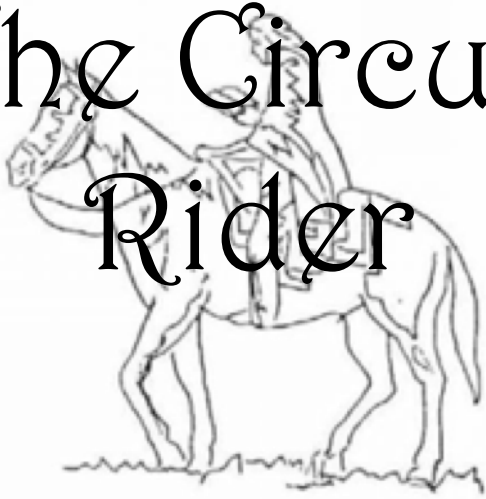


The Circuit Rider



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Grace and peace to you!

We started back with our Wednesday night programs last week. It was so much fun to roast hotdogs in the fenced playground area on the pavement. Thanks to Cathy and Randall Fooshee for bringing the fire pit and organizing a wonderful evening. Trust me when I say we have “s’more” fun at University United Methodist Church! The young ones enjoyed games on the lawn. The water balloon battles were well matched regardless of the size of the child! It was a time of reflecting on what it means to be a community of faith. We are a community caring for one another. We gather multiple times during the week and on Sunday mornings. We are still growing together in our faith journey. It is nice that we can all benefit in our relationships of community.

On Friday, September 15 as it was nearing dusk, a motivated group arrived at the Wichita Great Plains Conference office to load the flood buckets. The final count of 5,163 buckets loaded on the semi to head to Florida. UMCOR had met the need of flood kits for Hurricane Harvey. They requested our buckets be taken directly to Florida. Thanks to all who contributed to fill the buckets. Bishop Saenz was very pleased we were able to pack needed supplies while remembering the miracle of the loaves and fishes from when Jesus spoke to the people. It was an abundance of generosity that provided more than requested. Several churches were unable to get their buckets packed for this semi load so we know our numbers will only go higher. Thanks be to God for the caring response to those affected by the storms. I heard this morning that Hurricane Maria is rapidly gaining strength. Our prayers for the southeast continue.

The next few weeks will be busy at the church as we prepare for our second Artisan Festival. Nancy Fugate and Amy Taylor have been working for months on this project which funds our mission project for new comers. Many volunteers are needed for this to function properly. Please contact Jane Eshelman at 316-683-9658 to sign up. Volunteers are needed on October 20th and 21st. Funds are needed to purchase supplies for the meal and snacks which will be sold. There is a place for all to be involved.

Join the conversation on Sunday, September 24 at 4:00 p.m. with thoughtful listening and conversation around race and theology in the Parlor. Is our belief system impacted by our race? Does our race impact how we live out a call to follow Jesus? Join us to learn together.

Shalom,
Pastor Jo

Prayer for the week

Today, Lord, may I hear your word for us. We gather with lots of different thoughts and feelings. We are distracted by many things and yet, you draw us back to you, O Lord. You accept our messiness and our fickleness. And you continue to love us into your kingdom. We confess our attempts to escape your reach and to disregard your leading. Keep on speaking, Lord, until we hear and obey. Amen

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Reading ahead: 1 Samuel 3:1-21

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Calendar September 20 - 27

Wednesday

10:30 a.m. – Line Dancing
6:00 p.m. – Snack Supper
6:30 p.m. – Youth Group
6:30 p.m. – B*L*A*S*T
7:00 p.m. - Nursery
7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice

Thursday

12:00 p.m. – M&Ms Potluck Lunch

Friday

Office closes at noon

Saturday

Sunday

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. – Worship
4:00 p.m. – Conversation of Theology & Race

Monday

3:00 p.m. - Circuit Rider articles due

Tuesday

11:45 a.m. – Read & Eat Book Club
1:30 p.m. – KnitWits
6:30 p.m. – Wonder, Love & Praise

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Thursday

Please Remember in Prayer:

Gary Logan, Amos Nsabimana,
Curt Terflinger, Marjorie Walton
Martha Holroyd, Diana Alexander
Susan Daniel-Brey, Bill Daniel
Tiffany Dick, Sylvia Kulmeier
Erin Tombaugh, Lance Dixon

Attendance

September 17

Worship

121

Sunday School

64

General Offering

\$2277.00

September 24

Acolytes

Tristan Tilley
Olivia Downs

Ushers

Daniel Bohnenkamper
Bruce Walton
Larry Rector
Barb Carlson

Administrative Ministry

Vicki Johnson
Sandy Peterson

Help Dorothy Logan Celebrate her 95th Birthday

You are invited to celebrate with Dot during the come and go event on Saturday, October 14, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Reflection Ridge Retirement Center, 2300 N Tyler Rd, in the Celebration Room.

If you are unable to come a card would be appreciated. Cards may be sent to: Dorothy Logan 2300 N Tyler Rd Apt. 312 Wichita, KS 67205. Phone calls (316-838-5329) are also welcome, if you can catch her in her room! Thank you for any way you can make her feel special.

Diana Noffsinger 817-478-8291 & Sheril Logan 316-722-6708

Mature Methodists (M&Ms) will meet on Thursday, September 21st at noon with a pot luck followed by a program presented by the Threadbare Theater. Since we will have a few extra guests we bring a little extra food. Guests are always welcome – invite someone new! Contact Cheryl Lewis with any questions at 744-2171.

Dear Wichita University UMC,

I want to thank you for your generosity in regards to the recent flood victims in our nation. The Wichita East/West districts collected 708 buckets towards the bishop's conference challenge of 5000. Your contribution of 40 buckets will be a blessing to those affected, as well as provide a witness of the love and grace of Jesus Christ. I am humbled by the generosity of persons like you who make up the people called the United Methodist Church. May God bless you for being Christ's light in the world in so many lives during this time. In Christ, Mitch Reese – Wichita Area District Superintendent

Fall Artisan Festival – Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Fall Artisan Festival on Saturday, October 21st. Help is needed with:

- Moving furniture to clear space for our vendors (a few days prior to the event and immediately following the event)
- Assist vendors during set-up (one day prior to event)
- Greet and direct shoppers
- Provide vendor hospitality
- Serve lunch and bus tables
- Sell snack foods

For more information, contact Jane Eshelman at janeeshelman@cox.net or visit with Jane, Amy Taylor and Nancy Fugate at the Fall Artisan Festival table in the Narthex after Sunday's worship service.

A short volunteer meeting will be held Sunday, October 15 directly after service, in Fellowship Hall. All volunteers need a Fall Artisan Festival shirt which can be purchased for \$12.

October Sunday Study for Adults

Starting on October 1 at 9:15 a.m., you are invited to join in a 5-week discussion of the book, *The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*. This study kicks-off our fall stewardship campaign, **practicing fruitfulness**. Each week one of the practices will be the theme for our study, worship and sermon message. The study will conclude with Passionate Worship for our dedicated Stewardship Sunday on October 29. The five practices are:

- Radical Hospitality
- Intentional Faith Development
- Extravagant Generosity
- Risk-taking Mission and Service
- Passionate Worship

According to Bishop Schnase, congregations that experience the presence of these 5 qualities demonstrate health, vitality and fruitfulness. Used books are available on Amazon or contact Barb Campbell at barbtoft@aol.com if you would like an electronic copy. Please meet in the Gathering Place for this study.

- Barb Campbell, Stewardship Coordinator

Fred & Opal Kuhlman invite you to celebrate their 75th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, October 15, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Gathering Place.

FALL ARTISAN FESTIVAL-ANOTHER WAY TO HELP

Delicious food will be a big part of the Fall Artisan Festival which will be held on Saturday, October 21. We are in need of monetary donations to offset the cost of the food. If you're not able to volunteer on the day of the event, this would be a great way for you to contribute to the Festival. You can make your donation during the Sunday worship service. Make sure to put "FAF" in the memo section of your check or write "FAF" on one of the offering envelopes if you choose to donate cash. All proceeds from food sales will go toward our Refugee Fund.

E4 – Energy, Environment, Economics, and Ethics (9/17/2017)

WILL THE U.S. KEEP THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT?

EPA attempts to ignore/hide climate change. Scott Pruitt, Head of the EPA instructed employees to eliminate references to climate change. (Interfaith Power and Light, 13 Sep 2017) *Wentz view: Ignoring facts does not influence mother nature and physics. Climate change is real, and is producing increasingly painful and expensive consequences.*

Will decision to withdraw from Paris Climate Agreement be re-visited? Even though Candidate Trump campaigned against the Paris Climate Agreement, will President Trump re-visit that position? His national security advisor H. R. McMaster stated yesterday on national TV, "He (Trump) is open to any discussion that will help us improve the environment, that will help us ensure energy security and will advance our prosperity and the prosperity of American workers and American businesses." (Wichita Eagle, 9/18/2017) *Wentz view: Dear Mr. McMaster, I have a deal for you. Shifting to clean wind and solar will: (1) Improve the environment (Obvious); (2) Ensure energy security. (Wind and solar are abundant in the U.S., and eliminate the need to support dictatorial foreign governments and protect shipping lanes); (3) Advance the prosperity of American workers and American businesses. (We will save money spent on environmental cleanup and health costs related to black lung and other issues associated with fossil fuel extraction, transport and burning. We will also save lives lost by our citizens in military service protecting foreign energy sources.)*

GIFT TO THE PLANET...100% Renewables by 2050"
UUMC CREATION CARE (GREEN) GROUP: Not meeting this fall.

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