

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, August 28, 2016

- 8:10 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Coffee - Fellowship Hall
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Service
- 3:30 p.m. District Worship (leave at 2:30) - Wesley UMC

### Monday, August 29, 2016

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Pack/Troop 47

### Wednesday, August 31, 2016

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee with Pastor Nicole - Utopia

### Thursday, September 1, 2016

- 9:30 a.m. Clergy Connection - Wesley UMC, Parsons
- 5:15 p.m. Vision Team

### Sunday, September 4, 2016

#### Communion / Food Pantry Sunday

- 8:10 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Coffee - Fellowship Hall
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m. Pizza and Faith
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group - Youth Room

### Monday, September 5, 2016

#### Labor Day - Office Closed

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Pack/Troop 47

### Wednesday, September 7, 2016

- 9:30 a.m. Coffee with Pastor Nicole - Utopia
- 1:30 p.m. UMW Meeting
- 5:15 p.m. Trustees Meeting

### Thursday, September 8, 2016

- 2:00 p.m. Clergy Meeting w/Bishop Saenz - Parsons
- 6:30 p.m. Laity Meet w/Bishop Saenz - Parsons

### Saturday, September 10, 2016

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study - FUMC Parsonage

### Sunday, September 11, 2016

- 8:10 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Coffee - Fellowship Hall
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Service
- 3:00 p.m. District Youth Event (leave @ 1:30)-Wesley UMC

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# Life in the Church

Notes from the pastor.

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## Sermon Series

On August 21st, we will begin a new sermon series, Being the Body. We will explore what it means to be the Body of Christ both spiritually and physically. We will look at the intersections of our faith and our health and how we are called to be the church, the body of Christ.

August 21 - Being the Body: The Body

August 28 - Being the Body: The Heart

September 4 - Being the Body: The Head

September 11 - Being the Body: The Hands

September 18 - Being the Body: The Feet

## District Youth

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, September 11th from 3-5 pm, the Parsons District Youth will have an event at Wesley UMC in Parsons, KS. We will meet, play games, and plan a Winter Lock-In. This is a great opportunity for the Parsons District Youth Groups to come together, get to know one another, and grow in their faith together. This is open to Middle/High School Youth & Youth Groups. We will carpool either in the church van or Pastor Nicole's car. We will need to leave by 1:30 from the church. It would be great to have a van load!

## From the Great Plains Conference

The people of Kansas and Nebraska are no strangers to natural disasters, so they know when a crisis strikes, sometimes you need some help to overcome the adversity. So the Great Plains Conference of The United Methodist Church is inviting people of all faiths in the two-state area to mobilize to help the people suffering the record-setting flooding in Louisiana.

One of the biggest needs is a flood-bucket kit that helps victims start to repair the damage once the waters recede. Each fits inside a 5-gallon bucket. Most of the items (except the bucket) are available at most dollar or discount stores. More details about how to pack the bucket for easy transportation to the area in need can be found on the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) website at <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Relief-Supply-Kits/Cleaning>.

## **NOTES:**

### **Children's Sunday School**

Julie Thompson is organizing teachers for the children's Sunday School class. Please contact her if you are available to teach a Sunday.

Aug 28 - Julie Thompson      Sep. 04 - Julie Thompson  
Sep. 11 -                              Sep. 18 -

### **Welcome Reception for New Bishop**

The Parsons District will be hosting the first District Welcome in the Great Plains Conference for Bishop Saenz on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at Parsons Wesley UMC, 500 Leawood Dr, Parsons, KS in the fellowship hall. He will meet with clergy only from 2pm to 5pm. Then from 6:30pm-8:30pm he will meet with the laity of the District and any clergy who cannot make it in the afternoon. The evening reception is open to all in the District. Please spread the word to your congregations so we can have a good turn out to welcome our new Bishop!

### **Youth Group**

FUMC Youth is open to 7th to 12th grade students and those who have gone through confirmation. FUMC Youth meetings and events will be:

August 28- No Youth Group- District Worship  
September 4- Youth Group at 5:00 in Youth Room  
September 11- District Youth Meeting 3:00-5:00  
(leave at 1:45 from FUMC)  
September 18 -Youth Group at 5:00 in Youth Room  
September 25 - No Youth Group- Pastor Nicole Gone  
October 2 - Youth Group at 5:00 in Youth Room  
October 9 - No Youth Group - Pastor Nicole Gone

### **Fly Me to the Moon: Senior Prom**

Join us for an evening among the stars! This is an evening dedicated to giving the Senior Citizens of our community a night of reminisce and to have fellowship with one another. It will be held Saturday, September 10th from 5:00 to 7:00 at First Southern Baptist Church. For more information and tickets please contact Asbury Village (251-6270), Assisted Living at Windsor Place (251-0214), or Ford Wulf Bruns Chapel (251-3100).

## **NOTES:**

### **Wedding Announcement**

Pastor Nicole Schwartz and Jeremiah Eck would like to announce their Wedding Celebration taking place here at First United Methodist Church, on Saturday, September 24, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. with a Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP by September 14, 2016. You can do this by telling Pastor Nicole, going to [www.theknot.com/us/schwartz-eck](http://www.theknot.com/us/schwartz-eck), or calling her at 913-360-4500.

### **Church Council Meeting**

At our July 20th meeting, we reflected on the issue of homeless in Coffeyville and discussed ways to minister to the homeless community. We received an update from the finance committee on the financial shortfall for previous 2 months. We received an update on from trustees on playground plans as well as a motion (approved) to install security cameras covering the playground, entrance, and office, as well as a system that can be expanded to cover entrances. This is for the safety of children and families who use our playground as well as our staff and individuals who utilize our church for worship and other events. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 21st (3rd Wednesdays) at 5:15.

### **Hospital Notifications**

Pastor Nicole receives notification from the hospital when you are hospitalized **ONLY** when you put First United Methodist on your admission sheet for church/religious preference. If you are unable to do this, you can also let the nurses know to add it or have family contact Pastor Nicole so she can visit and pray with you. She appreciates any assistance with notifications so that hospitalizations do not get missed.

### **Liturgists**

The upcoming liturgists are:

Aug. 28 - Florene Carnes      Sept. 04 - Carmen Winston  
Sept. 11 - Dobbins              Sept. 18 - Laudine Luhn

If you have a conflict with a date as they are added, please let Pastor Nicole know so a change can be made. Thank you for adding more voices to the ministry and worship at FUMC!