

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
WOOD RIVER FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
JUNE 2025

Faith *news*

You're invited!

If you have a birthday or anniversary in the month of June, come receive a special blessing from Pastor Rachel and the congregation on June 8 at 10:00.

We want to celebrate you!



Church Events

- June 2 Ruth Circle 1:30
- June 4-7 Annual Conference in Salina, KS
- June 5 Rachel Circle 1:30
- June 10 Blood Mobile 12-6 (WR Community Center)
- June 15 Father's Day
- June 19 Sewing 9:30
- June 21 Mission Study 10-3 (Senior Center)
- June 26 UWF 1:30

You're needed here.



 American Red Cross

The Blood Mobile will be at the Wood River Community Center (108 W 10th) on June 10 ~ 12-6.

Pre-register at redcrossblood.org

Mission Study

“Welcome Home”

Saturday, June 21

10:00a-3:00p



United Women in Faith of the First United Methodist Church invite you to attend a Mission Study titled “Welcome Home”, which explores how we can know God as an intimate friend who welcomes us.

******Registration Required******

****Please be registered by June 18****

Lunch will be provided

Bring your bible and a notebook!

Renae Graham will lead the study.

To register, contact her at: 308-379-6399 or

renaegraham@charter.net



United Women in Faith

Renae Graham, President

United Women in Faith will present a Mission Study, titled 'Welcome Home', on Saturday June 21, 2025. The study will help us explore how we can know God as an intimate friend who welcomes us. Abiding in God's safety and dwelling in God's provision, allows us to open our hearts to a fuller embrace of the power and presence of God, so that we may find our home in God. The study be held at the Wood River Senior Center. We are very grateful for the use of this facility for our program. The study will be from 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Please bring your Bible and writing material. Lunch will be provided.

Registration is required. Renae Graham will be the study leader. Please let her know if you plan to attend, by contacting her at 308-379-6399 or by e-mail: renaegraham@charter.net.

We would appreciate having registrations by the end of the day on Wednesday, June 18, if possible. Thank you! We have a variety of activities planned: Bible Study, Journaling, Crafts, Music, Prayer Walk, and Communion served by Pastor Rachel. You are cordially invited to join us!

Nebraska 2025 Mission U on July 18 and 19 will be held at Trinity UMC in Grand Island. Study will be 'Practicing Hope'. Joyce Solomon will be Dean and study leader will be Pastor Galen Wray. Registration information is not yet available.

The ladies were informed that Assembly 2026 will be held May 15-17, 2026, in Indianapolis, IN. Theme will be; 'Dream It Believe It Do It'. Registration will begin September 2, 2025.

At the May 22, 2025, UWF Unit meeting, Kay Bockstadter presented the lesson on Food Insecurity and its effect on our community and country. Linda Sample was hostess.

The new vision statement for UMC:

*"The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, **love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously** in local communities and worldwide connections."*

"The bolded words are my points of emphasis. Each phrase is tied to scripture, and each is embodied by so many clergy and laity like yourselves here in Kansas and Nebraska."

Rev. Dr. David Wilson, Resident Bishop

Update from the Church Board:

We're excited to finally see that the repairs of the church building have begun! The parts we were waiting for arrived and the structural repairs are beginning. The hope is to be done with that part by the end of next week. After that, the drywall crew will start the following week.

Continue to pray for the crew of workers! Thank you for your patience!

We greatly appreciate the financial support we've received, especially since we've been displaced from our building. However, with the Alda church now officially closed, and the expenses and utilities we are responsible for in both Alda and Wood River, we ask that if you are able, please prayerfully consider making an extra contribution in the next couple months to get us through this rough patch.

We are truly blessed with all the community support we've had over the past year and continue to receive while we anxiously anticipate the return to our church building in Wood River.



With the new alignment of our parish with the Shelton congregation, worship times for both churches have been adjusted.

Beginning July 1, the Wood River service will be held in Alda at 9:00 am and the Shelton service will begin at 10:30 am.

We will be flexible with the changes and adapt as need be.

June 2025



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>1</p> <p>Worship 10:00</p> <p>Bailey Humphries Colby Hayes Jayden Oster</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Ruth Circle 1:30</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Phil Watts</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Bible Study 9:30</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Rachel Circle 1:30 Annual Conference</p> <p>Larry Krause Rylee Codner</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Annual Conference</p> <p>Brian Hayes Judy Mead Julie Ogden Rozella Sidders</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Annual Conference</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Worship 10:00</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Blood Mobile 12-6 WR Comm. Center</p> <p>Corbin Franssen</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Bible Study 9:30</p> <p>Brian & Julie Hayes Jeremy & Dawn Brandt</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Bob & Marcia Almquist Jason Barker</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Mike & Barb Meguire</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Worship 10:00</p> <p>Brianna Sidders</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Pastor Rachel on vacation</p> <p>Bill & Peg Heise Adam & Stacy Hayes</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Kayden Smith</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Bible Study 9:30</p> <p>Camden Thompson</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Sewing 9:30</p> <p>Ben Sidders</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Carson Thompson</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Mission Study 10-3</p> <p>Sarah Frear Sidney Frear Alec Ogden Isaac Ogden</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Worship 10:00</p> <p>Melanie Frear</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Pastor Rachel returns</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Julie Thompson</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Bible Study 9:30</p> <p>Lacie Frear</p>	<p>26</p> <p>UWF 1:30</p> <p>Cara & Torry Odenbach Lainey Paulk</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Jodi Rauert Steve & Sara Arnett</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Wesly & Amanda Duval Payton Thompson</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Worship 10:00</p> <p>Beverly Voss</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Ron & Jodi Rauert</p>					



A big congratulations to all of our graduates this year (both high school and college!)

- **Sydney Frear** –Wood River High School Valedictorian
- **Sarah Frear** –Wood River High School Prom Queen
- **Beau Rohrich**– Wood River High School Valedictorian
- **Kadence Davidson** –Grand Island Senior High
- **Kayla Molczyk**—Central Community College, Exceptional Student Award (Business Administration—Accounting)

Beginning July 1:
WR Worship time
will be 9:00
(at Alda)

Shelton: 10:30



Pastor Rachel's new office hours (July 1):

Monday: Sabbath

Tues: Shelton

Wed: Wood River

Thurs: Shelton

Fri: Wood River

Giving Report

May: \$5,349

April:\$7,261

March: \$6,786

Average attendance: 32



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