Journeys

This week has been the first of two weeks of General Conference for our United Methodist Church. Equal Lay and Clergy delegates from all over the world are gathered in Charlotte, NC to chart the direction of our church for the next four years. Any UM member or clergy can submit a petition to make a change to our Book of Discipline that is our basic rule book on how and why we do things. This time, as usual, there are over 1000 petitions submitted. This week, those petitions will be divided into sub-committees. They must be discussed and approved in committee to make it to the main floor for a vote next week.

My wife and daughter have been to several General Conferences as delegates or alternates for the Nebraska Conference. So I have attended a few as an observer. And I have mixed feelings about this one. I can only describe what I'm feeling as a mixture of hope and dread. Hope, that my denomination will finally become an all inclusive church, treating everyone as equals, regardless of race, gender or sexual preference; with equal honor and dignity as humans in God's Kingdom. Dread, that my beloved church will once again approve policies out of fear, that exclude and do harm to those who are seen different than us. My self diagnosis is that I'm experiencing some form of PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder) that's muddling my heart and my brain.

For most of my 40 years as a UM pastor I've gone into General Conferences like a good Husker football fan, saying, "This is the year ... Forget the past . . . This is the year we go all the way!" I suppose this cultural view arises out of a farm background that believed that next year's crop was going to be better than last year's. Three years of drought; next year will be better. Hailed out right before harvest; next year will make it up. So we mid-westerners hope for the best and prepare for the worst.

I invite you to pray with me for our world United Methodist church family. Either way, this General Conference is going to be historical. And I'm getting too old to wait for next time!

Grace & Peace,

Rev. Helly Hord



Order Of Worship

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	& Concerns	All. "I and hear our movers"	SATURDAY WORSHIP IN GOLLAHER CHAPEL Traditional: 6 p.m.				
						IN SANCTUA SHIP: 9:30 a.m	
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Alexa Seely	J	ody Freeman	<i>Graduation Sunday</i> Join us as we recognize seniors at 9:30am worship who are graduating th school year. Seniors get a breakfast provided by the United Methodist Me at 8:30am.				
Carlyn Cochran	Seb	rina Bergmeier					
Hadley Haake	Za	ach Schroeder				0 0	
Jace Bergmeier	Ste	ven Stoppkotte					
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Usher	Reader	Organist	Pianists
 Rob Horky	Brian Gallagher	Kim Wilsey	Sharon Jensen & Joyce Victor

Announcements



2024 YOUTH GROUP SUMMER MEETING DATES

The Youth are invited to join us for these fun times together.

Saturday, May 11th (8:30 - 11:30 am)	College Park	Loaves and Fishes
Saturday, June 15th (TBA)	Hastings	Movie out at Golden Ticket Cinemas
Wednesday, July 17 (3 - 5 pm)	Wood River	Swimming Pool
Friday, August 2nd (3 - 5p m)	Trinity UMC	Water Balloon fights with Ice cream

Popcorn & Bingo

We will meet in Miller Hall after worship on Sunday, May 19, for food, fun, and prizes! This is an intergenerational GIFT event.

Summer Camp

It's time to register for Camp Fontanelle! Remember that Trinity UMC pays HALF the cost of camp for children and grandchildren of members and for students participating in our ministries. We also have three FULL SCHOLARSHIPS for first-time campers. Contact Christina for more information.

UWF: Cake/Salad Tupperware & Pecans for Sale

The United Women in Faith is appreciative of everyone who donates cakes and salads for funerals. They would like to remind everyone who donates to pick up their pans and dishes. Margie Balderston is very thankful of all the people who bought pecans from the 2023 Christmas season and is finished for the season. The money from the sale of these pecans goes towards the United Women in Faith. Thank you all.

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Food Distribution:

May 11th, 2024, at College Park 3180 W

Highway 34. Enter Tech Boulevard.

Distribution is at 9:30 am until Food is

gone. It is best to arrive between 9 am and

Hospital Visits & Prayer Chain

If you or a loved one is in the

hospital and would like to be

visited or put on the prayer chain

for prayer, please get in touch with

the office. Due to HIPAA security rules, Regional Medical Center

cannot release the names of

11 am. Do not arrive before 7:30 am.



Miss Today's Sermon? Here are some options:

- Call (308) 210-2183 Most Popular!
- Visit our YouTube channel
- Visit our Facebook page
- Visit our website
- Pick up a printed copy from the office patients to the church.





+ Joyce R. Fix, 76, April 19

Write Your Sermon Notes Here:

+ Derlin F. Wooden, 83, April 20





1 - 1:30

7 - 7:30

9:30 - 10:30

10:30-11:30

Calendar

April 29th – May 5th 2024

4:30pm	Senior Wii Bowling, Youth Room	2 9 M 0 N	
10 – 11am	Staff Meeting, The Gathering Place	3	
1 – 2:30pm	Mathetes Study Group, Youth Room	T U E	
6 – 7pm	Handbell Practice, Bell Room Downstairs	1	
7 – 8pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary	— W E D	
11 – 12pm	Lectio Divina, Zoom	2	
1 – 4pm	Prayer Shawl Group, The Gathering Place	T H U	Apı
7 – 8am	Men's Study, Shady Bend Cafe	3	ril
1 – 1:30pm	Bulletin Folding, Parlor	— F R I	
2 – 3pm	Coloring with Rev. Kelly, The Chocolate Bar	1	
5 – 6pm	Scripture Discussion, Parlor	4 S	
6 – 7pm	Worship, Gollaher Chapel	A	
7 – 7:30pm	Fellowship Time, The Gathering Place	1	
0 – 10:30am	TOGETHER Worship, Sanctuary, Nursery	5 S	
30–11:30am	Plarn Weaving, Rooms 1 & 2	U	
	Fellowship Time, The Gathering Place	— N	
	Growing In Faith Together (GIFT)		
	Sharing Our Life Stories, Youth Room		
	Way Seekers Study, Room C		