



The Jubilate

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"He has told us what is good. And what does the Lord require of us? We are to seek justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God"

Micah 6:8

Dear First UMC Family,

My name is Kevin Hopkins and I have been appointed as your new Pastor effective July 1, 2010. My family is very excited about moving to Leavenworth and becoming a part of the faith community at Leavenworth First UMC.

I am originally from Hutchinson and received my Bachelors of Social Work from KU in 1988 and my Masters of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary at Northwestern University in 1993. I currently serve as Pastor of Grace UMC in Winfield. Prior to that I have served in a variety of settings. Early in my ministry, I served as a Campus Pastor at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. I have also served as Dean of Students/Chaplain at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina. I have served UM churches in Lindsborg and Russell. In addition to these settings, I have been a Fire Department Chaplain and Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at Bethany College.

While living in Winfield I was very active in the community. I served on the USD 465 School Board, have been active as a youth soccer and basketball coach, been a member of a civic club, and have performed in several plays with the Winfield Community Theater. I am also a Chaplain (Major) with the 184th IW of the Kansas Air National Guard based at McConnell AFB in Wichita. Several years ago I was deployed with the Air Guard to Peru for a Medical Humanitarian Mission. When I am not busy with family, church or community activities I love to play basketball, softball, racquetball, ping-pong, golf and run.

My wife Joni is originally from Wellington, KS. Joni and I met at Camp Horizon, a Kansas West Conference United Methodist church camp located outside of Arkansas City. She graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Journalism and received her M.B.A. From Kansas Wesleyan University. She is a Financial Services Manager for the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. She works out of our home and travels all over the United States for the Federal Reserve Bank. Joni and I have been married for 20 years and we are living proof that a Jayhawk and a Wildcat can live together happily! We have five children. Jordan 16, plays soccer and sings in the High School choir. Navya 14, loves to sing and is a wonderful artist. Marshall 13, plays soccer, sings, swims, plays french horn and loves acting. Kedzie 11, likes to sing, swim, act, and play basketball and soccer. Divya 9, plays soccer, sings, and does gymnastics. Our whole family went to India two years ago and adopted Navya and Divya and they have been a wonderful addition and blessing to our family. We look forward to watching our children grow up in Leavenworth.

I believe that the Church of Jesus Christ should be a community of faith that cares for all of its members and reaches out beyond its walls in mission to the world. I have heard many wonderful things about the great ministry that is happening at Leavenworth First UMC. I look forward to meeting you all this summer and serving with you as we reach out together in mission to make disciples for the transformation of the world!

Take Care and God Bless,

Rev. Kevin W. Hopkins

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Our purpose:

*"We are a Church of the Ages,
Serving the Present Age by making
Disciples of Jesus Christ for the
transformation of our community
and world"*

Our vision:

*Being a spiritually dynamic, outward
focused United Methodist
Congregation enlivened by
passionate worship, equipped
discipleship and compassionate
service.*

News from our Missionary, Helen Sheperd

Dear Friends,

Greetings from a warm, dusty, windy, and now snowy Mongolia!

This was a lazy Saturday spent at home, even though it was a sunny, warm morning. Then the wind came up, but I thought I would go to the market anyway. AND then, I looked out to find snow blowing this way and that way. Haven't made it outside, yet. But, maybe after the 5 pm walk with the dog, I will finally get out.

You probably have received my Spring Newsletter, so there is not much news to write. Since that letter was written, I did accompany a guest from our NY office of GBGM (General Board of Global Ministries) out to the countryside, just 2 hours from the city. We had just a great afternoon with the animals, big and small and with the herder family. We enjoyed holding the VERY new babies - sheep, goats, and cows. Some of the sheep were just one day old. One mother rejected her baby, so they were penned together to encourage the mother to be close to her baby. Have you seen the DVD "The Weeping Camel"? Well, it is a story about a camel who rejected her baby, much like this mother sheep. Hope you will watch it if you haven't already. I know it is available in the U.S., as that is where I first heard of it.

The sad part of our trip was that we also saw piles of dead animals killed by the winter conditions. It was very sad to hear about this, as some of the herders lost a large percentage of their herds. The family we visited lost 1/3 of their animals. (100 died).

We will be having a seminar presented by the UMW/KUMW representative who will visit us next week. This will be the first of its kind here in our mission. Hope it is useful to the women here.

Mainly, I am writing to give thanks for your support: Letters, packages, cash donations, prayers are all welcome (and needed). This is your mission, a UMC project, and we are just the people sent to Mongolia to carry out the work, but we can't survive without your support. We are one team with God as our leader, and it is a joy and privilege to be part of such work. Thanks so much for your prayers and other support.

The next section was handwritten specifically to our Congregation:

Dear FUMC Friends,

How can I thank you enough for your very generous check of \$2,500? Rather than using it for expansion of the Hospice program, it will be used just to get us back to where we were before the financial crisis. We want to be able to see more patients and continue to grow in the quality of care given. This means it is imperative to get a new physician and then we will share about our program to help it grow. One of the most positive changes recently is the return of our former spiritual care counselor who is now with us part time. He is the strongest person in our Grace Hospice Team.

Next week our GBGM Mission will have a seminar for the women of three congregations. This will be led by seven UMW & KUMC guests.

We have had two very helpful GBGM staff visitors recently. They will be helping us to find more "partnership" support from congregations and individuals in the U.S.

For all of your support, we at Hospice thank you, and we will use it wisely.

Sandy, thank you so much for your capable connection of our mission here with your congregation in Leavenworth.

Peace,

Helen Sheperd



July 2010

First United Methodist Church

SUNDAY SERVICES:

8:30 AM Worship Service * 9:45 AM Church School * 11:00 AM Worship Service * 6:00 PM Youth Group

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12 pm Jubilate Deadline	2	3
4 Join us for Frontier Sunday!  Independence Day	5 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	6 10 am Staff Mtg 7 pm Work Areas: Worship & Music, Connections, and Missions	7 8:45 Heart & Soul 6:30 Heart & Soul	8 2 pm No Martha Circle	9	10
11 2 pm Twin Oaks Service Youth to go "Nerd Bowling" 3 - 5 pm @ Skyway Lanes	12 6 pm SPRC 6 pm UMW 7 pm Discipleship 7 pm Memorial	13 9:30 am Esther Circle 10 am Staff Mtg 6 pm UMM 7 pm Trustees	14 8:45 Heart & Soul 9:30 No Nurture/Care 6:30 Heart & Soul	15 12 pm Jubilate Deadline	16	17
18 Youth Game Night at Dave & Busters 4:30 - 7:30 pm	19	20 10 am Staff Mtg 7 pm Finance	21 8:45 Heart & Soul 6:30 Heart & Soul	22	23	24
25 Youth Outdoor Movie Night 8:30 pm	26 7 pm Friends of Jesus	27 10 am Staff Mtg 7 pm Church Council	28 8:45 No Heart & Soul 6:30 Heart & Soul 	29 12 pm Jubilate Deadline	30	31 Camp Sunshine 9:30 - Noon * Children Ages 3 - 5th Grade

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

2	Courtney Marshall, Karen Piper, Sam Tharp	2	David and Lois Kastner	27 th
3	John Alexander, David Billard, Riley Weeks	5	Brian & Kari Anderson	7 th
5	Wilma Campbell, Lisa Morris, Kyle Young	5	Buddy and Cathi Smith	7 th
7	Taylor Grafel, Chad Shafer, Esther Stafford, Robert Tate	6	Steve and Margaret Songer	36 th
8	Jennifer Caldwell, Jennifer Davis, Tanner Hendrix, Cassi Owen, Max Pittman, Jason Ralls, Stephanie Ramer, Melodie Warner, Delbert Wollesen	8	Gerald & Kerry New	10 th
9	Madison Gill, Vi Schott, Cole Shepard, Carla Wieggers	9	Don and Miriam Cade	60 th
10	Wade Ramsey, Ron Roggentien, Amy Thompson, Rodney Yates	10	John and Melodie Warner	34 th
11	Trinity Sigmon	12	Bill and Nancy Shade	24 th
12	Nicholas Carey, Julie Sherard, Brayden Sheumaker, Cathi Smith	12	Keith and Lori Hansen	24 th
13	Lynn Goss	15	Charles and Melissa Tillotson	10 th
14	Jeff Eyerly, Landen Watkins, Judy Wolfe	18	Ricky and Ashley Pratt	2 nd
15	Kyler Turner, Alec Zeck	21	Randy and Linda Herrman	37 th
16	Mary Sommerfield	22	Walter and Nadine Gist	59 th
17	Whitney Jackim	23	LeRoy and Teresa Hicks	33 rd
18	Corliss Fox, Alexander Marris	25	Wayne and Helen Parks	29 th
19	Will Allen, Sr., Haller Northridge	26	Glenn and Susy Carpenter	24 th
20	Betty Dye, Jeanette Scrimsher	26	Christin and Angie Raymos	13 th
21	C.J. Litif, Allie Royce	27	Shane and Jennifer Upton	8 th
22	Andy Hall, Harper Simpson, Micah White	27	Tom and Kim Hancock	25 th
23	Amy Andrews, Rodney Edington, Ryan Johnson, Lisa Shepard	29	Kevin and June Bond	32 nd
24	Ann Copeland, Gary Russell	30	Tom and Andrea Pawlowski	16 th
25	Michelle Briggs, Elizabeth Sanders, Rachel Sanders, Mason Sheumaker, Tom Tish,	30	Anthony & Nina McNeill	27 th
26	Joy Defrees, Cassi Pawlowski, Hope Simpson	30	Joey and Molly Sepulvado	6 th
27	Dorothy McDonald, Nick Stroup	30	Katie & Dwain Scott	22 nd
28	Victor Cochran, Sam McNeill, Garrett Sanford	31	Tony and Carol Hutabarat	17 th
29	Collin Anderson, Tabor Scanlon			
31	Neil Bustraan, Sarah Smith			



Emily Kidder and Lonnie Hansen June 4th
 Amanda Andrews and Brent Huffman June 19th
 Ashley Bond and Erik Rapprich June 19th

Congratulations to all!!



Our Sympathy is extended to :

William and Annette McCollum, upon the recent death of William's father, Orville McCollum.

Susanna Walker and Sheldon & Jennifer Parks, upon the recent death of Richard Walker, Susanna's husband and Jennifer's father.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Todd Brownson
- Inge Cochran
- Donna Middleton
- Ann Richardson
- Steve Simms



July 4th is Frontier Sunday!

Independence Day is on a Sunday this year! To make the day extra memorable, that Sunday will be *Frontier Sunday* here at FUMC. The service will be set in the early 1900's with a few modern conveniences added, like air conditioning and media!

The brass ensemble, coordinated by Bob Cowan, will

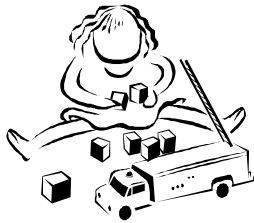
play for these services. We'll sing some good ole' hymns and patriotic songs too.

Each service will include a special children's sermon. We will not have *Kingdom Express* on July 4th. Children will enjoy being a part of this special day in the sanctuary.

Wear your best bonnet, western shirt, apron, jeans, overalls, boots. . . you get the idea. . . and join us for worship. Your favorite red, white, and blue or patriotic clothing will be appropriate, also! Join us for Bomb Pops following each service too!



Nursery Workers Needed



We are in need of **ADULTS & High School youth** to work in our Nursery. If you love working with small

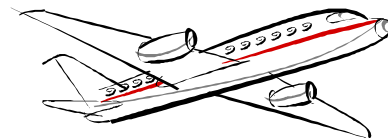
children and want to earn some extra \$\$\$, pick up an application in the church office. Adult workers need Safe and Sacred Spaces Certification (a class will be on the schedule soon). Youth Workers need to be Red Cross certified. The Red Cross will offer this class on *Saturday, July 17th, 2010 from 9 - 5* at the

Atchison office. The church will provide transportation for the group. The cost of the class is \$35. Scholarships are available, if needed. Please sign up and pre-pay in the office. The class is limited to twelve people, so sign up quickly! Any questions, call the church office at 682-5374.

Airline Tickets still available through Silent Auction

Two AirTran Airways travel vouchers were recently donated to our church. These travel vouchers are redeemable for roundtrip coach-class travel to anywhere in the United States that AirTran flies. All travel must be completed by September 30th, 2011. We will be auctioning these vouchers off by silent auction. Anyone interested in bidding on these vouchers may submit their bid to the church

office by **June 30th, 2010**. Please include your name, address, and phone number as well as the amount you would like to bid in a sealed envelope. Proceeds from the sale of these vouchers will go towards our Sojourner fund. The Sojourner fund was established 2 years ago by an anonymous donor. This fund was established to help church members or others who may come to us in need of assistance.



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age by making disciples for the
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Did you know?



* Bell Concert in Topeka * Acolyte training * Summer Choral Festival * Prayer Shawls * Nametags * Pastor Kevin's 1st Sunday

- **The FUMC Festival Ringers**, members from Wesley Ringers and Celebration, invite you to attend the closing concert of the 2010 Area VIII Handbell Festival Conference in Topeka, Kansas. The concert will be held at 7:30 pm this Saturday, **June 26th**, at the Kansas Expocentre. The concert will include music by choirs of four levels of difficulty and "massed" pieces where all levels play together. It is always a terrific concert! For more information about the concert, please contact Cindy White at church at 682-5374.
- **Acolyte Training**
There will be an Acolyte training following the 8:30 service on Sunday, **June 27th**. The training will be brief and the children will soon be on their way to Sunday School. Students entering 3rd - 6th grades are invited to be a part of our Acolyte Program.
- **Prayer Shawls**
Prayer Shawls have been made available for use during Sunday services for those of us who get a little chilly. They are to be found scattered throughout the Sanctuary. Please leave them in the pew when the service is over.
- **July 11th** will be Pastor Kevin Hopkins first Sunday with us. Please join us following each service for a reception to welcome Pastor Kevin, Joni, Jordan, Navya, Marshall, Kedzie and Divya.
- **Nametags**
Do you know where your nametag is? Do you have a nametag? Please contact the church office if you need a nametag. Wearing our nametags will be very helpful to Pastor Kevin and his family as they get to know our church family.
- **Summer Choral Festival**
You are invited to attend the "Symphony of Songs", directed by Dr. John Leavitt, on Sunday, **June 27th**. The concert will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church at 4:30 pm. Two of our own Sanctuary Choir members will be participating!

Dr. Bruce Emmert	Rev. Gary D. Harms	Cindy White	Nancy Shade	Mollie Foster	Amy S. Brandt
Senior Pastor	Associate Pastor	Director of Worship Arts	Coordinator of Children's Ministry	Director of Youth Ministry	Administrative Assistant