



### Great Plains Annual Conference

Four hours and seven minutes is what Google Maps suggested would be the travel time from Wichita to Grand Island, Nebraska. Depending on where one grew up or their cultural context, four hours in the car can seem an eternity or just a Sunday afternoon drive. Spending most of my life and considering home as Johnson City, KS I fall more into the latter of the two understandings of four hours in the car. Johnson City, KS to Wichita and Grand Island, Nebraska to Wichita are practically identical in time traveled. I will confess there are days I have even missed the windshield time; those drives were often fruitful pondering time for me.

So, last Tuesday I headed north from Wichita for the four-hour drive, and pondered, sermonized, reflected, prayed, turned my Chicago tunes up way too loud, and, well, just thought as I traveled north on I-135. I was traveling to Grand Island, Nebraska for only the second time for our Great Plains Annual Conference.

Our Annual Conference met Wednesday through Saturday morning. Annual Conference is always filled with worship, music, celebration, of course business and conferencing. While we did not have much with regard to contentious issues we did make some pretty significant decisions. I would say the biggest decisions and the most discussed were primarily three:

1. A decision to close all three of our conference offices in Wichita, Lincoln, and Topeka and consolidate into a single office in a single location. The decision was made and the location for the new office space will be in Topeka.
2. A vote on United Methodist Constitutional Amendments sent back to the Annual Conferences to be voted on as a denomination primarily dealing with language of equality of women and men to be placed in our constitution as it is not there. And an amendment about accountability and authority given to the council of bishops.
3. A decision regarding health insurance provided for clergy of our churches and whether or not to continue a *health insurance allowance* and clergy purchase their own insurance or to move back to a group plan. The decision was made to continue with the allowance and clergy purchase their own plan.

There was also conversation about the Bishop's Commission on a Way Forward and the special called General Conference to be held in February of 2019 where a recommendation will be brought to the entire denomination regarding LGBTQ persons in our denomination and their place and inclusion in the church.

It is safe to assume on my four-hour journey back home Saturday afternoon I had much to ponder and reflect upon as we try and move forward as the Great Plains Annual Conference, as well as a United Methodist Denomination. Over the two years I, we, will have much to ponder and consider as decisions come from our Annual Conference and Denomination, especially in regard to our Reconciling status and our LGBTQ members and allies here at CHUM and the wider denomination.

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**United Methodist Church**

A Reconciling Congregation

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**

Traditional Service

**10:15 am - Fellowship Hall**

Contemporary Service

**11:20 am - Ward Chapel w/ Communion**

*The 40* Worship Service

**Sunday - June 18, 2017**

Second Sunday After Pentecost

**SERMON**

**Papa**

**Father's Day**

Rev. Kent H. Little

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This is just a very basic summary of our time in Grand Island. If you have specific questions about our Annual Conference or our Denomination with regards to what I have outlined here or other issues or topics please do not hesitate to call, drop me an email, stop by my door. My email and phone are always open.

I continue to be grateful and humbled by the honor of serving and leading alongside our extraordinary community of faith, CHUM! I am looking forward to beginning my eighth year in your midst.

Peace and Light for Our Journey,  
Pastor Kent

June 11, 2017	
Attendance	224
Giving	\$5,806.00

**Can you help with food pantry setup for 1 to 1-1/2 hours?**

If so, meet Phil Coleman at the CHUM parking lot this Friday, June 16, at 10:00 AM. We particularly need volunteers with pickup trucks to transport food from the Kansas Food Bank to CHUM. For more information, contact Phil Coleman at (316) 946-9477 or [philipecoleman@gmail.com](mailto:philipecoleman@gmail.com).



**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 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-plus.com/y0sn37ps/>.

**\*June 22nd is filled!**

**TGIF**  
**June 16th@ 6:30pm**  
**Jason's Deli**  
**7447 W. 21st Street**  
 Everyone is welcome to join us for dinner and conversation!  
 For more information contact **Janice Rich, 265-4879**  
 Also contact Janice for carpooling.

**CHUM's Women's Group**

Just a reminder that all women are invited to attend this Women's group on the 4th Wednesday of every month. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, June 28, at 6:30pm in the church Parlor. Child care is provided in the nursery.

**ONE Service Sunday on 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!

**Have An Empty Jelly Jar from Steve's Jams & Jellies?**



Ken would love to have you recycle your jars by returning them to him at the storefront or you can bring them in to the church office. He cannot recycle the lids so cleaned jars only please!

**THANK YOU!**



**THANK YOU** from the Food Pantry to everyone that donated new skillets for use at the Food Pantry/Pancake Breakfast. Those that donated include: Verna Ridgeway Memorial and many others for which we do not have names. The skillets are greatly appreciated and will be well used.



**Pies for Papa Meet & Greet in the Parlor Sunday, June 18th 9:45 - 10:30am**

**Summer Burger Crawls**



This is a great way to have an evening out, a yummy meal and cold drink as well as a time to meet others from the church! The future crawls will be:

- \*June 29 - Side Pockets (Kellogg & Tyler area)
- \*July 13 - The Keg (in Colwich)
- \*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!**



with  
**Free Breakfast too**  
**Saturday, June 17th**  
**9:00am - 11:00am**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**Food Pantry/Breakfast Volunteers**

You are always welcome to come and help with the Food Pantry/Breakfast. There is something for everyone to do even if it is just to sit at a table and visit with those eating breakfast. Come on in the west doors on Erie Street and see what Ronnie Robinson or Phil Coleman have for you to do! This is a wonderful event we are able to share with those in need in our community so come be a part of the fun and make everyone feel welcome!



# SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NOTES

**AGAPE, Rm. 201** - 12 discussed chapters 12 & 13 from The Places That Scare You, by Pema Chodron. "Thinking Bigger" by opening up wholeheartedly and without judgement and "Meeting the Enemy" by recognizing and acknowledging the near and far enemies of the four limitless qualities (loving-kindness, compassion, joyfulness & equanimity). Sunday's class will be at 10:00 am at Stearman Field for brunch and current events topics. Bill will resume lessons on the 25th on chapters 14, Fresh Start & 15, Strength. Happy birthday this week to our dear friends, Sharon Martin and Nancy Wiebe. Pettys treat on the 25th. Happy Father's day to all Dad's on Sunday!

**BUILDERS, Rm. 305** - On Sunday, Lecture 15 1st Samuel (Samuel & Saul) of our series "The Old Testament". All are welcome to join us. Mary has treats. Keep Janis (surgery), Charlie M., Nori, and Chico in your prayers.

**COMMUNICATORS, Rm. 301** - We watched the video of chapters 1 & 2 of "Half Truths" by Adam Hamilton. Read chapter 2 for discussion on Sunday. Gaston's sent a note thanking the class for help in the gardens. Prayers for Ruth's friend Debbie, travelers, Donna's mom & brother, and great news that Tripp is currently cancer free! Next devotion: Pat Lipper.

**CONTEMPORARY STUDIES, Rm. B5/7** - Another Sunny Sunday with seventeen joining together! Get Well Wishes sent to Jon Roe. Good to see Tom Wedel! Stan Capper back from Haiti's twenty-first trip with five others enjoying a hot and productive time. Class enjoyed his review of adventures and thanks for contribution of vitamins. Video lecture about Paul and the First Christian Missionaries viewed. Ann Reed led class discussion of Paul's faith seeing him through hardships, setbacks, and rejections, and why the relationship between Jewish and Gentile Christians was so important in the earliest years of Christianity. Sunday's lecture: "The Early Martyrs".

**DOUBLE CIRCLE, Rm. B4** - Bob opened the class and Lilaha led us in "Trust and Obey". Tom Small read devotions from an article in paper about his nephew, Greg Gardiner. He shared the "thankfulness from the people still helping after the fires in and around Ashland, KS". Brian Watson continued the lesson from Judges 6 - 8: "We recognize that God is always with us even when we doubt or feel abandoned." We had 15 present.

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

**VICEROY, Rm. B3** - We continue the book study Accidental Saints by Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber. We discussed free speech and what is hurtful, and our responsibilities.

## Hiring A Children's Ministry Coordinator

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 (not to exceed 40 hours/week). The job description can be found on our Facebook site, webpage or hard copies are in the church office. Resumes need to be submitted electronically via email to Rev. Kent Little at: [Kent.little@collegehillmc.org](mailto:Kent.little@collegehillmc.org). They need to be submitted no later than Friday, June 23rd, at 5:00pm:



College Hill United Methodist  
Youth Ministry

June 18 - Father's Day  
NO UMY  
Family Day

## UPCOMING CALENDAR

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

July 9  
Backyard Movie  
8:30pm

July 16  
Water Park and Dinner in Salina, KS  
Cost is \$20.00  
Leave at 11:30am  
Return 6:30pm-ish  
Gather in the church parking lot and  
we will return here too.

July 23 - 29  
High School Mission Trip  
Leave after 10:15 am Worship Service  
NO UMY

July 30  
No UMY



Children's Ministries  
Welcomes All Children!  
Children's Sunday School  
for 2 year olds - 5th Graders

Sunday school will take place in the Children's Center during the Sunday school time from 10:15 - 11:30am. Take children directly to their classroom and pick them up at 11:30am from their classroom.

## Lunch with Pastor



### *Greetings!*

I just wanted to write a note about the first *Lunch with the Pastor* gathering this past Sunday. We had eight in attendance and enjoyed a box lunch together. I spent some time talking about United Methodism and John Wesley then we had an open forum for questions and information; speaking about the Bible, theology, relationships, and upcoming Conference decisions. It was a great time together with food, fellowship, and conversation. I hope many more of you will join us the **second Sunday of July** for another gathering of *Lunch with the Pastor*.

### **From the Children's Council and Staff Parish Relations Committee**

To everything there is a season. Next Sunday, June 18, our church community will bid goodbye to Reverend Ashley PBT as she is called to service at Calvary UMC. We invite everyone to take time on this day to honor her for the blessing she has been to our congregation and our children. We hope you can participate with us as members of the Children's Council and the Staff Parish Relations Committee will:

- \*Host a come and go reception** downstairs in the Children's Center (Kid's Crew Room) from 9:45 - 10:30am. This will be an opportunity for children, their families and all our CHUM community to be in communion with Ashley. We welcome all, in recognition of the prayer and support our children receive. Please come wish Ashley well, enjoy refreshments and spend time with your CHUM friends.
- \*Host a card shower.** Please deliver cards to CHUM by Friday, June 16, OR bring your card downstairs yourself on Sunday, June 18, during the above reception time.
- \*Recognize Reverend Ashley** in the day's first two services and thank her for her time at CHUM.