



TO KNOW CHRIST, TO GROW IN CHRIST,  
TO GO AND SERVE CHRIST

Medicine Lodge  
United Methodist Church  
108 E. 2nd Ave., Medicine Lodge, KS 67104

Hi everyone!

It is sure a blessing to be here with you at Medicine Lodge UMC! I am very much enjoying being here, and I also feel God has gotten us off to a great start together! I'm praising Him for many wonderful blessings so far.

One thing that has been encouraging to me (among many!) has been the nice turnouts for worship service, and the numbers of people coming :-). Way to go, church, on inviting people and spreading the word!

I want to write this month about something to possibly stimulate some "thinking outside the box" creative ideas. I read a little article this week that talked about thinking of other "entry points" to church in addition to Sunday worship (an "entry point" being, the place or way new people first start to connect with the church). Now, we have some of these already, like Food Bank, Kids Club, pre-school, etc.

Here's the "outside the box" part - How can we more *engage* the people (or their families) who come to these church "entry points" such that they "come to see the church as an additional place of connection and belonging?" And/or, such that they start having opportunities to come into contact with, and begin to engage, the Christian faith and Jesus Christ? :-)

I'm asking you guys to be thinking about it - How can we help some of these people start to feel actually "connected" at our church, or "belonging" at our church? And/or, how can we help them begin to engage the Christian faith?

Here's an example - of my brainstorming on these things - What if we offered a Christmastime/Advent video study specifically for and specifically inviting the unchurched parents or families of those attending Kids Club, the pre-school and/or the Food Bank? Is

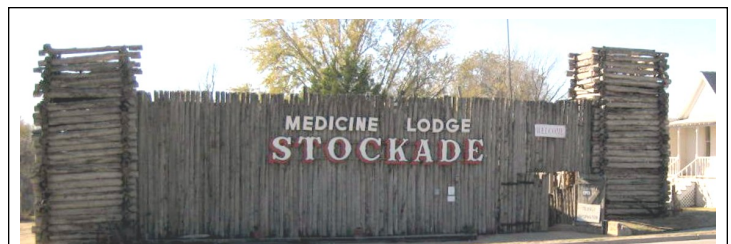
that a crazy idea? It would be targeted for these folks, designed for these folks, and made up of these folks. (Or, for a different option, we could specifically invite some of these folks to join in on an Advent group already planned for current church folk).

The article I read mentioned mission ministries (inviting some of these folks to participate in a local mission project with our churchmembers), other small group opportunities, "affinity group" opportunities (parenting, scrapbooking, yoga, personal finance classes - what are the community needs? and then creating a group to meet one of those needs), and also doing something to engage people with web, social media, and other digital opportunities.

So, I'm asking you guys to be brainstorming - How can we start to "connect" newcomers to our church, besides through our worship service? Keep inviting folks to worship, absolutely! You're doing great! God is blessing! And also, think about other "entry points" to the church, and how we can engage people with our wonderful church and our wonderful God!

Thanking God for all He's doing,

Love, Paul



Missions:

This past week there was a request in the paper to help prepare the Stockade for Peace Treaty. Let's plan as a church to help with this community project. Times will be announced in church.

# THANK YOU!

## Thank You!

- ✦ Mary Lou Hinz for organizing the choir room
- ✦ The guys from men's breakfast for carrying the tv upstairs
- ✦ Kay Steckman & Pastor Paul for helping Cheryl clear out Fellowship Hall for the Bloodmobile
- ✦ Chris Branden for folding the bulletins
- ✦ Jody Mullican for getting the newsletter ready to mail
- ✦ Tom Lee, George Palmer & Pastor Paul for pushing the rack of round tables to Fellowship Hall



“Children of the Day” Study Will begin Tuesday, Sept. 15 @ 6:30 pm

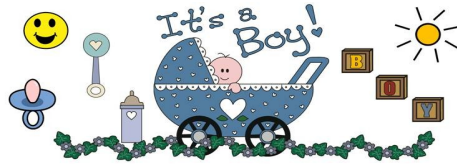
It is a 9 week study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians. If you would like a workbook they are available on amazon.com or lifeway.com or you can order one through the church by September 4 for \$17.50. You are encouraged to attend even if you don't have time to do the homework.

### Youthville School Supply Drive

Many of you have helped with school supplies for our local youth, now we have an opportunity to reach out to Youthville in Newton, KS. At Youthville, kids come and go all year long, therefore they are asking for donations of items to fill their supply room.

Two ways to give:

- 1) Help fill the box in the back of the sanctuary by bringing items such as backpacks, binders, notebooks, filler paper, calculators, pens, pencils, markers, rulers, scissors, glue, glue sticks and tissue paper.
- 2) Give a donation designated for Youthville school supplies



Congratulations to Leslie (Lukens) and Ryan Martin on their son, Houston Robert born August 12. Proud grandpa is Ted Lukens.



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1-Darrel Rhea
- 4-Kyle Wampler, Chris Branden
- 5-DaKota Urban, Anne Bryan
- 7-Tyce Lonker, Trey Orr
- 10-Pat Strong
- 11-Kaye Kuhn, Lacey Chance
- 13-Shane Carr
- 14-Mike Donovan
- 15-Mark Axline
- 16-Gene Jacobs, Cheri Lee Keefer, Brandon Phipps
- 17-Craig Mease
- 19-Wyatt Kolb
- 21-Jan Bertoglio, Elisa Stone
- 24-Art Slamal
- 25-Cindy Christensen, Addie Roe, Barbara Jones
- 27-Bruce Christensen
- 28-Randy Wampler
- 29-Joe VanLandingham
- 30-Dustin Keltner



**For UMYF starting dates and plans contact  
Joscelyn Nittler  
or Andrea Fisher.**



*Our Deepest  
Sympathy*  
**To the Family  
of Margaret Hough**



## UMW News

Faith Circle will meet September 14, 2015, with Pat Lawrence as hostess and Barbara Jones as co-hostess. Mary Lou Hinz will have the program and Pat Lawrence will have devotions.

Mary Martha Circle will meet on September 23, 2015, with Betty Dirks as hostess and Linda Suhler has the program.

**NOTICE....There will NOT be a UMW General Meeting on September 9, 2015. There will be a General Meeting later in the fall after Peace Treaty.**



### Extreme Kids Club Kick Off

Wednesday,  
September 9th  
5:30-6:30 pm

Hotdogs-Games-Drawings

Families are invited to come enroll their kids and stay for food and fellowship.

Extreme Kids Club will begin  
Wednesday, September 16  
3:50-4:15 pm

All kids Ages 4 through 6th grade are invited to attend.



We are thankful for those who have agreed to help with EKC and Sunday School. Anyone else interested in using their spiritual gifts to work with our youth on Sunday's and Wednesday's please call the office. You can be added to a Sunday school rotation calendar or to a group on Wednesday's. Jr High sponsors are also needed.

# September

### Sunday Schedule

- 9:30 am - Worship
- 10:45 am - Fellowship Time
- 11:00 am - Sunday School

### Wednesday Schedule

- 6:30 am - Men's Bible Study
- 3:50 pm - Extreme Kids Club
- 7:00 pm - Jr. & Sr. High UMYF

### Ushers

- 6-
- 13-
- 21-

### Greeters

- 6-Dallas & Patty Lawrence
- 13-Mary Lou Hinz
- 21-Mary Lou Hinz

### Acolytes

- Grace & Danielle Bedwell

### Readers

- Dorothy Stutler

### Children's Time

- 6-Sue Lee
- 13-Sue Lee
- 21-Will Schmucker

**Contact  
Elisa Stone  
or the church  
if you can  
serve on any  
of the empty dates**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 LABOR DAY CHURCH CLOSED	8 10 am Food Bank	9 5:30-6:30 pm Extreme Kids Club Kick-Off	10	11	12
13	14 10 am Food Bank	15 6:30 pm - Children of the Day Study	16 3:50-5:15 pm - Extreme Kids Club	17	18	19
20	21 10 am Food Bank	22 6:30 pm - Children of the Day Study	23 3:50-5:15 pm - Extreme Kids Club	24	25  Church Closed	26 
27  Church Service Downtown @ 8:30 am	28 10 am Food Bank	29 6:30 pm - Children of the Day Study	30 3:50-5:15 pm - Extreme Kids Club			



Community  
Worship  
Service on the  
Downtown  
Stage  
Sunday,  
September 27  
@ 8:30 am

**NO WORSHIP SERVICE OR  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
AT THE UMC**



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 Spencer Wartman, Lee's grandson  
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Elisa Stone 886-3030

**Trustees - Tom Lee 930-2072**

**Childcare Facilities-**

Emerald Bedwell 886-5320

**Weekly Schedule**

**Sunday Schedule**

Worship	9:30 am
Fellowship Time	10:45 am
Sunday School	11:00 am

**Monday Schedule**

Food Bank	10:00 am
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**Tuesday Schedule**

Bible Study	6:30 pm
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Men's Bible Study	6:30 am
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