



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

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Sunday School at 9:30 A.M.	700 Poyntz Avenue
Sunday Worship at 10:45 A.M.	Manhattan, Kansas 66502
Second Helping Dinner at 5:15 P.M.	telephone 785-537-7006
Thursday Evening Taizé at 7:00 P.M.	www.uccmanhattan.org

Grace in the inbox

Sometimes it's just junk. Often it's more things to do. But sometimes grace comes in the inbox (of my e-mail). Earlier this month, in his "Liberating the Word" daily e-mail column, Michael Piazza shared a brief quotation from the Archbishop and martyr Oscar Romero:

If you need to feel hope, you're courting despair, and, if you court despair, you'll stop working. Try to have faith instead to do what you can, and stop worrying about whether or not you're effective. Worry about what is possible for you to do, which is always greater than you can imagine.

Piazza went on to reflect: "All too often the pursuit of the perfect hinders our willingness to do what is already in our hand to do. We cannot fix everything. Jesus didn't say that we were the food for a starving world, but that we were the salt of the earth."

Wise words. Grace and Peace,

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Sharing and Caring

Prayers and Concerns

Please call the church office 537-7006 for further information.

Congratulations

- Allison and David Karnowski welcomed their second child on September 16. **Leolyn Clare Karnowski** weighed 8 pounds 14 ounces and was 21 inches long—a bigger baby than her obstetrician had expected. (Knox was 6.5 pounds.) Allison and Leolyn are doing well.

Helping

- **Need a ride to church?** Contact one of our transportation volunteers: Jim & Carolyn Hodgson, Bill Pallett, Jeff Keller, or Mike & Martha Miller.
- **Home Communion Visits** The Deacons can bring communion to your home on the first Sunday of the month. Visits at other times can be arranged with the pastor.

Our Wider Mission



CROP Walk is October 10

What is a CROP Hunger Walk?


Neighbors walking together to take a stand against hunger in our world. Together we raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting.

Plan to walk with our congregation's contingent on Sunday afternoon, October 10. If you can't walk, please sponsor one of our walkers.



Neighbors in Need Offering

On Sunday, September 26, we received our **Neighbors in Need** offering to support justice work throughout the United Church of Christ and our communities. To date, we have received \$675.00. If you have contributed, **Thank you!** for sharing your gifts with our neighbors. If you have not contributed yet, there is still time! Please mark your gift "NIN" or use the envelope from the previous newsletter.



Shepherd's Crossing
THAT'S HOW LOVE

Third Tuesday
EVERY MONTH

Eat at *Sirion Stockade* on the *Third Tuesday* of each month and benefit Shepherd's Crossing. Sirion Stockade will donate a generous portion of the cost of your meal to assist families needing help with rent, utilities or prescription medication.

Clip and present this coupon to the cashier and leave a copy of your cash register receipt.
Valid only at the Manhattan location.

Both Sirion Stockade and Shepherd's Crossing thank you for your patronage.

Christian Education



Living the Questions 2

For the 2010-2011 year the Sunday Adult Forum returns to the popular *Living the Questions* format with a new *Living the*

Questions 2 series. The discussions will be offered in three segments, each consisting of seven weeks.

People know that at its core, Christianity has something good to offer the human race. At the same time, many have a sense that they are alone in being a "thinking" Christian and that "salvaging" Christianity is a hopeless task. *Living the Questions* is meant to be a safe environment where people have permission to ask the questions they've always wanted to ask but have been afraid to voice for fear of being thought a heretic. *Living the Questions* will help seekers and "church alumni/ae" alike in discovering the significance of Christianity in the 21st Century and what a meaningful faith can look like in today's world.

Segment I: Invitation to Journey

1. An Invitation to Journey
2. Taking the Bible Seriously
3. Thinking Theologically
4. Stories of Creation
5. Lives of Jesus
6. A Passion for Christ: Paul
7. Out into the World: Challenges Facing Progressive Christians

Join us Sundays at 9:30 A.M. in Pioneer Hall.

Fundraising — as simple as purchasing
\$hop \$mart Grocery Certificates

It's the easy way to make a donation to the Church. Purchase your certificates after worship to use when you buy groceries. Buy the coupons at face value, spend them like cash, and the church receives a donation. Certificates are available for HyVee, Dillon's, and Ray's.



Going Greener

Recycling at Church!

In a “stewardship of the earth” effort to reduce our carbon footprint, the Cobb Challenge group is now offering a recycling collection place at the church. You can bring your recyclable items with you to church and leave them at the collection point in the eastern passage between the Sanctuary and Blachly Hall. **Please bring your things through Blachly Hall on Sunday mornings.** Your items do not need to be sorted. However, ***they must be clean so they do not create odors or attract pests.*** Plastic jugs, bottles, and metal cans must be rinsed clean. (This may take two or three rinses; an occasional greasy can or jug may better be thrown away than cleaned.)



Have you remembered the church in your will?

Save the Date: **UCC Manhattan**
OKTOBERFEST
Fundraiser October 22-23
SHOP!!! EAT!!! POLKA!!!

SHOP: For 2 days, we are having an October fund-raising event featuring a Huge Sale in Blachly and Pioneer Halls—Friday, October 22 from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., and Saturday, October 23 from 8:00:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. HCI Fundraising is Jim and Judy Ahrens’ fundraising business that features over 1,000 styles of fun fashion accessories and inexpensive gifts. Treasures include gifts for women, men, girls and boys, including great values on items such as rings, watches, bracelets, scarves, ties, sunglasses, belts, earrings, purses, wallets, totes, reading glasses, pendants, chains, seasonal accessories, and other fun stuff. Best of all: The majority of items are priced at \$6.00, and First Congregational Church will receive a percentage of sales. Plan to come, and bring your friends to get a head start on your Christmas shopping!

EAT: On Friday, from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M., we will hold a Root Beer Fest downstairs in Andover Hall. We will serve root beer and ice cream, which you can enjoy separately or together. Tickets will be \$5 apiece, and all profits will go to the church.



POLKA: While you are enjoying your root beer and ice cream, the First Congregational Polka Band will be playing polkas and other Oktoberfest music for your extra enjoyment.

*Gretchen Lewis and Jeff Keller,
Fund Raising Committee Chairpersons*

Women of the Church

Lunch Bunch October 6

Women of the Church will host Lunch Bunch at the Bluemont Room on campus at the K-State Union on Wednesday, October 6. Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch and fellowship at 11:30 A.M.



2010 Directories Available



The 2010 Membership Directory is now available and can be picked up at the church. If you're unable to pick up a copy in person, please give Sandy a call in the office, 537-7006, or send an e-mail, office@uccmanhattan.org, and she'll mail one to you.

UCC PLANT SALE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2 8 AM – 12 NOON AT THE CHURCH

PERENNIALS and SHRUBS

Benefits 2nd Helping and Shepherd's Crossing



Fall is a great time to plant more of the "permanent" features of your yard and garden. We anticipate having a large number of shrubs and perennials donated by a local nursery as well as plants from the gardens of members. We will have experienced gardeners available to help with information about the plants.

If you can help, please join us Saturday morning. If you can shop, please join us Saturday morning!

Octoberfest and Arts & Crafts Fair at White Memorial Camp Friday & Saturday, October 29-30

4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday
2:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Saturday

Admission: \$5.00 at the gate per person gets you into all activities. Extra costs include concessions and purchasing any arts and crafts from local crafters.

Activities

- * Hayrack Rides
- * Bonfire
- * Face Painting
- * Boat Rides
- * Outdoor Cooking
- * Hay Maze
- * Concession Stand
- * Pumpkin Carving
- * Hiking & Crafts
- * Haunted Building
- * Cake Walk
- * Bobbing for Apples
- * And MORE!



Fun for All!

Directions: From Manhattan, m go South on Highway 177 to K Ave. Turn right (west) onto K Ave. and go about 4 miles. There will be a sign across from the Old School House where you turn left onto Rd. 1050. Go 4.5 miles (south) to White Memorial Camp. Remember to drive safely on the gravel, and that the speed limit at camp is 10 MPH. **For more information:** 620-767-5165.

Worship and Church Volunteers

October 3, 2010-----

Greeters..... Geneva Denholm, Donna Keyser
Scripture Reader..... Judy Ahrens
Word for Children ... Brent Maner
Sanctuary Flowers ... Jan Lange
Fellowship Hour..... Bill & Linda Richter
Lawn Care Dan Clark (October 3-9)

October 10, 2010-----

Greeters..... Wade Honey & Dan Barnes, Lau family
Scripture Reader..... Judy Willingham
Word for Children ... Bridgett Moreland
Sanctuary Flowers ... *volunteer needed*
Fellowship Hour..... Joy Schell
Lawn Care Dale Stearns (October 10-16)

October 17, 2010-----

Greeters..... Carol Chalmers, Carolyn Hodgson
Scripture Reader..... Jim Mock
Word for Children ... Kerri Keller
Sanctuary Flowers ... *volunteer needed*
Fellowship Hour..... Donna Keyser
Lawn Care *volunteer needed* (October 17-23)

October 24, 2010-----

Greeters..... Brad Logan & Lauren Ritterbush
Scripture Reader..... Marilyn Mock
Word for Children ... Bill Pugh
Sanctuary Flowers ... *volunteer needed*
Fellowship Hour..... *volunteer needed*
Lawn Care *volunteer needed* (October 24-30)

To volunteer, contact the church office 537-7006..

The Second Helping

The Second Helping is a local mission of First Congregational UCC. It serves a hot meal every Sunday evening and provides sack breakfast and lunch items to each guest. To volunteer, contact the church office 537-7006.



October 3, 2010-----

Chief Cook.....*volunteer needed*
Volunteers.....Manhattan Mennonite Church
Dessert.....*volunteer needed*

October 10, 2010-----

Chief Cooks.....Wade Honey
Volunteers.....*volunteers needed*
Dessert.....*volunteer needed*

October 17, 2010-----

Chief Cook.....*volunteer needed*
Volunteers.....*volunteers needed*
Dessert.....*volunteer needed*

October 24, 2010-----

Chief Cook.....Ann Smit
Volunteers.....ESA Sorority
Dessert.....Ann Smit

October 31, 2010-----

Chief Cook.....Brent Maner
Volunteers.....Delta Sigma
Dessert.....*volunteer needed*

Community News

Crisis Center Volunteer Training: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Workshop

Saturday, October 2, 2010 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Saturday, October 9, 2010 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

First Presbyterian Church, 801 Leavenworth St., Manhattan

Those interested in the issue of violence against women are encouraged to attend this workshop. Attendance on both training days is required in order to volunteer for the The Crisis Center, Inc. Registration fee of \$15.00 covers training materials and supplies. Please make checks payable to The Crisis Center, Inc. and mail to: The Crisis Center, Inc., PO Box 1526, Manhattan KS 66505. For additional questions please call 539-7935.

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Return Service Requested



Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Manhattan is a new collaboration between KU and K-State. UFM Community Learning Center is coordinating local classes. Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community is the first sponsoring organization. The Osher Institute is dedicated to providing classes and events solely for the joy of learning with a focus on those 50 years of age and older. Classes generally meet three times for two hours each session and are generally interactive and participatory. To register for classes please visit www.osher.ku.edu/manhattan.php or for more information call UFM at 539-8763.

Sun**Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

October 2010

1
9:00 Crisis Ctr Mtg
6:00 Storytime

Kansas- Oklahoma Conference

2
8-12 Plant Sale**3** - World Communion8:30 Choir Rehearsal
9:30 Church School
10:45 Worship
12:00 Fellowship Hour
5:15 Second Helping**4****5****6**
11:30 Lunch Bunch
7:00 Board Meetings**7**

7:00 Taizé

8
9:00 Crisis Center Meeting
6:00 Storytime**9**

10:00 NC Assn. Church on Ministry

108:30 Choir Rehearsal
9:30 Church School
10:45 Worship
12:00 Fellowship Hour
2:00 CROP WALK
5:15 Second Helping**11**12:00 Newsletter Deadline
6:00 AAUW Dinner**12****13****14**

7:00 Taizé

15
9:00 Crisis Center Meeting
6:00 Storytime**16****17**8:30 Choir Rehearsal
9:30 Church School
10:45 Worship
12:00 Fellowship Hour
5:15 Second Helping**18****19**10:00 N.C. Assn. Clergy
7:00 PFLAG**20**6:00 Vitality Team
7:00 Cabinet**21**5:30 Bible Study
7:00 Taizé**22**
9:00 Crisis Ctr Mtg
7:00 Root Beer Fest

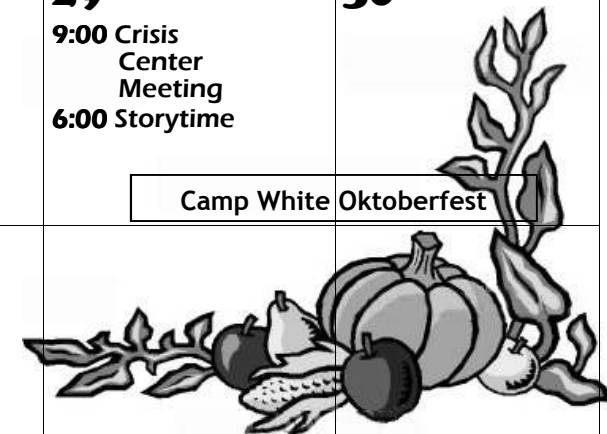
Oktoberfest Fundraiser

23**24**8:30 Choir Rehearsal
9:30 Church School
10:45 Worship
12:00 Fellowship Hour
5:15 Second Helping**25**

12:00 Newsletter Deadline

26**27****28**5:30 Bible Study
7:00 Taizé**29**
9:00 Crisis Center Meeting
6:00 Storytime

Camp White Oktoberfest

30**31**8:30 Choir Rehearsal
9:30 Church School
10:45 Worship
12:00 Fellowship Hour
5:15 Second Helping

Birthdays

1	Allison Karnowski	19	Ann Smit
1	Lauren Ritterbush	19	David Manning
5	Jean Ponte	21	Judy Ahrens
5	Nada McCullough-Buelow	21	Carolyn Hodgson
		23	Hikaru Peterson
10	Paula Pierce	24	Jim Lewis
13	Taylor MacDonald	25	Jeff Keller
14	Emma Caffey	26	Mary Ellen Barkley
15	Russ Briggs	27	Virginia Bigbee
17	Bill Eberle	28	Elisabeth Vanderlip
19	Judy Davis	29	Eric Sandell

Anniversaries

6	Ellen Logan & Kara Burns
8	Jerry & Atina Hanna
10	Robert & Karen Bauernfeind
13	Scott & Melissa Steele
15	Russell & Ilene Briggs
27	Jim & Carolyn Hodgson
29	Burke & Margery Bayer

October

Dates to Remember

October 1-3 K-O Conference Annual Meeting

October 2 Plant Sale 8:00 A.M.

October 6 Lunch Bunch Board Meetings

October 10 CROP Walk

October 11 Newsletter Deadline

October 20 Vitality Team Meeting
Cabinet Meeting

October 22 Oktoberfest Fundraiser
Shop, Eat, Polka

October 23 Oktoberfest Fundraiser
Shop 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

October 25 Newsletter Deadline

