

# SPIRE

First United Methodist Church



## HAPPY EASTER!

April 2021

### FUMC Mission

Love God.

Love Each Other.

Make Disciples of Christ.

### FUMC Vision

In order to grow in Christ, to learn from Christ, and serve Christ; we will be a Christian community characterized by our Wesleyan Heritage of: Doing Good, Doing no Harm, and Staying in Love With God.

The next issue will be mailed at the end of this month. Information for that issue should be turned into the church office by April 20th. The Editor reserves the right to edit for content and space.

Brandi Walker,  
Editor



## "HE IS RISEN"

*Matthew 28:6*

### Holy Week Services

April 1st Maundy Thursday (Communion)

7pm Service

April 2nd Good Friday

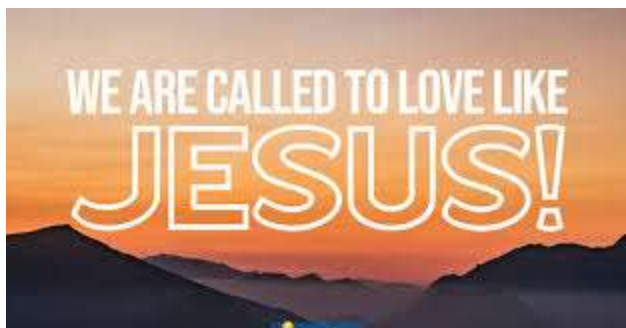
Audio Presentation of the Passion will be available online all day

April 4 Easter Sunday (Communion)

8am Traditional

9:30am Contemporary

11am Traditional



### **East Lawn Food Pantry.**

As you most likely have read, the new trailer is at the trailer court and has been set on concrete posts, entrance and exit doors have been placed, ramps and concrete are being installed and we are waiting on the weather to cooperate more fully so we can get the inside worked on with a bathroom, kitchen sink,

stainless steel tables, shelves and storage areas arranged. Lots of items to complete, but most objectives are going along well. We will plan on an Open House when things are done so you have a chance to view the facility. Thanks to all who donated their time, money and talents to work on this mission outreach. Currently, food boxes are packed at the church, loaded into trailers and taken to East Lawn trailer court for distribution in the large parking area by the mailboxes.

Donations for this particular project are still welcome as this is an outreach mission of the church and is financed through donations and grants. If you would like to donate to this mission, please note that on your contribution so the funds can be allocated into the proper account.

Thank You to all those volunteers that pick food items up from the grocery stores in Kearney and transport it to the church location, volunteers that sort the food items and place it on the shelves, volunteers that work each day the pantry is open to pack boxes, those that work on the off days repacking meat items or other large packaged items into smaller packages for distribution, and cleaning the church area where the pantry is currently housed.

Outreach to families has been increasing with 480 families being helped each month and with repeat visits, 1200 to 1300 families have visited the pantry each month. Number of individuals are around 1400. All of this because of a little trailer that started in 2012 as a new Mission's project.

As was mentioned earlier in the year, we are keeping track of volunteer hours. February showed over 800 hours of time volunteered towards the operation of the pantry that we are aware of. I am sure that more hours are out there which are unaccounted for. There was some 200 hours of volunteer time in making the changes for the new trailer. Thank You All!! Remember that this is your mission and if you can furnish your time once a month, it would be great. Due to the virus, all volunteers at the pantry have their temperature taken when they come to volunteer and are also required to wear masks. Most volunteers have had their first COVID shot and that is a step in the right direction. Congrats to you!

If you would like to help at the church sorting food, packing boxes or visiting the grocery stores, please call Colleen Jacobson, 627-4472 to schedule a work day or Pete Ludowese, 293-0100 for other information. General information is available from the church office, 237-3158.





In Sympathy:

Norma Guge on the death of her sister, Marian Carlson, who passed away January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Carol Rowedder & Frank Sherman on the death of Carol's brother, Wayne Nichols of Miller, who passed away February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Dick Beechner on the death of his wife, Barbara Beechner, who passed away February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Ron, Linda, Cara, Cory & Erin Kitt on the death of son & brother, Gregory, "Greg" Kitt of Litchfield, who passed away March 6<sup>th</sup>. Grandparents include John & JoDell Payne.

Friends & family of Jack Oglevie who passed away March 07<sup>th</sup>.

Friends & family of Vera Bachkor who passed away March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Delmer Romjue on the death of his wife, Donis Romjue, who passed away March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Colleen Jacobson on the death of her brother, Lowell Aspergren, who passed away March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Richard & Linda Harr on the death of Linda's mother, Alliene Appelkans, who passed away March 29<sup>th</sup>.



With Thanks:

FUMC,  
Thank you so very much for your very generous donation to our food pantry. Your

support will help so many in need. We truly appreciate your gift to those in need.

**Kearney Area Salvation Army**

FUMC,

Thank you for the use of your building and giving us permission to do the Soup to Go luncheon. This is a great opportunity to raise funding for camps.

**BSA Troop 136**

FUMC,

Thank you for your donation to Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity! We are very much looking forward to our 2021 home building season.

**KAHfH**



## **SAVE THE DATES!**

First UMC Vacation Bible School

Morning Session: June 14-18

Evening Session: July 12-16

**We need lots of volunteers!**

\*Station Leaders/Helpers\*

\*Crew Leaders\*

Contact Jeanine Spangler to volunteer.

[jeanines@kearneyfirstumc.org](mailto:jeanines@kearneyfirstumc.org)

(308) 237-3158

Be watching for online registration for children later this spring.



### **SPONSORS NEEDED FOR 2021 RADIO BROADCASTS**

The 11:00 worship service is broadcast live every Sunday morning on KGFW Radio 1340 AM and 96.1 FM. Generous members of this church sponsor this broadcast each week. Cost is \$199 per Sunday. Dates available in 2021 are: May 16 & 23, June 27, July 18 & 25, August 29, September 12, 19 & 26, October 10, 17 & 31, November 7, 14 & 21, and December 5, 19 & 26.

Thank you to all of the volunteers helping with the East Lawn Trailer. Your hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed. You are making a difference in many of the lives in the Kearney community.



Note: This corner has been designated the AMEN corner for "an audible alert that something special was (is) being done."

**\*In Memory of Rev. Maurice Holt  
1907-1997**



#### April 1<sup>st</sup>

Jordyn Bruha  
Jeanne Chamberlin  
Jon Garner  
Dana Hansen  
Gail Lowenberg  
Sheryl Murray  
Kelly Pocock  
Catherine Rahmann  
John Wilson  
Shane Zikmund

#### April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ashley Cerny  
Kate Day  
Haidyn Nutter  
Mike Patterson  
Jeanne Schultz

#### April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Ross Armstrong  
Laci Branstiter  
Russell Howe  
Deb Jensen  
Kay Liibbe  
Justin Patterson  
Kari Rodehorst  
Megan Smith  
Timothy Vasquez  
Andrew Wiederspan

#### April 4<sup>th</sup>

Betty Andersen  
Rick Breinig  
Kathy Emken  
Marcus Emken  
Nikki Gausman  
Mike Gilbreath  
Cheryl Hough  
Briggs Kliment  
Kruz Kugler  
Shane Leonard  
Gavin Lush

Carsten Mlady  
Layna O'Donnell  
Eric Pavlicek  
Rand Petersen  
Bobby Unick  
Rodney Wiederspan  
Ben Fries

#### April 5<sup>th</sup>

Blake Bivona  
Michael Carter  
Tylar Dahlke  
Kierstynn Garner  
Decker Haddix  
Everett Hanzlik  
Brad Hyde  
Megan Lear  
Dennis Nelson  
Becky Noetzelman  
Brinley Pohl  
Nancy Sayles  
Dillon Schroeder  
Phyllis Schwarz  
Isaiah Solomon  
Jamison Stafford  
Amy Abramson

#### April 6<sup>th</sup>

Jami Rayburn  
Brad Fusby  
Denise Haupt  
Martha Kruse  
Kyle Luthans  
Stacy Peterson  
Martha Pierce

#### April 7<sup>th</sup>

Arlene Lofquist  
McKinley Brinegar  
Kaden Brodersen  
Payton Cudaback  
Graden Forbes  
Jason McClellan

Kim Panowicz  
Brandy Phillips  
Janeen Sanders  
Jeffrey Schlender  
Kent Schroeder  
Eric Zimbelman

#### April 8<sup>th</sup>

Nicole Harvey  
Pete Langer  
Abby Olson  
Bill Orr  
Benjamin Romatzke  
Debra Schake  
Natalya Schleiger  
Jarrod Schmoker

#### April 9<sup>th</sup>

Bonnie Anderson  
Drake Fries  
Haddix Grindle  
Brandon Kershner  
Trevor Payne  
Mary Jane Watson  
Doris Whitacre  
Leightyn Metz

#### April 10<sup>th</sup>

Dylon Baxter  
Megan Beck  
Juanita Cloyed  
Jordyn Cruise  
Shannon Godfrey  
Annette Kirchhoff  
Will Lindstrom  
Jace Steiner  
Harper Wharton  
Porter Wharton  
Bryan Wickham

#### April 11<sup>th</sup>

Jim Grove  
Conner Lierman

Dorothy McCammon  
Cindy Wilkinson

#### April 12<sup>th</sup>

Jim Ellenwood  
Brian Hagan  
Michael Johannsen  
Liam Petersen  
Jordan Poff  
Cathy Walters

#### April 13<sup>th</sup>

Ashlyn Bspalec  
Chloee Faz  
Dan Okamoto  
Halle Quintana  
Don Snyder  
Bailey Sullwold

#### April 14<sup>th</sup>

Dan Jeffries  
Scott Barry  
Kris Dunbar  
Sharon Johnson  
Becky Kliever  
Kaitlin Kreutzer  
Spencer Loescher  
Dori Moomey  
Lori O'Brien

#### April 15<sup>th</sup>

Jami Engberg  
Randi Haines  
Harrison Morris  
Craig Payne  
Richard Wagner  
Piper Zabel

#### April 16<sup>th</sup>

Jackson Cabela  
Ethel Glenn  
Harlee Ingraham  
Ty Vetter



Breckyn Brandt

**April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Katie Boston  
Briahna Carlson  
Brandon Erickson  
Carly Horsley  
Makenzie Kotschwar  
Laura Marshall  
Christina Nelms  
Kaitlyn Skala  
Donna Tubs

**April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Luke Albee  
John Fiechtner  
Karen Garrelts  
Madison Heusinkvelt  
Susan Howe  
Callen Paschall  
Jay Scheer  
Porter Von Seggern

**April 19<sup>th</sup>**

John Barry  
Sue Broeker  
Joseph Caroselli  
Julie Gappa  
Lily Grabenstein  
Kyle Johnson  
Tara Meyers  
Brynlee Peters  
Bret Schweitzer  
Grace Softley

**April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Paula Berumen  
Megan Bollwitt  
Mia Erickson  
Derek Horsley  
Dillon Klingelhofer  
Stacy Malooley  
Alivia Olson

Lorissa Roepke  
Wendy Spencer  
Brandon Thomas  
Keaton Sasse

**April 21<sup>st</sup>**

Mitch Arnold  
Carla Brooke  
Michelle DeVries  
Barbara Harms  
Trey Hibberd  
Cliff Sovereign  
Megan Uphoff  
Ryan Wise

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Jake Boston  
Shane Cudaback  
Brittney Brown  
Kennidy Garner  
Blake Johnson  
Paula Johnson  
Linda Knipping  
Emerson Kumke  
Daniel Lenz  
Pat McLaughlin

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Bronson Amend  
Jett Beezley  
Kielyn Beezley  
Kelly Christensen  
Nikelle Gerdes  
Micky Jahn  
Zann King  
Jennifer Knepeke  
Colleen Martin  
Terry Sinnard  
Crystal Stafford  
Miles Sughroue  
Becca Thacker  
Douglas Tillman  
Gabriel VanWinkle

**April 24<sup>th</sup>**

Kaylee Arehart  
Brittany Haupt  
Cara Kitt  
Jordan McCaslin  
Cauy Nelson  
Anita Smith

**April 25<sup>th</sup>**

Lynne Beckstead  
Jayden Cabela  
Rita Coakley  
Samuel Engberg  
Paige Hermesen  
Wendell Muller  
Greg Olson  
Kristy Potthoff  
Braden Zinnel  
Brett Zinnel

**April 26<sup>th</sup>**

Kay Amos  
Emma Chandler  
Laura Haddix  
Kayla Magee  
Lynette Malone  
Jenna Palu  
Michelle Morris  
Brent Potthoff  
Dawson Tremel  
Grayson Webb  
Bailee White  
Tenley Payne

**April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Kimberly Atchison  
Sally Grandgenett  
Alex Grindle  
Rod Horsley  
Ezekiel Nelms  
Lila Phinney  
Preslie Scheer  
Steve Wickham

**April 28<sup>th</sup>**

Ruth Arp  
Shayla Fox  
Jared Kruse  
Donna Lindgren  
Kasey Melson  
Caden Peterson  
Parker Potter  
Barb Snyder  
Jim Spiegel  
Alyssa Thomas

**April 29<sup>th</sup>**

McKenna Baer  
Vincent Bivona  
Brody Bowman  
Mariah Bruntz  
Melisa Dobish  
Ethan Fries  
Matthew Rogers  
Lori Romatzke  
Marilyn Skiles  
Bridget Von Seggern

**April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Todd Bartee  
Terry Becker  
Kaysie Haas  
Jeff Johnson  
Angela Nelson  
Lakyn Noetzelman  
Tory Peak  
Alaina Rich  
Christopher Sanders  
Logan Whittaker





Bennett Adam Batie, son of Adam & Chantelle Battie, was baptized on February 28, 2021, big sister, Collyn, helped celebrate.



Tenley Rose Payne, daughter of Craig & Logan Payne, was baptized on March 28, 2021.



## MATTHEW 28

### Jesus Has Risen

1After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

2There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to

the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

5The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

8So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

### The Guards’ Report

11While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. 12When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, 13telling them, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ 14If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” 15So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

### The Great Commission

16Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

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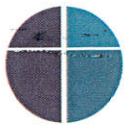
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