

Planning for Summer Finances

When you are making your summer plans, don't forget your offering to the church. The expenses, like the utility bills, still have to be paid, even when some of the people from the congregation are away on vacation.

Did you know you could sign up to have an automatic withdrawal from your account go right to the church?

See the church office if you want more information.



Open Door Update

Open Door Ministry has moved to a new location on east 21st Street in Wichita. They have a wonderful facility there with lots of space, plenty of parking (if you've worked there, you know how exciting that is!) and a fresh new clean look and environment. They renovated an old building and are now able to do several of their previously scattered services out of that space. They move a lot of food through there and serve many people.

The next scheduled trip is set for September 11, so be thinking about if this is something you would like to do. If you have questions talk to LaRita Claassen.

Summer Study

The annual summer study will begin on Wednesday, June 14.

Time 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

We will be using material from the Bible Project

(www.thebibleproject.com.)

We will examine the grand biblical story from Genesis to Revelation.

Please let Roy Pumphrey know if you are interested in participating or if you have questions.

Changes of Plans for Summer

The church elevator is out-of-order. It will take over \$30,000 to fix it. We have had to re-think what events can happen in the church building, until the elevator can be repaired.

The garage sale that had been scheduled for this summer has been cancelled.

Worship will continue to be held in the Fellowship Hall for the next several weeks.

"Rejoicing With Our Friends at Newton FUMC"

Philippians 4:4-5

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near."

We are reminded by Paul of the importance of rejoicing together. Sometimes we are told once but here he tells us twice.

I love the part of this scripture that says, "the Lord is near." It is such "good news" to know and sense the nearness of God. . . (wherever we live, whatever our circumstances). This reminds me of the role of Jesus Christ as the Good Shepherd. *"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters ."* (Psalm 23:1) This, too, is a wonderful truth that never gets old, never fails to move and uplift me! It makes me so grateful and is always something to rejoice about!

We rejoice in the goodness of the Lord in our seven years of ministry at Newton First. God has been faithful in many ways and we give the glory to Him. We were blessed by your love and support in many ways. We will continue to pray for all of you in the weeks and years ahead. We ask for your prayers as well. May Christ bless you with peace as you continue loving Him, serving one another and reaching out into this community and area in His name.

Remember to rejoice and then do it again! It's a great habit for all of us to develop!

May the blessings of Christ be upon you.

With love and gratitude,

Pastor Doug & Brenda Tofteland

Changes Coming

We received a letter from the Hutchinson District Superintendent, Dennis Livingston.

July 1, 2017, three congregations will align themselves into a new three point charge. First Church will have the pastor 1/2 time. Walton and Eastside of Newton will each get the pastor 1/4 time.

The new pastor will live in the First Church Newton parsonage.

Amos McCarthy is the name of our new pastor. He graduated in 2007 with an M.Div. at Payne Theological Seminary in Wilberforce, Ohio. He is looking forward to the Lord's blessings as we all grow together in the Lord.

Country Profile

A Glimpse of Mexico

Number of People: 118,395,000

Main Language: Spanish

Main Religion: Christianity

Total Number of Languages: 286

Number of Languages. . .

Without any of the Bible: 90

With part of the Bible: 51

With a New Testament: 124

With a whole Bible: 21

From Wycliffe Translators

You can make a difference in countries like Mexico by joining the prayer team. Pray for ongoing translation project in Mexico. Pray for the remaining languages that still likely need Bible translation to begin.

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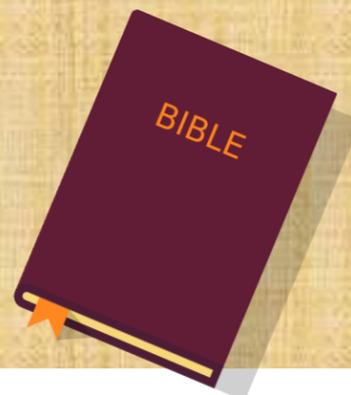


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The Great Plains United Methodist
Annual Conference will be held in
Nebraska June 7-10, 2017.

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June 18 is Father's Day

“A father is someone you look up to,
no matter how tall you grow.”

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Growing disciples to reach others for
Christ