



The Tower

First United Methodist Church

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"We are not like Jesus yet, so we will continue to grow in love for God for the sake of others."

RE-ENGAGE SEASON

Ministers by baptism:
Every Christian

Lead Pastor:
Rev. Seungli You

Associate in Youth
Ministry, Education
and Technology:
Bill Podschun

Visitation Pastor:
Pastor Beth Wilke

Office Administrator:
Amber Benavides

Bookkeeper:
Jeri Edwards

Director of Maintenance
& Property:
Randy Vanderpool

Children's/Youth Intern:
Hannah Hlavenka

Music Director:
Julie Woodring

Organist:
Chance Alquest

Sunday Worship Times:
9:00 am – Sanctuary, with
FaceBook Live streaming

(Nursery available for
worship service for infant
through four-year-olds)

I'm excited to welcome you all to our Re-engage Season! This time of year offers us a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with God, each other, and the mission of our church. Over the next few months, I will be serving as an interim campus minister, focusing on building connections and deepening our engagement with the people of Winfield. It's a privilege to walk alongside you as we navigate this season together.

As we enter into this season, I want to encourage everyone to participate in small group gatherings. These gatherings provide a valuable opportunity to foster community and deepen our spiritual lives together. We'll be sharing more details and information on our website soon, so please stay tuned and consider how you might get involved. Small groups are a great way to strengthen your faith, build meaningful relationships, and support one another in this journey.

I want to ask each of you – how do you want to engage and recommit this season? Whether it's through worship, joining a small group, or serving in a new capacity, there are many ways to get involved and make a difference.

One particular opportunity I'm excited to share with you is our Tuesday Table initiative. We are forming an advisory board to guide this important ministry, and we need 5-6 committed individuals who are passionate about serving our community. Would you consider being a part of this board? Together, we can brainstorm and develop strategies to better serve the people of Winfield.

Lastly, I encourage you to make worship a regular part of your week and to actively participate in one of our small groups. These practices are essential for nurturing our faith and staying connected as a church family.

Let's make this Re-engage Season a time of renewed commitment and vibrant community life. I look forward to seeing how God will work through each of us as we step forward in faith.

August 14, 2024

Rev. Seungli You



Happy Birthday to these special people:

- 9/1 Diana Duncan, Amy Hutto, Sue Pressnall, Preston Price
- 9/2 Taylor Byerley, Kristi Morris, Blaine Spengler, Allyson Thiel
- 9/3 Cheri Nichols
- 9/4 Mack Morrison, Sadie Smith
- 8/5 Rhonda Coyne, Betty Hess, Joyce Kistler, Eloise Wall, Megan White
- 9/6 Carolyn Eastman, David Hatfield, Mary Moore, Adrian Whetstone
- 9/7 Cheyenne Fullerton, Michelle Moberly, Luna Belle Williams
- 9/8 Landon Price, Sage Snively
- 9/9 Millie Smith
- 9/10 Luke Boline, Abby Brenn, Todd DeMint, Charles Osen
- 9/11 Deb Dennett, Charlotte Eastman, Emrys Harrod, Anna Johnson, Bill Rosecrans
- 9/12 Riley Osen
- 9/13 Jimmy Coyne, Eric Hunt
- 9/14 Megan Brown, Shirley Jester, Chris Williams
- 9/15 Margaret Peirce
- 9/16 Jacob Rude
- 9/17 Linda Hanshaw
- 9/18 Russell Bradbury, Candi Fox, Cindy Goertz, Cindy Ward
- 9/19 Victoria Butler, Bonnymae Johnson, Brian Pettey
- 9/20 Franklin Morris, Allan Norton, Ron Pray
- 9/21 Lynn Felts
- 9/22 Liam Harrod, Allison Ledy, Ron Moore, Darci Morland
- 9/23 Marilyn Carter, Skyler Ledy, Hank Morrison, Baylee Musson, Curtis Watts
- 9/24 Wanda Andreas, Clint Stewart, Bob Tyler, Beth Wilke
- 9/25 Sue Simmons Bossi, Sonja Yates
- 9/26 David Benavides, Jo Pat Dolsen, Karen Parsons, Chloe Speer
- 9/27 Jan Flick, Jane Lee Hatfield, Ruby Wilke
- 9/28 Bill Podschun
- 9/29 Andrew Konrade, Mikayla Konrade, Nyasha Maforo
- 9/30 Norma Mattingly, Kathryn Schuster

FOOD BASKET ITEMS NEEDED

We are collecting the following items throughout the month of August. Please place items in the food basket, located outside the Sanctuary.



Manual Can Openers
Ramen Noodles

Winfield First Family

Colleen Andreas	Dee Ginn	Ramon James Tapia
Wanda Andreas	Jeanie Purcell	
Lynn Biddle	Bill Rosecrans	

Extended Family and Friends

Mark Davis	Debbie Hill	Annie Richardson
Lucas Dorsey	Melinda King	Don Smith
Jerry Drennan	James Morris	Marsha Spangler
Addi Foster	Mona Mozingo	Keith Tasker
Cora Frazee	Lynn Phillips	Aaron Toney
Darlene Green	Sid Pitzer	Doug Tucker
Piper Hawkinson	Phillip Rhodes	Dave Woodrow

Grief & Loss

The family and friends of Jean Dewell
The family and friends of Mary Williams

World Concerns

Residents of the Middle East; military, first responders, and their families; those affected by violence in Ukraine.

A Look at Our Loyalty

	Offering
July 7	\$10,514
July 14	\$5,348
July 21	\$10,554
July 28	\$6,001
Needed Weekly	\$11,988
Needed as of 7/31	\$363,659
Received as of 7/31	\$184,095

FROM ELEVATE COWLEY COUNTY

From the bottom of our hearts at Elevate Cowley County, thank you so kindly for your generosity and support of our work. We could not sustain our mission without help from our community and we sincerely thank you for your continued support!

Lindy Merritt, Director, Elevate Cowley County

THANK YOU!



Thank you to the United Methodist Men and everyone who donated to make camperships possible this year! We were able to help 33 children and youth attend camps and retreats through FUMC.

FROM ROGER LUNGREN!

So glad to be home (since June 4) and anxious to thank my Church family and friends for their prayers, get-well wishes, cards, phone calls, and visits. I have been truly blessed! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING AT FUMC

Hannah Hlavenka will be overseeing our children's programming as an intern this fall. She has been assisting with our children and youth programming for the past 2 years. She brings a lot of experience with children and youth and we are excited to have her lead us this fall!

Kids Club will kick off on **Wednesday, September 4th** in Fellowship Hall. This FREE program is open to all K-5th graders and meets at the Church from 3:45-5:15. Kids Club includes Bible Story rotations, crafts, games, a lesson, and snacks. Shuttle services from Whittier to the Church are available for registered students. For more information, contact Hannah Hlavenka or the Church office.

Sunday school for elementary children will begin **Sunday, September 8th** with a fellowship time for children and families in Fellowship Hall.

AUGUST LIBRARY NEWS

Mourning Song: Joyce Landorf
Review By: Chandra Snively



This book is of the author's personal experiences of dealing with grief after the death of her son, grandfather, and mother. It also includes views of other individual's grief after death. She moves through the book gracefully speaking of death and how she would sometimes repeat the different stages of grief at different times . . . with one end result . . . finding your "Mourning Song" a.k.a. finding God's beauty in it all through your faith; how the living live after death. After all, "If one is not able to die, is he really able to live?"

WELCOME JERI EDWARDS!

We invite you to stop by the Church office to meet our new Bookkeeper, Jeri Edwards. Jeri started at FUMC on August 5th and will be working part-time. Our office will be experiencing some shifting throughout the next few months. We invite you to stop by anytime!



MS/HS YOUTH

Middle School Youth will begin meeting weekly for fall programming on **Wednesday, August 28th**. We will meet for supper and fellowship from 6:15-7:00 pm, at the Church.

High School Youth will begin meeting weekly for fall programming on **Wednesday, August 28th**. We will meet at 7:00 pm, at the Church.

High School Supper Club will continue to meet weekly for fall programming on **Sundays at 6:00 pm**, at the Podschun's house. We will prepare supper together and have opportunities to grow in our faith. Our themes for the fall will be from Psalm 34:8, "Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him."

We will have a family cookout at the Podschuns on **Sunday, September 8th at 6:00 pm**. Middle and High School youth and their families are invited to join us!

WOMEN'S DISCIPLE 1 BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Beth Wilke and Sara Weinert will lead a Women's Disciple 1 Bible Study on the BeADisciple app this year. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Pastor Beth, brwilke74@gmail.com. This group will meet virtually on Tuesday's from 4-5:15 pm starting Aug. 27.



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BLUEGRASS CRAWL – SEPTEMBER 17TH

We are excited to host Jennifer and Josh Melcher and Root Beer Floats for the 2024 Bluegrass Music Crawl on **Tuesday, September 17th**. We are looking for volunteers to help us serve the community at this exciting Bluegrass event! If you would like to help serve floats, play, sing, and dance, please contact the Church office. The more the merrier!



RALLY SUNDAY & COMMUNITY POTLUCK

AUGUST 25TH

Join us Sunday, August 25th for Rally Sunday during Worship. We will celebrate the school year and uplift our students, families, teachers and administrators as they head back to school.

Following Worship, we will gather in Fellowship Hall for a Community Potluck Meal together. Bring your family, friends, neighbors, or anyone else to join us. Don't forget to bring your favorite dish to share!

BACK
TO
SCHOOL