



# Arkansas City UMC *newsletter*

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

“May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; may the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26)

In the NRSV, this is titled “The Priestly Blessing.” I learned it in middle school UMYF as we crossed arms, recited this verse, then turned outward to carry God’s blessing and love into the world. I shared this with Kids Club last night as it was the last time for our regular meeting before I move this summer. Kayla Dykes sang a song her Grandma Jo taught her so we could learn it too. God’s Love stretches and draws us in!

I am deeply blessed and grateful to have served as your pastor for 11 years! I trust we have accomplished together that which God has intended for us. On Sunday, June 12, worship will include “An Order of Farewell to a Pastor.” We will sing “God Be with You til We Meet Again,” knowing that Clemma is joining us from above. Yes, I will need tissues.

May we continue to be drawn in and stretched by God’s unfailing love as we live and serve Christ wherever we are sent!  
In Christ’s love, Pastor Stephanie



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.



- May 1: Communion & Native American Min. Offering**
- May 4: Kids Club/Youth Group:** End of year party 6 pm.
- May 8: Mother’s Day & Bucket Sunday**
- May 15: Graduate Sunday:** Breakfast at 9:15 am in the Gathering Room for graduates and their families. **Baptism** in worship.
- May 25: Last day of school** for USD #470
- May 29: Ascension Sunday**
- May 30: Memorial Day:** Church Office Closed
- June 5: Pentecost Sunday with Communion:** Wear red. Farewell Potluck for Pastor Stephanie following worship.
- June 8-11:** Annual Conference in LaVista NE
- June 12: Trinity Sunday and Peace with Justice Offering**  
**Pastor Stephanie’s last Sunday**
- July 3: Rev. Stephen Rankin’s first Sunday**

Our final meeting of **Kids Club and Youth Group** will be at 6 p.m., Wed., May 4, 2022!



Yes, the party includes food, drinks, games, and some silly gifts. There should be plenty of laughter too!

## April 2022— Share Meals

April 6:	66
April 13:	63
April 20:	72
April 27:	73





~Paul Brown III with the death of his aunt, Esella Livings.

~For Mark Phillips' family, friends, students and colleagues. Mark passed away on April 5, 2022 after a courageous fight against ALS.

~Billie Swanson after the death of her sister, Jane Alexander. Jane passed away on April 4.

Congratulations to Adam Utt on his graduation from the Police Academy on April 1st!!



Woody Marker and Juarese Walker were joined in marriage on Thursday, April 7, 2022. May God bless your life together!

Thankful for all of your candy donations and super thankful for everyone who helped stuff 1,300 eggs!



### Administrative Board Update

All members of administrative committees were invited to meet together on Tuesday, April 26th. Jon Oak, chairman, called the meeting to order.

The meeting was primarily called to update the board about merger details, but one item was voted upon. The members voted unanimously to continue the process of establishing the "One Board" model for church governance.



Thank you to all my church family for all the prayers, calls, and cards during the illness and passing of my sister, Jane Alexander. For the support given me by my Monday Night study group, a very special Thank You! And also to my church sisters who served our family a delicious meal before the service last week.

Thanks again, Billie Swanson

Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you! Your financial support is enabling Global Ministries to fulfill the mission of the Church through evangelism and church growth. And through your financial support **you** are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships in more than 60 countries.

Grace and Peace, Roland Fernandes  
General Secretary



It's time to get registered for summer church camp! Check the camp dates with your family, then register online at

[www.horizoncenter.org](http://www.horizoncenter.org). You will have to pay a \$50.00 registration fee, which is new.



Then fill out & turn in the church scholarship form (in office & on the table outside sanctuary) so we can help pay toward your camp costs. If you identify as an ethnic minority, your camp fees can be covered in full. Talk to Darci Utt if you have questions.



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May 18	Peggy Bennett	May 1	Larry Swanson
May 19	Debbie Kendrick	May 4	Nicholas Anzelmo
May 20	Jax Joseph	May 5	Pattie Brown
May 25	Belinda Allen	May 7	Dorothy Gilstrap
May 26	Roy Morse	May 8	Anthony Contreras
May 27	Sarah McAlister	May 9	Bethany Rozell
May 28	Dalton Collins	May 9	Robben Ledeker
May 29	Tammy Hutchison	May 14	Mark Hutchison
		May 17	P J Brown

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