



The WYANDOTTE VISITOR

2025



Advent is here, and with it, the new church year. The Season of Advent is one of the highlights of the Christian Year. With this season, we launch another cycle of living into the story of Jesus and the church that emerges—of which we are a part. The story of Jesus does not begin in Bethlehem over two thousand years ago. The story begins in Genesis with “in the beginning” (Gen. 1:1, NRV). The entirety of Hebrew Scripture influenced and informed Jesus’ life and ministry, and it also impacts how the Christian community views his death and resurrection. It is vital to remember that the story of Jesus doesn’t end with the Ascension. The story of Jesus continues into our present and is the story of where we are headed in the future. This Advent and Christmas season, we will explore God’s greater story of the past, how it can inform the present, and how that story carries us into the future.

As part of our celebration during Advent, we will experience some special music during our Sunday worship. On December 7, Fonda’s friend Lyle Parker will join us to play his trumpet, and on December 14th, a choir from the Ushindi Fellowship that meets at the former Metropolitan Avenue UMC will join us to bring their joyful celebratory worship music. Ben Blagg has once again been invited to sing on Christmas Eve, and he has accepted.

Staff . . .
Rev. Kimberly D. Dominic.....Pastor
Fonda Telthorst.....Worship Music Leader
Chase Manherz.....Administrative Assistant

Judy Belcher and Tim Platt will be married in a small ceremony at their home on December 6 at 11:00 AM. They have invited anyone from the church who would like to attend. Their address is 1731 North 73rd Terrace, Apt. 6 in Brougham Apartments II.

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7901 Oakland Avenue
Kansas City, Kansas 66112-2146

There will be a District-wide Charge Conference on Tuesday, December 9 at Grace UMC in Olathe at 6:00 PM. All are invited. If you would like to attend, but are concerned about driving that far after dark, please let me know, and we can plan to carpool. I still have 2-3 spaces left in my car, and we can find more if needed.

(913) 788-5503 (Church phone)

During the month of December, our Advent and Christmas offering for the United Methodist Committee on relief (UMCOR) continues, as well as our challenge to provide rolling, locking cabinets for the Hub’s Community Kitchen. More information is provided on Page 4 of this newsletter. You can make your donation to the church and mark it either UMCOR or HUB, depending on where you want to direct your giving, in the memo. Feel free to contribute to both, if you prefer.

Pastor’s E-mail:
kdominic@greatplainsumc.org

Other opportunities for holiday giving include our regular collections for the HUB, the Hat & Mitten Tree (gloves and scarves also welcome), and the Salvation Army angels. Also, don’t forget to get your orders to Donna Leshner for gift cards, beyond what she usually stocks, by December 7 to make sure you get them before Christmas.

Find us on Facebook:
<http://facebook.com/wyandotteumc>

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion service will take place on Wednesday, December 24 at 6:00 PM. Please invite your friends and family to join us for this always very meaningful service when we hear the stories of Christmas through scripture and song.

and on the Web:
www.wyandotteumc.com

Office E-mail:
admin@wyandotteumc.com

As we move into the New Year, we would like to be able to close out the books by December 31. Please make sure your offerings for 2024 are received by the church on or before the last Sunday, December 28.

This Visitor sponsored by:
“Anonymous”

Your name could be here!
See page 6 for details.

**“Becoming passionately
outward-focused for
Jesus Christ.”**

Finally (I think!), our monthly game night for this month will be moved from the fourth Saturday to New Year’s Eve, December 31. It will begin around 5 PM as usual, with no predetermined cut-off time. It’s doubtful that it will go to midnight, but you just never know!

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

I hope everyone has a wonderful Advent season, and that our church will continue to spread love and light to all we encounter.

Blessings,
Pastor Kim

Sermon Schedule

The Advent Tree

December 7, 2025	A People Seeking God (Isaiah 9:2-7)
December 14, 2025	Midwives of a Movement (Matthew 1:1-)
December 21, 2025	Expecting Jesus (Luke 1:46-56)
Christmas Eve December 24, 2025	Jesus Born in Bethlehem (Luke 2: 1-20)
December 28, 2025	Zechariah and Elizabeth (Luke 2:25-40)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY:

Women's Friendship Circle

Meets every month on the third Thursday at 10:00 AM at the church, All are welcome.

Women's Bible Study

Someone has stepped up to lead this study and has begun seeking materials. Stay tuned for more information in a future newsletter.

Quilting Group

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Two Adult Sunday School Classes are available

Pastor Kim leads a weekly Sunday School class that meets in the Library each Sunday at 9:00 AM. We use "The Wired Word" to look at contemporary issues through a scriptural lens.

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 January Newsletter will be
Friday, December 12, 2025.
(please send by email to admin@wyandotteumc.com.)

NOTE

Mailing of the January Newsletter will be
Tuesday, December 23, 2025.

Wyandotte Church
Invites you to join us for:

Men of INTEGRITY

A Weekly meeting every Thursday at 12 Noon
where we discuss current events, news, and events of our lives
with a biblical perspective and strive to become men with integrity.

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 December it is flour, holiday meats, desserts, and underwear.** Donations can be placed in the Fellowship Hall.

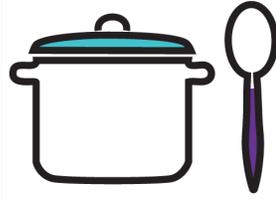
**Wyandotte Dinners out
gather on the second
and fourth Wednesdays
of each month at Pizza
Stop (2nd) or Danny's
Bar and Grill (4th)
for dinner and
conversation.**

No 4th Wednesday Dinner Out due to
Christmas eve

DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Quilting 9:30 AM-Noon	2 Retired School Personnel 10:00-2:00PM	3 S.H.A.R.E 3:00-6:00 PM	4 Men of Integrity Noon	5	6 Judy Belcher / Tim Platt Wed- ding 11:00 AM
7 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship Service Communion 10:00 AM	8 Quilting 9:30 AM-Noon	9 Northeast Kansas District Charge Conference (Grace UMC) 6:00 PM	10 S.H.A.R.E 3:00-6:00 PM Wyandotte Dinner Out Pizza Stop 6:00 PM	11 Men of Integrity Noon	12 Newsletter Deadline	13
14 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM	15 Quilting 9:30 AM-Noon	16 Northeast Kansas District Conference (Zoom) 6:00PM	17 S.H.A.R.E 3:00-6:00 PM	18 Women's Friendship Circle 10:00 AM Men of Integrity Noon	19	20
21 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship Service Loud Offering 10:00 AM	22 Quilting 9:30 AM-Noon	23 Newsletter Mailing	24 Christmas Eve Service 6:00 PM	25  <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Office Closed</div>	26	27
28 Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM	29 Quilting 9:30 AM-Noon	30	31 Game Night 5:00-9:00 PM 			

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



Neighbor's Kitchen

The Hub's upcoming **Community Kitchen** will soon be under construction, creating a welcoming space for the neighborhood to come together around food. Once open, it will offer hot meals for community members, nutrition classes, and support for aspiring food entrepreneurs, providing resources, training, and opportunities to grow their businesses. Wyandotte UMC has chosen to help in this effort by sponsoring the purchase of 1-2 Locking Rolling Shelves at \$629 each.

Each small business will get to use one of these cabinets where they can store their kitchen items safely. These will set a small business up for success, like Cake Dreams--a dessert company operated by a mom and her 2 daughters that will use the kitchen when it is completed.

We recognize funds are limited.
Please feel free to support one or both of these worthy organizations through your giving to the church during November and December.
Please mark your offering **"HUB"** or **"UMCOR"** to make sure it is properly assigned.



ADVENT GIVING FOCUS

Advent begins November 30, and the Outreach Committee has once again selected the work of **UMCOR** as our focus for Advent and Christmas giving.

United Methodist Global Ministries and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) strengthen United Methodist response to humanitarian crises around the world through disaster relief and recovery, migrant and refugee support, environmental sustainability, health education, and agriculture and food security.

SHARE



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 p.m. at the parsonage. All are welcome and need not be a member of the church to join.

Sundays 10:00 AM

Worship with us ONLINE at
www.wyandotteumc.com

or

www.facebook.com/WyandotteUMC/videos

Preaching Schedule

December 7, 2025	Margo Sims-Gardner
December 14, 2025	Rev. Kim Dominic
December 21, 2025	Rev. Kim Dominic
Wednesday, December 24, 2025	Rev. Kim Dominic
December 28, 2025	Rev. Kim Dominic

Scripture Reader

December 7, 2025	Robert or Carla Chadwick
December 14, 2025	Ruth Miller
December 21, 2025	Pat Gates
December 28, 2025	Ramona Stowe

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

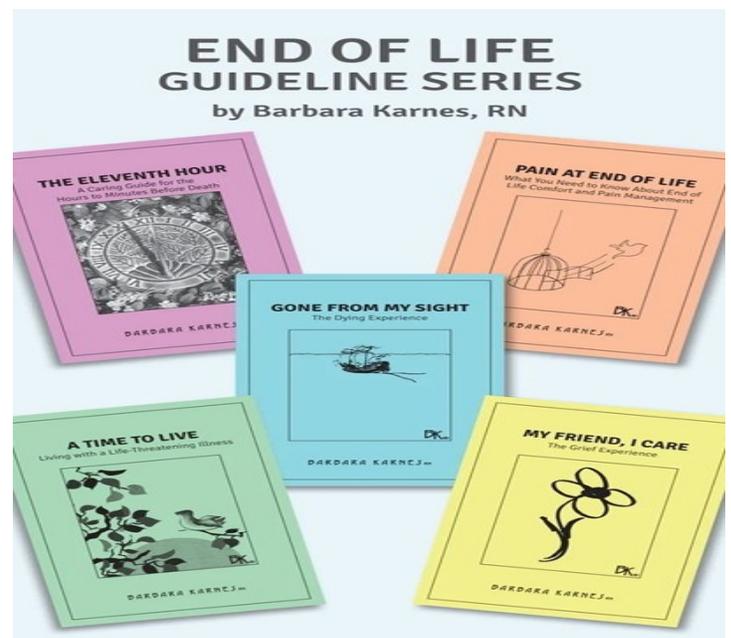
Nursery at 10:00 am

December 7, 2025	Kathy Manherz & Pat Gates
December 14, 2025	TBD
December 21, 2025	Ramona Stowe
December 28, 2025	TBD

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

Welcome New Member!!

Kristine Stevens
10604 Augusta Dr, Kansas City, KS 66109



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.

Address Changes/Updates

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c/o Homestead Estates, 12701 Pflumm, Overland Park, KS 66213

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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 Leshner
 Order forms are available in the sanctuary, next to the offering box.

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

12/1	Karen Wing Simmons	12/17	Bill Richey
12/1	Ashley Thomas	12/21	Luke Peterson
12/9	<i>Gail & Tobey Vertz</i>	12/21	Judi Whiles
12/10	Ben Blagg	12/22	Marissa Gaddis
12/11	Danielle Jaster	12/23	Carol Siscoe
12/13	Kim Dominic	12/26	Bill Whiles
12/13	Pat Gates	12/27	Dean Caldwell
12/15	Dayna Kerr	12/27	Carol Schierbaum
12/17	James Miller	12/27	Trey Stowe

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!