

THE OPEN DOOR

a newsletter of

MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

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IT'S FAIR TIME!



Once again the United Methodist Youth Fellowship will have the food booth open during the Red Willow County Fair which takes place July 22nd-26th. It takes a lot of volunteers to make this a success.

Here are some ways you can help:

- Sign-up for a food donation item on the board in the friendship room.
- Call Sandra Gray at 737-0005 to volunteer to work a shift or two or even be a Shift Supervisor
- Our youth, grades 6th-12th for the 2015-16 school year, are asked to work two shifts and have a parent work with them. This allows them to earn funds for their youth accounts.

The funds raised during the fair are used for improvements around the church such as helping with the purchase of the ice machine and our new sign in front of the church. We have also used this money toward the purchase of the van that is used for the preschool as well as youth group activities. The youth also purchased the projection system that we currently use during church services. Of course, a portion of the funds are used for community service activities we do during the school year and to the help the kids attend camps, conferences and other church related activities.

This is a great time of fellowship with our kids, come out and join the fun!

Heritage Day's Church Float Coordinator

We are looking for someone to spearhead the church float for the Heritage Day's Parade. The parade will be on September 26, 2015, and the theme this year is "Let the Good Times Roll." If you are interested please contact the church office at 308-345-2445.



Reminder



The Feed My Starving Children M&M's containers are due back by July 5th, 2015. Each container holds \$10 and feed up to 63 kids.



Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: ² a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³ a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵ a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; ⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

There is a time and a place for everything under the sun. July is a time of transition in the United Methodist Church. Traditionally, July 1st is the first date on which a pastor begins her or his work after being appointed to a different ministry setting. Such is the case with our own Alisa Parde. Alisa was called to the ministry a few years ago and has been working toward this moment for a very long time. She has been a good friend, a valued colleague, and a rock-solid Christian. I am so very thankful for having had the opportunity to work with her these last two years. I am very proud of her and am excited for this next step in her journey. Her appointment to the Culbertson and Trenton UMCs is ideal in the sense that she and Kim will not need to relocate. I look forward to continuing to work with Alisa through our district network connection. I hope you will join me in wishing her well, and continue to pray for her as she continues on the path that God has laid before her.

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Kay Alnor, has appointed Arun Peters as our Associate Pastor, effective August 15, 2015. We look forward to his arrival next month, just in time for the beginning of the school year. I hope you will join me as we prepare to welcome him into our family of faith. You can read a bit more about Arun on page 3.

The other thing that it is time for is the fair! Sign-ups are underway for donations as well as shifts to work at the UMYF Food Booth. Please consider helping in one way or another in this very important ministry that funds our youth program. If you aren't able to work, and all the donation needs have been met – be sure to come out to the fair and eat.....and don't forget the pie!

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads 'Doug'.

Community Supper

God has no other hands but ours to do His work for Him and if we love God as we should we'll labor on with him!! COME help prepare Community Supper at 2:30 each Thursday or even after that time. God has no other feet but ours to lead men to His way, so we should walk along with Him, help others in dismay. Be a volunteer to serve or deliver food to shut-ins. God is always winking at us!!!!

Thank you!

I want to thank everyone for the Potluck Lunch and the gift certificate, and many warm wishes I received for my goodbye lunch on June 14th.

When I received the phone call that Bishop Jones wanted me to consider moving to Culbertson and Trenton, I was humbled, and felt God was moving me forward with his plan. It hurts me to have to leave McCook UMC, but I know it is God's will for my life, and I am being obedient. I look forward to the work ahead in Culbertson and Trenton, and feel very lucky to have had the wonderful years in McCook that God has blessed me with. I will be praying for you, and the new associate who will be coming in August, I know God has placed him with you as well. I look forward to seeing you time and time again, and I thank God for you all everyday! In Christ, Pastor Alisa Parde

New Associate Pastor

On Sunday, June 14, Jeff Crick - Chair of the Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Committee - read the following announcement from our District Superintendent, Rev. Kay Alnor: *Dear Friends, I am pleased to announce that Arun Peters will be assigned as*

your Associate Pastor. The assignment is effective August 15, 2015. I extend my best wishes and prayers to you all during this transition of pastoral leadership for your congregation. Arun will be moving to McCook from Richmond, Virginia, where he recently received his Masters of Divinity degree from Union Presbyterian Seminary. In 2007, he received his Bachelors of Commerce degree at CSI College of Commerce in Dharwar, Karnataka, India. Arun has a great deal of experience working with children and youth, as well as community outreach and missions. We are very excited about the possibilities his appointment will open up for our church and our community.



Jesus & Dr. Seuss

A 4-Sunday series, you'll want to be there,
this July it is coming, from the 5th to the fair!



Join us at 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

July Birthdays:

David Allen	Yvonne Houghtelling	Jeff Ruggles
Jean Beideck	Cloyd Hoyt	Lori Savory-Hinze
Charleen Bennett	Kelli Jensen	Mike Schlegel
Evie Caldwell	Chayse Johnson	Jane Shield
Sean Cappel	Craig Jumps	Lee Shields
Kole Clausen	Lucas Jumps	Julie Siegfried
Jeff Crick	Ken Keslin	Art Skinner
Marge Daniel	Dawn Kinne	Gary Snyder
Dick Dike	Van Korell	Bailee Springer
Lea Ann Doak	Austin Korgan	Karen Steinke
Darwin Dueland	Diane Kugler	Anna Stetzel
Christi Evans	Nadene Lafferty	Joshua Stevens
Steve Evans	Charley Lofton	Ruby Stock
Sara Fahrenbruch	Emily Loker	Amy Strauch
Leighton Fisher	Traci Loker	Bev Swanson
Tracy Flaska	Brooks Long	Deb Swanson
Ken Foster	Phil Lyons	Larry Swanson
Suzanne Fries	Candace Malleck	Roger Tinkham
Chas Friche Jr.	Andrew Messersmith	Brittany Unger
Wendi Goodenburger	Barbara Michaelis	Dave Unger
Bill Graves	Grady Miller	Betsy Wagner
Seth Griger	Kimberly Miracle	Les Webb
Bruce Hampton	Patty Mitchem	Gene Weedin
Deanna Hankins	Marcia Overton	Grant Wilcox
Faith Hansen	Rod Peters	Diana Wilkinson
Robert Harvey	Phyllis Pfeffer	Charlotte Williams
Sharon Harvey	Beverly Premer	Austin Wilson
Macy Hill	Kori Randolph	Kelsey Woitaszewski
Steven Hinze	Kim Riley	Robin Wolvin
	Karen Ruff	Enid Zappi
	Andrew Ruggles	



July Anniversaries:

Harold & Patty Bennett
 Jeff Coleman & Sharlyn Snyder-Coleman
 Dave & Cindy Dame
 Bill & Paula Davis
 Marshall & Jean Grant
 Dirk & Sandra Gray
 Travis & Jane Keith
 Robb & Mary Jo Overton
 Brian & Mary Payton
 Scott & Kristina Propes
 Gary & Deanna Snyder
 Matt & Lois Stebbins
 John & Anna Stetzel
 Dick & Thelma Walter




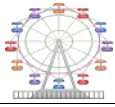

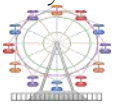


YEAR-TO-DATE
 PENNY MARCH TOTAL
 Imagine No Malaria
 Total: \$1,057.29



Pantry
collection
item for
June

Crackers

WEEKLY SCHEDULE	July 2015						
	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
SUNDAY 8:15/10:30am <i>Worship</i> 9:15am <i>Coffee</i> TUESDAY 9:30am <i>Prayer Class, Adult SS Rm</i> THURSDAY 5:30pm <i>Community Supper, FH</i>				1	2	3 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	4 <i>Independence Day</i> 
Unique July Holidays National Grilling Month Smart Irrigation Month Family Golf Month Women's Motorcycle Month 6th–National Fried Chicken Day 7th–National Strawberry Sundae Day 9th–National Sugar Cookie Day 10th–Teddy Bear Picnic Day 11th–Slurpee Day 12th–Pecan Pie Day 13th–National French Fries Day 18th–National Caviar Day 19th–National Ice Cream Day 20th–National Lollipop Day 23rd–National Hot Dog Day 28th–National Milk Chocolate Day 29th–National Lasagna Day 30th–National Cheesecake Day	5	6	7	8 <i>10am Brookdale 2:30pm Hillcrest 5:30pm Council, L</i>	9 <i>6:30pm Trustees, L</i>	10 <i>1pm Wings of Hope, L</i>	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22 <i>Red Willow County Fair</i> 	23 <i>Red Willow County Fair</i> 	24 <i>Red Willow County Fair</i> 	25 <i>Red Willow County Fair</i> 
	26 <i>Red Willow County Fair</i> 	27 <i>6:30pm NOW, L</i>	28 <i>2:30pm UMW Bingo @ Hillcrest</i>	29	30	31	





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Star Spangled Banner

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

-Francis Scott Key



America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

-Katherine Lee Bates