

# United Methodist Church



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Hello church family! As I write this newsletter article, I can't help but think about all the awesome things going on in our church and our community. I have been to two clergy gatherings in the last 2 weeks. The first was continuing education at Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, KS. There were about 1500 pastors and leaders from 517 churches in 44 states plus Korea and Uganda. While we were there, we learned from one another and our speakers and were encouraged and inspired by worship and one another's stories. I am looking forward to sharing different parts of what I learned while I was there.

This week, I attended a Central Nebraska District (formerly Prairie Rivers District) clergy gathering. One of the questions we were asked to answer during our introductions was, "What is one thing that is unique, special, or exciting that is going on in the congregation that you serve?" I had a hard time with the question because I had a lot to choose from. It's a joy to have too many things to share! Small groups, worship, service, prayer, youth, children's church, living our faith in the community- I could have gone on and on! As I think about all of the awesome things going on, I also have to recognize that there are some really hard and heart breaking things going on in our world, too. The continued issue of school shootings and threats of violence breaks my heart. The continued impact of natural disasters and concerns for those who are living the aftermath of Hurricane Helene weighs heavily on my heart. The realities of those who are living in war torn areas and the recent attacks in the Middle East makes me thankful for the relative safety that surrounds me while giving me pause to be concerned for our world. I also look around and see the widening divide in our country, communities, and even families due to political and ideological differences. I see increasing inability to treat people with dignity and respect even when we disagree. In all of these things, though, I remember that there is power in prayer and that God is in the midst of all of those situations.

I am also reminded that God has called us to use our lives, voices, and resources to be instruments of hope, comfort, and change. One way that we can do this is by joining with United Methodists worldwide in supporting the United Methodist Committee on Relief as they respond to disasters. In this newsletter, you will find information about contributing to their Hurricane Helene efforts. Another way that our church will be living into this calling is by joining with other churches around the United States in the Campaign for Kindness with our Do Unto Others sermon series which begins October 6th and will continue through November 3rd. Based on Matthew 7:12, the scripture often called "The Golden Rule" this sermon series will "challenge us to engage in conversation and seek to create whatever common good we can with our relatives, friends, and neighbors who we might consider to be on the "other side" politically and ideologically. As we attempt to come together, the idea is not that we are obliterating either one or trying to change each other, but rather we discover the beauty that can be created when we work together to make the world a better place." As those who follow Christ, we are called to cultivate kindness, compassion, humility, respect, and love for one another and for the good of all the world, no matter what, and we will be looking at many of those scriptures that give us that call.

**Pastor Nicole**



# October



2nd	St. Paul Youth Group 6:30pm	17th	Community Office Hrs– 9:30-11:30am Location TBD
3rd	Community Office Hrs– 9:30-11:30am Location :The Den	19th	UMC helps at the Food Pantry 9-11am
6th	Adult Sunday School– 9am Worship 10 am– Communion World Communion Sunday (offering) Children’s Church during worship	20th	Adult Sunday School 9am Worship 10 am- Baptism Children’s Church during worship
9th	St. Paul Youth Group 6:30pm	23rd	St. Paul Youth Group 6:30pm
10th	Community Office Hrs– 9:00-10:15am Location: Bedhead	24th	Community Office Hrs– 9:30-10:30am Location TBD Central NE Connecting Council meeting at church- 11am-1pm
13th	Adult Sunday School 9am Worship 10 am Children’s Church during worship Brookefield & Matelyn services in the afternoon	27th	Adult Sunday School 9am Worship 10 am Children’s Church during worship
14th	Admin Council meeting 7pm	30th	St. Paul Youth Group 6:30pm
15th	UWF Meeting– 1:30pm	31st	Community Office Hrs– 9:30-11:30am Location TBD
16th	St. Paul Youth Group 6:30pm		

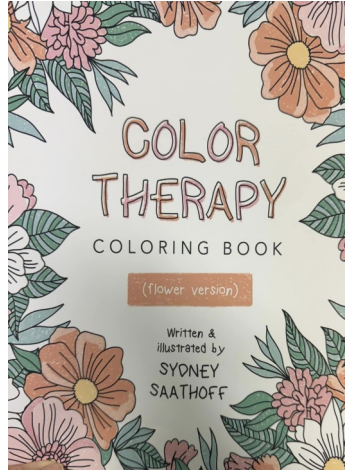
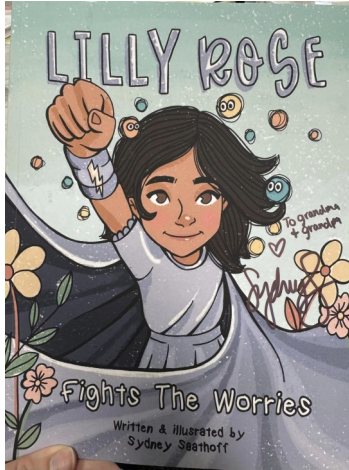
## Save the Date!!

This year’s Charge Conference will be on November 10th at 3:00pm. It will be at Hastings First UMC located at 614 N Hastings Avenue in Hastings. We would love to see you there in support of our church.



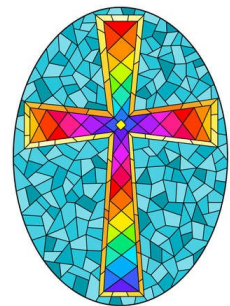
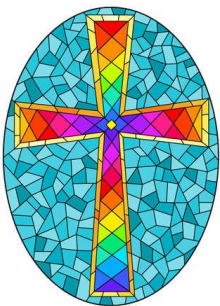
# UWF Special Presentation

During the August 13th UWF meeting, Cleo Edward shared about her granddaughter's journey with MS. She told of her overcoming her health issues and becoming a sought after artist. She had books her granddaughter, Sidney Saathoff, had illustrated and a picture she painted. The presentation was an example of how God is always there to give us strength and helping our time of need.



# Fall Ministry Celebration

On Sept. 15th, several of our church ministry leaders spoke during the 10am worship service. It was wonderful to hear what our church has been doing and will continue to do in our church and community. After worship, a free meal was provided and food and fellowship was enjoyed by all! If you should have any questions about our church ministries, please contact church leaders or you may call the church office.



## September Attendance

September 1st:	45 In-person 29 Views/YouTube
September 8th:	57 In-person 38 Views/YouTube
September 15th:	67 In-person 25 Views/YouTube
September 22nd:	48 In-person 22 Views/YouTube
September 29th:	54 In-person 13 Views/YouTube

## September Offering Totals

September 1st:	\$3,440
September 8th:	\$1,617
September 15th:	\$1,677
September 22nd:	\$417
September 29th:	\$1,826



### 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



# Hurricane Helene

The Great Plains Conference is requesting your help in the recent hurricane to hit the US southern states.

Currently the only ask is for prayer and donations to UMCOR.

The Conference Disaster Response Early Response team members are awaiting deployment information on when and where they will serve.

If interested in giving to this cause, you may write a check to the church and in the memo line write: UMCOR-901670

You may also write checks directly to the Great Plains Conference with this same number UMCOR-901670 in the memo line.

If writing the check directly to the Conference, these will need to be mailed to:  
Great Plains Conference  
PO Box 4187  
Topeka, KS 66604

If you would like to give online, please use the QR code to the right.

You may also click on:

<https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-620-umcor-us-disaster-response-and-recovery.aspx>



## 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:**

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

**October 13-Rebecca Bentz, Jordyn Lindsay, Ashley Lynch, Tonya Anderson, Chris Elstermeier, Elaine McCarty**

**October 20-Connor Bolling, Don Kleinsasser, Andrea Zulkoski**

**October 27– Tracy Anderson, Shelly Lukasiewicz, Sarah Nilson, Kayla Hawkins**

**November 3– Janessa Slattery, Angela Crone, Anna Thede**



## Epworth Collection

The UWF is still accepting donations for Epworth. If interested in giving any items, please bring them to the church and the UWF will get them to Epworth. Your help is appreciated!



# In-Kind Wish List!

- Baby wipes
- Toilet Paper
- Paper towels
- Hand Soap
- Disinfecting wipes
- Deodorant
- Kids/Teen Body wash
- Kids/ Teen Shampoo & Conditioner
- Kleenex's
- Newborn, Size 1, 2 & 3 Diapers
- tape (painters, masking, packing, scotch)
- Q-Tips
- Journals
- Bottles of Water
- Trash bags
- Fidget Toys
- Baby Food
- Snacks for all ages
- Juice Boxes
- Cleaning Supplies
- First Aid Kit Supplies
- Diaper Ointment/Cream
- Outdoor Toys
- Adult coloring books
- Markers & colored pencils



## Sunday

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

### Adult Bible Study

Sunday morning 9:00 am

### Children's Education

Children's Church  
-during Worship service

## Nursing Home services

On Sunday, October 13th, 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. Please meet at **Brookefield Park** at 1:30pm in the Chapel if interested.



Oct 1	Katelin Coghlan	Oct 17	Marilyn Brehm
Oct 4	Ann Tuma	Oct 18	CaLee Thomsen
Oct 7	Nicole Schwartz-Eck	Oct 21	Don Berggren
Oct 11	Linda Jacobsen	Oct 22	Carol Phillips
Oct 12	Sheila Studley	Oct 25	Carol Bushousen
Oct 12	Cleo Edwards	Oct 25	Kaitlyn Kezeor
Oct 13	Jennifer Mitteis	Oct 28	Susie Wolfert
Oct 16	Arianne Killinger		

*Happy Anniversary*

Oct 8	Mike & Nancy McCarthy
Oct 13	Tim & Susan Ross
Oct 19	Mac & Arianne Killinger
Oct 19	Chris & Erika Klassen
Oct 24	Nick Pedersen & Susie Wolfert



**United Methodist Church of St. Paul**  
**MISSION STATEMENT**

**'Making and Nurturing Disciples'**

## World Communion Sunday

On World Communion Sunday, one of our 6 Special Sundays with offerings, we partner with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support young adults and make a global impact for Christ. Half of the offering benefits World

Communion scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. The remainder provides grants to support training for diverse churches worldwide.

These funds are administered by the United Methodist general boards of Global Ministries and Higher Education. United Methodist Special Sunday offerings celebrate vibrant ministries while investing in servant leadership, community building and ministries of peace with justice.

*World Communion Sunday is October 6th!*



## 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.

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

### 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.

**October 19th** 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

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
<b>9:00-11:00 am</b>	<b>4:00-6:00 pm</b>

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





# UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

The meeting was opened on September 10th, 2024 by Charlene Craig, Co-President.

**Attending were:** Carol, Charlene, Jackie, Deb, Theda and Ursula.

Pastor Nicole joined us for the presentation.

**Devotions:** Deb Wells

**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 **\$986.73**

Mission Ribbon collection of \$3.95 and a donation made to the UWF of \$310.00 by Vanice Bahensky family.

**Correspondence:** Fall Great Plains Conference is Sept. 13 and 14 in York. Carol Phillips will go on the 13th.

She will take donations for Epworth with her and drop it off on her way.

Central Ne. District Meeting is Saturday, Sept. 28 in York with Carol Janelle Erb, President presiding. No one

from here is going. Webinar UWF News Discussion Group on Sept. 18, 2:00pm CT. Discussion Group on

October 29, at 6:00pm CT. Carol will send electronic e-mail to anyone interested. Disaster Response News

153 requests for help due to flooding. Will discuss with Pastor Nicole— re: our church possibly taking up a

collection. Have website for 2025 reading program.

**New Business:** Corsage for Missions Fundraiser is ongoing. Carol is working on an updated membership

list and a booklet. Pastor Nicole has not started to make visits to shut-ins and care homes. She has made

some telephone calls. A list of these people has been established. Outreach Committee has discussed the

mission. No new information. Funeral Flower Committee— Deb and Ursula will have a

plan on how to do this.

**Lesson:** Program on Alzheimers and Dementia was presented by Brenda Klanecky Wells.

Was very informative and handout information was provided.

Meeting adjourned.

**Lunch** was served by Carol.

**Next meeting:** October 15th at 1:30pm.

**Lesson:** Darla **Lunch:** Ursula **Devotions:** Mary Ann

- Ursula Sorlie



## United Women in Faith (UMW)

The next meeting of the  
UWF will be on  
**October 15th at 1:30pm.**  
All ladies are welcome!



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