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"Becoming passionately outward-focused for Jesus Christ."

> OFFICE HOURS Tuesday-Friday 9:00AM—12:00PM (but please call first!) Office closed on Monday

Ahhhh, the days are finally getting longer. I surprised myself the other day when I was working on something and looked up and saw that it was after five o'clock, and I didn't even know it. It was still light outside! How could it already be after five? I do look forward to Spring!

February begins with a continuation of our current sermon series: *Where You Are: Embracing the Familiar.* After the first week, we shift gears slightly. While our theme of *Where You Are* carries on, our sub-theme shifts to *Far Horizons.* Having considered the familiar where we are, we now raise our vision to the horizon and ask, "Where are we going?"

Perhaps a better question is, "Who are we becoming?" Living in the light of the epiphany of the Christ made flesh, we are called to become more—more as individuals certainly, but also more as a community. In Part 2 of the *Where You Are* series, we will look at aspects of this

beloved community and consider if this describes who we are and who we want to be. Some of this is within our grasp already, and we celebrate our strengths. But some of it may seem like a far horizon as we seek the Spirit's strength to grow into our calling as the body of Christ.

As Ruth reported to you in worship on January 12, our Advent and Christmas giving for a variety of ministries once again demonstrated the extravagant generosity of our congregation! These are highlighted on page four of this newsletter. Be sure and check out the totals there! Thank you again for all you do. UMCOR continues to respond to those affected by natural disasters throughout the world. Our continued giving provides much needed relief to victims of hurricanes and flooding in the southeast US and for those recovering from the wildfires in California. You are welcome to contribute to UMCOR at anytime throughout the year through your giving to the church. Just mark your offering UMCOR.

Did you know the church has a library? It is located across the hallway from the kitchen, and has a variety of resources for personal study and information. The church was recently given a number of items from Chuck and Donna Swank's book collection and these have been added to the volumes in the library. Please feel free to check out the books we have available at your convenience. If you'd like to take something home with you to read, just go ahead and borrow it. You don't need to have a library card; you don't have to write your name down on a card or a list; you just need to want to study the book further, and take it home. There is no due date. We trust that you'll bring it back when you're done. Or not. No one is going to harass you about it.

That's about it for now. As I write this, I'm looking forward to a week away for continuing education January 20-26. When I get back I will still have the yearend statistical reports to finish up and submit electronically by midnight (actually 11:59 PM) on January 31. The work of ministry doesn't always feel like ministry, but when it does, it's delightful. I look forward to February 1 and the rest of the month, and I hope your February is better than you can imagine! Blessings,

Pastor Kim

FEBRUARY 2025 SERMON SCHEDULE

Where You Are: Embracing the Familiar

February 2, 2025In Your Hometown (Luke 4:21-30)Where You Are: Far HorizonsFebruary 9, 2025Left Everything and Followed
(Luke 5:1-11)February 16, 2025Rejoice in that Day
(Luke 6:17-26)February 23, 2025Do to Others
(Luke 6: 27-38)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY:

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study is seeking a new leader. Let Pastor Kim know if you are interested.

Quilting Group

Meets on Mondays, 9:30 AM-Noon New ladies are always welcome!

Women's Friendship Circle Thursday, Feb. 20 - 10:00 AM

Thursday, Feb. 20 - 10:00 AM All women of the church and friends are welcome

SUNDAY SCHOOL Two Adult Sunday School Classes <u>are available</u>

Pastor Kim leads a weekly Sunday School class that meets in the Library each Sunday at 9:00 AM. We are studying the book "Getting to Good" by Rev. David Livingston.

The Crusaders Class is an adult Sunday school class that meets in the room just off Fellowship Hall. They participate in a number of different studies. This class also meets at 9:00 am.

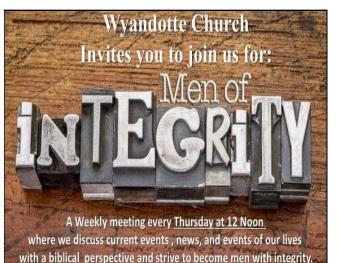
- All are welcome -Children's Sunday school is available when children are present.

NEWSLETTER

Newsletters are sent by e-mail. If you prefer a printed copy, please call or email the office and one will be sent to you.

Deadline for articles for the March Newsletter will be Friday, February 14, 2025. (please send by email to admin@wyandotteumc.com.)

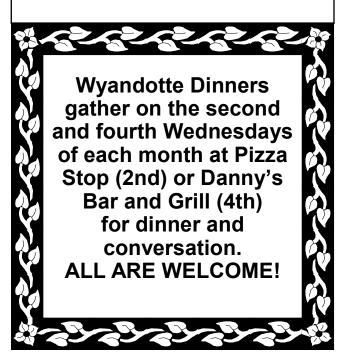
> NOTE Mailing of the March Newsletter will be Tuesday, February 25, 2025.



THE HUB ARGENTINE

At the Parsonage 1406 N. 79th Street.

The Outreach Committee has chosen The HUB, a ministry of the UMC in Argentine, to be a recipient of our congregational generosity. They have given us a list supplies to be made available in their free community market. There will be a different focus each month. For the month of February, the focus is paper towels, Ramen, mac & cheese, soups. Donations can be placed in the Fellowship Hall.



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2 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship Service Communion 10:00 AM	3 Quilting 9:30 AM-Noon	4 Retired WyCo School District Personnel 10:00-2:00 PM	5 S.H.A.R.E 3:00-7:00 PM	6 Men of Integrity Noon	7	8
9 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM	10 Quilting 9:30 AM-Noon	11	12 S.H.A.R.E 3:00-5:45 PM Wyandotte Dinner Out Pizza Stop 6:00 PM	13 Men of Integrity Noon	14 Valentines days Newsletter Deadline	15
16 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship Service Loud Offering 10:00 AM Ad Board 11:00 AM	17 Quilting 9:30 AM-Noon	18	19 S.H.A.R.E 3:00-7:00 PM	20 Women's Friendship Circle 10:00 AM Men of Integrity Noon	21	22 Game Night 5:00—9:00 PM
23 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM	24 Quilting 9:30 AM-Noon	25 Newsletter Mailing	26 S.H.A.R.E 3:00-5:45 PM Wyandotte Dinner Out Danny's Bar & Grill 6:00 PM	27 Men of Integrity Noon	28	



The Christmas and Advent offering for UMCOR came to

\$4510

bringing the total given by Wyandotte UMC for 2024 to \$8629.50

In addition we collected:

52 hats 67 pairs of gloves and mittens 5 pairs of socks & 3 scarves



These were delivered to the District 500 homeless liaison to serve the needs of families in our community.



Come unwind in the middle of a hectic week. Come enjoy a time of coloring and fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere. Join us every Wednesday from 3:00 - 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. At the parsonage, 1406 N. 79th St. All are welcome and need not be a member of the church to join.

Scripture Reader		
February 2, 2025	Fay Sturm-White	
February 9, 2025	ary 9, 2025 Ruth Miller	
February 16, 2025	Pat Gates	
February 23, 2025	Ramona Stowe	

If you'd like to read scripture on Sunday, get with Pastor Kim or contact the office at 788-5503.

Nursery at 10:00 am		
February 2, 2025	Kathy M & Pat Gates	
February 9, 2025	TBD	
February 16, 2025	Ramona	
February 23, 2025	TBD	

To volunteer in the nursery: You can sign up in the sanctuary or contact Ramona Stowe at: ramonastowe@gmail.com

Dear Church Family,

I am truly humbled and deeply grateful for your generous gift to support my music ministry. Your kindness and

thoughtfulness mean so much to me, and I am honored to serve this congregation through the gift of music.

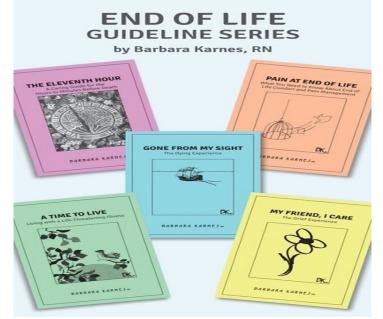
I pray for each of you to be blessed by the beautiful gift of music that God has given us. May the words and message wash over you and be pressed upon your hearts.

> With much love and gratitude, Fonda



Sundays 10:00 AM Worship with us ONLINE at www.wyandotteumc.com or

www.Facebook.com/WyandotteUMC/videos



The church has a series of booklets written by Barbara Karnes, RN that deal with end of life issues for people going through challenging times for themselves and loved ones. Please feel free to check them out through the office.

> If you have an address update or correction, please let the office know by calling: 913-788-5503 or emailing admin@wyandotteumc.com.

If you're not attending in-person worship, please continue to mail in your offerings. If you need offering envelopes, please call the office.

In the event of inclement weather...

If the decision is made to cancel Sunday school and the worship service or other scheduled events, we will do our best to inform you through the following methods:

- OneCall System – if you are not receiving our OneCalls to inform you about church events, please let Ken Sturm or Pastor Kim know so you can be added.
- Our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/wyandotteumc) You do not need to be a member of Facebook to access our page.
- Local television stations and their affiliates (Sunday school and Worship, only):

Efforts will be made to notify the following local stations and their affiliates if our Sunday activities are affected. If you don't see our church on their scroll at the bottom of the screen, please check their website. WDAF-4 KMBC-9 (affiliate KCWE-29)

KCTV-5 (affiliate KSMO-62)

KSHB-41 (affiliate KMCI-38)

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Need prayer? Have questions? Want off our mailing list? Call (913) 788-5503

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME SENSITIVE

Please save your Best Choice labels to support our involvement with the Cross-Lines Food Kitchen

Labels go in the box on the shelf above the coat rack in Fellowship Hall.

Would you like to see your name on the front of The Wyandotte Visitor? Sponsor the newsletter for \$50 and you will be recognized as the sponsor of the month! Call the church for details.

Help Raise Funds for Church Maintenance Projects

Maintaining the church building can be costly and you can help by purchasing gift cards from the Trustees. Orders can be turned in to Donna Lesher Order forms are available in the sanctuary, next to the offering box.

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

2/10	Renee Kimbrough	2/18	Nancy Bradbury
2/13	Kay Manherz	2/21	Anita Andrews
2/14	Dennis & Sharon Roscher	2/26	Sharon Roscher
2/15	Beth Eaton	2/26	Hazel Matlock
2/18	Ernie Arnote	2/26	Charles & Hazel Matlock
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Directory updates:

Bill Richey's address has changed to 13650 W. 110th Ter. Apt. #251, Lenexa, KS, 66215-4077 Donna Lesher's new email is pdlesher@icloud.com

Our charity quilting group has grown and always needs supplies. If you have unused fabric (especially bright colors), batting, fiberfill, or thread you can spare, please consider donating it to this ministry. They will use these materials to make neck pillows, fidget blankets, lap robes, and other items to improve the comfort of many people.

Thank you for your help!