

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, Piper and Melissa on
Ash Wednesday*

Easter arrives early this year which means as you are reading this article, we are already two weeks into the Lenten season. Lent represents the 40-day period of time when Christians remember the love of God being poured out through Christ Jesus' death and resurrection on the cross... thereby bringing Eternal Life to all who believe in Him. The purpose of this liturgical season of Lent is for believers to prepare for Easter, Resurrection Sunday. So how does a disciple of Jesus prepare? We prepare through intentional acts of prayer, mortifying the flesh, repentance of sins, almsgiving, simpler living, and self-denial.

The key word is intentional. It is through the act of intentional self-sacrifice that we spiritually draw closer to God as He purifies us from the inside out.

For the majority of my days in ministry, I find I speak of God's unconditional love and grace more than I speak of God's holiness. I believe this to be right because God is love and His first and last word is always grace. I think people need to first be assured that they are loved and forgiven or else it is impossible for them to address their sinfulness correctly. During Lent, the focus of our sinfulness, our complete and utter need of a savior, takes center stage. It is during this season we recognize that it is out of God's love, He is also a consuming fire of pure holiness. Still, a wrathful idea of God is hard for many Christians to grasp because they think that God is somehow angry with them for sinning. But God is not mad at you, and I want you to understand that God's wrath is actually a wonderful expression of His love. Look, while it is correct to say God is holy, it is not correct to say God is wrathful. Wrath is just the act of a holy God toward sin. God loves you so much that He will stop at nothing to purify you. Think of it like this: God's love loves unto purity. God's holy love burns the dross of sin out of our lives. But as always, we have to allow Him access to the areas of our lives we prioritize over Him.

This brings me back to the opportunities of Lent, and the intentional practice of mortifying flesh and self-denial. What parts of your life do you need to surrender to God so that His loving wrath can burn out your sin? I speak often about food and fitness obedience. But what else... greed... unforgiveness... pride... gossip... sexual impurity? The Holy Spirit is telling you right now what you need to surrender. So do it. Trust God to create a new work in you. It may hurt for a time, but God will redeem you double for your trouble. Then join me on Easter morning as we all celebrate our risen Savior and thank Him for loving us into purity.

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

Pastor Bruce Wilson

PS - I thank James Bryan Smith for his teaching on God's holiness and wrath. (Ch.6—The Good and Beautiful God)

PASTOR BRUCE'S OFFICE HOURS

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

FEBRUARY 21 ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM MINUTES

Those present: Pastor Bruce Wilson, Kyle Carothers, Mike Cather, Lori Wilson, Lucinda Gates, Pat Wolff, Gerald Wolff, Charles Coggins, Curt Clark, Martha Hadsall
Spiritual Formation: Kyle shared a devotion using Luke 23:39 and the song “Man on the Middle Cross.”

Strategic work: A policy for those seeking community service at AUMC was presented and accepted.

Staff/Parish Relations: Discussion regarding Pastor Paternity leave. He has 8 weeks paid leave and an optional 4 weeks unpaid. Pulpit supply during his leave is provided by the District Superintendent.

Kellie Thomas is temporarily no longer able to fulfill her duties as church custodian. Mike is checking with those who applied previously to see if someone can fill in.

Lucinda requested to be gone from the office April 8 and 9. It was decided the office would be closed those days.

Trustees: Pat reported painting at parsonage is nearing completion and that the memorial tree will be hung in sanctuary soon. She has been in contact with the glass company about replacing doors and windows near Fellowship Hall but they have not answered her calls.

Finance: Curt reported a deficit of \$3295.59 for January 2024. Following discussion it was decided to amend the current budget to include \$1000 to Harper Co. Community Hope.

Pastor's Report: Good Friday Service will be at Harper United Methodist Church March 29 at 7 pm. Easter Sunrise Service will be at the Roy Davis pasture 7 am March 31. Don Jensen's 90th birthday will be celebrated March 10 with a potluck dinner to follow worship. Bruce reminded the team that pastor evaluation needs to be completed at the March meeting in order for him to receive his DCOM credentials

Pastor Bruce closed with prayer.

Next meeting is March 20 at 7 pm.

MINISTRY TEAM MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY

Those present: Suzanne Clark, Crissa Cox, Cheris Coggins, Karen Cather, Pastor Bruce Wilson

- Suzanne opened with prayer

Old Business

- Ash Wednesday is Feb. 14 at 7:15 pm. Karen invited the HGLB youth to attend. No response yet. Pastor Bruce offered to do a service just for them at 6:00 so he can explain Ash Wednesday and they might be more comfortable. Karen will follow up with Brian at the bookstore. Pastor Bruce checked and lay people can impose ashes if we want to do a shut in outreach.

- AUMC will serve Core meal Feb. 12. Cheris, Lois, Karen and Suzanne volunteered to serve.

- Acolyte training was postponed. Suggested it could be done during Children's Time

- There was no update on church directory. Suggested to contact Don Holt to take pictures.

New Business

- Joint worship service with HUMC is Feb. 11. It was decided AUMC will host the next joint service June 30 with a baby shower theme (to welcome Baby Wilson)

- The trip to the Biblical Discovery Center in Wilsey, Kansas is April 13. Details were discussed concerning transportation, feeding those going and costs. Bruce and Karen are getting more informations.

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

- Everyone is encouraged to support the HUMC Ham & Bean fundraiser.

- Discussion concerning those sent to AUMC by parole personnel to do community service. All were in agreement we should help but guidelines and pre-designated chores need to be put in place as well as someone willing to monitor. A policy is being worked on by Martha Hadsall.

- It was brought to our attention there is a need for those without hot water or a working bathroom to have access to a shower. The Wellness Center is willing to provide their showers but membership costs would need to be paid. It was agreed this would be a great outreach for our church to help with costs. More info will be gathered and discussed at March. 6 meeting.

- A Good Friday service will be at HUMC. Details later. Bruce will check on detail about Seder meal at his sister's church for those interested in attending.

Review of Past Activities

- Small group study “Love and Respect” has been well attended. Lucinda has provided video links if participants miss a Sunday.

- Doris McPherson has offered to pay for a movie night at Anthony Theatre. She wants it to be faith based. Several options were discussed. Possibly do this over spring break—March 11-15

The next meeting will be March 6 at 7:00 pm

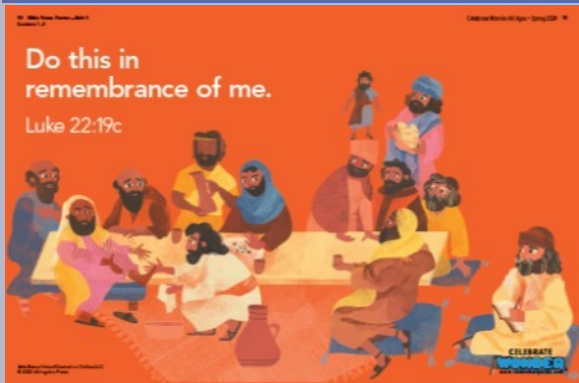




March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship at 9:30 am followed by Sunday School for all ages		Men's Bible Study every Tuesday at 6 am in Fellowship Hall	Free Fellowship Meal served every Wednesday at 7 pm All are welcome!	Men's Bible Study at 6 am at AUMC Women's Bible Study at Cather Home	1 World Day of Prayer Thrift Shop Work Day	2 Nat'l Play Outside Day
3 3rd Sunday of Lent 	4 Service Night at Obadiah's Pantry 6-7	5 Nat'l Cheetos Day 	6 Open Table Meal 5:30-7:00 Ministry Team Mtg @ 7 pm	7 Nat'l Cereal Day (donate a box to Obadiah's Pantry!)	8 Int'l Women's Day Commodities Distribution	9 Barbie Day 
10 4th Sunday of Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins	11 Johnny Appleseed Day 	12 Fellowship Hall in Use	13 Open Table Meal 5:30-7:00	14 Potato Chip Day 	15 World Sleep Day	16 Nat'l Panda Day 
17 5th Sunday of Lent	18 Global Recycling Day 	19 1st Day of Spring 	20 Open Table Meal 5:30-7:00 Administrative Leadership team Mtg 7:00	21 World Poetry Day	22 As Young As You Feel Day	23 Nat'l Puppy Day 
24 Palm Sunday  Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Matthew 21:9	25 Pecan Day 	26 Purple Day	27 Open Table Meal 5:30-7:00	28 Maundy Thursday Building in use all day for Kindergarten Screening	29 Good Friday Service at HUMC 7pm	30 Int'l Laundry Folding Day
31 Easter Sunday 						Trip to Biblical Heritage Discovery Center April 13

LESSON TOPICS FOR CHILDREN'S MARCH SUNDAY SCHOOL!



Mar. 3—Jesus Washes Feet—John 13:1-17

Mar. 10—The Last Supper—Luke 22:14-20

Mar. 17—Praying in the Garden—Luke 22:39-46

Mar. 24—Jesus Enters Jerusalem—Matthew 21:1-11

Mar. 31—Resurrection—Matthew 28:1-10

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



Good Friday Service

March 29 @ 7:00 pm

Harper United Methodist Church

Daylight Savings
(Spring Forward)

March 10



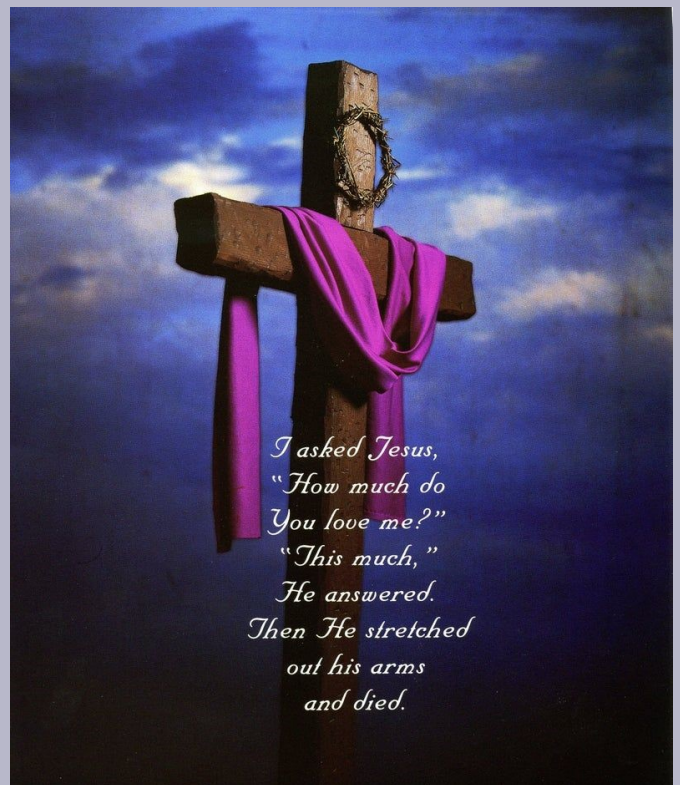
MARCH 1 & 2 AT 7 PM
ANTHONY THEATRE

Once Upon A Mattress

STARRING THESE AOMC KIDS:

- Titus Carothers
- Aurora Atkins
- April Atkins
- Abigail Reeves

YOUTH EDITION



OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN FEBRUARY



Communion Sunday

Chaparral Key Club president, Innslee, presents a check to Jason, representing the Harper Co. Health Foundation. Key Club raised \$750 for children's books as part of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program



Crystal illustrates what it means to be a servant to others during Children's Time



Titus offers encouragement during Children's Time



Gerald instructs Ashton on filling the taper lighter



Suzanne, Cheris, Karen & Lois volunteer at Core



The Wilson and Coggins Families Celebrate the Chief's Super Bowl Win!



The Joint Worship at HUMC was well attended and enjoyable



Red Plaid was popular at the Joint Worship!





Worship Team

GREETERS

03/03—Brian Hess/Kathy Stewart
 03/10—Matt Wilson/Cate Jensen
 03/17—Wanda Harnden/Kathy Stewart
 03/24—Dorothy Nickel/Brian Hess
 03/31—Albright Family

USHERS

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 03/10—Cate Jensen/Matt Wilson
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LITURGISTS

03/03—Wanda Harnden
 03/10—Lori Wilson
 03/17—Jason Wolff
 03/24—Kathy Stewart
 03/31—Susan Croft

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

03/03—Karen Cather
 03/10—Jensen Family
 03/17—Crystal Carothers
 03/24—Karen Cather
 03/31—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

03/04—Lee Cox
 03/06—Monica Holden
 03/09—Maia Holden
 03/12—Curt Clark
 03/12—Don Jensen
 03/14—Brandon Hazel
 03/14—Diane Leland
 03/17—Neve Jensen
 03/20—Connie Robinson
 03/20—Pastor Bruce Wilson
 02/21—Bryn Cormack
 03/30—Cori Sharp Wilson

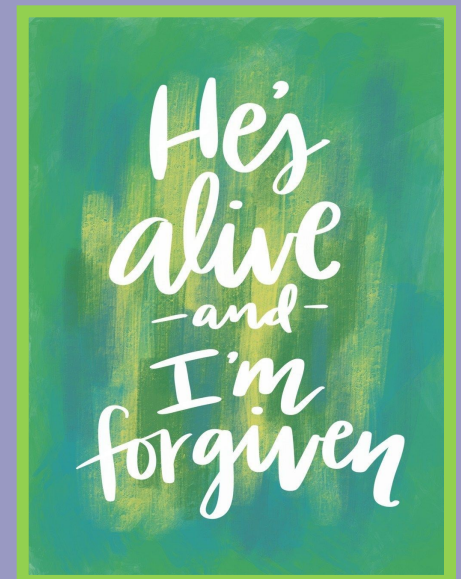
Anniversaries

03/05—Dr. Jerry and Karen Hall
 03/27—Larry and Kathy Stewart



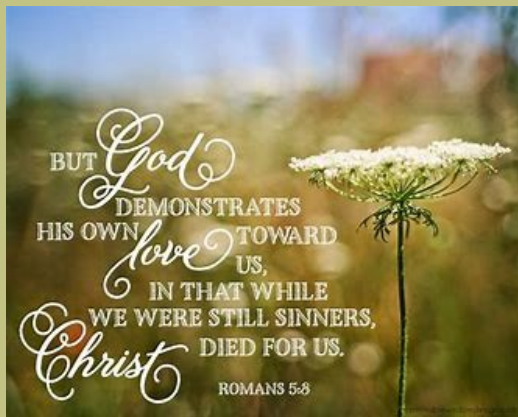
TECH DESK

03/03—Suzanne Clark
 03/10—Jennifer Wolff
 03/17—Jennifer Wolff
 03/24—Bryn Cormack
 03/31—Innslee Albright



*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*

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" Dear Friends, Thank you so so much for your continued prayers and kind words. I am getting stronger everyday and I have you to thank for that. Please keep my family in your prayers as we face these new challenges. I hope to see you all soon. Sincerely,
Brandie & Family "

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The Ministry Team has planned a trip to Wilsey, KS in the beautiful Flint Hills for April 13. The trip takes about 3 hours and the tour of the Biblical Heritage Center takes about 3 hours. A box lunch and a snack is provided. Tickets are \$25 person. The tour is not recommended for very young children due to its length. If you would like to be part of this truly immersive biblical experience, call the church office at 620-842-5486. The tour is limited to 35 people. If you are able to provide transportation to the site, let the office know.

.. We are doing quite well now and eager for spring to come.
We love and miss you all, Marti & John

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

8 am—12 pm Monday-Friday

Church website:

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March

SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

Abiding in Him

Day 1: Exodus 25:8-9	Day 17: Isaiah 32:16
Day 2: Exodus 29:45-46	Day 18: John 1:1, 14
Day 3: Deut. 33:27	Day 19: John 6:56
Day 4: I Samuel 1:22	Day 20: John 8:31-32
Day 5: I Kings 8:27	Day 21: John 15:1-4
Day 6: Psalm 4:8	Day 22: John 15:5-8
Day 7: Psalm 16:9	Day 23: John 15:9-10
Day 8: Psalm 61:4	Day 24: I John 2:4-6
Day 9: Psalm 65:4	Day 25: I John 2:24, 28
Day 10: Psalm 84:1-3	Day 26: I John 3:6
Day 11: Psalm 84:10-11	Day 27: I John 3:9
Day 12: Psalm 90:1-2	Day 28: I John 3:24
Day 13: Psalm 101:7	Day 29: I John 4:12-13
Day 14: Psalm 140:13	Day 30: I John 4:16
Day 15: Proverbs 1:32-33	Day 31: 2 John 1:9
Day 16: Isaiah 30:19	

*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.*

PRAYER

requests



- Prayers for Pastor Bruce, Melissa and Piper
- Prayers of joy for Pastor Bruce, Melissa, Piper and Baby Girl Wilson!
- Prayers for our community, country and world.
- Prayers for Larry Dunn and family as he recovers
- Prayers for Little Lambs Daycare
- Prayers for our AUMC volunteers
- Prayers for Margie, sister of Crystal Carothers
- Prayers for those who are caregivers
- Prayers for Jacquie Wiseley that she find relief for on-going 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 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 as she continues treatment
- Prayers for Erick Francis with health issues
- Prayers for reflection, change and growth during Lent
- Prayers for Pauletta Hinkle
- Prayers for Tom McKnight
- Prayers of joy for Don Jensen celebrating 90 years!

OPEN TABLE STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY

2/07/24—86 served \$287.00 donated

2/14/24—70 served \$186.00 donated

2/21/24—90 served \$292.00 donated

2/28/24— served donated

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

Obadiah's MARCH challenge is CEREAL (no family size boxes please)

Thank you to all who donated Pasta in February!