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PASTOR'S CORNER

MESSY MISTAKES

I accidently sent a copy of my weekly church e-mail blast to everyone in my contacts list. This is not a thing I wanted to do. My first clue that I had a problem happened when I opened my email. It was filled with notifications about emails that could not be sent. I couldn't imagine what happened. I hadn't sent anything to those people whose names were appearing. I was sure someone had hacked my account and was spamming everyone I know. Nope. I did it myself.

I do apologize if you received my unsolicited email blast. The "pending" and "rejected" notices have filled up my mailbox for a couple of days now. I think it is way past time to clean up my contact list.

This all happened the day after a class encouraging pastors to deal with stress in a healthy way. These classes often remind me that when I hold on to hurts, slights, and rejections or when I will not let go of shame or guilt I may just explode and blast everyone around me with the residue of my pain.

Like my ignored contacts list, when don't attend to my collected emotional stuff; boundaries get crossed, mistakes are made, and life gets messy. Does anything like that ever happen to you? If not, then you must be an amazing person. I need to be reminded to take some time to clean out my emotional storage by talking with God and/or to someone who can help me process through it to some healthier place. God has promised us abundant life (John 10:10) and the abundance of emotional stuff we carry makes that promise a little harder to receive.



Mark Will
DCNT Columnist

THIS DAY -IN- THE HERINGTON TIMES

125 years ago – 1901

GREAT EXCITEMENT AT HERINGTON – A telephone message was received from Wilsey on Monday stating that an escaped convict from the U.S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth had been seen near that place and was moving in a southwesterly direction. For a time, there was fear that the convict would put in an appearance here. A posse of local soldiers was organized and furnished with plenty of ammunition and three days' rations with positive injunctions to bring back the criminal either dead or alive. The crowd cheered as they moved off in the direction of Wilsey. By nightfall, the fugitive had not shown himself and nothing was heard from the Herington posse. By morning, it was learned that the fugitive had been captured six miles north of Council Grove.

100 years ago – 1926

DEDICATE GERMAN FIELD HOWITZER – The Armistice Day ceremony and the dedication at the City Park of the 105mm German field howitzer to the city by the American Legion, was witnessed by a fine crowd of patriotic Heringtonites who braved the chill of the November day. Lt. C. C. Cunningham gave a brief description of the history and use of the memorial cannon. He said the gun had a range of five miles and was fired by 'indirect fire' in which the gunner would never see the object he shoots at. The weight of the gun is 4000 pounds and was drawn by six horses in transit and required a crew of eight to handle it. A. J. Erickson of Emporia, master of ceremonies for the dedication and captain of infantry in the World War said that he hoped

DEDICATE GERMAN FIELD HOWITZER

that the cannon would not stand as a trophy won but rather should spur young men to consecrate their lives to the nation by making of themselves good citizens.

75 years ago – 1951

MILLIONTH TRAFFIC VICTIM DUE NEXT MONTH – Chief of Police L. H. Young has indicated that "This month or sometime next month, motor vehicle traffic will claim its millionth victim. It could be somebody here in Herington. It could be you or a member of your family." Chief Young noted that when motor vehicle fatalities pass one million, it will mean that this country had almost twice as many people killed in traffic as in all nine of the wars we have fought."

50 years ago – 1976

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Level: Beginner

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

ANSWER:

4	7	8	6	3	1	5	9	2
5	1	2	4	9	7	3	8	6
6	9	3	8	2	5	7	4	1
9	2	4	7	1	3	8	6	5
1	8	5	9	6	2	4	3	7
7	3	6	5	4	8	2	1	9
2	4	9	3	8	6	1	5	4
3	6	7	2	5	4	9	8	1
8	5	1	9	7	4	6	2	3

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Wednesday, November 18: Beef Stew, Tossed Salad, Fruit Salad, Biscuit

Thursday, November 19: Roast Turkey, Sweet Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Cinnamon Apples, Pumpkin Pie, Wheat Roll



Friday, November 20: BBQ Meatballs OR Oven Fried Fish, Baked Potato, Winter Blend Vegetables, Apricots, Wheat Roll

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Monday, November 16: Beef Stew,Tomato Wedges, Fruit Salad, Biscuits, Milk

Tuesday, November 17: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Corn, Peaches, Milk

Wednesday, November 18: Roast Turkey, Sweet Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Mashed Potatoes, Roll, Dressing, Pumpkin Pie, Cranberry Salad, Milk



Thursday, November 19: Chicken & Rice Casserole, Buttered Carrots, Roll, Pears, Milk

Friday, November 20: Oven Fried Fish/Meatballs, Baked Potato, Winter Blend Veggies, Roll, Apricots, Milk

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SpiceUpYourLife-SaltedRosemaryChocolate-Cookies

Lindsey Young

Salted rosemary chocolate cookies have a subtle herb-y flavor, balanced by rich, dark chocolate and flaky salt, to create a wonderful, tasty combination.

These cookies are coming up smelling like rose(mary)

I've been trying to stop saving things for later as much as I used to.

I have a tendency to think I should wait for the perfect thing to write in that pretty journal I bought orbsave that fancy lotion I received for a special occasion.

I did the same thing for a few months with a gift card for spices that a good friend gave me. I think, inbmy head, I kept thinking that the perfect time to use it would come along, and if I used it now, I would inevitably waste it somehow.

A couple weeks ago, though, I came across an article from Psychology Today that talked about ourbtendency to save things and why we tend to be drawn towards just holding on to something instead of just enjoying it or using it.

So I bought my load of spices.

And I was so, so happy, especially for this week's recipe, when I was able to pull out a bag of beautiful, flaky sea salt to sprinkle on the top of every cookie.

This recipe comes from the blog "Sweet Boake" by Elanne Boake. I doubled the recipe and added extra rosemary and vanilla in my version. You can find the original at https://sweetboake.blogspot.com/2018/02/salted-rosemary-chocolate-cookies.html.

Salted Rosemary Chocolate Cookies

Ingredients

2 cups sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons fresh rosemary, finely chopped
1 cup butter
2 teaspoons vanilla
2 eggs
2/3 cup cocoa powder
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup dark chocolate chips
1 teaspoon coarse or flaky salt

Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees, and prepare a couple baking sheets by lining them with parchment paper.

Add the sugar and rosemary to a small bowl, and stir, pressing the rosemary as you do to infuse the flavor into the sugar.

In a large mixing bowl, beat the butter until it's smooth, and then beat in the rosemary sugar for at least two minutes, until the mixture is light yellow and fluffy.

Beat in the eggs and vanilla.

Beat in the cocoa powder, flour and baking soda until the mixture is smooth, and stir in the chocolate chips.

Scoop the cookie dough out in about one-inch scoops and place them a couple inches apart on your prepared baking sheets. Sprinkle a little salt onto the top of each scoop.

Bake, one sheet at a time, for about 12 minutes or until the edges just look set and the top is starting to crackle.

Let them cool on the baking sheet before storing them in an airtight container.

These were delicious. The rosemary was subtle but a perfect addition to the dark chocolate and salt. I never thought of using rosemary this way before, but this is a dessert that will absolutely go in my recipe box for future use.

I could see these as a fabulous treat to have with tea.

And I was so excited to get to use a thoughtful gift, rather than waiting for the "perfect" time to do so.

As the Psychology Today article said about constantly saving items or tasks for later: "You become the collector of a life you aren't quite living, carried from one save to the next by a current you never agreed to."

Pull out that special thing and use it today, and then reward yourself with some delicious cookies.

Spice Up Your Life is a weekly recipe column by Lindsey Young, who describes herself as an enthusiastic amateur cook and can be reached through her website at spiceupkitchen.net.

The Chapman Shamrocks 4-H club met on Nov. 8th at CES. Roll call was answered by favorite Thanksgiving food, and Madisyn led the club in singing "It's Thanksgiving". Upon conclusion of the business portion of the meeting,Cooper gave a project talk about cows and his second year heifer. The club made tree decorations for the Annual Heritage Center Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration Dec.4-5. Be sure to come out and vote for your favorite tree! The club's next meeting is Dec 13th for Christmas caroling at Chapman Valley Manor.

Nov Meeting Report by: Rylee Harris

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16 Nov, Mon
All day Winter Sports Practice Begins
All day 1st Day of HS Basketball/Wrestling Practice
9 – 10am Veterans Coffee The Pin Up Cafe
4:30 – 8:30pm MS Basketball @ Goessel
Goessel
4:30 – 5:30pm MS GBB @ Marysville
6:30 – 7:30pm USD 487 BOE Meeting
6:30pm BOE Meeting

17 Nov, Tue
6:15 – 7:15pm WR Parent Meeting
6:30 – 8pm NJHS Induction Ceremony 📜 CHS Auditorium

18 Nov, Wed
All day Piano Seminar 🎹 CMS Cafe
All day FFA Leadership School Salina
8 – 9am Chapman High School Site Council
9 – 10am FFA Leadership @ Salina
3:15 – 4:15pm Fall Signing Date
3:30 – 4:30pm Piano Seminar @ CMS
6 – 7pm State FFA Hometown Visit

19 Nov, Thu
3:30 – 4:30pm MS Boys/Girls Sports Pictures
4 – 5pm MS BWR @ Concordia
4:30 – 8:30pm MS Basketball @ Herington
Herington High School
4:30 – 5:30pm MS GBB @ Wamego
6 – 7pm Post 12 American Legion- Herington

20 Nov, Fri
All day KSHSAA Dance Showcase
All day Gameday Showcase- Dance Team
6:30 – 7:30pm VFW Bingo 101 E Main St
7 – 7:30pm FB Sub-State @ TBA

21 Nov, Sat
All day KSHSAA Cheer Showcase
9 – 10am MS BWR @ Clay Center

23 Nov, Mon
All day THANKSGIVING BREAK - NO SCHOOL (Day 1/5)
All day No school--Fall Break (Day 1/5)
9 – 10am Veterans Coffee The Pin Up Cafe

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Family Eye Care of Abilene: A Constant in Care, Generation After Generation

Dickinson County, Kan. — When someone walks into Family Eye Care of Abilene with a problem, Dr. Jarad Waite wants them to know they are in the right place.

Sometimes that means a routine eye exam. Other times, it is something much more immediate.

Recently, a patient came in with a piece of metal in his eye. Waite was able to examine the injury and take care of the problem — the kind of situation he says is more common in an optometry office than many people realize.

For Waite, that ability to identify a problem and improve someone's quality of life is one of the most rewarding parts of his work.

"Honestly, it's just when someone comes in with a problem and I have the training and capability to solve their problem," Waite said. "Being able to diagnose and heal — being able to improve quality of life by addressing their eye care needs."

It is an approach that has guided Family Eye Care through nearly two decades of growth and service in Abilene.

A Small-Town Path

Waite knew by middle school that he wanted to become an eye doctor.

Growing up in Osborne, Kansas, one of his early inspirations was a local optometrist he knew there. That early influence helped set Waite on the path toward a career in optometry.

Waite graduated from Osborne High School in 1994, earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Kansas State University in 1998 and his Doctor of Optometry degree from the University of Missouri–St. Louis in 2003.

After living in Wichita, Waite and his family wanted to return to a smaller community. He also wanted to own his own business.

He found both opportunities in Abilene.

On July 1, 2008, Waite began seeing patients after purchasing the practice of retiring optometrist Dr. Jon Thayer. Abilene soon became more than the location of the business. It became home.

Growth Creates Room for More

As Family Eye Care's patient base grew, the practice eventually outgrew its original location on Northwest Third Street.

In 2013, the business moved to its current location on Northwest 15th Street. The larger facility expanded the practice from two exam rooms to four, created room for additional staff and improved accessibility for elderly patients and people with disabilities.

The move also allowed Family Eye Care to add an in-house lens lab, giving the team the ability to cut lenses on site.

The practice has grown in other visible ways, too. When Waite purchased Family Eye Care, it stocked about 300 frames. Today, patients can choose from more than 900.

Jarad's wife, Jenn Waite, serves as office manager and has watched much of that growth from behind the scenes.

"Jarad is definitely the face and force behind Family Eye Care," Jenn said. "My roles are much smaller and more behind the scenes, which allowed me more flexibility to raise our children."

As the years have gone on, she has transitioned into roles at the front desk, in the optical area and in pre- testing, allowing her to interact more directly with patients.

The business has also adapted to changes well beyond its walls. Jenn points to the growth of online companies selling glasses and contacts as one of the challenges facing independent practices today.

"We appreciate customers continuing to buy local and hope that we can come close to providing products at similar costs — which is a challenge sometimes when trying to compete with corporate companies," she said. "We do pride ourselves in being a physical location with real people to assist with day-to-day needs."

Waite also continues to invest in diagnostic equipment to keep pace with changing technology.

"We like to stay up on technology," he said. "We try to update our equipment every couple of years to make sure it's current."

Longtime patient Tony Geiger has watched that evolution. Geiger has been a Family Eye Care patient since Waite took ownership in 2008 and said he has seen the practice's customer base grow consistently over the years.

More Than Glasses and Contacts

While glasses, contacts and routine exams remain an important part of the practice, Waite said optometric care extends well beyond vision correction.

Family Eye Care diagnoses and manages conditions including cataracts, glaucoma, macular degeneration and dry eye, in addition to evaluating urgent eye-health concerns.

"We can diagnose a majority of eye problems," Waite said. "If it's something we can't treat, we refer to a specialist."

That role has become increasingly important as some specialty providers retire and patients face fewer options nearby.

Family Eye Care maintains an emergency line, works to accommodate urgent needs and continues to accept new patients, with a goal of scheduling them within a matter of weeks.

For Geiger, having that care available close to home makes a difference.

"As with any needed service or product, having local availability is a major advantage and convenience," he said.

Relationships Built Over Time

Nearly 18 years after arriving in Abilene, Waite can also measure time by the families he serves.

Some of the children he treated years ago grew up alongside his own kids. Today, some are in their mid- 20s and beginning families of their own. Family Eye Care now cares for multiple generations within some families.

That kind of connection is part of what brought the Waite family to Abilene in the first place.

"The driving factor for our move to Abilene eighteen years ago was to be in a smaller community similar to what we both grew up in," Jenn said. "We are believers in giving back to the community that supports you."

She said they remain thankful for the way the community welcomed their family and has continued to place its trust in the practice.

"We have patients that have been with us since the beginning, but we also always welcome new," she said. Geiger's relationship with Waite reflects that continuity.

"Jarad and his staff have always taken excellent care of my eyes and have done so with a compassionate, knowledgeable approach," Geiger said.

Over the years, the relationship has grown beyond the exam room.

"I consider Jarad a valued friend in addition to being a trusted caretaker of my eyesight," Geiger said. "He is quick to point out issues that need to be addressed or monitored, but does not 'push' remedies or equipment that isn't needed. I come away from each exam or visit feeling valued and assured that my eyes are in good hands."

Geiger, who also serves on the Driving Dickinson County Board of Directors, sees Family Eye Care's value from another perspective as well.

"Family Eye Care provides a vital service to our Dickinson County community and beyond," he said.

He pointed to the practice's local employment and contribution to the tax base, as well as the Waite family's support of area organizations and events. Jarad and Jenn both serve on local boards and stay involved in the community they have called home since 2008.

Being Here When It Matters

For Waite, accessibility is about more than responding when someone walks through the door with an injury.

He also wants patients to understand the value of routine care before something feels wrong.

"The importance of routine exams every year is really just to check the health," Waite said. "We can be proactive with a problem versus waiting for it."

For Jenn, that same commitment comes down to being a place patients know they can count on.

"We hope that patients and the community will associate us with being a constant, reliable place of service," she said. "We pride ourselves with being able to take time to fully engage with the needs and concerns for each patient."

Nearly two decades after Waite moved his family to Abilene and took ownership of an established practice, Family Eye Care has grown in patients, space, staff, technology and capacity.

It is the kind of roadmarkable growth that happens gradually — through investment, relationships and a commitment to keep showing up for the people a business serves.

And for Waite, that remains the goal.

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The Death of a Knight
Star Trek's Sir Patrick Stewart

The final days of the midterm election were characterized by non-stop advertising, texting, and emails that touted the attributes of one candidate over another. Hidden beneath the overload of information was a news story you may have missed. An iconic British actor who came to symbolize American greatness passed away at the age of 86.

If you do not know the name Sir Patrick Stewart you most likely are familiar with some of the roles he played. The Queen of England in 2010 recognized Mr. Stewart as one of England's greatest actors and awarded him knighthood. The roles that he played in Hollywood, however, are what made Patrick famous. Younger viewers might know him from the movie roles he played in the X-Men as Professor Xavier. Those of us who grew up in the Star Trek time frame came to be fans of Jon Luc Piccard who was the captain of the USS Starship Enterprise. Stewart as Piccard defined character to a generation.

The captain who would boldly state, "make it so," when giving orders, represented timeless values in a real world that was rapidly changing. The character Piccard was strong, virulent, honest, hardworking, fair, and perhaps most importantly self-sacrificing.

In an American society that was rapidly becoming postmodern, the idea of a hero rooted in traditional values, in the future, resonated with viewers. The weekly television show, Star Trek: The Next Generation, became a staple for millions of Americans. The British actor who came to symbolize American greatness had perhaps his finest moments in episodes that involved the fictional "Borg."

In Star Trek, the Borg was a depiction of communalism. As the Cold War with the USSR was coming to an end the idea of socialism still lingered in Western culture. Stewart, as Piccard, realized that the socialism shown by the Borg destroyed individualism, annihilated societies that would not assimilate, and became an apparently unstoppable force in the universe. Only the heroic selfless efforts of Piccard stopped the ruthless march of communalism.

Flashing forward to post election 2026, we find some lessons from Star Trek that resonate today. America has always been unique in the recognition of the potential of the individual. The gist of the 250-year-old Declaration of Independence and the younger Constitution is that our government will protect individuals so that they can achieve their full potential. While lesser governments around the world have ineffectively attempted to equalize the distribution of resources, the United States has exceled because we equalize and protect inalienable rights. These rights elevate the individual above the State. Rest in peace Sir Patrick and whether inadvertently or not, we thank you for the example shown that recognizes the power of individual freedom. Make it so!

McCain Auditorium's free holiday gift to the community
In gratitude and holiday spirit, McCain Performance Series offers free show: Pat Hazell's "The Wonder Bread Years"

MANHATTAN — Kansas State University's McCain Performance Series is presenting a free holiday show in December to thank the community during the holiday season. Pat Hazell's "The Wonder Bread Years" will be presented on the McCain Auditorium stage at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12.

A fresh and funny salute to Americana, Pat Hazell's "The Wonder Bread Years" is a fast-paced, hilarious production that gracefully walks the line between stand-up and theater. The show not only restores a much-needed sense of wonder but leaves audiences laughing and savoring the past like never before. From sitting at the kids' table to riding way in the back of the Country Squire Wagon, "The Wonder Bread Years" is a comic bullseye.

Pat Hazell is one of the original writers of NBC's "Seinfeld," a "Tonight Show" veteran and a critically acclaimed playwright. Showtime famously declared him one of the "five funniest people in America." Perfect for the holiday season, Hazell's show is a love letter to baby-boomer childhood nostalgia, Americana and growing up in the Midwest.

"As a next-generation land-grant university, K-State has a commitment to putting others first, to service, and to bettering the lives of others through education, research and engagement," said Todd Holmberg, McCain Auditorium executive director. "McCain Auditorium celebrates that mission with our external engagement program. As an extension of our ongoing commitment to outreach and community engagement, we are delighted to offer this complimentary performance as our holiday gift to the community — a small way for us to give back, say thank you and share the joy of the performing arts with those who make our work so meaningful!"

How to get free tickets to "The Wonder Bread Years"
Complimentary tickets will be available to the public beginning at noon Wednesday, Nov. 18, and may be reserved in person or by phone through McCain's ticket office at 785-532-6428. Tickets will not be available online. Ticket office hours are noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday.

If you can't join in person but still want to be part of the celebration, consider making a gift to help McCain continue sharing the joy of the performing arts with our community for years to come! Call our office at 785-532-6425, and we would be happy to let you know all the fun options for you to support.

Catholic Charities

St. Michael Catholic Church
210 E 6th ST
Chapman, KS 67431
Every 4th Wednesday of the month
9am-10am

St. John Catholic Church
712 Broadway
Herington, KS 67449
Every 1st Wednesday of the month
1pm-2pm

St. Andrew Catholic Church
311 S Buckeye Ave
Abilene, KS 67410
Every 3rd Wednesday of the month

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
3599 N Field Rd
Solomon, KS 67480
Every 3rd Wednesday of the Month

Enterprise Community Church
210 S High St.
Enterprise, KS 67441
Every 4th Wednesday of the Month
10:30am till 11am

First UMC Manhattan
1710 Avery Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66503
785-539-1748
PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM HOURS
Tue- 3rd of each month 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Westview Community Church
615 Gillespie Drive
Manhattan, KS 66502
785-537-7173
PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM HOURS
Fri- 1st of each month 10am-11am

Ogden Community Center
220 Willow Street
Ogden, KS 66517
785-564-0071 or 785-410-6672
PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM HOURS
Tue- 4th of each month 9:30am-10:30am

Highview Church
402 Main Street
Alta Vista, KS 66834
620-767-2844
PLEASE CALL TO CONFIRM HOURS
Tue- 4th of each month 11:30 AM 12:30 PM

2026 Abilene Area Toys 4 Tots – Registration & Distribution Location and Donation Locations

Registration for Abilene Area Toys 4 Tots, for Dickinson County, Kansas residents, is at St. Andrew's Church Parish Hall, 311 S. Buckeye, in Abilene. You MUST sign up in person and be the LEGAL GUARDIAN OF CHILDREN REGISTERED. Dates to register children 12 and younger are: --- Thursday, December 3rd from 9:00am to 1:00pm AND 4:00pm to 6:00pm. --- Friday, December 4th from 9:00am to 1:00pm. *Registrations will only be taken at these times. Distribution of the Toys 4 Tots packages will be Saturday, December 12th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at the National Guard Armory in Abilene, FOR THOSE WHO PRE-REGISTERED. ***For those wanting to make a donation to Abilene Area Toys 4 Tots, you can drop off monetary donations at Pinnacle Bank, 401 North Spruce, in Abilene or mail to: Toys 4 Tots attn: Jessie Pickerign, c/o Pinnacle Bank, P.O. Box 669, Abilene, KS. 67410. You may also drop off NEW toys in the Toys 4 Tots marked boxes located at several Abilene businesses including: Dollar General, Family Dollar, Holm Automotive Center, Lumber House, Memorial Hospital, and Pinnacle Bank. In Solomon: Dollar General. Also, look for money donation jars around Abilene at: Corner Stop, Great Plains Manufacturing (main campus and west campus), Joe Snuffy's Restaurant, Liberty Convenience Store, Walt's Four Seasons Campground & Country Store, and West Stop West.



Sandzén Gallery to Host a Poetry Event in Celebration of Harley Elliott

LINDSBORG—Kansas poet Harley Elliott, author of 12 collections of poetry, a children's book, and two memoirs, died August 11, 2026, in Salina at age 86. In honor of his long life of creative output, and in tribute and memory to his influence in the region, a poetry reading of his work will be presented at the Birger Sandzén Memorial Gallery on Sunday, December 6, 2026, at 2 p.m. The reading is in conjunction with the Gallery's exhibition of Elliott's mixed media artworks on display through January 10, 2027. Elliott's final 45 pieces from his Ally series, begun 13 years ago, will comprise the show.

Five long-time friends, all recognized and awarded Kansas poets, will read from Elliott's work in a free, 90-minute program. Bookmarks with lines from Elliott's poetry will be provided for the audience, and light refreshments will be served. The participating poets are: Thomas Fox Averill of Topeka; William Sheldon and Steven Hind of Hutchinson; along with Ruth Moritz and Patricia Traxler of Salina. Each poet will read several of Elliott's poems from his lifetime of writing and respond with one of their own that was inspired or influenced by Elliott's work.

The reading is supported with funding from the Lindsborg Arts Council's Charles Fox Memorial Fund, and Salina Arts & Humanities. The Sandzén Gallery is located at 401 North First Street in Lindsborg. For further information, please call the Gallery at 785-227-2220 or email sandzengallery@gmail.com.

Here at CUMC we are reaching out as we love, grow, and serve through faith. Love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously."

We think of Saul (Paul) as such an integral figure in our church history and he is, but few had such a rough start. We first glimpse him on the edge of the crowd, watching the coats of the men who stoned Stepen (Acts 7:58). Saul approved of this act and from there he began to destroy the church from house to house. (8:3)

In chapter 9 we see that Saul is still "breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples". (vs. 1) Saul obtains letters from the high priest so that he might pursue the followers. While on the road, he came face to face with the risen Jesus in a dramatic moment. He lost his eyesight and had to be led into Damascus. He remained blind and alone for 3 days. God sent a believer names Anaias to pray for him and teach him.

Saul stayed with believers and eventually started to preach until some who feared him hatched a plan to kill him. He was saved by being lowered outside the wall in a basket. That only saved him for a bit because as he preached, others plotted to kill him. He spent much of his ministry running, hiding, and imprisoned.

Though others did not have a similar start, most had difficult lives. I wonder why we think that the life of a Jesus follower is all about having an easy life in which everything will go our own way? We are not promised a perfect easy life in Christ, but we are promised that we do not go through this life alone. God will see us through.

Calendar

Nov 11. Leadership Team 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 15 OCC Packing Party🎁

Nov. 22 Decorate Church🎄

Nov. 29 Charge Conference -Leadership Team-2:00 p.m. Manhattan 1st UMC

There will not be a 5th Sunday Fellowship Meal in November.

CHS Clothing and Household Drive

We are invited by CHS Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America to support the Clothing Drive by dropping of donations on 5th Street at the North multipurpose room doors, Nov. 29th 1-4 p.m., Nov. 30th and Dec 1st 7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Look for information in the office and on the bulletin board.