



# 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.	<a href="http://www.uccmanhattan.org">www.uccmanhattan.org</a>

## Happy 4<sup>th</sup> FHCC!

Either I have a one-track mind or I'm on a roll with this anniversary thing, you can decide; but there's a 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary coming up in July that all of us in Manhattan should be proud of. In July of 2005, the Flint Hills Community Clinic opened its doors at 401 Houston Street.

We all know that many individuals and families cannot afford health insurance, and that too often their only access to care may be the emergency room. It's a national crisis that needs a national solution, but Manhattan has stepped up to the plate already with the Flint Hills Community Clinic. The clinic's mission is "to understand and serve the health and wellness needs of the medically underserved in our community by providing QUALITY, COMPASSIONATE, and PERSONALIZED care."

This is possible because of hundreds of volunteer hours given to serve the uninsured population of *[continued page 2]*

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Riley County and Manhattan. The recent newsletter of FHCC spotlights the growth of the clinic's program of service over the past four years—and it's amazing.

In 2005, 24 patients were treated in the first month of the clinic's operation. In 2009 the average number of patient visits is 139 per month.

In 2005, the clinic was open one evening each week. Now the clinic is open three evenings each week with an occasional afternoon clinic as well.

The average number of volunteer hours per month in 2005 was 172. In 2009, the average is 382 volunteer hours per month.

After the first full year of operation, the clinic had provided 760 free patient visits to our community. Before the end of 2009, the clinic will have provided more than 5,000 free patient visits since it's opening in July of 2005.

That's good news worth celebrating. The Flint Hills Community Clinic receives financial support from our congregation through our Mission and Outreach budget. There are also many opportunities to volunteer—just contact the clinic at 785-323-4351. You can donate over the counter medications for the clinic to distribute to patients. The clinic needs cold medications, allergy/sinus medications, Pepcid Complete (or generic equivalent) and Prilosec OTC (or generic equivalent). The clinic does not need Tylenol or Motrin. The clinic is always in need of office supply donations—you can contact Mid-America Office Supplies (539-8982). Mid-America maintains a complete list of the clinic's office supply needs.

So Happy 4<sup>th</sup> to the Flint Hills Community Clinic! Keep up the great work.

Grace & Peace,

## Sharing and Caring

### *Prayers and Concerns*

Please call the church office for further information.

### *Helping*

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

### *Thank You*

- Thank you First Congregational for your cash donation of \$45.00. Your generous gift to the Breadbasket makes it possible for us to continue to carry out our mission of eliminating poverty and hunger in our community.
- Thank you First Congregational for your donation of cat food, animal carrier, various bedding, dog collar and leashes. — *Riley County Animal Shelter*

### *E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN*

If you wish to be added to the First Congregational e-mail prayer chain, please contact [office@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:office@uccmanhattan.org).



## Women of the Church

**IT'S OVER!** The summer rummage sale of 2009 is history. Our financial officer tells me that we took in \$705.20, with at least another \$25 to be received. It was an amazing effort from so many people. Thanks to all who provided the rummage. It's hard to believe that every time we have a sale, somehow people manage to fill the basement with such a variety of items.

Thanks go to the many hard workers, beginning with the strong men who set up tables and clothes racks on Sunday after worship. There were many hours of sorting, organizing, and creatively arranging all the items during the week before our sale. Then we had the actual sale, which culminated in the clean-up of leftovers. The workers were blessed with a nice hot lunch on Saturday, which gave us the energy to bag and haul all the trash!!

At the risk of leaving someone out – my apologies to you – sincere appreciation is given to : Martha and Mike Miller, Joy Schell, Marla Bugbee, Kathy Bleam, Brent Maner, Paula Pierce, Chantel Vogel, Kerri Keller, Mary Ellen Barkley, Dave & Joshua Manning, Joe Ponte, Don Cannon, Victor Force, Angela Hubler, Sandy O'Grady, Dorothy Biggs, Ann & Dave Smit, Julia Bosma, Gretchen & Jim Lewis, Judy Ahrens, Linda Richter, Brad Logan, and our financial officer, Virginia Bigbee.

Our church family is a wonderful, dedicated group of people,

*Judy Willingham*, very tired Rummage Chair



### **Lunch Bunch July 1**

Lunch Bunch will meet at Little Apple Brewing Company, located in the Westloop Shopping Center. The fun begins at 11:30 A.M. All are welcome.

## Worship & Church Volunteers

*June 28, 2009*

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**Flowers**.....Kathy Bleam  
**Greeters**.....Angela Hubler, Joy Schell  
**Scripture Reader**.....Angela Hubler  
**Word for Children**...Jim Lewis  
**Word in Music**.....Allison Karnowski  
**Fellowship Hour**.....Jerry & Atina Hanna  
**Lawn Mowing**.....Jim Ahrens (*through July 4*)

*July 5, 2009*

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**Flowers**.....Helen Toburen  
**Greeters**.....Mike & Martha Miller, Kathy Bleam  
**Scripture Reader**.....Kathy Bleam  
**Word for Children**...Atina Hanna  
**Word in Music**.....Frank Sidorfsky  
**Fellowship Hour**.....Virginia Bigbee, Judy Ahrens  
**Lawn Mowing**.....Victor Force (*through July 11*)

*July 12, 2009*

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**Flowers**.....*Volunteer Needed*  
**Greeters**.....Sue Gerth, Brent Maner  
**Scripture Reader**.....Jim Lewis  
**Word for Children**...Jean Hill  
**Word in Music**.....Jim & Gretchen Lewis  
**Fellowship Hour**.....Sue Zschoche and Judy Davis  
**Lawn Mowing**.....Al Cochran (*through July 18*)

**Fishing Equipment** Anybody having used fishing equipment in good condition is urged to contact Leo Schell who will give it a good home at Camp White. Bill Richter did. Anybody else?

## 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 Mandy Strawn at 537-7006.*



*June 28, 2009*

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

*July 5, 2009*

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**Chief Cook**.....Sandy O'Grady  
**Volunteers**.....Ann Gleason  
**Dessert**.....*Volunteer Needed*

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**Chief Cook**.....Bob Atchison  
**Volunteers**.....Ann Gleason, Manhattan Mennonite Church  
**Dessert**.....*Volunteer Needed*

**Thanks from 2<sup>nd</sup> Helping** Recently the 2<sup>nd</sup> Helping has benefited from several material gifts. The first is the new and larger freezer that Melissa and R.C. Jones donated to replace our smallest freezer, which was developing a gasket problem. The second is the new shelving in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Helping storeroom, also a donation by Melissa and R.C., which is much sturdier than the old shelving and far more able to bear the weight of cases of canned goods. The third wonderful gift is the purchase of two new sauté pans for the church kitchen, one of them with a lid. This gift came from the women of the church, and while everyone who uses the kitchen will appreciate them, we KNOW how useful they are, as we have already used both for 2<sup>nd</sup> Helping.  
**MANY THANKS TO THESE WONDERFUL FOLKS!**

## Community News

### Exploring Adoption Workshop

**Sunday June 28, 1:00 P.M. at First Congregational Church, Andover Hall** This meeting is the first in a series to introduce different options to interested families. Martin Bauer will discuss legal factors of matching, the legal process of adoption, termination of parental rights, contested adoptions, and financial issues related to private and agency adoptions.

Kelley Casey will talk about adoption home studies and post-placement reports. The role of the adoption social worker and the responsibility of the adoption family will be discussed.

A panel of adoptive families will be available to answer questions and to share their personal private adoption experiences. Please contact Kelley Casey to register at 785-564-0740.

### From Loss to New Life Support Group



**beginning July 7 at 323 Poyntz Ave**

Homecare and Hospice invites you to participate in a five-week grief and loss support group. The group will meet twice a week for five weeks from 5:00-6:30 P.M. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Homecare and Hospice conference room. Our goal is to provide support and education to individuals moving through the grieving process due to the loss of a loved one in the recent or distant past. If you would like to attend please RSVP to Dan Clayton at 537-0688 or via email at [socialwork2@homecareandhospice.org](mailto:socialwork2@homecareandhospice.org).

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">July 2009</h1> 			<b>1</b> 11:30 Lunch Bunch 7:00 Board Meetings	<b>2</b> 7:00 Taizé	<b>3</b> 9:00 Crisis Center Meeting 6:00 Storytime	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 10:45 Worship & Communion <i>Fill the Breadbasket</i> 12:00 Fellowship Hour 5:15 Second Helping	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:00 Taizé	<b>10</b> 9:00 Crisis Center Meeting 6:00 Storytime	<b>11</b> 10:00 N.C. Assn. Committee on Ministry
<b>12</b> 10:45 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Hour 5:15 Second Helping	<b>13</b> 12:00 Newsletter Deadline	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6:00 Vitality Team 7:30 Cabinet	<b>16</b> 7:00 Taizé	<b>17</b> 9:00 Crisis Center Meeting 6:00 Storytime	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 10:45 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Hour 5:15 Second Helping	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00 N.C. Assn. Clergy	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:00 Taizé	<b>24</b> 9:00 Crisis Center Meeting 6:00 Storytime	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 10:45 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Hour 5:15 Second Helping	<b>27</b> 12:00 Newsletter Deadline	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:00 Taizé	<b>31</b> 9:00 Crisis Center Meeting 6:00 Storytime	

## *July Birthdays*

1	Erika Wurst	21	Lois Sauer
1	Sharon Keane	21	Dustin Hayes
3	Matthew Logan	22	Jordan Schuette
5	Ellen Logan	22	Amber Briggs
7	Pate Willingham	23	Allison Penner
7	Ann Gleason	25	Mary Lee Cochran
8	Linda Richter	26	Bonnie Lynn-Sherow
9	Carmen Caffey	27	Kay Garrett
12	Jim Hodgson	28	Zac Caffey
15	Al Gerth	29	Gina Davidson
15	Frank Sidorfsky	29	Ben West
15	Grizelda MacDonald	29	Robson Hanna-White
16	Caleb Bigsby	30	Debbie Hortin
17	Tim Dayton	31	Karen Maddox
20	Chantel Vogel	31	Skyler Hawk
20	Amanda Tross	31	Dave Karnowski
20	Sandy O'Grady	31	Marsha Tannehill
21	Colin O'Grady	31	Sara Logan



## *July Anniversaries*

14	Andy & Mary Ellen Barkley
26	David & Allison Karnowski

# *July*

## *Dates to Remember*

<i>July 1</i>	Lunch Bunch Board Meetings
<i>July 5</i>	Fill the Breadbasket
<i>July 13</i>	Newsletter Deadline
<i>July 15</i>	Vitality Team Meeting Cabinet Meeting
<i>July 27</i>	Newsletter Deadline

