



## ***From the Pastor's Desk:***

### **The Bride**

*"Renewing Our Passion For The Church"*

In the month of November, I had the opportunity to officiate two weddings. I noticed the first four notes of Wagner's traditional Wedding March and every head in the church turns for a glimpse of the radiant bride ...a vision of hope and anticipation.

Christ also meant for the church, His Bride; to turn heads, to draw attention to itself as the location of hope and belief in a world full of cynicism. Dearly beloved, do you need a fresh reminder of the vows Jesus pledged to you as a member of His church? Have you considered your vows in response? You are invited to join the celebration. I pray this sermon series will rekindle your passion for the church and ignite a new spark of ministry to our community.

### **Sermons**

- Jan. 2 Our Purpose 1 Cor. 10:31-33 & Romans 15:5-6
- Jan. 9 Teen & Adult Challenge
- Jan. 16 Our Objectives Acts 2:41-47
- Jan. 23 A Genuine Concern for Others Acts 3:1-8
- Jan. 30 A Contagious Style 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13
- Feb. 6 The Difference Between City & Neighborhood Mentality Ephesians 4:11-16

### **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

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### **Church office:**

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### **Church Office Hours:**

Tuesday through Friday

8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

(Other times available by appointment)

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Ellsworth, KS 67439  
402 N. Douglas Ave.  
First United Methodist Church





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



What a wild and crazy December! There's something about turning that calendar page that gets kids ready for Christmas! What a great opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus' birth, life, and God's plan for our salvation! We had our highest number of children attending this month – 82 in k-4th grades, so we continue to thank God for this time of loving on His kids- even when some aren't so very lovable. Volunteers have been fantastic filling in as needed when the quarantines made things interesting. Plans to go caroling didn't materialize when those nasty winds blew through! There was no way we could cancel our meeting that day and leave the kids on their own, so we met anyway and sang more inside, then watched a video in the safety of the basement! Of course we also had times for hugs and reassurance that God is with us all.the.time. No matter what!! isn't He just wonderful?

We will start the New Year with New Testament stories of Jesus, building up to Easter's JOY! Please continue to pray for our children- and adult helpers, too! Thank you for encouragement and financial support as well. We need each other in this family of God!

## Guest Speakers

Sunday, Jan. 9 speakers from Adult & Teen Challenge in Topeka will have a presentation during worship. Adult & Teen Challenge provides Christian faith-based, residential care to young people and adults who struggle with life-controlling problems. There will be items to purchase after worship.

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A huge thank you to Deanna for taking me to and from the emergency room, Thanks, also, to Pat for the soup and advice. Thanks, also, to Ann for the meals she brought.

Karen

Thank you to our church family and SPPRC for the Christmas gifts. I want to thank the church family for all their prayer, love and kindness while I was under the weather.

What a blessing to be a part of this Church family.

In Christ Love and Service, Pastor Dennis

Thank you for the gifts, the kind words, & all the years of support as the church secretary. You will always be our church family.

Cunningham Family



## Weekly Activities:

### Sundays:

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

### Tuesdays:

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

### Wednesdays:

3:05 pm—Kids of the Kingdom/Kids with a Mission  
6:15 pm—Jr/Sr High Youth Group

### Thursdays:

9:30 am—Women’s Bible Study  
8:00 pm—AA/Al-Anon Meeting (North Building)

## January Calendar:

Sun, Jan. 2—Holy Communion

12:00 pm—Trustee Meeting

Tues, Jan. 4

10:00 am—Aktion Club Meeting (Parlor)

6:30 pm—Leadership Meeting

Wed, Jan. 5

7:00 pm—Choir Practice

Fri, Jan 7

3:00 pm—Friday Fun Kanopolis

Sun, Jan 9—Adult & Teen Challenge

Mon., Jan. 10

6:30 pm Finance/Stewardship Team Meeting

Tues, Jan. 11

10:30 am—Missions/Evangelism Meeting

Wed, Jan. 12

8:30 am—Ministerial Alliance Meeting (Zoom)

7:00 pm—Choir Practice

Thurs, Jan. 13

2:00 pm—Faith & Hope Circle

7:00 pm—Honor & Glory Circle

Sun, Jan. 16—Moment 4 Missions

8:00 am—United Methodist Men-Breakfast

6:00 pm—4-H Ash Creek Meeting

Mon, Jan. 17

2:00 pm—Prairie West Devotional

Tues, Jan. 18

10:00 am—Aktion Club Meeting (Parlor)

6:30 pm—Worship Team Meeting

Mon. Jan. 24

6:30 pm—SPPR Meeting

Thur. Jan 27

6:30 pm—Education Team Meeting

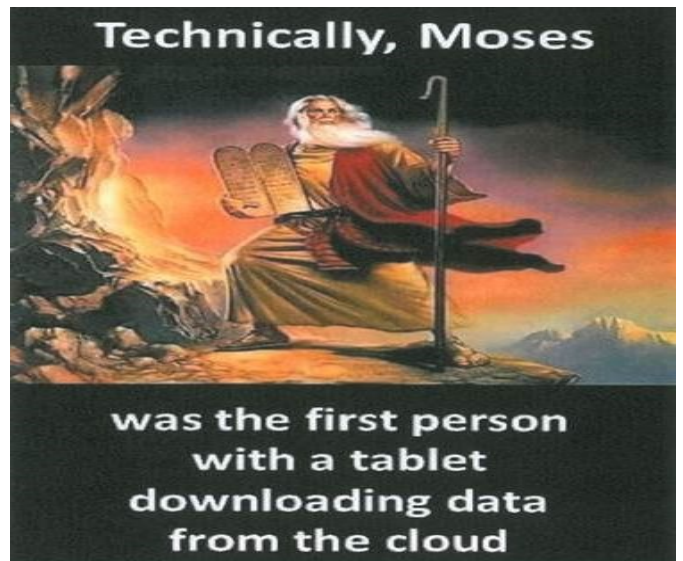
## Recent Prayer Requests:

Ron Lowry’s Family, Dorothy Thomas, Scott Davis, Judy Milazzo

## Continued Prayers for:

Dr. Ken Miller’s Family, Roberta Waymaster, Tiffany Wooten Lowe, Debi Coe’s Family, Wesley Chastain, Vanessa Rose, Jr. Schultz’s Family, Bill Herrington’s Family, Dora Maze, Carol Tanton, Tom Maze, Sylvia McNeal, Rose Doubrava, Donna Davis, Jim Schulz, Betty Carter, Penny Swift-Kelly, Alan Falk, Rhonda Hoffhines-Blair, Steve Noren, Judy Gebhardt, Bonnie Stinchcomb, Judy Toman, Karen Kerr

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



## January 80+ & Shut-In Birthdays

### 6th— Ted Landon

407 W. 8th St  
Ellsworth 67439

### 18th—Betty Rathbun

1305 Aylward Ave, EW 67439



## 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

Mason May, Head Usher  
Marvin Larsen  
Curt Glaser

(Usher contact:  
church office 472-3870)

## Young Disciples

2—Pastor Dennis  
9—Jason Maisog  
16—Pastor Dennis  
23—Alice Robson  
30—Pastor Dennis

(Young Disciples contact:  
Nancy Stonebraker 472-4208)

## Communion

John Bryant  
Karen Shriner

## 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—Karen Shriner  
9—Kline Kelly  
16—Cunningham Family  
23—Betty Carter  
30—Lesa Houston

(Liturgist contact:  
church office 472-3870)

## Nursery

2—Nancy Stonebraker  
9—Pat Allen  
16—West Family  
23—Nancy Stonebraker  
30—Pat Allen

(Nursery contact:  
Pat Allen 472-3741)

## Guardian Angel

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

(Guardian Angel contact:  
Deb Furgason 472-8956)

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

**1 Peter  
4: 10**