



The Jubilate

First United Methodist
Church
of Leavenworth, KS

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Beth Moore coming to Kansas City!

Beth Moore will be coming to Kansas City in April! We would like to get a group of women together to go see her. Beth will be at Municipal Auditorium for a two day event, April 13th & 14th.

The first session of the event will begin at 6 pm Friday evening and end at 9:30 pm. The second session will begin at 8:30

am on Saturday, ending at 12 pm. Beth will be joined by Travis Cottrell, worship leader.

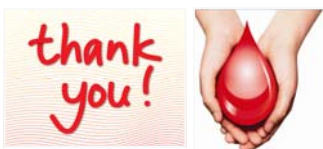
For those of you who are unfamiliar with Beth Moore: *Beth Moore is a speaker and author of best-selling Bible studies and other books for women. Beth is a woman of purpose, preparation, prayer, and passion. It's apparent in*

everything she does, from teaching her weekday class at Houston's First Baptist Church to speaking to the thousands of women who attend her Living Proof conferences each year.

Please contact the church office by February 1st if you are interested in joining us. Tickets are \$65.

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The Community Blood Center once again was quite appreciative for First Church's volunteer assistance during the blood drive December 13, 2011.

The Center set the goal for 55, and fifty-eight (58) units of blood were collected.

Hats off to our volunteers: Roy Ramsey, Deb Baeuchle, Marguerite Hilscher, Joan Atwell, Gary and Cheryl Rader, Jim and Judy Wolfe, Doug Hall, Sue Peckham, Bill and Maryann McAfee.

And great appreciation is extended to the New Life Seekers Class who gave food and service of the sloppy Joes during the drive in memory of Dave Serena who began this project several years ago.

Maryann McAfee
Blood Drive Coordinator

Prayer Concerns:

- Doris Brownson
- Rebecca Brownson
- Todd Brownson
- Kristi Edington
- Bradley Ragsdale



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.



Confirmation Sunday will be held January 22nd. We will accept 11 students as professing members of our congregation at the 11:00 service.

We invite you to prepare cards for our confirmands as they take this step in faith. The students are: Ragen Alexander, David Boyles, Karah Madison Bryant, Jonathan Coats,

Kedzie Hopkins, Jessica Kahmann, Sara LaMoe, Colton Lauber, Samantha Martin, Isaac Ruble, and Alexandra Thurman.

Cards may be dropped off at the church office prior to the 22nd.

Adult Discipleship – Winter/Spring 2012

To register or receive more information, please contact the Church office, 682-5374 or fumclvks@sbcglobal.net, or the study facilitator. Child care is available for all classes. Please request it when you register.

Heart and Soul

The first 45 minutes of each session are dedicated to physical exercise (Heart) with the rest of the session set aside for Fellowship, Prayer and Bible study (Soul). You're welcome to join just for the exercise, just for the study, or both!

Peter and John

Study Book Cost: none

Facilitator: Nancy Shade

Early Bird: Wednesdays 8:45-11:45a.m. Start Date: February 1

Night Owl: Thursdays 6:30-9:30p.m. Start Date: February 2

Come and join us for this "mini-session" where we will discover what Peter and John have to say to us in their letters. In this 4-week study, we will read through the Epistles of Peter and John and then discuss and discover how it speaks to each of us as individuals and as the family of God. Bring your favorite Bible translation to each session.

Faithful, Abundant, True: Three Lives Going Deeper Still

Study Book Cost \$13

Registration Deadline: February 22

Facilitator: Nancy Shade

Early Bird: Wednesdays 8:45-11:45a.m. Start Date: March 21

Night Owl: Thursdays 6:30-9:30p.m. Start Date: March 22

Join authors Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer and Beth Moore as they teach on distinctive topics with a common theme. With video messages on keeping your faith in difficult times, God's abundance and growing in discernment, this 7-week study will challenge, refresh and lead you to go Deeper Still in your faith.

Short-Term Study

The Mayberry Bible Study

Facilitator: Rita Wood (woodclann@kc.rr.com)

Start Date: Wednesday, February 29 Materials cost: \$14 Study Time: 9:00 – 10:30

The Mayberry Bible Study features 8 classic episodes of the ***Andy Griffith Show*** with relevant scriptures to use as modern parables on the teachings of Jesus. A little known fact is that the show was written by Christians, thus illustrates basic Christian values and features one primary and several secondary scriptures. In this 8-week study we will utilize Volume 1 and 2.

Registration Deadline: February 17

#4

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy Exodus 20:8

It hardly seems possible that 2012 has arrived. It seems like just yesterday that we were all wondering whether our banks and computers would shut down when the year 2000 rolled around. As we begin this brand new year together I believe we are called to renew our membership vows of Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness.

The Stewardship Ministry Team has been praying and working hard to develop a way in 2012 for all of us to think about our membership vows. Starting in January I will be preaching on Paul's Letter to the Corinthian Church. The Corinthian Christian community was a new church that was facing a lot of obstacles and secular challenges. Paul writes to encourage them and challenges them to strengthen their faith commitment.

With Paul's words to them we are also encouraged to strengthen our commitment to serve Christ. I will be focusing in January and February on our membership vow of **Presence/Attendance**. The fourth commandment in Exodus 20:8 calls us to remember our membership vow of PRESENCE. It is vital to our Christian life together to come together once a week for fellowship and worship. Through worship our faith is renewed and we are strengthened to go into the world and share our faith through our actions and words.

I have listed below the scriptures for each week and the themes. I invite you to read ahead. Come with an open heart and mind.

January 15th – I Corinthians 6:12-20

Through membership we are married to the church

January 22nd – I Corinthians 7: 29-31

We are all called to serve God, married or single

January 29th – I Corinthians 8:1-13

We are called to treat each other ethically

February 5th – I Corinthians 9:16-23

How much is First UMC Worth? A Congregation should feel confident about its ministry and mission, because it provides real value to the community

February 12th – I Corinthians 9:24-27

Paul offers some suggestions for the proper way to run, whether it's for President or for life

February 19th – 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

We are called to share the gospel outside of the church walls

May 2012 be a year that we can all grow in our faith and renew our covenant to serve God through our membership vows of Prayers, Presence, Service, Gifts, and Witness. I look forward to seeing you in worship as we begin 2012 together.

Take Care and God Bless,
Pastor Kevin

2012 Team Leaders

The following persons are those who will continue positions or were nominated to lead teams for 2012.

Our next Jubilate will feature members of each team and/or work area.

Church Council Chair - Bill Shade

Church Council Vice Chair - Jim Glick

Church Council Secretary - Karen Tish

Lay Leader - Sy Nyhart

Lay Members to Conference- Sy Nyhart and Sara Mulford

Finance Chair - Ron White

Treasurer - Brenda Sheumaker

Financial Secretary - Teresa Hicks

SPRC Chair - Sonia Wiley

Trustees Chair - Blaine Weeks

Building Committee - Randy Herrman

Memorial Chair - Steve Wieggers

Permanent Endowment Committee - Arlen Briggs

Records & History - Debbie Baeuchle



Membership Secretary - Ron White

UMW President - Linda Martin

Discipleship (Education) - Sara Mulford

Nurture/Health - Alicia Moody

Worship/Music - June Bond

Missions - Sandy Simmons

Connections (Evangelism) - Lisa Plants

How to Pray

Pray where you are. God is present everywhere and ready to listen.

Pray, when possible, in a quiet place where you can be alone. It is good to fix your mind deliberately on God, apart from confusing distractions.

Pray to God simply and naturally, as to a friend. Tell him what is on your mind. Get help from the prayers of others.

Pray, remembering the good things God has done for you. Give thanks for all your blessings.

Pray for God's forgiveness for the unworthy things you may have done. He is near to a humble and contrite heart.

Pray especially for those things that will make your life more Christlike.

Pray for others, remembering the help they need for the situations they confront.

Pray for the world in its need, and for God to guide you toward ways you can help.

Pray that God's will be done in you. His purposes are deeper and wiser than our own.

Pray, and then allow God to answer your prayer.

THANKS

Dear Nancy and Sunday Schoolers,
So very grateful for your "cradle"
ministry. What a special way to
celebrate Jesus' birth. I understand
you prayed for the little ones who
would be blessed with your gifts.
We presently have several who will
need the diapers and it is nice to
know we can help them because
you were all so very generous.

Thank you very much for all your
gifts.

God Bless,
Sister Jane
Alliance Against Family Violence

Thank you for your gift of \$900 to
Catholic Charities of Northeast
Kansas. Generous supporters such
as you make a difference in the lives
of so many who must rely upon
others for assistance.

Sincerely,
Wendy Doyle,
Executive Vice President
of Development

On behalf of our all volunteer staff
and especially the needy people
who benefit from your generosity,
thank you so much for your \$900
donation in support of the
Leavenworth Assistance Center.

Sincerely,
Rose White
Co-Director
Leavenworth Assistance Center

Dear Friends of the Alliance,
What a wonderful gift at this time
for us. We will use the \$700
toward our relocation of our CAC
(Child Advocacy Center) and six
offices. In order to continue our
work interviewing children
regarding sexual abuse the move is
necessary. What will be most
costly will be our security system
and of course our phone system.
Some of that \$700 will help with
the security and other needs at the
CAC. The remainder will be used
for shelter and agency needs.

We are pretty full but our women
and children have been well taken
care of for Christmas. Hope your
Christmas was joy filled.

God Bless,
Sister Jane
Alliance Against Family Violence

Dear Gracious Givers,
Thank you for sharing the canned
goods collected from your Round
Up for Hunger donations. As the
economic downturn persists, more
and more people have to make use
of food pantries.

God Bless, and our prayer for you
is a healthy and prosperous New
Year.

Sincerely,
Gloria Owen
Director, Catholic Charities

Dear Christian Friends,
Thank you so much for your
generous donation of \$500. We
cannot begin to tell you how much
we appreciate your support of
Camp Horizon, not only financially,
but also by having a work group
come and spend time helping us
clean up and do whatever was
needed around the camp. It was
such a blessing to have the
opportunity to get to know the
people on the work team from
Leavenworth FUMC. All of you
were awesome workers and
accomplished SO much! The timing
was perfect as we were trying to
get ready for the Open House.

As you know, Camp Horizon
endeavors to help children of all
ages come to know and grow closer
to our precious Lord and Savior.
Your support helps make that
possible. Some of the money you
sent will probably be spent to buy
new ropes for our Challenge
Course as that is a requirement for
certification after so many
participants have used the ropes.
The Challenge Course is a favorite
activity so your donation will more
than cover that expense.

Again thank you for your kindness,
Camp Horizon Staff

On behalf of the patients, volunteers
and staff of Saint Vincent Clinic,
please accept our heartfelt thanks
for your recent gift of \$900.

As the year draws to an end, we
pause to reflect and give thanks for
the many ways we are blessed. We
give thanks that we are part of such
a caring and supportive community
that enables us to bring healing,
health and hope to our patients,
bringing God's work to life.

Briana Cavinaw & Debbie Sparks
Saint Vincent Clinic

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