

# United Methodist Church



## June 2025



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

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As we step into the beautiful month of June, we anticipate warmer weather, longer days, and perhaps some summer travels! While your plans may take you near and far, we want to encourage you to stay deeply connected to our church community and continue to grow in your faith journey.

As we begin June, I will be attending the Great Plains Conference of the United Methodist Church Annual Conference from June 4th to June 7th. This is a vital time for our laity and clergy to gather with other leaders from across the conference, engage in worship, participate in important discussions, and make decisions that shape the future of our denomination. Please keep our conference and delegates in your prayers as we meet.

While I am away, we are still serving! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 5th when we will serve Lunch Bunch. The Howard Greeley County Food Pantry, along with several local organizations including our church, hosts the Lunch Bunch which offers all preschool through eleventh grade students lunch every Tuesday and Thursday in June and July. Lunch will be served from 11:30am to 12:30pm at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Life Center.

Ursula is looking for folks who will make cookies and who will assemble and serve the sack lunches on June 5th. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our community.

Finally, I know that summer can sometimes feel like a break from routines, but our spiritual growth doesn't have to take a vacation! Here are some ideas to help you stay rooted in faith and connected to our church, no matter where your travels take you:

\* Worship In-Person and Online: Even if you're out of town, you can still join us for Sunday worship! We will continue to offer in-person services at our regular time. Additionally, our online worship services will be available, allowing you to participate from anywhere with an internet connection. Don't forget that many UMC churches across the country also offer worship both online and in-person – a great way to experience different expressions of faith! Remember to share your experiences and any ideas when you return!

\* Intentional Prayer: Make prayer a daily practice. Whether you have a dedicated prayer time or simply offer up short prayers throughout your day, fostering a direct connection with God is essential. Consider keeping a prayer journal to reflect on your conversations with God. Don't forget to lift our church, its leadership, and its ministries in your prayers.

\* UMC Discipleship "Read a Chapter a Day" Program: The United Methodist Church offers a fantastic "Read a Chapter a Day" program, often focusing on specific books of the Bible. This summer, from June 9th to July 26th, the program will guide participants through Romans, 1 Corinthians, and 2 Corinthians. This is a wonderful opportunity for personal devotion and can even be a shared experience with family or friends. You can find more information, resources, and sign up for daily emails through at :

[https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/read-a-chapter-a-day-summer-2025-challenge?mc\\_cid=c78e37f5b0](https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/read-a-chapter-a-day-summer-2025-challenge?mc_cid=c78e37f5b0).

\* Connect with Others in Fellowship: Don't let distance disconnect you from our church family. Reach out to fellow members for phone calls, video chats, or even send postcards from your travels! Consider forming a small group to check in with each other weekly, discussing faith topics or simply sharing life updates.

We are so grateful for your continued dedication to our church. May June be a month filled with blessings, joy, and spiritual growth, wherever your path may lead. We eagerly anticipate welcoming you back and hearing about your summer adventures!

Blessings,  
Pastor Nicole



# JUNE



1 <sup>st</sup>	Worship 10 am— Communion Nursing Home services : 1:30pm Brookefield, 2:30pm Matelyn	19 <sup>th</sup>	Community Office Hrs—8-10am -Location: Bedhead
5 <sup>th</sup>	NO Community Office Hours— Pastor Nicole at Annual Conference UMC helps with Lnnch Bunch— 11:30am	21 <sup>st</sup>	UMC helps at Food Pantry 9-11am
8 <sup>th</sup>	Worship— 10am Pentecost	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Worship 10am
12 <sup>th</sup>	Community Office Hrs—8-10am -Location: Bedhead	26 <sup>th</sup>	Community Office Hrs—8-10am -Location: Bedhead
15 <sup>th</sup>	Father's Day Worship 10 am Peace with Justice Sunday— Special Offering Rickertsen's Anniversary Coffee & Cake after Worship	29 <sup>th</sup>	Worship 10am
17 <sup>th</sup>	UWF Work Day— 9:30am		

## Fellowship

Please note that because  
of busy summer  
schedules, there will be  
no Fellowship time after  
the 10am worship service  
for the summer months.  
This will resume in  
the fall.



### *Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!*

You are invited to help celebrate  
Harold and Mary Ann Rickertsen as  
they reach a milestone!

On June 15th, please join them for  
coffee and cake after the worship  
service to celebrate 70 years  
in marriage!

(Actual anniversary date is June 12th.)

UNITED METHODIST SPECIAL SUNDAY  
**PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY**



## Peace with Justice Sunday

On June 15, 2025, we celebrate Peace with Justice Sunday, a special day when United Methodists around the world unite in prayer, reflection, and giving. This offering supports peacebuilding programs that address the root causes of conflict. We encourage you to consider how your gift can help bring about the world God envisions: one of peace, justice, and reconciliation.



*Happy Anniversary*

<b>June 8</b>	Lily Sazama	<b>June 20</b>	Connie Snow
<b>June 8</b>	DeEtte Lukasiewicz	<b>June 25</b>	Kayla Hawkins
<b>June 11</b>	Dave Snow	<b>June 26</b>	Luke Thompson
<b>June 12</b>	Lynda Berggren	<b>June 26</b>	George Wall
<b>June 15</b>	Erika Klassen	<b>June 30</b>	Kiaya Radke
<b>June 17</b>	Riley Ward		

<b>June 1</b>	Anthony & Michaela Esquitin
<b>June 4</b>	Jason & Kayla Hawkins
<b>June 6</b>	Chris & Teresa Pedersen
<b>June 7</b>	Bob & Francine Rasmussen
<b>June 10</b>	Tom Powell & Linda Jacobsen
<b>June 11</b>	George & Marilyn Wall
<b>June 12</b>	Harold & Mary Ann Rickertsen
<b>June 12</b>	Eric & Jazmine Spilinek
<b>June 12</b>	Stanley & Cleo Edwards
<b>June 13</b>	Tom & Pat Knutson
<b>June 17</b>	Claude & Ursula Sorlie

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

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

***'Making and Nurturing Disciples'***

## May Attendance

May 4th:	37 In-person 21 Views/YouTube
May 11th:	54 In-person 21 Views/YouTube
May 18th:	77 In-person 18 Views/YouTube
May 25th:	31 In-person 17 Views/YouTube

## May Offering Totals

May 4th:	\$3,422
May 11th:	\$1,569
May 18th:	\$1,534
May 25th:	\$4,374



## 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.

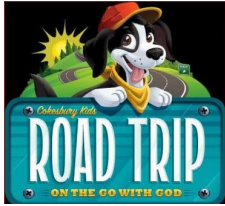
We are in need of more people joining the prayer chain. All you have to do is pray for someone as the requests are made. **Please consider this request to help.**

<b>Marilyn Wall</b>	<b>754-5100</b>	<b>Martha Voigt</b>	<b>750-4319</b>	<b>Jackie Cook</b>	<b>754-9115</b>
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 Klinginsmith	750-0615	Mary Pearson	308-219-0060
Cleo Edwards	754-4853	Charlotte Rasmussen	308-968-3375	Brenda Starkey	750-7967
Nancy <b>OR</b> Mike McCarthy	750-2117-Nancy (775)-830-9521 -Mike	Susan Hartley	(641)-485-7349	Becky Schwenk	750-4590
				Lory Thomsen	754-4286



# Vacation Bible School

VBS was held on May 21st-23rd this year, right after school got out for the summer. It was an enjoyable time had by all 36 kids that attended. Thank you to all the volunteers from UMC, St. Mark's Lutheran, and the Presbyterian churches that took time to make this a success.







## Sunday

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

### Adult Bible Study

Sunday morning 9:00 am  
(On Summer Break)

### Children's Education

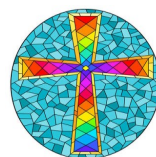
Children's Church  
-during Worship service  
(On Summer Break)

## Nursing Home services

On Sunday, **June 1st** and  
**July 6th**

Pastor Nicole will visit both  
Brookefield and Matelyn in St.

Paul to do worship  
services. Brookefield service is  
at 1:30 and Matelyn is at  
2:30pm. Anyone is invited *and*  
*encouraged* to come  
to these services.



### **Your children's bulletin unlocks ONLINE FUN at home.**

We're excited to announce a  
**NEW feature** of *Children's Worship  
Bulletins* that will have children lining up  
to get their bulletin this Sunday!

They'll be looking forward to the secret  
code on the front of the bulletin that  
unlocks hours of fun learning at home.

This secret code is unique to our church  
and allows **SAFE** and secure access  
to online games that reinforce  
the message for the week.

**Children's Worship  
Bulletins@HOME!**

## Hey Kids!

Now your bulletin  
unlocks online  
FUN at home.

Children's Worship  
Bulletins@HOME!

The **SECRET CODE** found  
on the front of the Children's  
Worship Bulletin unlocks  
online games that reinforce  
the week's message.

#### **Step 1:**

Take your bulletin with  
a secret code home.

#### **Step 2:**

Go to  
[Games.ChildrensBulletins.com](http://Games.ChildrensBulletins.com)  
(ask an adult first ☺)

#### **Step 3:**

Enter your Secret Code.

#### **Step 4:**

Choose a  
game and  
PLAY!



## Around our Connection

Take a look at what's happening around us!  
Click on the links in blue to learn more.

Trinity UMC (Grand Island) Free Fishing Tournament on June 22 from 2-5pm.

For more information and to sign up, go to :

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfm3YbDtS63jqernF6J0HOB9qrUGOcx1lbGvpXbEKSyPRLNsg/viewform>

Bishop Views Tornado Damage and Remains Thankful (Grinell, KS)-

<https://www.greatplainsumc.org/newsdetail/bishop-views-tornado-damage-while-pastor-remains-thankful-19103154>

Great Plains Disaster Response in Dire Need of Funding After May Tornadoes-

<https://gp-email.brtaapp.com/files/gpconnect/.2025/05.28.25/hollie+letter+pdf.pdf>

Global Board of Church and Society Summer 2025 Pages for Progress- Join GBCS and United Methodists around our connection in reading and discussing The Painful Truth about Hunger in America by Mariana Chilton. More information can be found at:

<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/summer-2025-pages-for-progress>

UMCOR U.S. Latest Responses- United Methodist Committee on Relief updates their response page as updates become available. To see where they have been active go to:

<https://umcmmission.org/umcor-us-latest-responses/>

Church members turn old bleachers into student desks-

[https://gp-email.brtaapp.com/files/gpconnect/.2025/05.28.25/atc\\_05.28.25\\_bleacher+project+news+press+for+immediate+release.pdf](https://gp-email.brtaapp.com/files/gpconnect/.2025/05.28.25/atc_05.28.25_bleacher+project+news+press+for+immediate+release.pdf)



## **Want to join the Prayer Chain?**

If you would be interested in joining the Prayer Chain, please let Jackie Cook or the church office know.

We need you!

Please read on page 4 to find out the details of how it works!

## ***Did you know.....***

The UWF is still collecting  
*Best Choice*  
brand labels (bar codes)?

These are sent in for reimbursement after a certain amount has been reached. This helps the UWF in their ministry throughout the year. Please consider cutting out and donating labels for this cause. There is a basket in the Narthex of the church to place these.

*The UWF ladies thank you!*



# 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.

Brownie mixes	Pork & Beans
Jelly	Pudding
Cookies	Syrup
Cereal	Shampoo/Conditioner
Crackers (Salad & Soup)	Spaghetti sauce
Dish soap	Toilet paper
Flour	Toothpaste
Hamburger Helper	Canned fruit
Jello	Salad Dressing- (Ranch, Dorothy Lynch)
Ketchup/Mustard	Frosting/Cake Mixes
Laundry soap-small bottles	
Mayo	
Pancake mix	

## **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.

**June 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**  
9:00-11:00 am

**Tuesday**  
4:00-6:00 pm

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



## Teacher's Prayers

We here at the church pray that all our teachers, students, and their families have a very happy, healthy summer break!



## Churches Praying for Churches

Every year each church receives a list of UMC churches to pray over each week. Please join us in lifting these churches up in prayer this month.

**June 1st-** All Our Pastors

**June-8th** Our Conference

**June 15th**— Bishop

**June 22nd**— DS's

**June 29th**— Ewing/Page/Orchard







## New Members

On May 18th, UMC received two new members into our congregation. Addison Brown and Brendan Powell were both baptized and became Profession of Faith members. Please take time to welcome them into our church family!

## UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

### **UWF meeting May 20th, 2025**

Meeting: Call to order by Deb Wells, President.

**Present:** Carol, Deb, Theda, Charlene, Rose, Mary, Mitzi, Pastor Nicole, Ursula.

**Devotions:** Theda

**Purpose:** stated by all

Minutes of previous meeting: read by secretary Ursula Sorlie. No corrections or additions.

**Treasurers Report:** Given by Deb Wells. BOH \$890. Lunch Money \$71.00. Total BOH \$961.12

**Correspondence:** Thank you note from Hawkins for gift of Children's bible. Will send card to Dave and Connie Snow-Congratulations on their new home. Directory of Great Plains Conference available. Have a new lesson book. Information on Mission U 2025 shared. Information on UWF spring Retreat shared.

**Old Business:** UWF serving a meal at St. Paul VBS May 23rd.

**New Business:** Lunch Bunch starting in June. Mary and Ursula will work together on this activity.

### **Church Activities :**

Community Services June 1st Brookefield at 1:30pm, Matelyn at 2:30pm. Community Office hours – Thursdays from 8-10am at Bedhead. UMC helps at the Food Pantry on the third Thursday of the month. Pastor Nicole has plans to have a pool outreach this summer. United Methodist Men will start serving a church breakfast 1 time a month starting in June. Annual Conference is June 4-7 in Salina, Kansas.

**Today's Lesson:** given by Carol. "Grace Cancer Foundation" activities and quilting were presented.

**Next meeting–** June 17th at 9:30am. Will be a treat and work day. Activity to be determined.

*Reported by Ursula Sorlie, Secretary*



### United Women in Faith (UMW)

The next meeting of the  
UWF will be on  
**June 17th at 9:30am.**  
All ladies are welcome!



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