

The Witness

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From the Pastor's Desk

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

Summer is a great time to get away—to vacate the area for R&R! Churches are accustomed to the “summer slump” - lower attendance and offerings during June, July, and August. Some churches plan for lower participation by closing the offices, canceling summer Sunday school, sending their clergy on sabbaticals, and dismissing programs until the fall—except VBS. It’s a great time to focus on family, friends and fun! ***We’re going to take a different approach this summer!***

Summer for the church begins on Trinity Sunday—the Sunday after Pentecost when worship pivots from Easter-time to “General Time” or ordinary time. Christians start their summertime fun with celebrating one of the core teachings (or doctrines) - God’s self revelation of the

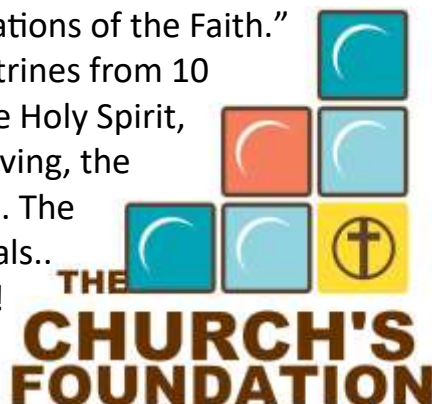
Godhead as Three-in-One: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You may have missed this important fact! The Church liturgy says, it’s time to have fun by focusing on what’s

most important: the core teachings or doctrines! We spend the six months (May thru Oct) growing in our knowledge and experience of God through the basic teachings of the faith *while having fun*.

To help us learn these core teachings, I will be offering a free Bible Study on **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm**: “Foundations of the Faith.” We will look at the 99 essential church doctrines from 10 core truths: God, the Bible, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, Creation, The Fall, Redemption, Christian Living, the Church, and the Second Coming (eschaton). The Cost is \$5.00 per person for printed materials.. Come join us for one or all of these classes!

Summer blessings!

~ Pastor Ivan+



June 2022

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Schedule

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study

10:30 AM &
7:00 pm

July 2022

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CHURCH OFFICE

Council President's Corner

Quarterly Business Meeting

The Congregation held its **Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck Luncheon** on **Sunday, May 22 at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall**. The Congregation received reports and approved the installation of new energy-efficient windows in the main office, pastor's study, and financial room (Cost: \$6,000). The Church Council is disappointed to report the \$50,000.00 grant from the National Fund For Sacred Places was not selected to continue on in the application process. Thank you to Nancy Lindberg and Pastor Ivan for submitting the grant proposal.

— Pat Carpenter, Church Moderator

Church Treasurer's Report...

Our income for April was \$15,371.18 with a total of \$81,753.86 for the year. This compares to \$17,231.67 in March. We are at 30.86% of our budget. 1/3 of the budget year is 33.33%.

Our expenses for April totaled \$22,168.69 with a yearly total of \$96,979.73 which is 37.58% of our budget. Our expenses for March totaled \$31,798.09. Our expenditure highlights include: the addition of a second nursery attendant, trees trimmed, paint for painting stripes on west parking, hotel for visiting missionaries, new choir music and youth travel costs to attend a conference.

The difference of income to expenses for the first four months of the year is \$-15,225.87.

Our checking account balance shown on the balance sheet is \$118,137.71. The majority of this is the new Capital Campaign monies totaling \$85,087.84 which includes a Mission portion of \$5,687.50. It also includes the Outreach funds totaling \$10,255.24 and our Youth fund of \$3,818.37.

The Benevolent Fund balance is \$5,442.31.

We changed our two checking accounts to Capital Federal Bank this month. We already had the Capital Campaign fund at Cap Fed and have now added our main checking account and the benevolent fund account. If you have any check from the church from US Bank account, please turn it in to the church office so a new check can be written to you. Thanks.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Nancy Lindberg, Treasurer

Happy Birthday
To Everyone
Born in June!

Jan Pukach 6/05
Cathy Goodnow 6/10
Jared Cripe 6/13
Amy Cripe 6/15
Ashley Smith 6/17
Karen Kirby 6/19
Becky Poe 6/19
Bruno Sprengs 6/20
Lilliana Matthiessen 6/24



ANNIVERSARIES

Brice & Colleen Smith 6/21
Jay & Marty Stevenson 7/07
Clarence & Alice Payne 7/27



Jan Mansfield 7/06
Doug Mauck 7/08
Molly Morris 7/13
Nancy Lindberg 7/15
Virginia Mansfield 7/15
Iariyel McKnight 7/15
Sage Poe 7/29
Dick May Jr. 7/30
Sonia Roling 7/30
Fran Seymour Hunter 7/31

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & OUTREACH

SUNDAY CINEMA – Summer Sunday School Cinema begins at 9:00 AM on Sunday, June 5. Refreshments will start at 9:00 a.m. with the movie starting promptly at 9:15 a.m. followed by group discussions. A sign-up sheet for those who can bring treats will be on the bulletin board.

Our first movie divided into four Sundays is “Miracles from Heaven”. It is a 2016 movie based on the incredible true story and memoir of Christy Beam. The film recounts the true story of Christy’s 10-year-old daughter who had a rare, incurable disease. The story depicts the toll an illness can have on a family and we are reminded that miracles still happen. The film stars Jennifer Garner, Kylie Rogers, Martin Henderson with Eugenio Derbez and Queen Latifah.

He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted. Job 9:10 (NIV)



BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

“1, 2 & 3 JOHN”

WED. BIBLE STUDY at 10:30 am
online or in-person in Holmer Hall



MONDAY-FRIDAY—JULY 25-29

Movie Night - "The Cross and the Switchblade" will be shown



in Holmer Hall
at 7:00 pm
Friday
June 17,
2022.

There will be pizza in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm. This movie came out in 1970

and my church's youth group went to see it when I was 15 years old. I thought it was a great movie and can't wait to see it again. There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board to gauge interest and to let me know how much pizza to order.

~ Jack Janway, Outreach

BABY CLOSET

MONDAYS - 9:00-11:00AM

WEDNESDAYS - 3:30-6:30 PM

THURSDAYS - 1:00-3:00 PM

<https://wsbctopeka.org/get-help/baby-closet>

FOOD PANTRY

MOST WEDNESDAYS

3:30 - 5:30 PM

*All food is available free of cost!

**No Food Pantry
in July**

MISSION



We will be collecting the One Great Hour of Sharing offering in June. The theme for this year is "Love remains". The world has changed dramatically in the last 2 years. Communities around the world have been both socially and economically affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. That impact has been felt even more deeply in the most vulnerable communities and in those affected by other disasters.

Wildfires continue to get worse year after year in the U.S. and Canada, and the same is true in Europe. Severe drought affects communities around the world, making safe water even more difficult to access in a time when it is needed more than ever to stop the spread of disease. Earthquakes have destroyed homes, lives, and livelihoods in many global locations. And conflict continues to uproot families and communities, forcing more people to be displaced. In the past year alone, we have witnessed this in places like Ukraine, Myanmar, Afghanistan, and elsewhere in the Middle East.



"OGHS – Ukraine Relief".

Jim Goodnow, Mission

Global Servant Spotlight

Kristy Engel - KRISTY is a global consultant with a health care focus. She is trained as a pediatric nurse practitioner and served for 12 years in the Dominican Republic, leading teams, and working with public health issues. She helped coordinate the 2010 Haiti earthquake relief and worked in Liberia during the 2014 Ebola outbreak.



As a global consultant, Kristy provides health assessments, training, clinical skills, partner consultation, and crisis relief throughout the world. Teaching about Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) is a hallmark of her work.:

<https://www.internationalministries.org/author/k-engel/>

DOORSTEP - This month Doorstep starts its 56th year of providing services to our neighbors in need!

Since March 2020, we have been providing all of our services, except clothing, by phone intake & interview. Clothing has been by appointment only since it opened up again. We've had approximately 75% of our volunteers return; however, there may be some that will not return since the pandemic. It is that time of year when our regular volunteers start to take trips and days off, and we barely have enough coverage for those days. Thinking ahead, once we return to in person services again, we know we will need more volunteers. With a small staff of four, we rely heavily on our volunteers each day to accomplish so many tasks, and help people in need.

We currently have openings in the food room, clothing room, sort room, front desk / check-in desk, and volunteers willing to do pick-ups for us; items such as bread, dog/cat food, and other miscellaneous items.

Most volunteer hours are Monday – Friday, from 8:30am – 1:30pm. You can visit our website <https://DoorstepTopeka.org> for a volunteer application, or stop in the office to pick one up. We also have a sheet outlining the positions and tasks. Once you return an application, our Volunteer Coordinator will review it, and be in touch.



WORSHIP

The Revised Common Lectionary Texts

Reader: ANGIE FOSTER

- ♦ **JUNE 5 - PENTECOST**
Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14 - 17
John 14:8 - 17 (25-27)
- ♦ **JUNE 12 - TRINITY
SUNDAY**
Proverbs 8:1- 4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5: 1- 5
John 16:12-15
- ♦ **JUNE 19 - FATHER'S DAY**
1 Kings 19:1-15a
Psalm 42 and 43
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39
- ♦ **JUNE 26 - GENERAL TIME**
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62



Lectionary Texts Reader: JACK JANWAY

- ♦ **JULY 3 - GENERAL TIME**
2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
- ♦ **JULY 10 - GENERAL TIME**
Amos 7:7-17
Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37
- ♦ **JULY 17—GENERAL TIME**
Amos 8:1-12
Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42
- ♦ **JULY 24 - GENERAL TIME**
Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)
Luke 11:1-13
- ♦ **JULY 31 - GENERAL TIME**
Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

JUNE USHERS

Jack Janway, Ernie Longstaff,
Nancy Lindberg, Clarence Payne,
& Harry Carpenter
Interested in being an Usher??

**See Clarence Payne,
Head Usher**

JUNE COMMUNION SERVERS

Janice Kirby, Nancy Lindberg,
Tera Freeman & Molly Morris

JULY USHERS

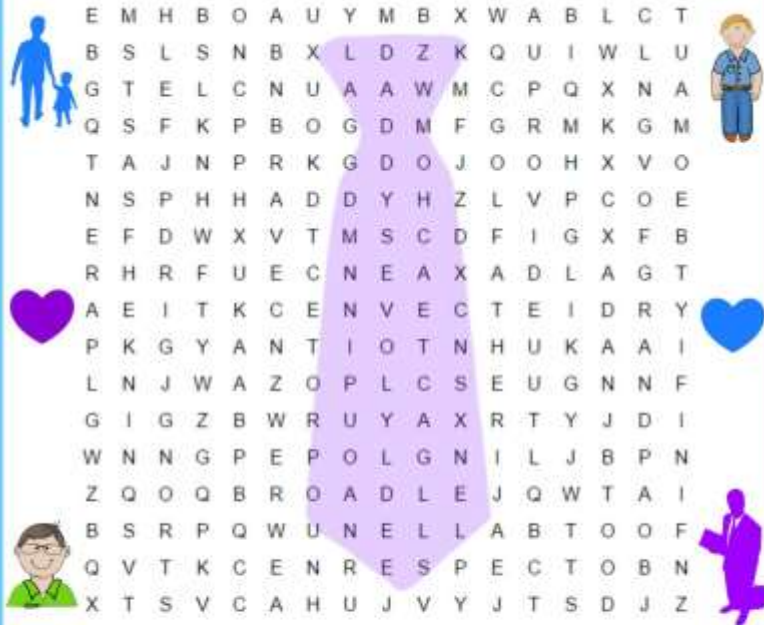
David Greuter, Sonia Roling, Ernie Reed
Clarence Payne, Harry Carpenter

JULY COMMUNION SERVERS

Jack & Nelda Janway
Tom & Carla Donnelly

ACTIVITY PAGE

Father's Day Word Search



DADDY
UNCLE
STRONG
GOLF
PROVIDE



FATHER
TEACH
BRAVE
FOOTBALL
PARENT



GRANDPA
RESPECT
NECKTIE
PROTECT
LOVE



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Summer Ice Cream Word Search!



Banana	Chocolate	Peach
Brownie	Coconut	Peppermint
Bubblegum	Coffee	Pistachio
Butterscotch	Mango	Pumpkin
Caramel	Maple	Strawberry
Cherry	Neapolitan	Vanilla

4th of July Word Search



BARBECUE
REMEMBER
BRAVE
REVOLUTION
NATION
INDEPENDENCE

FIREWORKS
LIBERTY
DECLARATION
PATRIOTIC
JULY

FLAG
STARS
JULY
COLONIES
STATES

A Prayer for America

Father in Heaven,
We, the people, in the
land of the free and
the home of the brave,
desperately need You.
Oh that we would leave our ways
of seeking to be blessed
and instead seek to bless others.
We beg for Your guidance and wisdom
for our leaders.
We ask You to protect our land
from enemies, both within and without.
And we praise you for the freedom
we have through the blood of Your Son.
May Your plan be the desire of our nation.
Amen

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Sun

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Tue

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Thu

Fri

Sat

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