



Grace and Peace,

It is time once again for our annual Pledge Drive as we look to our 2018 Budget here at College Hill United Methodist Church. Each year we ask that everyone who gives to the church fill out a pledge card and turn it in so we can gauge what our budget should be. I understand the hesitancy on some part to turn in such a commitment of giving, but it really is crucial to our planning for the year to come. While there is expectancy to those pledges and of course we hope you can each fulfill your pledge, we also understand unforeseen circumstances arise and can affect your giving through the year. Most importantly please fill out a pledge card, with your best estimate for the year, or whatever level you can, and submit it to the office. We will be having a special celebration of our pledges the first Sunday of November.

I also want to lift our 2017 Budget as we wind down this year. As of the end of August 2017 we were just over \$19,000 short of funding our 2017 Budget. My prayer is that we will all consider our giving and perhaps give an extra boost to our budget so we can end the year strong and not with a short fall.

I am thrilled to share information from our last Administrative Council meeting in September. At this meeting, I put forth the plan to convene a task force to begin putting together a Five-Year Vision and Plan for our church. It is no secret that we have needed to reduce our budget by over \$200,000 over the last seven and a half years. These reductions were not because we thought we no longer needed those staff positions or ministries, these reductions were prayerful and faithful attempts to live within the limits of your giving. While we are in a much better place financially than we were seven and a half years ago, there is still much work to be done.

The reason I mention these things in relation to our pledge drive, is that it makes the pledges even more important. A significant part of our church's vision and planning will involve looking closely at our current state of being and helping us live within our means as to, not who we have been, but the reality of who we are and who we hope to be as a church. A substantial part of the visioning and planning is outlined on a SWOT Analysis, the acronym for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats.

<p>What are our Strengths? <i>What We Do Well...</i></p>	<p>Openness. Progressive. Inclusive. Reconciling. Worship. Food Pantry and Breakfast. Community Garden. Classes. Music. Activism. Social Justice. Just to mention a few.</p>
<p>What are our Weaknesses? <i>What could we do better...</i></p>	<p>More connection with immediate neighborhood? Involvement from members? Connecting with Young Families? College Age Young Adults? Just to mention a few.</p>
<p>What are our Opportunities? <i>Enhancing Current Realities...</i></p>	<p>Ways to make our physical building more affordable? Connection with Neighborhood. WSU? Enhanced Online Presence?</p>
<p>What are the Threats? <i>What issues need addressed to help us live into our reality...</i></p>	<p>Building Affordability? Staffing? Programs? Budgeting? Finances? Staffing for Growth/to Maintain? Involvement from Members? Just to name a few possibilities.</p>

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, October 8

Prairie Fire Marathon

(some blocked streets - see page 4)

Sunday, October 15

Blessing of the Animals

9:00 & 10:15am Worship Services

Sunday, October 22

CHUM Foundation @ 1:00pm

Meeting in the Parlor

Sunday, October 29th

Trunk or Treat along with

Neighborhood Open House

4:00 - 6:00pm

Church Parking Lot

Music by Bad Mother Hubbard

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Pastor Kent's

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College Hill

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 w/ Children

Contemporary Service

11:20 am - Ward Chapel w/ Communion

The 40 Worship Service

Sunday - October 1, 2017

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

SERMON

The Power and Glory In Giving

Rev. Gary Harms

September 24, 2017

Attendance 254

Giving \$9,229.00



Our Sympathy to ...

John & Debbie Deuser,
in the death of John's
brother-in-law.

Meet & Greet

Meet & Greet is a time following the 9:00 service and prior to the 10:15 service, when we gather in the Parlor for a light snack, cup of coffee and great conversation. It's a time to catch up with others in our church. It's a time that we all enjoy. There are many openings to host Meet & Greet in October, November and December. Simply provide a light snack for 60-70 people. Cookies, bowl of pretzels, fruit, a cake, etc. It doesn't have to be a big expensive spread. If you and your friends or your group would like to host a Meet & Greet, please sign up on the clipboard in the church office. If you would rather not host, but would like to donate an item to be served for Meet & Greet, please do. Cookies can be frozen, pretzels, Ritz, etc. Someone from the office is happy to set it out for you on Sunday morning. Let's keep Meet & Greet going. Call Debbie in the office if you have any questions.

Faith Sisters' Book Club

We will meet Sunday, October 15. We gather in the Parlor at noon. We will be discussing the book, Young Jane Young by Gabrielle Zevin. All ladies are welcome and we would like to invite you to join us - check us out!

CHUM Work Team

Jodi Rice, our new Children's Ministry, would like to invite you to a gathering on Sunday, October 22, at 11:30am. She would like to organize an Intergenerational Work Team. This would be an informational meeting for all ages. Snacks will be served so please attend this meeting and visit with Jodi about her plans! If you cannot attend this meeting, please visit with Jodi to let her know you are interested!



**Block Party & Trunk or Treat
October 29 from 4:00 - 6:00pm**



A fun event for children and adults! Come in costume - or not. Bring your trick or treat bag to collect candy as you go from trunk to trunk. Enjoy the carnival games, food, Humvee, Firetruck, snow cones, and music by Bad Mother Hubbard!

Sunday, November 5th

On this Sunday we will be giving out **Bibles to our 3rd graders** during the 10:15am service. Please contact Jodi with your child's name so she will be sure to have their Bible ready for them. This is also **All Saints Sunday** so we will be celebrating the lives of those CHUM members we have lost this past year. Their pictures and names will be shown at both 9:00am and 10:15am worship services. There are also plans for a **Thankful for Diversity Potluck** to be held on this date also. It will be held in Fellowship Hall from 5:00 - 7:00pm. More details will be forth coming.

Saturday, November 11, the CHUM Youth will be hosting their annual Theme Table Dinner in the evening. Be thinking of your theme!

Saturday, November 18, we will have our Turkey Give Away & Breakfast as well as our Crawl to The Barn in Burrton.

**Kids' First Sunday is the
First Sunday of Every Month**

This Sunday, is Kids' First Sunday your kiddos will join you in worship as we continue to help them learn to worship God together! We will have a children's time and I will have activity bags for the children. *I want to encourage you to sit with your children in worship this month—the more they watch you worship, the more engaged they will be. When we worship together as a family, worship becomes meaningful for our children and their faith is developed!*

M & M Sunday, October 1st

Look for our CHUM children in the hallways with their buckets to collect your donations that will go for our Missions & Ministries giving opportunity. Thank you for all of your support.

**Be the Change with
CHUM's Tai Chi Class**

As we continue to "Be the Change", CHUM's Tai Chi Class is supporting The Diakonos' mission. The Diakonos are organized exclusively for charitable purposes in order to minister and help those in need. This group is to help our local people. If you have clothing (for all ages) in good condition, small hygiene items, gift cards or monetary donations bring them to the church and mark them for this project. Boxes will be located throughout the church for your donated items. Money or gift card donations can be turned into the church office. CHUM's Tai Chi class will be collecting these items on the following Sundays in October: 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

New Artwork in the Parlor

Please stop by the Parlor when you are next at CHUM. We have a new beautiful display of art from Gustavo the Humanitarian and Artist out of Hope Haven in Guatemala. Also a display of photos from Dale Krebbs' collection of "Special Persons Dedicated To Making A World Of Difference."

TGIF

September 29 @ 6:30pm

El Patio

424 W Central

Everyone is welcome to join us
for dinner and conversation!

For more information contact

Janice Rich, 265-4879

Also contact Janice for carpooling.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NOTES

AGAPE, Rm. 201 - We welcomed Jennifer Speer and watched Monica Lewinsky's Ted Talk on shame, public humiliation and cyber-bullying. Thoughtful discussion on public shaming. Happy Birthday Wendy Aylsworth and Joel Wiebe. Petty's treat.

BUILDERS, Rm. 305 - Continuing our study of the **Old Testament**. Keep Nori, Charlie M., Chico, those affected by the hurricanes past and current, and Sharon with her ACAP group in Washington, D.C. in your prayers.

CHILDREN, Children's Center - Children will attend the 10:15am Worship service with their family. The first Sunday of each month is "Kids' First Sunday."

COMMUNICATORS, Rm. 301 - Remember we host Meet & Greet on Sunday, October 1st. No class on October 8 and on October 15 we will meet at Jimmy's Egg (Douglas & Hydraulic) at 10:20am for class. Save the Date: Sunday, November 5 from 5:00 - 7:00pm for potluck dinner and speakers celebrating diversity in Fellowship Hall. November 12 @ 6:00pm we will have Thanksgiving at Deuser's house. Prayer requests: John's sister and family in his brother-in-law's passing; Donna's brother, Dave, and a brother-in-law with health concerns; Glen's cousin with cancer; all victims of the disasters; and travelers. Carolyn gave devotions on "An Interview with God." John led our prayer and chapter 4 in our book.

CONTEMPORARY STUDIES, Rm. B5/7 - Fall is here, but the heat remains! Carl Martin's Gromit was our visitor! Happy Birthday this week to Vicki Hitchcock. Diane Gjerstad discussed the importance of our off-year election in November. Keith Williamson reviewed this week's chapter. Tabletalk asked if we were feeling dizzy about current climate and beliefs, and have we crumbled religiously speaking or had a change of orientation. Sunday, "A Deeper Loyalty".

DOUBLE CIRCLE, Rm. B4 - Bob opened class today and talked about Jodi and our CHUM children interacting with our class. Betty C. talked to and checked on Betty Burchfield. Miss you Betty B.! Moe and Lee gave a report on their trip to Austin, TX. They shared about some of the programs they learned about on helping others. Tom Small gave devotions honoring Will Rogers today. Bob presented the lesson on Ezekiel 36: 22 - 32...the restoration of the land and the people (Honor of Family). Thank you Bob. Thank Lilaha for our songs! The luncheon is Friday the 29th at Noon. Please come!

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

VICEROY, Rm. B3 - We complete our video series with Adam Hamilton with the final episode of *Moses, in the footsteps of the reluctant prophet*. We will talk about the next series Sunday. All are welcome.

An Opportunity Missed

As I left the 9:00am Sunday service, I felt inclined to write these comments. Over my 60 years at CHUM, I have always been thankful for the opportunities the church provides for its members. For those who believe the youth to be the future of the church, many of our congregation missed an opportunity on Sunday to support the CHUM Youth as they told of their mission trips over the past summer - opportunities that we as a church provided them as we supported them financially and in other ways. Their participation in the service gave them an opportunity to plan and present their experiences, which will then aid them in their Christian and personal growth. Thank you Brian and all the Youth who participated in Sunday's service.

Neil Lusk



College Hill United Methodist
Youth Ministry

October 1
Lunch Bunch

11:45am

My Tho @

500 E. Central Ave.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

October 8

Be The Change

11:30am

Stay tuned for details!

October 15

WSU Volleyball

12:30 - 2:30 pm

Meet @ church

Cost is \$5.00



CHUM Nursery

The CHUM Nursery is available for children under the age of 4 years each Sunday. It is located at the west end of building across from the elevator next to Fellowship Hall.

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.

KID's CONNECTION

Every Wednesday evening

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Children's Center (basement)

All children welcome!

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These are realities we will be examining to help us address our current needs and vision as we continue to live within the means of support you the congregation are able and willing to support. Times continue to change and a re-visioning and rethinking who we are and how we better and more faithfully embrace the world around us is crucial. This is why it is vital each of us fill out our pledge card, no matter how large or small you think it is. It takes all of us to continue to be the vital and active presence in our community that we are.

I, and our finance committee, am thrilled to be a part of this incredible community of faith we call CHUM. Thank you for your commitment and love of our place and space in this world.

Peace and Light for Our Journey,
Pastor Kent



Prairie Fire Marathon Road Closing for October 8th

For our area, 2nd Street, from Oliver to Waco and Douglas Street, from Oliver to Dellrose, will be closed. Douglas will open from Hillside to Dellrose, allowing one lane of traffic in both directions. They will begin to reopen Douglas west of Dellrose around 9:00am. Also do not forget they run in and around Riverside Park so you cannot drive through the park.

2016 Annual Giving Breakdown

\$1 - \$249	67
\$250 - \$499	32
\$500 - \$999	48
\$1,000 - \$1,999	62
\$2,000 - \$3,999	37
\$4,000 - \$5,999	20
\$6,000 - \$8,999	12
\$9,000 - \$14,999	6
\$15,000 +	6

Total Giving Households 290