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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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Cultivating and Letting Go: Lent 2019

Lent begins on March 6th with the observation of Ash Wednesday. Lent is a Christian season of self-examination lasting the 6 weeks leading up to Easter. The season moves on the calendar from year to year based on the spring equinox, celebrating the increasingly longer days of the year. As a reminder for Christians to look to God rather than physical things for their wholeness, some take on the practice of giving something up for Lent. Whenever they desire this thing that they have given up, they are reminded to pray for God to sustain them. Items commonly given up are certain foods or forms of entertainment. It has also become popular to not only give something up but to add a practice during Lent, like going to church regularly or adding a daily prayer time.

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Each year at First Congregational, we try to highlight a few ways that you can sink more deeply into the season of Lent on your own or as a part of our community. As we prepare for Lent, I encourage you to visit uccmanhattan.org/lent where you can find more information about how we will be observing the season together. **Our theme for Lent 2019 is Cultivating and Letting Go.** Throughout the season we will be exploring this theme during worship and we will share in a **community art project** together. The art project will involve origami and a bare tree in our sanctuary where we will add and subtract items each week of Lent to create an ever-changing tree in our worship space. The children will be instrumental in helping create the art project each week.

Throughout Lent, we will have origami paper for folding plus adult coloring sheets and supplies at a table in Pioneer Hall. You are encouraged to linger for a few minutes during fellowship hour each week to fold origami for our tree (instruction sheets available!) or color with friends. If you'd prefer a more contemplative space, please stop by during the week anytime the building is open to fold or color.

Additionally, you are invited to **join us on Thursdays for Taizé** worship at 7pm. On three Thursdays (March 7, March 14, and April 4), I will also be **leading a Visio Divina meditation** after Taizé at 7:45pm. You can learn more about Visio Divina and other Lenten activities on pages 8 and 9 of this newsletter. You'll also find details about Ash Wednesday on March 6th.

I look forward to Cultivating and Letting Go with you this Lent as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter together.

Pastor Caela



**Spring Ahead - Sunday, March 10
Daylight Saving Time begins.**

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



Sharing and Caring

Prayers and Concerns

- For more information, please contact the church office.

Congratulations

Tanya González, K-State faculty, has been selected for the Presidential Faculty/Staff Award For Distinguished Services to Historically Under-Represented Minority Students. Tanya was cited for bringing “humanity to what otherwise seems like an inflexible system”. Tanya and **Greg Eiselein** are parents to **Eliot and Emerson**.

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

You, my dear friends at Congregational Church, in living and being the church, have been an incredible blessing to Frank and me for so many months now. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the amazing home cooked food, visits, cards to Frank, and your loving concern. I pray deeply for blessings and well being for all of you and for this most glorious church in the universe. Your care has truly made a huge difference during this difficult time. We are so blessed for the nurturing, professional care he is receiving at Meadowlark.

– *Dona Sidorfsky*

Spring Break Travel

Pastors Caela and Sue will both be traveling during Spring Break. If you have a pastoral care need between March 10 and March 16 please contact Sandy in the office during weekdays or Deacon Gina Davidson if after hours. The Rev. Troy Bowers from First United Methodist will be on call for us and Sandy or Gina can help put you in touch with Pastor Troy as needed.

Welcoming Brunch

On Saturday, March 23 we will gather together people who are new and new-ish to the church for a Welcoming Brunch. This is a lovely time to break 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 Gayle Doll or Gina Davidson

Financial Statements

2018 year-end financial statements were mailed on January 31. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Jeff Keller or the church office.

Ministry of the Decorative Scissors

The Ministry of the Decorative Scissors meets March 7-9. 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.



Sabbatical Update

Your church leadership continues to prepare for Pastor Caela's sabbatical, which is just around the corner! Caela will be on sabbatical from May 1 through August 15th, 2019. The focus of her sabbatical is rest, rejuvenation, and rejoicing. Caela and her family will still be in town for much of the summer, but will also be traveling to Europe for a portion of the sabbath time.

The sabbatical committee (Jim Mock, Jean Hill, and Julie Appino) have been working with Caela, our boards and committees, and staff to ensure that everything will be covered in Caela's absence. It is their goal to communicate with the full congregation sometime in April about how various pastoral tasks will be handled while Caela is taking Sabbath. The Deacons are hard at work putting together a preaching and worship leadership schedule and are thankful for the input you've provided.

If you have any questions about plans for the sabbatical, please don't hesitate to be in touch with Kerri Keller (moderator) or anyone from the sabbatical committee.

Lunch Bunch March 6

We join together in an opportunity to get to know one another, Wednesday, March 6 at Happy Valley Chinese Restaurant (Blue Hills Shopping Center). Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch at 11:30 a.m.



Finding First Congregational Friends - Our Church Directory

Did you know we have a church directory where you can find contact information for other folks who are a part of our congregation? You can ask Sandy for a print copy OR access it online or via the free smartphone/tablet app. Instructions are available at www.uccmanhattan.org/church-directory. It's also important to be sure

and keep YOUR information in the directory up to date, so please contact Sandy (office@uccmanhattan.org) with any changed information or to share a photo. Photos make it easier for everyone to put names with faces and any digital photo can be shared with the office and we will upload it into the directory.



Living Room Worship Dates for Spring 2019

Living Room Worship is 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

Mar. 24 - 421 Leavenworth Street, Manhattan

Apr. 28 - 6900 Briar Circle, Manhattan

If you would be interested in hosting Living Room Worship in your home, please let us know. You don't have to plan anything... just provide the space for us to gather and a few snacks are also welcome.



Name Tags = Hospitality

As we prepare to welcome newcomers in this spring, a quick reminder to please wear your name tag each Sunday during worship. Name tags help new people learn our names and faces quickly. They also make it easier for you to identify a new person when they are attending worship - and welcome them warmly! If you do not have a permanent name tag, please contact the church office to ask for one. If you see a new person, please ask them if they'd like a name tag and let them know they can simply make a note of it in the attendance pad on Sunday morning.



Another way you can greet our visitors warmly is to offer them a bag of popcorn and thank them for "popping in." The popcorn is located in the small table in the narthex (the entry off Poyntz). If you see families with young children, be sure to help them by showing them the pew cards with information about our children's ministries. And, as always, it's always lovely to offer to walk someone into coffee hour after worship, visit for a few minutes, and then introduce them to someone new. Thanks for making First Congregational UCC a warm and welcoming place for newcomers.

Introducing Our New Second Helping Permanent Staff Host: Reggie Moore

The Board of Mission is pleased to announce that we have hired Reggie Moore as a staff member at Second Helping. Reggie already has experience working at the Common Table meals at First Lutheran and First Presbyterian. He will be present each Sunday evening, working in partnership with the church host, head cook, and other volunteers to maintain a warm and inviting atmosphere. Reggie will interact with guests, paying particular attention to the de-escalation of any potential conflict. Reggie is originally from North Carolina and retired from the military after 21 years of service. Reggie is married with two children and recently graduated from K-State with a degree in Education. He says he finds great pleasure in working with the community through the Common Table meals. Welcome, Reggie!

Lent Begins March 6

Ash Wednesday Worship at 7:00pm on March 6

Ash Wednesday is a Christian tradition that prepares us for the Lenten season before Easter. The reasons Christians receive ashes



on the forehead are twofold: 1. As a call to grieve and repent from the ways they have become separated from God and Neighbor and 2. As a humble reminder of the dust from which we came and the dust to which we'll

return. To remind us of our life season's cyclical nature, we use the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday to create the ashes.

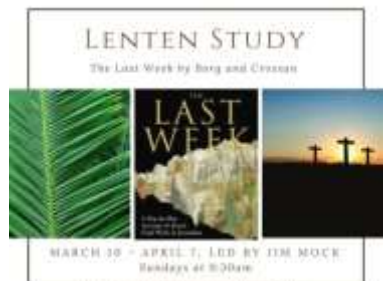
Ecumenical Ashes to Go, times TBA

For those who are unable to attend the evening service, Pastor Caela will join with other area clergy to offer the imposition of ashes in public spaces. Just as Jesus did most of his ministry outside the walls of the religious buildings of his day, we delight in offering tangible signs of God's grace in public as we begin this holy season. Please watch the church website and Facebook page for specific times and locations.

Lenten Book Study on *The Last Week* by Borg and Crossan

March 10 through April 7 at 9:30am, Led by Jim Mock

From the publisher: "Using the gospel of Mark as their guide, Borg and Crossan present a day-by-day account of Jesus's final week of life. They begin their story on Palm Sunday with two triumphal entries into Jerusalem. The first entry, that of Roman governor Pontius Pilate leading Roman soldiers into the city, symbolized military strength. The second heralded a new kind of moral hero who was praised by the people as he rode in on a humble donkey. The Jesus introduced by Borg and Crossan is this new moral hero, a more dangerous Jesus than the one enshrined in the church's traditional teachings." Please contact the church office by March 4 if you'd like us to order you a copy of the book.



Take Time for Taizé + Visio Divina

Lent is the perfect time to consider attending Taizé worship on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. This service of prayers, silence, and singing lasts about 30-40 minutes. During Lent, Pastor Caela will also lead brief sessions of Visio Divina after Taizé at 7:45pm on



March 7, 21 & April 4. Visio Divina, Latin for "divine seeing," is a method of meditation, reflection, and prayer through a process of intentional seeing. Visio Divina extends the 6th century Benedictine practice of Lectio Divina by the use of visual imagery.

Lenten Community Art and Reflection

During the season of Lent we encourage you to linger during Fellowship Hour and participate in some community art-making and reflection in Pioneer Hall. There will be colored pencils and copies of themed art from A Sanctified Art plus devotionals for your use. We will also be working on folding origami throughout Lent, which will be used in our worship space. You are welcome to use the art materials and space anytime the building is open and the space is available. So if you'd like a quieter time to meditate with art, stop by during the week!



Christian Education

Sunday School Opportunities for Adults and Youth

All classes are at 9:30 a.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 adult classes or may be interested in helping teach younger children. Please contact Brandy McDonald (brandy@uccmanhattan.org) or Brittani Shank (brittani@uccmanhattan.org) for more information about options for children and youth.

Children's ministry updates

Kids offerings for the month of March!

March 3: Yoga+Donuts

March 10 & 17: Deep Blue for 3 yrs- 3rd grade, Submerge for 4th-6th grade

March 24: Children's Choir

March 31: Service Sunday! This time the kids will get an opportunity to learn more about Second Helping!



Would your child like to help with the church service? There are lots of ways for them to do that! I usually choose acolytes at around 10:40 each Sunday and while I do my best to rotate through the kids, if your child is wanting to acolyte and hasn't gotten to for awhile, please don't hesitate to let me know that they would like to! Kids can also sign up to read the scripture or be a greeter here: <http://www.uccmanhattan.org/sign-ups.html> Finally, if they'd like a smaller but very important job, they can talk to Pastor Caela about helping announce Exchanging the Peace or saying goodbye to people as they leave at the end of the service. – Brandy McDonald

Spring 2019: Sunday School Opportunities for Adults

March 10 - April 7

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Led by Jim Mock**

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April 14 - NO CLASS, Palm Sunday Parade from City Park

April 21 - NO CLASS, Easter Potluck Breakfast

April 28 - May 19

**Fierce Women of the Bible: Part Two
Led by Sara K Kearns**

We didn't get a chance to discuss this book as thoroughly as we wanted to in the fall semester, so we're bringing it back! From the publisher: "Women in the Bible - some of their names we know, others we've only heard, and others are tragically unnamed." Pastor and provocateur Alice Connor introduces these women and invites us to see them not as players in a man's story - as victims or tempters - nor as morality archetypes, teaching us to be better wives and mothers, but as fierce foremothers of the faith. These women's stories are messy, challenging, and beautiful. When we read their stories, we can see not only their particular, fearsome lives but also our own." **Please contact the church office by April 22 if you'd like us to order you a copy of the book.**

Mid-Week Bible Study

"Who Do You Say I Am?," Part 2

Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Sue

On January 22, the mid-week Bible Study resumed exploration of the historical Jesus. Our subject is the still *[continued next page]*

unresolved question of who the historical Jesus was and how he was understood in his own time. Did his listeners see him primarily as a miracle worker? As a teacher of Wisdom? Was he a prophet of the end times? Or was his message perceived as more political? Was he seen as someone seeking to overthrow the Roman Empire? Bible scholars continue to debate this question and our study will attempt to unravel the question. *[continued next page]*

We are reading Marcus Borg's book, *Jesus: The Life, Teaching, and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary*. Please know that attendance at Part 1 this past fall is NOT a requirement for participation in this class.

The class meets on Tuesdays from 11:30 to 1:00 and we will continue for as long as it takes to get through the book. I hope that you will consider joining what has proven to be a lively discussion. Bring your lunch if you like, and we promise that coffee, tea, and lots of chocolate will be provided. — *Sue Zschoche*

One Great Hour of Sharing is March 31

One Great Hour of Sharing® is the Lenten Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports disaster, refugee, and development activities. God imagines a world where all are fed, everyone has access to clean water, and all children grow up healthy. The author of Ephesians writes, “Now to God be the glory, who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine...” (Ephesians 3:20).

Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing help make this world look more like the world God imagines. On Sunday, **March 31**, we will be invited to help people in need around the world and in communities impacted by disasters in the United States through the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering. As the church, we are called to help one another, even through the sharing of our own resources. We are blessed that God is able to provide when and where help is needed through us. (*2 Corinthians 9:8-15*) Share the Joy!



FYI from the Vitality and Outreach Committee

Kansas Interfaith Action (KIFA) and Manhattan Alliance for Peace and Justice (MAPJ) sponsored a faith and public policy forum February 11th at the Manhattan Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. This was one of KIFA's continuing series of issue forums around the state during the 2019 legislative session. Every item on their legislative agenda is in one of four categories: economic justice, discrimination and systemic racism, gun violence and climate disruption. For more details visit www.kansasinterfaithaction.org. Rabbi Moti Rieber from Kansas Interfaith Action introduced a panel of advocates who work daily on vital issues affecting Kansans:

From Kansas Action for Children, Annie McKay delved into childhood poverty in Kansas and problems at the Kansas Department of Children and Families (DCF). She warned that it will be a long game restoring programs that help children in poverty after the damage done during the Brownback era. Childhood poverty has gone up in our region, which has not been the case in surrounding states and regions. She reminded us that today's poor kids will most likely grow up into poor adults in Kansas. To learn more about Kansas Action for Children, their research, goals, and advocacy strategy go to www.kac.org. You will also find their policy priorities for the 2019 and 2020 legislative sessions and how you can take action.

Ellen Glover, Field Director of Kansas ACLU, spoke of how ACLU of Kansas is working to play offense through legislation, rather than always putting out fires. One of their current goals is to effectively influence legislation regarding criminal justice reform policies relating to civil asset forfeiture, de-felonizing all classes of drug crimes, and standardizing diversion practices throughout the state. To further understand these issues and to join in action go to the ACLU facebook page or www.aclukansas.org.

Sheldon Weisgrau spoke for Alliance for a Healthy Kansas. This is a new, growing statewide coalition with members throughout Kansas communities including business leaders, doctors and hospitals, faith communities, chambers of commerce, social service and safety net organizations *[continued next page]*

and many more. The first policy goal of the Alliance is to expand KanCare to cover more Kansans, bringing 150,000 Kansans to health insurance, which includes 40,000 children because when parents are covered, they find services for their children. To learn more look for Alliance for a Healthy Kansas on Facebook or go to <https://www.expandkancare.com>.

Although not part of the panel, the floor was given to Sarah Bridges from Manhattan's Moms Demand Action. She described this national organization and its continuing efforts for commonsense gun laws that save lives. They campaign for new and stronger solutions to lax gun laws and loopholes that jeopardize the safety of our families. They work along with Mayors Against Illegal Guns, Students Demand Action and the Everytown Survivor Network and Everytown for Gun Safety. Follow on Facebook or on Twitter @MomsDemand. You can also go to www.momsdemandaction.org. Manhattan's Mom's Demand meets the second Saturday of the month at the Manhattan Public Library at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting is March 9th.

Cobb Corner — Going Green

“If thy heart were right, then every creature would be a mirror of life and book of holy doctrine. There is no creature so small and abject but it reflects the goodness of God.”

– Thomas a Kempis (1380-1471), *The Imitation of Christ*, in *The Green Bible*, 1-103.

My wise and generous daughter-in-law, Natasha, recently gifted me with severable washable cotton produce bags that are a perfect substitute for plastic one-use bags. They can be found at health food stores or on Amazon. Soon afterward, the Feb.17 *New York Times* featured a large article on the efforts millions are making to reduce their use of plastic. This year over 7 TRILLION plastic bags will be discarded, many ending up in the ocean! This is a planetary crisis.

Perhaps not quite as important: prejudice. Not racism or xenophobia, though these are timely and important. My subject is speciesism. It is especially prevalent in Manhattan in winter. Though many lavish affection on gerbils and guinea pigs,¹ few seem to appreciate another small mammal: the squirrel. There are numerous devices for sale to frustrate squirrels getting into bird feeders. Little kind attention is given to easing their hunger. I have good friends who avoid putting out suet because squirrels might get it. So both birds and squirrels go hungry.

Squirrels are considered nuisances who didn't bury or retrieve enough nuts and are now freeloaders! They are considered stupid for racing indecisively across streets we want to drive through. They slow us down – not necessarily a bad idea in residential neighborhoods. Drivers kill them so often squirrels have been called “Nature’s little speed bumps.”

Do we consider that they may have young ones in the nest? Squirrels are apparently good parents – at least they are not an endangered species. They help reforest many areas. They are quiet and don't kill other animals. Yet they are often shot and eaten, skinned and even poisoned. Yet, I have had friends from overseas or even U.S. urban areas that are entranced by Manhattan's squirrels.

I inherited my love of squirrels. My mother used to cut down the cardboard holding shirts coming back from the cleaners (pre-polyester). She'd fold the cardboard in two and slather the inside with peanut butter. Then she'd put these little “books” in the yard and show visitors how our squirrels were “reading”! A bit extreme perhaps, but no one who saw it could scrape those images from their mind.

Let's consider a little respect and kindness toward another mammal just trying to get through a tough winter. God made them after all.² —*Linda Richter*

Share ideas for future Cobb columns with Linda Richter.

¹ In Cusco, Peru, there is a picture in the cathedral of the Last Supper. Jesus is eating a guinea pig!

² God also made mosquitoes which no one alive can understand.

Connecting with Pastor Caela

Pastor Caela keeps her own calendar, so if you'd like to get together the simplest thing is to e-mail, call, or text to set up a time. Mondays through Wednesdays are typically best for routine meetings, as Thursdays are used for sermon and worship preparation and Friday-Saturday are her days off. Caela tries to honor work-life balance by responding to non-urgent text and voicemail messages only during regular work hours. Please note that if you ever have an emergency between the hours of 10pm-7am you will need to CALL Pastor Caela, not rely on text messages, as she does not receive them overnight.

Used Car

Do you or someone you know have a used car you no longer need? I have a long-time friend who desperately needs one. She walks all over town in this brutally cold weather with her little cart to a grocery store and then to deliver meals and other supplies (depriving herself) to an acquaintance of hers who is in even more dire straights. She would like to pay a little bit a month, in her words, "for 10 years." If you know of anything please call me. –
Dona Sidorfsky

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.

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 30-40 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.

March 3, 2019

Dessert: Gayle Doll

Volunteers: K-State Pre Health Ambassadors

Chief Cook: Mary Ellen Barkley

Church Host: TBA

March 10, 2019

Dessert: Jennifer Edwards

Volunteers: Betsy Cauble, Betsy Barrett, Sophia Thurston, Martha Mather, Alice Randolph

Chief Cook: Linda Thurston

Church Host: Susanne Gilmore

March 17, 2019

Dessert: *volunteer needed*

Volunteers: Manhattan Mennonite Church

Chief Cook: Karen Franz

Church Host: Kathy Bleam

March 24, 2019

Dessert: Kerri Keller

Volunteers: ESA Sorority

Chief Cook: Gretchen Lewis

Church Host: Jim Lewis

March 24, 2019

Dessert: Rebecca Bishop

Volunteers: Martha & Meg Atchison, Kim Kalina, Andy & Jenna McIlwee

Chief Cook: Angela Hubler

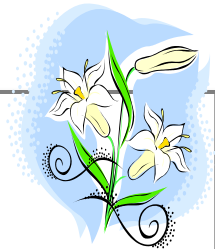
Church Host: Pastor Caela

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 and let him know of your interest.



Easter Lilies

Honor family or friends by purchasing a lily for the Easter Day worship service on April 21. The lilies are \$10.00 each. Please send your check and this completed form to the church office or place it in the offering plate on any Sunday.

When the Easter lilies arrive, the Deacons carefully remove the pollen-bearing stamen.

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

In appreciation of: _____

Given by: _____

Community News

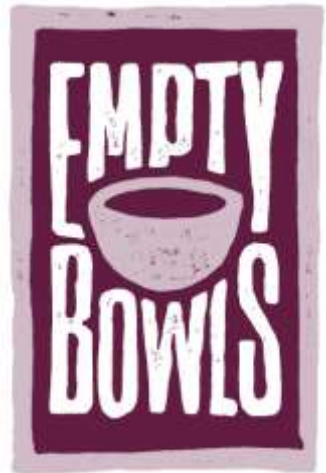
Statewide Job Fair March 7, 2-6pm

Location: Holiday Inn Manhattan at the Campus, 1641 Anderson

Local Employers are looking for you! Over 40 local employers will be participating in this event. For more information contact the Manhattan Workforce Center at 785-539-5691

Empty Bowls Project Luncheon March 30

The Empty Bowls Project is coming to our church on Saturday, March 30, from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm in Blachly and Pioneer Hall. Sponsored by the Manhattan Nonviolence Committee, this event is a fundraiser for both the Common Table and the Cat's Cupboard on the K-State campus. As we learned in our fall adult Sunday School class, the issue of food insecurity is very real for many college students; buying a bowl or making a donation at the luncheon is one way you can help. If you didn't have a chance to make your own soup bowl in February, you can purchase a bowl at the Strecker Nelson West Gallery for \$15 any time after March 1st, or you can buy a bowl at the luncheon. If you just want to come for a good bowl of soup and fresh bread from Bluestem Bistro and Radina's Bakehouse, you can make a donation at the luncheon on March 30th. The Board of Mission is hosting the event.



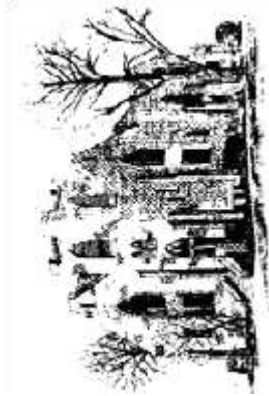
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