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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 Prayers at 7:00 P.M. telephone 785-537-7006
www.uccmanhattan.org

“Where the River Goes, Everything Will Live”

Over the past months, your stewardship committee has been hard at work preparing to host a conversation with our congregation about generosity. Each year in October we contemplate the ways each of us can make commitments of financial support for the coming year. We joyfully receive and bless these pledges of support on the first Sunday of November. Having a sense of what our income will be like for the coming year helps your church leadership make important decisions about our shared ministry.

This year our stewardship committee is inviting us to think of the ways our faith sustains us like a river. A colleague of mine, the Rev. Amber Neuroth says that this past year feels a bit like we’ve been tossed into the rapids. Back in March everything shifted and changed. We had to learn new ways of living and new ways of Being the Church together. In those early weeks *[continued pg. 2]*

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and months it often felt like we were bobbing along all-to-rapidly downstream, struggling to keep our heads above water. The pace seems to have slowed a bit these past few months, but I know from talking to many of you that we all have days where we feel anxiety about the uncertainty of what lies ahead.

Over these past months I have heard from so many of you about what is sustaining you during this difficult season. Many of us are clinging more tightly than usual to the twin life rafts of our faith in God and sense of deep and life-giving connection to our congregation. We have experienced a sense of relief as we've leaned into ancient stories of faith, hope, despair, courage, and new life. We are reminded of the prophet Ezekiel who spoke words of hope to his people: "where the river goes, everything will live." We trust that through all of life's challenges, the living water that Jesus once spoke of will be more than enough to sustain us. Thanks be to God for that wellspring of hope.

I have been so amazed, these past months, to watch your commitment to our congregation as we have sought new ways to Be the Church in these uncertain times. From the beginning of this pandemic, I have let Jesus's command to "love God and love our neighbor as ourselves" be my mantra – and it's clear that this Greatest Commandment has been guiding our shared life, too. Through our care for one another and the wider community, we have continued to Love Unconditionally, Challenge Spiritually, and Minister Ferently. In this way, we are allowing God's love to flow through us like a beautiful, wild, rushing river of peace and justice. God's love overflows through First Congregational, sending out streams of sustenance and refreshment into a hurting world.

Thank you for all of the ways you allow the river of the Spirit to flow through you. Thank you for the ways you shower one another and our wider community and world with God's love. Thank you for your unending commitment to justice and peace. In this midst of all the uncertainties of 2020, we are so grateful for the ways we can be in ministry together. Through all of the chaos, we still have our faith in God and we still have each other. Thanks be to God for the rivers that sustain us and compel us to overflow with generosity and care.

Pastor Caella

Sharing and Caring

Prayers and Concerns

- For more information, please contact the church office.

Thanks

- Thank you so much to everyone who sent cards and other well-wishes for my birthday this year. I was overwhelmed with love every time I went to the mailbox! One of my favorite surprises was a voicemail with “happy birthday” played on the piano over the phone. What a joyful day. Thank you. - *Pastor Caela*
- Many thanks for the special keepsake box and 10 year anniversary cards. It's lovely to be a part of this church family. – *Sandy Nelson*

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.



Sacred Music on Demand

Looking for some sacred music to get you through your day? We have a page on our website that features a selection of offerings from recent worship services. It also has a link to our YouTube channel where you'll find more music:

www.uccmanhattan.org/music.html



First Congregational on YouTube

We are now posting our weekly worship videos to our YouTube channel to make them easier for people to find. We would like to get a "custom URL" for our YouTube page but need 100+ subscribers to be eligible. Would you pop by our YouTube channel and subscribe to help us out? Thanks! Visit uccmanhattan.org/youtube to find the link to our channel and subscribe.

Online Devotionals for You!

Looking for inspiration during your week? We've compiled some of our favorite (free!) online devotionals on our website. If you need printed copies of anything, don't hesitate to let us know. Consider sharing a devotional with a friend to let them know you're thinking of them. Go to: www.uccmanhattan.org/devotionals.html



Seasons Change: Fall Photos and Videos Needed

Sometime this month that magical day will arrive when all the trees are absolutely, perfectly GORGEOUS for 48 hours. We would love to update our photos and videos of nature that are used in Sunday worship. If you have nature photos to share, please upload them on our website here: <http://www.uccmanhattan.org/upload-portal.html>

We are also seeking stock videos to use in worship. These need to be recorded using a tripod or other stable device (i.e. not holding the camera in your hand). Ideally you would capture some kind of natural element that's moving a bit (plants blowing in the wind, water moving, clouds drifting, etc). Sound doesn't matter as it will be stripped from the video. Please record about 2 minutes of film and submit them at <http://www.uccmanhattan.org/upload-portal.html>.

And...if you're looking for a real artistic challenge, we'd love to collect original art or photos inspired by scripture to use on Sundays when scripture is read in worship. You can find the upcoming texts at narrativelectionary.org. If you have photos or art to share, please upload or email to Pastor Caela at least two weeks in advance.

Virtual Offering Plate

While we may not be together on Sunday, the work and mission of First Congregational UCC continues. Please continue to financially support the church as we offer sanctuary and support to each other and the wider community.

Options for giving:

- 1) Mail your contribution to 700 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan, KS 66502.
- 2) Donate online via PayPal (no login required). Go to uccmanhattan.org and scroll down to the DONATE button.
- 3) Setting up a recurring online gift is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to the church. Your bank may be able to do this for you OR you may contact the church office for a copy of our authorization form and we can set it up for you.

Thank you for your continued support and please contact the office if you have questions.

Stewardship

We're writing to share information with you about the 2021 Stewardship campaign for First Congregational UCC. The theme of our pledge drive is "Where the river goes, everything will live." We chose this theme because the year 2020 has forced us to focus on our essential needs and think of our life of faith like a river. The river for First Congregational never ran dry this year. We have continued to love God and one another, to stand for social justice, to feed the hungry, and to learn and grow together. We thank you for the support you have provided to the work of the church.

Our river is supplied with water from many streams that feed it. First Congregational UCC is blessed with your giving and the generosity of members and friends. During the October 4th, 18th, and 25th worship services we will feature three members; Sarah Kaufman, Bill Pallett, and Judy Willingham who will share their thoughts on giving and generosity in an interview format. Also, look for short videos where others in our congregation will provide their perspectives on giving. In addition you will find short written messages from the Stewardship committee about ways to give, the advantages of automated giving and the mission work of the church. These videos and messages will be attached to the Friday emails from the church.

Making a financial pledge for 2021 helps our church leadership plan for next year. It is hard to know what rapids we will encounter downstream but pledges let our leaders know the resources available to navigate through them. We long for a return to in-person worship, fellowship, and learning but realize that the health and safety of all our members and friends continues to be of primary importance. We are blessed to have the creative talents of our staff and members to produce engaging online activities. It's

incredible how quickly and well we shifted to virtual worship, fellowship and study in response to the pandemic. Our mission work with Second Helping also adjusted quickly and did not miss a meal in providing safe procedures to

The Stewardship Committee gratefully acknowledges the work of Hope UCC in Alexandria, VA in creating stewardship theme materials: "Where the river goes, everything will live."

feed the hungry. Our giving provided the means needed to respond this year and keep the river flowing. Our pledges for next year will be vital for meeting the challenges ahead in 2021.

In October you will receive a mailing from the church with financial and giving information, your pledge card, and our request for you to complete your pledge to First Congregational UCC. You can pledge by either mailing back the card or by going online at uccmanhattan.org/giving. If you have not been financially impacted by the pandemic, please consider increasing your pledge amount for 2021. Give your pledge thoughtful consideration and submit it by November 1st.

Meet us down by the water's edge and let's all keep First Congregational UCC flowing strong.

The Stewardship Committee

Rick Doll, Rachel Whetstone, and Dale Stearns



All Saints Day

We will observe All Saints Day on November 1st during worship. We would like to read aloud the names of loved ones who have died in the past year. If you have a name you'd like to have read aloud, please contact the church office with the name by October 25th.



Weekly Connection Points

Practice Physical Distancing....not Social or Spiritual Distancing. Join us online! If you have trouble accessing any of these resources, please contact the church office so we can assist.

Sundays: Adult Sunday School via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. | visit uccmanhattan.org/online for the Zoom link.

Worship at 10:45 a.m. via Facebook Live or call 1-669-900-6833 (toll call) and dial meeting ID 921-954-012# at the prompt for audio only. Meeting password is 66502. To find us on Facebook: go to our Facebook Page at 10:45 a.m. and scroll down until you see the most recent post. Look for the read box that says "Live" or "Premiere." The worship service is also posted to the church's YouTube account each Sunday morning. Visit uccmanhattan.org/youtube for the link.

Fellowship Hour immediately following worship via Zoom | visit uccmanhattan.org/online for the Zoom link

Mondays: "Monday School" for children at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Contact Brandy for all the details.

Tuesdays: Tuesday Book Group from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. via Zoom | visit uccmanhattan.org/online for the Zoom link

Wednesdays: Youth Group for middle and high school youth from 7:00-8:30 p.m. via Zoom | visit uccmanhattan.org/online for the Zoom link

Thursdays: Prayers & Fellowship at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom | visit uccmanhattan.org/online for the Zoom link

Kids are also meeting (but not weekly) and Brandy sends out e-mail to families to share resources. If you're not receiving those updates, please email brandy@uccmanhattan.org.

WEEKLY CONNECTION POINTS

- Sundays: Adult Sunday School, Worship & Fellowship Hour
- Mondays: "Monday School" for Kids via Zoom
- Tuesdays: Bible Book Club via Zoom
- Wednesdays: Youth Group via Zoom
- Thursdays: Prayers & Fellowship via Zoom

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KO Annual Meeting - You're Invited!

The Kansas-Oklahoma Conference of the UCC gathers in October each year. Our congregation sends our authorized ministers and lay delegates each year. This year, the gathering is happening ONLINE which means ANYONE in our congregation who wants to attend part or all of the gathering can do so for free. Pretty neat!

Events will be happening throughout the week, beginning Monday, Oct. 5th and ending with a special all-conference worship service on Sunday, Oct. 11th (you don't need to register for the worship service).

You can see the schedule and fill out a registration form on the Annual Meeting website at www.koannualmeeting2020.org. You will want to register as a VISITOR and there will be no cost to you. Several of the speakers are folks that Pastor Caela has known personally for a number of years and they are GREAT speakers. We will also be gathering with our German partners from Baden. We hope you'll take advantage of this unique opportunity. Please contact Pastor Caela if you have any questions.

You should be receiving a special mailing from the Stewardship Committee during the week of October 11th. If you do not receive a mailing by October 18th, please contact the church office so we can assist. You will find a blank pledge card in the mailing and you can return it to the office in the U.S. mail or by dropping in the mail slot at church anytime. We also have an ONLINE pledge card this year and you'll find it at uccmanhattan.org/giving. Please submit your 2021 pledge of support by November 1st. Thank you for helping us keep our river flowing strong!

Christian Education

Please contact Brandy McDonald (brandy@uccmanhattan.org) or Brittani Frost-Shank (brittani@uccmanhattan.org) for more information about options for children and youth.

Adult Education Updates

9:30 a.m. via Zoom (link available at uccmanhattan.org/online)

September 13-October 11: Forgiveness, the BIG stuff.

Led by Barb Crooks and Marcia McFarland

Class is based on *The Book of Forgiving: the Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World* by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu. Please contact the church office if you need assistance finding a copy of the book. We'd be happy to order it for you.

October 18 - 25: Prayerful Pauses via Zoom

Led by special guest Mary Kay Whitacre from the Sophia Center

How do we stay centered in Christ with all the negative distractions around us? How can we be a source of God's love for our hurting world? How do we find meaning in a world turned upside down? As we create a new normal for ourselves in the midst of a worldwide pandemic, these sessions will draw on monastic wisdom for finding balance and equilibrium in our lives. Join us to explore simple techniques for incorporating contemplative prayerful pauses into the rhythm of your day.

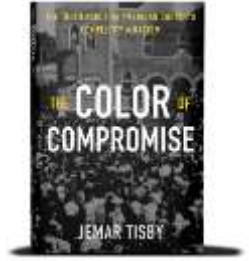
Mary Kay Whitacre has served in pastoral ministry for over forty years and completed her Doctor of Ministry degree from Seattle University in 2017. She currently is full-time on the staff of the Sophia Center; is the assistant director of the Souljourners Spiritual Direction Formation Program; and ministers as a spiritual director. Mary Kay is a wife of over forty years; a mother of two adult, married children; and the proud grandmother of two of the most adorable grandchildren ever.

Midweek Bible Book Study

Tuesdays from 11:30am-1pm via Zoom

The Color of Compromise by Jemar Tisby

Led by Sue Zschoche



On September 22 we began reading *The Color of Compromise* by Jemar Tisby. From the publisher: "The Color of Compromise takes readers on a historical journey: from America's early colonial days through slavery and the Civil War, covering the tragedy of Jim Crow laws and the victories of the Civil Rights era, to today's Black Lives Matter movement. Author Jemar Tisby reveals the obvious—and the far more subtle—ways the American church has compromised what the Bible teaches about human dignity and equality."

Contact Pastor Sue with any questions at sue@uccmanhattan.org.

Children's Sunday School is back...

on Monday evenings!

First and third Sunday Cassidy and Tracey will be utilizing a special Beatitudes curriculum to take our kids through these important bible lessons (groups will be divided age 3-3rd grade and 4th-6th grade). On the other Mondays, we will join for a laid back time of games, fellowship, and catching up. Zoom meeting details will go out with the weekly children's ministry emails. If you aren't receiving these and would like to be, or have any other questions, please email Brandy at brandy@uccmanhattan.org.



Cobb Corner — Going Green

“The Earth does not belong to us...we belong to the Earth.”

— Chief Seattle (1786-1866)

Once more I am indebted to the Schells for climate information. The *Time*, August 3, 2020, issue noted that polar bears likely will be extinct by 2100. Moreover, 42 square miles of Greenland’s largest ice sheet has slipped into the sea and the Arctic is expected to be ice-free by 2040!

Meanwhile, there have been more hurricanes thus far this year than ever before. NOAA already has had to go to the Greek alphabet for names. Speaking of NOAA, the new head is a climate denier previously funded by Exxon and Koch Industries.

Western states have had the worst fire season ever and the usual fire season hasn’t begun! President Trump suggests Democratic Governors have neglected good forest management rather than climate change being responsible. Regardless of cause, 97% of the Western forests are federally owned and thus officially President Trump’s responsibility!

The *National Parks Magazine*, Fall, 2020, pp. 8-11, details in a depressing article called “Parks in Peril,” 11 ways the current administration is crippling national park protections. Here are four: (1) Weakened hunting rules to allow baiting of bears with doughnuts and firing into their dens! (2) Weakened the Endangered Species Act. (3) “Gutted ...a law intended to ensure the public has a voice in how public lands are used and that...public health and the environment...be considered.” (4) “...an area larger than ...Indiana has been offered for oil and gas leasing... for as little as \$2 an acre.” The other seven perils will be detailed next month.

Meanwhile, early voting begins October 14!

— *Linda Richter*

P.S. *An Almost Zero Waste Life* by Megean Weldon is now available in the Manhattan Public Library. I expect to skip the coffee grounds facial scrub and making my own tea bags, but there are many good tips.

Share ideas for future Cobb columns with Linda Richter.

**Save the Date
for our
Fall Congregational Meeting
Sunday, November 15
at 11:45 a.m. via Zoom**

At this meeting we will review the tentative budget and slate of officers for 2021. More details about how to access the documents and meeting will be available in November. You will be able to use a computer/smartphone/tablet OR make a phone call to access the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact our Moderator, Sue Gerth.

Black Lives Movement signs available

The Board of Justice and Witness has BLM MHK signs available. Please sign up if you'd like a sign by going to <http://www.uccmanhattan.org/news-and-updates>.

BLM MHK mission: Building connections between People of Color and their Allies in the fight against racism. We seek and encourage social action and engagement to channel change. We are the driving force behind social justice and equality for all in MHK. Voicing our rights and moving towards change is our priority. We will never be silenced.

Learn more about our local black lives movement from conversations with Jennifer Edwards and BLM MHK founders Jaynae Cole and Teresa Parks available for viewing on the [uccmanhattan.org/news-and-updates](http://www.uccmanhattan.org/news-and-updates) page.

Board of Mission Update

In addition to our regular work of supporting The Second Helping and Blessing Box ministries, The Board of Missions has been busy allocating some of the remaining funds in our discretionary spending budget. We supported our ECM (Ecumenical Campus Ministry) by contributing \$250 toward the building of a cold frame for growing vegetables as part of its sustainable food project. We have been very concerned with the extra pressures and financial demands that the COVID-19 pandemic has put on teachers and students and their families in USD 383, and we explored ways we could help. We decided on a \$300 contribution to a special fund for music and art teachers in USD 383; these teachers have had special challenges, and their funds have been stretched to their limits. We also explored a special USD 383 Social Work Fund, which makes direct contributions to students and families in need, and we would like to recommend that church family members consider making financial donations to this fund if they are able and would like to do so.

As many of our church members know, the church received a huge donation of Bombas socks this summer. Bombas is a company that makes it a policy of donating a pair of socks for each pair they sell. We received 2500 pairs of socks to distribute in our community, and the Mission Board has been working hard to get these socks to folks who need them. Three Board members regularly stock our Blessing Box, and through the Common Table community meal ministry, we have donated socks to be distributed at the meals at First Lutheran and First Presbyterian churches. Our socks have also been donated to the Emergency Shelter, and plans are underway to distribute to university students in need through ECM and the ministry at St. Isidore's. Church family members who know of other ministries that serve folks who might need socks are welcome to contact Jean Steiner, Martha Mather, or Gretchen Lewis (our Board sock distributors). Fun Fact: the FIT Closet also received a donation of 2500 socks, so we hope that they are also working hard to keep feet in our community warm this fall and winter!

Communion Options for Oct. 4th

As we continue to learn more about the coronavirus, we are learning more about how we can safely be together. We invite you to join us for Holy Communion on Sunday, October 4th. We will have three opportunities for receiving the elements that day.

1. **Communion at Home:** we will offer Communion during our Sunday morning online worship service and you can bring your own elements to eat and drink.
2. **Drive Through Communion:** 12:15-12:30pm OR 1:00-1:15pm drive through the alley behind the church building to receive prepackaged Communion elements (no sign up needed)
3. **Communion on the Lawn:** we will gather on the lawn of the church building for a physically-distanced Communion using prepackaged elements (NOTE: advance sign up required)

We invite you to Fill the Breadbasket by dropping off donations for the Second Helping when you arrive for Drive Through or Communion on the Lawn.

Sign up for Communion on the Lawn at

uccmanhattan.org/sign-ups OR by calling the church office. In case of inclement weather, an announcement will be made on our website, e-mail list, and social media on Sunday morning.

For detailed information about all the options for Holy Communion, visit www.uccmanhattan.org.

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.

First Congregational Votes

If you are reading this before Oct 13, it's not too late to register to vote! Make sure your vote counts by planning your voting experience. Share your plan and these resources with family, friends, and neighbors.

Please let Carol Sevin know if you would like to meet with a member of the Justice and Witness Board to go through these steps, we're here to help!

Justice and Witness Board election guide:

1. Register and check your voter registration at ksvotes.org by Oct 13
 - o If voting by mail: use ksvotes.org to request a mail-in/advance ballot by Oct 27
2. Learn about the candidates and issues that will be on your ballot
 - o www.rileycountyks.gov/1796/2020-Election-Information
 - o Other websites for election research: vote411.org, votesmart.org
 - o Riley County Commissioner Candidate forums
 - i. 9/26 People's Forum MHK
www.facebook.com/pg/PeoplesForumMHK
 - ii. 2pm-5pm 10/18 League of Women Voters Forum
www.facebook.com/events/1117710628624454/
3. Vote
 - o Advance voting begins Oct 14
 - o Your mail in ballot can be delivered at any polling station including advanced, let us know if it needs a ride! Also let us know if you need a ride on Election Day.
 - o Polls open from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. on Election Day

Contact Carol Sevin if you'd like this message as an email or to volunteer to deliver ballots or drive voters.



Building Updates

Our staff members continue to work from home, but the office phone is being rerouted during office hours so please use the church phone number for questions (785-537-7006). U.S. Mail is being picked up several times a week, so you can send correspondence to 700 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan KS 66502. Please ensure that you write a return name and address on any correspondence you send. We do not open mail that is missing a return address and we want to make sure your letter reaches its intended recipient.

The only things happening in the building right now are Second Helping preparations and the 12-step recovery groups that meet in our building are meeting again in person with safety precautions. We also have two church leaders who walk through the building each week to make sure everything is in order. As the COVID task force continues to make decisions about reopening our building we will keep everyone informed using the church e-mail list.

Community News

Indigenous Peoples Day at K-State

Visit

www.k-state.edu/indigenous-alliance

for more information

Monday, October 12, 2020

Virtual Sessions

9:30 a.m. | 10:30 am. | 12:30 p.m.

**Topics: Indigenous Representation,
The Digital Divide, Gender and Sexuality**

Second Helping Update

We've had a very busy couple of months at Second Helping! We have had many large (thank you National Guard) and small donations; we nearly doubled our pantry inventory. Which is good – because our numbers are higher than they've ever been. In August we provided **591 meals**: 348 hot meals and 243 lunch bags. 91 hot meals went to Pawnee Crisis Stabilization Center. So far (first 3 weeks) in September, we have provided **407 meals**: 223 hot meals, including 37 to Pawnee, and 184 lunches.

We are now preparing **75 hot meals and 60 lunches every week!** Thanks to our great cooks, mid-week lunch makers, and Sunday helpers. And to those who made cookies, desserts, rolls, and who make food and cash donations. All this help is critical to fulfilling our mission. Thanks to those who have worked in August and September!!

Cooks: Brent and Janine; Mary Ellen and Andy; Bob and Melissa Atchison, Gretchen and Jim, Karen Franz, and Nick and Amanda Campanella.

Lunch duty: Martha Mather, Randy and Shari, Jennifer Edwards, Kathy Bleam, Jane Marshall and Linda Thurston.

Volunteers, food donors and bakers: Judy Ahrens, Clair Beck, Emily Brueseke, Amanda Campanella, Rod Franz, Sarah Kaufman, Jennifer Edwards, Linda Thurston, Kerri Keller, Linda Lewis, Jonathan Mertz, Shari Tedford, Martha Mather, Kim Zito, Sarah Kaufman, Mechelle Martinez, Rachel Whetstone, and others.

Want to help? Here's how:

- Sign up to make desserts for 60 with the UCC Sign-Up Genius (you could do 30 and have a friend do 30)
- Donate some cash to buy our supplies
- Help cook and prep on Sunday – contact Di
- Fix sack lunches during the week – contact Linda about the other opportunities
- Porch drop fresh fruit (lunches), cookies, instant oatmeal, breakfast bars
- Bake dinner rolls, muffins or other goodies to include with our suppers

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 60-75 people each week. Many of you have helped with this mission in a variety of ways, and that is much appreciated!



New Volunteers Needed

I am seeking to find volunteers for the Sunday evening 2nd Helping dinners. Traditionally, many of our volunteers are more mature congregants or college students from K-State. Given the state of the University and the high-risk factors associated with the Coronavirus, we are finding ourselves short on volunteers, therefore I am reaching out to ask each of you to consider your willingness to volunteer at 2nd Helping.

Currently, the meals are prepared in the church, but are distributed outside of the church in to-go containers to help minimize the risk to our outside volunteers and neighbors. There are also a number of other protocols being put into place for the purpose of safeguarding all involved with 2nd Helping.

Further, while we value anyone who is willing to volunteer, for the safety of all we ask you not to volunteer if you are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID meet any of the quarantine criteria below. We also strongly recommend that those in the high-risk category not volunteer as well.

If you are unable to volunteer at Second Helping, we still welcome your support. Monetary donations can be made via PayPal on the website or mailed to the church (First Congregational UCC, 700 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan, KS 66502). Thank you for your support of this important ministry,

Di Hinrichs-Toburen, Ph.D.
Second Helping Volunteer Coordinator
diane.hinrichs@pawnee.org

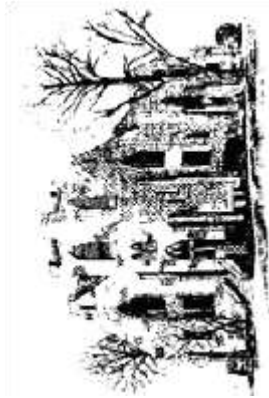
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**Pledge cards due
Sunday, November 1st**