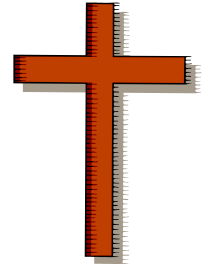
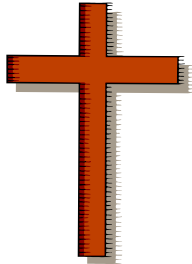


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To receive a newsletter, call the office at 785-242-1419. If you have questions, corrections or additions, call Jane Morabito at 785-242-1703/janemor@att.net. Information can also be left at the church office. Newsletters are sent bi-monthly (every two months). **Deadline for the next newsletter is April 20, 2012.**

Sunday Morning Services: Children's Sunday School – 9:00 a.m. **Adult Sunday School** – 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship – 10:00 a.m. **Worship** - 10:30 a.m.

Radio Broadcast - Sunday Morning at 11:00 on KOFO, 1220 on your AM radio dial.
Email us at: <http://www.ottawafumc.org>

Many thanks to Teri Howard for sponsoring the January/February newsletter.

Blood Drive

-Sue Petersen

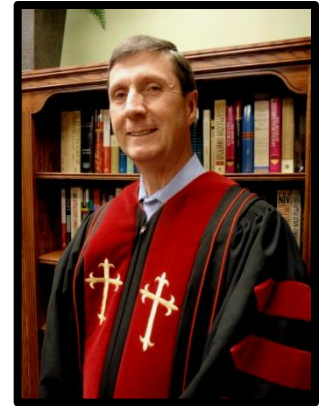
We had a very successful blood drive December 5. Community Blood Center obtained 32 units of blood, with a goal of 24 units - 30% more than expected.

Thank you, thank you to all who registered! Not only are we helping our local hospitals, we are also helping our troops, as Community Blood Center is involved in shipping blood overseas for the military.

J.C.'s Corner

Have you ever wondered what happened to the information we gathered at the home meetings we had this fall? Well, the notes from those meetings have not been filed in file 13. In fact, they will be used in our upcoming mission planning sessions. Here is some of what was said at the home meetings:

- Greater involvement of the young family age group and programs to pique their interest.
- Ways to include more contemporary types of worship
- Greater emphasis on youth programs and activities
- Funding as youth/young adult minister
- More outreach to the disadvantaged people in the community
- More public awareness of our mission activity through public media
- More welcoming attitude, better recognition of visitors
- Greater involvement of Methodist men in activities



These are just a sampling of what was lifted up in those meetings as a dream. As you can see, these ideas range from reaching new people with the gospel of Jesus Christ to finding better ways to serve in the church. What are we going to do with these ideas? They will be used in our ministry plan.

I have asked Larry Felix, the RMH CEO, to work with me in putting together a one year and five year ministry plan. Larry and I will meet with several small groups grouped according to age. The dreams that were delineated at these fall meetings will be used to help us discern what God is calling us to do in 2012 and beyond. There will obviously be other ideas that will surface. We will be looking for the top three or four emphasizes for this year and for five years from now.

This work will eventually be put together in a document that will be approved by both the Church Council and the Church but more importantly, it will be used to guide and focus us in what we are doing. How does this help? Having a ministry emphasis focuses energy, time and resources on accomplishing these goals. Most churches don't have the people or monetary resources to do everything they would like. Hopefully, this ministry plan will allow us to focus our resources on achieving that which God is calling us to do.

Pastor JC



Who's Who at Ottawa First United Methodist Church

Pastor
Administrative Assistant
Staff Parish Relations Committee
Trustees
Finance
Foundation
Lay Leader
Church Council Leader
Evangelism
Worship
Christian Education
Missions

JC Kelley
Kay Wilburn
Larry Felix
Larry Thurston
Gayle Studley
Rod Kitts
Jeff Mourning
Dean Royse
Mary Royse
Marilyn Noah & Judy Lanning
Jackie Steelman
Muriel Rayson



LENTEN STUDY

The Philip Yancey study "Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?" will be offered as a six week Lenten study, starting on Wednesday, February 29, to Wednesday, April 4, 2012, from 6:30 until 7:45 p.m. The class will consist of DVD presentations and discussions of the questions and scriptures in the study guide. This is not a lecture series but a group study as we seek to deepen our prayer lives. It will be led by Dr. Kelley.

Participant guides cost \$7.00 and the book on which this study is based "Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?" is available for \$12. The book is optional for the study but will be provided for those who want to spend more time on the prayer study than the class will allow.



Happy
Valentines
Day!



Year End Giving Statements

Year End Giving Statements have been printed and are ready for you to pick up in the church office. They are in alphabetical order and will be in fellowship hall on Sundays. If your giving has been \$100 or more during 2011, there will be a statement for you. If you have any questions or don't find yours, please call the church office.

UMW News

-Zondra Waymire
Numana Fundraiser
Pie Baking Clinic is scheduled for *February 18* at 9:30 a.m. UMW Sunday is *February 19*. Our speaker will be Reverend Diana Chapel, Pastor of Ogden House. A lasagna dinner will follow the service and will be served by UMW. Five Rivers District Mission Team will be at Pleasanton on *February 4*.
On *February 14*, the Legislative Event for Advocacy in Faith will be held at First United Methodist Church in Topeka. Late registration is \$25.00

Worship Team

-Marilyn Noah & Judy Lanning
The Worship Team would like to thank all those who volunteer to help with our worship service as Liturgist. We appreciate your willingness to serve in this capacity. As you know, the scripture selection is displayed on the screen for the congregation to follow along. It has been requested

that the scripture is read from the NRSV Bible, so that it will match what everyone else is seeing. To assist you, a copy of the Scripture reading will be placed on the Lectern prior to the service. You should also receive a copy by email along with the bulletin, so you can be familiar with the passage. Please feel free to print it and bring it with you. Thanks again for your help.

February 22nd is Ash Wednesday, the start of the Easter season. Special services/activities are being planned throughout the season. Please keep an eye on the church calendar for plans/times for each of these events and plan to attend as many as you can.

Starting on Sunday, *February 26th*, we will begin using prayer strips in our service. Here's how it will work....Sunday morning as you enter you will be given a prayer strip. Write either your name or a specific prayer request on it, then hang it on the cross at the back of the church. The cross will be taken down front for communion, where you will get a new strip. Take it home and pray for that person/request written. During the week, you will add your name/request, bring it back to church, hang it on the cross and then get a new one to take home. Pray for each request/name on the strip. We will repeat this process every Sunday until Easter. You can keep your strip with your Bible, tied to your purse, on your car

mirror, your wrist, in your pocket, on your bedside table...wherever you will remember to pray for those on your strip every day. Don't forget to bring it back each week.

Evangelism

-Mary Royse
Thanks go to all who attended the birthday party for Jesus. Food and toy donations were made to Hope House.
The FUMC Task Force is hard at work deciding how best to market our church and how to reach and bring more people to Christ.

We have been handing out brochures to visitors and members and asking them to pass them on to others. We are working on business cards for our church to get the word out. We are planning on something to recognize our visitors on Sunday mornings. We ask for prayers as we go forth on the mission of bringing in new people.

Christian Education

-Jackie Steelman
Change is in the air!
Beginning the first Sunday in March, the start time for the children's Sunday school classes will be 9:30. This does not affect the adult Sunday school classes. Parents, you are invited for a time of relaxation, coffee, and fellowship in the large dining room, while your children attend classes.

Our team is anxious to organize educational

experiences for all ages. Please watch for an interest survey in an upcoming bulletin and newsletter. Let us know your thoughts and needs.

Church Council

-Dean Royse
Church council meetings are open to all church members and are normally scheduled on the third Wednesday of each month. It is advisable to watch meeting schedules printed in the bulletin. We are not required to meet every month and if no

business is on the agenda there will not be a meeting. Meetings are called to order at 6:30 p.m. and are expected to be adjourned by 7:30 p.m. Agenda items are turned into the office or to Church Council chairman Dean Royse by Monday prior to the meeting.

Foundation Committee

-Rod Kitts
The committee has funded the Trustees for 2012 and has provided second semester scholarships for two

members. We are currently working with Franklin County Community Foundation on the OFUMC portion of the Roseberry Trust. Our efforts center around establishing a "Homeless Shelter." We will be sharing our needs very soon with our congregation. Our goal is to have a home in Ottawa that can be a transition location helping families get back on their feet.

Finance

-Gayle Studley and Bob Marsh

Currently, the Ottawa First United Methodist Church does not ask for formal pledges of giving each year. Instead, we study last year's offering and estimate what it will be this year. We use that estimate to develop this year's budget, which the congregation considers and approves at the annual church conference. In 2011 the weekly offering totaled nearly \$200,000, an average of \$3,850 a week. We started last year off strong and the total offering did not fall below the average until July. The total offering stayed below average until December.

For the 2012 budget we have estimated the offering to be nearly \$220,000, a ten percent increase. We assumed growth in both membership and giving.

The Finance Committee watches the weekly offering closely to see if the estimate was correct. To meet this year's estimate, the weekly offering needs to average \$4,235 a week. We are not off to a good start. In the first four weeks of this year we have fallen nearly \$5,000 below the average needed.

The Finance Committee is trying a number of ways to keep the congregation informed of our financial status. We now have a bulletin board outside the Finance office where we will show last week's offering. We will also try to keep you informed in this newsletter.

RECENT WEEKLY OFFERING

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Jan 1-7	\$3,332	\$3,332	\$4,235	(\$903)
Jan 8-14	\$4,096	\$7,428	\$8,470	(\$1,042)
Jan 15-21	\$2,280	\$9,708	\$12,705	(\$2,997)
Jan 22-28	\$2,314	\$12,022	\$16,940	(\$4,918)

Prayer Chain

To be included on the Prayer Chain please contact Cheryl Allen at gochiefs62@sbcglobal.net or call 242-9987 or Judy Lanning djamlanning@sbcglobal.net or call 242-7643.

Fourth Monday

Fourth Monday in February is the 27th at 5:00 p.m. Program: Travels to Tuscany, Italy

One Great Hour of Sharing

-Muriel Rayson

One Great Hour of Sharing is Sunday, March 18, 2012. United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is a not-for-profit global aid organization of the United Methodist Church. Their mission is to "alleviate human suffering – whether caused by war, conflict or natural disaster." Your gift to *One Great Hour of Sharing* pays for day to day operational costs, allowing 100% of UMCOR donations to be used for specific emergencies. Thank you for giving generously.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

This ministry meets the fourth Thursday of every month at 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room. If you do any kind of handwork or would like to learn, now is the time. You will experience prayer, fellowship and a great time. The knitted shawls are blessed with love and prayers and presented to those going through challenging times.

Chicken Noodle Dinner

Chicken Noodle Dinner Monday March 12, 2012 – First United Methodist Church
4th & Hickory, Ottawa, KS

Lunch: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Dinner: 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$6.00 in Advance

\$7.00 at the door

\$4.00 for Youth 6 – 12

Menu: Chicken & Noodles, Green Beans, Real Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Pie and drinks.

Contacts: Church office: 785-242-1419

Co-Chairs: Jim Lancaster: 785-242-2111/Cell: 785-241-3090 & Bev Brands: 785-242-1200



Free, Hands-on Pie-baking clinic/ Numana fundraiser

Would you like to learn to bake pies, and at the same time help starving people? The UMW is sponsoring a free pie-baking class Saturday, February 18th. Participants will each bake 2 pies to be sold UMW Sunday, February 19th, to raise money for the April 14th Numana Food Packing Event in Ottawa. The class will include 2 recipes for pie crust, and both 1-crust and 2-crust cherry, apple, and pumpkin pies. We will also have a meringue demonstration.

The class will be held here at FUMC February 18 from 9:30 until the pies are baked and the kitchen smells wonderful! Sign up in the office, or put the registration form below in the offering plate, by February 12.

Even if you know how to bake a pie already, join us for good fellowship and a chance to help others! Donations welcome to cover cost of supplies.

Pie-baking Class February 18

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

FEBRUARY CALENDAR



Date	Day	Activity	Activity	Activity
Feb. 1	Weds.	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. UMW Exec. Committee (Library)	5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Cherub Choir Practice (Parlor)	
Feb. 2	Thurs.	8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Clergy Support 9:30 – 12:00 p.m. Disciple 1	5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Junior Choir 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir	7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. Men's Chorus
Feb. 5	Sun.	10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Morning Worship	5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Youth Group	
Feb. 6	Mon.	6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Divorce Care		
Feb. 7	Tues.	6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Class		
Feb. 8	Weds.	5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Cherub Choir	6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Finance Mtg.	7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Trustees Mtg.
Feb. 9	Thurs.	9:30 – 12:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Class	5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Junior Choir 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir	7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. Men's Chorus
Feb. 11	Sat.	9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Hope House Volunteers		
Feb. 12	Sun.	10:30 – 11:30 Morning Worship	10:00 10:30 a.m. Blood Pressure	5:00 p.m. Oxford Potluck
Feb. 13	Mon.	6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Divorce Care		
Feb. 14	Tues.	6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Class		
Feb. 15	Wed.	9:30 New Dimensions Circle	1:00 Dorcas Circle 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Cherub Choir	6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Church Council Mtg
Feb. 16	Thurs.	8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Clergy Support 9:30 – 12:00 p.m. Disciple 1	5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Junior Choir 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir	7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. Men's Chorus
Feb. 19	Sun.	10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Morning Worship	5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Youth Group	
Feb. 20	Mon.	6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Divorce Care	6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Friendship Circle	
Feb. 21	Tues.	6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Class	7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Sarah Outreach	
Feb. 22	Wed.	5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Cherub Choir		
Feb. 23	Thurs.	9:30 – 12:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Class	5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Junior Choir 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir	7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. Men's Chorus
Feb. 24	Fri.	7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Game Night		
Feb. 26	Sun.	10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Morning Worship	5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Youth Group	
Feb. 27	Mon.	5:00 – 7:00 p.m. "Fourth Monday"	6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Divorce Care	
Feb. 28	Tues.	6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Class		
Feb. 29	Wed.	5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Cherub Choir	Lenten Prayer Study - 6:30 p.m. With Pastor Kelley	

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