

The Messenger

Osage City United Methodist Church

"Intentionally sharing God's love so people will come to know Christ and serve as disciples for the healing of the World."

April 2018

Ponderings from Pastor Libby

Friends,

As I reflect on the nearness of Easter and the celebration of the resurrection I am reminded of my first Sunday with you. We paused and looked at the stained-glass windows and we saw in them the lilies of Easter, reminding us that we are a resurrected people. People who move beyond the crucifixion to the resurrection, new life. We believe in eternal life and the newness of life that comes from our faith and hope that originates in Jesus Christ.

One large stained-glass image, is of Jesus in the Temple with the scribes and the scholars as together they study the Word and learn what it means to take time to grow in faith. This scene reminds me of the journey we have been on as together we have been studying "A Disciple's Path." Together we have explored our membership vows, how they relate to scripture and the life of Jesus, and how they impact us in our faith journeys. Vows that guide us to rest with God in the Word, in prayer and presence, and then as we bring Christ to life in new ways with our gifts, service and witness, the actions of faith.

As we study the life of discipleship we learn that Jesus often paused for prayer and study, though this was not the end. It was his starting point, leading him to actively minister with others; offering healing, preaching, teaching, whatever was needed by those who followed him and those whom he encountered along the way.

As the dark cloud of death hung over him, he remembered his baptism - that moment when God's love washed over him as God said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." Through our baptism we not only share in Jesus' baptism, we share in his death and resurrection too. Romans 6:3-4 says, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life."

As we approach Easter, it is important to remember that we would not be celebrating the resurrection if it were not for the story that leads us there. Join us as we remember. . . the triumphant entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday), the last supper (Maundy Thursday), and the crucifixion (Good Friday). Together we take a disciple's path to the Resurrection.

How often did Jesus tell his disciples and others not to speak of the healing ministries and other acts he performed? Following his resurrection this changes as he tells Mary Magdalene, "go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" (John 20:17b) He sends her to witness, to the story of God's grace, mercy, and love. I'm delighted to be on this journey with you.

I am excited to welcome Mark Queen on April 8, to share his witness and the integral role generosity is to his witness. April 8 will be the first Sunday of "Sharing God's Blessings," our Annual Giving Campaign. Look for Rod Willis' note in the newsletter about our initial plans to walk in the newness of life as we move beyond Easter.

+Love, Pastor Libby

Active Shooter Response and Early Response Team Training

Saturday, April 7, 2018

Active Shooter Response 9:30– 11:00 AM

Emergency Response Team 12:30-5:00 PM

Osage UMC
219 S. 6th Street
Osage City, KS



Active Shooter Response Training

Have a plan, practice the plan!

How to evacuate or lockdown.
Select rooms with thick walls, solid doors that lock to lockdown in.
No single response fits all active shooter situations.
The best plan is to make sure that individuals know the response for multiple situations.

Practice!!!

Practice provides the opportunity to “get comfortable” with how to react in a positive way.

An **Osage City Police Department** officer will also join us to share information specific to the Osage City community.

Early Response Team Training

Come and learn: what is a disaster, how do we get prepared for a disaster, what we can do when a disaster strikes, how the disaster response plan is activated, how to be a caring presence to communities facing disaster recovery, and hear stories about how we do not harm the recovery process for individuals. ERT's respond only after they have been requested by the effected community.

Included in the ERT training is an UMCOR Verified Volunteers background check. You must also complete Safe Gatherings Training, that is done online.

Everyone attending must bring a laptop or smartphone to the training.

There is a \$25 fee for this training

Rev. Hollie Tapley, Great Plains UMC Conference Disaster Coordinator, will lead both training sessions.

Lunch will be provided by the Osage City UMW for a \$5 donation, please register for a meal when you register for the Active Shooter Training, if you are taking the Early Response Team Training it is included in your cost.

If you plan to attend both trainings, you will have to visit both sites to register.

Please register for Active Shooter Training and lunch by calling the church at

785-528-4443 or online at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0845ABA72CABFB6-active

To register for in the Early Response Team Training you must register on the Great Plains UMC website at <https://gp-reg.brapp.com/ERTOsageCityKS042018>.

Please register by Monday, April 2.

Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period

of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and Leadership Team. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Consecration Sunday Chairperson,
Rod Willis



***Growing
together
in faith.***

Kids ROC

Wednesdays 3:30pm - 5:30pm

*when school is in full session

At the Osage City UMC

For K-5th Graders! Bus rides to & from
are available.

Special projects & Field Trips!

Contact the Osage City UMC Office for
more info!

**COMING IN APRIL --- Family Bowling
Trip**

More details to come.

In the Spotlight

By Shirley Earhart

This month I am going to spotlight one of our outreach programs. Did you know there is a group of members, along with Pastor Libby who go to the local nursing homes? Pastor Libby reads scripture and gives a message & communion is provided for those who wish to participate. We also sing several of the old, familiar hymns, not always in the same place nor on tune, but all are sung with enthusiasm. Some of the residents attend regularly, and are grateful for the opportunity to worship & to celebrate communion. By the end of the service the attendance has increased, attracted by the singing & Pastor Libby's message.

The residents are very appreciative of the service and seeing their friends from our church.

Helping to provide church for the residents is a very fulfilling experience. Check the church bulletin for dates and time, or call the church office if you would like to join us.



The annual Boy Scout Blue & Gold Banquet was attended by many Scouts as well as dedicated leaders, parents & community supporters. Many boys competed in the cake decorating contest showing off their imaginative cakes depicting different aspects of scouting. The cakes are then auctioned with the winner then being declared by the highest bid.



April Calendar

- 1 EASTER SUNDAY
Sunrise Service—7:30 am
Easter Egg Hunt—9 :30 am
Worship Service—10:45 am
Osage Manor Service – 3:30 pm
- 4 Kids RoC—3:30-5:30 pm
Choir Practice—6:30 pm
- 5 Vintage Park Service – 1:30 pm
- 7 Active Shooter Training—9:30-11:00 am
ERT Training—12:30-5:00 pm
- 7 Topeka Rescue Mission Trip – 2:30 pm
- 8 Leadership Team Meeting after worship
Petersons Nursing Home Service –
3:30 pm
- 11 Choir Practice – 6:30 pm
United Methodist Women
Executive Session – 12:30 pm
Esther Circle – 1:30 pm
- 14 United Methodist Men – 8:00 am
- 15 NCS Team Meeting—3:00 pm
Leadership Team meets with NCS
Team—Depot Meeting Room—
5:00 pm
- 18 Kids RoC – 3:30-5:30 pm
Choir Practice – 6:30 pm
- 19 Harvester Mobile Food Pantry
- 21 Kids RoC – 3:30-5:30 pm
Choir Practice – 6:30 pm
- 22 New Consecration Sunday Meal—
Following worship
Petersons Nursing Home Service –
3:30 pm
- 25 Kids RoC—3:30-5:30 pm
Choir Practice—6:30 pm

May Calendar

- 2 Kids RoC—3:30-5:30 pm
Choir Practice—6:30 pm
- 3 Vintage Park Service—1:30 pm
- 6 UMW Sunday
Osage Manor Service—3:30 pm
- 9 Kids RoC—3:30-5:30 pm
United Methodist Women
Executive Session – 12:30 pm
Esther Circle – 1:30 pm
Choir Practice—6:30 pm
- 10 Preschool End-of-School Party—Lincoln
Park—5:30 pm
- 13 Petersons Nursing Home Service –
3:30 pm
- 11 Choir Practice – 6:30 pm
- 12 United Methodist Men – 8:00 am
- 16 Kids RoC – 3:30-5:30 pm
Choir Practice – 6:30 pm
- 17 Harvester Mobile Food Pantry
8th Grade Promotion—7:00 pm
- 20 High School Graduation—2:00 pm
- 21 Preschool Graduation—6:30 pm
- 23 Kids RoC End-of-School Party—Lincoln
Park—3:30-5:30 pm
UMW—Mary Elizabeth Circle—6:30 pm
- 27 Petersons Nursing Home Service –
3:30 pm



ECAT

ECAT is located on the corner of Lord & Martin in Osage City. They are open 12:30 -3:30 pm on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Needed are Instant potatoes, Mac and Cheese, Pancake mix, Pancake syrup, Soup & Cereal

Tidbits...

Don't forget to pick-up your monthly Messenger Newsletter! Or you can have it sent to your email or sent by snail mail if you prefer. Give Gwen a call at the church office to be sure she has your current contact information.

Always Here-Janice Robinett

Domestic violence is the abuse by one individual of another in an intimate or family relationship. Those most at risk are children, women, and the elderly. Abuse comes in many forms including physical violence, physical neglect, sexual violence, and emotional abuse. Abuse is defined as non-accidental physical, emotional, or sexual injuries. Neglect is the intentional or unintentional failure to provide for a child, elder, or disabled persons basic physical, emotional, educational, or medical needs. Signs of physical abuse can include injuries of the face, eyes, and neck. The abused person may be very reluctant to admit they are being abused. Battering is a choice made in order to control or gain power over another individual. Victims come from all ages, races, and social statuses. If you see something say something-we as a church community are here to support our entire community. If you need help or know someone that needs help we are always here for you and there are confidential resources available. God loves us and wants us to feel loved and cherished. Reach out if you need us. We Love because he first loved-1 John 4:19.

Confidential church liaisons for SOS Services, Inc., available 24/7 are:

Gwen Crane – 785-250-9946 or gwencrane@hotmail.com
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SOS offers free & confidential crisis services to victims of sexual & domestic violence.

April Worship Responsibilities

Communion Steward: Melanie White

Communion Servers: Tiffany Phillips, Lauren Phillips & Josi Garland

Worship Leaders:

- 1—Linda Carson
- 8—Lauren Phillips
- 15—Gary Lowman
- 22—Josie Thompson
- 29—Karen Gogolski

Young Disciple Message:

- 1—Pastor Libby
- 8—
- 15—Gwen Crane
- 22—Karen Gogolski
- 29—Kayla Green

Candle Lighters:

- 1—Allison Sloop & Brody Thompson
- 8—Olivia Phillips & Owen Bailey
- 15—Lillian Lohmeyer & Allison Sloop
- 22—Wyatt Bailey & Brody Thompson
- 29—Lillian Lohmeyer & Allison Sloop



May Worship Responsibilities

Communion Steward: Marilyn Geisy

Communion Servers: Josie Thompson, Kara Thompson & Gwen Crane

Worship Leaders:

- 6—Gwen Crane
- 13—Britton Hamman
- 20—Shelia Curley
- 27—Lori Thurston

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Sunday School (All Ages) 9:30 am

Worship Service—10:45 am

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