

### Searching for Freedom

TruDee had told me she heard noises for several nights. Noises like the wind blowing an open door or window. When she would investigate, there was nothing to be found. One evening we were sitting in the living room and I heard it as well. My thought was it must have been a bird hit a window, it was just a short, "Thump."

I had gone to bed early one night later and when she came to bed she said she thought something was in the basement probably in one of our window wells. She had heard the *thump* again and then scratching. We have had bunnies fall through the wooden slates that cover the opening to the window wells in the backyard before. I did not check it that night.



The next morning, I went downstairs to check out what kind of creature we had in the basement thumping and scratching around. The window well in the bedroom seemed to be clear as near as I could tell with the flashlight on my phone. When I checked the larger well in the family room it appeared there was nothing there either. That is, until I finally saw movement, a dark gray rounded creature burrowed in the corner under some leaves and yard debris that had blown into the well. It was an armadillo. I suspect the cornered creature found itself in this predicament after being chased across the yard by our two dogs. I don't know that for sure... but, well, it is highly likely.

After researching online and doing a Facebook Hivemind request I was still unsure what to do. Armadillos are not easily captured. To try and catch one by hand is difficult as they can jump, they have sharp teeth, a hard shell, and an attitude. All of this and the fact they can carry rabies as well as possibly Hansen's Disease, i.e. leprosy. After learning government animal control only deals with domestic animals, I knew this was not going to be an easily resolved problem. The last thing I wanted to do was be in an eight foot deep, five by four foot hole with a jumping, armored, sharp toothed, possibly disease toting, armadillo with an attitude.

TruDee gave me the idea when she suggested a large tub with some food to coax it in and put a lid on it. It had to be hungry after being in a hole for several days. That got me to thinking, it was confined, armadillos are nocturnal, it had nothing to eat or drink for at least three or four days...surely it would be lethargic. I went home, retrieved a large plastic tub, threw in some dog food for good measure, opened the large window for access to the well, and sat the tub on end opposite our guest. I took a four-pronged rake and just nudged it gently to see how it would react. It stood up and turned around in the corner and just looked at me. I reached beyond it with the prongs of the rake and pulled it just a few inches toward the tub to see what it would do. Nothing... just sat there and looked at me. So, I placed the prongs of the rake firmly against its side and gave it a quick more forceful jerk and pull...

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### Thank You Communicators Sunday School Class!

On Monday evening, May 22, the Communicators (those pictured above and a few more) worked in the church gardens pulling weeds and cleaning up. Your work is much appreciated!

Pastor Kent's

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Wise in the Ways of the Spirit,  
Bold in the Ways of Justice,  
and Graceful in relationships  
with all Creation.

### Church Services

**9:00 am - Sanctuary w/ Communion**  
Traditional Service

**10:15 am - Fellowship Hall w/ Communion**  
Contemporary Service

**11:20 am - Ward Chapel w/ Communion**  
*The 40* Worship Service

**Sunday - June 4, 2017**  
Day of Pentecost

**SERMON**  
*Experience*  
**Wesleyan Quadrilateral Series**  
Rev. Kent H. Little

May 28, 2017

Attendance 195

Giving \$5,567.00



**New Pictorial Directory . . .  
Coming Soon!**

After 7 years, it's time to do an updated church pictorial directory. Lifetouch photography will be here to take pictures on June 22-24 and July 31, August 1 & 2. Every family that participates will receive a FREE 8x10" photograph and a FREE copy of the church directory. Please plan to participate. You can sign up in one of three ways:

**\*At church this Sunday morning as well as June 11th and 18th** from 8:45am - Noon. Look for Debbie!

**\*By calling** the church office @ (316) 683-4643 any Monday-Friday from 8:30am - 4:30pm .

**\*Online** at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-pls.com/y0sn37ps/>.

### ***The Quarter Pole Collecting Quarters for Spaght Elementary***

The money now being collected in the Quarter Pole will go towards the start of school needs that students attending Spaght Elementary will have. Usually we start off the school year with an underwear & sock drive as well as collecting belts for these students. There is always a need so thank you CHUM for continuing to donate your quarters for the needs of these students!

**TGIF**

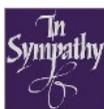
**June 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30pm  
Snoops**

**2301 E. Mt. Vernon**

Everyone is welcome to join us for dinner and conversation!

For more information contact **Janice Rich, 265-4879**

**Also contact Janice for carpooling.**



**Our Sympathy to ...**

**TruDee & Kent Little** in the death of TruDee's cousin, Sandy Jamison.

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### ***Sunday, July 2, Join Us As We Celebrate Independence Day***

We will have **one service** at 10:00am and follow it with our annual cookout in Fellowship Hall. Hope you will plan to join us for hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and dessert. We will once again be inviting the crew from Fire Station #5 along with their families to join us! This is not a potluck...all food will be provided for a minimal cost. It is a great event so mark your calendars now and celebrate with us!

### ***Summer Burger Crawls***



We will start off the Summer Burger Crawls at the Pumphouse in Old Town.

Call or stop by the church office to get your name on the list by Monday, June 12, for this first Burger Crawl that will be held on Thursday, June 15, at 6:30pm. This is a great way to have an evening out, a yummy meal and cold drink as well as meet others from the church! The future crawls will be:

**\*June 26 - Side Pockets**

(Kellogg & Tyler area)

**\*July 13 - Location TBA**

**\*July 27 - The Monarch** (inside)

Sign up sheets are available for all in the church office so you can sign up any time. **COME JOIN US!**

### **Lunch with the Pastor**

Have you ever thought to yourself, "I should ask the pastor that question," and then life gets in the way and you just don't make or get the opportunity? Have questions about...

\*Religion?

\*Christianity?

\*United Methodism?

\*College Hill United Methodist Church?

\*Where life and faith intersect?

\*Issues of social justice, outreach, mission, community and how our faith informs how we engage others?

\*Our place in society, culture, government and politics, the church at large?

\*Interfaith cooperation and understanding?

\*Or...anything else about our journey together.

Join me for a new gathering beginning June 11, 2017, and then on the second Sunday of each month, following our morning worship services in the parlor for *Lunch with the Pastor*. This gathering will be designed to be not only instructive but a free-flowing time to ask questions about life and faith and how we continue to build community here at CHUM but also beyond these walls into the larger community. I won't promise I will have all the answers in the moment, but there are no questions out of bounds and if we have a question we can't answer we will work together to see if we can learn together.

This will be a great opportunity to get together over Sunday lunch and have conversation about the things of life that cause us pause and question, give us struggle and frustration, or bring us to song and celebration. It will be a safe place to explore deeper our faith, and our journey together.

A box lunch will be provided and sign up is not necessary, but is encouraged. If you know right away this sounds like something you are interested in, contact the office so I have an idea how many may show up. But even if not, if on that Sunday morning you decide to show up, please do! I am looking forward to getting together for good food, good questions, and good conversation.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NOTES

**AGAPE, Rm. 201** - We discussed current affairs and will continue with Chapter 9 of our book with Bill Papineau on Sunday. Pettys treat.

**BUILDERS, Rm. 305** - Lesson 13 "The Book of Judges" for Sunday. All are welcome to join us! Keep Charlie M. (starting a new trial medication), Nori, Chico, and the people of Manchester in your prayers.

**COMMUNICATORS, Rm. 301** - We are so thankful to Jim Graves for leading our class discussion on the chapter "The Forgiveness of Sins" from the book Creed by Adam Hamilton. Sunday, we will focus on the chapter "The Resurrection of the Body". Prayer Requests: Justin, Biddle's son-in-law, for the repair of his crushed heel; Cara, Biddle's daughter, on recovery from her surgery; all travelers; and all unspoken prayer concerns. Carolyn Brewer has devotions next.

**CONTEMPORARY STUDIES, Rm. B5/7** - Coffee and Conversation at Panera Bakery and Cafe enjoyed by some home for Memorial Day Holiday! Sunday begins our summer video series, "The Lives of Great Christians" with the Introduction - What Makes a Great Christian?

**DOUBLE CIRCLE, Rm. B4** - Bob opened the class. Dr. Brake finished our study on Jonah: "God loves the world - not just the Jews, but the Gentiles as well.". Thank you Dr. Brake for our lessons and we hope you have a good summer! We had a visitor today, Gary Wingert, and we thank him for coming. Prayers for all who were not here today! Thank you to all the veterans who fought for our country and our freedom. We had 16 present today.

**TRAVELING COMPANIONS, Bride's Room B14 @ 11:15 am** - Join us for discussion on spiritual development and personal growth.

**VICEROY, Rm. B3** - We continue to discuss our readings from the book Accidental Saints by Nadia Bolz-Weber. We are ready for our discussion over chapter 5 on Sunday.

## From Missions

Several boxes of clothing and shoes were taken to the Brookside store. They deeply appreciate our monthly donations.

**Change for Change for 2017** will support CHUM's food and breakfast, CHUM's TV ads, and Greater Wichita's GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian & Straight Educational Network). They work with K - 12 schools in Wichita and surrounding areas. As of April 17th, Change for Change as received \$740.53 in donations.

**Christmas in July** sacks will be available on Sunday, July 2nd.

From the **Mission Endowment Fund**, \$100 was given to Empowering Haiti and \$634 was paid to CHUM's Conference Mission & Ministry Fund.

## Spaght Advocates in Motion (SAM)

This is a new initiative designed to provide advocacy and support Spaght students, parents and staff starting at the beginning of the 2017 - 2018 school year. The initial activity, a series of Community Days in April, resulted in many exciting suggestions for moving forward. The next step will be a planning meeting/luncheon on Wednesday, June 7, from 12:15 - 1:30pm to discuss these suggestions, establish priorities, organize teams and plan initial activities. The meeting will be held at Spaght Communications and Science Magnet located at 2316 E. 10th St. Lloyd Hanna has been communicating with Jackie Lugrand to grow CHUM's partnership with Spaght. Please spread the word and plan to attend this gathering. **For additional information, please contact Jackie Lugrand at (316) 265 - 4504 or by email at [jlugrand@cox.net](mailto:jlugrand@cox.net).**



College Hill United Methodist  
Youth Ministry

June 4

Lunch Bunch

Location TBA

11:30 am following the 10:15 service

## UPCOMING CALENDAR

June 11

Game Day

@ the Church

11:30 - 1:00pm

(note the new time)

June 18 - Father's Day

NO UMY

Family Day

June 25

Mission Trip

NO UMY

Middle School leaves at 2:00pm  
from the church parking lot.

July 2

Minute to Win It

11:30 - 1:00pm

(Note NEW time!)



Children's Ministry

Coordinator Position Open

This person is responsible for the continued development and expansion of the Children's Program within CHUM. We are in search of a full time person for this position. The job description can be found on our Facebook site, webpage or hard copies are in the church office. Resumes need to be emailed to Rev. Kent Little by June 23rd at 5:00pm: [Kent.little@collegehillumc.org](mailto:Kent.little@collegehillumc.org)

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it basically rolled right into the tub, I sat the tub up, snapped the lid on, taped it shut, loaded it in the car and drove our guest armadillo several miles south of town and set it free. The armadillo, I imagined, and I were very pleased with the outcome.

Sometimes I tell stories because they have taught me a deeply profound lesson about life and faith. Sometimes I tell stories because they are simply good stories and they make me smile and feed my soul.

This story I think was as much just about the story as it was anything else. At the same time, it might have something to say to me, to those for whom it resonates, there are times in our lives we might find ourselves trapped, unable to see our way to freedom, and sometime through no fault of our own, it can just happen. It can be lonely in those places, dark, body and soul sucking places and spaces that drain us and leave us huddled in a corner wondering what more could possibly go wrong.

Then something happens, someone happens along the way to coax us out of our corner with a little nudge, and little shove, a little nourishment, and a reminder that this hole we have found ourselves in is not where we belong. It is the truth of who we are that sets us free. Free to be our authentic self, just as we are, unconfined and unrestricted by society or even the church, but rather acknowledged for the wondrous creature we are, remembering whose we are as children of the Divine with a crucial and irreplaceable place in this community, in this world, in this humankind.

May the walls and holes you encounter be few. May there always be a little nourishment for your body and soul. May you always have community close by who are willing to risk themselves to help set you free. May there always be community nearby willing to give you a little nudge or even a firm shove to remind you to be who you are.

You Are Beautiful! You Are Enough! You Are Not Alone!

Peace and Light for Your Journey!  
Pastor Kent.