

ANTHONY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
225 N. BLUFF
ANTHONY, KS 67003

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

WE WELCOME YOU!

THE CIRCUIT RIDER

A WORD FROM PASTOR BRUCE WILSON

Welcome to Spring 2024. Can you believe a quarter of this year is already in the rearview mirror of your life? Well, it is. Have you made the most of 2024 so far? Did you rejoice with gladness in each day? Sometimes I reflect on a month or two gone by and ponder how well I lived those precious days God gave me. It's a fascinating exercise. I recommend it ... especially if you are driven like me to accomplish a 'to-do' list each day. I have discovered that when I focus too much on my tasks and goals, my days become blurred with the singular focus of just getting to another Sunday prepared with another sermon ... the message of which I won't remember a day or two later because the countdown to the next Sunday is already begun. I often feel like I just generate content as fast as I can ... the Sunday sermon, administrative emails, reports for the conference, writing assignments for school, and even this newsletter. So yes, from time to time, I ponder and ask God (and myself) what is the purpose of spending so much time generating content ... essentially for people who are already saved?

Then when I finally stop and listen, God always gives me His answer. He reminds me that I am less than nothing without Him. And I humble myself once again. Humility is knowing that apart from God you can't do anything. The sin that often blurs my days is pride. It's me thinking I have "better" things to do with my time than create yet another message of God's love, grace and faithfulness for the people I am appointed to serve. How God might use the content He brings through me is His business not mine. So please forgive me Lord. Have you ever tried really hard in your life to make something happen and no matter what you did it just wasn't happening? I have tried to make different dreams come true; I've tried to change myself. But I only fail. In pondering this, God led me to James 4:6. The amplified version says: But He gives us more and more grace through the power of the Holy Spirit. See, grace is undeserved favor. But it's not just undeserved favor, it is the power of the Holy Spirit to do through you what you can never do yourself. Grace allows you to do with ease what you can never do on your own with any amount of struggle and effort. I can't change myself. I can want to change and I can study in the area where I am having problems. But at that point, it's got to be the Holy Ghost. So that brings me back to my original question. Do you rejoice with gladness in each day? If not, check your level of humility. I invite you to stop hustling from task to task and instead walk in humility, testifying to God's grace give to you through the Spirit. Daily joy is found in simply serving Him. It is an honor and privilege to walk alongside you as your pastor

HELLO
April



PASTOR BRUCE'S OFFICE HOURS

Harper UMC: Tues.
10:30-12:30 a.m.

Anthony UMC: Wed.
10:30-12:30 a.m.

Thursday by
appointment

But He giveth more grace.
Wherefore He saith,
God resisteth
the proud,
but giveth
grace
unto the
humble.

- James 4:6 -



On February 21, 2024, the following policy was approved:

Anthony United Methodist Church Community Service Guidelines

The Anthony United Methodist church welcomes individuals needing community service hours to assist with our ongoing operations and ministries

The individual should contact the church office to leave his/her contact information and any relevant information regarding their schedules or abilities for community service. The church will contact the individual to set up a schedule for fulfilling community service hours. *Under no circumstances should individual simply show up at the church expecting there to be service hours available at that time.*

Community service hours might include grounds-keeping or maintenance of church property. Other ministries may present opportunities for community service hours.

Once a schedule for service has been established, individuals are expected to be punctual and complete their work in a timely manner. Individuals are expected to promptly communicate any changes expected or needed in fulfilling work set out for this community service partnership.

Anthony United Methodist Church believes that community service hours provide valuable work ethic experiences as individuals successfully transition to the work force as a productive member of our society.

Approved by Administrative
Leadership Council
Date: 2/21/2024



MINISTRY TEAM MINUTES FOR MARCH

Those present: Cheris Coggins, Lucinda Gates, Karen Cather, Suzanne Clark, Pastor Bruce Wilson and Mary and Robert Chandler by FaceTime

Cheris opened meeting with prayer.

Old Business:

- Good Friday service is at Harper UMC at 7 pm. Lucinda will get readers.
- 60 Palm branches have been ordered for Palm Sunday
- 6 are signed up so far for trip to Wilsey. Drivers needed.
- Bruce is taking a class on sacraments and considered doing what he learns as part of children's time.
- Bruce will contact Don Holt about possibility of taking pictures for a church directory. Come up with 2 possible dates and let Don decide on backdrop. Mary will come up with an example of format for next meeting
- Administrative Council came up with community service policy

New Business:

- Only one lily was ordered last year. Do we need to revisit the validity of this tradition. Bruce will announce from pulpit.
- Charlie will put up the drape on the cross
- There will be a joint choir for the Good Friday service.
- April 3 the ministry team will organize the storage room upstairs.
- Provide more information about Core program so we get more volunteers
- Bruce proposed AUMC reach out to Seipels to help them move (being evicted from their business building)
- Start promoting church camps
- Mothers Day and graduation activities will be planned by email since next meeting is clean up

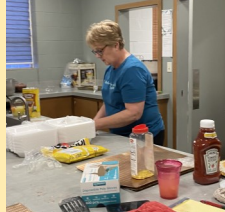


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 April Fool's Day No School	2 Int'l Children's Book Day	3 Open Table Meal 5:30-7:00 Ministry Team Meeting 7:00 (Spring cleaning)	4 Nat'l Walking Day	5 Read a Road Map Day	6 Nat'l Hand Made Day
7 Communion Sunday	8 Right to Read Day	9 Nat'l Library Day Fellowship Hall in Use	10 Open Table Meal 5:30-7:00	11 Nat'l Clean Up Your Pantry Day	12 Nat'l Only Child Day	13 Church Field Trip to Wilsey
						
14 Native American Ministries Sunday	15 World Art Day	16 Nat'l Stress Awareness Day	17 Open Table Meal 5:30-7:00 Administrative Leadership Mtg 7:00	18 High Five Day	19 Nat'l Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet Day	20 Husband Appreciation Day
21 Festival of God's Creation	22 Earth Day	23 Movie Theatre Day	24 Open Table Meal 5:30-7:00	25 Hairstylist Appreciation Day	26 Arbor day	27 Nat'l Sense of Smell Day
28	29 Zipper Day	30 Nat'l Honesty Day				

Our Church in March!



Every Wednesday from 5:30-7:00
 Open Table serves homestyle
 meals with a side of fellowship!
 Meals are free & to-go is \$5.
 Come eat, volunteer or provide a
 dessert. All are welcome!

Weekly Open Table Meals—have you been?



The Carothers Family enjoyed ice
 skating during Spring Break

Amy & students created this artwork



Self taught Kayden brings the
 pipe organ to life again!



Blythe
 Caroline
 Cather
 born
 March 15



Congrats to
 Joscelyn, Leah
 & Avry! New
 Nat'l Honor
 Society
 members



Aurora, Troy & April after the
 musical Once Upon a Mattress



Bruce has
 preached on the
 Apostle's Creed
 during Lent



Lori & Sarah sing a
 duet



Beth honored her dad Don with a
 Children's message about wearing
 different hats



Choral Ensemble on Palm Sunday



Lesson Topics for April Children's Sunday School

The community of believers was one in heart and mind.
Acts 4:32a



- April 7: The Great Commission—Matthew 28:16-20
- April 14: Peter and John—Acts 3:1-10
- April 21: Believers Share—Acts 4:32,33
- April 28: Choosing the Seven—Acts 6:1-7

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

NEW BIBLE STUDYS—JOIN US!

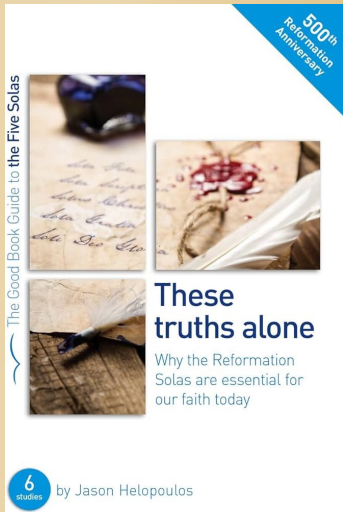


Join us for a study of Galatians every Sunday following worship. You may purchase the book "Now That Faith Has Come" by Beth and Melissa Moore from your favorite book source. (books are not provided) This study allows you to move in and out—miss a week? No problem! There is no homework unless you want to and you will learn several different ways to study scripture in the process. Bring a Bible you don't mind marking up. This class is led by Karen Cather who has taught it and several inductive-style studies that will open your eyes to what it's like to literally dissect the Word verse by verse.



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Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise — the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.
Hebrews 13:15

Five hundred years ago, Europe was transformed by these 5 key Bible truths, as the Reformation brought Christians back to the gospel of Jesus Christ at the heart of God's word. Much of Christianity had drifted far from the teaching of the Bible. These Latin slogans—the Five Solas—summarized the core teachings of the New Testament. Many Christians today are unaware of the Five Solas. This book helps us connect these essential Reformation teachings to our faith and equips us to live out the true gospel and shine its light into our age.
Join Mike Cather following worship for this new study. Some books are available.



These truths alone
Why the Reformation Solas are essential for our faith today

6 studies by Jason Helopoulos

OBADIAH'S PANTRY CHALLENGE FOR APRIL: PASTA OF ANY TYPE

Thank you to all who donated cereal in March. 30 boxes were collected. In March, Obadiah's Pantry served 45 families of 81 individuals including 11 children



<p>2024 GENERAL CONFERENCE INFO SESSION</p>	<p>APRIL 2 6 P.M. FIRST UMC WICHITA 330 N. Broadway 316-267-6244</p>	<p>Preview major legislation coming to General Conference and its impact on the local church</p>
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BIRTHDAYS

- 04/02—Cathy Ewertz
- 04/04—Kathy Francis
- 04/10—Charles Coggins
- 04/19—Abigail Reeves
- 04/27—Sean Reeves
- 04/29—Linda Francis
- 04/29—Amy Oliver

ANNIVERSARIES

- 04/08—Scott and Laura Cormack

OPEN TABLE NUMBERS FOR MARCH

3/06—85 Served	\$318.25 in donations
3/13—70 served	\$168.00 in donations
3/20—96 Served	\$286.25 in donations
3/27— Served	in donations

A donation of \$250.00 was made 3/17/2024

Field Trip!

**TOUR OF BIBLICAL HERITAGE DISCOVERY CENTER
APRIL 13, WILSEY, KS**

The Ministry Team has planned a trip to Wilsey, Ks for April 13. Sign up and prepayment of \$25 must be made prior to April 13. Provide your own sack lunch and snacks. We will leave AUMC at 6:34 a.m. If you would like to provide transportation, let the Church office know. Tour is limited to 25 people—so far 16 are signed up.



Harper County Core Community is committed to the mission of solving poverty in our Community and continue to empower diversity, understanding and resilience in Harper County. We believe no one should live in poverty and families and communities can take charge of their destinies and if given the right tools and support, economic stability can be achieved. Through an approach that combines our techniques with the individualized support of dedicated volunteers and the resources of organizations and communities, we create an environment that educates, empowers and equips our members to move up and out of poverty successfully.

AUMC has weekly opportunities to provide meals for the Core Community meetings. Please consider helping prepare, provide ingredients or serve the next time the clipboard comes by at church.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
8 am—12 pm Monday-Friday

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anthonyumc.wixsite.com/anthonyumc

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Parsonage: 620-842-3241
Pastor's Cell #: 316-833-2999
Pastor's email:



- * Prayers for Pastor Bruce, Melissa, Piper and Baby Girl Wilson
- * Prayers for our community, country and world
- * Prayers for Little Lambs Daycare
- * Prayers for Erick Francis diagnosed with cancer
- * Prayers of gratitude to AUMC volunteers
- * Prayers for those battling anxiety, depression or addiction
- * Prayers for Larry Dunn as he continues treatment
- * Prayers for Karma Redgate going through cancer treatments
- * Prayers for the family and friends of Tom McKnight
- * Prayers for Jacquie Wiseley that she find relief for ongoing back pain
- * Prayers for those who are caregivers
- * Prayers of joy for positive health report for Diane Leland
- * Prayers of joy for birth of Blythe Caroline Cather born to Jeff and Allie March 15
- * Prayers for Phil Truby recovering from accident
- * Prayers of joy on the engagement of Peyton Traylor and Jacob Jenkins
- * Prayers for Abe Gerber as he continues cancer treatment



April

SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

Repentance & Renewal

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| Day 1: II Corinthians 6:1-2 | Day 16: II Corinthians 7:9-10 |
| Day 2: Revelation 3:19-22 | Day 17: I John 2:28 |
| Day 3: Ephesians 5:8 | Day 18: I Corinthians 13:11-12 |
| Day 4: Hebrews 10:16-17 | Day 19: I John 1:5-10 |
| Day 5: Philippians 1:3-6 | Day 20: Hebrews 12:1-3 |
| Day 6: Galatians 6:1-5 | Day 21: Titus 3:3-7 |
| Day 7: II Peter 3:13-14 | Day 22: I Peter 1:22-23 |
| Day 8: II Timothy 1:12-13 | Day 23: I Timothy 1:14-17 |
| Day 9: Philippians 3:13-14 | Day 24: Ephesians 6:11 |
| Day 10: James 5:16 | Day 25: Hebrews 2:1-4 |
| Day 11: James 5:19-20 | Day 26: II Corinthians 13:5 |
| Day 12: II John 9 | Day 27: Ephesians 2:1-7 |
| Day 13: I John 3:1-3 | Day 28: Ephesians 2:8-10 |
| Day 14: II Corinthians 6:16-18 | Day 29: I Peter 3:10-12 |
| Day 15: Hebrews 7:25-27 | Day 30: Luke 15:20-24 |

*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.*



Thank you from the Ric Clements Family:

Thank you for allowing and preparing our dinner after Ric's funeral. It's a hectic time for the family and this really helped

**Thank you,
The Clements Family**