

## Sermon Notes

### **WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH!**

We are glad you are here today. Each week we have a number of guests. Some are members of another church visiting family or friends. Some are looking for a church home. Whatever has brought you here today, we are glad to have you. We are interested in knowing you and we encourage you to record your attendance in today's worship.

We love to have children in worship! There are games, activity books and clipboards with crayons available in the entry hallway. Please help yourself or ask an usher. If you desire, a nursery with pagers, is located in Hess Hall. Nursery care is provided at all three worship services, as well as during Sunday Church School.

All of our services of worship offer a blend of historic and creative styles of liturgy and music, yet each service is a unique worship expression. Each service is enhanced by visual screen projections.

#### **8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Celebrations**

*We offer our praise to God with hymns ancient and modern, accompanied by the majestic sounds of the pipe organ and the regular participation of music ensembles.*

#### **9:10 a. m. Worship Celebration**

*Led by the sounds of a music ensemble and praise team, we sing "a new song" to the Lord.*

#### **10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Church School**

*Classes offered for 2 year olds through Adults.*

#### **8:30 - 10:20 a.m. Fellowship Time**

*You are invited to greet one another and enjoy some refreshments in the SERVE Center.*

***Our Mission... We are called to be a servant church where new and lifelong Christians are becoming deeply committed followers and servants of Jesus Christ.***

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP

January 15 - January 21

- Today: 8:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:10 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Church School
- 10:50 a.m. Sonshine Choir Rehearsal - Rm. 5
- 10:50 a.m. Celebration Singers Rehearsal - Chapel
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
- Mon: 9:15 a.m. Mother's Bible Study - Rm. 15
- 6:00 p.m. Quilting Group - Rm. 8
- 6:00 p.m. Brownies - Rm. 7
- 7:00 p.m. Lamplighters Circle - SERVE Center
- Tues: 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Pastor's Office
- 1:00 p.m. Quilting Group - Rm. 8
- 6:00 p.m. Brownies - Rm. 5 & 7
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts - Scout Rm.
- 7:00 p.m. Venture Crew - Rm. 19
- Wed 5:15 p.m. W.E.C.S. - Hess Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Bells - Rm. 2
- 6:15 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Middle School UMYM
- 7:00 p.m. Mary/Martha Circle - Manelia Stephenson
- 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Bible Study - Frazier's
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Thurs: 9:00 a.m. Intercessory Prayer Group - Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Deborah Circle - SERVE Center
- 5:15 p.m. S.T.E.P.
- 6:00 p.m. T.O.P.S. - Rm. 8
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare - 15 & 19 (last)



## STEPMC Soup Supper

Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5 - 7 pm

Church of the Brethren, Carrie & Euclid, McPherson

Free-will donation

Show your support for STEPMC!

For more information contact Neisha Dahlstrom 242-6781

## Interested in Membership at FUMC???

You can let us know in one of three different ways:

1. Check "Wish to Join the Congregation" on the attendance pad & leave your contact information and we will be in touch with you.
2. Call Lori at the church office at 241-3626.
3. E-mail Lori with your interest at [lorifumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lorifumc@sbcglobal.net).

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Visit us on-line at [www.mcphersonfumc.org](http://www.mcphersonfumc.org) !!

Find Us On Facebook!

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### First UMC Lay Staff

Church Secretary	Lynette Pauls
Coordinator of Evangelism & Volunteers	Lori Persigehl
Financial Secretary	Charlotte Becker
Children's Ministry Assistant	Lori Jantz
Middle School Youth Coordinator	Sara Rice
Senior High Youth Coordinator	Darren Frazier
Lay Visitor	Frances King
Custodian	David Hobson
Nursery Care	Anna Mears, Veronica Mendez, Katelynn Reed

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After the 9:10 worship celebration join us at 'The Gathering' in the SERVE center! After your kids are settled in Sunday school, find something to drink and grab a chair to catch up with old friends and make new ones. The time will begin with informal conversation and end with

a bit of spiritual nourishment. Come when you can, any time you can (during the church school hour), and as often as you like! If you are looking for a place to connect or to hang out, there is a place for you at 'The Gathering'!

## WORSHIP LEADERS

|                   |                                                                 |
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| Lead Pastor       | Rev. Michael F. Marion                                          |
| Pastor            | Rev. Karen Rice Ratzlaff                                        |
| Pastor            | Darren Frazier                                                  |
| Pastor Emeritus   | Dr. Harold E. Nelson                                            |
| Organist          | Joyce Hall                                                      |
| Director of Music | Nick Griggs                                                     |
| Acolytes          | 9:10 Alexandra Stout & Gillian Martin                           |
| Liturgists        | 8:00 Darlene Harms                                              |
|                   | 9:10 Debbie Gieselman                                           |
|                   | 11:00 Kay Harman                                                |
| Greeters          | 8:00 Bob & Carolyn Geiman                                       |
|                   | 9:10 Bob & Darlene Lundberg;<br>Michael & Kandee Schneider      |
|                   | 11:00 Nadine Nichols, Mickey Griffith;<br>Dick & Glenda Murray  |
| Ushers            | 8:00 Liz Smyres, Donna Elliott,<br>Barb Eberle, Marlena Regier  |
| Usher Chairman    | 8:00 Marlena Regier                                             |
| Ushers            | 11:00 David Nigh, Ron Anderson,<br>Dick Keefer & Wayne Chartier |
| Usher Chairman    | 11:00 David Nigh                                                |
| Head Ushers       | 8:00 Dean Elliott & Gene Johnson                                |
|                   | 9:10 Kevin Johnson & Brad Williams                              |
|                   | 11:00 Howard Hall & David Ward                                  |
| Power Point       | 8:00 Travis Hoover                                              |
|                   | 9:10 Brad Mears                                                 |
|                   | 11:00 Brad Mears                                                |
| Sound             | Craig Harms                                                     |

## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

**In the Hospital:** Martha Howe in McPherson; Bob Coe in St. Francis

**Dismissed:** Al Rivett, Olivia Inman, Mel Spencer

### Birthdays this week:

Jan. 16 Natalie Ratzloff, Libby Spaht  
 Jan. 17 Steve Kresky, Caiya Stucky  
 Jan. 18 Dean Elliott, Arylis Phillips  
 Jan. 19 Ike Bauer, Tara Dahlstrom  
 Jan. 20 Dave Bernhardt, Linda Colle, Aaron Koehn, Kristen Payne, Sailor Peterson, Kayla Swartz  
 Jan. 21 Ron Willems  
 Jan. 22 Charlotte Becker, Brad Eisenbarth

### Anniversaries this week:

Jan. 20 Tom & Darlene Harms

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### † Our Sympathy to . . .

Arylis Phillips & family in the death of her husband, Gail on January 6th.

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Just a reminder that next Sunday is Food Bank Sunday. If you would like to donate to the McPherson County Food Bank, please bring non-perishable food and place it in the container in the SERVE Center.

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If your college student will have a change of address, please notify the church office at 241-3626 or mcphersonfumc@sbcglobal.net. Thank You!!

**Missions at Work**

The Missions Ministry Team sells Dillons Certificates each Sunday morning from 8:30 - 11:15 a.m. Proceeds are used to help finance Work Camps and other mission projects. The certificates may be used the same as cash at any Dillons store, except for the purchase of tobacco, alcohol, prescriptions, postage and lottery tickets. Remember to read your certificates...they may be redeemed at other places besides Dillons, including gasoline at the Kwik Shop. **The church receives 5% of the value of the certificates.** We feel this is a way to raise a significant amount of money for the church and not be an additional cost to our congregation.

**Selling certificates today: Marlena Regier**



**WEDNESDAY EVENING CHURCH SUPPERS**

**(W. E. C. S.)**

**January 18, 2012**

**MENU:** Huntington Chicken, Carrot/Pineapple Jello, Green Beans, Roll & Sugar Cookies

**ALTERNATE ENTRÉE:** Kraft Macaroni & Cheese

Suggested donation (regardless of entree selection) is:

Adult: \$3.50 & Youth/Children: \$1.00.

**Reservations are required by Noon on Tuesdays.** Please mark your reservation on the attendance pad, call the church office at 241-3626 or e-mail your reservation to the church office at: [mcpersonfumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mcpersonfumc@sbcglobal.net).

You may also sign-up to be on the permanent list. With this option, you would only have to notify the church office if you need to cancel your reservation or change your entrée selection.



If any persons are interested in being a part of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, please contact Tonya Olson at 241-1273. The Prayer Shawl team knits or crochets prayer shawls to be blessed and given to persons both inside and outside of our church to remind them that the love of our Father surrounds them in their times of need. Contact Tonya for more information.

**Make Calls for VBS Volunteers**

**In February, the VBS planning team needs persons willing to make phone calls to recruit volunteers for Vacation Bible School.** The calls would primarily be to those who have volunteered for VBS in the past. If you could help with this, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office. Thank you! Questions? Ask Casey Stucky.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



**Vacation Bible School Teams are Forming  
Operation Overboard: Dare to Go Deep with God!**

It is time to begin planning for Vacation Bible School! The Planning & Decorating Teams will begin meeting at the end of Jan./1st of February. After the first meeting, the times and dates of future meetings are set to fit the schedules of the people on the committee. The decorating committee is responsible for decorating hallways, the sanctuary, & Hess Hall. The Planning Committee finds teachers, plans the schedule, special events, and much more. If you would like to assist in planning for this special event, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Questions? Ask Casey Stucky or Lori Jantz. Thank you!

\_\_\_ Decorating Committee

\_\_\_ Planning Team

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

***Faith Celebrations:***  
***Yearly Theme: Choose Abundant Life***  
***Bible Story: The Healing Miracles***

***Dates: Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> - Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> / 4 Leaders Needed / 7 Weeks***

The children will experience the Bible Story for 7 weeks. You may lead the station 1- 3 times, depending on your availability. Please mark the dates you are available and the activity you would like to lead. Return it to the church office. Thank You!

\_\_\_ **Bible Characters Alive:** Participate in two activities with altered vision and then hear the story of Blind Bartimaeus. Create God's eyes to remember the healing of Bartimaeus.

\_\_\_ **Bible Improv:** Capture the miracle healing of the Gerasene demoniac using digital photography.

\_\_\_ **Created by the Spirit:** A clip from *It's a Wonderful Life* will begin the exploration of the healing miracles. Create face-filled chalices as a reminder of all the people that seek & receive healing from Jesus.

**Eat Your Way Through the Bible: Thank you Diane Mears!!**

\_\_\_ **Faith Today:** After learning how being unclean meant exclusion from the community at the time of Jesus, create a soap project to be donated.

**Mary & Martha's Bed & Breakfast: Thank you Dianna Heidebrecht!!**

\_\_\_ **Moved by the Spirit:** Play games that reinforces several of the Healing Miracle stories.

\_\_\_ **Puppetry:** Create a puppet show of the healing of the lame man who was lowered through the roof.

**Video Live!: Thank you Bradley Klatt & Lori Jantz!!**

\_\_\_ **Where in the World Is?:** Study the geography of the sheep gate in Jerusalem while talking about Jesus healing a lame man on the Sabbath. Make a seed starter kit to understand how this miracle became a seed for Holy Week.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle the dates you are available:**

Feb. 5            Feb. 12            Feb. 19 / Large Group Activity

**If you leading 1 -2 times, which age groups would you like to teach?**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade            2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade            4<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Sr. High Mid-Winter Retreat**

January 20-22, 2012

7:30pm-11:00am

\$50.00 per person (\$40.00 if you bring 10 canned foods)

***First United Methodist Church***  
***1106 N Main Street***  
***Garden City, KS 67846***

**What to Bring**

- \$10.00 or 10 cans for the local food shelf
- Pillow/bedding/mattress pad
- Pajamas
- 3 sets of clothing
- Church appropriate swimwear
- Bible, notebook, pen, etc.
- Sports equipment (optional)
- Towel
- Toiletries
- Close-toed shoes

**What Not to Bring**

- Drugs/alcohol
- Weapons of mass destruction
- Fireworks
- Cell phones

**For more information**

Samantha Silver (youth) – [samiamvolley@hotmail.com](mailto:samiamvolley@hotmail.com)

Brian Faust (adult) – [brian@fumcgc.com](mailto:brian@fumcgc.com), 620.275.9171

The place that you can register for the retreat is [allthingsyouth.com](http://allthingsyouth.com)

Midwinter is just a High School retreat.