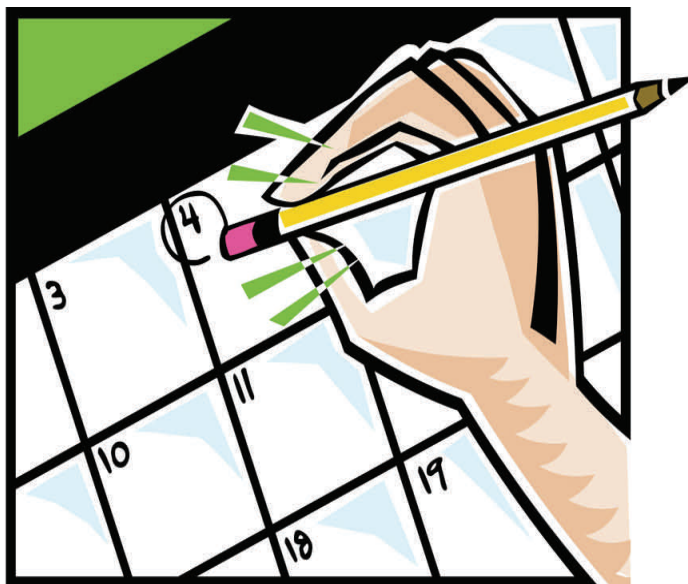


Summer is Here



*Keep Christ In Your
Plans & Appointments*



Inspiring•Inviting•
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First United Methodist Church
Growing disciples to reach others for
Christ

I just returned from a week-end near Branson, MO celebrating the 90th birthday of Brenda's mother together with our children and grandchildren. We had a wonderful 2 ½ days together in the beautiful Ozark Mountains. We have wonderful memories of that whole area. We used to go there when our children were smaller and when we were living in Tulsa, Oklahoma. It is always fun to go back and extra special to be together as a family that has grown in numbers.

One morning while I was there I got up early and went for a walk. I was awestruck by the beauty of that area. The trees were in full bloom and multiplying as I walked. The hills were steep and the air was fresh and invigorating. My mind quickly flashed back to when we lived in Montana and experienced similar outdoor blessings.

As I walked, I enjoyed breathing in the fresh cool Ozark Mountains air. My heart was rejoicing in the beauty of God's creation and the grace of the Lord Jesus. I was reminded how as Christians we are called to be followers who breathe grace into the lives of others. But first we must breathe God's grace into our own lives. The peace of God transcends all understanding and fills our hearts with mercy, kindness, genuine care, and abiding love. We can no longer stop breathing grace than a person can stop breathing air because grace is the air that we breathe.

Our prayers should include breathing grace in: the one true holy God sent his Son to die for me. Oh what forgiving grace. I worship you!

Breathing grace out: And now, dear Lord, as I head into my day – let the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ be the heartbeat of my life. Use me today for your glory and for the furtherance of your Kingdom. Please help me treat others not as they deserve – but as you treat me. Thank you, Lord.

Dear friends: let every breath we take and every word we speak today be filled with the grace of Jesus.

Pastor Doug
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Church Bus Drivers Needed

We are in need of bus drivers for the summer. There is a sign up sheet on the table in fellowship foyer if you would drive the bus on Sunday's. If you would like to drive and your name is not listed on our insurance please contact the church office so we can sign you up.

Sunday, May 29. Scott and Mary Beth Davies will be welcomed as new members at First UMC. They are transferring their membership from Asbury UMC in Wichita.

Also, Meagan Davies will be informing the congregation of her summer plans which include study and mission trips.

BAZAAR 2011 UPDATE

Mark your calendar for our next Bazaar Workshop. Wednesday, June 15, at 1:30.



NEW PROJECT: Favorite Cookie Recipe Book ... celebrating our 45th Bazaar.

Share a couple of your very favorite cookie recipes for our book. We want to have samples of some of the cookies for our shoppers to taste Bazaar Day, Saturday, November 5th.

Favorite
Cookie

Recipe Book Eleanor Schirer has so willingly agreed to type our recipe book.

You can get your recipes to Eleanor or email her eleanorschirer@att.net or email recipes to the church info@firstchurchnewton.org We appreciate your participation. Deadline to get your recipes in is **Monday, August 1st**.

WE STILL WANT YOUR UNWANTED TREASURES...YOUR COSTUME JEWELRY ... you no longer want or wear.

The Bling gals are looking forward to displaying another extravaganza for our Shoppers.

It is never too late to share your ideas to help make this 45th Annual Bazaar a day to remember.

Thank you and God Bless.

UMW Meets Wednesday, June 1

UMW is having a carry in lunch at 12 noon on June 1st before our regular meeting. UMW members please bring a dish to share. Connie Andrews is in charge on the program on Mission/Evangelism.

Connect, Serve, & Grow ~ ~ *By Roy Pumphrey, Minister of Ministries*

[To him who] ¹¹ brought Israel out from among [the Egyptians]

His love endures forever.

¹² with a mighty hand and outstretched arm;

His love endures forever." Psalm 136:11-12 (NIV)

Many of you are planning vacations as summer begins. Wanda and I already took some time away the first part of May. We went to Germany to visit Cara, Angelo, and granddaughters Lillian and Hannah-Elaine (who are nearly 6 and 4 years old). While there we hiked some in Sächsische Schweiz (Saxony Switzerland) in southeast Germany. Angelo had been to Sächsische Schweiz before, but not in the area we hiked. The granddaughters were eager to climb on some rocks. And did they ever get to climb some rocks. We ended up on a trail going up the mountain with the name Wilde Hölle (Wild Hell). Up and down the mountain took about 6 ½ hours. Lillian and Hannah-Elaine hiked the whole way. (Fortunately, the way down was much easier than the way up.)

On the way up we encountered some challenging climbing (and hanging on) for the adults. In this section of the climb, Angelo guided, protected, taught, encouraged, and protected Lillian and Hannah-Elaine as they hung on to the handholds and toeholds and crawled and scooted along the rocks.

In this section both girls listened and obeyed instructions. They trusted their father to be there for them. As a result they not only made it through this most challenging area experiencing a sense of accomplishment and joy.

In similar fashion, God's mighty hand and outstretched arm will bring us through challenges we face, if we too trust, listen, and obey.



MISSION MOMENTS ~ ~ *by Jay Anderson*

We want to thank all the people who made commitments at the Global Impact Celebration, whether it was to a financial faith promise (46), to a career church related ministry(3), to a short term mission trip (16), to local missions work (36), to praying consistently for missions and missionaries (45), and to help others go on mission trips (28).

If you would like a list of suggestion on how to pray for missions and missionaries, or want a list of short term mission opportunities, contact the church office. If you want a list of local mission opportunities call Lois at 284-0940.

May the Lord Jesus help you as you seek to fulfill these commitments.

A man knows when he is growing old
because he begins to look like his father.
Gabriel Garcia Márquez



CUB SCOUTS

Cub Scout Update

On May the 2nd the Pack crossed 3 boys in to the Boy Scout Troop 111. All 3 boys received their Arrow of Light award, which is the highest you can receive in Cub Scouts. We held a couple pop corn fundraisers in April to

help these boys make it to summer camp.

May 5th we held a recruiting day. 5 boys came & 3 signed up. Scouts fees are \$27.00 for registration & boys life magazine. If anyone would be interested in sponsoring a boy through scouts please contact Mary Smith.(see below)

Our new boys start their fundraising efforts May 23rd, selling Subway coupons for \$5.00 valued at \$65.00 & Papa Johns cards buy one get one good for a whole year for \$10.00. Thank you for your support!

Mary Smith

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Beverly Stigge, Choir Director
Barry Fulmer, Praise Team Leader
David Portlock, Custodian



New office hours

Beginning June 1 the church office will be **closed on Fridays.**

Office hours will be

Monday —Thursday 8:30—4:30 pm. Closed Friday. Information for the bulletin and Door will need to be into the office by Wednesday of that week. Thank you.



We will be doing a Pictorial Directory this summer. Dates for pictures will be August 12 and 13. September 6, 7, and 8. Keep these date in mind. We will begin signing up in July.

The June Newton Ministerial Alliance meeting was hosted by FUMC. The election of officers included the election of Pastor Doug Tofteland as the president of the ministerial from 2012-2013.