

Kingman United Methodist Church



Cross Connection

Winter 2018

Patrick's Ponderings

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As we begin 2018, I am humbled by what all God is doing through the members and regular attenders of Kingman United Methodist Church. Just like the carol, "12 Days of Christmas," these are twelve things I'm grateful for, and I pray that you are too.

In Kids Group, we conclude the session with what we call "thorns and roses" where the thorns are the "bad" things and the roses are the "good" things.

Here are my roses:

- A thriving and growing children's ministries on Wednesday afternoons through children's choir and Kids Group, thanks to Pat Dixon, Karen Baruth, Jacque Hansen, Pat & Mary Lou Taylor, Jeanne Johnson, Wilbur and Elaine Koon, Doni Barr, Mary Blumanhourst, Ruth Miller, and Pat Lawrence
- Weekly Prayer "mobs" at noon on Thursdays
- Live streaming worship services, and especially the service of Darryl Mannebach, Kathy McIlrath, and Nate Broz
- An awesome church secretary in Shawna Olson
- Monthly block parties (March-September) through the leadership of Amanda Naillieux, Heath Greiner, Darryl and Kara Mannebach, and Gayle and Roger Easley
- Vibrant youth group and youth director, thanks to Tyler Esposito, Amanda Naillieux, Heath Greiner, JB and Brenda Branstetter. This also includes 5th quarter, under the leadership of Lance Dixon.
- 4 blessing boxes in town that are highly used; and especially to those anonymous person(s) who fixed them after they were vandalized.
- Several new babies in the church
- A remodeled bathroom at the parsonage thanks to the stewardship of our church trustees
- An opportunity to start a community garden in Kingman, thanks to the leadership of Kara Mannebach and the Missions and Disaster Team
- Serving more than 3,200 lunches to children last summer, thanks to our partnership with the City of Kingman and USD 331
- Plans to renovate and modernize the sanctuary
- (Call it a bonus blessing): A new system of administering the church through a consolidated committee structure

On the flip side, here are twelve thorns I see in the church:

- Too many funerals
- An aging congregation
- Declining worship attendance
- People moving out of Kingman
- Too many trips to the hospital, although I'm glad to do all of them
- Not enough baptisms and weddings in the church
- No new small groups forming
- Not being able to do as much pastoral care visits as I'd like
- Lack of those under 45 financially supporting the ministries of the church
- Giving to the church is seen as paying the bills, rather than a spiritual discipline
- Fighting over the upcoming renovations without keeping the big picture in mind
- Having our politics influence our faith more than our faith influencing our politics

It's easy for me to get stuck on the twelve things to grieve and forgetting the twelve things to be thankful for.

What does your grateful and grieve list look like as 2018 begins? Which part of the rose bush do you look at?

Let's endeavor to make 2018 a bountiful bouquet of wonderful, colorful, and aromatic roses, even if the thorns prick us every once in a while.

Blessings on your 2018 journey!

Patrick

Thank Yous

- The staff of the church would like to thank the congregation for voting to approve a 2% raise for the staff. They work very hard on everyone's behalf.
- For the Christmas gifts and cards from members of the church
- From a person in the community: "thank you for fixing the blessing boxes and not taking them down when they were vandalized. They are being used by a lot of needy people and all the things in them are much appreciated."
- From Youth Core Ministries: "Thank you for allowing us to use the classroom space on Wednesdays after school. The 7th grade girls love the room, and especially being able to get a fresh and hot meal.
- From the youth: "Thanks everyone for supporting the youth through the cook's days out after church throughout 2017. These meals help to support the youth go to Young Christian's Weekend, the upcoming mission trip to Houston, youth outings, and much more."

New Committee Structure Approved

At the fall 2017 church conference, the church approved, through voting on the nominations report, to a new format for the administration of the church. Pastor Patrick pushed for this new structure, in part out of necessity as well as for streamlining the business of the church. As anyone who has served in one of the leadership roles of the church can attest, there's a lot of meetings going on. Every meeting is an opportunity lost to "go and make disciples."

The *Book of Discipline* allows local churches to adapt their committee structure to meet the local context. In Kingman the nominations committee agreed that we would be best served through streamlining the committees. Therefore, starting in 2018, the Administrative Council will act as the governing board for every committee mandated by the *Book of Discipline*. The missions and disaster team will remain independent of the Administrative Council, since it is not a required committee. Any social events or education committee will also fall outside of this for the same reason. The Administrative Council will now be the governing board for the church in the areas of administration, finance, trustees, worship, and staffing. Many corporations moved to a model like this in the 1980s and '90s, so the church is catching up. Each one of the areas will still have a small group they can consult, if needed, for the next two years as the transition to this new model comes into being. All votes, however, will be from the Ad Council.

Below is a listing of membership. I want to thank those who have stepped forward to be a part of this new adventure. Expect a few hiccups along the way, as with any new way of doing things. It's great for this to be happening in the church, where we practice forgiveness when those inevitable hiccups occur.

Thank you For Your Service

Administrative Council Chair: Dean Langley
Trustees: Mike Floyd, Scott Geesling, Sherry Rinke
Personnel Relations: Marion Oller, Nancy Hageman, Chad Williams
Nominations: Geri Emery, Brenda Mark, Pat Taylor
Finance Committee: John Watson, Donna Gantz
Worship Committee: Jodie Williams, Krista Clover
Mission & Disaster Team: John Graber, Eileen Hawkins
Children's Ministry Board: Susan Floyd, Brenda Branstetter, Jeff Heminway, Joni Watkins, Becky Hegler, York Conard
Social Events Team: Brenda Mark, Carrie Henning, Bill & Emma Lou Vanlandingham, Joni Watkins, Kara Mannebach, Amanda Naillieux, Jennifer Heminway, Desiree Streight, Jim Carson, Myrna Carson
KAMI Food Bank Representative: Geri Emery
UMW President: Geri Emery

New Administrative Council

Chair/Lay Leader: TBD
Lay Delegate to Annual Conference: Tim Woods
Church Treasurer: Lance Dixon
Personnel Liaison: Curt Watkins (2020)
Finance Liaison: Mark Schlegel (2018)
Trustees Liaison: Susie Graber (2019)

Worship Liaison: Tim Hegler (2018)
Missions Liaison: Kara Mannebach (2020)
Education Liaison: Shawna Olson (2020)
At-Large: Pat Taylor (2019)
At-Large: TBD (Vice-Chair)
Ex officio: Pastor Patrick

Balance Sheet

Mark Schlegel, Finance Committee Chair; Lance Dixon, Church Treasurer; Julie Wollen Financial Secretary

General Fund	January-to- November 2017
Opening Balance (2017)	\$37,451.99
Total Receipts	\$175,141.90
Total Expenses	\$194,511.87
Current Balance	\$-19,369.97
Building Fund	\$71,540.00

These expense figures are through May, as the monthly books aren't completed, until after the end of each month so there is a delay. The finance committee wants to be transparent with both the generosity of the congregation and the costs of operating the church so we are committed to providing as updated information as possible.

Mission Share Balance

Every United Methodist Church in the world participates in local, national, and global mission projects as well as supports educational projects, disaster assistance, and benevolence. Each church is asked to pay 10% of their giving from two years prior as "doing our share", plus an additional 1% to support the many agencies within the Great Plains Conference.

2017 Amount: \$24,316	Amount Paid: \$24,316	Balance Remaining: \$0
2018 Amount: \$33,737	Amount Paid: \$0	Balance Remaining: \$33,737

Giving Options

Cash

Check

ACH

E-Commerce

Text

To give through ACH, a form authorizing the transfer of funds from your savings/ checking account to the church's account must be completed. To begin, or to change the amount being transferred, see Lance Dixon, church treasurer. To contact Lance, email him at lancesdixon@gmail.com or call him at 620-532-4357.

To give through the e-commerce app, go to the church's website. On the home page, about halfway down there is a red rectangle with the word "DONATE" in it. Click on that. You will be sent to the website of the service the church is using to complete the transaction. You can do a "one-time" donation or set-up for a recurring donation.

New Tax Laws

Provide an Opportunity

New Tax Reform Legislation raises the standard deduction for income taxes beginning in 2018. The Congressional Joint Committee on Taxation estimates that the number of taxpayers who will itemize their deductions in 2018 (and thereby get tax savings from charitable gifts) will fall from 40 million under current law to just 9 million under the new legislation.

If you currently itemize, and are financially able to do so, consider giving some or all of next year's gifts to the church before the end of this year. You can claim your gifts on your 2017 taxes (due April of 2018) and give the church a boost. This can be done for regular offering, special gifts such as for a capital campaign or endowment.

To qualify, the gift must be made by the end of this year, given in worship on or before December 31 or postmarked no later than December 30. The check should be dated in 2017 and indicate on the memo line "2018 offering" or other designation.

When in doubt, reach out to the church office to clarify your intentions.

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION DECEMBER RATES

12 month - 1.20% or 24 month - 1.50%

To learn more about current interest rates, application forms and review the Offering Circular, please contact the Kansas Area United Methodist Foundation's office at 888.453.8405 or online at www.kaumf.org.



Mark Your Calendars

REGULARLY-OCCURRING EVENTS

SUNDAYS-

- 9:30am-Adult Sunday School
- 9:30am Little Lambs –Upstairs Room 7
- 9:30am Kids Sunday School-Upstairs Room 14
- 9:30am Middle/High School Youth Group
- 10:30am-Worship
- 11:30am-Fellowship
- 3:00-4:00pm Prayer Shawl-Parlor (last Sunday of the month)

TUESDAYS-

- 3:00-4:00pm @ Wheatlands Bingo (3rd Tues. each month)
- 6:00-7:00 pm Young Adults Bible Study

WEDNESDAY-

- 3:25-4:25pm Kid's Choir
- 4:30-5:30pm Kid's Group
- 5:30-6:00pm Family Dinner
- 6:00-7:00pm High School Youth Bible Study
- 7:00-8:00pm Chancel Choir Practice (2nd & 4th Weds each month)
- 8:00-9:00pm Praise Team Practice

THURSDAY-

- 12:00-12:30pm Prayer Flash Mob
- 1:00pm-2:00pm Creative Worship @Wheatlands

January-

01/01– Office Closed for New Year's Day

01/09– UMW Executive Meeting 2:30pm

01/15– Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February-

02/13– UMW Executive Meeting 2:30pm

02/14– Valentine's Day

02/19– President's Day

March-

03/11 Daylight Savings Time Begins

03/13– UMW Executive Meeting 2:30pm

03/16– Pre-School Screenings 9:00am

03/17– St. Patrick's Day

03/25– Palm Sunday

03/28– Ash Wednesday

03/29– Maundy Thursday

03/30– Good Friday

03/31– Passover

Music Notes



Pat Dixon

Music Director

pdixon@kingmanumc.org

Children's Choir Rehearsals for 2018 will begin Wednesday, January 10th!

Jodie Williams

Praise Team

jonavymom@live.com

Practices are Wednesday's at 8:00-9:00pm. If you would like to join please see Jodie Williams!

From The Trustees

The Trustees Committee recently met with Pat Taylor to discuss church safety. This meeting was prompted by the horrific church shooting in Tennessee. Some of the Trustees members attended a workshop given by the Great Plains Church Conference in Wichita which focused on how to respond in an active-shooter situation. The Trustees will meet again after the first of the year and start working on a plan for safety in all areas for our church. We will keep you updated on any decisions made. If you are interested in watching the video of the work shop the website is:

<https://www.greatplainsumc.org/videodetail/active-shooter-response-workshop-10196598>.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please talk to any of the committee members.

The Trustees have approved a Capital Fund Campaign for the purpose of remodeling the sanctuary and upgrading the Air Conditioner system. This formal campaign will take place in April. Many of you have already made contributions for this project. The current Fund balance is \$71,540.00. This is just

under 40% of what will be required to meet the projected cost of the project.

If you wish to make a contribution prior to the formal campaign, just mark "Building Fund" in the memo slot of your check. Contributions of grain or stock may also be made. And you may also contribute online by going to the Church website.

If you have any questions see Lance Dixon, Church Treasurer

JOIN A BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday: Young Adult Bible Study, 6-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday: High School Youth Bible Study 6-7 pm in the youth room

Thursdays: Creative Worship Planning, hosted by Wheatlands and led by Pastor Patrick. Starts at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday Mornings: Two classes meet, one in the parlor and one in the fellowship hall led by Lance Dixon. Both classes meet at 9:30 am. Topics change, so just come and get started.

Middle/High School Youth Group

The middle school and high school youth group meet upstairs in the youth center on Sundays at 9:30am.

Childrens Sunday School

Tim and Anna Wood's lead the children's Sunday Bible school! This class is held upstairs in room 14. Parents and grandparents are welcome to get involved with their children and grandchildren in the Bible classes.



Little Lambs Sunday School Class meets every Sunday morning from 9:30-10:15am. This class is being held upstairs in room 7. This class is for children aged 0-5 years old. Parent participation is encouraged.

This class features lots of interactive songs to make it engaging and fun for the children while also teaching them about God's love. This quarters theme will be "Jonah and the whale".

PLEASE COME FOR LEARNING AND FUN!



COOKIE TIME

Fellowship Time Hosts are still needed.
If you would like to sign up please do so
on the sign up sheets in the fellowship
hall.



VBS News

We are still looking for someone to head this amazing ministry. If you or someone you know would be interest, or called, to lead this wonderful and needed ministry please contact the church office. 620-532.3381 or office@kingmanumc.org

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group

Joyce Clark

The Prayer shawl group is meeting on the last Sunday of the month at 3:00pm in the parlor. Please join this wonderful group. Your supplies are given to you for this wonderful ministry. They are also excepting yarn donations.

2017 CHURCH GOALS

1. Begin Capital Campaign
Progress: Building Committee formed.
2. Support ways to bring in younger people
Progress: Prayer meetings/block parties
3. Explore becoming a "hub" church
Progress: not doing it this year

Prayer Room Open

The room is located at the bottom of the ramp. It will be available anytime the building is open.

Blessing Boxes

Remember the Blessing Boxes! Please help replenish them with non- perishable food and personal hygiene items.

Items Needed for the Blessing Boxes

Granola Bars

Cheese & Crackers

Peanut Butter & Crackers

Peanut Butter

Breakfast Cereals

Dry Goods

Canned Goods

Toothpaste

Tooth Brushes

Toilet Paper

Feminine Hygiene Products

Diapers

Baby Formula

School Supplies

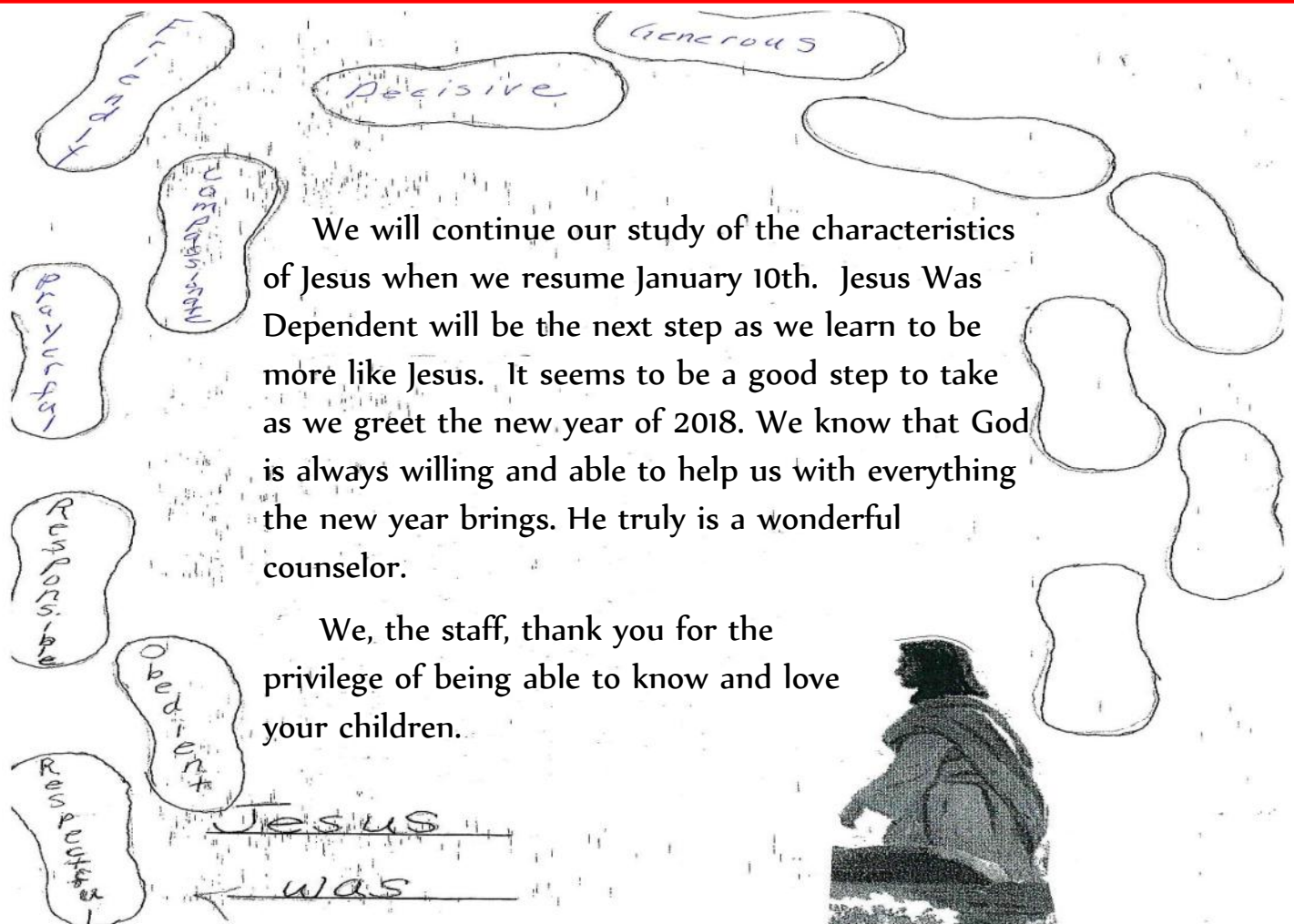


Kids Group

Wednesdays after school

Karen Baruth

Kids Group Leader



Our Staff This Year:

Pastor Patrick
Mary Lou Taylor
Pat Taylor
Elaine Koon
Wilbur Koon
Jeanne Johnson
Jacque Hansen
Elaine Ellis
Karen Baruth

Doni Barr
Mary Blumanhourst
Ruth Miller
Pat Lawrence
Kathy McIlrath
Sarah Babson
Rylee Reid
Cheyenne Kewish

Birthday Wishes and Anniversary Congratulations

January

Sawyer Adelhardt
Brenda Siemens
Bill Luntsford
Sandra Brown
Sarah Babson
Amanda Naillieux
Norah Youngers
Nathanael Broz
Amelia Olson
Tyler Dixon
Ben Babson
Bo Watkins
Dallas Buss
Charlie Heminway
Brandon Davidson
Betty Shay
Susie Graber
Amy Keeny
Janis McIlrath
Sam Simmonds
Tristen Davidson
Richie Miller
Mary Gubbins
Abbigail Broz
Mindy Greiner
Terry Miller

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February

Steve Witty
Judith Birkenbaugh
Stone Hageman
Mark Keeny
Adelyn Naillieux
Xander Mannebach
Byron Siemens
Kathlynn Carter
Bridget Davidson
Jason Naillieux
Jacque Hansen
Joyce Clark
Joyce Reida
Susan Schmitt
Dietrich Hegler

March

Sara Adelhardt
Sutton Adelhardt
Dorena Goyen
Gayla Messenger
Micky Spivey
Hunter Hageman
Soren Mannebach

Gary Hansen

Wilbur Koon
Susan Floyd
Howard Gantz
Doris Taylor
Bill Leroux
Nancy Hageman
Jessica Bainum
Jon Wollen
Karen Powell

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If your birthday or anniversary is missing or wrong, please call the church office so it can be corrected.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Alan & Penny Greiner
Dennis & Galane SanRomani
Larry & Brenda Mark
Wilbur & Elaine Koon
Scott & Donielle Geesling

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

01/06 Howard & Donna Gantz 03/06
01/06 Mike & Sherry Rinke 03/11
01/14 Darryl & Kara Mannebach 03/20
01/17 Jerome & Nancy Hageman 03/21
01/24 Byron & Brenda Siemens 03/23

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

F.L. & Nyla Young 02/15
Mike & Susan Floyd 02/27

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KUMC STAFF

Pastor.....Patrick Broz
Secretary.....Shawna Olson
Music Director.....Pat Dixon
Organists.....Susie Graber
Nursery Attendant.....Kara Mannebach
Nursery Aide.....Myah Munz
Tech Director.....Open
Tech Support.....Darryl Mannebach
Accounts Payable.....Penny Greiner
Custodian.....Mina Miller



Pull for the House.



Many Hearts. One Home.

**The Youth Group Is Selling T-Shirts.
Order Forms Are At The Back Of The Sanctuary.
Please Have Orders In By February 1st.**