

Faith *news*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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A WELCOMING SMILE - *Greeters/Ushers for WRFUMC*

Wood River First UMC is signing up greeters/ushers for a month of responsibility. Choose a month that works best for your schedule and if you are unable to make a Sunday of that month, call someone to fill in for you. Responsibilities of greeters/ushers:
GREETERS/USHERS RESPONSIBILITIES

- Arrive ½ hour before service begins.
- Smile and greet people as they enter the church.
- Goal: one person by the front the door (opening the door), someone handing out bulletins, if possible, someone outside greeting and helping people outside.
- Stay in fellowship hall till after worship starts to greet late arrivals.
- After worship handout a popcorn to guests and thank people or say "have a great week"
- Watch for anyone sitting alone during coffee and donuts and have someone sit with them.
- Have 3 children ready to carry the cross and light the candles right before worship and send the candle lighters to extinguish candles at the end of the service.
- Take up the offering. The pastor will invite you to come forward to receive the offering.
- On Communion Sunday make pastor aware of individuals who need communion brought to them in the pews.
- **Most of all smile and have fun!!! We are welcoming people to experience the love of Jesus.**

RUTH CIRCLE - *Susie Powell*

Ruth circle met on Monday, August 6, with 7 members present. Susie Powell opened the meeting with a reading from Response magazine. Marian Hensley gave the prayer calendar and we shared our joys and concerns. Renae shared her lesson titled "Silver is the New Gray". Linda Thompson served as hostess.

Renae, Susie, & Mary Bilsend attended Mission U in Kearney earlier in the month. In September, the three will be travelling to the Annual UMW Great Plains Conference meeting held at Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 10, at 7:30, one week later than usual due to the Labor Day holiday. Susie will have the lesson and Marian will be hostess.

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Neal Sidders</i> <i>Jeanie McIntosh</i>
2 9:30 WR Worship 11:00 Alda Worship <i>Matt Herber</i> <i>Marvin Kubert</i> <i>Tina Heater</i> <i>Irelynn Urwiller</i>	3 LABOR DAY Office Closed <i>Amber Willoughby</i> <i>Sara Garber</i> <i>Janel Tiarks</i>	4 1:00 Alda Sewing Circle <i>Steve Arnett</i> <i>Keaton Shears</i>	5 9:30 Bible Study <i>Kaden Hayes</i>	6 1:30 Rachel Circle 7:00 Alda Solutions Group <i>Bret Baxter</i>	7 Pastor Trudy's Sabbath 10:30 Alda Healthy Living Meeting <i>Neal & Rozella Sidders</i>	8 <i>Doug Codner</i>
9 9:30 WR Worship 10:30 WR Big Red Sunday 11:00 Alda Worship <i>Clinton & Terry Palu</i>	10 8:30-12:00 Pastor Trudy in Office 7:30 Ruth Circle <i>Casey Almquist</i>	11 1:00 Alda Sewing Circle <i>Tracy Watts</i>	12 9:30 Bible Study 6:00 Alda Nominating Committee 7:00 Alda Finance/Ad Council/ Trustees/Outreach <i>Jessica Bonsack</i>	13 7:00 Alda Solutions Group <i>Jessica Bonsack</i>	14 Pastor Trudy's Sabbath 10:30 Alda Healthy Living Meeting UMW Annual Conference <i>Mary Bilsland</i> <i>Chloe Ellison</i>	15 UMW Annual Conference <i>Nadine Wiles</i>
16 9:30 WR Worship 11:00 Alda Worship <i>Esther Rickert</i> <i>Hallie Palu</i>	17 Pastor Trudy gone to New Room Continuing Ed Conference	18 12:00 Alda Meet & Eat 1:00 Alda Sewing Circle <i>Doug Barker</i> <i>Jeff Herber</i>	19 9:30 Bible Study	20 9:00 WR Sewing Circle 7:00 Alda Solutions Group <i>Shaunte Beavers</i> <i>Johnna Willoughby</i> <i>Elyse Johnson</i>	21 Pastor Trudy's Sabbath 10:30 Alda Healthy Living Meeting <i>John Willoughby</i> <i>Shani Cramer</i> <i>Lila Morse</i> <i>Sam McIntosh</i>	
23 9:30 WR Worship 11:00 Alda Worship <i>Phyllis Barker</i> <i>Jerry & Natalie Shears</i>	24 →	25 1:00 Alda Sewing Circle <i>Sue Mead</i>	26 9:30 Bible Study 5:30-7:00 Kid's Night Out	27 1:30 UMW Meeting 7:00 Alda Solutions Group <i>Jocelyn Rauert</i>	28 Pastor Trudy's Sabbath 10:30 Alda Healthy Living Meeting <i>Deb Fairbanks</i>	29 <i>Amy Earnest</i>
30 3:30-5:30 BISHOP SAENZ 9:30 WR Worship 10:30 WRSunday School 11:00 Alda Worship <i>Shelby Allan</i>						

PARISH NURSE

Mary Bilslend

As I was deciding what to write in this article, it came to me what I had seen and what had struck me and I came up with how important it is that we care for one another. We know that the bible tells us that we need to love and care for one another. We also know that we have all seen, heard and been instructed in this lesson more than once but it seems that we are continually being faced with examples of the opposite occurring.

One thing I read was that above all, teach your children to love and be good to one another. Are we modeling this for all to see and experience? If we do say or do something that we shouldn't, are we quick to apologize and try and wrong the right? Let's work on this and see if we can't make a difference one act and one word at a time.

What would this world look like if we placed all above ourselves and placed ourselves last. Jesus gave us a great example of this. Can we try to emulate Him? We know that we need to listen more and speak less. Try this for a day and see what the results are.

UMW NEWS

Linda Thompson

UMW met on Aug 23 at 7:00pm. President Mary Bilslend presided over the meeting. There were 6 members present. Sylvia McTavish, chair of nominations presented the slate of officers for 2019 :

President : Mary Bilslend

Vice President : Mary Ann Apfel

Secretary : Linda Thompson

Treasurer : Susie Powell

Program Resources : Mary Bilslend

Spiritual Growth : Renae Graham

Education & Interpretation : Mary Bilslend

Social Action : Susie Powell

Membership, Nurture and Outreach : Kay Bockstadter

Committee on Nominations : Sylvia McTavish, Jan Carter

We are hosting the Fall District Meeting on Sat, Oct 13th from 9am - 3 pm. MNO Grocers will be catering lunch . Sylvia McTavish motioned to accept menu #1 and it was seconded by Susie Powell All voted yes. Our Election Day Bazaar will be on Tues, Nov 6th from 8 am to 7 pm. Circles are asked to furnish 21 pies. Susie Powell gave the Prayer Calendar. Joys and Concerns were shared and lifted in prayer by Mary Bilslend. Our next meeting will be Thurs afternoon, Sept 27th at 1:30 pm. Mary Bilslend will be hostess.

HELP OTHERS DISCOVER JESUS

Using Your Gifts

Greeters/Ushers, Communion Servers, a Power Point person and Donut Servers are all needed every Sunday for our worship service to run smoothly. We are moving to sign up for a month of service in these ministry positions. Please consider taking responsibility and signing up to use your gifts to serve Christ and others. And don't worry if something comes up and you need to miss a Sunday, there are plenty of people you can contact to fill in!

Please visit our Sign-Up to grab your spot: <http://signup.com/go/QnYZFEZ>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars

- September 26: Kid's Night Out 5:30-7:00
- September 30: Sunday School Resumes
- October 28: Trunk or Treat - 5:00-6:30
- November 6: UMW Fall Bazaar
- November 18: Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Please let the office know how you'd like to help - 308-583-2716.

SNOW REMOVAL

We are needing to hire someone for snow removal at our church! With winter approaching we must be ready! They will need to clean the walks and salt where needed, 7 days a week! Please call the office or Linda Thompson 381-0588 or can leave a message.

RACHEL CIRCLE *Bonnie Schurer*

Rachel Circle met August 2 with six members present and one guest, Pastor Trudy. Sylvia McTavish called the meeting to order. She asked if anyone ever saw the eye on the one dollar bill? Then she read, *Nothing Hidden* from the book, *Hope For Today*, by David Jereniar. Marilyn Webster gave the treasurer's report. Prayer concerns and a joy was given, followed with a prayer by Mary Ann Apfel. Pastor Trudy gave a report on her testimony. The meeting was adjourned. Lunch was served by Kay Bockstadter.

UMMen RALLY *with Bishop Saenz*

Monday, September 24th, 6:30-8:30 pm
First-Faith Methodist Church, Grand Island
\$5.00 each

What's included:

Meal, Entertainment, Main Speaker

RSVP to the Prairie Rivers District Office by

Sept 1st at 308.384.0603 or

prairierivers@greatplainsumc.org

DONUT DUTY - *Not Really a Duty at All*

Wondering what serving donuts is about? Here are the tasks:

- Pick up the donuts at Casey's before church (**no cost to you**)
- Make coffee, fill 2 pitchers with water and put in fridge to chill
- Set out styrofoam cups, creamer, napkins and donation basket
- Cut some donuts in ½, then set them out right before church concludes
- Serve and then pass around carafe's of coffee and extra donuts
- Put donations in envelope and give to Marvin Rickert
- Wipe tables, wash any dishes and put the coffee pot away

BISHOP SAENZ PRAIRIE RIVERS TOWN HALL MEETING

When: Sunday, September 30th 2018

Where: Grand Island Trinity

Time: 3:30-5:30

What: Bishop Saenz Town Hall Meeting

Who: All Pastors and Laity

Bishop will be bringing discussion about the Way Forward from the Council of Bishops as we prepare for the Special Session of the General Conference, Feb. 23-26 in St. Louis where the General Conference will make decisions to help the United Methodist Church move forward amid disagreements over human sexuality. Clergy and laity of the Prairie Rivers District are encouraged to attend, in order to gain a better understanding of how we can help our churches prepare to have healthy conversations as we discuss a way forward.

If you want to read the Commission On A Way Forward's report that will be sent to General Conference, the link is below.

<https://www.greatplainsumc.org/videodetail/bishop-invites-all-to-read-commission-on-a-way-forward-report-11583221>

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Give the Gift of Warmth

Time to clean out your closet! New or gently used winter coats are needed for men, women, and children in all sizes. Only laundered coats please! There is a bin in the church for donations. Or you can call Jocelyn Rauert at 308-389-1688 for pick up. Coat distribution will take place Sunday, October 7th at the church from 1-3 pm.

WR FUMC:

GO BIG RED SUNDAY: *GET IN THE GAME, SEPTEMBER 9*

We are going RED Sunday, September 9 in recognition that the mission and ministry of God's church is Spirit Driven, Spirit equipped, Spirit empowered. Wear RED or your favorite husker attire. Following the service, we will have ministry tables set up, so you can browse and see all the different ministries happening through the church. We will have a TAILGATE PARTY following the service, so bring your favorite munchies that you love to eat during a big game. Mark your calendar and don't miss the BIGGEST GAME we are invited to play!!!

