

Meeting Time for Church Committees

The COOL Committee meets each Monday at 9:30.

United Methodist Men meet each Thursday at 6:30 a.m.

Trustee Committee meets the 2nd Sunday of every month at 11 a.m.

Kids First meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 8:00 a.m.

Finance Committee meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 11 a.m.

Outreach committee meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at 11 a.m.

Ad Council meets the 4th Sunday of every month at 11 a.m.

Caring Circle meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at 1:30 pm.

SPPRC meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m.

Hearing Assist

We have hearing assist devices available that are quite remarkable. They are able to pair with your hearing aids in some cases to bring the sounds that come through out system directly to your hearing aid. We also have headphones for those who either can't be paired or don't have hearing aids. Check with our ushers for assistance.



Caring Thoughts from Stephen Ministry:

Model Romans 12:10-11; "be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." Consider you Spiritual Gifts, Stephen Ministry may be a great fit and way to serve our church family. Contact a Stephen Leader or Minister for more information.

STAFF CONTACT INFO

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9:30 AM

Live Feed at [Our website](#)
or [Our Facebook page](#)

Sunday, January 8, 2023

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Lay Leader:
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Director of Outreach:
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Great West Dist. Superintendent:
Bishop:

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Megan Chapman
Dr. Patrick Newell
Stan Haemmelmann
Jenny Castro
Missi Iasillo
Lynn Doering
Josh Vesper
Blake Wohlers
Rev. Cindy Karges
Rev. David Wilson

Centering Thoughts

*God walks with us.
As the new year dawns, know that you never walk alone.*

Prelude

Stan Haemmelmann

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (Reflection and Meditation)

Don Wyrzten, 2002

Jesus, What a Friend (Converse/Prichard/Thompson) Jonathan W. Lee, 2023

Michael, Row the Boat/Shall We Gather at the River? (Trad. Spiritual and Hanson Place) Pepper Chaplin, 2023

*Hymn

Lift High the Cross

UMH #159

Welcome & Announcements

*Welcome! We are glad you chose to worship with us today.
Text prayer requests to Craig at (308) 672-3241.*

* Call to Worship

O God, you are our Creator and Redeemer.

You have called us, and we are here to listen.

You have sent us.

We are ready and committed to give your message.

Teach us how to share your message, O God.

O God, send us where we should go.

O, Holy Spirit, open the hearts of those where you are sending us. Amen.

* Opening Prayer

Almighty God, we are here today to obey your command to go and share your message. Give us wisdom and courage. Above all, empower us with your Holy Spirit for our labor. O God, open the spirits of those to whom you are sending us to give your message of redemption. Amen.

Children's Time

Bob Betancur

Hymn

He Is Lord, He Is Lord

UMH #177

Scripture Reading

Mark 8:27-38

Sandy Massey

The Word of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Response

Gloria Patri

UMH #70

Special Music Jesus, Lead me to Your Healing Waters

By David Crowder

Lauren Newell, vocals and guitar, Patrick Newell, vocals and cajon

Message Are You Sure You're Up for This? Pastor Craig Collins

Offering

In a world that tells us to keep what we have for ourselves; Jesus invites us to give it away. Jesus shows us a different way to gain life, to start fresh. Give today so that others can know the good news: Jesus is the Messiah who offers true life, unlike anything the world can provide.

Ways to give include; mailing or dropping off to the church, online giving by clicking [here](#), through the GivePlus mobile App, or text the amount you want to give to 844-928-0313 and follow the prompts.

Offertory Meditation on Colossians 3:15

Brenda Portman, 2022

Doxology

UMH #95

* Offertory Prayer

Messiah, we admit that we struggle to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow you. It is hard to let go of the human things that make us feel secure. Help us to set our minds on divine things. Today, we give over our offering to you, trusting that you not only give us life, but that you can and will use our gifts to bring life to the world. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers**

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

Prayer for our Leaders and those who serve

UMH #607

* Song

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

TFWS #2129

Benediction

Postlude

Now the Green Blade Riseth

Anna Laura Page, 2014

* Please stand if you desire

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

TFWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

Please join us after worship for a benefit taco feed for Amanda Mack and her family. Thank you!

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 Worship 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Trustees 11 a.m. Taco Bar for Mack Family	9 COOL 9:30 UWIF Mtg 1:00 pm	10 WWIP Bible Study 6:00 pm	11 Supper 5:30 pm Youth Group 6 pm Choir Rehearsal 7	12 UMM Brkfst 6:30 am Bingo 1:30 Soup Kitchen 5 pm	13	14 Worship 5 pm
15 Worship 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Finance 11 a.m. Town Hall Meeting 2 pm	16 COOL 9:30 Caring Circle 1:30 Newsletter Deadline	17 KF Board 8 am Stephen Ministry 6 pm	18 Sack Lunch 11:30 am Senior Lunch 12:00 noon Choir Rehearsal 7	19 UMM Brkfst 6:30 am Outreach Committee 11 am	20	21 Worship 5 pm
22 Worship 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 AD Council 11a.m.	23 COOL 9:30	24 SPRC 5 pm WWIP 6 pm	25 Supper 5:30 pm Youth Group 6 pm Choir Rehearsal 7	26 UMM Brkfst 6:30 am Newsletter Folding 9 am Bingo 1:30	27	28 Worship 5 pm
29 Worship 9:30 Bible Study 10:30	30 COOL 9:30	31 Stephen Ministry 6 pm	1 Sack Lunch 11:30 am	2 UMM Brkfst 6:30 am	3	4 Worship 5 pm Holy Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fund Raiser for the Mack Family will be held on Sunday, January 8. Join us after worship for a taco bar with free will donations going to support Amanda and her family. Amanda continues to have health issues. She has had numerous intestinal surgeries, been placed on feeding tubes and the like. She continues to suffer migraine headaches as a result of getting COVID. Despite all the challenges they face on a continual basis, the Mack family continues to have good attitudes, serving the Lord with joy, and not losing faith. Olivia will graduate this May from High School. She works as a checker at Main Street Market. Kaleb is a sophomore this year and works at Fresh Foods and the Civic Center in Gering.

Mission of the Month — is to make health kits for the Mexico Mission team to take to Mexico at the end of the month. The kits consist of a gallon zip-lock bag filled with a hand towel, wash cloth, bar of soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, shampoo and a comb.

Wednesday Night Youth Groups will not meet through Christmas and New Years. We will begin meeting again on January 11.

Town Hall Meeting will be held at 2 pm on Sunday, January 15. After receiving feedback from previous town hall meetings, we have compiled job descriptions for the Senior Pastor and the Pastor of Discipleship. We have created a budget to the best of our ability. We want to share these with you and discuss any further concerns before calling a charge conference to vote on whether we are ready to become one church in four locations. Pastor Craig and Pastor Joe (serving Mitchell, Morrill and Henry/Lyman) understand this vision for our future as a gift from God. We believe we are better together, and trust God is leading us in this direction and will be our helper.

Catpack Coordinator needed — Missi is "retiring" her position as the head of the Catpacks at the end of this school year and looking for a replacement. If you would be interested in taking this over, please contact her. She is am happy to answer any questions and can start training you at any time. Her contact info is 308-225-2527 or miasillo@aol.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have prayer requests, you can either fill out a prayer card found in the pew and get it to an usher, or you can text your prayer request to Pastor Craig at 308.672.3241.

If you would like to receive our prayer requests by email, let us know at the church office. Thank you for your prayers. Please continue to pray for the following:

Kent & Beverly Greenwalt

All our friends and family dealing with cancer.

Darrell Oien, Teri Reed, Jen, Kari, Brent (Linda Redfern's nephew)

Cindy Morrison's brother, Jim, on dialysis

Colin & Brooke Borgman

Grace Goodin

Amanda Mack

Marianne Chapman

Bud Stoddard

John Tuttle

Janet Wisswell

Brian Sweeney

Donna & Paul Considine's grandson, Andrew

Grant Powell (31 yr. old nephew to Gary and Nancy)

Prayers for our country

Those enduring grief and loss : Stan Applegate family

Those in Care Centers, Rehabs assisted living facilities
and homebound

Those struggling with mental health & addiction

The people of Ukraine

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Osborn, Elton Russell	7
Paul Snyder	9
Sharyn Wohlers	10
Paul W. Snyder, Krystal Eich, Janice Staman.....	12
Martha Applegate	13
Ted Westervelt	16
Dean Freouf	19
Jennifer Splichal.....	21
Dortha Blomenkamp , Kjrsten Cardiff.....	22
Jacqueline Ross	23
John Tuttle	24
Edith Mack , John Massey, Connie Spencer, Brekton Gonzales, Bynlee Gardner.....	25
Dustin Beaudette.....	26
Paqui Gonzales.....	29
Barbara Ropp, Amy Willats , Amanda Mack.....	30



Deepu Chacko & Sherryl Mathew.....	5
Fred & Teresa Shriver.....	14
Larry & Luray Neuwirth	26
Jim & Diane Schaneman	26
Steve and Desira Martin	February 1



Bold names are those honored folks who are 75 or older.

If you know of additions or corrections, let us know at the church office.

Our Hospital Visitation Team is ready to come visit our church family and friends who are in the hospital, but we need your help. We do not know of people in the hospital unless the person or a family member informs us. The hospital will not tell us when you or your family members are hospitalized. Please contact us at the church office with news of hospitalizations.