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Sunday School at 9:30 A.M. (when school is in session)

Sunday Worship at 10:45 A.M.

Second Helping Dinner at 6:00 P.M.

Thursday Evening Taizé at 7:00 P.M.

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“Thankful”

At least three Wednesday nights each month, I walk into the church parking lot sometime around 9:00pm and get into my car. I close the door and sit there for a moment in silence. After meeting with our church leadership on Wednesday nights, I’m 100% exhausted and 100% grateful and 100% fired up and ready to work....but it’s almost bedtime and I need to start slowing down. It’s always an odd mix of emotions that requires a bit of tending. So I usually find myself praying on the way home - just trying to sort through this odd and wondrous calling that has landed me here in Manhattan, KS trying my best to follow Jesus with all of you.

I want to take a moment and tell you about some of those things I reflect upon and pray about when I’m driving home late on Wednesday night:

Loving Unconditionally. We say we do it. Can we really do it? Well, in my own limited experience, loving unconditionally is virtually impossible. Which is kind of why I love that *[continued pg. 2]*



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we are trying. Because, as the Apostle Paul said, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” I have not yet, in my time here, found an individual or a group that this congregation is unwilling to love. And that’s a pretty big deal. I know the song says “they’ll know we are Christians by our love”....but I think we’ve all known churches where that isn’t the case. Time after time, I see this congregation loving people - especially those who are on the margins - in real, tangible ways. And the love isn’t just an emotional thing or something we do because we feel like it. Instead, that expansive love is rooted in a desire to understand and walk in the way of Jesus, who loved in ways really no one around him could understand. I see that the love of First Congregational is rooted in that deep love and I have faith that we can continue to push beyond boundaries when we encounter them. I have faith that we will keep Loving Loudly (and even a bit obnoxiously when appropriate). Thank you.

Challenge Spiritually. Jesus said, “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” For many of us, our time is a real treasure. There never seems to be quite enough of it. And that’s why I’m constantly amazed at the way people in our congregation take care to challenge themselves and others to deepen their connection with the Holy by showing up when it counts. We have a record number of people dedicating themselves to learning together this year - we’ve been having something like 15-20 people in adult Sunday School each week and we have 15 people participating in Disciple Bible Study. We continue to have adults who are willing to show up for our children and youth as they learn what it means to Be the Church. I was amazed to see nearly 20 of us present for the recent Tim Wise lecture on campus - stepping out and making time to learn more about how we can dismantle racism. And when I was at the Indigenous Peoples Day conference on campus a friend said to me, “How many people from your church are HERE?” Time and time again, we are making an effort to learn more, expand our understanding of what it means to follow Jesus, and put ourselves in places where we can be challenged to grow. Thank you.

Minister Fervently. We all know the myriad ways we minister to our community and world. They're too many to list here. But I want to take a moment of personal privilege to say thank you for the ways you have ministered to me and to my family. When I am

sick, you check on me. When the world becomes too much, you arrive with notes and flowers and tell me you are praying for me because you know it must be hard to be a pastor in the midst of this messy world. When I mess up, you forgive me. When I am about to make a mistake, you often stop me, helping me see a better way. When I am tired, you jump in and relieve me so I can experience Sabbath (and regain my energy to get back in the fray). You create a space where it is joy to do ministry - even when it's hard. And that is invaluable to me and to my family. Thank you.

Pastor Caela

Sharing and Caring

Prayers and Concern

- For more information, please contact the church office.

Helping

- **Need a ride to church?** Contact one of our transportation volunteers: Jim/Carolyn Hodgson, Bill Pallett, or Jeff Keller.
- **Home Communion Visits** The Deacons can bring communion to your home on the first Sunday of the month. Visits at other times can be arranged with the pastor.

Thanks

- A total of \$518.01 has been received for Neighbors in Need. Thanks to all for your contributions.
- Thank you for your donation and participation in this years Church World Service CROP walk on October 2, 2016. Our congregation had more donations and walkers than the previous year. The total amount raised so far is \$825, this doesn't include online contributions. Thank you from all of us on the Mission Board for supporting the good work CWS does all around the World.

Congregational Meeting November 13

As Congregationalists, we bear with pride the right, and obligation, that our church has to run its affairs and see to its business as we, the congregants, see fit. To that end, we elect our committee and Cabinet members who are charged to see to the affairs of the church, in all its many particulars. Yet, ultimately, it is the congregation that makes decisions and steers the church on the course chosen for it by its members, truly democracy in action! On Sunday, November 13, we will gather after worship services for our next congregational meeting, during which we will hear the proposed budget, information about pledges, and the slate of nominees who have agreed to serve the church in the coming year. I have attended many of these meetings over the decades that I've been a member of this church, and I'm always proud to do so. They don't take long and they are vitally important to our well being as a congregation. I look forward to seeing you after church on November 13th.

Thanks, Alfred Cochran, moderator

E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN—If you wish to be added to the First Congregational e-mail prayer chain, please contact office@uccmanhattan.org. It is a quick and easy way to stay up to date with your church family.



From the Moderator

Recently, I had opportunity to attend the K-O Conference Annual Meeting in Wichita. I'm not sure what I had expected, but the reality of this two-day conference surprised and delighted me, and I gleefully shared those thoughts and feelings with Conference Minister Edith Guffey. When I did so, she chuckled, and it was clear that she was pleased. I've asked my co-attender, Julie Hunt, to provide her thoughts about the experience below, but I want to preface her remarks with a few words about the individual, the Reverend Doctor Robin Meyers, who delivered the two plenary lectures at the conference. Under the topic-umbrella of Christianity and Resistance, Meyers' two stunningly relevant talks spoke to me directly in ways I have rarely experienced. The following quote is from one of his seven published books, and he referred to, and amplified, it directly in his lectures. His comments on contemporary Christianity are, for me, extraordinarily on target, and I hope that you will seek out the writing of this gifted and astute theologian and minister.

He wrote, "If the church is to survive as a place where head and heart are equal partners in faith, then we will need to commit ourselves once again not to the worship of Christ, but to the imitation of Jesus. His invitation was not to believe, but to follow." (p. 145, Robin R. Meyers, [Saving Jesus from the Church: How to Stop Worshiping Christ and Start Following Jesus](#)) I think these words are profound and they call us to action. That's refreshing, but it's also scary as the dickens! So, to paraphrase the old Louis Jordan tune, "Is you is, or is you ain't ready to take hold of this?" Let's accept the challenge and re-forge Christianity not on what we believe but on what we do. May it always be so!

Alfred

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Alfred Cochran, Caela Wood and I (Julie Hunt) attended the Kansas-Oklahoma Conference Annual Meeting in Wichita, Kansas October 14th and 15th. We returned to Manhattan inspired by the key note speaker, Robin Meyers from the UCC church in Oklahoma City. In his first speech he challenged the clergy to bring politics to the pulpit and in the second address he charged everyone to be rebels like the descriptions of Jesus found in the New Testament.

Alfred and I attended a session on White Privilege 101, and in a second session we were given an introduction of the new White Privilege curriculum created by the UCC National Organization. The curriculum sounds like an excellent resource with lots of discussion questions and personal reflection. Several members from our church will be attending a train the trainers session later this month and plan to hold a workshop using this new curriculum. I hope you will consider participating in the workshop once the dates are announced.

We also had the opportunity to meet with pastors, moderators, and delegates from other UCC churches. It was a delight to meet some many people with similar views on politics and social justice. We hope to be able to connect with other churches during the next year.

Julie

November Mrunch

Our next Mrunch will be Saturday, November 5. This month we'll be meeting at Paulicia's house and doing some freezer-meal prep for Hannah and her family as they get ready to welcome their baby. Childcare will be provided at the church if needed - please let me know as soon as possible so that nursery staff can be arranged. Mrunch is a time for mothers of elementary aged kids and younger (even if you are just expecting) to come and enjoy a peaceful supportive environment with other mothers in the same season of life. If you have questions, please contact Andrea Chamberlain.

Lunch Bunch November 2

Join the Women of the Church for Lunch Bunch on Wednesday, November 2 at **Old Chicago (2001 Clocktower Place just off Vanesta Dr.)**. It's not for women only—everyone is welcome to join us for lunch at 11:30 a.m. (Find monthly Lunch Bunch locations by going to the church website at www.uccmanhattan.org and then clicking on Community Life/Events Calendar.)



Ministry of the Decorative Scissors

The next retreat of the Ministry of the Decorative Scissors is from 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 10 until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 12 in Andover Hall. Everyone is welcome. There are no guarantees that you will complete any projects, but you will have fun and meet delightful people. Come for an hour or for the whole time! Feel free to bring a snack to share. For more information, contact Sue Gerth.



Do you have a gift for caring?

The Ministers of Care invite you to consider joining us as we care for people in our congregation who are unable to regularly make it to worship or are going through a time of crisis or transition. We visit people in their homes and the hospital. We check in on folks to see how the church can support them during a time of need. We meet quarterly with Pastor Caela to pray and support each other in this important ministry. Our next meeting is Monday, November 28th at 4:30pm in the Conference Room. Please let Pastor Caela know if you plan on joining us.

New Publication Featuring Our Pastor

Caela has a chapter in a newly-published book, *Sacred Habits: The Rise of the Creative Clergy* by Chad Abbot. This anthology attempts to speak a word of hope to a Church that finds itself in the midst of decline. Featuring 22 essays by clergy (many of who are UCC!), scholars, authors, and entrepreneurs the text dreams of a world where creativity is unleashed to bring about a hopeful future for the Church. Caela's contribution is "Doing Nothing Together: The Art of Getting to Know Each Other." A copy of the book will be available in our church library.

Remembering Our Saints

On November 6, we join with Christians around the globe in remembering our saints on All Saints Day. We invite you to remember the saints in your own life by bringing along an item that represents the person you wish to honor. We will have a table set up in Pioneer-Blachly for your items. Your saint might be a relative or friend. They might be someone famous that you've never met. A saint is simply someone who has gone before us and has showed us how to live. We remember their lives and honor them the first Sunday in November. You may want to bring a photograph, keepsake, newspaper article, or some other memento. We'll have cards available for you to write the saint's name and we can all browse the items during Fellowship Hour.

Dinner Discussion Friday, Nov. 11 at 6:00pm

The Vitality and Outreach Committee invites you to join us for a simple meal and a free screening of *A Walk In My Shoes: Social Justice in Education*, the latest documentary from the K-State College of Education. This 40-minute film touches on the lives and experiences of five dynamic educators whose passion for social justice was forged when they were in school. Their personal accounts bear witness to both the overt and subtle forms of injustice that create critical barriers to quality learning and inclusion. Each person enacted their beliefs in equity, access, and respect in order to provide a just and quality education for the learners they serve. The committee will provide a simple soup supper with vegetarian and vegan options.



Shop \$mart Grocery Cards

If you ever shop at HyVee, the church can gain support through your use of pre-purchased gift cards from the church (which buys them at a 6% discount). Please contact Dave Manning and let him know of your interest. If enough people are interested in these cards, we will continue to have them available.



Harvest Potluck - Sunday, November 20, immediately after worship

The Vitality and Outreach committee is helping us continue our tradition of gathering for a meal where we celebrate all the gifts we've received from God's good earth and give thanks around shared tables. The Vitality Committee will be providing turkey and you are invited to bring an entree, side, or dessert to share. You are also invited to bring your own re-usable table service if you are able (disposable options will be available). The Vitality Committee is currently down a few members due to recent moves, and could really use some help with set up, serving, and clean up. Contact Linda Thurston or the church office if you can help.

World AIDS Day Service of Remembrance and Hope - Thursday, Dec. 1 at 7pm

We are honored to host Manhattan's service for World AIDS Day again this year. The service will feature music, reflection, a candle lighting ceremony. A great opportunity to slow down, remember those we love and light a candle in the darkness for HOPE. We'll have a brief reception with snacks and warm beverages after the service. Pastor Caela requests assistance with the reception. If you are able to help provide some snacks or be present to serve them an offer our guests hospitality, please contact the church office.

Large planter available

A dracaena and an exotic yellowish-reddish philodendron plant in a large blue plastic planter need to go to a good home. The philodendron is from the collection of Angelo Garzio, K-State potter/professor, now deceased. The pot plus plants is about 3 feet tall, and it needs to be in a large window or a patio door. Philodendron is not good for babies or animals. We will deliver. Whoever claims this beauty is welcome to give a donation to the Second Helping. Contact David or Ann Smit.

Save The Date & Invite A Friend: Advent and Christmas at First Congregational UCC

Nov. 6 - Dec. 11 - Christmas Pageant rehearsals, 9:30am

Saturday, Nov. 26 - Advent Decorating with the Deacons

Nov. 27 - Advent Begins! Pick up your Advent calendar at worship

Nov. 27 - Dec. 18 - "Awaiting the Already" Advent Study at 9:30am

Thursday, Dec. 1 - World AIDS Day service, 7:00pm

Dec. 4 - Brass during worship

Dec. 11 - Christmas Pageant during worship

Saturday Dec. 17 - Christmas Caroling in the afternoon

Dec. 18 - Lessons and Carols during worship

Thursday, Dec. 22 - Blue Christmas service, including Worldwide
Compassionate Friends Candle Lighting

Saturday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve worship at 7:00pm

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Worship around the tree at 10:45am

Helping our Mennonite Friends

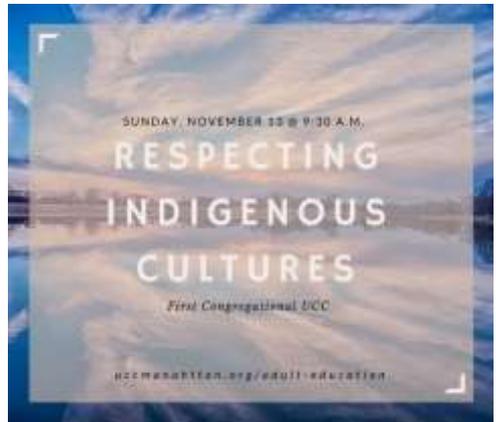
One of the highlights of the fall season is the annual Mennonite German Dinner. This year, the dinner will be held from 12 to 6 pm at Pottorff Hall on November 13. Since our Mennonite friends have regularly contributed to staffing our Second Helping ministry, this year we'd like to support them by contributing a few volunteers from our church to help them in their major yearly fundraiser. At this point, it would be helpful if we could supply 2 or 3 people to help chop vegetables on Friday evening at 6:30 at the Mennonite Church, and 6 to 8 volunteers to help with the actual serving of the meal from 12 to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 13. No need to miss church at FCUCC; they'll be thrilled to see us whenever we could get there!

If you'd like to help, please contact Gretchen Lewis or the church office. Even if you can't help, please plan to help out our friends at the Mennonite Church by attending their wonderful German meal. Thank you!!

Upcoming Adult Education

November 13 – One Day Only!

Respecting Indigenous Cultures - We are often allies to groups and peoples to which we may not belong. To be better allies, we examine the line between respecting and appropriating culture, and how to move forward with mutual respect. LaVerne Bitsie-Baldwin and Sonya Ortiz of the social initiative ReImage MHK join us to share their perspectives.



November 20

Rabbi Moti Rieber, Executive Director of Kansas Interfaith Action, will join us in the pulpit and lead adult Sunday School. His adult Sunday School class will be on the topic of "The Recent Election Results - Reflections and Predictions." Kansas Interfaith Action is a statewide, multi-faith issue-advocacy organization that "puts faith into action" by educating, engaging and advocating on behalf of people of faith and the public regarding critical social, economic, and climate justice issues. You can read more about Rabbi Rieber at uccmanhattan.org/adult-education.

November 27 - December 18

Dale Stearns will lead our Advent book study. *Awaiting the Already: An Advent Journey through the Gospels* takes us on a tour through the Gospel narratives, showing us what parts of the Christmas story come from which Gospel, and helps us to recognize that each Gospel writer invites us to encounter a fresh experience of the birth of Christ. If you'd like the church office to order a copy of the book for you, please let us know by Nov. 14th.

Dear Church:

Manhattan's StillSpeaking Youth are grateful for the support of the church and that you have continually showed up for us. It was a joy to share a little bit about the youth experience and to hear another beautiful message from our youth group. We hope you will continue to support us through your prayer and love and look forward to sharing more about the Truth that has been revealed to this wonderful group of young people.

In peace,

Tai Amri

Poinsettias

The Advent season brings the opportunity for you to provide poinsettias in honor of someone important to you as we decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. The cost to donate Poinsettias is \$10.00 per plant. Please complete the form below and return it to the church office with your check made out to "First Congregational UCC." 700 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan KS 66502.



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In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Appreciation of: _____

Given by: _____

Go and do the same!

(Stewardship news)



For all those that have turned in pledges for 2017, thank you so much for supporting the ministry of this local church and of all the other important things outside our community that our dollars help make possible. If you forgot to turn in your pledge on October 30, fear not: we would be happy to receive it in the offering in worship, or you can bring it to the church office or call the church office. Our simple acts of giving touch so many lives, and are so appreciated by so many!

We especially want to say a big “thank you” to Andrea Chamberlain, Sue Zschoche, and Mike Henry, who shared “stewardship moments” in worship, and to Pastor Caela and Sandy in the office who have had plenty of extra things to do this fall in conjunction with the stewardship campaign. We are truly a blessed community, and our financial giving also transforms us into a community that spreads our blessings to others, in our little corner of the world and around the globe.

Thanks!

Your Stewardship Committee

Jean Hill, Marcia McFarland, Craig Weston

Supporting our Second Helping Mission

First Congregational is now far into its second decade of providing Second Helping community meals every Sunday evening to anyone who wants a meal. We do this year-round, no matter what, and if Christmas falls on a Sunday, we serve Second Helping on Christmas. Our example has been so successful that there are now meals provided by other churches and groups every night of the week except Monday.

In a way, we are bit of a victim of our success: Second Helping just gets done, week in and week out. Except that Second Helping doesn't “just get done.” It takes enormous effort on the part of our meal planners/shoppers and our volunteer (*continued next page*)

coordinator, as well as on the part of our dedicated head cooks, hosts, and volunteers. It takes a church, in other words.

We have had a really good boost to our Second Helping efforts in the past year or so as the K-State Food Recovery effort has gotten under way. This means that we get trays of great, wholesome food that are left from K-State training tables and other sources. This reduces our food costs and to a certain extent makes the life of a head cook easier. Another aspect that works smoothly much of the time is the donation of desserts for the meal (we do not get desserts from the Food Recovery effort).

One major need, however, has not diminished but in fact has increased as the number of neighbors we serve has increased—the need for volunteers. Each Sunday evening, we need a head cook, a church host, and 3-5 other volunteer kitchen crew. Our volunteer coordinator makes 10 or more contacts (email/phone) per week for each meal. Here is what you can do to make the process much, much easier:

- be one of 3 - 5 more persons who are willing to act as head cook
- be one of 3-5 more persons willing to serve as church host
- volunteer for meal preparation

And it helps a great deal if, when you volunteer, you can commit to a particular Sunday each month, or if you can commit yourself and a like-minded group to a particular Sunday. Even if you can only commit to one Sunday every so often, that's great! For most of these positions, we ask that you be in the kitchen from about 4:15 – 7:15 PM, although the church host can arrive about 5:30 PM. We can provide training if you are interested in being head cook or church host.

Please consider volunteering for Second Helping at least once in the next three months. If you can volunteer as a head cook or a host, that would be wonderful. Contact Mary Ellen Barkley to volunteer.

Cobb Corner — Going Green

“The Praxis Principle: We must practice what we believe...Merely knowing God’s requirement for stewardship is not enough.” *The Green Bible*, p. 1-33.

Some groups and individuals have become lapsed recyclers as prices for aluminum and other materials have dropped. Recently the *Kansas City Star* reported on how some schools that once encouraged recycling when it was lucrative had removed their bins when recycling temporarily stopped being a money maker. All this just as a new generation was developing the habit of recycling.

Enter Doug Schell, son of Joy and Leo Schell in his excellent letter to the *Star* editor: “...I was disappointed that the lengthy article focused only on one narrow aspect of recycling. There was no mention of the environmental benefits of recycling.... I hope the *Star*’s reporting on economics would include the concept economists call ‘external costs’....The increased use of energy and resources contributes to environmental harms such as climate change and air pollution.”

“Don’t abandon recycling even if it is not currently a money-maker. Work to protect our environment even when its not easy or profitable.”

Amen!!

P.S. Just imagine how much cleaner our environment would be today if we’d maintained and expanded some of the initiatives we took during World War II and through the 1960s. Remember paper drives and recycling wire hangers? The latter are still appreciated at Stickel’s Dry Cleaners in Aggieville. Let’s keep practicing good stewardship!

— *Linda Richter*

Share ideas for future Cobb columns with Linda Richter.

The Second Helping

Our Second Helping ministry continues to be a wonderful way in which our church extends its mission to the community of Manhattan. We regularly serve 25-35 people each week. Many of you have helped with this mission in a variety of ways, and that is much appreciated!



Currently we are hoping to add some more volunteers to our list of "regulars." We are particularly in need of individuals who would be willing to serve as Head Cook and Church Host. If you are interested in learning more about either of these positions, or volunteering in other ways, please contact Mary Ellen Barkley.

November 6, 2016

Dessert: *volunteer needed*

Volunteers: Alfred's class

Chief Cook: Alfred Cochran

Church Host: Mary Ellen Barkley

November 13, 2016

Dessert: *volunteer needed*

Volunteers: Target Store Team members

Chief Cook: Jeff Keller

Church Host: Susanne Gilmore

November 20, 2016

Dessert: *volunteer needed*

Volunteers: Jenny Yuen, *3 volunteers needed*

Chief Cook: Gretchen Lewis

Church Host: Jim Lewis

November 27, 2016

Dessert: *volunteer needed*

Volunteers: ESA Sorority

Chief Cook: *volunteer needed*

Church Host: *volunteer needed*

**Volunteer by going to
uccmanhattan.org/sign-ups**

Worship & Volunteers

November 6, 2016

Greeters..... Rachel Martin, *volunteer needed*
Scripture Reader *volunteer needed*
Communion Servers . Julie Hunt, Rachel Whetstone
Fellowship Hour Donna Keyser/Millie Schroeder
Flowers Ann Smit
Lawn Care Rachel Martin (*Nov 3-5*)

November 13, 2016

Greeters..... *volunteers needed*
Scripture Reader Judy Ahrens
Fellowship Hour *volunteer needed*
Flowers *volunteer needed*
Lawn Care *volunteer needed (Nov 10-12)*

November 20, 2016

Greeters..... *volunteers needed*
Scripture Reader *volunteer needed*
Fellowship Hour Harvest Potluck
Flowers *volunteer needed*
Lawn Care Rachel Whetstone (*Nov 17-19*)

November 27, 2016

Greeters..... *volunteers needed*
Scripture Reader *volunteer needed*
Fellowship Hour *volunteer needed*
Flowers *volunteer needed*
Lawn Care *volunteer needed (Nov 24-26)*

Connect with us during the week!

Did you know our church has a vital presence on social media? We currently have over 350 people following our church's facebook page for updates about what's happening in our community. Follow us at [facebook.com/uccmanhattank](https://www.facebook.com/uccmanhattank). You can find the same content on Twitter @UCCManhattan.

Additionally, if you are a regular attender or member, you're invited to join our closed Facebook group - a place for dialogue and conversation with people you know. Search for "First Congregational UCC Members and Friends" or ask a friend who is in the group to add you.

We also send out updates every Friday with helpful information about what's coming up in our congregation. If you don't already receive those updates, please send your e-mail address to Sandy at office@uccmanhattan or visit uccmanhattan.org/newsletters to sign up.

Did you miss a sermon? Pastor Caela's sermon manuscripts are posted online each week by Monday on her personal sermon blog (revcaela.blogspot.com) or you can watch for them on our Facebook page. The audio of the sermon is also posted on our website at a later date once it's processed.

Mission Statement

The Mission of First Congregational United Church of Christ is

- To love and accept others unconditionally as God loves and accepts us, and by example, to encourage others to do the same.
- To challenge ourselves to grow spiritually through worship, education, nurture, reflection, discussion, fellowship, and outreach.
- To minister to others locally, nationally, and globally with the same fervor as we minister to ourselves, through the sharing of our talents, gifts, and resources.

We hold ourselves accountable before God for this mission

Community News

FIT Closet Needs!

The FIT Closet provides food, clothing and other essentials to homeless students and their families. Barbara Harnett, coordinator of the FIT Closet, said a large supply of donated school clothing, shoes, school supplies, hygiene items, food and other items are maintained at the site. Six volunteers help out on a regular basis. The FIT Closet isn't open to the public. Recipients are vetted by a social worker and principal and brought to the site to pick up items.

Location: College Avenue United Methodist Church

The number of students in Manhattan-Ogden Unified School District 383 who self-identify as being homeless has more than tripled since 2006. The following list reflects the count over the past nine years:

2006: 81	2007: 63	2008: 170	2009: 167
2010: 130	2011: 200	2012: 221	2013: 224
2014: 259	2015: 358		

The FIT Closet reports a constant need for socks and underwear for children and youth. The Mission Board would like to ask you to buy underwear or socks if you can and to please drop them off in the bin provided in our lobby. Please help us to make a difference right here in our town to ease hunger and homelessness.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
November		1 6:00 Living Positive	2 11:30 Lunch Bunch 5:30 Mission 5:45 Deacons 7:00 Trustees 7:00 AA meeting	3 7:00 Taizé 8:00 NA mtg	4 7:30 NA mtg	5 9:00 Mrunch 11:30 Buy Nothing swap
		6 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Sunday School (<i>Christmas Pageant rehearsal begins</i>) 10:45 Worship & Communion <i>Fill the Breadbasket</i> 2:00 Disciple Study 6:00 Second Helping	7 12:00 Leadership Lunch @KSU 5:15 Yoga 6:45 A Cappella 7:30 NA mtg	8	9 6:30 Christian Ed 7:00 Vitality mtg 7:00 AA meeting	10 7:00 Taizé 8:00 NA mtg
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