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TO KNOW GOD AND LIVE LIKE JESUS.

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LEGO!!!

My brother used to have a gigantic box of LEGO's. LEGO's are fine, in theory, but as an eight-year-old girl who couldn't care less about the things, and to be honest thought they were a little ugly just those blocks of reds and blues and yellows, I wasn't necessarily a fan. These square, rectangular, and very pointy pieces somehow managed to consistently make their way under my feet when I least expected it.



Rev. Lacey
Wheeler

As I walked through my parent's living room on the billowy, soft cushion of the carpet, inevitably, and out of nowhere, a striking pain would sear into the most tender part of my foot. LEGO's!

Fast forward and I have managed to marry a man who also loves LEGO's, although he is much less messy about it than my four-year-old brother at the time. As Ben, my husband, and I walked through Target the other day, I was a little shocked to see the LEGO section of the store. I was even more shocked to see that LEGO's aren't just building strong-looking things with pointy corners, but they have ventured into a whole new arena of building! There were LEGO's that could be built into a succulent garden, a bouquet of flowers, and even a beautiful peacock. That's my kind of LEGO.

What I'm learning as I watch now my son and husband build together, is that LEGO isn't about the pointy blocks that get stuck in the tender parts of my foot, or the messiness of the blocks, it is something more. Building, and building together, is something profound, beautiful, mending, and uplifting. It helps my husband and son both love LEGO, and when they build, they are both excited

to build together.

We too are called, invited, welcomed to build. Maybe we are building with LEGO alongside our family, and simultaneously building an atmosphere of kindness, persistence, and a safe place to explore and learn. Maybe we are building a community within our neighborhoods, seeking to connect with our not-yet friends who live right next door, building comradery, a sense of community, and a place for folks to lean on one another. Maybe we are building environments of grace, understanding, nurture, and love in a world that sometimes revels in the opposite.

What are we invited to build?

Perhaps, we are invited to build a ministry together, a place where God's grace is experienced in every single person who enters our doors. Maybe we are welcomed to build a culture in our faith community centered around the love of Christ, fueling our every decision, move, and interaction. Maybe we are called to build what has yet to be built, something unseen, just waiting to break through the surface, something we might build together steered by the power of the Holy Spirit and the wisdom of God's love.

What I know is, like Nehemiah, God puts into our hearts that which we are called to build. God breaks our hearts for those who are suffering, those who are vulnerable, those who need advocates. When Nehemiah heard that the wall of Jerusalem had been broken down and the gates destroyed, he wept and mourned for days (Nehemiah 1:3-4).

What breaks our hearts that will lead to build?

Are we willing to be disrupted by this heartbreak, to feel the pointy and jag-

ged edges penetrating the tender places of our hearts, and be moved to participate in the building of what God has in mind?

You are invited to a vision conversation on April 7th from 2 PM to 4 PM here at RHUMC. Our time will be guided by a pastor and consultant who has 20 years of experience in ministry, visioning, and revitalization. We will explore questions around our ministries, our dreams, and our hesitations in these dreamings. For whom and for what is God breaking our hearts? Are we ready to build something together—even if we step on a LEGO or two in the process.

-Rev. Lacey Wheeler

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Look what's happening around the church...



Leadership Board met March 19th, for a Town Hall style meeting, about 20 congregation members attended. Pastor Lacey Lacey reviewed her five outcomes, or goals for our church for this year. Pastor Lacey was excited about the progress made so far in working with staff, ministry teams, and the Leadership Board. Greg Anderson then shared how the Leadership Board tracks attendance at various levels, basic budget information, and some updates regarding Wee Rockets. Sherri Strawn shared some information for Meggin DeMoss regarding Hope Connections. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, April 9th, 2024 at 7:00PM.

2024 GENERAL CONFERENCE INFO SESSION

APRIL 2
6 P.M.

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Rev. Amy Lippoldt, delegate



Preview major legislation coming to
General Conference
and its impact on the local church

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United
Women
in Faith

Rose Hill United Women in Faith met March 13th for business with a Lenten quiz lesson from Virginia Morgan. April 7th is UWF Sunday and ladies will be in charge of the service, assisted by the Education Team. Bobby Reed is preparing a message on the History of American Methodism. The April 10th meeting will be the Potting Party with instructions for a crocheted potholder and fleece blanket. All women and girls are invited to attend. The Rebecca Ruth Circle will meet April 25th at 10:00AM at the church.



JOIN US FOR General Conference 2024 Information Session

April 14, 2024 @ 4:00p.m.

Will be held at:

College Hill United Methodist
2930 E. 1st Street, Wichita, Ks.

Join us for an information session and learn more about what will be discussed and voted on at General Conference. Delegates: Rev. Dr. Kalaba Chali, Rev. Amy Lippoldt and Rev. David Livingston will be here to give us insight into General Conference, and also have a Q&A time. Anyone and everyone is invited.



Hope Connections is in need of click list bags, peanut butter, canned ravioli, and cereal donations.

This past Saturday, the Rose Hill High School's KAY Club students ventured around the Rose Hill community to gather donations for Hope Connections food distribution. Thanks to the generosity of the community they were able to donate over 400 food items. Many thanks to the community, students, and teacher staff.

The following upcoming distribution dates are: 4/1: 5PM-6:30PM; 4/3: 11AM-12:30PM; 4/15: 5PM-6:30PM, 4/17: 11AM-12:30PM.



Birthdays: April 1: Rhonda Davis, Linda McBride, Roger Miller; April 4: Brittany Jensen; April 8: Joel Koehn; April 10: Maddox Bextel; April 13: Kayla Anderson; April 15: Tim Nelson; April 16: Curtis Nickel; April 17: Anthen Arheart; April 22: Darby Vanhoutan; April 26: Zander Arheart; April 27: Sandra Futhey, Jack Wilks;

April 28: Shelly Long

Anniversaries: April 3: Carol Nelson; April 20: Thane & Becky Arheart, Diane Mann





RHUMC's Confirmation class had the opportunity to visit Camp Horizon for an overnight retreat on March 15. It was a great opportunity for confirmands and mentors to get to know each other and experience God's presence outdoors. The weekend consisted of a mix of outdoor activities, campfire and lessons for the confirmation process. One of the biggest highlights was the lesson on baptism facilitated by Pastor Lacey after a hike to the river. In addition to Pastor Lacey, I want to thank Kreg Anderson for going and supporting youth and Amber Wyssman for donating her time and cooking all of the food. Confirmation Sunday is May 12 and we look forward to completing the process with everyone during service that day. Thank you.

-Evan Black, Youth Director



Does your child want to attend camp this summer? Look no further we have some 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. Contact the office via email at office@rhksumc.com for details on how to register and be sure to use code RoseHill at checkout for the discount.





On Saturday, March 23rd, the Children's Ministry decided to try something new and held an Easter Egg Decorating Party for the kids of the church. The afternoon was full of excitement and fun as the children decorated their eggs, played games, did crafts, and ate snacks. I loved seeing the creativity come out in each child as they dyed, painted, and drew on their eggs. Some of the adults even got in on the fun! I am grateful for everyone who attended, who helped during the party, and for everyone who helped with clean up after the fun was over. A special thanks to my children, Henry and Ella, for their help with hard boiling the eggs (all 110 of them!), baking treats, and helping me set up. A big thank you to Sue Tanner as well for her help and support with everything! It was a fantastic afternoon and I look forward to making this an annual event!

-Stacie Fox, Children's Ministry Director








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); CJ Bextel's father, David Bextel (triple bypass); CJ Bextel's grandmother, Loretta Burgess (health); Howard Reed (surgery/health); Nursing home/rehab residents: Paul Heidt (Glen Carr House); The family and friends of our Administrative Assistant Blair Beard in the passing of her Grandmother Mary Miller.

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



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