



Arkansas City UMC *newsletter*

MISSION: Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. (Matt. 28:19-20)

“So are you excited about your new appointment?” is a question I have been asked several times now. Honestly, I can’t really think about serving another congregation when there are many tasks remaining from our merger that must be completed before I leave in June. As I’ve shared before, the process was far more involved and complex than we imagined. The staff, volunteers and I are still trying to get the “business” side of ministry functioning smoothly. This is my top priority.

With this said, I don’t want to neglect the sacred task of farewells. Saying goodbye is difficult, emotional work, but it’s important work. If you would like a phone call, personal visit, or want to chat after worship between now and the end of May, please let me know! My e-mail is pastor@arkcityfirst.kscoxmail.com. Or call the office at 620-442-4530 so we can get something on my calendar.

In April, I plan to sort and get the office organized so Rev. Rankin has files that are helpful. The month of May will bring packing and labeling boxes. June is when the moving truck will be scheduled to arrive, though these dates are not yet known. My last two Sundays will be June 5th and 12th. The last two weeks of June are reserved for all clergy moving to new appointments.

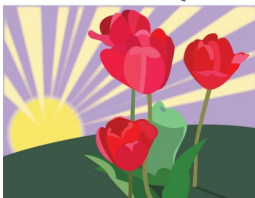
As you are fully aware, I will not return to officiate at funerals, weddings, or other services. This is just being collegial and supportive of my clergy peers. Rev. Rankin is a gifted preacher, teacher and spiritual leader. I know you will bless him, as he will be a blessing to you!

So to answer the question, “Are you excited for your new appointment?” I haven’t had time to think much about the congregation at Holton 1st UMC. But I do look forward to meeting them and learning about their congregation and community, and serving God with them! I have peace about this move and trust God’s guiding hand!!

Love in Christ, Pastor Stephanie

E A S T E R

Sunday



7:00 AM: Sunrise Service

~East side of church near the garage so we can see the sun rising over the hills. If you want to remain in your car, park along the east parking lot.

10:00 AM: Celebrating Jesus’ Resurrection

~Sanctuary

11:15 AM: Easter Egg Hunt

~Please have all children gather in the Fellowship Hall to receive instructions. The egg hunt will be outside, weather permitting. If not, it will be in the sanctuary.



At our all-church meeting of ministry teams, having child-care was a top priority. Katie Hamilton has agreed to be in

the church nursery on Sundays during worship to care for our children who are too young for Children’s Church. Thank you Katie!



We have pre-ordered 10 Easter lilies, which cost \$18.50 per plant. If you would like to purchase one in memory or honor of a loved one, please call the church office. If more are needed, we will place another order.



HOLY WEEK

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Sponsored by the Arkansas City Ministerial Alliance

All services begin at 12:00 noon.

No lunches will be served this year.

All are welcome to this special week of worship and praise as we journey toward Easter.

Date:

Monday, April 11, 2022

Place:

Arkansas City United Methodist
2448 Edgemont Dr.

Preaching:

Tim Smith
Blessings Heights Church

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

First Presbyterian Church
321 S. 1st St.

Jack Dickson
Shepherd's Grace Church

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

First Assembly of God
3125 N. Summit St.

Larry Cracraft
First Presbyterian Church

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Maunder Thursday

First Baptist Church
220 E. Central Ave.

Ryan Nichols
Calvary Chapel

Friday, April 15, 2022

Good Friday

Calvary Chapel
1001 S. 3rd St.

James Newman
First Assembly of God



We will celebrate Graduate Sunday on May 15. ALL graduates and your families are invited to enjoy breakfast in the Gathering Room at 9:15 a.m. Please stay for worship so we can honor your achievements. RSVP to the church office at 442-4530 by May 12, 2022.

Can you help with this year's Grad breakfast? Please let Pastor Stephanie know if you are able to provide food, set-up the decorations, or help serve the meal. The church has decorations and provides a gift for each student.



We will meet on Wednesdays through April and then have our year-end celebration on Wed., May 4, 2022!

We need donations of wrapped candy for our Easter egg hunt. Please bring candy to the church by Mon., April 11th.



We will stuff the eggs on Wed., April 13 at 5:30 p.m. before Kids Club and Youth Group. Please come help!



Need homemade rolls for your Easter Dinner? Then place your order by April 8! Call or text to 620-441-9790.

Pick up will be Friday, April 15 at the church kitchen door.

Cost: \$8 for 1 doz.

\$15 for 2 doz.

\$20 for 3 doz.

Proceeds support the ministries of Arkansas City UMC.



~Forest Smith with the death of his sister, Sherry Clymer, on March 5, 2022

~Family of Rev. Nathan Stanton, who lost his battle with ALS on March 12, 2022.

~Vi McMahon passed away on March 12, 2022 at the age of 102 1/2 years old!

~Pastor Janet Arnold passed away on March 18, 2022.

~Paul Brown's Aunt Esella passed away on March 27, 2022.

Prayers for all of these families and the circle of friends who are grieving with them.



Congratulations to Justin Phillips and Misty Carter who were united in marriage on Friday, March 25, 2022 at our St. Paul campus! May God bless your life together!

Chris & Paige Smith welcomed Lainey Jo Smith into the world on Friday, March 11, 2022. She weighed 5 lb. 15 oz. and was 19 in. long at birth. Lainey Jo is Elsie Tipton's 2nd great-great granddaughter! She is Cliff and Virginia Ball's great-granddaughter. We celebrate with your family!



We wanted to thank everyone so very much for their support of the spaghetti dinner and Kaeli's journey to Mayo Clinic for heart surgery!

You are all very much appreciated!
Jill Sullivan



Anyone interested in being trained on how to recognize a medical emergency, properly do CPR, and how to use the AED and tourniquets is welcome to attend the April 10 church safety meeting at 1:00 PM in the Gathering Room.

Entrance into the church will be through the northeast door by the handicap restroom. Brandy Rice of the Ark City Fire/EMS Dept. will be leading the training.

March — Share Meals

<u>Week of:</u>	<u>SHARE Meals Given:</u>
3/2	60
3/9	72
3/16	63
3/23	67
3/30	66



Thank You for your food donations each week! We have given an avg. of 120 lbs of food each

month to Angels in the Attic's food pantry!



May 1: Communion & Native American Min. Special Sunday

May 4: Kids Club/Youth Group: End of year party 6:00 pm

May 8: Mother's Day

May 15: Graduate Sunday: Breakfast at 9:15 am in the Gathering Room for graduates and their families

May 25: Last day of school for USD #470

May 29: Ascension Sunday

May 30: Memorial Day: Church Office Closed



March 25,2022

Dear Church Family,

This Directory has had quite a journey. The project began in September 2019 when several of us realized that our directory was five years old. In the past, we have gotten a new one every three years. Therefore, we contacted Lifetouch who had done our previous directories and set up the photo shoot for the third weekend in March. The Monday of that week Lifetouch made the decision to temporarily shut down (as did the rest of the world) their photo shoots due to COVID. We were contacted by another company, Remember, in March of 2021 to do our directory since Lifetouch got out of the church directory business. We set up the photo shoot for September. The morning of the shoot, we received a call that the photographer's wife was ill, and we needed to reschedule. We made the decision not to cancel but proceed not knowing what we were getting ourselves into.

Thanks to Mike and Marti Beauchamp and Stephanie's cousin, Christy Goentzel, for taking time out of their day to take our pictures. Over the next six months we contacted several companies to complete our directory. We found the most cost-effective way was to do it ourselves. So, the good news is that the directory is completed, and we can now put a name to a face. The bad news is that the directory is completed, but it is not up to our normal standards. Sorry about any errors. Please provide the church office with any corrections. Though the directory is not part of the church secretary's work, Susan has helped throughout the process and we are grateful. You can pick up your copy of the directory in the narthex on Sundays or at the office during business hours. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Directory Committee,

Peggy Bennett
Cindy Freeland



Hey children and youth! It's time to get registered for church camp this summer! Check the camp dates with your family, then register online at www.horizoncenter.org. You will have to pay a \$50.00 registration fee, which is new. Then fill out the church form below so we can help pay toward your camp costs. If you need help, just let Stephanie or Darci know.

Arkansas City UMC

2022 Church Camp Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Camp Location: _____

Date & Name of Camp: _____

Why do you want to attend? _____

Amount requested? _____ (Scholarships are available for half of the camp cost up to a maximum of \$125.00 per child/youth. All kids who attend church activities regularly may apply.)

More monetary assistance is available if needed. Please indicate additional need for funds here: _____

If you have questions, please talk to Pastor Stephanie or Darci Utt. **We**  **church camp!**

Arkansas City United Methodist Church

Finance/Trustee Committee Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of Finance-Trustees-Memorial-Stewardship board met March 20, 2022 11:15 am, in the Library of Arkansas City UMC. Pastor Stephanie opened the meeting with prayer. The meeting was called to order by Wiley Wilcox.

Attendance: Wiley Wilcox, Darin Mann, Doris Miller, Forest Smith, Deanna Kuder, Dac Call, Dan Deener, Stephanie Wall Brown, and Susan Rozelle .

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented. Dan moved to accept the minutes. Darin seconded. Motion approved.

The financial reports from February, 2022, were presented. Forest moved to accept. Darin seconded. Motion approved.

Old Business:

1. Wiley will talk to Roseanne Riley about the Gathering Room window coverings. Honeycomb blinds have better insulation but may be harder to clean than vertical blinds. Deanna visited with Jon Oak. He is retiring in April, so if we can get this project moving, he may be able to donate the paint. Larry said he will paint the Gathering Room.
2. The Flame & Cross sign has been delivered to Pike Construction. Jeremy Pike will be installing the sign.
3. Wiley will contact Dirk Foust, as he works for a local pest control company. Termite inspections and spraying for insects are needed at both parsonages and churches.
4. Darin moved to contact the conference attorney regarding the contents of the safety deposit boxes. Forest seconded. Motion carried.
5. Darin talked about church use for weddings. Justin Phillips is getting married, is a member of the church, so use of St. Paul UM would normally be the custodial fee. The same has been true for 1st UM. Darin will handle this like they have in the past, simply ask for the custodial fee.
6. Forward in Faith covers overhaul of all windows. The cost of replacing all of the windows is cost prohibitive. Window clings, tinting, shades or honeycomb shades qualify. The *Forward in Faith Brochure* will be added to these minutes for future reference.
7. The northwest exterior walls (1st UM) need to be sealed outside at the foundation so rain doesn't enter. Darin suggested MTL Construction Services, J. T. Lozano. MTL did work at St. Paul UM.
8. Wiley and Forest will work on the budget 2022.
9. Dac explained several needed digital upgrades. First, ADT service will end as of April 1st for St. Paul. That means AT&T is no longer needed. Deanna moved and Dac seconded to drop AT&T, add COX internet and a VOIP phone in the kitchen for service St. Paul. Motion carried. The second item Dac explained was how we have a router with multiple hot spots that don't work smoothly together. Dac suggested we go with a system from Ubiquiti, which includes an upgraded router in the office, with options for other internet sites in the building. He said we could start with the locations that already have hot spots, and add more later if needed. The cost would be \$600-700. Forest moved and Deanna seconded to add the Ubiquiti system. Motion passed. Dac will place the order. The third item Dac mentioned was running cable for the cameras. There is no cost to this work, but he will need helpers.
10. Exterior door numbers have been made. Larry Swanson will get them installed.

New Business:

1. The Finance/Trustees committee works with the Staff Parish committee regarding the salary/comp numbers for the pastor. This has not taken place with the current clergy reappointment, but these committees need to be communicating together.
2. With Carol's departure and the need to reorganize the QuickBooks system, a request for bids was submitted to three accounting firms. One is not taking new clients. Parman, Tanner et. al. and Scott Terrel submitted bids. Terrel's firm would produce reports once a quarter. Parman, Tanner, Soule and Jackson would produce monthly reports. Amanda Ball has helped us with QuickBooks, so knows our current system. Deanna moved to accept the bid from Parman, Tanner, Soule and Jackson. Forest seconded. Motion carried.
3. A brief discussion was held regarding selling the parsonages. The group agreed that this will require more study.

Wiley moved to adjourn the meeting. Doris seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Susan Rozelle, Acting Secretary

OPEN LETTER TO THE CONNECTION

Upon the Postponement of General Conference

"God will command his angels to protect you wherever you go." Psalm 91:11

Dear Friends in Christ,

We greet you in the loving name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We recognize that the recent postponement of the General Conference may leave some with feelings of powerlessness, abandonment, and anxiety. We hold our entire church in our hearts and prayers and commit to healing the wounds that have been caused by our division.

- We hold in our hearts our LGBTQIA siblings and commit to the celebration and welcome of all God's children, now.
- We commit to prayerfully and steadfastly dismantling the sins of racism, tribalism and colonialism.
- We envision and will work toward a church that is regional in structure, where United Methodists in Africa, Europe, the Philippines and North America can do ministry based on their own cultural context.
- We commit to practicing Wesley's advice—"Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike?" Recognizing the theological and cultural diversity in our church, we commit to moving forward with a focus on the ministry that unites us.

In this season of Lent, we acknowledge, with humility, that we have often believed that our denomination cannot move forward without legislation passed at General Conference. As General and Jurisdictional Conference delegates, we acknowledge that legislation is important. However, leadership cannot be relegated to legislative processes at a quadrennial meeting. Ministry is happening now! With each of you, we will do the work of Christ that will lead our church into Easter resurrection.

We join our voices with our bishops to confirm that we are "...one people, rooted in Scripture, centered in Christ, serving in love and united in the essentials." As they noted, our United Methodist Church was founded on a Wesleyan theology of grace and the witness of Jesus Christ. Guided by the Scriptures, we are a people empowered and emboldened by the Holy Spirit.

As we do the work and ministry ahead, we will hold onto our identity as a people of God committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We will work toward making sure that all feel they belong and are loved in our church. We will continue to claim our place as a powerful connection, with more than 12 million members worldwide, carrying out the mission of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit. And, we will continue to be a church where people can have a deeply personal and communal experience of our triune God.

With so many possibilities facing our beloved denomination, we pray that this letter finds you well. We look forward to a bright and exciting future together.

Blessings in Christ,

Delegates of the 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conferences

General Conference has been postponed until 2024. The Global Methodist Church (conservative theology) decided to launch as a denomination on May 1, 2022 after learning of the postponement of Gen. Conf. This letter from our delegates (Great Plains included) states the values and hopes before us in the UMC.



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

FH = Fellowship Hall GR = Gathering Room P = Parlor					1	2	3:00 pm Oak Baby Shower
3 10:00 am Worship & Communion 6:30 pm Lenten Study at St. Paul	4 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Share Group/ Lenten Study, Parlor	5 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 5:00 pm Girl Scouts	6 5:30 pm Bell Choir 5:30 pm Share Meal at St. Paul 6:00 pm Kids Club and Youth 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	7 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	8	9	
10 Palm Sunday 10:00 am Worship 10:20 am Children's Church 11:10 Safety Meeting 6:30 pm Lenten Study at St. Paul	11 12:00 Holy Week Service 7:00 pm Share Group/ Lenten Study, Parlor	12 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 5:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm PEO Founders Meeting	13 5:30 pm Bell Choir 5:30 pm Share Meal at St. Paul 6:00 pm Kids Club and Youth	14 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	15	16	
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April 22
Maggie Green

April 20
Scarlett Rogers

April 19
Ralph Keefe

April 17
Emerson Allen

April 14
Mykaylee Goff

April 10
Date Wilson
Wyatt Paton

April 8
Owen Bannister

April 5
Nicole Dawson

April 4
Mark Dykes
Stacy Wells

April 28
Jaurese Walker
April 30
Doris Miller

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