



***“Work
willingly at
whatever
you do, as
though
you were
working
for the
Lord
rather
than for
the
people.”
Colossians
3:23***

CHAPMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

September, 2025

Pastor Connie's Corner

Shopping has changed in my lifetime. I remember when we determined what we needed, and we drove into the city to visit Sears. We sometimes went to the order counter and picked from the catalogue then back to the store in a week or two to pick up our order. Eventually, we ordered directly from their big wish-book. When Jon and I dated, he introduced me to the mall. We could wander through the shops for hours, sometimes spending nothing. This wandering, however, gave us the ability to see things we never knew we needed, and we purchased without much thought. Now we can just google something that we heard about, and we can see all the places we can order with the touch of a finger and a card number. We can think about things and computers and phones pop advertisements about those items on our screens every few minutes. When we order online there is suddenly a list of suggestions of other items we may need based on what other people ordered along with the item we purchase.

Easy access to so much stuff does not really simplify our lives. Where we once tailored our purchases to what we needed we now tailor our needs to all the possibilities available. Now that online shops have our card numbers on file along with an “order now” button, we can literally order in our sleep. You or someone you know may have received a surprise package that way.

The “Everyday Disciples” list I printed out for you (find a copy on the table with “The Upper Room”) features 22 questions that John Wesley’s Holy Club members asked themselves daily to keep their focus on God and kingdom living. One of the questions asks, “Do I pray about the money I spend?” I’m not much of a shopper but I can say that too often I don’t give my shopping serious thought, let alone prayer. I do, however, have some interesting stories about seeing God’s hand when I consciously asked God to direct my use of money.

Jesus offers us life abundant and eternal. When we aren’t feeling the abundance, it may be that we need to repent (reorient ourselves toward God). I used this money question as an example because I believe the ease of indulgence is universal. All the questions on the list have something to offer. I invite you to pick up a copy of these Holy Club questions and weave them into your prayer life. I’m interested to know if they lead you into deeper relationship with God.

-Connie



Thank You to...

- Lori for laundry duty even when it must be redone immediately.
- Board and committee volunteers who meet, plan, and follow up with positive action.
- People who keep us stocked with plastic bags perfect for carry-out meals.
- All who shop for OCC Boxes.
- Gardeners who share yummy veggies.
- Erin for creative posters, website ads, Facebook posts, and CUMC App notifications that are invitational and inspiring.
- People who change bulbs and do other unseen acts of service.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Great Plains Web Site has a special connection for laity. It is filled with information specifically relevant United Methodists. You can find it here

<https://www.greatplainsumc.org/laity>.

You can also listen to podcast "In Laymen's Terms" with Todd Seifert and a variety of other interesting podcasts here [https://](https://www.greatplainsumc.org/podcasts)

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CUMC upcoming events.



**AUG
24**

END OF SUMMER ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Care Group 4 will host at Sheeran Park, 6pm

**SEPT
7**

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS & KIDS PERFORM VBS SONGS

Sunday mornings, 9:30-10am

**SEPT
25**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

Every Thursday for 7 weeks, 1:30pm in the Trickle Conference Room

**SEPT
28**

50 YEARS OF ORGAN MUSIC BY MARILYN WEISHAAR

Church service w/ recognition, followed by a fellowship gathering at 11am

**OCT
12**

FALL HOT DOG ROAST

Location TBD, 5:00pm

**OCT
31**

TRUNK - OR - TREAT

Time TBA, North parking lot
Bring your trunk or your treaters!

**NOV
5**

SOUP SUPPER FUND RAISER

5-7pm in the fellowship hall

**NOV
23**

DECORATE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS AND OCC BOX PACKING

Following Sunday service w/ fellowship lunch

**DEC
7**

PRAYER PARTNER REVEAL RECEPTION

2pm in the fellowship hall
Additional details to be announced

**DEC
14**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

During Sunday service at 10:15am

More fun coming in 2026!

Here at CUMC, we are reaching out as we love, grow, and serve through faith

Outreach Report

Community Dinner

Ninety-three community members were treated to a ham and potato casserole, green beans, and a cookie for dessert on August 27th. Greeted, seated, and served by the great kitchen team, everyone left with a full tummy and a smile on their face. In September the meal will be sloppy joes, baked beans and potato salad. Please make plans to join us, and bring a friend.

September Mission of the Month: Chapman Elementary Needs

The Missions Committee is always looking for a way to help community organizations. In September we are collecting donations for the special medical needs of students from Chapman Elementary School. Needs can include gas money for a trip to the doctor, help toward buying needed eye glasses, or helping to purchase medications. If you would like to contribute to this mission you may put your donation in the donation box in the Narthex or send your donation to:

CUMC Missions
P.O. Box 349,
Chapman, Kansas 67431.

All of the money collected, as well as a donation from the Missions funds, will be presented to Chapman Elementary School. Thank you for showing your love for these children by making a donation. This is another way we are reaching others as we love, grow, and serve through faith. Our mission of the month for August was the 4:10 den. With the loving generosity of the congregation (and a \$100 donation from the missions fund) CUMC made a donation to the 4:10 in the amount of \$685. Thank you for your support of this mission.

Operation Christmas Child Update to Customs

A few changes have been made through OCC due to customs activities. No Soap is allowed to be included in the shoeboxes sent through OCC anymore. However other hygiene items are allowed: toothbrushes, combs, brushes, wash cloths. It is also encouraged to send fun toys and special clothes as "WOW" gifts for each box. Remember, these boxes are to represent the love of God and fellow Christians to the children receiving them. Thank you for your continued support of this important mission.



Remember to save your aluminum tabs and drop them in the bucket located in the Narthex. Tabs will be collected and sent to the Ronald McDonald house in honor of Macy Heller, who continues her fight with cancer.

Bernice Huff Circle Packs Meal Bags

The Bernice Huff circle met on August 12th with twelve people and two guests in attendance. Members brought salads to share as they learned more about Clover Cabinet. Stephanie Lehmkuhl and her daughter, Lillian, updated the group about the programs they have, the collaborations they have developed, and the increase in people using their services. Programs include providing summer meals to children through 18 years of age (1,315 lunches served, almost doubled from last summer), working with the Kansas Food Bank (1,344



items distributed with a total dollar value of \$3,783), and feeding people who don't have enough food at home (since 1/1/25, 179 separate visits have been made to the pantry with 39 first time families to utilize the pantry – that's at least one new family each week).

They have partnered with the middle and high school for volunteer help in stocking the shelves and with community members for donating food items and distributing the summer meals. Clover Cabinet and our Helping Hands/Blessing Box support each other with food as well as gift cards provided by Pastor Connie for people with special dietary needs. After lunch, 30 meal kits were completed and delivered to Clover Cabinet to help alleviate the food insecurity in our town. As always, the generosity shown by those in our congregation who provided the meals kits was amazing. Thank you so much to everyone who helped!

Plans have been made to visit the Morrison House in Salina on September 9th. The Morrison House is a guest residence for those living outside Salina with a loved one who is a patient at Salina Regional Health Center and outpatients undergoing treatment at the Tammy Walker Cancer Center. Be watching for the final arrangements and plan to join us!



Dakota and Kristen Becker welcomes new precious arrival! Baby girl, Brandi Lynn Becker. Brandi was born on Monday, August 25, 2025 at 9:33pm. She was 6lbs 4oz and 19 1/4 inches long. Big sisters, Belle and Brooke are proud big sisters and were excited to welcome Brandi Lynn home. Congratulations to the Becker family and proud grandparents, John and Susan Harris.



Ice Cream Social Fun & Fellowship



Roughly 45 members and friends of CUMC met at Sheeran Park on Sunday, August 24th to enjoy an end of summer ice cream social and fellowship time. It was a beautiful evening for some sweet treats and yard games. Thank you to care group four for hosting and organizing the event.

You're
[Invited]



CHAPMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
IS CELEBRATING

50 YEARS

OF ORGAN MUSIC

BY MARILYN WEISHAAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

10:15AM - CHURCH SERVICE WITH RECOGNITION

11:00AM - COME & GO FELLOWSHIP RECEPTION

IF UNABLE TO ATTEND, SEND CARDS TO:

MARILYN WEISHAAR C/O CUMC

P.O. BOX 349, CHAPMAN, KS 67431

Youth News

Blessing of the backpacks held August 17th

Summer is over and school has started! On Sunday, August 17th the blessing of the backpacks was held. CUMC members were encouraged to wear their Irish green in support of all the USD 473 students, teachers and staff. We wish everyone a safe and successful school year!



Sunday school to begin September 7th

Sunday school will begin on Sunday, September 7th from 9:30—10am. Meet in the fellowship hall for donuts and then meet your teacher for the upcoming year. We encourage all our young disciples to join us, classes are kindergarten through high school! **During regular worship on the 7th, students who attended summer Bible School will perform the songs they learned.** It will be a great day to kick off a new year of learning together. **Preschool children can join Ms. Tracy on Sunday mornings after the young disciples moment.**



Calling all high school and middle school students! Kate will be leading Sunday School for you at 9:30– 10am on Sunday mornings! Join her and your peers to grow in faith and serve others including: devotionals, youth led services, contemporary song studies, an discussion of topics important to today's teens. Please invite friends or others to attend—all are welcome!

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday 9/7
School Begins

VBS Music 9/7
Performance

B. Huff Circle 9/9
Free Commu- 9/24
nity Dinner

Women's Bi- 9/25
bble Study Be-
gins – 1:30pm

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Marilyn
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SEPTEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 9/05** Linda Roskens
9/12 Rykin Chamberlain
9/13 Amanda Hutchison
9/15 Cynthia Francis, Dawn Al-
9/18 Casey & Kami Poell
9/19 Craig Chamberlin
9/22 Mason Will
9/24 Justin & Megan Espeseth
9/25 David & Mandy Will
9/30 Clint & Kate Thornton

Have some news that
should be featured
next month? Please e-
mail it to Erin at
chapmanmethodist@
gmail.com.



A huge shout out to everyone who contributes to the newsletter on a monthly basis! Pastor Connie, Lynn Kruse, Jean Gobber and Joyce Leach contribute articles and pictures each month. There are also numerous members who take time to write fill in articles. I couldn't get the newsletter put together without you and appreciate the time you spend on each article and picture contribution.



Worship Assistants

Liturgists

Sept. 7: Lynn Kruse
Sept. 14:
Sept. 21: Trudy Barker
Sept. 28: Kevin Suther

Ushers

Sept. 7: Ray Kruse
Sept. 14: Bob Meyer
Sept. 21:
Sept. 28:

Greeters

Sept. 7: Ray & Lynn Kruse, Chip
& Janet Edwards
Sept. 14: Tracy Schmidt, Bob &
Janet Meyer
Sept. 21: Sabrina Samuelsan
Sept. 28: Ray & Sharon Allaman

Acolytes

Sept. 7:
Sept. 14:
Sept. 21:
Sept. 28:

-Erin