament model if we meet together. When we connect with one another face to face, we are both stronger and closer to God because we are showing our love for our neighbor.

Advent Special Christmas Eve candlelight service.

Our Christmas Eve service last year was quite nice, and we invited the community since not every congregation has such a service. This year we have planned something very special. We are having the traditional service, plus we have invited the Intrepid Brass to play for us at the service. We have scheduled this at six in the evening so that everyone can come to the service and still have time to share with the family.

GOOD WORDS

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



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November 1, 2022

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Dear Friends:

Thank you so very much for your generous donation in the amount of \$225.00 in groceries and Gift Cards. We are overwhelmingly grateful for your support.

Just last month we had a single mom just diagnosed with extensive cancer come in. She had recently moved to Wichita and was living in an empty apartment with her son waiting for pay day to purchase necessities. She is currently in active treatment and working fulltime to provide a stable home for her son. It is in the best interest of her son to remain at his previous school, so every morning and every afternoon she meets her father to drive him to and from his school and then she goes to work. Never once did she complain about her situation or ask for anything. When I gave her the new patient bag, she was beyond grateful. In offering her a food box she did not have cooking utensils, a microwave or even plates. We gave her a target gift card that helped make it possible to purchase cooking utensils and the things she needed to provide meals for her and her son. As I discussed our additional services that she clearly needed, such as a gas card, she was worried about taking too much and continued to ask what she could do for Victory.

Your donation makes it possible to continue to serve cancer patients and families and to be able to do a little more for those that truly need it. Your giving heart makes a difference in so many lives. Eighty-eight cents of every dollar that you give is used to directly impact patients in our own community and state. You are a blessing.

Blessings,

Diana

Diana Thomi RN, BS
 Executive Director

We love you all!

You can now follow us on Instagram at Victoryinthevalleyict and Facebook at Victory in the Valley, Inc.

*"We make a difference today for someone who's fighting for their tomorrow."
 ~Jim Kelly*

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"SERVING ALL PEOPLE WITH ALL TYPES OF CANCER FOR OVER 39 YEARS"

Rejoice! All Glory to God in the Highest!

December 2022 Scripture Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Read John 17:4 Jesus brought glory to God on earth by finishing the work he was sent to do	2 Read John 17:23 God's glory in Christ has been given to believers for complete unity	3 Read John 17:24 Jesus, loved by God before the creation of the world. Sent to love us and reveal God's glory
4 Read Psalm 79:9 Help us God, our Savior, deliver us for the glory of your name	5 Read Psalm 40:16 May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you	6 Read Psalm 13:5 I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation	7 Read Psalm 13:6 I will sing the LORD's praise, for he has been good to me	8 Read Psalm 9:2 I will rejoice in you and sing the praises of your name	9 Read Psalm 9:11 Sing the praises of the LORD, proclaim all he has done	10 Read Psalm 143:8 Let the morning bring word of your unfailing love. I put my trust in you
11 Read Psalm 33:2,3 Praise the LORD with the harp; Sing to him a new song and shout for joy	12 Read Psalm 33:8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him	13 Read John 3:16 For God so loved the world he sent his one and only Son, Jesus Christ	14 Read Psalm 33:18 The eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him; on those who hope in his unfailing love	15 Read Psalm 33:20 We wait in hope for the LORD: he is our help and our shield	16 Read Psalm 33:21 In him our hearts rejoice; for we trust in his holy name	17 Read Isaiah 9:6 He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father
18 Read Isaiah 9:2 On those living in the land of great darkness a LIGHT has dawned	19 Read Isaiah 9:3 You have enlarged the nation, increased their joy, they rejoice before you	20 Read Isaiah 9:7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end	21 Read Psalm 89:1 I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; I will make his faithfulness known from generation to generation	22 Read Luke 1:17 And he will go on before to turn the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous – to ready a people for the LORD	23 Read Luke 1:30, 31 The angel said to Mary, "Do not be afraid . . . You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus	24 Read Luke 1:46, 47 And Mary said, "My soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant
25 Read Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders	26 Read Luke 2:9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them	27 Read Luke 2:14 Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests	28 Read Luke 2:20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had seen and heard	29 Read Luke 2:30, 31 For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations	30 Read Luke 2:32 A light for the revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel	31 Read Luke 2:38 Anna gave thanks to God and spoke about Jesus to all. Will we do the same in the coming days?

Christmas Worship

Yes, we will have our full worship service Christmas/Sunday morning. There is no better way to celebrate the birth of Jesus than to come and worship Him.

Jesus Children

“Jesus is God’s gift to us.”

Scripture: *Jesus answered, “Go back to John and tell him about the things you hear and see: The blind can see. The crippled can walk. People with harmful skin diseases are healed. The deaf can hear. The dead are raised to life. And the Good News is told to the poor.”* Matthew 11:4-5

Raise your hand if you’re hoping to get socks for a Christmas gift.

There are a lot of gifts that we’re all hoping for—except probably for the socks. May be that some of the most popular gifts will be found under the Christmas tree this year, but those gifts don't compare with the gifts we receive from the Christ of Christmas.

In the scripture above we learn that John, even though he was in prison, was hearing about all the wonderful things Jesus was doing. He sent a message to Jesus by some of his friends. "Ask Jesus if he is the Messiah we have been expecting, or should we continue to watch for someone else?"

When they asked Jesus that question, he answered, “Go back to John and tell him about the things you hear and see: The blind can see. The crippled can walk. People with harmful skin diseases are healed. The deaf can hear. The dead are raised to life. And the Good News is told to the poor.”

If you were blind, what better gift could you receive than to be able to see? If you were crippled, what better gift could you receive than to be able to walk? Jesus is God’s gift to us. Jesus came to earth to give us life -- eternal life! What a gift!

Dear God, thank You for Jesus! We know that every good gift we receive comes from you and the greatest gift is eternal life brought down to us through your Son. Father, we thank you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

(adapted from Sermons4Kids.com)



bring a salad and/or a dessert. If you would prefer to bring a snack that is great. Try out a new recipe on us..That would be wonderful!!!

Some of you might like to remain after the lunch to play cards. That would be a nice fellowship time and we will see that the coffee is hot and the iced tea cool!

Questions? Direct questions to Sarah Smith or Jan Lane.

Furley Church Christmas Lunch
Sunday, December 11th right after church.

If some folks would like to bring a crockpot of a favorite soup, that would be appreciated. Fellowship Committee will provide slider sandwiches. You are welcome to



THE 2022 COMMUNITY LUNCH SEASON WAS FULL OF BLESSINGS

Just over 125 guests and workers gathered on November 4th to share the traditional flavors of Thanksgiving. With carryout meals added in we estimate 140 to 150 actual meals were served. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to every helping hand that made the lunch happen. Blessings on your gift of time and energy.



How much meat was prepared to serve that many meals? Fifty-eight pounds of smoked ham and approx. 90 pounds of turkey. Almost 60 pounds of mashed potatoes were enjoyed, too. But the best part of Community Lunch is the fellowship, the laughter-yes, even with the ladies washing dishes!-and TEAMWORK of church and community folks to prepare food for each lunch, and then clean up afterwards. God is good! There is always room for improvement, something that could be done a little differently to help folks feel welcomed. SO, let's see how God will guide and provide when we come together again in 2023.

The Community Lunch Oversight Team met on November 14th to review lunch practices and finances. After expenses and seed

money for the 2023 lunches, just over \$3,200 will be administered for church needs and poured back into community ministries. These include sharing money with the church Trustee's for carpet cleaning. The Fellowship team will purchase a new roaster or two. Monies will be shared with Wheat State Manor to provide Bingo Cards for residents and a few other "Wish List" items. Other forms of financial outreach are being investigated and will be reported on later. Gifts from the Community Lunch fund are always noted as coming from the "Furley Church and Community." Together, we make a positive Christian difference in the lives of many.

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! Lord willing, we will serve our community again in 2023.



RECYCLE DAYS

Last name beginning...

A thru K = December 20th

L thru Z = December 6th

Recycle Often-Recycle Right!

Go to www.wm.com for details on what can and cannot be placed in the recycle cart.

REMINDERS:

- ⇒ Please wash out all tin cans, glass jars and plastic containers.
- ⇒ Break down cardboard boxes and remove packing tape and labels.
- ⇒ Blacken personal information on prescription bottles before placing in the cart. Lids may be off or on the bottles.

⇒ **No plastic bags** allowed in the cart.

Furley Church recycling is offered to church attendees to encourage environmental stewardship. Waste Management reported just over 15 million TONS of material recycled in 2021, according to their October Sustainability Report, an increase of 300,000 TONS over 2020. The Contamination Rate for 2020 and 2021 was 16%. Reducing contamination of recyclables to 10% by 2025 will be accomplished, according to the report, by technology solutions and customer education. Do your part! Follow the guidelines found at www.wm.com to Recycle Often, Recycle Right. **THANK YOU** for choosing to recycle!



OUTREACH TO OPEN DOOR'S HOMELESS RESOURCE CENTER

Thank you ALL for the donations of cash, food products and TIME to continue this outreach.

December's sack lunch prep weekend will be December 17th and 18th with lunches delivered on Monday, December 19th.

Watch the bulletin and Facebook for sack lunch prep dates and times.

Furley UMC partners with the Kechi UMC to provide sack lunches to the clients of Open Door one day a month. Each lunch includes 2 sandwiches-ham salad and PBJ-a fruit cup, granola or cereal bar, a packet of cheese crackers, fruit snacks, string cheese, pudding cup, etc. A packet with peppermints and a small candy, a

napkin, spoon and scripture card are included, as well. PLUS, each month a "little extra" is shared in the lunches. Novembers "Little Extra" was a small bar of soap and 2 nickel sized wash cloth coins that enlarge when palaced in water. Gray crew socks will be included in the December lunches.

Open Door serves 130-150 individuals each weekday, Furley Church provides 70 sack lunches each month. Federal holidays fall on the 3rd Monday in January and February. Open Door is closed on those days. Lord willing, Furley Church will resume the sack lunch outreach in March 2023.

GREETERS

December 4th

Debbie & Makenzie Creekmore

December 11th

Gary & Lamoyne Eilert

December 18th

Jan & Kaedan Lane

December 25th

Dick & Deloris Ewing

USHERS

December 4th

Ron Buss & Keith Slater

December 11th

Marvin Spencer & Roger Tallman

December 18th

Gary Eilert & Randy Koehn

December 25th

Ron Buss & John Horner

COUNTING TEAM

December 4th

Jan Lane & Ron Buss

December 11th

Ron Buss & Keith Slater

December 18th

Keith Slater & Pam Horner

December 25th

Jan Lane & Pam Horner

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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.

THANK YOU

Dear Furley Community and Church,

With appreciation for the special blessing you've been.

We appreciate all of the love you have shown to us through the many years as we have been a part of the Furley Community. Your many cards, phone calls, messages, and visits have certainly helped us through life. Thank you all very much!

God Bless!

Don and Marilyn



Dan Smith and the Quilt he was presented with.

The Quilts of Valor Organization was started on the East Coast in 2003 by Catherine Roberts whose son was serving in the Military in Iraq. After having a dream about lifting the spirits of a war-weary soldier by wrapping him in a quilt, she started these quilts in her home. They would be top quality, an equivalent of the Purple Heart Award, and the quilts being honored for this service.

From that first quilt made and presented in November of 2003, the movement gradually spread across the nation and beyond through word of mouth, and the internet. Today, nearly 300,000 quilts have been presented, and that number changes daily. After today, our little group will have made 101 of these quilts.

In the beginning, the quilts were only presented to those who were wounded while in service, and only those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. But then it was realized that not all wounds are visible, and that service men and women were serving worldwide, so now quilts are presented to veterans in all branches of service, and in all areas of the world.

The quilts are made to specific guidelines: There is a minimum size, and a maximum size. They are to be made of good quality, 100% cotton, quilted on a long arm sewing machine, with binding applied and hemmed by hand. A label with the veteran's name on it is to be attached to the quilt, and they must be present. A coordinating pillowcase is to be included with the quilt.

While there are size regulations for the quilt, any pattern and colors can be used. Our quilters have preferred to stay with patriotic colors. The Mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation Statement is: To cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts of Valor.



Trick or Treat Street in Whitewater



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Congratulations to Cole Segraves, Hutch Blue Dragon kicker. He was named to the 1st Team all KJCAA football team. On November 12th Hutch beat Western Iowa 29-28. Undefeated season. Cole kicked 2 Pats and a Field Goal of 44 yards. He is now 48/49 Pats 13/18 Field goals, long 46 yards. Total points for the season is 87. On December 3rd Hutch plays in the playoffs.

Cole is the grandson of Dale and Pat Segraves.



December 14th
@ the Church

6:45 p.m.

Bring a snack to share.



**“With Great Anticipation We Await Our Savior’s Birth”
2022 Furley Church Advent Mission Project**

Benefiting: Sunlight Children’s Home (El Dorado)
and The Treehouse (Wichita)
Donation Sundays: December 4th, 11th and 18th

Sunlight Children’s Home requests adult sizes of pajamas, socks and underwear. Donations for small children arrive but the teenagers are often overlooked.

The Treehouse is in need of disposal diapers size 5 and 6 and for formula – Similac Advance, Sensitive &/or Soy formula.

Thank you for your generosity to these organizations that serve children of our area.

Isaiah 7:14 “Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.”

December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Deloris Ewing
4 Donation Sunday Denny & Carolyn Hill (A)	5	6 Recycle L-Z	7	8 Makenzie Creekmore	9	10
11 Donation Sunday Christmas Dinner @ church	12	13	14 Caroling Party 6:45 @ church bring a snack and sing-a-long	15	16	17 Sack lunch prep Missy Hays
18 Donation Sunday Sack lunch prep	19 Sack lunch delivery to Open Door	20 Recycle A - K Mary Ann Covalt	21 Wheat State Manor Christmas Service 7:00	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service @ 6:00
25 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL Worship the New Born King @ 10:45 a.m.	26	27 Sarah Smith	28	29	30	31 New Year Eve Debbie Creekmore

