



The Open Door

a newsletter of

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Is your heart open?! It should be! Especially if you went through the 6 week evangelism series of “Unbinding Your Heart”. In the 6 week series we discussed different ways of evangelism inside the church, outside the church and within our own hearts and lives. It

was also an eye opener of how each person prays and how they share their faith. The small groups enjoyed their time so much with each other that we would like to continue meeting, sharing, growing and fellowshiping! Starting this lent season everyone will have the chance to continue with their small group or join a group as we begin a new series “6 Things We Should Know About God”. Come learn how God’s qualities effect each of us! Plans are still in the works but we hope to offer a small group each day of the week to accommodate everyone’s busy schedules. Signup will begin after the first of the year and continue through January. You will be able to sign up after church service on Sundays or you may contact Kelli Jensen at 308-340-1011. Philemon 1:6 - I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.



Thank you very much to those that helped with the Christmas Light Parade drinks and cookies:

Shari Lyster	Mitch Lyster
Peg Dueland	Karlie Dueland
Kelsey Pohl	Cindy Pohl
Adam Peters	Madison Smith
Cathy Cox	Laura Olson
Bill Graves	Sandy Graves
Scott Graves	Wendi Goodenberger
Alisa Parde	Alexis Goodenberger
Patty Keene	MCC Ladies Softball
Darlene Loper	Helen Magee
Eloise Farber	Gwen Prell
Ethyl Siegfried	Bev Rhea
Phyllis Wilcox	

It would not have been possible without all of you!!!

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR



Happy New Year!

As I write this, I've just returned from a visit to the Red Willow County Law Enforcement Center. After visiting there, I'm reminded of the need we all have for new beginnings. The new year is a great time for many to begin anew; to make a concerted effort to make some change in their life that will enhance and better their life, and the lives of those around us. We have that opportunity every day. As we awake, we can offer our lives again to God, and ask for God's providence to guide us, strengthen us, and support us throughout the day. Each day can be a new beginning if we choose to look at it that way. Or, we can choose to look at each new day (and the new year) through the lenses of cynicism and negativity—thinking "another day another dollar," "back to the salt-mine," "same ole- same ole." Perhaps it would change our outlook if we did wake up in the morning with the perspective that each day is a gift to be treasured and utilized to glorify God. What would happen if we saw each day as a new beginning, instead of waiting until next January 1? See you at church!

Doug

FROM THE MAIL BAG:

Netto Quermass,

Thank you so much for the plate of goodness! We enjoyed them.

And - if we can do anything for you, let us know.
Mike O'Neil + Lori

What a wonderful surprise & act of kindness! Thank you for the plate of cookies + even more the encouragement!

God Bless!
Bud Schlager + Staff
Cerves

Thank you for the wonderful Cookie Platters. We enjoyed all the delicious treats.
Red Willow County Assessor's Office
Sandy Becky Jeannine
Kristi Lori

Thank you so much for the delicious cookies!

And have a wonderful Christmas!

The High Plains
Photocopy Shop

The cookies were great!
Thank you so much!

The County Treasurer's Office

Marianne
Lippert
Linda

Shond
Doe
Nancy
Jean

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Church Council: Jr. and Sr. High MYF are going great, as well as all the children's programs. L2 for Kids has purchased clothing for 33 children this year. November was a good month in monetary gifts and we are very grateful. We would like to see your pledge card turned in, if you haven't already. Trustees are still working with the insurance company regarding replacing the roof after the July hail storm. We would like to have ushers commit to a month of serving at church. Please pray we have positive responses. Attendees in the Nursery should only include children preschool age and younger.

Trustees: committee met December 4 for the last meeting of 2014. New Trustee members were announced for 2015. Elda Youngs, Mark Latta and Robb Overton. The steps are completed and the railings are also installed. Sprinkler system and new furnace/air conditioner completed at parsonage. Faucet installed in church kitchen and the heat booster and ice machine were repaired. The Trustee committee this year, served the church and parsonage in completing many projects. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful Church to serve Our Lord! Merry Christmas from the Board of Trustees.

Education: There were 5 at the education committee meeting. We reviewed all the youth programs and what will be happening until January. We discussed the Christmas program on December 21. We will get letters out to remind families and to see what talents are they wanting to do for church program. Chris reviewed a covenant that he would like us review and come back next meeting with suggestions of changes or not. This covenant would allow anyone who is on the committee to know what is expected of this committee. The next meeting will be January 6th at 6:30. Those attending the meeting were Stacy, Mary, Christi, Chris and Dee.

Memorial Committee 2014 news. Funds from Memorials were used to purchase a used Konica copier for the Resource room, Special designated funds for LaMoine Keene equipped a storage room, and for Vonnie Underwood purchased the choir seating. Receipts from memorials as of October 31, 2014 were \$9278. In 2014 Memory leaves (bronze) for the following persons were added to the Legacy Tree: : Russ Kugler, La Moine Keene. In-honor-of leaves(gold) for: Dean and Helen Gerndt, Howard and Janet Kool. Funds given to Memorial Fund, Endowment Fund and Legacy Fund totaling \$1000 or more as a memorial or honorarium are recognized on the Legacy Tree in the Friendship room. All memorials are recorded in the Memorial Book.

The UMC Memorial Committee suggests several ways to honor our loved ones with “In Memory Of” or “In Honor Of” gifts: The UMC Endowment Fund is maintained as a separate fund to secure, strengthen, and extend the growth of the church. Donations may be made out to the United Methodist Church. Gifts directly to Memorial UMC operate like a typical pledged gift with money going to support the ministry and mission of the church and can be designated for specific projects. The McCook Community Foundation has a Memorial UMC Legacy Account which provides annual interest income available for the church to apply where it is needed. Donations to this account may be given to The McCook Community Foundation.

YCCG BREAKFAST



Plan to join us January 11, 2014, for breakfast in between services! We served almost 100 people at the breakfast in October and look forward to fellowshiping with many of you again! If you are interested in the Young Christian Couples group and helping with the breakfast, contact the church office or Sarah Wolford at 340-3545.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

January Birthdays:

Andrew Aguilar
 Jay Alberts
 Marilyn Anderson
 Randall Baumann
 Kaper Boardman
 Bobbi Bortner
 Janie Bredvick
 Diane Bryant
 Gladys Calvin
 Brody Campbell
 Mark Cappel
 Sable Carfield
 Anna Bell Crow
 Dan Dueland
 Karen Dyer
 Kathy Eaton
 Eloise Farber
 Erika Fisher
 Emma Fries
 Joan Gilliam
 Dalton Goodenberger
 Melanie Goodenberger

Patty Harpham
 Carrie Johnson
 Karmon Johnson
 Chayse Keith
 Jessi Keslin
 Kylar Kinne
 Howard Kool
 Faye Korell
 Kristi Korell
 Sandy Krysl
 Darlene Loper
 Tony Marquardt
 Peggy Messinger
 Roger Messinger
 Molly Miracle
 Sue Ann Mollring
 Irene Nuemann
 Mary Jo Overton
 Eldon Parde
 George Patterson
 Matthew Pochop
 Jaimee Radel

Darrin Samway
 Elda Shields
 Megan Skiles
 Abby Smith
 Joeleen Snyder
 Kellie Soden
 Donna Swanson
 Bob Tiller
 Bobbi Tirrill
 Roxie Tuller
 Chandler Wagner
 Leona Webb
 Tim Wiebe
 Baylor Winters
 Sara Wood

January Anniversaries:

Steve & Lee Clapp
 Bill & Sandy Graves
 Dutch & Cindy Hughes
 Arleigh & Brenda Kincaid
 Chuck & Sandy Krysl
 Willard & Eva Messinger
 Don & Colleen Olson

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 Monday-Thursday
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If the McCook Public Schools close due to inclement weather, the church office will also be closed and all activities for that day/night are cancelled. If the schools have a late start due to inclement weather, the church office will follow the same schedule.

PENNY MARCH TOTALS

as of December 14, 2014

Lydia Patterson

Institute:
\$1,407.19

No More Malaria:
\$1,332.84

L2 For Kids:
\$1,223.85

Benevolence Fund:
\$1,158.75



Pantry Collection Item for January

PEANUT BUTTER



Dear UMC Friends,

I want to THANK YOU for the great support you gave me for my Chaplain project. We sent 150 boxes to my 3 chaplains each receiving 50 boxes. The items and money I so appreciate. The Christmas cards we sent I know warmed the hearts of many. My GI's love getting mail from home to know we are thinking of them and praying for them. I had 3 great teams who helped pack our boxes. Many from our church. God Bless each and every one. Ann Trail aka Grannie Annie.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

8:15/10:30 am Worship
 9:15 am Coffee
 9:15 am Sunday School, YC
 6:00 pm Significant Light, S
 6:00 pm Jr. High UMYF
 7:00 pm Sr. High UMYF

MONDAY

TUESDAY

9:30 am Prayer Class, Adult SS Rm

WEDNESDAY

6:15 pm CHIPS, Adult SS Room
 6:15 pm Faith Weavers, FH
 6:15 pm Confirmation, YC
 6:15 pm WORD (9-10th), YC
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir, S
 7:30 pm WORD (11-12th)
 8:00 pm Master Ringers, S

THURSDAY

5:30 pm Community Supper, FH

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 6pm Singles
4	5	6	7	8 12:00 UMW Exec, FR 1:30 UMW General, FH 5:30 Trustees, L	9 1pm Wings of Hope, FR	10
11 9:15 am Breakfast In Between, FH 6 pm Flex Your Faith Yoga, FH	12	13 6 pm Care Team	14 10:00am W. Ridge 2:30pm Hillcrest 8:00 pm Ad Council	15	16	17 6pm Singles
18	19	20	21	22 1:30 pm Esther Circle, FH	23	24
25 6 pm Flex Your Faith Yoga, FH	26 7 pm NOW, L	27 2:30pm UMW Bingo, Hillcrest	28 1:30 pm Sarah Circle	29	30	31

calendar info online at mccookumc.org



The Significant Light Praise Band enjoyed sharing our special Christmas music during 8:15 service on Dec. 21st and appreciated the opportunity to combine with Those Guys on several musical selections. We also had a wonderful time of praise and worship on Dec. 28th when several of the Significant Light Band alumni joined us to provide music for the 8:15 service! We want to extend a big THANK YOU to the congregation for donating food for the soup supper that we served after the Community Choir concert on Dec. 7th. We raised over \$600.00 to help pay for music, instruments, travel expenses and shirts for Significant Light members! We truly appreciate the generosity and support of our congregation! Beginning in January, we will continue to lead worship music at the 8:15 service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Merry Christmas!

Psalm 105:2 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



January 18, 2015

The Human Relations Day Offering supports neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy in the United States and Puerto Rico through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk individuals through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.



My Name is Chief Len Wruk (Navy type), and I am the Senior Enlisted Advisor for a contingent of US Army and US Air Force personnel here in Kabul, Afghanistan. This email is to sincerely thank you for the packages sent by your congregation. Please know that your gracious gesture was very well-received, and you made a sizeable group of US service members very happy. Not so much by the contents of the packages, but more by the fact that we are thought of **and remembered, especially during this time of year when we're so far from**

family and friends. Again, thank you - and from all of us here, we wish each of you a Blessed Christmas! God bless, Very respectfully, Len Wruk CPO USN, J6, SEA/NCOIC, NSOCC-A/SOJTF-A, Camp Integrity