



# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

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Sunday School at 9:30 A.M.	700 Poyntz Avenue
Sunday Worship at 10:45 A.M.	Manhattan, Kansas 66502
Second Helping Dinner at 5:15 P.M.	telephone 785-537-7006
Thursday Evening Taizé at 7:00 P.M.	<a href="http://www.uccmanhattan.org">www.uccmanhattan.org</a>

## Summertime...

Summer Sundays always feel a little different to me—and that’s a good thing. They surprise us with different music like the awesome Saxophone quartet that played last Sunday. They are offering me the opportunity to depart from the lectionary. New people moving to town mean often there are new faces in worship.

It’s also the time of summer vacations, family reunions, annual conventions, and a host of other reasons to be gone. I do appreciate the commitment it takes to be church in the summer, and that so many of you make that commitment to be together each Sunday, to volunteer at The Second Helping, and to keep your financial commitment current even when you are away.

If you are away on Sunday and have the opportunity to visit another congregation, that’s another great way to be church. We all benefit from the reminder that church is much more than our usual Sunday experience. Grace and Peace,

*Kent*

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## Sharing and Caring

*Prayers and Concerns – please call the church office at 537-7006 for information.*

### *E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN*

If you wish to be added to the First Congregational e-mail prayer chain, please contact [office@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:office@uccmanhattan.org).



### Office Hours & Transitions

**The Administrative Office will be closed July 1 through 5.** The office will be open 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. beginning July 6.

**Sandy Nelson** has been hired as our new Administrative Assistant and will begin work on July 6. Sandy brings 20 years experience as Administrative Assistant and Publications Director of the International Association of Jazz Education. We are delighted to welcome her to the team.

Likewise, we say **“Thank You!” to Debbie Nuss** who has served so ably as our temporary Administrative Assistant during this time of transition.

# Recycling Starts July 4



In a “stewardship of the earth” effort to reduce our carbon footprint, the Cobb Challenge group will offer a recycling collection place at the church beginning July 4. This will be used for recycling by the church office, Second Helping, and other groups using the church building, as well as anybody else who:

- Finds it inconvenient to take your recyclable items to Howie’s during business hours.
- Wishes to reduce the extra mileage (with accompanying air pollution, auto wear, and oil consumption) involved in driving recyclables to Howie’s.
- Does not currently recycle.

You may find it easy to bring your recyclable items with you to church and leave them at the collection point in the eastern passage between the Sanctuary and Blachly Hall. You can either bring your things through the Hall or enter through the east door, which will be unlocked on Sunday mornings.

We will make it as simple as possible for you in that your items do not need to be sorted. However, *they must be clean so they do not create odors or attract pests.*

- Plastic jugs must be rinsed clean. (In the case of milk, this may take two or three rinses.)
- Bottles and tin and aluminum cans must be rinsed clean. (An occasional greasy can or jug may better be thrown away than cleaned.)

If you have questions, ask, call, or email one of us. And feel free to look in on the collection point. Of course, anyone wanting to get involved with the Cobb Challenge effort would be welcomed with open arms!

**The Cobb Challenge Group**  
**Sean Weston, Jerry Hanna & Jim Mock**

# Fundraising — simple as purchasing \$hop \$mart Grocery Certificates

It’s the easy way to make a donation to the Church. Purchase your certificates after worship to use when you buy groceries. Buy the coupons at face value, spend them like cash, and the church receives a donation. Certificates are now available for HyVee, Dillon’s, and Ray’s Apple Market.



## Sermons on the Web

The Church Vitality Team is delighted to announce that Sermon Podcasts from First Congregational UCC in Manhattan are now available on our church website! This long-promised development has required new equipment which allows us to make more reliable recordings of our worship services. The actual creation of the podcasts is possible because of the dedicated work and technical support of Dan Barnes. Thank you Dan!

You can listen to or download a podcast by visiting our website [uccmanhattan.org](http://uccmanhattan.org) and clicking on the “sermons” tab. Most sermons since October 2009 are now posted, and we will continue to post sermons on a weekly basis.

## Rainbow Table – Date Change

Rainbow Table, the GLBT and allies social group at First Congregational, is planning a Wine and Cheese Party for Saturday, **July 24, 2010, at 6:00 P.M.** This is a date change from previously announced. For more information, contact the church office at 537-7006 or [office@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:office@uccmanhattan.org).

## Mission & Outreach

**Thank you** for your support of the *Strengthen the Church* special mission appeal. Our final total this year was \$ 625.00. Your gifts will help establish new congregations, renew churches, strengthen leadership, and support youth and young adult ministries in the United Church of Christ.

**Opportunities to Serve** The Board of Mission and Outreach is looking for persons who would be interested in supporting our efforts by serving organizations which we as a congregation support. These include:

**Shepherd's Crossing Representative** — We are looking for a person who could attend third Monday noon meetings, and represent our church in this ecumenical helping ministry. The office has more information of this opportunity.

**ECM Campus Ministry Board Member** — ECM Board members attend monthly second Thursday evening meetings of our cooperative campus ministry. Judy Willingham can tell you about this opportunity—she is one of the persons who represent us on the board. Jerry Hanna will begin serving as a second representative this summer. We are still looking for a third person who feels called to serve in this way.

If you have interest or questions about these opportunities, please contact the pastor or Mission and Outreach presiding officer Victor Force.

## Christian Education

# Renew

**Grow in Faith.**

**Have Fun.**

**Change the World.**

**Bible School**

**July 12-16**

First Congregational UCC is invited to participate with our friends at First Christian (Disciples of Christ) in a GREEN Bible School experience. Don't delay—NOW is the time to register. **You can register online at [www.fccmanhattan.org](http://www.fccmanhattan.org).** This is a great opportunity for ALL ages, adults included! The sessions are in the evening, with a supper provided at 6:00. However, you must register so that food can be prepared for you.

### **Thursday Evening BIBLE STUDY: Acts**

The Thursday Evening Bible Study is now taking up the Acts of the Apostles—Luke's sequel to his gospel. Some call it the "Gospel of the Holy Spirit," others "the history of the early church." Acts is filled with people and places and stories of how the Jesus movement spread and grew. We meet Thursdays at 5:30 P.M. in Blachly Hall. Feel free to bring a brown bag supper or snacks. Child care is available in the Nursery. We conclude by 6:45 P.M. so that you can attend the Taizé service if you wish.

## Regional Youth Event July 14-18

Check your calendars and plan to attend the once-every-four-years **UCC West Central Regional Youth Event**. RYE 2010 is at Park University in Parkville, Missouri (very close!). The event runs from Wednesday afternoon, July 14, through Sunday breakfast on July 18. The event is for youth entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade through youth exiting 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Contact the church office if you have questions.

## Worship & Church Volunteers

### *July 4, 2010-----*

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**Greeters**..... *volunteers needed*  
**Scripture Reader**..... Kent Cormack  
**Word for Children** ... Martha Miller  
**Sanctuary Flowers** ... Atina Hanna  
**Fellowship Hour**..... *volunteers needed*  
**Lawn Care** ..... Jim Ahrens (*July 4-10*)

### *July 11, 2010-----*

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**Greeters**..... Judy Ahrens  
**Scripture Reader**..... Patty Brown-Barnett  
**Word for Children** ... *volunteer needed*  
**Sanctuary Flowers** ... Jean Hill & Virginia Bigbee  
**Fellowship Hour**..... *volunteers needed*  
**Lawn Care** ..... Bill Pallett (*July 11-17*)

### *July 18, 2010-----*

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**Greeters**..... Bill & Linda Richter  
**Scripture Reader**..... *volunteer needed*  
**Word for Children** ... *volunteer needed*  
**Sanctuary Flowers** ... Judy Willingham  
**Fellowship Hour**..... *volunteers needed*  
**Lawn Care** ..... Dave Smit (*July 18-24*)

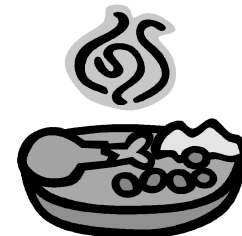
### *July 25, 2010-----*

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**Greeters**..... *volunteers needed*  
**Scripture Reader**..... Judy Ahrens  
**Word for Children** ... *volunteer needed*  
**Sanctuary Flowers** ... Gretchen Lewis  
**Fellowship Hour**..... Burke & Margery Bayer  
**Lawn Care** ..... Mike Miller (*July 25-31*)

## The Second Helping

*The Second Helping is a local mission of First Congregational UCC. It serves a hot meal every Sunday evening and provides sack breakfast and lunch items to each guest. To volunteer, contact the church office at 537-7006 or [office@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:office@uccmanhattan.org).*



### *July 4, 2010-----*

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**Chief Cook**.....Judy Davis  
**Volunteers**.....Ann Gleason, Kathy Bleam, Sue Zschoche  
Caren Knickelbine  
**Dessert**.....*volunteer needed*

### *July 11, 2010-----*

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**Chief Cook**.....Steve Staker  
**Volunteers**.....Ann Gleason  
Manhattan Mennonite Church  
**Dessert**.....*volunteer needed*

### *July 18, 2010-----*

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**Chief Cook**.....Andy Barkley  
**Volunteers**.....Ann Gleason, Kathy Bleam, Neil Dayton  
Mary Ellen Barkley, Gigi Cohen, Ilana  
Badenasky, Caren Knickelbine  
**Dessert**.....*volunteer needed*

### *July 25, 2010-----*

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**Chief Cook**.....Ann Smit  
**Volunteers**.....ESA Sorority  
**Dessert**.....Ann Smit

## Community News



### Riley County Relay for Life

On August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, several members of our church will be participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Church members walking this year include Ann

Gleason, Bill Richter, and Linda Richter. We are raising money in advance of the Relay. Checks should be made out to the American Cancer Society.

For every contribution of \$10 you may designate a luminary (some decorated by Katya Richter) in memory of or in honor of a person who has had cancer. These will be placed around the KSU Stadium and participants will walk all night by their light. Please help us fight this disease that has taken such a toll on our world.

— Linda Richter

### Basic Parenting

**Pawnee Mental Health Services** is offering a parent education experience called **BASIC PARENTING** beginning Tuesday, July 13. The sessions are from 6:30-8:30 P.M. and will be held at Pawnee's Houston Street location at 423 Houston Street.

The program was developed at Kansas State University for use with all parents, especially those who are resource-stressed. Parents will participate in six two-hour sessions led by Jeremy Boyle, MS, LMFT, CFLE. Sessions will cover a variety of topics fundamental to good parenting, such as personal stress management, understanding children, prevention of alcohol and drug use, and helping children learn. The sessions are appropriate for parents of children of any age. The program has an education focus, but sessions are designed to put parents at ease with an informal, playful approach to learning.

For more information or to enroll, contact Jeremy at 785-587-4300 or by email at [basisparenting@pawnee.org](mailto:basisparenting@pawnee.org).

### Summer Negro Spiritual Concert

The public is cordially invited to attend the **Summer Negro Spiritual Concert** at First United Methodist Church, 612 Poyntz Avenue on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:00 P.M. The concert will feature **vocalist Dr. LaVerne L. Baker**. Dr. Baker will be accompanied by violinist Jennifer Bryan; guitarist, Steve Hinrichs; and pianist Mary Caudle-Kidd. A reception in Fellowship Hall will follow Dr. Baker's performance.

### From Loss to New Life

**Homecare & Hospice** invites community members to participate in a free five-week grief and loss support group entitled, "**From Loss to New Life.**" The goal of the group is to provide support and education to individuals moving through the grieving process due to the loss of a loved one in the recent or distant past. The group is designed to be a safe and confidential environment to share one's thoughts and feelings regarding loss and to work together to understand the grieving process.

- An RSVP is necessary for attendance.
- The group will meet twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 5:00 to 6:30 P.M. in the Homecare & Hospice conference room, 3801 Vanesta Drive
- The first meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 13, and the last meeting will be on Thursday, August 12
- New materials will be shared at each meeting

Persons registering for the class are asked to commit to the entire five-week program and to make every effort to attend each meeting. Homecare & Hospice will provide all necessary materials free of charge.

To enroll, or for more information, contact Dan Clayton at Homecare & Hospice at 537-0688 or [dclayton@hcandh.org](mailto:dclayton@hcandh.org).

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