



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

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Sunday School at 9:30 A.M. (when school is in session)
 Sunday Worship at 10:45 A.M. 700 Poyntz Avenue
 Second Helping Dinner at 6:00 P.M. Manhattan, Kansas 66502
 Thursday Evening Taizé at 7:00 P.M. telephone 785-537-7006
www.uccmanhattan.org

Giving Thanks...Week By Week

Thanksgiving is one of my very favorite holidays. I adore it for its simplicity. There are no gifts to be bought, no real decorating to be done, no parties to attend, no cards to get in the mail. Just one trip (if I'm lucky) to the grocery store and then a full day with nothing on the agenda but cooking and enjoying a meal with people I love.

Many of us grew up learning the about the "first Thanksgiving" that took place between Wampanoag people and English colonists in the early 1600s. But it turns out that wasn't the first Thanksgiving at all. The idea of a thanksgiving-oriented holy-day comes out of the English Protestant Reformation. And the practice of gathering around a table to celebrate the harvest goes back, I'm guessing, for as long as humans have been growing crops to harvest.

However it got started, the idea of pausing as the seasons change to give thanks is a wise practice. Too often, we forget how powerful it can be to give thanks. Gratitude turns us inward AND outward - pondering the gifts the Spirit has *[continued pg. 2]*

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bestowed on each of us, while simultaneously noticing the goodness that surrounds us. Orienting ourselves in a posture of gratitude is helpful not only when things are going well but when life is hard. If we live our lives in such a way that the practice of gratitude becomes a habit, it is easier to find hope in the midst of challenging times.

This November, I'd like to invite you into four simple and easy practices of gratitude...one for each week of the month:

- Week One: All Saints Practice - take time to remember a saint in your life. Lift up their memory to God. Consider sharing a memory of them with other people in your life. (Note: we will observe All Saints Day in worship on Nov. 4 and we hope you can bring a memento of your saint(s) to share with us)
- Week Two: Election Day Gratitude - so often we complain and weep with frustration when we think about our elected officials. During election week, consider turning that on its head. Take a moment and learn about something good an elected official has done. Consider writing them a note or calling them to tell them about your gratitude.
- Week Three: Harvest Meditation - it's easy to rush through our meals, barely even noticing the food we are consuming. Sometime this week, enjoy a meal by yourself, in silence. With each bite, truly taste the food. Give thanks for the earth and all those who labored to bring the food to your table.
- Week Four: Preparing for Advent - with November coming to a close, we turn to Advent. Before rushing into the consumer frenzy of December, take stock of what you have that brings you deep and abiding joy. Set some boundaries and intentions for the month of December that will enable you to seek those things...and just not all the stuff the advertisements tell you will bring joy.

Thanks for going on this journey of gratitude with me. If you try any of these, I'd love to hear how they go.

In peace...and thanksgiving....

Pastor Caela

Sharing and Caring

Prayers and Concerns

For more information, please contact the church office.

A Celebration of Life for Ralph S. Titus will be at All Faiths Chapel at KSU on Sunday, December 2nd, at 2:00 p.m. There will be a reception at the Beach Museum after the service. Reverend Caela Simmons Wood will officiate the service.

Thanks

- We have a brand new freezer! The freezer was donated by Manhattan Appliance and Olivia Collins for Second Helping. Thank Olivia when you see her and drop by Manhattan Appliance and tell Trent how much we at First Congregational appreciate their generosity.

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.

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.



Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 4. Remember to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night. Enjoy an extra hour of sleep!



Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 11

We'll preview the budget and membership on boards and committees for 2019 at our congregational meeting. There may also be a motion from the Trustees to sell the vacant lot. Please join us after worship for this important planning event.

Childcare is available during the meeting.

Stewardship Thanks

Deep gratitude to everyone who turned in their 2019 pledge to support our congregation. If you've not had a chance to turn in your pledge card, you can still do so now or simply e-mail or call Sandy to let her know of your intentions. Thank you to those who served faithfully on our Stewardship Committee this fall (Sue Gerth, Jake Meyer, Bill Pallett) and those who shared their testimony during worship (Sue Gerth, Tanya González, Jonathan Mertz).



Welcoming Dinner

On Saturday, November 3 we gather together people who are new and new-ish to the church for a Welcoming Dinner. This is a lovely evening of breaking bread and getting to know each other. Those who attend will be given an opportunity to ask questions about First Congregational and meet some of our long-time members. If you are new to the church and want an invitation to the dinner, please e-mail Pastor Caela (pastor@uccmanhattan.org). If you are interested in helping cook, serve, or clean, please contact Deacons Carrie Lewis or Gina Davidson.

Remembering Our Saints

On Sunday, November 4, 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.



Living Room Worship Dates for Fall 2018

A casual evening of acoustic guitar, singing, prayer, and fellowship. If you are hungry to deepen your connection to God and each other, join us in the living room! Questions? Contact Kerry Priest.

All gatherings are 6:30-8:30pm on Sunday evenings

- Nov. 11 at 2221 Buckner Dr., 66503
- Dec. 16 at 5409 Haddon Ct., 66503

Thinking of Becoming a Member?

We will be welcoming a group of new members in December. If you are interested in learning more about membership or are ready to join, please contact Pastor Caela and we can add you to the group!

Lunch Bunch November 7

We join together in an opportunity to get to know one another, Wednesday, November 7 at McAlister's Deli (427 Tuttle Creek Blvd.). 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 clicking on Community Life/Events Calendar on the church website at www.uccmanhattan.com.)



Ministry of the Decorative Scissors

The Ministry of the Decorative Scissors meets November 1-2. 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.



Harvest Meal and 20th Anniversary Second Helping Celebration

November 18 is our annual pot-luck meal together after church and this year we're also celebrating the 20th anniversary of Second Helping. You are invited to bring a dish to share, and please bring your own plate, cup, and silverware. If you can come before church to set up or stay afterward to clean up, you are very welcome. We need to have the area ready for Second Helping that evening.



“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.” Matthew 25:35

Did you know:

- that Second Helping has been serving dinner to people in need every Sunday for 20 years?
- that Second Helping was the seed planted in fertile ground out of which came Common Table?
- that Second Helping not only serves dinner on Sunday nights, but also provides sack lunches for our guests to take with them, including lunches that include fresh fruit?
- that our church will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of Second Helping at our Harvest potluck on November 18th?

The Board of Mission encourages everyone to bring boxes of cereal bars, granola bars, and/or flavored instant oatmeal to donate to Second Helping when you come to the Harvest potluck on November 18th. These items will be used in the sack lunches that we provide for our Second Helping guests. In this way, you can join us in celebrating and honoring this mission. Thank you!

Save the Date & Invite a Friend:

Advent and Christmas at First Congregational UCC

Nov. 25 - Advent decorating with the Deacons right after worship

Sat., Dec. 1 - World AIDS Day service, time TBA

Dec. 2 - First Sunday of Advent, Yoga+Donuts at 9:30am

Dec. 2-16 - Advent class for adults at 9:30am

Dec. 9 - brass ensemble in worship

Fri., Dec. 14 – Sustaining Activism for the Long Haul: Connecting to your Deep Purpose from 5:00-9:00pm

Sat., Dec. 15 - Pageant rehearsal and Advent activities for kids

Dec. 16 - Christmas Pageant during worship

Dec. 23 - Lessons and Carols during morning worship,

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

World AIDS Day

Service of Remembrance and Hope

Saturday, Dec. 1, 6:00 p.m.



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. 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.

Fill the Breadbasket for Second Helping

The Second Helping is funded through our operating budget and special gifts to this ministry. On the first Sunday of each month we "Fill the Breadbasket" during worship. You are invited to bring a cash donation or items for our lunch sacks, such as individual flavored oatmeal packets, granola bars, or individually-wrapped snack crackers (such as cheese or peanut butter).

An Invitation to Sing with the Choir during the Advent Season

This year, the choir will be singing several choruses from G.F. Handel's *Messiah* during the Advent season. We will sing one chorus on Dec. 2, one on Dec. 9, and then four choruses on Dec. 23, instead of the traditional Lessons and Carols format on the last Sunday of Advent. We will begin rehearsing these choruses at 9 a.m., November 11, during the second half of our Sunday morning rehearsal, and we invite members of the congregation to come and join us. *Messiah* is even more fun to sing than it is to hear, so please consider joining us for this special event! Please talk to Gretchen Lewis for more information, or just arrive at 9 a.m. on November 11th.

The Flint Hills Community Gospel Sing

On the weekend of October 6-7, members of First Congregational, along with singers from other churches, had the somewhat challenging, but ultimately exhilarating experience of participating in the Gospel Sing, which was held at St. Thomas More Catholic Church.



Two awesomely talented musicians, David Dupree and David Powell, taught the group a variety of Black Gospel songs and then led a public performance. The 25 singers were accompanied by the talented Hyda-James Hill on drums, Matthew Meals on bass guitar, Linnetta Hill on cello, and by our own Bob Edwards on organ.

This way of approaching music was challenging because learning vocal parts by ear was unusual for most of the singers. But the experience was also exhilarating because it all came together in the final performance. David Dupree had written a Gospel song for the event called *Lord, Kansas Lifts Your Name*, in which the audience participated with great enthusiasm, particularly the children. If you have talked with any of the singers since the concert, they will tell you about particular songs that they have been singing ever since.

The Gospel Sing was sponsored by the Jerry and Atina Hanna Fund at First Congregational, by St. Thomas More Catholic Church, by a “Be the Church” grant from the Kansas-Oklahoma Conference of the United Church of Christ, by the Dow Center for Multicultural and Community Studies at K-State Libraries, and by CivicPlus. Additional support came from HyVee, which gave the Gospel Sing a 15% discount on food and water purchases.

All in all, we hope that this was the first of many Flint Hills Community Gospel Sings. The Planning Committee has a great deal of feedback on how to keep the uplifting parts and also how to make improvements in the future. A full report will be shared with the Cabinet.

Christian Education

Fall 2018: Sunday School Opportunities for Adults and Youth
All classes are at 9:30a.m. The nursery is open for babies and toddlers. Sunday School classes for preschoolers and elementary-schoolers take place on the second floor. Middle-schoolers and high-schoolers are invited to the classes below or may be interested in helping teach younger children.

You've probably noticed the pattering (thundering??) of feet up to the balcony after Word for Children, but what are we doing up there?

Every Sunday we host "Sacred Space" in the balcony for children grades 2nd-6th grade to begin teaching this age how to be a part of worship with their peers. Because these are still pretty little bodies that need to move, it doesn't look like the rest of the sanctuary up there! We've added some taped off areas to give them boundaries to safely overlook the congregation, some pillows for lounging on the floor, "tented" areas to allow for solitude and a little sensory break, as well as paper, clipboards, pencils, and crayons for writing and drawing (the crowd favorite). We are also working on getting some children's bibles and bible storybooks available to them in the space. While their participation in worship may look differently than an adult's, we hope that by practicing not talking during worship and letting their brains rest they can learn how to prepare their minds and bodies for worship.

What's amazing about this space is how these kids are listening and absorbing from worship when it doesn't seem like they are! They've asked questions about the sermon when I thought they were spacing out. After the sermon when I ask what it was about I'm sometimes met with "I don't know" followed by a pretty great breakdown of the content of the sermon. One child drew pictures of characters Pastor Caela discussed that were comical but also fairly insightful. I love that Sacred Space allows these children to begin to be a part of worship while celebrating their current stage of development and making worship a place they feel welcomed to!

—Brandy McDonald

November Children's Ministry Schedule:

4th Yoga and Donuts

11th Deep Blue with Tracey

18th and 25th - no Sunday school due to Thanksgiving break



Adult Sunday School

Oct. 21 - Nov. 11 (four weeks)

Twenty Years of Second Helping

Coordinated by Pastor Sue and the Board of Mission

This fall marks the 20th anniversary of Second Helping, our congregation's mission to provide a hot meal to anyone in need on Sunday evenings. Beginning October 21st, adult Sunday School will take part in that celebration to discuss the origins of this program, its impact on us and the wider community, and our hopes for the future. We'll talk to those who were with Second Helping from the very beginning as well as those who continue the program. We'll discuss the place of Second Helping in the broader campaign for church-based meal programs in Manhattan and we will talk to experts on food-shortage issues in Manhattan. And, of course, we will look at what our faith says about feeding our neighbors. We'll hold our official anniversary commemoration at our annual Harvest Potluck on November 18th.



Please join with us and find out more about this important mission!

Adult Sunday School (continued)

November 18 & 25 - NO CLASSES (Thanksgiving break)

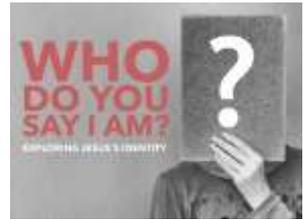
December 2 - December 16 (three weeks)

Advent Class: Examining Faith Through Feelings

Led by Rachel Shivers

When reflecting on faith statements in Christian circles, we've often been trained to ask "is this true," rather than "how does this feel" or "is this healthy." For three weeks, we're going to take an adventure in examining how our beliefs affect our body sensations and our emotions towards ourselves, others and the divine. We'll slow down and tune in to make observations and gain a deeper awareness about the feelings that our beliefs evoke. We'll open ourselves to the opportunity to more deeply embrace and enjoy the nourishing aspects of our faith, while we also allow ourselves to consider releasing beliefs that we find unhelpful, harmful or hurtful.

Plus, Pastor Sue's midweek book study continues on Tuesdays at 11:30am. More information at uccmanhattan.org/adult-education.



Fall Clean Up Day
Saturday, November 3rd
beginning at 9:00 a.m.



Coffee and donuts provided.
Bring rakes if you've got them.
Kids are welcome.
The more hands the merrier!



Cobb Corner — Going Green

“It is a curious situation that the sea, from which life first arose, should now be threatened by the activities of one form of that life. But the sea, thought changed in a sinister way, will continue to exist; the threat is rather to life itself.” – Rachel Carson, *The Sea Around Us*

I am writing this on an October day after a week of rain and Hurricanes Florence and Michael. Drought and famine seem improbable.

However, the latest U.N. Climate Change predictions assure us that without drastic policy initiatives and individual actions our lives will not just be miserable but short. (*The Week*, October 19, 2018, p. 5.)

Bummer! The 21st century is really looking bleak. But then I read closer: About twelve years till the tipping point!! Our grace period has shortened drastically even over the last 40 years.

So now it's not just that Christian stewardship of our lively is a nice thing to do. Our very survival and that of our children and grandchildren are on the line.

Consider the ocean. Ordinarily Kansans probably don't spend a lot of time thinking about the ocean. However, contamination of the sea is not only something we contribute to but also something that is coming back to affect us.

Experts predict that within the next decade there could be 3 lbs. of plastic for every pound of fish in the ocean. "...traces of plastic have been found in more than 25% of fish in seafood markets across the globe ... and 'ripples out' to touch the food we put on our plates." (Ocean Conservancy, *A Healthy Ocean*, 2018).

"Over 150 metric tons of plastic are already in the ocean with an estimated 8 million metric tons added every year! ... the equivalent of a loaded garbage truck dumping its contents into the sea every minute." (Ocean Conservancy, *Take a Deep Dive*," 2018.)

This topic is too big for one column, but please:

1. Stop using plastic straws which are the #1 plastic item in the ocean. They pollute and kill shore birds and marine animals that mistake them for food. Seattle and Miami already have banned them.
2. Recycle your plastic, #1-#7, at Howie's.
3. Buy recycled plastic items.
4. Finally, remember, Jesus didn't need plastic. Maybe you don't need so much either.

—Linda Richter

Share ideas for future Cobb columns with Linda Richter.

Dear United Church of Christ family,

I know it took plenty of time to write this, and I'd be more concerned about it having taken so long if it weren't for the outpouring of love, support, and patience that I have received from you. I'm writing this little note to you all to express my deepest gratitude in helping me join the WindAid Institute in Trujillo, Peru this past summer. I want to also share a little bit of my experiences with you because I think that sharing these experiences is the best gift I can give you all in return for what you've given me.

With a team of 16 one-month and another 5 year-long volunteers, we built a wind turbine, a replacement blade, and two towers from raw materials and installed it in the fishing village of Playa Blanca. The house



where we installed the turbine was a small shack with sand floors, a thatch roof, and plywood walls. There was no interior lighting or indoor plumbing. Here, along the equator, the sun goes down at 6:30 pm. Every. Single. Day. That means that the children's homework, family time, and so many other things that we take for granted becomes nearly impossible without the lights to facilitate it. When my team finished installing the turbine and installing the wiring for the lighting it was 8 pm. The children were asleep in a rope swing hammock. The mother was making a pot of tea over an open fire pit in the main living space. It was so dark inside that the team was working by the light of our cellphones. Those lights came on and the whole room lit up. It was only a few simple LEDs, but the sudden illumination of the room changed this family's world. I could see the fruit of my month of labor in the face of the mother, who immediately broke into a huge grin. We may not have spoken the same language, but her face was able to communicate the feeling of gratitude.



That feeling is what I hope that I can convey to you. Thank you for your encouragement. Thank you for your generous gifts, tangible or not. Thank you for allowing me to pursue my dreams. Thank you for helping me make a difference in this world, no matter how small. I could write pages about the experiences I've had, but I'll spare you the headache. I feel so blessed to call you my church family.

I love you all,
Jacob Meyer



It's easy to get involved at First Congregational.

Contact the church office during the week or on Sundays you can indicate your interest on the sign-in pad in the pew if you'd like to help with any of these items or in some other way:

Sunday mornings: greeting, reading scripture, hosting fellowship hour, serving communion and more.

Sunday evenings: volunteering at the Second Helping, our free community meal.

Anytime: grounds care (mowing the lawn or clearing snow).

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 at the church office.

November 4, 2018

Dessert: *volunteer needed*

Volunteers: Sylvia Hogan, Dymond Dunn, Andy & Jenna McIlwee

Chief Cook: Andy Barkley

Church Hosts: Mary Ellen Barkley

November 11, 2018

Dessert: *volunteer needed*

Volunteers: MATC Dental Assistant Program, Sylvia Hogan

Chief Cook: Jeff Keller

Church Host: Kathy Bleam

November 18, 2018

Dessert: *volunteer needed*

Volunteers: Jane Marshall, Sophia Thurston, Jan Middendorf, Martha Mather, Joyce Caixin

Chief Cook: Linda Thurston

Church Host: Pastor Caela

November 25, 2018

Dessert: Kerri Keller

Volunteers: ESA Sorority

Chief Cook: Gretchen Lewis

Church Host: Jim Lewis

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

Free Money!

Do you participate in our Dillons fundraiser? Link your shopper card at dillons.com. If you need help, contact the church office. (Our organization number is # QQ452.) Check your enrollment by checking the very bottom of your Dillons receipt. You should see “...donating to First Congregational UCC.”

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, 565-8247 or drm.mhk.ks@gmail.com, and let him know of your interest.

Poinsettias



The Advent season brings the opportunity for you to provide poinsettias in honor of someone important to you as the church is decorated 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: _____

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.



Save the date for the Children's Christmas Pageant and rehearsals. We will rehearse on Sundays, Dec. 9 and 16th at 9:30am. We will also rehearse on Saturday morning, Dec. 15th. The pageant will be during worship on Sunday, Dec. 16th.



Community News

Wonder Workshop 's

Soul Food Fundraiser Dinner

Thursday, November 15, 2018 6-8 p.m.

Pottorf Hall, CiCo Park

\$20 in advance

\$25 at the door

Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese,
Collared Greens, Coleslaw, Corn Bread,
and a Dessert Table

WonderWorkshop.org

Surviving the Holidays

Help and hope as you navigate the Christmas season

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated?

Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to discover hope for your future

Two options: Sunday, Nov. 11 from 2-4pm OR Sunday, Dec. 9 from 2-4pm

Located at Seven Dolors Parish House. Free and open to the community. Contact Rosie Rundel, Pastoral Associate to register. 785-565-5000, formation@sevendolors.com.

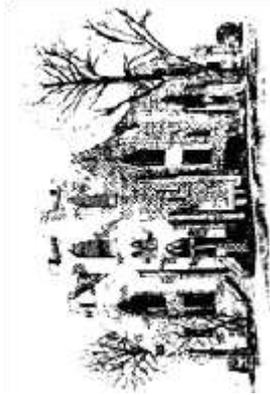
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