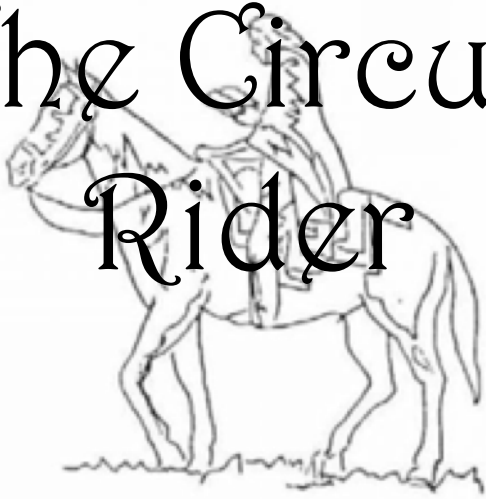


# The Circuit Rider



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Grace and peace to you!

As I am writing this letter we have wonderful people working in the gym to prepare for the rummage sale this weekend. What a great gift to have these organizational skills given to the project! Amy Taylor and Nancy Fugate have been working for several months promoting the sale, getting food trucks to serve lunches and scheduling members to work the sale. This garage sale is to benefit one of our mission projects with Opportunity Zone. OZ, an outreach of the Wichita Children's Home, is a drop-in shelter for homeless teens. Each month we provide a meal for the youth and staff of 20 with the funds raised from the garage sale. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Katie in the church office. Your expenses will be reimbursed.

Camp ACTS will be on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m. starting on June 14. A great planning committee met on May 22 to plan this summer mission project. Camp ACTS will primarily engage elementary school age children with enrichment activities to maintain, and possibly increase, their academic standing over the summer. Each week will have a theme carried out with fun activities promoting math, reading, language arts, science and compassionate response to the world. If you are available to assist with this new ministry of University United Methodist Church, please contact Katie in the office. We will need help with the various activities, preparing and with cleaning up after the snacks. We also would like to help our adult neighbors with conversational English. This would be as simple as sitting in conversation to know a new friend. You may hear the call from the Spirit to be available to volunteer each week or just once. Opportunities to serve will include middle school ages through adults. Child care will be provided each session. I give thanks and praise to God for this wonderful movement of the Spirit in our church.

Lucy Pierce and I will be participating in the Great Plains Annual Conference in Grand Island, Nebraska June 7-10. Annual Conference is the time when the business of the Great Plains Conference is conducted. Laity and clergy come together to vote on important matters for the church. Lucy and I ask for your prayers during this time of preparing.

The youth of the church are preparing for their annual day of mission in the community before going on the mission trip to San Marcos, Texas. Please keep these young people in your prayers as plans are made for their time of service.

I am looking forward to a fun series of sermons seeing our faith in the cinema. On Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. we will have movie night in Fellowship Hall followed by a brief discussion of the movie's theme. The following Sunday the sermon will explore those same themes. The series will begin on June 5 with *Beauty and the Beast*, June 12 will be *The Lion King*, June 19 will be the newest Disney film, *Moana*, followed by *Finding Nemo* on June 26. These movies have incredible themes of living our faith as well as giving us the courage to share our faith with others. This will be a family friendly, all ages welcome, good time to be had evening of fun. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors. Popcorn will be served.

June 4<sup>th</sup> is the day of Pentecost when the spirit came among the people. We will be holding lunch, resource team meetings and Administrative council after worship on the 4<sup>th</sup>, a week earlier than usual. We will also bless the playground and nursery renovations. It will be a great day of celebrating the church.

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Campus Ministry Connect: <http://www.wichita.edu/cmconnect>

## Calendar May 24- June 3

### Wednesday

10:30 a.m. – Line Dancing

### Thursday

### Friday

Office closes at noon

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. - Garage Sale

### Saturday

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Garage Sale

### Sunday

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

### Monday

Office Closed – Memorial Day

### Tuesday

11:45 a.m. – Read & Eat Book Club

### Wednesday

10:30 a.m. – Line Dancing

### Thursday

### Friday

Office closes at noon

### Saturday

Please Remember in Prayer:

Roger Williams, Tiffany Dick

Curt Terflinger

Raymond Downs, Lance Dixon

Susan Daniel-Brey

Connie Shepherd, Amos Nsabimana

### Attendance

May 21

### Worship

105

### Sunday School

64

### General Offering

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### May 28

### Acolytes

Trestin Tilley  
Corbyn Chalfant

### Ushers

Dot McNicol  
Jack Greene  
Barbara Carlson  
Dennis Duell

### Administrative

### Ministry

Keith Miers  
Vicki Johnson

**All Church Garage Sale**  
**Friday, May 26 8am-5pm**  
**Saturday, May 27 8am-3pm**

### Prayer for the week

O God, like a good shepherd searching for a lost lamb, like a woman looking for a lost coin, like a father redeeming his son, your love is rich beyond our deserving. You never forsake us, no matter how far we move from you. We thank you for all you have done for us. Give us strength by the Holy Spirit, that we may grow in faith and increase in love for you. May our service and witness bring you honor and glory; in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen. (from the Book of Worship, 1999)

**Reading ahead:** Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

Tell your friends and neighbors to come out and support our sale. Proceeds will fund monthly meals at Opportunity Zone. OZ is a drop in shelter for homeless teens and it is an outreach of the Wichita Children's home.

We will also be selling freshly baked Chocolate Chip Cookies, Cinnamon Rolls, Coffee & Fresh Hot Popcorn. Bottled water will be available to wash it all down!

Food trucks will be in the west parking lot for lunch. Friday-Gaga's Grub & Lynns Curbside Carryout Saturday- Hot-2-Trot & Pittmaster BBQ

### **MISSION PROJECT FOR MAY**

Our Mission collection for the month of May is **peanut butter and jelly!** This will be collected throughout the month in the narthex and then donated just in time for children to be out of school. Items will be collected through Sunday, June 4.

### **NEW MISSION OPPORTUNITY**

Opportunity Zone has added a few new hours and are in need of additional meals. If you could provide one, please contact [Rhiannon\\_SOS@wch.org](mailto:Rhiannon_SOS@wch.org). University is committed to one meal a month, but I know that they need a list of backups to help out. Once a month is not a very large commitment but will mean so much to those in need.

Opportunity Zone has also put out a request to help at Riverfest. They have two booths to help with lost children and to provide information about Opportunity Zone.

### **FUTURE MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

Throughout the summer we will be helping Cloud Elementary Students get ready for school with supplies, backpacks, and uniforms; working with the Bible School in providing diapers to the Treehouse; and collecting snacks for Ronald McDonald House. Keep this in mind as you see any of these items on sale.

### **CONCERNED ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE? ATTEND WICHITA “WEAR ORANGE” RALLY!**

When: Saturday, June 3, 2017, 7:00pm  
Where: Warren Plaza (Near the Warren Old Towne Theatre)  
323 E. Morris Street  
Wichita, KS 67202

Wear Orange is a nationwide movement to honor victims of gun violence. A community rally will be held on the evening of June 3<sup>rd</sup> to raise awareness on these issues. Under recently enacted Kansas legislation, open gun carry will be permitted on WSU and the other state college campuses and in state hospitals, including mental institutions beginning July 1. Please come and lend your voice to the call to end gun violence. Wichita City Councilwoman Lavonta Williams and State Representative Jim Ward are scheduled to deliver remarks at the rally. For further information, see <http://act.everytown.org/event/wear-orange-2017>, or contact Bill or Marlene Wentz.

### **Hormel Completes Needed**

The youth are still in need of donations from our church family of "Hormel Completes" to take to Opportunity Zone along with the cookies we bake on June 7th. Please throw a couple of these treasures in your shopping cart the next time you shop for groceries and deliver them to the office soon. Thank you for supporting our outreach adventures! -Cathy and the Youth

### **E4 – Energy, Environment, Economics, and Ethics (5/22/2017)**

Westar-Dold Community Solar Unit Coming On-Line Soon ([www.westarenergy.com/communitysolar](http://www.westarenergy.com/communitysolar))

The Westar-Dold Foods Community Solar unit will come on-line within the next few weeks. The names of Dold products have been added to reflect a major investment in the project by the meat-packing company. The Wentz household is one of several hundred Westar customers that enrolled in the Westar solar program months ago, agreeing to a monthly surcharge to help fund this clean, sustainable energy project.

Utilities Petition KCC to Impose Penalties on Small Solar

I find it incredible that as Westar is bringing a 1.2 Mega-Watt solar PV (photovoltaic) unit (120 times the size of our UUMC 10 kW unit) on line very soon, they assert that much smaller units would somehow be disruptive to their operations.

Net metering is a policy that many states, including Kansas, have adopted to allow homes and small businesses producing wind and solar PV Wind energy to receive credit on their bills for excess energy that flows into the utility connection and is sold at full retail rate to customers down the line. Net metering allows small PV units like UUMC to utilize the utility connection like a battery. Only 3% of our UUMC solar energy exceeded our use last year, and we received credit for this. Westar is requesting that KCC reduce or eliminate net metering and/or impose a large fixed monthly fee on non-utility solar. The proposed changes would have no effect on UUMC, since existing net metering contract like our UUMC Westar grant would be grandfathered. *Wentz Comment: Adding a large monthly fixed fee or eliminating net metering could kill the emerging Kansas solar companies that serve homes and businesses. I have written to KCC under their “public comment” arrangement, to express my views on this matter, and will be happy to share my thoughts with those of you who are interested.*

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*Reminder: The views expressed in this column are strictly those of the writer, and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Pastor or the UUMC Administrative Council...Bill Wentz, UUMC environmental guru*