

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST NEWS

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April brings the chance for new learning for our faith community. I am excited that Bill Selby will be with us April 11-14. He will be discussing how each of us deals with anxiety. We will learn some basics about Family Systems Theory, what parts of our family life impact us as we make decisions, and how we relate to others. This information is so helpful in our individual lives and how we relate together as a church. The foundation has made this opportunity available to us as a church and our community. Lectures and learning moments are gifts to help our church move into our future better equipped. This opportunity is so helpful. Bill will work with our staff on April 11 and 12 and then he will be offering a seminar to the church and our community on April 13th and completing his stay with us by preaching on at both services on April 14th.

Bill has years of experience helping churches and people. He works with the Center for Pastoral Effectiveness of the Rockies. I continue to take my continuing education courses at the Center. Bill's experience with so many churches and community leaders give us a chance to learn, understand, and implement how to deal with anxiety and how systems function in the midst of anxiety. We never lose the desire to learn throughout our lives.

A personal invitation is the best way to ensure this is well attended, so I invite you to join us on April 13th in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Lunch is included. I hope you will make plans to join us and invite your business colleagues and friends. Please sign up on our website and forward that registration link to your friends.



Loving God and Loving Neighbor,  
Pastor Donna

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Worship in-person or live on our website.  
Replays will also be available on our website.

8:45 a.m. - Contemporary

10:00 am - Discipleship Time

11:00 a.m. - Traditional

11:30 a.m. - Radio Broadcast on KMAN 1350 AM, 93.3 or 93.7 FM

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Friday, 9:00am - 1:00pm

Please use the double doors to the Connecting Link to enter the building and check in at the welcome desk. Thank you.

The church office will be closed  
Friday, March 29 in recognition of Good  
Friday and Monday, April 1  
in recognition of Easter.

The newsletter is published monthly on the 28th for the following month. The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month. If you have items for the congregation, please send them to Cathlene Higgins, Connections Coordinator, at [fumc@fumcmanhattan.com](mailto:fumc@fumcmanhattan.com).

When the newsletter is available you will receive a notification via email with a link to our website. If you prefer to receive a paper copy in the mail, please contact the office at 785-776-8821. If you have items for the bulletin, website, or Sunday morning worship screens, those should also be sent to Cathlene, [fumc@fumcmanhattan.com](mailto:fumc@fumcmanhattan.com).



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## GIVING TO FUMC


There are several ways to give to the church:

1. Mail your check to the church.
2. Text 785-329-0382. Put the \$ (dollar sign) then the amount you want to donate. Registration information will appear. Enter your information, then click "process".
3. Give on-line through our website.  
<https://fumcmanhattan.com/give>
4. Automatic withdrawal (ACH) is available in two ways:
  - You can set up a recurring gift through our website [www.fumcmanhattan.com/give](http://www.fumcmanhattan.com/give)
  - You may call the church office and speak with Noni Buster to set up these transfers. Please have your bank account information available.



For more information about all giving options, contact Kat McKee in the church office by calling 785-776-8821.

 Bowen Theory

 First United Methodist Church  
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# FAMILY SYSTEMS WORKSHOP

Leading your organization amid uncertainty.  
A workshop for anyone in relationship with others.



**Rev. Bill Selby**

Creator of "Growth with Integrity Resources" and the "Center for Pastoral Effectiveness of the Rockies"

**April 13, 9 am**

Register and find more info at  
[www.fumcmanhattan.com](http://www.fumcmanhattan.com)



# Memory Care Support

Tuesday, April 16  
1:30 pm at Foundation Park  
4915 Colbert Hills Drive.

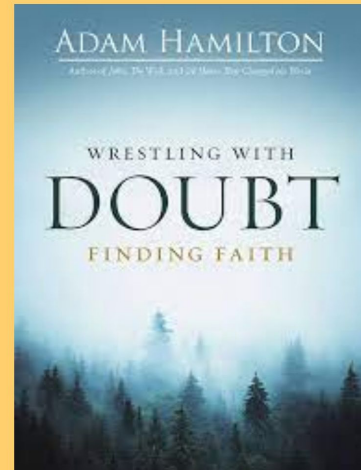
FUMC facilitates a support group for those walking with a loved one who suffers with memory challenges.

Contact Pastor Courtney  
for more details.  
[cfellers@fumcmnhattan.com](mailto:cfellers@fumcmnhattan.com)



## Save the Date Summer Book Group

June 4 & 18  
July 9 & 23  
6p.  
AJ's Pizza Patio



## PAD THE PANTRY



**'WHOEVER IS KIND TO THE POOR LENDS TO THE LORD'**

Help make a positive impact in our community! The FUMC food pantry is in need of essential food and hygiene items to support those facing difficulties. All food donations are appreciated, this month we would like help with extra help with small containers of vegetable oil or Helper meals.



small containers  
of vegetable oil



hamburger or chicken  
Helper Meal





*Looking Back  
at the Organ  
Recital and  
Reception  
March 3, 2024*





First United Methodist  
**Preschool**  
& Children's Day Out

**ENROLLMENT FOR FALL 2024**

Enrollment for the 2024-25 school term is now open!

Classes are offered for children 18 months-5 years old. Our school term runs September-May.

Go to [fumcmanhattan.com/preschool](https://fumcmanhattan.com/preschool) for class times

or contact Director, Lindsay Kinsinger at [preschool@fumcmanhattan.com](mailto:preschool@fumcmanhattan.com) to request your enrollment packet.

*save the date*

Volunteer Appreciation  
Reception

Thursday, May 2

Third Thursday  
Food Trucks at First

Thursday, May 16

Ft. Riley Military Band  
Concert

Sunday, June 23

Confirmation  
Sunday

Sunday, May 5

Graduation  
Sunday

Thursday, May 19



United Methodist Men

*Welcome*

Coach Jason Mansfield,  
KSU Volleyball Coach

**April 11, 6:30 am, Fellowship Hall**



"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seed that you plant."  
Robert Louis Stevenson

Jesus often talked about seeds in many different parables and we need to remember daily that our words, actions, and deeds can all be considered seeds that we plant. One of the seeds that United Women in Faith try to plant and nourish is supporting the The Big Garden in Omaha, NE. Their mission is:

**Teach. Build. Grow. Teaching people, Building Communities, and Growing Food Sovereignty.**

One of the ways we nourish is by helping with one of their largest fundraisers – their annual plant sale. In the past we have labeled over 4,000 plant tags during meetings. These tags were used to label the plants placed for sale. The Garden grows over 20,000+ seedlings in their greenhouses such as cold-hardy spring crops while herbs and flowers trickle in. Warmer-weather crops like tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, and many flowers are available in the second part of the growing season. They even have videos available to help folks get started or become more accomplished gardeners. <https://biggarden.org/garden-webinar-series>

The Big Garden began in 2005 as a program of United Methodist Ministries with an initial goal to create 12 gardens in three years and has grown to over 200+ community gardens in metro-Omaha and rural and semi-rural communities in Nebraska, Iowa, and Kansas. Their goal is to reduce hunger by increasing access to fresh, healthy produce and teaching people to grow, cook, & preserve their own.

This is just one of many local and national missions that we work with. United Women in Faith works with bold action, like faith which takes courage. Our bravery is inspired by God's love and our powerful commitment to improve the lives of women, children and youth. We would love for you to join us sometime and check out a Circle group so feel free to contact us at [uwf@fumcmanhattan.com](mailto:uwf@fumcmanhattan.com). Remember to participate in the reading program: more information at [First United Methodist Church Manhattan - Discipleship \(fumcmanhattan.com\)](https://www.fumcmanhattan.com/discipleship)

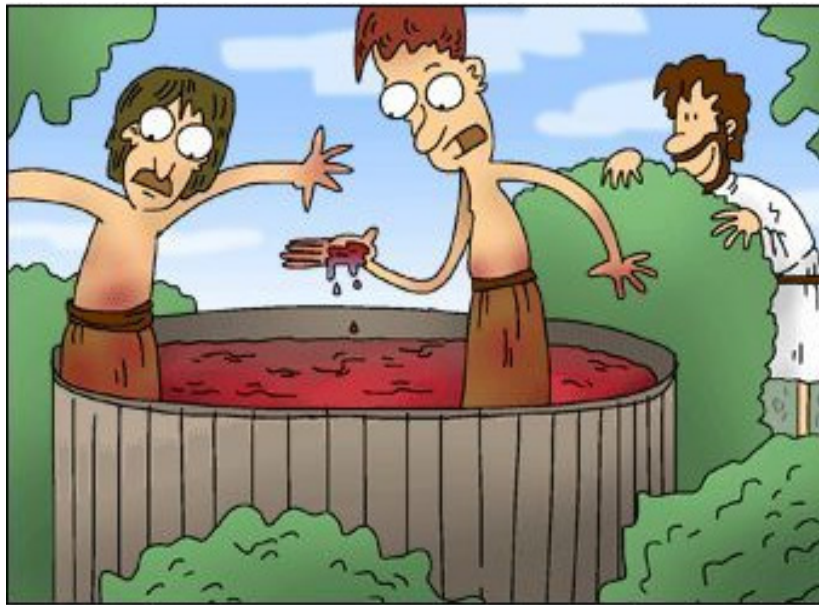


## The Big Garden

Omaha, NE







(See John 2:1-11)

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THE WATER TO WINE MIRACLE ALSO MADE  
FOR AN EXCELLENT APRIL FOOLS DAY  
PRANK

Save A Life



**DONATE BLOOD**

Sunday, April 21  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Alan Lee Center

Sign up at  
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

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Children's Ministry



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Children's Ministry

## Children's Weekly Schedule

Young United Methodist (YUM) - For kids in 4th and 5th grade. Wednesdays from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

YUM Bells - Wednesdays from 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm.

First Families Discipleship - First Sunday of the month 10am to 10:45 am in Fellowship Hall

Jesus and Me (JAM) - Remaining Sundays from 10:00 am to 10:45 am in the Cool Lounge of Education Center.

## Youth Weekly Schedule

Sunday Contemporary Worship 8:45am  
Discipleship Time 10:00-10:45am  
Traditional Worship 11:00am  
Confirmation Class 2:30 pm  
Mid-High Youth 4:00-5:30pm  
Sr. High Youth 6:00-7:30pm

Wednesday Youth Hangout 3:30-5:30pm

1st Friday Devotional Donut 6:30am  
at Varsity Donuts



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