



## Vacation Bible School

June 7—11, 2021

### Ellsworth Elementary School

You can still register at:

<https://www.umcellsworth.org/vacation-bible-school>

### Pastor:

Rev. Dennis Carter

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### Sunday Worship Times:

Sunday School at 9:30am

Worship at 10:45am

TV Ministry—Eagle Cable channel 2  
at

10:45am and 12:45pm

TV Ministry email:

[Video.umcew@eaglecom.net](mailto:Video.umcew@eaglecom.net)

### Church office:

402 N. Douglas Ave.

Ellsworth, KS 67439

785-472-3870

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Website: [www.umcellsworth.org](http://www.umcellsworth.org)

Facebook: [uumcellsworth](https://www.facebook.com/uumcellsworth)

### **Church Office Hours:**

Tuesday through Friday

8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

(Other times available by appointment)

## *From the Pastor's Desk:*

### **1 Peter: The Triumph of Hope**

When Peter referred to himself as "a witness of Christ's sufferings" (1 Peter 5:1), it had deeply personal meaning for him. Peter not only witnessed the anguish others inflicted on Jesus but also knew the suffering his own denials had caused his Savior and friend. So it was practical theology that caused Peter to write, "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

These experiences must have influenced Peter:

Only one who had nearly lost hope at the sight of Jesus—the Messiah—dying on a cross could declare: "In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).

Only one who had fallen and been fully restored could write, "God ...shows favor to the humble" (1 Peter 5:5).

Only one who had yielded to Satan's temptations could admonish, "Resist [Satan], standing firm in faith" (1 Peter 5:9).

In the closing lines of this letter, it seems as if Peter is remembering his faith and failures regarding Jesus and then passing on the commission he received from his Lord on the shores of Galilee: "Be shepherds of God's flock...being examples to the flock" (1 Peter 5:2,3;see John 21:15-17). Now in possession of a transforming future hope, he was able to remind his fellow elders that "when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away" (1 Peter 5:4).

### **Sermon Titles:**

May 2	Graduation Sunday "Live Differently"	Daniel 1:1-5
May 9	Christian Wives, Christian Husbands	1 Peter 3:1-7
May 16	Good Stewards of God's Grace	1 Peter 4:1-11
May 23	Suffering ...For the Right Reasons	1 Peter 3:8-17
May 30	Parting Words	1 Peter 5:2-3, 5-11
June 6	No More Compromising Your Integrity	Daniel 6:4-15

Temp-Return Service Requested  
Ellsworth, KS 67439  
402 N. Douglas Ave.

First United Methodist Church





## Kids of the Kingdom & Kids with a Mission:

Masks, extra disinfecting, social distancing, alternating meeting times, but most of all- a blanket of prayer have kept us safe this school year, and we are so thankful!!



Instead of a closing program open to all, we enjoyed watching Kids with a Mission actors dressed in Bible costumes for a recorded version of the All Saints Walk. Besides eating Kings Cake before Lent and devouring ice cream sundaes on Closing Day, this activity is a highlight of our year! Each station has a coordinating candy to help remember the lesson: Milky Way (creation), Rainbow Skittles (Noah), Life Savers (Jesus' death and resurrection), etc.

We always travel throughout the year, from Genesis to Revelation, ending with the promise of Jesus' return again. Prizes for attendance and endurance were awarded to all! Another annual event is giving 1<sup>st</sup> graders their own Bibles. Since we stopped early last year for the shut-down, this did not happen, so our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders also received Bibles. We have received some generous donations that covered these expenses. God provides! Always has, always will. God's Word is true, precious, and holy.

Thank you for all the prayers, encouragement, and support in challenging circumstances. Please continue to lift up our children in prayer. Also pray for our teachers and volunteers who have selflessly given hours in service to the Lord. As God leads, we will be back in September.

## **Congratulations 2021 Graduates!**

### High school:

Jaycee Cunningham

Macey Gustin

Stephanie Soukup

### College:

Hayley Chamberlain from Barton C.C. Associate degree in Science

Jenna Sinnott from Barton C.C. Associate degree in Science

Jason Maisog from Fort Hays Masters of Education

**Join us May 2 to celebrate our graduates and stay for cake and punch after worship in Fellowship Hall.**

### Upcoming Events:

May 2 Graduation Sunday—Celebrate our graduates during worship followed by a reception with cake and punch in Fellowship Hall.

May 6 World Day of Prayer—Event will begin at 12:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church.

May 30 Memorial Sunday—We will remember our church members, family and friends who have passed away during the past year. There will be a special time during worship to honor them.



## Weekly Activities:

### Sundays:

9:30 am—Sunday School for all ages  
 10:45 am—Worship in sanctuary  
 8:00 pm—AA/Al-Anon Meeting (North Building)

### Tuesdays:

1:00 pm—Grief Support Group (Arts Council)  
 8:00 pm—AA/Al-Anon Meeting (North Building)

### Thursdays:

8:00 pm—AA/Al-Anon Meeting (North Building)

## May Calendar:

### Sun, May 2—Graduate Recognition/Holy Communion

12:00 pm—Reception to honor graduates  
 7:00 pm—Trustee Meeting

### Tues, May 4

6:30 pm—Leadership Meeting

### Wed, May 5

6:15 pm—Jr/Sr High Youth Group

### Thurs, May 6

12:00 pm—World Day of Prayer (Presbyterian church)

### Sun, May 9—Mother's Day

Moment for Missions (Camp Hope)

### Mon, May 10

6:30 pm—Finance/Stewardship Meeting

### Tues, May 11

6:30 pm—Missions/Evangelism Meeting (Pines)

### Wed, May 12

8:30 am—Ministerial Alliance Meeting (Zoom)  
**\*\*7:00 pm—Honor & Glory Circle (Church Parlor)**

### Thurs, May 13

2:00 pm—Faith & Hope Circle

### Sun, May 16

8:00 am—United Methodist Men Breakfast  
 6:00 pm—Ash Creek 4-H Meeting

### Tues, May 18

6:30 pm—Worship Team Meeting

### Sun, May 23

2:00 pm—Ellsworth High School Graduation

### Mon, May 24

6:30 pm—SPPR Meeting

### Sun, May 30—Cookie Sunday

## Recent Prayer Requests:

Rose Doubrava, Donna Davis, Johnny Miller,  
 Roger Samuelson, Neva Chastain, Cindy  
 Blanchard

## Continued Prayers for:

Wilma Mall's Family, Lexi West, Jerry Houston,  
 Lisa Maston's Family, Jim Schulz, Betty Carter,  
 Penny Swift-Kelly, Tom Maze, Alan Falk,  
 Rhonda Hoffhines-Blair, Steve Noren, Judy  
 Gebhardt, Bonnie Stinchcomb, Judy Toman,  
 Karen Kerr

Shut-Ins ~ Nursing Home Residents ~ Youth ~  
 Mosaic Clients ~ Our Nation's Leaders ~  
 Unemployed ~ Unspoken Requests ~  
 Families who have lost loved ones or who are  
 not able to see family members during this  
 difficult time

\*\*Continued prayers will be listed for 3  
 months. Please contact the church office to  
 continue on the list.\*\*



Thank you all for your thoughtfulness for all  
 the birthday cards. Also to the Mission team  
 for the Christmas ornament. It looked so  
 pretty on my white tree.

Blessings & Love to all,  
 Dora Maze

*You're Invited!*

Please join us for a graduation celebration for  
 Stephanie Soukup on May 23, 2021 from  
 3:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. at the Ellsworth Golf  
 Course 900 Room, 900 2nd Street, Ellsworth.  
 Soukup Family

**A reminder that the Ministerial Alliance is the go-to place for those in the community needing utility bill assistance. For more information please contact Pastor Exie Barber at 785-531-0067.**



## Bulletin Mission Outreach

Good Sam                      Shut-Ins

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**Postponed until further notice**

(\* Deliver Our Daily Bread)  
(Bulletin Delivery contact: Deb Furgason 472-8956)

## Ushers

Ray Brady, Head Usher  
Roger McCaulley  
Jerry Houston

(Usher contact:  
church office 472-3870)

## Young Disciples

2—Pastor Dennis  
9—Alice Robson  
16—Pastor Dennis  
23—Heather West  
30—Pastor Dennis

(Young Disciples contact:  
Nancy Stonebraker 472-4208)

## Communion

Jaycee Cunningham,  
Stephanie Soukup

## Altar Flowers

The Honor & Glory  
Fellowship is in charge of  
Altar Flowers.

## Task Force Co-Chairs

Sylvia McNeal (472-4569)  
Joni Glaser (472-4436)

## Task Force List

Patty King, Rosemary Whitley, Daran Frevert,  
Bonnie Stinchcomb, Par Schulz, Betty Rathbun,  
Alice Robson, Linda Janssen, Jean Soukup

## Liturgist

2—Graduates  
9—Roberta Waymaster  
16—Cunningham Family  
23—Betty Carter  
30—Lesa Houston

(Liturgist contact:  
church office 472-3870)

## Guardian Angels

2—Sharon Marsh  
9—Lesa Houston  
16—Deb Furgason  
23—Pat Allen  
30—Sharon Marsh

(Guardian Angel contact:  
Deb Furgason 472-8956)

## Websites

**Hutchinson District Office:**  
[www.hutchinsondistrictumc.org](http://www.hutchinsondistrictumc.org)

**Great Plains Conference Office:**  
[www.greatplainsumc.org](http://www.greatplainsumc.org)

**United Methodist Website:**  
[www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)

**General Board of Disciples:**  
[www.umcdiscipleship.org](http://www.umcdiscipleship.org)

“As each has  
received a  
gift, use it to  
serve one  
another, as  
good  
stewards of  
God’s varied  
grace.”

**1 Peter  
4: 10**