

THE CIRCUIT RIDER



Anthony
United Methodist Church

225 N. Bluff
Anthony, KS 67003

Worship—9:30 a.m.
Church School—10:45 a.m.

We welcome you!

News from the Anthony United Methodist Church!

A Word From Pastor Bruce Wilson



Pastor Bruce, Melissa and Piper participate in "Remembering Your Baptism"

For the month of January, I challenged parishioners to assess their habits, both good and bad. As Christians, we know in our hearts and minds that following God's will in our daily choices is the best way to experience His abundant blessings and enjoy life. However, year after year, we hold onto habits which, whether we recognize it or not, celebrate our own selfish ways of living. This can be true in any area of life, and it's certainly true in our food culture. Daily, we choose to eat when we are not hungry. We choose foods that are convenient and processed because they are

ready-to-eat and chemically formulated to tantalize our taste buds. We chase that feeling of "full satisfaction" as we eat many bites past the point of the Holy Spirit's prompting to stop. We choose foods for emotional reasons... to alleviate stress or relational discomfort. We eat like we don't believe God will provide for us the next time we are hungry. Overall, we leave God out of our food choices because we believe we are perfectly capable of handling food without His help. And when we choose to disobey God, in any area of life, food or otherwise, we are unfortunately choosing a most difficult future for ourselves. I am not pointing fingers, I struggle daily to place Jesus into the center of my choices. But I am also here to testify. The more I trust Him and choose to follow His lead, the more I see how His way of living is the absolute best way for my life. Choosing to disobey Him always leads to disappointment and heartache.

Look, maybe food is not your passion like it is mine. But using examples about food always makes the broader spiritual lesson easier to understand because everyone can relate to a desire to control their own food choices... even my 4 year old. But you can pick any topic and compare it to Jesus. Our Lord Jesus submitted to God's authority in every area of His life and because He did, He was always successful in life and ministry. Shouldn't we follow His

example? I know it feels impossible because He was perfect and we are human. But remember, when you accepted His free gift of salvation, the same resurrection power that rose Jesus from the grave, came to live in you through the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 8:11)

Remember: there is no resurrection without crucifixion. The adversity in your life helps you experience Christ's resurrection power. There must be an end to all your self-reliance so that you can rely solely on God before you can see His power flow through you into a new healthy way of living and experiencing Christ's resurrection power. As New Year's resolutions begin to fade into February, be encouraged today. Test your heart. Surrender yourself to God's plan for the habits of your life and celebrate the new you from this day on.

It is my honor and privilege to worship alongside you as your pastor.

Pastor Bruce Wilson

PASTOR BRUCE'S OFFICE HOURS

Harper: Tues. 10:30-12:30
Anthony: Wed. 10:30-12:30
Thurs.—By appointment
Appointments Welcome!

JANUARY 17 ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM MINUTES

Those present: Pastor Bruce Wilson, Kyle Carothers (chairperson), Mike Cather, Martha Hadsall, Pat Wolff, Nikki Kenney, Lucinda Gates, Curt Clark

♥ Team members were assigned a month to be responsible for Spiritual Formation time

♥ Reviewed Wesleyan Mission and Vital Signs:

- Know God—beginning a new book study in February
- Proclaim Christ—Increased involvement of those not previously participating in Sunday School
- Serve Others—Obadiah's Pantry donations and Advent Brunch donations
- Seek Justice— not applicable

♥ Strategic Work: Elected Martha as Vice Chairman and Mike Cather as secretary

Reports:

♥ Nikki reported there is one open position on the Little Lambs board. They are currently working on writing grants. Previous grants made it possible for Little Lambs to be self sufficient. Without grants they would lose \$2,000-3,000 a year.

♥ SPRC—Bruce was asked to research pregnancy leave through the UMC.

♥ Trustees reported painting at parsonage almost completed. Joash offering brought in over \$34,000. Someone has been hired to hang the memorial tree relocated to the west wall of sanctuary.

♥ Finance report: \$4,235.43 was received over expenses.

♥ Ministry Team report (see column to the right)

Communication:

♥ Feb. 11 Joint Worship with Harper UMC at 10:30 am. Potluck dinner to follow.

Next meeting will be Feb. 21 at 7 pm

MINISTRY TEAM MINUTES FOR JANUARY

Those present: Mary Chandler, Robert Chandler, Pastor Bruce, Suzanne Clark, Karen Cather, Lucinda Gates, Crissa Cox, Cheris Coggins

♥ Karen opened with prayer

♥ Reviewed activities from December: Faithful study was well attended during Sunday School. Good crowd for caroling and worked well meeting at Country Living. Revisit the Advent brunches next year. Not well attended because only those who stay for Sunday School participate. Was suggested giving money donated during Advent brunches to Harper Co. Hope.

Old Business

♥ Talked about goals for 2024:

- Outdoor movie night when warmer out.
- Movie night for the Higher Ground Leather Bounds (aka After Hours) kids
- Complete a church directory and photos of members. Chelsea Cashier has been contacted to take photos. Mary volunteered to help her
- Trip to Wilsey, Kansas to the Biblical Heritage Discovery Center—possibly April 13
- Encourage the addition of a way to pay for events and offering digitally
- Do a better job of planning ahead

New Business

♥ Offer an acolyte/usher/tech desk training Feb. 4. It was decided to turn acolyte training over to the Education Team. Refer to the volunteer sheets to see who was interested in the tech desk and let them sit with current volunteers to learn how to operate slides and sound

♥ Ash Wednesday is Feb. 14. It will be at 7:15 to accommodate those at Open Table. The ashes are in Bruce's office. Bruce will research if lay people can impose ashes so that we can reach those who cannot attend.

♥ It was decided to use the April 3 meeting as a time to clean and organize the upstairs storage room.

♥ AUMC will be providing the Feb. 12 Core meal. Karen will send around a sign up sheet Feb. 4

♥ Harper UMC will host a joint worship service Feb. 11 at 10:30 am.

♥ We will revisit plans for Good Friday and a possible Seder meal at the Feb. 7 meeting.

♥ Reminder to support our HUMC friends for their Ham & Bean feed Feb. 19.

The next meeting will be Feb. 7. at 7:00 pm



February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Nat'l Sweater Day</i> 	2  GROUNDHOG DAY	3 <i>Nat'l Ice Cream for Breakfast Day</i> 
4 <i>Communion Sunday</i>	5 <i>World Nutella Day</i> 	6 <i>Wear Orange Day</i>	7 <i>Open</i> <i>Table Meal 5:30- 7:00</i> <i>Ministry Team Mtg. @7</i>	8 <i>Nat'l Giving Hearts Day</i> 	9 <i>Nat'l Pizza Day</i> <i>Commodities Distribution</i>	10 <i>Umbrella Day</i> 
11 <i>Joint Worship at HUMC @ 10:30 Lunch after</i>	12 <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i> <i>AUMC serves Core Meal @</i>	13 <i>Int'l Pancake Day</i> <i>Fellowship Hall in Use</i>	14 <i>Open</i> <i>Table Meal 5:30-7:00</i> <i>Ash Wednesday service 7:15</i>	15 <i>Nat'l Hippo Day</i> 	16 <i>Nat'l Care-givers Day</i>	17 <i>Random Acts of Kindness Day</i>
18 <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	19 <i>President's Day</i>	20 <i>Nat'l Comfy Day</i>	21 <i>Open</i> <i>Table Meal 5:30-7:00</i> <i>Administrative Leadership Mtg. 7:00</i>	22 <i>Nat'l Bus Driver Appreciation Day</i>	23 <i>Tootsie Roll Day</i> 	24 <i>Nat'l Dance Day</i>
25 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	26 <i>Nat'l Set a Good Example Day</i>	27 <i>Int'l Polar Bear Day</i> <i>Pastor Bruce out of office</i>	28 <i>Open</i> <i>Table Meal 5:30-7:00</i>	29 <i>Leap Year Day</i>	Feb. 29— March 1 are AUMC Thrift Shop volunteer days	Easter is March 31!

LESSON TOPICS FOR CHILDREN'S FEBRUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL!



Feb. 4—The Lord's Prayer—Matthew 6:5-15
 Feb. 11—Jesus Calms the Storm—Mark 4:35-41
 Feb. 18—Mary and Martha—Luke 10:38-42
 Feb. 25—Zacchaeus—Luke 19:1-10

Learn about these Bible stories at Sunday School or read them together as a family!

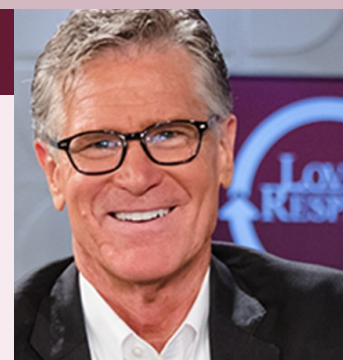
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN NEW STUDY

"Love and Respect—Building Blocks" study is a 6 week course that features unpacking five life-changing relationship principles. The six week course features a 10-20 minute video by author Dr. Emerson Eggerichs and wife Sarah followed by a 10-20 minute teaching on how to apply that week's concept. The course is designed to enable and inspire you to apply the wisdom of Love and Respect in Ephesians 5:33 to your relationships.

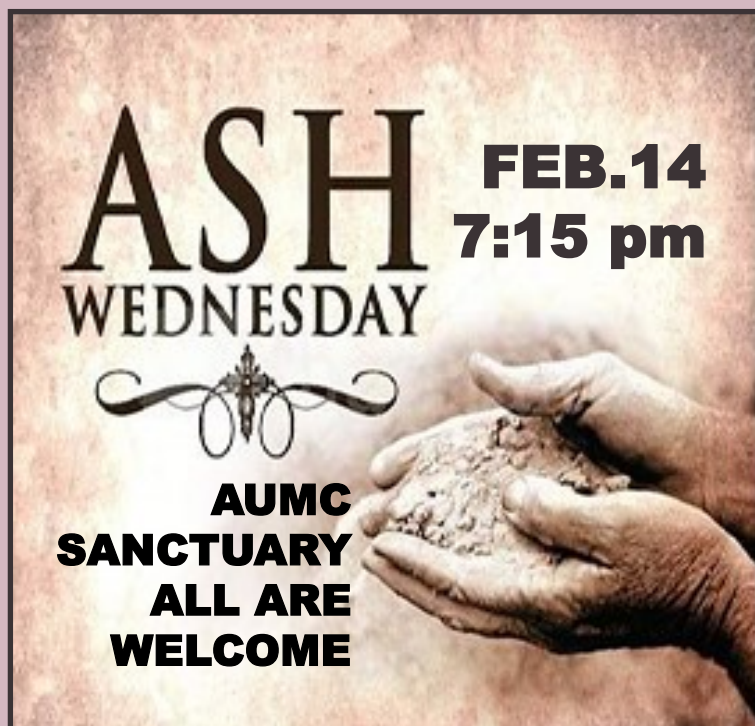
Week 1: Pink or Blue. Not Wrong. Just Different. Week 2: Hollywood or Holy Word. Week 3: 80:20 Ratio. Week 4: Not Communication, But Mutual Understanding. Week 5: My Response is My Responsibility. Week 6: Stay the Course.

Books are \$10 and may be picked up in the Church office.

Meet in the Sanctuary immediately following Sunday worship to view the video and then break off into small groups for discussion.



*Author & Speaker,
 Dr. Emerson
 Eggerichs*



Joint Worship Service

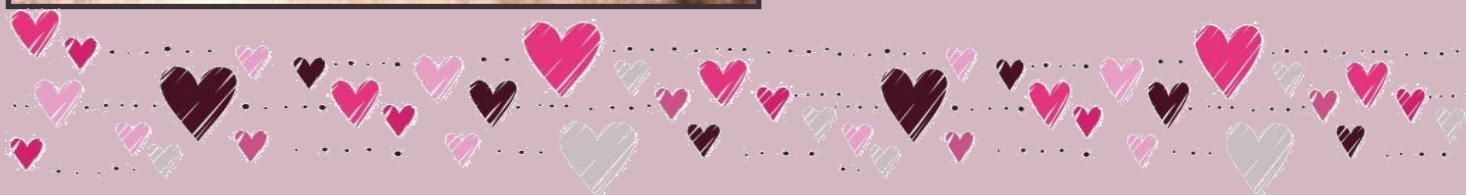
FEBRUARY 11

10:30 am

**HARPER UNITED
 METHODIST CHURCH**

*Potluck Dinner
 following Worship!*

No 9:30 service or Sunday School at AUMC on Feb. 11



OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN JANUARY



Epiphany play during Children's Message with special guest actors!



The children love creative Children's Messages



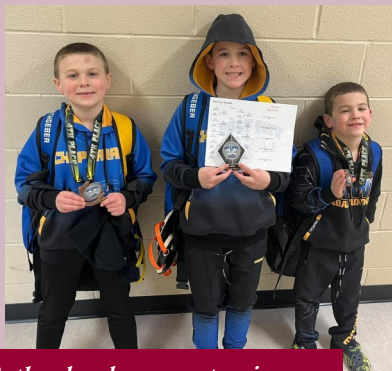
The AUMC Youth Group enjoyed an afternoon at Urban Air in Wichita



Mary and Liam



Cate and Kayden volunteering at Patterson Health Center as part of Live to Lead program



The Rathgaber boys are tearing up the mats with lots of wrestling wins!



Bruce's beautiful solo can be heard in its entirety on the AUMC Facebook page



Ella and Jacob got engaged!

February

Worship Team

GREETERS

02/04—Wanda Harnden/Susan Croft
02/11—*Joint Worship Service at Harper UMC at 10:30 am*
02/18—Matt Wilson/Cate Jensen
02/25—Carolyn Sharp/Kathy Stewart

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02/04—Wanda Harnden/Susan Croft
02/11—*Joint Worship Service at Harper UMC at 10:30 am*
02/18—Matt Wilson/Cate Jensen
02/25—Carolyn Sharp/Kathy Stewart

LITURGISTS

02/04—Amy Oliver
02/11—*Joint Worship Service at HUMC*
02/18—Lori Wilson
02/25—Susan Croft

TECH DESK

02/04—Suzanne Clark
02/11—*Joint Worship at HUMC*
02/18—Jennifer Wolff
02/25—Bryn Cormack

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

02/04—Crystal Carothers
02/11—*Joint Service at Harper UMC*
02/18—Karen Cather
02/25—Crystal Carothers

Please call the church office at 842-5486 if you need to switch with someone or will be unavailable. Of course volunteers are always welcome! Just let Lucinda in the office know!

Birthdays

02/06—Scott Cormack
02/08—Jennifer Cox
02/08—Ella Holden
02/10—Audrey Bebermeyer
02/11—Violet Olmstead
02/12—Pat Wolff
02/13—Barbara Sleeper
02/13—Jake Cox
02/15—Wanda Harnden
02/15—Ken Hadsall
02/21—Bryn Cormack
02/22—Suzanne Clark

Anniversaries

02/15—Curt and Suzanne Clark

MY love
for you
WILL NEVER
be shaken
— ISAIAH 54:10 —

**THE AUMC COFFEE BAR IS THE PLACE
TO MEET SUNDAY MORNING!
COFFEE, HOT TEA, COCOA, WATER
AND JUICE AVAILABLE
DONUTS, BREADS, COOKIES ETC.
ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!
SIGN UP SHEET ON
COFFEE BAR
or contact Suzanne at 842-2134**

Valentine Bible Couples Match

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| 1. Adam | A. Mary |
| 2. Abraham | B. Eve |
| 3. Boaz | C. Rachel |
| 4. Isaac | D. Naomi |
| 5. Jacob | E. Gomer |
| 6. Elkanah | F. Elisabeth |
| 7. Hosea | G. Zipporah |
| 8. Xerxes | H. Jochebed |
| 9. Moses | I. Hannah |
| 10. Zacharias | J. Michel |
| 11. Ahab | K. Ruth |
| 12. Joseph | L. Rebecca |
| 13. David | M. Jezebel |
| 14. Amram | N. Bathsheba |
| 15. Uriah | O. Esther |
| 16. Elimelech | P. Sarah |

Form a circle and pass a Valentine treat or gift each time you hear 'right' or 'left' The one holding the treat at the end of the story gets to keep it!

A Valentine's Story

SHELLY WRIGHT WAS SO EXCITED FOR VALENTINE'S DAY! IT WAS *RIGHT* AROUND THE CORNER. SHE GOT *RIGHT* TO WORK AND DECIDED TO WRITE A LIST OF ALL HER FRIENDS WHOM SHE WAS GOING TO MAKE A CARD FOR. SHE DOUBLE CHECKED HER LIST TO MAKE SURE THAT NO ONE WAS *LEFT* OUT. THEN, SHE CUT OUT HEARTS AND GLUED SOME TO THE *LEFT* CORNER. SHE PUT SOME GLITTER ON THE *RIGHT* SIDE INSIDE EACH OF THEM. SHE THOUGHT, "I'LL WRITE, 'YOU ARE SO SWEET AND ALWAYS KEEP ME ON THE *RIGHT* PATH!'" SHE THEN *LEFT* SOME SPACE TO WRITE EACH PERSON'S NAME AND A PERSONAL NOTE WRITTEN *RIGHT* FOR THEM. SHE GATHERED ALL OF HER VALENTINES TO TAKE THEM *RIGHT* TO POST OFFICE. IT WAS ON THE *LEFT* SIDE OF THE STREET *RIGHT* NEXT TO THE ICE CREAM SHOP AND *RIGHT* NEXT TO THE RIVER. SHE NOTICED ALL OF HER FRIENDS WERE SITTING AT THE ICE CREAM SHOP *RIGHT* BY THE WINDOW. SHE CHANGED HER PLANS AND WALKED *RIGHT* OVER TO HAND DELIVER HER BEAUTIFUL VALENTINES. AFTER SHELLY HAD PASSED OUT ALL OF HER VALENTINES AND NONE WERE *LEFT*, HER FRIENDS ENCOURAGED HER TO GET SOME ICE CREAM AND JOIN THEM. SHELLY *LEFT* QUICKLY TO GET HER ICE CREAM AND WHEN SHE CAME BACK, SHE FOUND A PILE OF VALENTINE FOR HER *LEFT* ON HER SEAT. EVERYONE SAID TOGETHER, "YOU CAN'T BE *LEFT* OUT!" SHELLY THOUGHT, "ISN'T VALENTINE'S DAY THE BEST?!" I MEAN, ISN'T SHE *RIGHT*?!

Be completely
humble and gentle;
be patient,
bearing with one another
in love.
Ephesians 4:2



HOW MANY WORDS CAN YOU MAKE FROM

VALENTINE'S DAY



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| 1. _____ | 16. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 18. _____ |
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| 11. _____ | 26. _____ |
| 12. _____ | 27. _____ |
| 13. _____ | 28. _____ |
| 14. _____ | 29. _____ |
| 15. _____ | 30. _____ |

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Inscribe the Word

FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

WRITING OUT SCRIPTURES IS A WAY TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S WORD AND HEAR HIS VOICE WITHOUT DISTRACTIONS.
EACH OF THE SCRIPTURES BELOW SHOULD TAKE FIFTEEN MINUTES TO COPY. SO GRAB YOUR JOURNAL, YOUR BIBLE, AND SOME PRETTY PENS.
AND LET US INSCRIBE THE WORD TOGETHER.



Day 1: John 3:16-17
Day 2: 1 John 4:7-9
Day 3: 1 John 4:10-11
Day 4: 1 John 4:12-14
Day 5: 1 John 4:15-16
Day 6: 1 John 4:17-19
Day 7: 1 John 4:20-21

Day 8: 1 Corinthians 2:9-10
Day 9: Luke 10:26-28
Day 10: John 14:23-24
Day 11: Ephesians 2:4-7
Day 12: Proverbs 3:11-12
Day 13: Galatians 2:19-21
Day 14: Amos 5:14-15

Day 15: Deuteronomy 10:16-19
Day 16: 2 Thessalonians 3:3-5

Day 17: Jude 1:20-22
Day 18: Ephesians 3:17-19
Day 19: Deuteronomy 11:13-15
Day 20: Ephesians 4:1-3
Day 21: 1 Peter 4:8-10

Day 22: John 15:11-14
Day 23: 2 John 1:5-6
Day 24: Mark 12:29-31
Day 25: Leviticus 19:16-18
Day 26: Matthew 5:43-46
Day 27: Romans 13:8-10
Day 28: Colossians 3:12-14

Proverbs 3:1-3

MY CHILD, KEEP MY WORDS AND STORE UP MY COMMANDS WITHIN YOU.
KEEP MY COMMANDS AND YOU WILL LIVE.
GUARD MY TEACHINGS AS THE APPLE OF YOUR EYE.
BIND THEM ON YOUR FINGERS.
WRITE THEM ON THE TABLET OF YOUR HEART.

PRAYER

requests



- ♥ Prayers for Pastor Bruce, Melissa and Piper
- ♥ Prayers of joy for Pastor Bruce, Melissa and Piper. They are adding a baby to their family in May!
- ♥ Prayers for our community, country and world.
- ♥ Prayers for Larry Dunn and family as he receives treatment
- ♥ Prayers for Little Lambs Daycare
- ♥ Prayers of thanksgiving for the AUMC Music Team
- ♥ Prayers for Margie, sister of Crystal Carothers
- ♥ Prayers for those who are caregivers
- ♥ Prayers for Jacquie Wiseley's father & for her family and relief for Jacquie's ongoing back pain.
- ♥ Prayers Abe Gerber and family as he receives leukemia treatment
- ♥ Prayers for those with unspoken needs
- ♥ Prayers for Dr. Jerry Hall and Karen
- ♥ Prayers of encouragement and boldness to bring others to Christ
- ♥ Prayers for Karen and Robert Lambert
- ♥ Prayers for peace for those battling anxiety and depression
- ♥ Prayers for Karma Redgate (daughter in law of Lois Bogdanovecz) going through cancer treatment
- ♥ Prayers for Brandi Smith following surgery

OPEN TABLE STATISTICS FOR JANUARY

1/10/24—68 served \$146.00 donated
1/17/24—93 served \$258.00 donated
1/24/24—83 served \$306.00 donated
1/21/24—\$250 donation made

Thank you to all who volunteer time, food and money to keep this ministry growing!

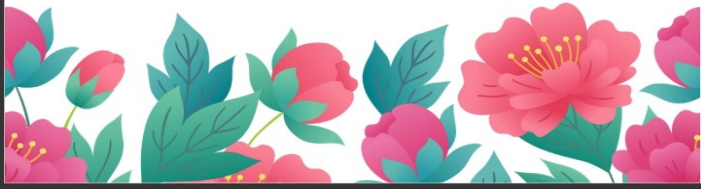
Obadiah's FEBRUARY challenge is PASTA

Thank you to all who donated Pasta Sauce in January!

Love Scripture Cards to Share!

We *love* because He loved us 8rst.

1 JOHN 4:19



My command is this: *love* each other as I have loved you.

JOHN 15:12



No one has ever seen God; but if we *love one another*, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

1 JOHN 4:12



And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is *love*.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13



Be devoted to one another in *love*. Honor one another above yourselves.

ROMANS 12:10



Be *kind* to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has *forgiven* you.

EPHESIANS 4:32



Let all that you do be done in *love*.

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14



Hatred stirs up strife, but *love* covers all offenses.

PROVERBS 10:12

