



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

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| Sunday Worship at 10:45 A.M. | 700 Poyntz Avenue |
| Second Helping Dinner at 5:15 P.M. | Manhattan, Kansas 66502 |
| Thursday Evening Taizé at 7:00 P.M. | telephone 785-537-7006 |
| | e-mail ucc@interkan.net |

Those of you present for worship last Sunday will recall the sermon on “Ordinary Time”. It’s that time in the Lectionary year between special events like Easter, Ascension and Christmas. These Sundays can seem ‘ordinary’ but are like most of life-ordinary events which give our lives meaning.

We reflected on ‘time’, noting the writings of Abraham Heschel:
“The Bible is more concerned with time than with space. It sees the world in the dimension of time. It pays more attention to generations, to events, than to countries, to things; it is more concerned with history than with geography. To understand the teaching of the Bible, one must accept its premise that time has a meaning for life which is at least equal to that of space; that time has a significance and sovereignty of its own.”

Heschel notes further our tendency to fill our time with the things of space- goods, consumerism, even warmaking.

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The Sabbath is, in contrast, a time to simply be, to let go of striving and work, trusting that God will provide what we need from 6 days of labor.

Let me encourage you to make time for the Church this summer. On Sunday mornings we gather to affirm our needs for encouragement, forgiveness, rest and fellowship. And we declare that our God is able to provide our needs without us working all the time. We respond to another drumbeat than that of ‘the world’.

Peace be with you!

Eldon Epp

Sharing and Caring

Prayers and Concerns

These items are not viewable on this website. Please call the church office for further information.

Helping

- **Need a ride to church?** Contact one of our transportation volunteers: Jim Hodgson & Carolyn Schwab, Mike & Martha Miller, Bill Pallett, and Jeff Keller.

Announcement

- **Pastor R. Kent Cormack and Organist Bill Pugh return on July 16**

Position Opening:

Director of Christian Education

Cheryl Poister has tendered her resignation as Director of Christian Education. We appreciate all of her hard work, and look forward to a continuing relationship with her in a new role.



Consequently, we are searching for a new director to begin July 17. The director provides administrative, programmatic and spiritual leadership to our

congregation. The job averages ten hours per week, and the salary is \$6,374. A detailed job description is available from the church office or from the chair of the board of Christian Education, Angela Hubler.

To apply, please submit to the church office a letter of application and a resume including names and contact information for three references. Screening will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

Welcome back Kent and Bill!

As we welcome Pastor Kent and Organist Bill back among us, we are grateful for the many who stepped up to keep the congregation alive and active during Kent's sabbatical leave.

Tower Chimes for First Congregational United Church of Christ



A standard 20 note Deagan Tower Chime System with dampers, circa 1927

Our July 13 road trip to Tulsa is rapidly approaching. The church and chime loft pictured here is Tulsa's First Presbyterian. The chimes are located in the octagonal portion of the tower just below the copper clad steeple. The formal publicity photo is of a twenty note Deagan Tower Chime System; no, Bill does not wear a three-piece suit when working on chimes. As you can see, there are not bells, but cylindrical chimes. The chimes

are extruded brass with $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick walls. Like all chimes, they are rung at their tops; bells are rung at their rims. The system that we are getting from First Presbyterian Church has only ten notes; its longest chime is 10'-7" and weighs about 350 pounds. The notes are very carefully chosen and can play a remarkable amount of music.



Tower of the First Presbyterian Church Tulsa, OK

The sign-up list follows; please call me (Bill) at 537-7006 if you are listed incorrectly. The following people are leaving Manhattan at 8:00 Friday morning, July 13: Sean Weston, Carolyn Schwab, Jim Hodgson, Dave Smit, Bill Pugh, & Bill's apprentice Nick Iestas. The following people are leaving

Manhattan Friday evening, hopefully by 6:00: Jeff, Kerri, & Nichole Keller, Al & Tyler Cochran, Craig & Kyle Weston, Jo Foy, and Chris Hogan & his friend Ryan Wilson. **The Friday evening people should call Chasity** at the church office and let her know how early you can meet at the church to depart for Tulsa. Everybody should bring work gloves, and we could use a few additional pipe wrenches, hack saws, and hammers.



First Presbyterian Church Tulsa, OK

St. Anonymous has not only reserved seven rooms for us at the local Fairfield Inn, but is also making arrangements for a large van to transport the Friday evening folks. If you want to drive your own vehicle instead of riding in said van, please call me at 537-7006 immediately.

Unless the Friday afternoon crew makes spectacular progress in disassembling the chime system, we should start

work at 8:00 Saturday morning; it will be less hot then anyway.

The rain dates are July 20 and July 21; only five people have signed up for the rain dates, so I am hoping that the weather will cooperate on July 13 & 14.

With gratitude,
Bill Pugh



Starting this fall First Congregational will have a Care Cluster program. Members and friends of our congregation will be organized into Care Clusters as a way to encourage fellowship and keep informed of needs, concerns, and joys. The primary purpose for creating Care Clusters is to make certain that every member and friend of our church family is receiving the love, care and support they need. As new people come into our congregation, they will be assigned to one of the existing Care Clusters.

Each Care Cluster will have a leader who will watch over their Cluster members throughout the year. If you would like to participate as a leader, please let one of our Deacons know, or call the church office, 537-7006.

No participation or involvement is required, but members are encouraged to get to know as many of their fellow group members as possible throughout the year. It is in the process of getting to know one another that we recognize how to best love, care and support one another in Christ.

Board of Deacons

Jeff Peterson, Presiding Officer; Marsha Tannehill, Craig Weston, Dona Sidorfsky, Chantel Vogel, Duane Keifer, Gretchen Lewis, Sue Zschoche, Jo Foy, Jeff Keller

Rainbow Table

A Family Reunion

Rainbow Table members participated in the 2007 "Family Reunion" at Milford Lake to commemorate the Stonewall Riots (June 27-29 1969) marking the beginning of the Gay Liberation movement in the United States. We swam, ate, sang and generally made merry.

Julia Galstad and Lacy Huebel (pictured at the gay pride picnic) will be leaving us in July to continue their graduate studies in mathematics in California. We will miss them terribly.



Picnic at White Memorial Camp, July 28

Our event for July will be a picnic at White Memorial Camp. Members of our church and other organizations will gather in the morning to plan the First Annual Rainbow Camp scheduled for October 19-21.

Since it is Mary and Jo's turn to host the Rainbow Table meal, we are inviting EVERYONE to our picnic in the afternoon. The pool opens at 3pm (until 6pm); we will start cooking at 5pm; and we will plan to start eating between 5:30 and 6pm. A map to White Memorial Camp and Conference center can be found at <http://www.kocucc.com/WMC.MAP.pdf>.

Please bring something to share. We especially need hot dog/hamburger buns, salads, vegetable dishes, and desserts. Please bring your own drinks. This event will be funded by \$5 donations; more if you can, less if you can't.

Please come join the fun!

\$ A Welcome Check From the \$ Empty Bowls Project

On June 12, in an informal ceremony, representatives of the Empty Bowls Project presented a check for \$760 to Sandy O'Grady and me to support the work of the Second Helping. The Empty Bowls Project enlisted local potters, including student potters, in making bowls. The bowls were sold at local establishments for \$10 each, with the promise that on a specified date, several local restaurants would fill the bowl for free. This year the Texas Star, The Four Olive Wine Bar, and Edesia participate. The money raised was split among three organizations that provide food to those in need: the Second Helping, the Ogden Friendship House, and the Episcopal Church's Café Allegra.

We are grateful for the able direction provided by Kelly Maze, who managed the project as part of an internship in the Women's Center at KSU. This gift will help greatly in the budget part of the Second Helping. (One year, we bought a new upright freezer!) If you should happen to be in any of the cooperating restaurants in the near future, please thank them for their participation.

Ann Smit
Second Helping Manager

UCC Women of the Church

Lunch Bunch July 4th The UCC Women of the Church invite you to Lunch Bunch on Wednesday, July 4th at Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que behind Target. Everyone is invited to join in the fun.



Stained Glass Window Project

This is the third week of our campaign to replace the protective covers on the stained glass windows in our church. As of today, June 26 we have gifts and pledges of \$25,000.

The contract has been signed to begin the work in the fall and we have dollars pledged to uncover and recover 17 of the 22 windows. Our campaign deadline is June 30 and I am confident you will have sent your pledge by the time you read this message and that we will have met our goal of \$32,000.

However, your pledge will be appreciated even if it is after the June 30 deadline.

The response to this project has been heartwarming. Once again we have seen the generosity of this congregation in rising to an occasion of need. Thank you all very much.

Barbara Withee

and the "Open our Windows" Campaign Committee

Volunteers Needed

With the summer break here and many of us taking vacations, I know that our numbers will decline some. However, that does not reduce the number of volunteers our church needs each Sunday (though it may reduce the number of goodies consumed). Please keep these needs in mind and sign-up to volunteer for scripture reading, greeting, and Fellowship Hour. We all have gifts to give and your gift of time is needed. Please call Chantel Vogel or hunt her down after church to volunteer.

The Second Helping

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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 Sandy O'Grady 537-7006.



July 1, 2007

Chief Cook Brent Maner
Volunteers KSU Animal Society, Ann Gleason
Dessert Kay Sinnett

July 8, 2007

Chief Cook Gretchen Lewis
Volunteers Christine Davis, Kathy Bleam,
..... Samantha McGraw, Ann Gleason
Dessert Martha Miller

July 15, 2007

Chief Cook Sandy O'Grady
Volunteers David & Renate Woodmansee, Victoria &
..... Marilyn, Ann Gleason
Dessert Sandy O'Grady

July 22, 2007

Chief Cook Ann Smit
Volunteers ESA Sorority
Dessert Ann Smit

July 29, 2007

Chief Cook Paula Ford
Volunteers Brandon Stewart, Christie Crenshaw
Dessert Joy Schell

Worship & Church Volunteers

July 8, 2007

Sanctuary Flowers... Elnora Huyck-Young
Greeters Judy Willingham
Scripture Reader Judy Willingham
Word for Children .. Eldon Epp
Fellowship Hour Leo & Joy Schell
Lawn Mowing Dave Smit (*through July 14*)

July 15, 2007

Sanctuary Flowers TBA
Greeters Bill & Linda Richter and Judy Willingham
Scripture Reader Volunteers Needed
Word for Children .. Cheryl Poister
Fellowship Hour Jean Hill
Lawn Mowing Brent Maner (*through July 21*)

July 22, 2007

Sanctuary Flowers... TBA
Greeters Volunteers Needed
Scripture Reader Volunteers Needed
Word for Children .. TBA
Fellowship Hour Ann Smit & Dory Cochran
Lawn Mowing Don Cannon (*through July 28*)

July 29, 2007

Sanctuary Flowers... TBA
Greeters Volunteers Needed
Scripture Reader Volunteers Needed
Word for Children .. TBA
Fellowship Hour Leo & Joy Schell
Lawn Mowing Judy Willingham (*through August 5*)

Community News

Arts in The Park

A summer of great music, theater, and entertainment FREE in
City Park, 1101 Fremont Street



JULY

- 4 Manhattan Municipal Band (Thunder Over Manhattan at CiCo Park)
Streetside (Thunder Over Manhattan at CiCo Park) *Doo-wop*
- 7 **Trinidad Tripoli Steel Drum Band** (8:00 p.m.) *Caribbean*
- 10 Manhattan Municipal Band (7:30 p.m.)
- 14 **Little Apple Jazz Festival** *Jazz*
- 20 **Steve Gerard and The National Deonaires** (8:00 p.m.) *Blues*
featuring Dave "Elmo" Bailey
- 20-22 **Youth Musical "Once On This Island"** (at Nichols Hall)
- 21 **Back Porch Blues Band** (8:00 p.m.) *Blues*
- 27 **Clearview** (8:00 p.m.) *60's, 70's, & 80's*

Summer Road Trips for Seniors

The next Senior Trip will be Thursday, July 19, which starts with a driving tour in Waterville viewing several Victorian homes, the Weaver Hotel, and Opera House. We will then go to Blue Rapids to see a unique mural and the only round square on main street in Kansas. Afterwards, we will visit the Pony Express Barn and Museum, the old Courthouse, the Blue River Crossing Park, and antique stores in Marysville. We will eat at the Pony Express Deli. The tour ends with the Hollenberg Pony Express Station and Museum. The cost is \$15 per person and the meal is not included. We will depart from the Manhattan Town Center northwest parking lot (by Dillard's) at 8:00 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m.

Doug Tippin will be our guide for both trips. To register for the Senior Adult trips, please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 587-2757.

Garden Tours

July 1, 1 - 5 p.m.



Begins at 1500 Dension Ave. View 5 private gardens plus the Kansas State University Gardens. Tickets cost \$6. Proceeds to benefit the University Gardens.

Dino Day at the Zoo

July 7, 9:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Learn about our prehistoric pals. Kids get in free courtesy of Friends of Sunset Zoo.

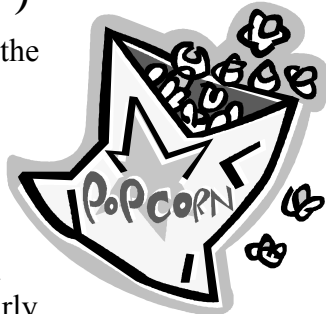
Sundown Film Festival

July 13th at 5 p.m. (also July 20th and 27th)

Join us for a free movie under the stars at the 2nd Annual Sundown Film Festival at the Kansas Museum of History. This year's films feature sports themes to coincide with the museum's special exhibit, Game Faces: Kansans in Sports. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and bug spray.

The movie starts at sundown, but come early because the plaza fills up fast! Before the movie, you can enjoy games, music, refreshments from the concession stand, and free admission to the museum galleries from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. On July 13, we will be showing Knute Rockne (1940), starring Pat O'Brien and Ronald Reagan. Knute Rockne, the legendary Notre Dame football coach, died at the height of his career in a plane crash in Kansas. You'll hear the immortal line, "Win one for the Gipper." In case of rain, the movie will be shown in the museum lobby. For more information, visit our website:

www.kshs.org/news/summer_film_series.htm



Fick Family Breakfast

July 14, 8 – 10:30 a.m. at 412 Leavenworth

The Fick Family continues the tradition of Howard Fick with their annual breakfastfund raiser for the Seniors' Center. Cost is \$5.00 and includes scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes and beverage. For more information call 537-4040.

Riley County Fair

July 26th - 30th

This year's Riley County Fair is sure to be an event to remember. Fair goers can participate in one of the many activities such as the pedal tractor pull or turtle races, indulge in some great fair food, or ride the rides at the Ottaway Amusement's Carnival. Those of you who are really looking for some adventure might want to enter a team in the fair's newest event --- Fair Factor. Or you may want to kick back and enjoy some great entertainment at the Kaw Valley Rodeo. There's something for everyone at the 2007 Riley County Fair!



Fire Department Flowing Hydrants

The Manhattan Fire Department has begun its annual fire hydrant maintenance program. Crews will be flowing and painting fire hydrants throughout the City until late fall. The fire hydrants are flowed each year to insure their proper operation and to flush out the water lines. If you notice yellow or rust colored water in your home after crews have flowed fire hydrants in your area, run water in a bathtub or shower for a few minutes or until the water runs clear. If the water does not clear up contact the City of Manhattan Customer Service at 587-2480 or the Manhattan Fire Department at 587-4500.



Please use caution when you are in the area where crews are

flowing fire hydrants. The water flowing from the fire hydrants may be at a high enough pressure and volume to cause damage to vehicles if driven through the flowing water. Children should be advised not to play in or ride bicycles through the flowing water. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Manhattan Fire Department at 785-587-4500.

For more fire safety information, log on to the Manhattan Fire Department's website at www.ci.manhattan.ks.us/Fire.

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