

THE CIRCUIT RIDER



The Anthony United
Methodist Church

225 N. Bluff

Worship: 9:30

Church School: 10:45

NEWS FROM THE ANTHONY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

A Word from Pastor Bruce Wilson

Serving others has always been a central part of Christian life. It's more than just doing good deeds—it's about living out the love of Christ in everyday actions. From feeding the hungry to comforting the lonely, Christians are called to reflect the heart of Jesus by caring for those in need. The Bible provides clear examples of service, with Jesus himself showing us what it means to be a servant. Jesus emphasized service throughout His ministry. He didn't just speak about love; He showed it through His actions. One of the most powerful examples is when Jesus washed His disciples' feet (John 13:1-17). In this humble act, He taught us that no task is too small or beneath us when it comes to serving others. When Jesus taught the greatest commandment in Matthew 22:37-39, He said we are to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind. He followed this by instructing us to love our neighbors as ourselves. This commandment isn't just about words; it's a call to action. Serving others is one of the most powerful ways to live out the Gospel. James 2:14-17 makes it clear that faith without action is dead. While faith is essential, it comes alive through service. Helping those in need is an opportunity to put our beliefs into practice, making our faith visible through tangible acts of love and compas-

sion. Through service, we don't just talk about Christ's love—we show it in ways that can change lives. When Christians commit to serving others, they can become agents of change. Consistent, faith-driven service has the power to transform neighborhoods and cities. From helping to rebuild homes after disasters to mentoring young people at risk, the long-term impact of Christian service can be felt in many ways. Through serving, we not only meet physical and emotional needs but also create environments where people feel valued, respected, and cared for. This kind of transformation doesn't just change communities—it changes hearts. It shows that the love of Christ is not just a message spoken in church but a force that can bring healing, hope, and real change. As Matthew 5:16 says, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." When we serve others, we let our light shine, bringing glory to God and making a lasting difference in the lives of those around us.

Service is more than a responsibility—it's a calling that reflects the heart of the Gospel. Jesus modeled service throughout his life, and as His followers, we are called to do the same. Through serving others, Christians fulfill the command to love

their neighbors, strengthen their faith, and build up the body of Christ. Every act of kindness is an opportunity to reflect Christ's love and draw closer to God. Let us continue to serve faithfully, knowing that each small act of kindness makes a big difference and brings us one step closer to fulfilling our calling as followers of Christ. It is an honor and privilege to serve alongside you as your pastor.
Pastor Bruce

"My brothers and sisters, what good is it if people say they have faith but do nothing to show it? Claiming to have faith can't save anyone, can it? Imagine a brother or sister who is naked and never has enough food to eat. What if one of you said, 'Go in peace! Stay warm! Have a nice meal!?' What good is it if you don't actually give them what their body needs? In the same way, faith is dead when it doesn't result in faithful activity."

JAMES 2:14-17

Pastor Bruce's Office Hours

Harper: Tues. 10:30-12:30

Anthony: Wed. 10:30-12:30

Thursday by appointment
Appointments welcome!

ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING FOR AUGUST

The monthly meeting of the Anthony UMC Leadership Team was called to order by Vice Chairman Charlie Coggins at 7:06 pm. Members present: Charlie Coggins, Curt Clark, Dan Cashier, Martha Hadsall, Bruce Wilson, & Lucinda Gates. Kyle Carothers joined the meeting at 7:15 pm. Curt presented a devotion based on Matthew 225 encouraging us to make room in our daily life for God's plan. The Wesleyan Mission and Vital Signs were reviewed. Summer activities upholding the mission were VBS, summer food program, and the sermon series on James. A discussion about Little Lambs, Higher Grounds & Leather Bound youth group, and AUMC youth and best way to identify and address unmet needs. Pastor Bruce will visit with AUMC parents and Bryan Hilgemann about the HGLB youth. Charlie will contact Hazel's for more information about the 3 units that were not running properly. Lucinda presented the bids from Danny Mark and Lucan and Miguel to trim the trees. The bids ranged from \$1500-\$2000. Motion by Dan, seconded by Charlie to have Danny Mark trim the five trees along the street and the two trees in Little Lambs backyard for no more than \$1800 with Lucinda confirming that he is bonded and licensed with the City of Anthony. Motion carried. Motion by Charlie, seconded by Dan to approve the July minutes as printed. Motion carried. The July financial statement showed net ordinary income as \$11,989.80. There was an additional \$3,138.85 in Little Lambs payroll to be transferred. Utility costs are under budget. Donations are right on track with the budget. Kent Brown will fill the pulpit on Sept. 7 and Robert Armbruster on Sept. 14. Kyle closed with prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm Martha Hadsall, Acting Secretary

MINISTRY TEAM MEETING FOR AUGUST

Those present: Robert Chandler, Mary Chandler, Karen Cather, Lucinda Gates, Pastor Bruce Wilson
Opening prayer: Robert
Old Business:
a. It was decided AUMC will purchase the church directories so they can be distributed at no cost
b. Blessing of the Backpacks will be August 24. Mary will order 24 buttons to give to students
c. Karen will do some research on details with cookie distribution at Anthony Community Care to determine if we will continue or do something else for the residents.
New Business:
a. Confirmation class for fall—Bruce is still working on details
b. September 28 at 2:00 we will host a Chrismon repair and creation event
c. September 21 we will host a picnic themed activity for Country Living residents at 2:30
d. Trunk or Treat will be October 26 in the AUMC parking lot or in Fellowship Hall in case of inclement weather.
e. Ideas for future events: Wind Surge game, Wild Lights or Illuminations, bowling
Review of past activities: Pool party was a success and easy to host—do more next summer/Ice cream social at Country Living was well attended and well received/106 people attended worship at the lake. Look into getting some canopies for shade if we do again/Father's Day—suggested we do something different next year
Reminder that 5th Sunday is August 31 at Harper United Methodist Church at 10:30, followed by a potluck dinner. Next meeting is October. 1
Pastor Bruce closed with prayer.



**JOIN US AUGUST 31
10:30 am
HARPER UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
FOR 5TH SUNDAY!
POTLUCK MEAL
FOLLOWING WORSHIP
(NO SERVICE AT AUMC)**



Keep my commandments
and live, and my teaching
as the apple of your eye.
Proverbs 7:2

September 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5th SUNDAY WORSHIP AT HARPER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT 10:30 am (No service at AUMC)	1 Be Kind Day Labor Day Church office closed	2 World Coconut Day	3 Open Table Meal 5:30-7:00	4 Nat'l Wildlife Day	5 Nat'l Cheese Pizza Day	6 Nat'l Tailgating Day
7 Nat'l Pastor's Spouse Day	8 World Physical Therapy Day	9 Nat'l Teddy Bear Day Fellowship Hall in Use 5-8:00	10 Open Table Meal 5:30-7:00	11 Patriot Day	12 Cloud Appreciation Day	13 Int'l Chocolate Day
14	15 Int'l Day of Listen- ing	16 Nat'l Guacamole Day	17 Open Table Meal 5:30-7:00	18 Nat'l Cheeseburger Day	19 Talk Like a Pirate Day	20 Int'l Eat An Apple Day
21 Picnic Party at Country Living 2:30	22 First Day of Autumn	23 Int'l Day of Sign Language	24 Open Table Meal 5:30-7:00	25 Nat'l Daughters Day	26 Johnny Appleseed Day	27 Nat'l Day of For- giveness
28 Chrismon Making Party at 2:00 in Fellowship Hall	29 Nat'l Coffee Day	30 Nat'l Mulled Cider Day	<i>Looking ahead: Trunk or Treat is Oct. 26 Ministry in Motion Oct. 4—see flyer on page 6</i>			



ANNIVERSARIES

09/03—Dusty and Erin Albright
09/05—Dean and Pat Bertholf
09/08—Justin and Christel Francis
09/11—Jerry and Linda Francis
09/29—Dan and Beth Farmer

BIRTHDAYS

09/02—Dalen Blair
09/05—Diane Cashier
09/10—Braxtin Francis
09/16—Jacquie Wiseley
09/17—Ken Carothers
09/19—Jerry Francis
09.20—Anden Rathgeber
09/21—Carolyn Sharp
09/22—Gene Carothers
09/23—Titus Carothers
09/25—John Templeton
09/29—Beth Farmer
09/30—Dorothy Nickel

USHERS

09/07/25—Brian Hess/Kathy Stewart
09/14/25—Cate Jensen/Matt Wilson
09/21/25—Dusty and Erin Albright Family
09/28/25—Wanda Harnden/Dorothy Nickel

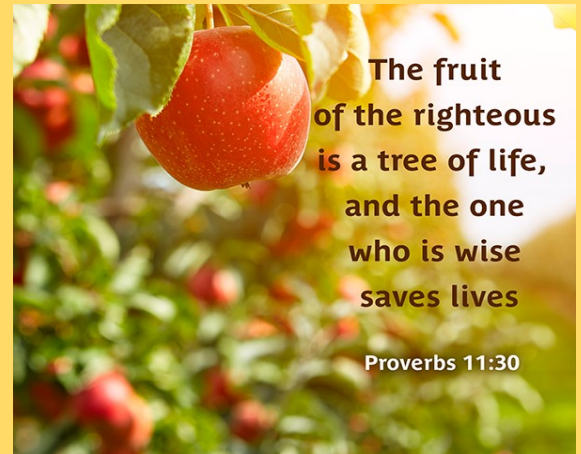
GREETERS

09/07/25—Brian Hess/Kathy Stewart
09/14/25—Cate Jensen/Matt Wilson
09/21/25—Dusty and Erin Albright Family
09/28/25—Wanda Harnden/Dorothy Nickel

TECH DESK

09/07/25—Jennifer Wolff
09/14/25—Lori Wilson
09/21/25—Jennifer Wolff
09/28/25—Suzanne Clark

the fruit
of the Spirit is
love, joy,
peace,
patience,
kindness,
goodness,
faithfulness,
gentleness,
and self-control
Galatians 5:22-23

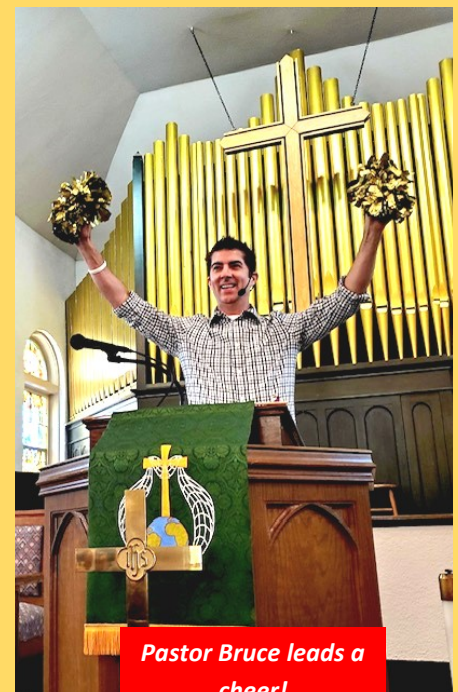


CHILDREN'S TIME

09/07/25—Karen Cather
09/14/25—Crystal Carothers
09/21/25—Pat Bertholf

LITURGIST

09/07/25—Karen Cather
09/14/25—Kathy Stewart
09/21/25—Suzanne Clark



Pastor Bruce leads a cheer!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN AUGUST



Lori and Matt opened a new coffee shop in downtown Anthony!



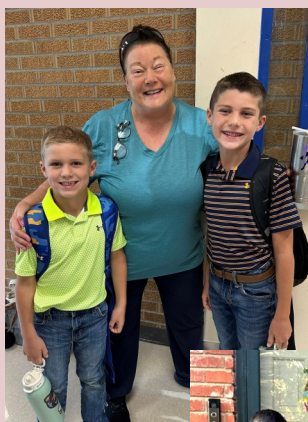
Communion Sunday



One of the many faces of Pastor Bruce!



Karen enlists some help with the children's message

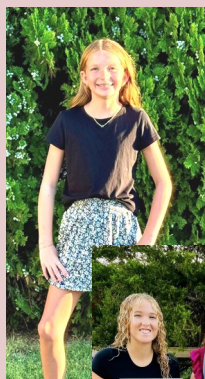


Maia

Liam

Kayden

Maia, Liam and Kayden compete at the HPCO Fair

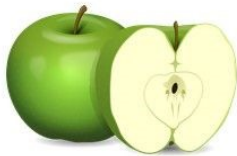


Some first day of school photos!



The Cathers visited the church, grave and museum of John Wesley while in London

Blessing of the Backpacks



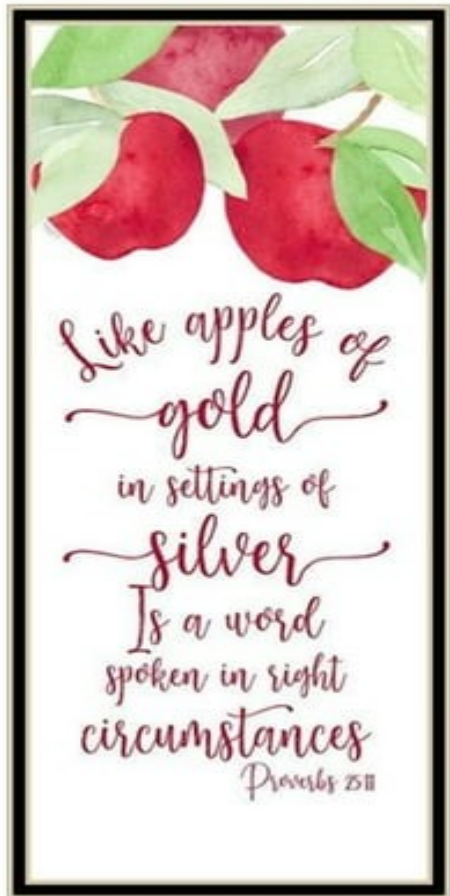
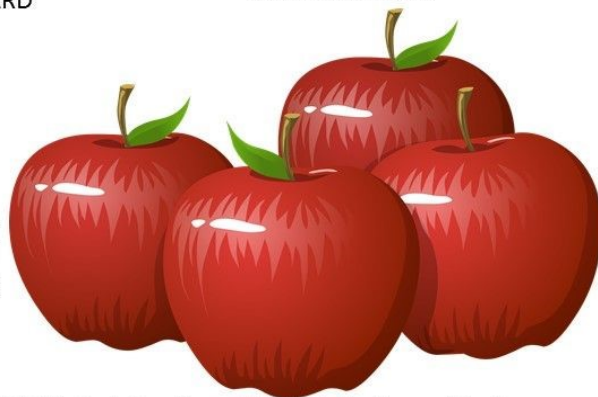
APPLE

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

BASKET
BIG
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CIDER
COBBLER
CORE
CRUNCH
FRITTERS
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JUICE
LEAVES
ORCHARD
PEEL
PICK
PIE
RED
SEEDS
SLICE
SMALL
SWEET
WORM

H F R I T T E R S H L D
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The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.
Find and circle each word.



Christmas
IN SEPTEMBER

JOIN US SEPT. 28 AT 2:00
FOR MIRTH, MERRIMENT AND
MAKING

NEW CHRISMONS FOR THE AUMC CHRISTMAS TREE!
ALL SUPPLIES PROVIDED (BRING A GLUE GUN IF YOU HAVE ONE)
*Sadly, many of the beloved ornaments need replaced or some
TLC. Help keep this tradition going!*

"Anyone can count the seeds in an apple...
but only God can count the apples in a seed."

- Author Unknown -



Ministry
In Growing Your Church's Impact
& Strengthening Connections
Motion

Oct. 4 in Wichita, Kansas, @ Saint Mark United Methodist Church

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Central — 1525 N. Lorraine Ave., Wichita, KS 67214

Sign up for 2 workshops

Morning Workshops

- Strategic Planning for the Rest of Us
- Social Media as an Outreach Tool
- Evangelism for the 21st Century

Just \$15!
per person

**Lunch
provided**

Afternoon Workshops

- Marketing for the Local Church
- Elevating Your Church Hospitality
- UMC 101
- Discipleship Basics

Register by Sept. 30

Find the registration form at <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/ministry-in-motion>

Prayer Concerns

Pray for our community, country and world
Pray for Pastor Bruce, Melissa, Piper, and Parker
Pray for Pat Wolff as she continues to heal from a fall
Prayers of thanksgiving for rain
Prayers of healing and pain relief for Erick Francis
Prayers for June as she continues to heal and get stronger
Prayers for Gerri Highbanks as she continues treatment
Prayers of gratitude for our volunteers
Pray for those with unspoken needs
Prayers for Diane Leland's health
Prayers of comfort for Gerald's family dealing with loss and illness
Pray to seek ways to better serve others
Pray for a successful school year for students, teachers and staff
Prayers that we may boldly bring others to Christ
Prayers of joy for Joyce's successful knee surgery
Prayers for Cheris Coggins & family after the passing of her mom
Prayers of joy for Piper's successful tonsillectomy
Prayers for the family of Dennis Barnes, son in law of Roger and Dottie Koeppen
Prayers for healing for Bonnie following her knee surgery
Prayers of joy for answered prayer for Kiley Davis
Prayers of thanksgiving for the beautiful fall-like weather

LORD, you understand;

remember me and care for me.

Jeremiah 15:15

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CHURCH WEBSITE:

<https://anthonyumc.wixsite.com/anthonyumc>

PASTOR BRUCE'S PHONE: 316-833-2999

CHURCH ADDRESS: 225 N. Bluff, Anthony, KS 67003



**OPEN TABLE
NO MEALS
SERVED IN
AUGUST**

**OBADIAH'S PANTRY
SEPTEMBER CHALLENGE:**

KLEENEX

**Thank you to all who donated
afterschool snacks in August!**



September

SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

Encouragement

Day 1: Exodus 14:14	Day 16: Romans 8:37-39
Day 2: Psalm 4:8	Day 17: Romans 15:4-6
Day 3: Psalm 23:1-6	Day 18: Romans 15:13
Day 4: Psalm 34:3	Day 19: 2 Corinthians 1:3-5
Day 5: Psalm 46:5	Day 20: Galatians 6:2
Day 6: Psalm 145:18	Day 21: Galatians 6:9
Day 7: Proverbs 16:24	Day 22: Ephesians 3:20-21
Day 8: Isaiah 40:31	Day 23: Philippians 1:3-6
Day 9: Isaiah 41:13	Day 24: Philippians 2:1-4
Day 10: Isaiah 43:1-2	Day 25: 1 Thess. 5:11
Day 11: Lament. 3:22-23	Day 26: 2 Thess. 2:15-17
Day 12: Acts 9:26-28, 31	Day 27: Philemon 4-7
Day 13: Acts 20:1-3	Day 28: Hebrews 6:19-20
Day 14: Romans 8:18	Day 29: Hebrews 12:4-6
Day 15: Romans 8:28	Day 30: Hebrews 13:8

*Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.
Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.*

The Ruffled Mango