



Vacation Bible School  
has been cancelled  
for 2020.

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

#### The Second Epistle of Paul the Apostle to **Timothy**

Prison is the last place from which to expect a letter of encouragement, but that is where Paul's second letter to Timothy originated. The apostle begins by assuring Timothy of continuing love and prayers, and then reminds him of his spiritual heritage and responsibilities. Only the one who perseveres-whether a soldier, athlete, farmer, or minister of Jesus Christ-will reap the reward.

Paul warns Timothy that his teaching will come under attack as faithless men desert the truth in favor of words for itching ears (v. 4:3). But Timothy has Paul's example to guide him and God's Word to fortify him as he faces both growing opposition and glowing opportunities.

This letter may be one of the most personal letters we have from the apostle Paul. He knows he faces his final days, yet he finds himself increasingly alone. He tells Timothy, "all those in Asia have turned away from me" (v. 1:15) and "Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has parted for Thessalonica-Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia...Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus...At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me ...Erastus stayed in Corinth, but Trophimus I have left in Miletus sick" (vv. 4:9, 12, 16, 20). So he tells his young protégé, "Be diligent to come to me quickly...Get Mark and bring him with you...Do your utmost to come before winter" (vv. 4:9, 11, 21). The apostle's reports and requests remind us that God designed the Christian life to occur within community and that everyone-even revered apostles-need the fellowship of other believers.

#### **Sermons**

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| May 3   | Paul the Revolutionary        | Acts 26:16-18, Romans 3:21-25 |
| May 10  | Unless Someone Guides Me      | Acts 8: 3-8, 26-31            |
| May 17  | Wrestling with Success        | Acts 13:1-3                   |
| May 24  | Wrestling with Conflict       | Acts 15:36-39                 |
| May 31  | Stripped, Beaten, and Flogged | Acts 16:19-26                 |
| June 7  | Scrolls, Potions, and Spells  | Acts 19:11-20                 |
| June 14 | The Final Days                | 2 Timothy 4:6-8,& 18          |

#### **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

#### **Church office:**

402 N. Douglas Ave.

Ellsworth, KS 67439

785-472-3870

Email: first.umcew@eaglecom.net

Website: www.umcellsworth.org

Facebook: uumcellsworth

#### **Church Office Hours:**

Tuesday through Friday

8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

(Other times available by appointment)

Temp-Return Service Requested  
Ellsworth, KS 67439  
402 N. Douglas Ave.  
First United Methodist Church





Kids of the Kingdom/Kids with a Mission:



We have always eagerly anticipated the Closing Program for Kids on the last Wednesday of April, along with ice cream sundaes, awards for attendance, memory work, and reviewing our year. Instead, in our time of distancing, we have stayed in contact with our children by snail mail! Who doesn't enjoy getting something in the mail? About every 10 days, we have shared Bible stories, coloring pages, puzzles, and colorful Bible verse posters with every child. In addition, Lesa and Deb have cleaned and reorganized the craft supplies, and surplus items were set out in the airlock for anyone to pick up. We really miss those kids!! In hope you are remembering them in your prayers, as well. Even though we don't know what the future holds, we do know that God is in control. Praise His Holy Name!

**CONGRATULATIONS 2020 GRADUATES!**

**Graduate Recognition—Sunday, May 17**

**8th Grade:**

Will Cravens

Faith Miller

Cole Webber

Lexi West

Loden West

**College:**

**Jordan Waymaster**

Kansas Wesleyan University—Communications w/minor in music

He is living in Salina and working for Marketing Angle WSI.

**Natalie Soukup**

Kansas Wesleyan University—B.A. in Criminal Justice

**Zak Jacobo**

NCK Tech (Hays) - Business Management

**Ann Ridinger**

Barton C.C Associates of Nursing



## May Calendar:

- Sun, May 3—Holy Communion  
7:00 pm—Trustees Meeting (Zoom)
- Tues, May 5  
7:00 pm—Leadership Meeting (Zoom)
- Thurs, May 7—National Day of Prayer  
7:00 am—Facebook Live or Eagle Channel 2
- Sun, May 10— Mothers Day/Moment 4 Missions
- Mon, May 11  
6:30 pm—Finance/Stewardship Meeting (Zoom)
- Tues, May 12  
2:00 pm—USDA Commodities Distribution
- Sun, May 17—Graduates Recognition
- Mon, May 18  
6:30 pm—SPPRC Meeting (Zoom)
- Tues, May 19  
6:30 pm—Worship Meeting (Zoom)
- Sat, May 23  
8:00 am—Church Cleanup
- Thurs, May 28  
6:30 pm—Education Meeting (Zoom)

## Recent Prayer Requests:

Dave Kuhlmann, Nancy Bircher's Family, Betty Janocek

## Continued Prayers for:

Rose Doubrava, Art Boyd's Family, Trent & Olivia Stevenson, Alan Falk, Frona Lorimer, Ed Hoffhines, Rhonda Hoffhines-Blair, Steve Noren, Byrne & Rosalie Wood, Judy Gebhardt, Bonnie Stinchcomb, Judy Toman, Karen Kerr

Salina Rescue Mission ~ Ashby House ~ Youthville/Ember Hope ~ Shut-Ins ~ Nursing Home Residents ~ Mosaic Clients ~ Our Nation's Leaders ~ Military ~ World ~ United Nations ~ Youth ~ Unemployed ~ Unspoken Requests ~ Missions/Missionaries

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

## COVID-19 information

### Worship Service:

Pastor Dennis (with a limited crew) will conduct the service each Sunday, which you can watch at these links:

Eagle cable channel 2 Sundays at 10:45 am and 12:45 pm.

Facebook Live 10:45 am: <https://www.facebook.com/uumcellsworth/>

YouTube where you can watch the recorded service:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCujMS2uxlG092BewM0XGc7w>

### Church Office:

Pastor Dennis and Deanna are working from home.

Please call the office number 472-3870 or email [first.umcew@eaglecom.net](mailto:first.umcew@eaglecom.net) if you have any questions or needs. Deanna has moved the computer and office phone to her house so she will respond during normal business hours (Tuesday - Friday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm).

You can reach Dennis at 620-272-7262 or email [dcarter@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:dcarter@greatplainsumc.org). You can also use the [pastor.umcew@eaglecom.net](mailto:pastor.umcew@eaglecom.net) those emails are being forwarded to Dennis.

### Meetings:

All meeting should be by teleconference. A Zoom account has been created for the church. Please call the office at 785-472-3870 if you would like the information.



## Bulletin Mission Outreach

Good Sam                      Shut-Ins

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### **Postponed until further notice**

(\* Deliver Upper Rooms)  
(Bulletin Delivery contact: Deb Furgason 472-8956)

## Ushers

Ray Brady, Head Usher  
Roger McCaulley

(Usher contact:  
Mason May 472-4261)

## Young Disciples

3—Pastor Dennis  
10—Jason Maisog  
17—Roberta Waymaster  
24—Rosemary Whitley  
31—Youth

(Young Disciples contact:  
Nancy Stonebraker 472-4208)

## Communion

Rosemary Whitley, Lu Adams,  
Ted Landon, Karen Shriner

## Altar Flowers

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

## Task Force Co-Chairs

Ann Ridinger (531-1379)  
Pat Allen (472-3741)

## Task Force List

Carol Tanton, Paula Bainter, Stacey Gustin,  
Nancy Stonebraker, Karen Shriner, Betty Carter,  
Georgina Bates, Trisha Janssen, Heather Barta

## Liturgist

3—Tami McGreevy  
10—Lu Adams  
17—Maisog Family  
24—Roberta Waymaster  
31—Cunningham Family

(Liturgist contact:  
church office 472-3870)

## Guardian Angels

3—Lesa Houston  
10—Dora Maze  
17—Heather West  
24—Deb Furgason  
31—Pat Allen

(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**