

Our church 150th anniversary celebrations was amazing! Bishop David Wilson and our DS, Rev. Karen were impressed with how everything was organized from worship, bell dedication and the dinner. You made me proud of our church family. I appreciate Faun Baur for her great leadership and all the different committees and teams that put several hours into its success. Everyone was excited to play their role and it was amazing to see how everything fitted together for a great anniversary. I thank you all for your commitment and love for our church. It was worth every effort we put in to celebrate God's faithfulness over the last 150 years. Attendance for both services was great, I thank you for turning up to worship and thank God for the years he has been and used our church for the transformation of our community and beyond. As I mentioned on that day, we are standing on the shoulders of those who came before us and my prayer is that we grow more strong so that the generations after us will find us to have been faithful as they stand on our shoulders to pass the faith to those coming after them too. We were created for a purpose and my prayer is that we maximize all our potentials in our time, so that when we die, we die empty as author and preacher the late Myles Monroe said. Again, thank you to each one of you for everything you did to make our anniversary a success. You matter to God and our church family and as your pastor I value and appreciate you.



We are a church that intentionally invests in young people and I am happy to see them take their space and use it well. They continue to grow in God's Word and truly I appreciate what God is doing in and through their lives. I have had some one-on one conversations with some and I have seen how passionate they are to learn more of God's Word. I thank them for the freedom they have to come to me with any questions they have. Zac and all the volunteers are doing amazing job in nurturing them with God's Word.

Friends, I truly thank you for pastor's appreciation month. I thank you for your prayers, cards, gifts and support towards Heart of Africa. I am blessed to serve in a church that cares for me and my family. As we get ready to celebrate Thanksgiving, remember to thank God for all the blessings he has given you and as one of our hymns says, "name them one by one and it will surprise you what the Lord has done." And as you count them, remember to share with others, because we are blessed to be a blessing.

We are a missional church with a passion to worship God, witness and serve him. Keep inviting others to attend our worship services every Sunday, never be ashamed to witness him to your family and your friends and commit to serve him within the walls of our church and outside.

Friends, I truly believe our greater days are still ahead!

Rev. Reuben Langat, Ph.D.

Our Vision

Worship, Witness, Serve

Our Mission

**Worship God who loves us.
Share our faith by building relationships.
Bring hope to the world we serve.**



November



2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FLC – Family Life Center FEL – Fellowship Hall (basement) Tue @ 10a – Prayers and fellowship afterwards in FLC FFF – Faithfully Fit Forever - FLC– volunteer lead exercise program UWF – United Women in Faith, all women are welcome Home Spun – UWF cluster - Parlor C.O.O.L. W.H.I.P. – UWF cluster– RM 2 Men's Morning – FLC/ breakfast and devotion, all men are welcome Adv. – Adventures 1st-3rd grades/ FEL Pwr Pk – Power Pack 4th-5th grades/ FEL Youth Group – HS/ High School , MS/Middle School			1 9:15a FFF 5:30p Scramble 6:15p Youth 6:45p Trustees	2 3:30p Pwr PK 5p FFF	3 9:15a FFF	4
5 8:45a The Way Service 9:30a JAM 10:30a Sanctuary Worship 8p AA/ Al-anon 	6 11:30a Harvesters	7 7:15a Girl Bible St. 10a Tue @ Ten 3:30p Adv 5p FFF	8 6:45a Men's Morning 9:15a FFF 5:30p Scramble 6:15p Youth	9 10a Homespun 3:30p Pwr PK 5p FFF	10 9:15a FFF	11
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Celebrating God's Faithfulness

Copies of the 150th CCUMC history books and glass ornaments are available in the church office. The church history is available for viewing on our webpage www.claycenterumc.org.



Prayers and Sympathy to Bill & Grace Oetinger and family on the loss of his sister Rose Simmons who passed away.



Prayers and Sympathy to Stanley Sr. and family on the loss of his wife, and our beloved member Anne Pfizenmaier who passed away on October 4, 2023.

Trustees- Our Trustees continued to work extra hard to prepare our church for the 150th Celebration. In the past month, among other things, the carpet in the youth room was replaced and the building was completely power washed. Also, in conjunction with the Memorials Team, a new sign was purchased for the north parking lot.



Sept Budget

Receipts \$24,395.02
Expenses \$31,902.59

Missions \$6,638.74

YTD (Sept)

Receipts \$229,615.54
Expenses \$259,311.64



85+ years old

Mary Alexander

11/03

Jay Mellies

11/17

Charron Cales

11/19

Clione Case

11/24

50+ Anniversaries

No Anniversaries this month



Meet Clione a member of CCUMC who is 85+ years old.

Clione grew up in the Oakhill community. She went to the one room Tubbs grade school and after high school to the Brown Mackie School in Salina. She worked at the Navy Air Station in San Diego. She owned her own business in Clay Center called "Clione's Collections" for 20 years. Her hobby is playing golf, taking trips to Nevada, Texas, Florida and the Carolinas to play. A favorite meal her family requests is meatloaf and scalloped potatoes. One of her favorite desserts is carrot cake. Happy birthday Clione.

MARABETH'S MEMO

I love the fact that we have four seasons in our year. Things are constantly changing, as not to get stagnant. We look forward to the changes. Of all the seasons, Autumn is my favorite. In fact, I long for this time of year. After a month of summer temperatures, I am ready for the cooler weather and curling up in layers of blankets. I look forward to wearing sweaters and boots. I love watching football games – cheering on the Tigers, the Wildcats and the Chiefs. Golds, rusts and browns are the colors I am most drawn to. And, eating homemade soup and sipping on a warm, tasty drink is perfection to me. I love it all and it puts me in good spirits just thinking about it. So many changes. I can hardly wait!

Another thing I enjoy about Fall is that it is a season of anticipation. Last week, Pastor Reuben and I looked through the church calendar to set the dates for the ever changing upcoming events. November brings us All Saints Day, Church Conference, Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes and Thanksgiving. And, in four weeks from now, we will be decorating our church for Christmas! Thus, beginning of the Advent Season. Such a full slate of fun and meaningful happenings. So many changes. I can hardly wait!

As we prepare ourselves for the upcoming months of activities, events, missions and more, we can look forward to the possibility of adding new things to the lineup. More changes. More excitement. And yet, no matter how excited we might be about the changing seasons and activities, we do need some things to remain the same. Amid all of the changes in this fast paced world, we can be so thankful that one thing that never changes is Jesus Christ, himself. The Bible clearly states this in Hebrews 13:8 *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”* That single verse should bring us such comfort. We might find ourselves ready for the next season, wanting something different, but there is security in knowing that our God will remain steadfast.

Enjoy this beautiful, colorful season of Autumn. May it bring us all closer to our God, our Savior. I can hardly wait!

Blessings to all,
Marabeth

Thank you God, for creating our world with various seasons, for giving us the ability to be filled with anticipation of what is yet to come, and for being our constant in every way. Amen.

CCCOM Soup Supper

The United Methodist Churches of Clay County (CCCOM) will be hosting their annual Soup Supper on **Wednesday, November 1, from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. They will provide home-made chili, vegetable beef and chicken noodle soups, along with a variety of homemade desserts. All are invited.



Harvesters

Monday, November 6

Beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Clay County Fairgrounds

Volunteers please arrive at 11:00 a.m.



Hanging of the GREENS

Sunday
November 26th
11:30 a.m.

Join us as we decorate our
beautiful church for the
Christmas Season!

Halloween Howl/Trunk or Treat

The CCUMC handed out treats to all of the kiddos of the community during the Halloween Howl in downtown Clay Center on Halloween afternoon. Thank you to everyone that donated candy for this fun event.



Church Conference

Sunday, November 19 @ 2:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

All Church members are invited and encouraged to attend our Annual Meeting of the church, as we serve as host to other churches in our network.



Homecoming – Three of our Youth Group members were up for Homecoming Royalty, including Emma Pfizenmaier, daughter of Brad Pfizenmaier and Apryl & Mike Peerson; Brody Hayes, son of Patrick & Arica Hayes; and Carter Long, son of Barrett & Stacie Long. Emma and Brody were crowned 2023 Homecoming Queen and King.

Congratulations to all!



Children's Sabbath

Children's Sabbath is a day set aside to celebrate the children and youth of the church. We were so pleased to include our young people in both worship services. Carter Long and Jace Weller were our Greeters, Addy Gurney read the Scripture, and Raegann McDonald delivered the morning Message. The Way Service was

also treated to Doak Pyle, Bryce Weller and Pratt

Taddiken reciting the books of the New Testament. It was a great day of worship!



Children Learning About Yahweh



I understand that the world can be a scary place, and it's easy to feel overwhelmed by all the negative news and events around us. Sometimes, we might feel like there's nothing we can do to



make things better. However, I want to remind our parents and newsletter readers that there is power in prayer and in God's Word, as Hebrews 4:12 says **"for the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."** The word of God is a living and active force that can truly bring about change in our lives and our world. As parents and adults, it's our responsibility to arm ourselves with the truth and keep it in our hearts. We can teach our children to do the same, so that they can also be guided by God's Word in these uncertain times. Paul reminds us in Ephesians 6 11-12 to **"put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."** We understand that God's Word is more than just a book; it's a powerful and transformative tool that can change lives. Our children and youth programs have witnessed amazing progress in the lives of young people, and we celebrate that and couldn't have done it without the loving support of parents who prioritize their child's spiritual well-being. In today's world, where we are constantly bombarded with lies and false ideas, it's more important than ever to arm ourselves with God's



truth. We appreciate your commitment to your child's spiritual growth and look forward to continuing this journey together.

~ZAC



Youth Group Officers (pictures to the right) Jaylee Browne, Secretary; Addy Gurney, President; Brody Hayes, Vice President; Jace Weller, Treasurer.





October 15, 2023



Celebrating God's Faithfulness







Thank you to all church staff and members who worked so hard to make our church's 150th celebration perfect. Sincerely, **Neva Anderson**

Dear Friends, What a glorious day Sunday was! Time to visit with friends, wonderful worship, in the midst of God's people, joy-filled fellowship as we enjoyed a meal together all made a beautiful day. Thank you, thank you. We both had so much fun & it was great to be with you all.

Rev. Glenn & Dianne Tombaugh

Dear Church Friends, Mom is doing well at the Nicol Home in Glasco.

They keep her busy with lots of fun activities. She often has a photo posted on their Facebook page. Your calls, cards, and prayers mean a lot to her and help her feel loved and connected to her dear church family.

In Christ, **Jenna Carver and Barb Booth**

Monthly Mission- Thank you very much for the gift you gave to the ministry of The Lighthouse for Christ. These dollars truly help meet the basic needs of people in our community. **Lighthouse Volunteer**

Dear friends of the CCUM- Thank you for the invitation to the 150th celebration. I and my family have many good memories of our time with you, 1971-1979. My dear wife, Nel, who was loved and appreciated by all, passed on to her eternal home in 2011. Our sons, Craig & Curt enjoyed many good friends of the Clay Center community and have kept in touch with some through the years. Now at age 98, I give thanks to God every day for being able to continue living in our home alone. The kind and generous support of my family makes this possible. Dear friends of Clay Center, may the Living Christ continue to be your Guiding Light as you serve Him in the years to come.

Gratefully, **Rev. Calvin Hartman**

The family of Marilyn Habluetzel would like thank Pastor Reuben, Herb, Marabeth and Cathy for the very memorable funeral service for their mother Marilyn. To Prayers & Squares for the beautiful quilt and to all the members who donated food and to the funeral dinner committee who prepared the meal. We also want to thank you for all the cards, phone calls, memorial donations, love and support and the many prayers for our family.

Jerry & Cindy Habluetzel



operation Christmas Child Shoebox work group met on October 21st as come and go work day. Asher Schooley made a necklace with the help of his brother Kyson and mother Aly. Susan Beck made hair ties, Ruth Ann Johnson and Deanna Laffery made dolls, Marilyn Sherbet packed flashlights with extra batteries, Jane Crawshaw packed blocks, Barb McCoy made animals, Gail Edmiston packed necklaces and bracelets. Our fearless leader, Frances Benson kept everyone busy. The next work day will be in the Spring 2024 when we start boxes for next year. Contact Frances @ 785-447-2279 or by email fcbenson@eaglecom.net if you would like to work on projects at home during the winter months.



THE ENLIGHTENER

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SCRAMBLE

Wednesday evening free-offering meal
5:30 pm—6:30 pm

11/01/2023 CCCOM- Soup Super
11/08/2023 Operation Christmas Child- Sloppy Joe Dinner
11/15/2023 CCCHS Junior Class for Prom- TBD
11/22/2023- **No Scramble**
11/29/2023 Legion Aux. for Ks Honor Flight- Pasta Party





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IN OUR PRAYERS: Elizabeth Carlson, Jillian Browne, Virginia Modean, Shelly Bottcher, Madde Lucenti, Barb Booth, Julie Schulze, Craig Bradford, Cindy Hoverson, Terrie Rush, Howard & Sharron Sump, Patty Stephans, and Gerald (Rick) Ricketts.

Serving in the Military: Brenden Kolsky, Drew Sumner, Cooper Coffman, Doron B. Fishler, Wyatt Bowles



EmberHope began in 1927 by the United Methodist Church as an orphanage and has evolved into a 501(c)3 nonprofit, faith-based agency committed to developing innovative programs that inspire change in at-risk youth and families. Their life-changing programs include foster care, adoption, residential programs, and counseling for both individuals and families





Congratulation to parents John & Naomi Knitter and grandparents Kevin & Carol Knitter on the birth of Luke Ross Knitter born on September 18, 2023.