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Our mission: Connect people in a growing, engaged, active relationship with Jesus Christ
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Hello Friends,

We live in a multifaceted world — one in fact that is always inviting us to learn new ways of engaging with it. Most notably the age of technology has been significant in changing the way we view our world. With the advent of cameras on hand-held computers, virtually everyone has become an amateur photographer, sometimes catching videos and still photographs that reach across the entire world. We typically depended on professionals to capture the photographs that changed the world. Additionally, many have become so self-involved that ‘selfies’ (photos of people who have photographed themselves) are so prevalent that an entire industry now thrives because of it. It’s difficult to grasp just where all of this technology will lead us. Nevertheless, the demand is that if we’re going to participate in this new age of communication and connection, we will have to keep up or fall behind and die.

This is important because change has never been one of our strong suits. We fight against change because it’s uncomfortable to us. And while it may be true when writer Ellen Glasgow stated, “*All change is not growth, and all movement is not forward,*” we must also come to recognize in the words of the ancient philosopher Heraclitus, that “*There is nothing permanent except change.*” That means change is inevitable. In a movie titled, “Other People’s Money”, Danny DeVito was a business magnate who bought up other businesses and converted them or sold them to make money. In one scene, he was addressing stock holders of a corporation that were facing dramatic change, and every stockholder was nervous about the transition. Danny DeVito simply explained a story about a buggy whip manufacturer, who in the face of a growing automobile industry, refused to acknowledge the change that was going on around them. He said that the company that made the buggy whips was the best buggy whip maker in the world, but went out of business because they failed to change.

Now, we aren’t afraid of going out of business. We stand upon the rock of Jesus who claimed that the gates of hell would never prevail against the church. But in this day and age we have a responsibility to make an effort to get more people engaged in the life of our church and congregation. More people see our church on the internet before they ever come inside our doors, so we are making some changes to “*connect people in a growing, engaged, active relationship with Jesus Christ.*” Beginning Sunday, May 24th (Pentecost Sunday) the readers of our newsletter and anyone else who logs on to our website, can hear each Sunday’s message any day of the week. The sermons will be updated each week.

Now, you may be wondering what this has to do with change and the word of God and our spiritual lives. And really, it’s all connected. One of the ways is as unchangeable as the word of God. It states that before people can call on or be connected to Jesus Christ, they must hear the good news of the Gospel. The Scripture reminds us:

“So how can they call on someone they don't have faith in? And how can they have faith in someone they haven't heard of? And how can they hear without a preacher? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the good news.” (Romans 10:14-15, Common English Bible)

So, on May 24, 2015 we will begin announcing the good news online. I guess you could say we are making a change to beautify the feet of Shawnee United Methodist Church as we seek to bring the good news of God and our Christ to a broader audience of people seeking rest for their souls. Now, you can still hear the good news from your church, but you can listen online, too.

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Ron

COME & WORSHIP
8:00 & 11:00 Traditional
9:30 Praise Worship

May 17, 2015

Acts 7:51-60

“Permanent Grace”

May 24, 2015

Ezekiel 37:1-14

“New Life in the Spirit”

Sunday School

All Ages – 9:30 a.m.

Youth – 11:00 a.m.

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Notes from Children's Ministry



We invite all children 2 year-old through 6th grade to Move, Act, Care, Follow, and Share at "G-Force: God's Love in Action" Vacation Bible School. They will explore and experience serving God and others with active love! The fun begins June 28th during Sunday School from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. On Sunday evening, June 28th, a family dinner will be held at 5:00 p.m. and Vacation Bible School at 6:00-7:30 p.m. Each evening Monday, June 29th through Wednesday, July 1st, Vacation Bible School will be 6:00 through 7:30 p.m. On Thursday night, July 2nd, a program for parents and family will be held at 6:30 with a reception following. The adventure includes music that will energize, interactive Bible activities, super science projects, cool crafts, hands-on mission work, delicious snacks, great games, and more! There will be no charge, so invite friends and neighbors to join in the fun of Vacation Bible School! More information about signing up will be available soon.

A blessing to pray over your child: May you know the One who rules over everything. May you words and heart honor the Lord. May your love for Him overflow into how you care for others. Amen.

READING GROUP UPDATE

The Reading Group will be meeting on May 28 to discuss A YEAR OF BIBLICAL WOMANHOOD, by Rachel Held Evans. Join us at 1:00 p.m. in the church parlor for an interesting discussion of what it was like for a contemporary woman to try to live her life like a woman from Bible time for one year! Next month: FLYGIRL by Staci Smith and/or NOT JUST A PRETTY FACE by Stacy Malkin.

LECTIONARY GROUP: "WHAT IS IT?"

Heard sometimes after folks read the church activities for the week: "What are these Lectionary Groups, anyway?" The Lectionary is a prescribed group of scriptures for study for each Sunday of the year, according to the Christian church year. Each week the scriptures include one from the Old Testament, a Psalm, one from the Epistles or Acts and one from one of the four gospels. There will be a common thread between them, which is one of the things we look for as we read and discuss. Each group session is independent of the others, so regular attendance is not necessary. This is a casual group of usually around 12 mornings and 6 evenings, learning from each other's thoughts and interpretations. We occasionally sponsor short term mission projects, such as the upcoming pudding collection. Perhaps your summer schedule creates some times when you can join us at 10:00am Tuesdays in Room 304 or 6:00pm Wednesdays in the parlor. We would love to see you there!

From the library...a quiet ministry

With summer coming quickly it is time to tell you about our summer reading plans! On May 31 we will kick-off the theme "Bee a Reader!" , for all ages.

You will see a big bee hive on the bulletin board, many book reading bees who are waiting to have your name and the name of each book you read 'til August 16, and some surprises. Keep watching for more "buzz" about this In the Messenger and around the church!

Be sure to check out our cookie jar bulletin board. It is overflowing with cookies listing good reads, many of them submitted by our youth and children.

We have recently added several books to our collection. They include BECAUSE HE LIVES (242 Ga) by Gloria Gaither-the story behind the meaning of several songs sung by the Gaithers; THE GIRL'S STILL GOT IT (222 Hi), by Liz Curtis Higgs- the author's take on the story of Naomi, Ruth and Boaz; FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN (JF Br) by H. Michael Brewer - an exciting teen time travel adventure In which three boys end up in the midst of an erupting Mt. Vesuvius; and TILL THE NIGHT BE PAST (B Bon) by Theodore Kleinhaus, a newer biography of Dietrich Bonhoffer.

Women, Save the Date!

**Women's Brunch
Saturday, June 13, 2015
10am - 12:30pm
SUMC Fellowship Hall**

ALL Women of SUMC are invited. Come and enjoy a delicious brunch and wonderfully hilarious entertainment. SUMC **Amazing Grace Players** will perform "Amazing Grace Through the Century." You won't want to miss this humorous rendition of the beloved song, "Amazing Grace," as it was performed by various groups throughout each decade of the 20th Century.

Reservations are not necessary, but encouraged so we will be sure to have enough food.

Please call Nancy Nash at 913-268-5185
or Barbara Frederick at 913-669-0687
by June 7 to reserve your place.

Bring a friend, dress casual.

The event is FREE and sponsored by UMW

Sympathy

To Charles and Liz Goslin and family on the death of their grandson, Cabot Goslin in Harlingen, TX.

To the family of Jack Sheridan who died May 7, 2015.

Weekly Prayer List

Please pray for our members:

Kathy Madison
Judy Petersen
Dennis Brown & Family
Bob Waller
Wilma McReynolds
Gus Gosch
Brad Daniels & Family
Dave McDonald
Family of James Glenn
Goldie Belt & Family
Howard Laughton & Family
Curt Dixon
Family of Sue Martin
Mid Lawrence
Carol Brown
Don Sutton
JoLayne Mullins
Scott Fears & Family
Charles & Liz Goslin
Family of Jack Sheridan

Please pray for our friends:

Nancy Morando
Christie Goebel
Francis Schumacher
Dennis Newsome
Linda & Mickey Houser
Jeanne Hoffman
Megan Gutierrez & Family
Richard Pina & Family
Libby Stone
Kautz Family
Ally Backes & Family
Heather Fredenberg

Please pray for our homebound members:

Jess Clark
Lois McAlister
Bob & Harriet Guthrie
Beth Crane
Ruth Lund
Lorene Cobb
Virginia Hubbard
Earl Love
Gifford Spaugh
Berneta Neese
Jack Richter
Doris Cathey
Darrel LaRue
Clena Wilson

Please pray for our church, that God would:

Enable us to be successful in achieving God's mission for our church to connect people in a growing, engaged, active relationship with Jesus Christ.
Send laborers for the harvest (evangelism).
See Luke 10:2
Make clear God's vision for our church.
Enable Shawnee United Methodist Church to become a House of Prayer (See Isaiah 56:1-8).
Reveal any other prayer needs in the life of our church.

CONGRATULATIONS 2015 CONFIRMANDS!!

The following young people were confirmed Sunday, May 3rd:

Amanda Michelle Brinkley – Mentor, Mary McCoy
Elizabeth Elaine Drummond – Mentor, Sarah Graves
Ian Riley Harris – Mentor, Ray Stauffer
Brianne Michelle Laluk – Mentor, Sue Smith
Maya Avery Larkin – Mentor, Deann Pasowicz
Grace Nicole Laughton – Mentor, Susan Ozga
Kalyssa Irene Nichols – Mentor, Sandra Daley
Audra Alise Nichols – Mentor, Karen Grantham
Kallie Elisabeth Pankau – Mentor, Karen de la Pena
Sarah Magdelene Sullivan – Mentor, Ophelia Behee
Katey Lynn Yenger – Mentor, Julie Italiano
Lillian Nicole Young – Mentor, Phyllis Stauffer

Thanks to their Mentors who served as role models, guides and friends through the process.

YOUTH SUMMER TRIP STOCK SALE

It's that time of year again- time to purchase stock in the summer trips, supporting our youth as they go out to serve in the name of Christ & SUMC! Please stop by the table in the narthex and purchase your shares today-\$30/share. The more shares you buy, the more you'll receive from our trip teams! All stockholders will be honored with a special reception Sunday, July 26 and receive special surprises from our trip teams. This year the youth will be traveling to Orlando to attend the "Youth 2015" National UMC event, "Go On!"- focusing on Wesley's acts of piety & mercy. They'll also be in service through workshops at the event and working one day at "Give Kids The World"- a charitable organization which fulfills wish trip dreams for children with life-threatening illnesses. Our local "Mission Days" will feature work in our own community including service at Shawnee Community Services, ReStart, Della Lamb, Crosslines, Spofford Home and MORE! Thank you for your support! Extra stock slips are available on the youth bulletin board outside the chapel.

SUMMER CAMPS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Camp Chippewa, the United Methodist Camping Ministry area has brochures available with registrations for camps for children through High School "Institute"! Pick up a copy in the church office, Gym or from the Youth Bulletin Board outside the chapel. Scholarships available to assist with Institute!

Newsletter News...

The next *Messenger* will be mailed out on Wednesday, May 27, 2015. All articles need to be received in the office or email julie@shawneumc.org by Thursday, May 21, 2015, 9:00 a.m. **Keep in mind that all time sensitive articles need to be 10 days or more after the date of the newsletter**

CHURCH CALENDAR

May 17 – May 24, 2015

Sunday, May 17

7:45 a.m. Prayer Time, Conference Room
8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Youth, Cake Reception, Narthex
9:30 a.m. Praise Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Equip Adult Sunday School Class, Room 304
11:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School Hour, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
11:30 a.m. Youth Family Brunch with Youth Group, Fellowship Hall
12:30 p.m. Youth Senior KickOut, Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 18

7:00 p.m. Esther Circle
7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troup 93, Fellowship Hall & Gym

Tuesday, May 19

10:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study Class, Room 304
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, Room 305
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troup 93 Summer Camp Meeting, Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Open Coed Basketball, Gym

Wednesday, May 20

10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ron “Studying the Apocrypha”, Room 304
1:00 p.m. Mary Ruth Circle, Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Youth Physical Fellowship, Gym, Stage, Fellowship Hall, Lounge
6:00 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study, Parlor
6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 3352 Adult Committee Meeting, Room 306
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace Class, Room 307

Thursday, May 21

1:00 p.m. Martha Circle, Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. Prayer Quilt, Room 307
6:15 p.m. TOPS, Room 307
6:30 p.m. Keystone Class Home Bible Study Group – Keling Home
7:00 p.m. Bible Study Group (Luke), Annex
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting, Room 304
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl, Parlor

Friday, May 22

Friday Prayer List

Saturday, May 23

9:00 a.m. Gideon’s International Meeting, Rooms 305 & 307

Sunday, May 24

7:45 a.m. Prayer Time, Conference Room
8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Praise Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Youth “Brunch Bunch”, Gym
11:00 a.m. Equip Adult Sunday School, Room 304
11:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School Hour, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
12:30 p.m. Community Dinner, Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day (office closed)
6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 3352 Den 2 (Tigers), Room 307
7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troup 93, Fellowship Hall & Gym

Tuesday, May 26

10:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study Class, Room 304
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry, Rooms 304 & 306
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack 3352 (Bears), Room 300
7:30 p.m. Open Coed Basketball, Gym

Wednesday, May 27

10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Ron, “Studying the Apocrypha”, Room 304
6:00 p.m. Youth Physical Fellowship, Gym, Stage, Fellowship Hall & Lounge
6:00 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Bible Study Group (Revelation), Annex
7:00 p.m. Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace Class, Room 307

Thursday, May 28

1:00 p.m. Reading Group, Parlor
6:15 p.m. TOPS, Room 307
6:30 p.m. Keystone Class Home Bible Study, Keling Home
7:00 p.m. Bible Study Group (Luke), Annex

Friday, May 29

Friday Prayer List

Saturday, May 30

Sunday, May 31

7:45 a.m. Prayer Time, Conference Room
8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Praise Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Youth “Brunch Bunch”, Gym
11:00 a.m. Equip Adult Sunday School Class, Room 304
11:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School Hour, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

Attendance

May 3, 2015		May 10, 2015	
8:00 a.m.	53	8:00 a.m.	69
9:30 a.m.	132	9:30 a.m.	62
11:00 a.m.	75	11:00 a.m.	72
Total	260		203
<i>Sunday School – 110</i>		<i>Sunday School – 82</i>	

DONATIONS FOR NEPAL DISASTER

Donations for the Nepal disaster may be made by check to Shawnee UMC with the following on the memo line: UMCOR Advance #982450. The word is that the five UMC missionaries serving in Nepal are all safe and aiding in the relief efforts. Since we are already gearing up to prepare school and health kits, this disaster should demonstrate the urgency of our response monetarily and through the “work of our hands” to demonstrate our care for people everywhere who are suffering. Thank you.

PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW....

Please let the office know when you move or when your mail is on "vacation" status. The post office does not forward bulk mail pieces such as *The Messenger*. When they are returned to us because someone has moved or is temporarily away, we must pay \$.49 for each one. There is also a delay of 2 to 4 weeks before the piece of mail makes its way back to the office and we receive notification, which means subsequent pieces of mail have gone out in the meantime that will also be returned. Thank you for helping us to be good stewards of God's resources!

BUILDING POLICY REMINDER...

Groups/persons leaving the building after 8:00 p.m. are expected to insure that doors are secured and lights off. If it is before 8:00 p.m. and you are the last group/person to leave the building, make sure the doors are locked and the lights turned off. In that same thought mode, please remember to shut lights off anytime of the day or evening if you are the last one to leave a room, or a particular area of the building. High utility costs affect us ALL! Thank you.

Thank You

I'd just like to thank everyone in my church family for all your thoughts, prayers, cards, phone calls and food in connection with my recent extensive foot surgery on April 7th. I still have a long way to go yet before I can even walk or drive. Please just keep me in your thoughts and prayers during this recuperation. I'm thankful to be a part of such a caring church family.

Carol Brown

My family and I would like to thank my church family for all their prayers, thoughts, calls and cards in the home-going of my brother Everett Carson.

Your Friends in Christ, Goldie Belt and Family

Many thanks to all who helped our class serve the Community Dinner on Sunday, April 26th!

The Genesis Class

Thank you to everyone who donated coats this past winter. We provided approximately 150 coats and jackets to Shawnee Community Services and Cross-Lines.



2015 GRADUATES



The following members of Shawnee UMC who are high school graduates this year:

Anthony D'Amato, son of Steve and Marianne D'Amato

Harrison Fears, son of Scott and Susan Fears

Lucie Rogers, daughter of David and Brenda Rogers

Brownwyn McNaughton, daughter of Brian McNaughton and Karen McNaughton

Adam Vanausdall, son of Mike and Mary Vanausdall

Hayden Smith, son of Jason and Amber Yenger

Jon-Michael Smith, son of Jason and Amber Yenger

Other members or member-related graduates are:

Robert F. Ehrhardt, Jr., University of Missouri, Columbia, great-grandson of Robert & Harriet Guthrie.

Caroline Dellett, St. Louis University.

FLOWER CALENDAR

Please check the 2015 Flower Calendar posted outside the church office. Think of all the ways you can honor loved ones and family: birthday, anniversaries, graduations and memorials. This is a very special way of participating in the life of the church and the beauty of our worship experience. Pick a date, fill out an order form, and turn it in at the church office. It's that simple!!

VITAL SIGNS

Attention Small Groups - WE NEED YOUR HELP!!
The VitalSigns Dashboard is a United Methodist Church tool that allows us to track our weekly attendance for various groups and activities in the church. It is a means designed to help us follow our progress on the goals we set each year. **The office files a report once a week and we need your help to do this!** If you are a small group associated with Shawnee United Methodist Church that meets in the church, homes, annex, etc. (ex. Lectionary, Reading Group, Prayer Shawl, Prayer Quilt, Bible Studies, among others), please let the office know your attendance for each meeting. Forms will be available at a later date that will make this process more efficient and help to remind you to take attendance. In the meantime, please put a note in the Administrators box or email info@shawneeumc.org with your group name, date of meeting and the number of attendees. Thank you for your help. Questions, call the office, 631-2280.



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SUN. MAY 24- Praise 9:30, "Brunch Bunch" 10:30, SS 11:00

SAT. MAY 30- Youth Car Wash- Times, location TBA

SUN. MAY 31- Praise 9:30, "Brunch Bunch" 10:30, SS 11:00, YOUTH COUNCIL 12:30 (Possible make-up for Confirmands!)

SUN. JUNE 7- Praise 9:30, "Brunch Bunch" 10:30, SS 11:00

TUES. JUNE 9- Youth Reps to Annual Conference, Wichita (through June 13)

(Support Youth Summer Trips- Purchase STOCK in the Narthex on Sunday or grab a form from the Youth Bulletin Board & turn in to the church office! Stockholders/Mission Sharing Day: July 26!)