

# United Methodist Church



## September

2024



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**Office hours**  
**Tues-Thurs**  
**Summer Hours**  
**9am –1:00 pm**  
**754-4247**

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The last couple of weeks have once again reminded me of the importance of our faith and being surrounded by a strong faith community. Whether it is simply a difficult time in life, when things just don't seem to be going our way, or it is a major life event or crisis, such as a health crisis or even an unexpected death in a family, to have a faith that can sustain us and give us hope is such an important part of our Christian life.

When we gather as a people of faith, for worship, for fellowship, for prayer, or for meals, it strengthens our faith. We learn to see God's presence in our own lives through hearing God's word. In sharing our lives and our stories, the places where God is at work in our struggles and in our triumphs, and hearing those of others, our hearts, ears, and eyes become more attuned to God's work in the world.

The importance of a faith community is not only limited to how we grow in our faith and knowledge of God and of his son Jesus Christ. Its importance is lived out in many ways, and most are not complicated. They can be: surrounding one another in prayer; phone calls and text messages to check-in; delivering a meal; sending a card; getting the mail for someone who is out of town; setting out a trash can; coming together to set up chairs or tables; or gathering to celebrate an accomplishment or to celebrate a life.

I am thankful for my faith and the faith communities that I have been surrounded by over the years, including this one. I hope that you have experienced this faith community as a place to grow in your faith and as a community of celebration and care. I hope that you continue to do the simple, yet significant work of being a community of faith and reminding one another of the presence of God in our lives.

On September 8th, our church will be providing worship at our local nursing homes. We will be at Brookefield Park Chapel at 1:30pm, Brookefield Memory Care Unit at 2pm, and at Matelyn Retirement Center at 2:30 pm. It would be wonderful to have several members of our congregation to worship with these residents. September 8th is also Grandparent's day.

On a personal note, our family would like to thank you for all of your prayers and support in the death of my grandfather, Jim McCubbin.

**Pastor Nicole**

# September

<b>1st</b>	Worship 10 am– Communion Children’s Church during worship	<b>15th</b>	Adult Sunday School 9am Worship 10 am Children’s Church during worship Fall Ministries Celebration
<b>2nd</b>	Labor Day	<b>18th</b>	St. Paul Youth Group 6:30pm
<b>4th</b>	Christmas Cheer meeting 1pm St. Paul Youth Group Kick off Night- 6:30pm	<b>19th</b>	Community Office Hrs– 9:30-11:30am Location TBD
<b>5th</b>	Community Office Hrs– 9:30-11:30am Pastor Nicole will be at Bedhead	<b>21st</b>	UMC helps at the Food Pantry 9-11am
<b>8th</b>	Adult Sunday School 9am Worship 10 am Children’s Church during worship Matelyn & Brookefield services in the afternoon	<b>22nd</b>	Adult Sunday School 9am Worship 10 am Children’s Church during worship
<b>10th</b>	UWF Meeting– 1:30pm Special Guest Speaker- All are Welcome!	<b>25th</b>	St. Paul Youth Group 6:30pm
<b>11th</b>	St. Paul Youth Group 6:30pm	<b>26th</b>	NO Community office hours today
<b>12th</b>	Community Office Hrs– 9:30-11:30am Location TBD	<b>29th</b>	Adult Sunday School 9am Worship 10 am Children’s Church during worship
<b>14th</b>	Church clean up Work Day- 10:00am	<b>30th</b>	Admin Council meeting 7pm

## Fall Ministry Celebration

Mark your calendars for a ministry celebration to be held Sept. 15 during the Sunday service. During the sermon, some of the various church ministry leaders share the impact of their ministries. Some of these ministries are Sunday School (adult or school age), Youth Group, choir, home group communities, Christmas Cheer, and UWF.

After the service, please join us for a free meal, catered by Kats Meat-N-Stuff and sponsored by the home group host couples.

Dessert will include brownies and soft serve ice cream. It's a time to relax, visit, and enjoy each other's company. Ministry area leaders will be on hand to visit with you or answer questions you might have about the ministries.



### *New Church Member*

Please welcome a new member to the church,  
Sheila Studley.

Sheila became a member by transfer on August 11th during worship.

*Welcome!*



## August Attendance

August 4th:	50 In-person 19 Views/YouTube
August 11th:	47 In-person 37 Views/YouTube
August 18th:	71 In-person 42 Views/YouTube
August 25th:	60 In-person 27 Views/YouTube

## August Offering Totals

August 4th:	\$4,270
August 11th:	\$2,297
August 18th:	\$501
August 25th:	\$1,293



### United Methodist Church Prayer Chain

The purpose of the prayer chain is to offer special prayers for individuals in critical need. The chain cannot be activated without the permission of the family in need. Call prayer requests to the church office 754-4247. The prayer request will be called to the first person on these lists. Each caller then calls the next person on the list. If that person is unavailable, a call should be placed to the following name and contact made with the first party later in the day. Last name on list does not call anyone. We are in need of more people joining the prayer chain. Praying for each other is an important ministry that we can do for our church family.

If you would be interested in becoming part of this mission, please contact the church office.

We are in need of more people joining the prayer chain. All you have to do is pray for someone as the requests are made. **Please consider this request to help.**

Marilyn Wall	754-5100	Martha Voigt	754-4666	Jackie Cook	754-9115
Deb Wells	754-5620	Darla Voigt	750-1401	Charlene Craig	754-5503
Nancy Harrington	750-0279	Rose Ross	754-4993	Mary Ann Rickertsen	754-4038
Theda Van Horn	754-4541	Cherri & Scott Klingensmith	750-0615	Mary Pearson	308-219-0060
Cleo Edwards	754-4853	Charlotte Rasmussen	308-863-2281	Brenda Starkey	750-7967
Nancy OR Mike McCarthy	750-2117-Nancy (775)-830-9521 -Mike			Lory Thomsen	754-4286



## Teacher's Prayers

At St. Paul United Methodist Church, we have made a commitment to our local schools. This has stemmed from both the commitment the Great Plains Annual Conference (Kansas and Nebraska) of the United Methodist Church made entering into partnerships with public schools in their communities to support schools, teachers, and students and our own desire to support the schools, teachers, and students to see our community and world transformed in positive ways.

St. Paul United Methodist Church has several ways that we hope to fulfill this commitment and find new ways to partner with our schools. This year, our congregation is praying for the teachers, administrators, and staff of schools by name, each for a week. If you know of teachers from our congregation that teach at other districts or substitute teachers that would not be listed on the St. Paul district website, please let

Pastor Nicole or the church office know so we can add them to our teacher prayers. Thank You!

**Each Sunday, we will begin praying for the following teachers:**

**September 1- Robert Hazen, Heidi Hiebner, Kelli McClellan**

**September 8- Krystal Barg, Trish Berggren, Andrea Eacker, Kathy Herbig, Sue Knapp**

**September 15- Jessica Usasz, Connie Lothrop, Mandy Richter, Courtney Griebel**

**September 22- Tamie Tomlinson, Melody Becker, Daylene Fox, Jenna Wilshusen, Macken Loofe**

**September 29th- Lacey Bowder, Kylie Mohling, Kellie Seward, Jacquelyn Fitzgerald, Kali Volk, Allyson Wilson**

**October 1- Stephanie Palacz, Chris Thede, Rayann Wales, Marcia Kauk, Janet Stamp, Ashley Weber**



## Baptism



On August 18th, Gentry James Ross was baptized during worship service.

Gentry is the son of Zach Ross and Jordan Norman.



## Volunteers Needed!

### **FALL CLEAN UP WORK DAY**

*There will be a clean up work  
day at the church on  
September 14th.*

*Work will start at 10:00am!*

**Any questions, please call Doug Voigt at  
308-750-3973**

## **Disaster Response News**

Over the past Two years in the Great Plains United Methodist Conference we were blessed to not experience wide-spread and destructive natural disasters. That pattern has ended. Since January 1, 2024, we have experienced a larger number of disasters that have left so many in our communities in need of assistance. Our volunteers have been on the ground responding. We continue to respond in the Long-Term Recovery process with the Nebraska and Kansas tornadoes and a Kansas flooding event.

An important piece of our ministry of compassion and care is our Disaster Response Assistance Fund. This fund is generated by the faithful donations from individuals and local churches in our conference. One hundred percent of donations goes toward the need of the survivor. In a typical year we normally receive around 50 applications for assistance. Since the first of this year we have received 153 request. Our conference disaster response team has been faithful to be good stewards of our funds. With the larger than normal request, our assistance fund is depleted. Currently we have 20 applications that we cannot fund. Your support is needed to allow us to continue to be a source of hope and healing for survivors. You can donate by going to:

<https://gp-reg.brtapp.com/GPDisasterFund>

Thank you for your prayerful support for our ministry.  
Responding Together,  
Rev. Hollie Tapley  
Conference Disaster Response & UMVIM Coordinator  
Great Plains United Methodist Conference



Sept 1	Connie Nickel	Sept 12	Marian Odabasi
Sept 5	Bob Rasmussen	Sept 16	Zach Ross
Sept 7	Angela Jameson	Sept 22	Delaney Jennings
Sept 8	Sue Nielsen	Sept 24	Kyle Thomas
Sept 8	Levi Syring	Sept 25	Tjade Rodocker
Sept 8	Stacy Vogel	Sept 27	Angie Eytcheson
Sept 9	Tatum Syring	Sept 29	John Gebhardt
Sept 10	Cadence Stark	Sept 29	Brenda Thompson
Sept 10	Chip Coslor	Sept 30	Tom Powell



Sept. 8	Brandon & Jennifer Mitteis
Sept. 10	Damon & Kylee Poss
Sept. 18	Kyle & Carrie Thomas
Sept. 24	Jeremiah Eck & Nicole Schwartz-Eck

**United Methodist Church of St. Paul**  
**MISSION STATEMENT**  
**'Making and Nurturing Disciples'**



### Put Your House in Order - Kearney

Nebraska United Methodist Foundation would like to invite you to its 2nd annual "Put Your House in Order" event on Friday, October 11th at Kearney First UMC. This educational workshop with breakout sessions is for both clergy and laity. Topics include information on how to grow church membership, tax advantages in retirement plans and how to plan your own individual estate. You will also have an opportunity to speak to an estate planning attorney and complete your estate documents, if you choose.

To RSVP or for more information, please go to:

<https://www.numf.org/join-us-october-put-your-house-order-kearney-ne>



## Sunday

**Worship time 10:00 a.m.**

### Adult Bible Study

Sunday morning 9:00 am  
 -starts Sept 8th

### Children's Education

Sunday School 11:00 am.  
 -during Worship service-  
 starts Aug. 25th



## Nursing Home services

On Sunday, Sept. 8th, Pastor Nicole will visit both Brookefield and Matelyn in St. Paul to do worship services. Anyone is invited and encouraged to come to these services. They are scheduled as follows:

**Brookefield Park** at 1:30pm in the Chapel, then at 2:00pm in their memory unit, and at **Matelyn Retirement Center** at 2:30pm.

## UWF Guest Speaker

At the next UWF meeting on Sept. 10th, there will be a special speaker. Brenda Klanecky Wells will be there to give a presentation on Alzheimer's and the mental decline in the elderly. This presentation will begin at 2:30pm on the 10th.

*Everyone is invited* to come to this meeting for this presentation.



## FOOD PANTRY

Please consider donating items for the Howard Greeley Food pantry.



The **Food Pantry** here in St. Paul is always looking for food donations. Please help us stock the shelves. Any food or paper item is accepted but these items are in high demand every month.

Hamburger Helper	Pudding
Brownie mixes	Jello
Cookies	Canned fruit- any kind
Bar Soap	Cereal
Pork and Beans	Frosting
Crackers (Salad & Soup- Saltines)	
Laundry Soap	Shampoo/Conditioner
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste	Toilet Tissue
Flour	Ketchup/Mustard
Juice-any kind	Pie Crusts
Mayo	Pancake Mix/Syrup
Spaghetti Sauce	
Salad Dressings (Ranch/Dorothy Lynch)	
Dish Soap	

### Food Pantry

The United Methodist Church is responsible for operating the Food Pantry every third Saturday from 9-11 am. If you could volunteer to help any one of these Saturdays, it would be greatly appreciated.

**September 21st** is the next work date. Precautions are taken to insure the health and protection of both the worker and the consumer.

Thank you, Theda Van Horn

### Food Pantry hours

Saturday	Tuesday
9:00-11:00 am	4:00-6:00 pm

February is the month for United Methodist Church to donate to the Food Pantry.





# UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

United Women in Faith met August 13th, 2024 at 1:30pm. The meeting was opened by Charlene Craig, Co-President.

**Attending were:** Carol, Cleo, Marilyn, Darla, Cheryl, Deb, Jackie, Theda, Charlene, Ursula and Pastor Nicole. Everyone recited the UWF Purpose.

**Devotions:** Theda Van Horn

**Minutes** of the previous meeting were read by Ursula Sorlie and they were approved without corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** given by Jackie Cook. Balance on hand **\$991.73**.

New district has new Financial Representative.

**Correspondence:** Letter received by Jackie regarding new group called "Building Blocks" who deal with foster care and are seeking donations for Christmas. Was read and discussed with a unanimous consensus to not support at this time. Will focus on local needs.

**Old Business:** Charlene watched "Loneliness Epidemic" and the main point made was to reach out to each other. Mission U Conference explored how we can know God as an intimate friend.

**New Business:** Started Corsage for Missions Fundraiser. Pastor went to teacher's luncheon and discussed the need for more church support for teachers. Thank you for the school supplies collected for the students. Outreach to members at Matelyn, Brookefield and Shut-ins— Rose has volunteered. Pastor needs volunteer to accompany her to Matelyn, Brookefield and Shut-ins for first time visits. Rose has volunteered. Discussed separating flowers left in church following funerals. Will separate and divide into small vases and deliver to Nursing Home residents. Ursula and Deb will be the designates to do this. Community Outreach by Church discussed. Cheryl and Darla will meet to discuss ideas and share with UWF.

**Lesson** was given by Cleo about her granddaughter's journey with MS. Shared her overcoming her health issues and becoming a sought after artist. She shared books she illustrated and picture she painted. The presentation was an example of how God is always there to give us strength and helping our time of need.

Meeting adjourned.

**Lunch** was served by Marilyn.

**Next meeting:** Sept. 10th, 2024 at 1:30pm.

**Lesson:** Brenda Klanecky Wells will give presentation about Alzheimers and mental decline in the elderly.

**Devotions:** Deb

**Lunch:** Carol

- Ursula Sorlie



United Women in Faith (UMW)

The next meeting of the  
UWF will be on  
**September 10th at 1:30pm.**  
All ladies are welcome!



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