

NEWSLETTER

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LET GO OF THE ROPE

When my sister, who is nine years older than I am, got married, I inherited a brother-in-law, Stephen. Stephen in his younger years was ornery, funny, and always ready for a good time. Whether we were going to haunted houses or to the lake, it was always going to be a blast!



Rev. Lacey Wheeler

But there was one thing about Stephen. He liked to drive the boat on the lake fast. I mean, fast. Especially when he was pulling a middle school new sister-in-law who

did not like going fast behind the boat on skies!

Stephen taught me to water ski, and for the most part I enjoyed it. There was a thin line for me between terrified I was going to face plant into the water, feeling like cement, or an irrational fear that somehow my body was going to be tied up in that rope and drag for all eternity if I fell off my skies.

One thing I learned quickly was that if I lost my balance, I needed to let go of the rope! I needed to surrender to the loss of balance! It didn't take me long to learn this because when my new, ornery brother-in-law was behind the wheel of the boat, and I fell off, my body did not bode well being dragged behind full speed ahead!

It's ironic to me that this is a lesson I learned within seconds of falling off my skies. It probably took less than a few seconds, more likely it was a millisecond for me to realize that it was time to let go of the rope. So why is it that this lesson is so difficult to learn when in relationship to work, the to-do list, the ambition, the activities, and all the things?

We, I say we collectively very aware of the generalization I am about to make about our culture, we are going through life on skies, behind a boat with a fast driver behind the wheel. The waves are crashing, the turns are wicked, and yet we hold on. We have yet to learn the wisdom of letting go, or from an old Sabbath description: Stop now.

Wayne Muller, in his book Sabbath, speaks to the essence of Sabbath, and what takes

place when the sun sets on a Sabbath evening:

...Whether [the Jewish Sabbath] comes at a wintry 4:30 or late on a summer evening. Sabbath is not dependent on our readiness to stop. We do not stop when we are finished. We do not stop when we complete our phone calls, finish our project, get through this stack of messages, or get out this report that is due tomorrow. We stop because it is time to stop. Sabbath requires surrender.

Sabbath comes, whether we are ready or not. Sabbath comes, not when we have everything accomplished, we want to accomplish, because there is always something else to accomplish. Sabbath doesn't come when we are in a good mental space. Sabbath doesn't come when it is particularly convenient. When Sabbath comes, it is our turn to let go of the rope, and to surrender to the holy, blessed rest that is upon us. With Sabbath comes an opportunity to surrender to the hurrying, fast-paced action of the boat of our lives, to surrender to the waves of chaos and frenetic energy, and to allow our bodies to let go of the rope that tethers us to every demand, communication, pressure, and activity that awaits us, and allow our bodies to slow, until we are simply bobbing in our life vest up and down in the gentle waves of a rest-filled water.

John Mark Comer says in his book *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*:

It's like my soul catches up with my body. When we let go of the demands and pressures of our schedules, expectations, and non-stop and unrealistic plans, our souls catch up with our bodies as we wade in the water of rest.

This is the most difficult thing about Sabbath for me: Letting go of the rope, letting go of the demands, the pressure, the expectations, and allowing my body to slowly and gently come to a rest, and easing my soul back into my body.

I wonder what it might look like for us to let go and surrender to Sabbath this month as we prepare for Easter? I wonder what it might look like for us to observe an hour,

two hours, of simply letting go, and allowing our souls to catch up to our bodies? My hunch tells me, like my skiing experience, that once we learn to let go, it won't take us long to keep letting go because our souls crave this rest, much like by body craved not being pulled by a boat going way too fast for way too long. Will you let go with me? Will you surrender with me? Let's see what Sabbath can be as we wade in the waters of rest this month.

-Rev. Lacey Wheeler

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Look what's happening around the church...



Leadership Board met February 13th, for a regular meeting. Nothing new to report. Our next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, March 12th, 2024 at 7:00PM.



RHUMC to welcome musical guest Daniel Baird (Handpan Dan) March 3rd at 10AM service.

Easter Week Events

3/24: Palm Sunday @ 10:00AM

3/29: Good Friday Service @ 6:30PM

3/31: "Easter Sunday"

Sonrise Service @ 8:00AM
Church Breakfast @ 8:30AM
Sunday School @ 9:00AM
Worship Service & Chancel
Choir Cantata @ 10:00AM
Easter Egg Hunt @ 11:15AM

4/1: Church is Closed



United
Women
in Faith

Rose Hill United Women in Faith met February 14th and enjoyed a soup supper prepared by Jessie Poston and Diane Mann. Diane Reed presented the Call to Prayer and Self Denial program focusing on climate justice. It was decided to send proceeds from the soup supper to Hope Connections. Rita Paddock and Bobby Reed are planning UWF Sunday on April 7th. UWF will meet March 13th, 2024 at 6:30PM in the parlor for the General meeting. They will also sponsor a potting party on April 10th, at 6:30PM. All women and girls are welcome. The Rebecca Ruth Circle will meet March 23rd at 10:00AM at the church.



The Rose Hill GirlScout Troop 41599 made a donation of Birthday Kits to Hope Connections including; candles, sprinkles, baking pans, frosting, and cake mix. Hope Connections would like to thank these girls and troop leaders for their contribution to helping others in our community.



The following upcoming distribution dates are: 3/4: 5PM-6:30PM; 3/6: 11AM-12:30PM; 3/18: 5PM-6:30PM, 3/20: 11AM-12:30PM.



Birthdays: March 1: Lacey Wheeler; March 2: Dimitri Farmer, Ella Nelson, Lori Webster; March 3: Becky Arheart; March 8: Caden & Colton Webster; March 9: Jenna Anderson; March 10: Kimberly Konecny; March 11: Becky Wilson; March 12: Jenna McCulloch; March 13: Meggin DeMoss; March 14: Carley Long; March 18: David Weihe; March

27: Jeff Koch, Scott Rowles, John Wyssman; March 29: Paul Heidt; March 30: Barb Nelson; March 31: Matthew Anderson

Anniversaries: March 8: Rob & Sharon Alliband; March 24: Ken & Pat Beran; March 28: Darrell & Cathryn Schulle



WHAT'S HAPPENING *in Student Ministries*

One of the missions of Youth Group is to spread Christ centered work in our local community. On February 10th we had the opportunity to participate in the Homeless Ministry Program led by Mark Davis. That group meets each month and hands out clothing; socks, underwear, shoes, etc. Five youth were able to attend and Mark did a very nice job introducing them to and facilitating conversations with the people that we were there to serve. Parent volunteers make these trips possible and Amber Wyssman graciously volunteered her morning and drove everyone. The entire event created some great discussion among the youth about how to further serve others and we are looking forward to going again. Thank you for supporting Youth Group. The involvement of parents and families over the winter has been amazing!

- Evan Black, Youth Director



Does your child want to attend camp this summer? Look no further we have all the details.

Camp Horizon is a church camp near Arkansas City, Kansas. It has been in ministry since 1947. Horizon is a member of the United Methodist Great Plains Camping Inc., comprised of five United Methodist camps across Kansas and Nebraska. Its primary ministry is its summer camp program for children and youth ranging from 1st-12th grades.

Horizon is offering a 25-percent discount on camp fees for children from our congregation. See page 4 of this newsletter for camp details and how to register. Use code RoseHill at checkout for the discount.

Recently we had our first Parents Night Out and it was a big success! We had 5 couples participate, with 13 children, 1 youth volunteer, and 5 adult volunteers. The kids enjoyed playing with one another, creating with play dough, a few rounds of Bingo, dancing in the sanctuary, and some crafting. Of course snack time was their favorite! We are looking forward to hosting more date nights in the near future with some outdoor activities as it warms up! Thank you to all the parents for bringing their kids and the wonderful volunteers for taking their Saturday night to help out.

- Melanie Leis, Nursery Director

Summer Camp Schedule 2024

CAMP Horizon
A Great Plains UNITED METHODIST CAMP

www.HorizonCenter.org

Prices will go up \$25 after April 1st

Camps	Weeks Available	Grade <small>*Incoming Grades</small>	Price
Main Camp	2, 4, 6, 8	3-8	\$400
Leaders in Training (LITs)	2, 4, 6, 8	9-11	\$300
Middle School Camp	Week 3: June 17-21	6-8	\$400
High School Camp (5 nights in 2024)	Week 7: July 14-19	9-CF	\$500
Preview Camp	Week 1: June 5-6	1-8	\$100
Mini Camp	Week 5: July 1-3	2-8	\$200
Day Camp Wednesday	2, 4, & 6	1-3	\$45
Dates	Week 1: June 5-6	Week 5: July 1-3	
	Week 2: June 10-14	Week 6: July 8-12	
	Week 3: June 17-21	Week 7: July 14-19	
	Week 4: June 24-28	Week 8: July 22-26	



Main Camps: Our most popular camps feature the widest variety of activities: swimming, hiking, camping out, praise and worship, jumping pillow, hammocks, archery, and more.

Leaders in Training (LITs): These campers will have a hands-on experience selecting their activities, they will participate in a service project, help with areas of camp, and explore their leadership styles all while being campers and having fun.

Middle School Camp: Crazy games, passionate worship, and meaningful relationships. This week is all about discovering yourself in Christ. Don't miss it!

High School Camp: You've not seen what camp can really be like until you come to High School Camp. You'll try new things and make new friends all while strengthening your faith in Christ! This week just might change your life! *(We added a day)*

Preview Camp: This unique two-day, one-night experience, lets campers see what camp is all about.

Mini Camp: All the fun of camp in a shorter time frame. We are offering this special two-night camp for those who struggle to fit a week into their schedules or are still timid about a week away from home.

Day Camps: Spend a day at Horizon! Perfect for first timers to get a taste of what camp is all about. Wednesday from 9 am-4 pm.

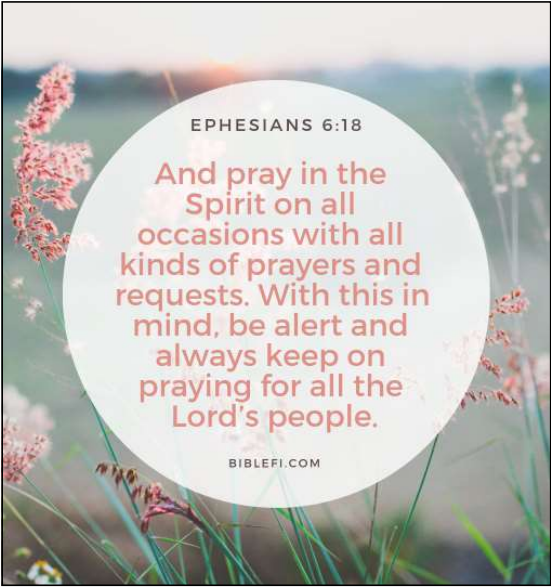
Attention Church Leaders: Help promote camp in your church! Go online for photographs, graphics, videos, and other resources for encouraging your children and youth to attend Camp Horizon this summer. Contact us and we can schedule a camp staff or board member to come to speak to your church group.



Register Online: www.HorizonCenter.org
Register by Phone: 620-442-5533

Celebrating SCOUT SUNDAY





Please keep these in your prayers: Our church; our country; our troops; people of the world; our government leaders; law enforcement officers (safety); our community; students; teachers; Americans overseas; those suffering with mental illness; Teresa Conduff (health concerns); Kathy Conley (health); Cassie Conley (health concerns); Joy Shiblom (health concerns); Greg Cox (multiple myeloma); Linda McBride (health); Lyn-Nell Clark's daughter, Teresa Schmidt (metastatic bone cancer in vertebrae); Shannon Zoglmann's father (lung cancer) mother (heart disease/failure); Ashley Mowder's father, Alex Hall (health); Joyce Webster (health); Tonie Rollins' sister, Cindy Hunter (pancreatic cancer); Joy Pearson (health); Sigrid Krkosska (health); Dave Brown (Returned Cancer), Christine McKee's father, Harry Conway (health); Chad Flower (health); Bob (Dementia); Kathy Rusconi (ALS); Audrey Rowles (health); Jodi Stearns (cancer treatment); Jeff Diehl (stroke); Mandy Olson's mom Julie (health); Nursing home/rehab residents: Paul Heidt (Glen Carr House); The family and friends of Forrest Paddock in his passing. The family of Tonie Rollins sister Cindy Hunter is the passing of her husband Tim Neun.

Please notify the church office when your request can be taken off the list. Thank you!



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