

April 2025

Spotlight



Young
Energetic
Seniors

Of Grace United Methodist Church, Olathe, KS

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A ministry by, with, and for persons over 55 of age



The Signs Are All Around Us! We've all been waiting. Perhaps we've been marking the time and preparing ourselves by doing Lenten devotions or attending classes. Maybe we are diligently observing some sacrifice we've determined for Lent. Or maybe we've decorated our house with Easter symbols and cute little Easter bunnies. But it is all to help prepare us for our most important observance in our Christian year. Easter season is the celebration of our renewed hope and promise of eternal life.

So what are the signs that I see popping up all around me? We drove to Phoenix the first part of March. As we traveled, we saw trees still barren of leaves, snow in many areas, and a general feeling that winter was still hanging on. Driving back last week, we noted the desert had begun to bloom with Cacti showing some flowers and desert bushes looking more green. The snow had mostly disappeared with only the highest peaks still showing white. As we came east, we saw trees turning green with new buds and the Redbuds blooming. We saw many more calves in the pastures and some fields had been fired in the Flint Hills and were already regenerating with fresh new grass. Spring was here and Easter was coming! My anticipation began to grow. I look forward to getting up early on Easter morning, looking at the sunrise and preparing for church, where we will sing joyous songs of praise. I pray you are feeling an excited anticipation too,

Happy Easter!



As Usual, Silver Set was a Great Success! Many of you were able to join together for good food and entertainment on March 23. As always, the food was superb. The Basement Boys provided a lively and entertaining program and a good time was had by all. We would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers that come on Saturday to help set up, prepare the food and decorate the tables. A special thanks to Don Ratzlaff for his help in the kitchen. This event would not be possible without these wonderful volunteers. If you know one of these volunteers, be sure to thank them. If you have questions or would like to help, call or text Joyce Christopher at (913)481-7131.



Have You Ever Played the Game of CLUE? If you have or even if you have not, you'll want to join others from our church family for the hilarious production of the smash hit taken straight from this board game. You can watch (and laugh) as a bizarre group of strangers come together at the ominous Boddy Mansion and spend an evening trying to solve a real mystery! Could it be the culprit is Professor Plum or Miss Scarlett? See if you can figure it out.

The date for our "Who Dunit" meal and mystery is August 6th. There are 42 tickets available and transportation will be on your own. Sign up sheets will be available after Easter. If you have questions, you can call Judi Goertzen at (913)948-3798.



Want to Meet New People Or Renew Old Friendships? Then you need to Come to First Fridays Fellowship. You can come, meet new people, have a cup of coffee or a treat, chat together and maybe even play some games (I hear Bingo is quite popular!) . The next First Friday will be April 4th at 10:00am till? in the Glass Class room. Come on, relax and enjoy yourself.

Reminders:



The YES Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, April 1st this month at 9:00am in the Chapel. All are welcome to join us. If you have ideas for programs, trips or tours, or special activities for Seniors, please come and share your ideas.

• If you have corrections that need to be made to the birthday or anniversaries list, please let Charlene in the Church office know or contact Betty Lammle at (913) 593-6655.

If you you have moved or know of someone who has, please let the Church Office know. Likewise, if you or someone you know is hospitalized, please contact the Office.

If you know someone who would like to have the Upper Room delivered or who is in need of extra comfort or support with a gift of a prayer blanket, you can contact Pastor Carin in the Church office with the name and circumstances.

Don't forget our Quilters. They can quilt for you for a donation they use for various missions.

As you are planning your monthly activities this spring, don't forget to look at the various small group ministries and fellowship activities. The schedules are in the Grace Notes and on the last page of this newsletter.



April Celebrations



Birthdays

- 1 Alice Besta
Joy Bondurant
Miko Kooken
- 2 Liz Dunsing
Phil Mallonee
- 3 Ken Lutgen
Jeanne Quinn
Ken Steele
Jane Stevens
- 4 April Baughman
Scott Keeps
Craig Smith
- 5 Henry Crow
Ken Stacy
- 6 Sharon Becker
Sarah Bartley
Roger Gardner
- 7 Lorene Boyd
Dick Branson
- 8 Sandi Ferneau
- 2 Robert Winchel
Jeannie Diener
- 10 Julie Beth Anselmi
Jim Joyce
Donna Sunderson
- 11 John Hake
Don Rogers
Diana Revelle
- 12 Betsy Schwab
- 14 Brad Hrabik
Jeff Hughes
Kathy Oltjen
Floyd Shoup
Daha Smith
- 15 Pat Becker
Mary Fonseca
Janice Myers
Wendy Nelson
- 16 Perry Cobb
Jack Dresslar
- 17 Doug Ahrens
Tom Schellhardt

- Steve Ziegler
- 18 Barbara Messer
- 19 Debby Brewer
Lyle Smith
- 20 Roberta Reece
Debbie Thomas
- 21 DeeAnn Hucksoll
- 22 Dave Anderson
Cindy Johnson
Kathleen Searle
Virginia Wagner
- 23 Linda DaMetz
Craig Hoover
- 24 Jean Buckley
Robert Diekmann
Katie Goyer
Susan Warren
- 25 Mona Ortol
- 26 Dennis O'Dell
Amy Waters
- 27 Jerry Bakker
Barry Dundas
- 28 Jody Brann
Joanne Kolosik
Rob Parrott
Kelly Rasor
- 29 Marianne Bertison
Carol Havenner
Linda Parks
Kris Spornitz
George Thompson
- 30 Rick Fisher

Anniversaries

- 2 Bud & Mary Baxter*
- 7 Paul & Susanna Fitzgerald *
- 8 Paul and Emily MacNaughton
- 10 Gary & Shelah Goyer *
- 11 Tom & Caryn Brown *
- 13 Matthew & Susan Nelson
- 14 Doug & Carolyn Ahrens *
- 15 Jim & Mary Barrett
- 17 Lisa & Tim Polka
- 21 Phil & Rexanne Owen
- 22 Cynthia & Perry Quick
- 24 Carol & Don Faulkner
- 25 Matthew & Shawna Walberg
- 27 David & Kerri Sample
- 28 Mike & Kim Biasella



*married 50 years or more

Special Interests and Small Groups

Quilting—Mondays - 9:00-1:00
Coord. Joan Shriver

Prayer Blankets - Coffee Shop
Coord. Elizabeth Easley

1ST Friday Fellowship - 1st Fridays 10:00—?
Coord Dian Steele

Women's Groups:
Conversation & Co. - 2nd Sunday 6:00 pm

Walking Group - 2nd/4th Tuesdays 9:00 am

Women on a Mission - 3rd Monday 7:00 PM

Crafting Group I - 2nd Wednesday 10:00 - 1:00

Crafting Group II - Quarterly 6:00 pm

The Lunch Bunch - 3rd Thursday 11:30 am

Men's Groups:
Burger (or salad/soup) Boys - 2nd Tues 7 pm

Sunday School Classes:
New Beginnings Class - Rm 123 10:00 am

Steps Of Faith - Rm 201 10:15 am

Christian Gathering - Rm 204 (Chapel) 9:15
Begins 9/15

TED Talks - Rm 315 9:10 am

Mark Your Calendars for These **Upcoming Events**

1st Friday Fellowship...04/04 Glass Classroom. **YES Committee**... 04/01 Chapel

Holy Week, (Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter).....04/13-04/20

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