



# 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 Prayers at 7:00 P.M. telephone 785-537-7006  
[www.uccmanhattan.org](http://www.uccmanhattan.org)

## “It’s March Again”

Grief anniversaries can sneak up on us. Time and time again I’ve talked with people who are going through a difficult time and, in the course of the conversation, found out that they are near the time of year when they lost someone they loved. Even when we don’t remember an anniversary is coming, our bodies and spirits often do.

Collectively, we are approaching the first anniversary of a major period of grief and loss. A period of grief and loss that is still unfolding. Hundreds of thousands of people - including people in our congregation - have lost a loved one to COVID. Many more have lost jobs, have been separated from loved ones, are struggling with mental health and addiction. The list goes on and on. Even those who have been extremely fortunate have found that isolation, loss of routines, and anxiety can often feel harder to bear the longer the pandemic goes on.

I know you already KNOW all of this, but I think it’s worth saying again because it can be hard to remember that things are *[cont. pg. 2]*

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still hard right now. We humans are so wonderfully adaptable that we sometimes forget what we're living through right now. We might be less productive at work or more irritable with our loved ones and chastise ourselves, "What's wrong with me?" What's wrong with all of us right now is that we're living through a global catastrophe. On a regular basis these days, 3000 or so people are dying from COVID in the U.S. alone. That's the equivalent of eight airliners falling out of the sky. That's the equivalent of a 9-11 every day. *Kyrie eleison* - Christ, have mercy.

We find ourselves in an in-between space right now. We sit with the pain of the compounding losses as we approach the one-year mark AND we rejoice as we watch healthcare workers, teachers, people we know receiving their vaccines. SUCH JOY! And for those who will be waiting a long time for their vaccines there is also a need to dig deep to find patience.

It is my prayer for you that you will be gentle with your beautiful self and with others. Allow yourself to experience your emotions each day, knowing that emotions are like the weather. They sometimes arrive unexpectedly and may stay a little longer than we'd like, but they aren't forever. If you're having persistent feelings of sadness, anger, and overwhelm, please reach out and let me know so I can connect you with the support you need.

It is my prayer for you that your faith anchors you. That you find ways of connecting with the Holy that give you the strength you need each day. If you are struggling to find spiritual practices that work for you, let's talk. Joining a small group at church like the Thursday evening prayer group, adult Sunday School, or the Tuesday book club is a GREAT way to see other people's faith in action. I always leave these gatherings strengthened and inspired.

Lately, I have used a simple breath prayer whenever I need to re-center. Using the words of the 46th Psalm, I find stillness and say to myself on an inhale, "God is our refuge and strength," and then on the exhale, "A very present help in times of trouble." After breathing that way for a few minutes, I often read the entire Psalm and then close with another breath prayer, using the words at the end of Psalm 46: (inhale) "Be still and know" (exhale) "That you are God."

Blessings on you and gratitude for you and your ministry as we keep breathing together. One day at a time. In and out. God's love is enough to sustain us now and always. May it be so.

*Pastor Caela*

## Sharing and Caring

### *Prayers and Concerns*

- For more information, please contact the church office.

***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.



### **Sandy Away from Office**

Sandy will be away from the office in a grander sense from Monday, March 1 through Friday, March 12 while she's in California to be with family as her mother enters hospice. During this time she will be working fewer hours, but will continue to check e-mail, and answer calls. She will not be available for the occasional drop off at her home or the office. If you need access to the building feel free to contact Pastor Caela or anyone with a key.

# Connecting with Pastor Caela

Pastor Caela IS available to meet with you outdoors, masked, and socially distanced. She is also available on the phone or Zoom, of course. Caela keeps her own calendar, so if you'd like to talk 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.

## Spring Forward March 14th

A reminder that the time changes on Sunday, March 14th. Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour before bedtime on Saturday night.



## 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](http://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](http://uccmanhattan.org/youtube) to find the link to our channel and subscribe.

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# Update to the Congregation on Cabinet news and goals for the year

At the February meeting, the church Cabinet addressed two areas that are important for the whole Congregation. Following discussion, the cabinet set two goals for the 2021 year. The first goal is to work towards re-gathering in the building and have some form of in-person worship. The COVID-19 task force appointed by the cabinet and the Accessibility and Technology Committee also appointed by the cabinet will work together through the year to develop plans and needs to accomplish this goal. We are not sure what any re-opening will look like or when that might happen, but we are committed to exploring all options as the year progresses.

The second goal is to address the budget deficit and explore ways to lower the projected deficit each year. We are thankful the Congregation did vote to approve the budget this year with a substantial deficit. Currently, no one is in favor of reducing our ministries and programs that are all vital to achieve our mission or making drastic cuts in areas that are essential to continue our program including personnel and maintenance. However, we are committed to looking at ways to increase our income.

We will explore all options that are presented to increase income and revisit how we use our invested funds in future meetings. In March we will review the plan approved in the past by the congregation that does currently address use of invested funds. We feel that is the place to start. In other months we will look at employing outside assistance in budget development, stewardship, securing grants, possible capital campaigns, and other ideas that are generated during our discussions. Please let someone on one of the boards or your moderators know of any ideas that might become part of our discussion.

We will continue to update the Congregation throughout the year on both important issues.

*Jeff Watson, Moderator*

# First Sunday Reminders:

A reminder that we are worshipping on Zoom ONLY the first Sunday of the month, which is March 7th. It's lovely to be able to see one another's faces and you can stick around after for Fellowship Hour on



Zoom, if you'd like! The Zoom Room will open around 10:40 a.m. for pre-service music and you'll find the link at [uccmanhattan.org/online](https://uccmanhattan.org/online).

First Sunday also means Communion and we hope to have three options for Communion on March 7th (weather permitting):

1. **Communion at Home @ 10:45 a.m.:** we will offer Communion during our Sunday morning online worship service and you can bring your own elements to eat and drink.
2. **Communion on the Lawn at 12:15 p.m.:** we will gather on the lawn of the church building for a physically-distanced Communion using prepackaged elements (NOTE: advance sign up required. You may sign up at [uccmanhattan.org/sign-ups](https://uccmanhattan.org/sign-ups) or call the church office to reserve your space.)
3. **Drive Through Communion from 12:15-12:45 p.m.:** drive through the alley behind the church building to receive prepackaged Communion elements (no sign up needed)

If plans change due to inclement weather we will announce that during worship on the 7th. A reminder that you are invited to drop off donations for the Second Helping when you come to the church. Helpful items include individual flavored oatmeal packets, granola bars, or individually-wrapped snack crackers (such as cheese or peanut butter).

# Building and Staffing Reminders

Though the building is mostly closed, the office phone is 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.

Second Helping preparations and the 12-step recovery groups that meet in our building continue to be the only events happening in our building. We also have two church leaders who walk through the building each week to make sure everything is in order. You can find the most recent COVID-related updates and policies at [ucccmanhattan.org/COVID](http://ucccmanhattan.org/COVID).

## Options for Giving

**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](http://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.



# Enjoying Time Outdoors as Spring Arrives

Going for a hike? Looking for someone who might want to join you for a picnic lunch at the park? Looking to join friends at the playground? Maybe you've got a fire pit in your backyard and would enjoy company. As the weather warms up, please consider inviting church friends to join you for outdoor gatherings (masks on, physically distanced, of course). We know that outdoors is a safer place to gather these days and you can view our current policies regarding safe gatherings at [uccmanhattan.org/covid](https://uccmanhattan.org/covid). As you make your plans, the church's Facebook group is a great place to invite others to join you on short notice. If you're not already a member of the group, please search for "First Congregational UCC Members and Friends" and request to join. Not everyone's on Facebook, of course, so a better course of action is to try and plan a couple weeks in advance and we can help you advertise your event. Just fill out the publicity request form at [uccmanhattan.org/online-forms](https://uccmanhattan.org/online-forms).

## 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.



## See & Know –

### Photos Needed For Lenten Worship

What is the Spirit inviting us to SEE during this holy season? What does God want us to KNOW deep in our bones? During Lent we will journey alongside Jesus in the Gospel of Luke - seeing what he sees and pondering what he might want us to know about how to live and love. We need YOUR help getting ready for worship! We are seeking:



- Photos of open/outstretched hands - might be a photo of you or someone you know (make sure you have permission to use the photo!). These photos represent the invitation to SEE - to be open to receive what God wants to show us.
- Photos of hands resting on your belly or heart - These photos represent what we hold close to our hearts and KNOW deep in our guts.
- Photos that complete these two sentences. "I see...." and "I know...." Write down on a piece of paper your full sentence that begins, "I see..." Snap a photo. Write down on another piece of paper your full sentence that begins, "I know..." Snap a photo. Submit both photos and they may be used in worship or on social media. Examples: "I see people who lack access to food, clean water, health care." "I know that God cares for the poor and wants us to build a more just world."

Please share your photos at <http://www.uccmanhattan.org/upload-portal>.

# Lent, Holy Week, and Easter 2021

It's not too late to choose a Lenten practice or join a small group at First Congregational for this season. You'll find all the details about Lent on our website at [uccmanhattan.org/lent](http://uccmanhattan.org/lent)

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 28th and culminates with Easter on April 4th. The Deacons are still finalizing plans for Holy Week and will continue to share updates via our website, social media, and e-mail as Holy Week approaches. Tentative plans include:

**March 28:** Palm Sunday - Worship via Facebook Live at 10:45 a.m. Info about options for palms TBA!

**April 1:** Maundy Thursday - - Zoom gathering at 6:00 p.m. to prepare flatbread and share prayers, fellowship to follow

**April 2:** Good Friday - TBD

**April 3:** Holy Saturday - Outdoor kindling of the Paschal Fire at sunset (7:53 p.m.) Location TBA.

**April 4:** Easter Sunday - Zoom Easter Breakfast at 9:30 a.m., Zoom worship at 10:45 a.m.

## Easter Activities

**Easter is going to look different this year!** While our traditional Easter Egg hunt isn't happening, the Board of Christian Ed is working on a special event to help make this season meaningful for families of young kids in a way that can involve others in the church! Please watch your email and the Facebook page for more details as they come together!

**Join us for an Easter Buddy Event!** Deacons are sponsoring an event for all ages. Individuals can sign up to be matched with an Easter Buddy. The short survey below gathers information like name, address, favorite food or drink, hobbies, would you prefer a call to a gift, etc. and Deacons will match participants with individual buddies and send buddy information to partners via email. Participants can send a small gift, call their buddies, send greetings via letter or email, etc. You can choose your activity between April 4 and April 15, but please complete your Easter Buddy communication by April 15th. All ages are welcome! For more information contact Julie Hunt.

**Sign up must be completed no later than March 31 at:**

[https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_2aY14rdw5O2zbbE](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2aY14rdw5O2zbbE)

# 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](http://uccmanhattan.org/online) for the Zoom link.

Worship at 10:45 a.m. via Facebook Live. 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 red 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](http://uccmanhattan.org/youtube) for the link.

Fellowship Hour immediately following worship via Zoom | visit [uccmanhattan.org/online](http://uccmanhattan.org/online) for the Zoom link

Kids Gatherings for kids aged 3 through 6th grade via Zoom at 4:00 p.m. Contact [brandy@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:brandy@uccmanhattan.org) for the link.

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

**Thursdays:** Prayers & Fellowship at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom | visit [uccmanhattan.org/online](http://uccmanhattan.org/online) for the Zoom link

For more information about kids and youth activities, contact [Brandy@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:Brandy@uccmanhattan.org) (age 3 through 6th grade) or [Brittani@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:Brittani@uccmanhattan.org) (6th-12th grades).

**WEEKLY CONNECTION POINTS**

**Sundays:** Adult Sunday School, Worship & Fellowship Hour  
Kids Gathering via Zoom

**Tuesdays:** Bible Book Club via Zoom

**Thursdays:** Prayers & Fellowship via Zoom

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## Christian Education

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

### Adult Sunday School Class

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

Watch for updated information in the weekly, Friday emails as well as online at [www.uccmanhattan.org](http://www.uccmanhattan.org).

**February 21-March 28:** Short Stories by Jesus, Amy-Jill Levine.

March 7: The Pearl of Great Price. Led by Greg Eiselein

March 14: The Mustard Seed. Led by Brent Maner

March 21: The Laborers in the Vineyard. Led by Barb Crooks

March 28: The Widow and the Judge. Led by Lisa Tatonetti

**April 4:** Easter - no Sunday school.

**April 11-May 9:** Fruits of the Spirit, part two.

April 11: Kindness. Led by Pat Fredrickson

April 18: Generosity. Led by Sue Gerth

April 25: Faithfulness. Led by Susanne Gilmore

May 2: Gentleness/meekness. Led by Jennifer Edwards

May 9: Self-control/Temperance. Led by Jeff Keller

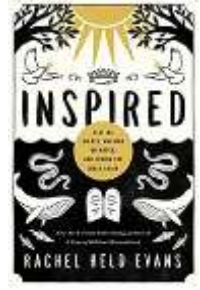


# Midweek Bible Book Study

Tuesdays from 11:30am-1pm via Zoom

*Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans

Led by Sue Zschoche



*Inspired* is a thoughtful commentary on the Bible: how we Christians understand it (or don't understand it), how we sometimes struggle with it, how it still can still speak to us. We hope that you will join us.

Contact Pastor Sue with any questions at [sue@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:sue@uccmanhattan.org).

# Confirmation: Support Our Youth

In late February we began a Confirmation process with our 6th-8th graders. Pastor Caela and Brittani will be meeting with these youth on a weekly basis between now and the middle of May as we explore our faith together.

Confirmation is an important coming-of-age ritual in the Church and we want to connect the youth to the wider congregation. That's where we need your help! Would you be interested in writing a letter to these 6th-8th graders? If so, please contact Pastor Caela to get a list of names. You can write the same letter to each youth or personalize each one. Some ideas for your letter:



• write about why your faith is important to you  
• share your favorite Bible story and why it matters in your life  
• tell them about why you've chosen to be a part of a church  
• explain how you like to pray  
• share about a time when you struggled in your faith or had a lot of questions  
• Other ideas? Run them by Caela or Brittani

Letters should be kept to one page and need to be completed no later than the end of April, so you have plenty of time! Thank you for taking time to bless our youth at this important stage of their faith journey.

## Cobb Corner — Going Green

“The faithful will abound with blessings but one who is in a hurry to be rich will not go unpunished.”

– Proverbs 28-20. *The Green Bible*, p. 643.

I just finished a critically important book: *The New Climate War: The Fight to Take Back our Planet*, by Michael E. Mann, 2021. It is a detailed and meticulously documented expose of the strategies being utilized by the fossil fuel industries to encourage doubt, to delay change, to deny a crisis exists, to deflect concern toward personal rather than political action, or to assume doom is unavoidable.

It examines how they use the very same tactics as the tobacco, pesticide, and gun lobbies. Some examples: “Guns Don’t Kill People, People Do” or “Doubt is our product, since it is the best means of competing with the body of fact that exists in the minds of the general public.” –from a 1969 tobacco executive in a staff memo.(Mann, p. 9.)

A third tactic is to attack the messenger as the pesticide industry did with Rachel Carson’s *The Silent Spring* evidence about DDT or with Carl Sagan and James Hansen when they sounded the alarm about climate change in the 1980s.

“Deflection” occurs when people are encouraged to focus on something else, particularly personal actions: You recycle aluminum but don’t protest the Keystone Pipeline or encourage disinvestment in oil, gas, and coal companies! Or they put the emphasis on coal miners losing their jobs, but not on black lung disease, mountain top removal or contaminated streams. Nor do they note renewable energy jobs are safer, pay better, and are already more numerous than the fossil fuel jobs combined!

An example is the TV ad now playing sponsored by “energy citizens” bemoaning how President Biden’s proposed ban on oil and gas leasing on public lands will bankrupt schools and state governments. A similar letter appeared in *The Mercury* in February.

What they don’t mention is that the proposed covid relief bill includes needed support for state and local governments. By

cutting the enormous subsidies that the federal government pays such industries, governments will have far more resources!

– Linda Richter

P.S. Leo Schell notified me of another well-received book by Mann, *The Wizard and the Prophet*, published in 2018. Clearly, Mann is an excellent resource for anyone wanting to recognize the techniques of those interests unwilling to confront climate change.

*Share ideas for future Cobb columns with Linda Richter*

## Free Money!

Do you participate in our **Dillons** fundraiser? Link your shopper card at [dillons.com](http://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.

When you shop at **AmazonSmile**, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to First Congregational Church UCC. Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and save First Congregational Church UCC as your AmazonSmile recipient. After you've done that, you will automatically benefit the church every time you shop from [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).



**Thank you for participating! In 2020, the church received over \$1,000 from these fund raising sources.**

# Seeking new (and returning!) faces for offering, benediction, and scripture readings!

We have gotten to receive the gifts of many congregation members and friends sharing with us during the Sunday services. I know that one of my favorite parts of the service is getting to see these faces I miss so much. We would love to continue seeing the faces we have and add on new faces to our rotation!

Recording a video for worship is easy. You can use a computer, camera, or even phone to record your contribution, no high tech skills required. If you prefer to simply read something scripted, scripture reading or offering is a perfect fit for you! If you'd prefer to share something that you find, we are happy to provide resources for benediction (or you can share something that holds meaning for you!)

If you are interested in being put on the list for offering or benediction, please contact Brandy at [brandy@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:brandy@uccmanhattan.org). Sign up for scripture reading can be found at <http://www.uccmanhattan.org/sign-ups.html>

If you think you might be interested but are feeling unsure, we are here to help! Contact Brandy and she can walk you through what you would need to do. Remember that no one is looking for perfection; we are just looking to see your face and hear your voice!





# 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 60-70 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." If you are interested in learning more about either of these positions, or volunteering in other ways, please contact:

Jean Steiner

Second Helping Volunteer Coordinator

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***March 7, 2021***

**Head Cook:** Krista Danielson-Rolles

**Asst Cook:** Daniel Rolles

**Crew:** Sophie Rolles

**Dessert:** Julie Hunt

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***March 14, 2021***

**Head Cook:** Bob Atchison

**Asst Cook:** Melissa Atchison

**Crew:** Atchison

**Dessert:** Kerri Keller

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***March 21, 2021***

**Head Cook:** Brent Maner

**Asst Cook:** Janine Stines

**Crew:** Martha Mather

**Dessert:** Judy Willingham

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***March 28, 2021***

**Head Cook:** Gretchen Lewis

**Asst Cook:** Jim Lewis

**Crew:** ESA Sorority

**Dessert:** Jennifer Edwards

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# Boards & Committees for 2021

\*first term, \*\*second term

PO: Presiding Officer, CR: Cabinet Rep if not PO, NT: Note Taker

## Board of Christian Education

**Term Ending 2021:** Barbara Crooks\*CR, Marcia McFarland\*\*NT, Elaine de Smedt\*

**Term Ending 2022:** Deane Lehmann\*\* PO, Lisa Tatonetti\*\*, Mary Cain\*\*

## Board of Deacons

**Term Ending 2021:** Gayle Doll\*\*PO, Kathy Lillich\*, Dona Sidorfsky\*, Julie Hunt\*NT, Di Hinrichs-Toburen\*\*CR

**Term Ending 2022:** Nell King\*, Leslie Bell\*, Don Saucier\*\*

## Board of Facilities

**Term Ending 2021:** Amanda Tross\*, Steve Bishop\*PO, Judy Willingham\*NT

**Term Ending 2022:** Bert Allen\*, Paul Hunt\*, Chad Moreau\*

**Term Ending 2023:** Anne Fredrickson\*\*, Jackie Hinrichs-Toburen\*

## Board of Justice and Witness

**Term ending 2021:** Shaun McDonald\*, Jennifer Edwards\*\*, Janet George\*NT

**Term ending 2022:** Jonathan Cole\*, Stephanie Reeck\*\*CR, Cassidy Moreau\*\*PO, Carol Sevin\*\*

## Board of Mission

**Term Ending 2021:** Gretchen Lewis\*\*, Shari Tedford\*, Martha Mather\*\*, Jean Steiner\*

**Term Ending 2022:** Mary Ellen Titus\*, Carolyn Hodgson\*NT

## Cabinet

*In addition to those listed below, the Church Cabinet includes representatives from each of the boards, and the recording clerk. The Pastor, Treasurer, and a representative of the Gifts, Endowment, and Investments Committee shall be ex-officio members without vote.*

**Moderator:** Jeff Watson

**Moderator Elect:** Craig Weston

**Past Moderator:** Sue Gerth

## Cabinet Members (at Large)

**Term ending 2021:** Kathy Bleam

**Term ending 2022:** Judy Ahrens

**Term ending 2023:** Tracey Weston

----The following positions are appointed by Cabinet

**Church Co-Clerks**

Judy Willingham, **Recording**  
Judy Ahrens, **Membership**

**Treasurer**

Brent Maner

**Head Usher**

Jim Ahrens

**Budget Officer**

Jan Lange

**Financial Secretary**

Jeff Keller

**Archivist/Historian**

Mary Ellen Titus

**Gifts, Endowments & Investments Committee**

Millie Schroeder PO, term ending 2021; Randy Tedford NT, term ending 2022; Rick Doll, term ending 2023

**Member Engagement Committee**

Julie Hunt, term ending 2021; Kerri Keller, term ending 2022; Sue Gerth, term ending 2023

**Pastoral Relations Committee**

**Term ending 2021:** Jean Hill (c), Bill Pallett (p)

**Term ending 2022:** Carol Sevin (c)\*\* , Tom Hawk (p)\*\*

**Music Committee**

Wade Honey, Julie Hunt, Donna Keyser

**Ecumenical Campus Ministry** (*Representatives to ECM Board*)

Courtney Hochman, Paulicia Williams, \_\_\_\_\_

## Community News

### Free Tax Preparation

K-State Research & Extension is operating the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site again this year. Free to eligible taxpayers, all tax preparers are certified by the IRS. For more information, go to: [www.riley.ksu.edu](http://www.riley.ksu.edu), call 785-565-6426, or email: [vitataxes@gmail.com](mailto:vitataxes@gmail.com).

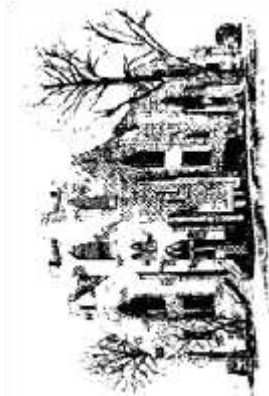
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 7:30 NA mtg	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5:15 Deacons 7:00 AA Meeting	<b>4</b> 7:00 Prayers & Fellowship 7:30 NA Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
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<b>7 Zoom Worship</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship and Communion online 12:15 Lawn/Drive-thru Communion <i>Fill the breadbasket</i> 4:00 Children's Sunday School 6:00 Second Helping	<b>8</b> 7:30 NA mtg	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 5:30 Christian Ed 6:30 Justice & Witness, Mission 7:00 Facilities 7:00 AA Meeting	<b>11</b> 7:00 Prayers & Fellowship 7:30 NA Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>14</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship online 4:00 Children's Sunday School 6:00 Second Helping	 <b>15</b> 7:30 NA mtg	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00 Cabinet mtg 7:00 AA Meeting 	<b>18</b> 7:00 Prayers & Fellowship 7:30 NA Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship online 4:00 Children's Sunday School 6:00 Second Helping	<b>22</b> 7:30 NA mtg	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00 AA Meeting	<b>25</b> 7:00 Prayers & Fellowship 7:30 NA Meeting	<b>26</b> Newsletter deadline	<b>27</b>
<b>28 Palm Sunday</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship online 4:00 Children's Sunday School 6:00 Second Helping	<b>29</b> 7:30 NA mtg	<b>30</b> 7:30 NA mtg	<b>31</b> 7:00 AA Meeting	<b>March</b>		