

First United Methodist Church

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February 2024

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Come Worship with us!

Every Sunday at 9:30a.m.



First Unit-



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Thank you to all who donated to loaves and fishes in January!

They are still accepting Donations. You may drop those of at the Church or their building on Main Street every Thursday 10a.-12p. or 1p-3p.

Wednesday Fellowship Dinner Menu

2/7 Hot Sandwiches

2/14 Baked Potatoes

2/21 Meatballs

2/28 No WFD

UMA Soup Supper

Monday, February 12th

5:30- 7:30p in the Civic Center South Room.

Please sign up to contribute or volunteer.

U-CHURCH

First United Methodist Church

Every Wednesday

- SOUL Patrol @ 4p .
- WFD @ 6p
- MS/HS Youth @6:45p
- Bible Study with Pastor @ 6:45p
- NO Wednesday activities Feb.

SORRY WE'LL BE CLOSED!

Office will be closed February 19th



Listen in every Sunday @ 11a

If you tune in please call the office to let us know.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Education Classes

We're thrilled to announce the 2024 line-up of FREE NAMI Signature Program dates! NAMI is a grassroots mental health organization with a mission to improve the lives of individuals affected by mental illness. With a focus on education, NAMI empowers communities to address mental health concerns, reduce stigma, and promote overall mental wellness.

NAMI's Education Classes offer a comprehensive and supportive learning environment. Whether you are personally navigating mental health challenges or supporting a loved one, these classes provide valuable insights, coping strategies, and a sense of community. Don't miss out on this opportunity for growth and healing!

All upcoming class information can generally be found on NAMI Kansas' calendar here: <https://namikansas.org/calendar/>. You can click on a specific class or group, and it will direct you to the class and registration information for that event. Otherwise, below is the information, including registration links for each of our upcoming classes

FINANCIALS

Income Statement		
As of November 30, 2023		
Income		\$ 181,601.70
Office Administration		\$ 5,759.14
Payroll Expenses		\$ 546.89
Board of Trustees		\$ 47,353.51
Finance Committee		\$ 3,675.00
Worship Committee		\$ 3,147.70
Mission and Ministry		\$ 13,124.02
Nurture, Outreach and Witness		\$ 6,426.54
Staff Parish Relations		\$ 165,948.88
Net Income/Loss		\$ (64,379.98)

First United Methodist Church			
Balance Sheet			
As of November 30th, 2023			
Assets	Cash - Grant County Bank		\$129,305.22
	General Funds		\$32,772.42
	206.5 Sound Equipment		\$100.00
	211 Trustees Church Maintenance Fund		\$7,349.70
	211.1 Capital Campaign		\$26,582.53
	211.2 Capital Campaign Childrens Giving		\$593.88
	219 Camp Scholarship		\$6,734.60
	236 FUMC Scholarship Fund		\$802.50
	237 Borrowed Dreams Scholarship		\$500.00
	238.01 Beloved Backpacks		\$969.60
	238.03 Special Offerings		\$628.00
	238.06 Operation Christmas Mission		\$1,998.86
	238.09 Hospitality In and Out		\$780.87
	238.08 Sam's In and Out		\$30.00
	238.2 Sr High Youth Group		\$628.88
	238.36 Local Mission		\$329.65
	238.39 Funeral Dinners		\$340.46
	238.44 Wednesday Fellowship Dinner		\$3,459.76
	238.52 Youth Room Equipment		\$10.13
	238.56 World Missions		\$687.58
	206.1 Vacation Bible School		\$0.00
	276 Trustees		\$0.00
	280 UMCOR		\$0.00
	238.71 District Grant Rebuilding Fund		\$43,005.80
	238.72 Reserve Account		\$1,000.00
		Total Assets	\$129,305.22
Liabilities:			
	Grant County Bank - Construction Loan		0
	Payroll Liabilities		
	233 State Withholding Payable		37
	230 Federal Withholding Payable		519
	232 FICA Taxes Payable		1506.75
	229 retirement payable		611.52
	233.25 dental payable		19.72
	233.5 vision payable		0
		Total Current Liabilities	2693.99
	Equity		
	Retained Earnings		192631.77
	Net Income		-66020.54
		Total Equity	126611.23
		Total Liabilities and Equity	129305.22

Letter from the Pastor

Praise God in Faith Faithful members of Ulysses First United Methodist Church,
Greetings in the Mighty Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Isn't God good? While we live in challenging times, we must also remember that God is not bound by times or seasons, and He is STILL a good God!

Praise is something that we all can do and shouldn't be held back just because we aren't on the "victory side" of things yet.

Often, our problem as human beings is that we only praise when we see the answer, but quite often in the Bible, we see how Praise should go first! 2 Chronicles 20:21-23 (NKJV) 21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the LORD, For His mercy endures forever." 22 Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.

Clearly, in this portion of scripture, the army was poised and ready, but Jehoshaphat said, "hold on" because there's something far more critical than swords and spears, horses and chariots, and it's called Praise!

I would encourage you to stop waiting until every prayer is answered the way you feel it should be! Begin to walk and praise God in advance of the answer! Pray and Praise in Faith!

The Bible lets us know that without Faith it is impossible to please God!

When I hear of Faith, it is not something that follows an answer to a battle; it's something that precedes an answer to a battle or crisis!

I believe there is power in saying, "God, I may not understand it all, but we know you're going to move in our Nation one more time!" You're going to move in our congregation one more time! You're going to move in my family one more time!

The God who did it before can do it again! We praise you in advance in Faith and not just after because comfort has been restored to our lives.

Do you remember the last time you experienced a challenging or difficult situation? Maybe you are in the middle of one right now. I hope you will be encouraged today, and you will also be an encouragement to others around you who simply don't understand why all these things are happening around them.

Stay blessed!

February 2024



Birthdays:

- Ruby Brewer (1)
- Marla Romesburg (5)
- Kim Billings (7)
- Mary Hensley (13)
- Lauryn Payne (16)
- Arabella Ashby (23)

Anniversaries:

- Cam & Cheyenne Schonlau (6)
- Brad & Deb Fort (14)
- Larry & Virginia Kepley (19)
- Don & Carla Smith (22)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Office Closed	3
4 Worship Service @ 9:30a	5	6	7 U-Church WFD WFD (Hot Sandwiches)	8	9 Office Closed	10
11 Worship Service @ 9:30a	12	13	14 U-Church WFD (Baked Potatoes) Ash Wednesday Valentines Day!	15	16 Office Closed	17
18 Worship Service @ 9:30a	19 Office Closed Presidents Day	20 SAS Meeting @ 5:30p	21 U-Church WFD (Meatballs)	22	23 Office Closed	24
25 Worship Service @ 9:30a	26	27	28 No U-Church	29		