

Rose Hill United Methodist Church

# May NEWSLETTER

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## A Gospel Welcome

Part 2

By Lacey Wheeler

We are getting ready for the Infamous, Epic, and Nothing-Like-It Rose Hill United Methodist Church Garage Sale at our house. Painfully, slowly and little by little, we are making our way through the remnants of our lives. For me, this is a very slow process because every single item has with it attached a memory, a moment, a piece of life that I have once cherished.

As we make our way through the very first home décor that my husband and I picked out together as a freshly married couple, our old dog beds from our beloved animals, and the tiny baby clothes our precious one wore in his earliest of days, we are faced with the very real reality that there is not enough space to hold all of these things—forever.

We are also faced with the reality that adding a human into the mix has added to the things that are taking up space, and as he grows older, we seem to be adding bigger and bigger things!

Until we re-home, re-gift, or donate the items we currently have, there will simply not be enough space for anything new to come in.

Philippians 2:4-8 speaks of Jesus like this:

*"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself..."*

Jesus emptied himself.

Jesus didn't empty his house of all the things he acquired. In fact, Jesus was a bit of a nomad who didn't have a place to rest his head, always moving in his mission. I doubt Jesus had much he physically carried with him. However, Jesus emptied himself of other things.

Jesus emptied himself of pride, of winning the argument, of judgement, of hatred, and as Jesus emptied himself, he welcomed people who were not like him, disagreed with him, and even hated him.

In our homes, we must time to time empty space in order to bring anything new into our homes.

What if our lives were like our homes? Needing cleared out, cleaned out, emptied from time to time?





# A Gospel Welcome

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Dr. Amy Oden in her book *God's Welcome* speaks of emptying our lives for others and for God:

*"We empty ourselves as we lay down the false images of who we think we are supposed to be or who others expect us to be. We empty ourselves as we let go of some of our images of God to make room for new ones. We empty ourselves as we give up the need to be right or to have it all figured out and prescribe the truth to others. We empty ourselves as we give up grievances that maintain our superiority or our list of accomplishments that gives us status."*

Imagine your life as a home. The rooms of your life adorned with perspectives, emotions, memories, agendas, expectations, drive, love, people, circumstances, unresolved questions, hurts, views of God, this world, and one another.

Is there room in your life to welcome anyone or anything new? What is currently filling these rooms? Take just a moment to visualize the home of your life and that which occupies this life.

Is your life so filled, perhaps not full, that there is no room for an alternate perspective, a person who is grieving, a friend who is struggling, a teenager who needs extra time and care, a political view that is not our own, a theological view that is not our own?

If you were to put in boxes the things in your life that are taking up too much space, what would they be? Can you name those out loud either in a moment of prayer or to someone in your life?

What if...like our homes as we prepare for the Infamous, Epic, and Nothing-Like-It Rose Hill United Methodist Church Garage Sale, we begin to empty our lives as Jesus emptied his? What if, we started to remove the clutter that, maybe not all bad, but maybe just not the best use of the space, in order to welcome a more meaningful and rich experience or perspective?

What if, we emptied ourselves in order to welcome in God's gospel hospitality and to welcome in our neighbors, friends, enemies, and those with whom we have tensions? Do we have space for this?

As you reflect on the boxes of your life that you are considering needs reduced in some way, what are the possibilities of the space this opens up for you in your life, heart, and mind?



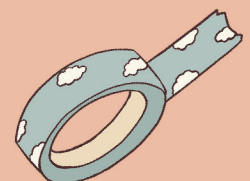
The point is not to fill this space, resist as best you can, the point is to be open to the possibilities. To welcome in the possibilities God may bring?

The point is to create that open space, so that there is space for a new welcome from God, a new invitation from someone or something.

The point is to empty ourselves so that we can experience the Gospel Hospitality of God's unending welcome.

So I guess, also, the point of preparing for a garage sale may not be to fill up the space again of our homes, but to welcome in the possibilities that God has for the space that is created, and wait for the welcome to come.

As you prepare for the Infamous, Epic, and Nothing-Like-It Rose Hill United Methodist Church Garage Sale this year, packing up things you no longer use, will you join me as we intentionally cast our eyes, hearts, and minds toward emptying space in our hearts and lives to welcome God's loving kindness and open space to welcome one another in this life?





# UW Faith News

The annual Mother Daughter Banquet was held April 9<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderful evening, and a lot of individuals worked hard to make it such an enjoyable evening. Thank you to Marilyn Logbeck and Bobby Reed for making table decorations, Judy Farber for loaning us her collection of children's sewing machines, DeLynn and Ella Nelson for taking pictures, Marilyn Logbeck and Kimberly Konecny for serving punch, Boy Scout Troop 626 for serving the meal and cleaning up, RoseMary Templin and Lacey Wheeler for meal preparation.



## Mother Daughter Banquet

Each year UW Faith lights a Dedicated Light in honor of someone. This year our Dedicated Light is in honor of Bobby Reed. She has been very active in UW Faith for several years and has held offices at the Local, District, and Conference levels. As an expression of our love of Bobby, a gift for missions has been given to the Great Plains Conference of UW Faith.

## Dedicated Light Honoree



*Bobby Reed*

## Special Mission Recognition

In addition to the Dedicated Light, UW Faith is honoring 3 men this year with a Special Mission Recognition Pin. Clinton (C.J.) Bextel, Daniel Paddock, and Terry Paddock. We would like to 'Thank' them for all they do in supporting the UW Faith and all their activities.



*C.J. Bextel*



*Daniel & Terry Paddock*



**UWF Sunday | April 27**



## Leadership Board Updates

Leadership Board members met on April 8 with six members from Woodlawn United Methodist Church in attendance as our guests. They gathered to see how the one board model of church governance works here at RHUMC. We were able to share our experiences and answer many questions. Our board members shared the growing pains our church went through when converting to the one board model and stressed that communication is essential.

The Leadership Board is pleased to announce that Wee Rockets has a new director, Lacey Barnett, who has been doing a great job in this position! Pastor Lacey has been training the Wee Rockets Staff in Servants by Design and they are really learning a lot about each other and how to work well together. In building connections with Wee Rockets, a Christian curriculum has been implemented. These are just a few of the great things happening at Wee Rockets!



*Wee Rockets Director,  
Lacey Barnett*



Leadership Board members would like to invite everyone to our Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00PM in the sanctuary. This is a time when we review our yearly goals, and you have an opportunity to find out what is going on in our church.

### Hope Connections Update

Spring is here and we are closer to summer where our numbers will increase with kids at home. We can always use cereal and easy to make meals for kids like ravioli, Ramen noodles, granola bars and microwave meals.

Thank you for the Kleenex donations to the youth group.

*~Meggin DeMoss*





# Palm Sunday



# Easter Egg Decorating Party

April 13th





# Easter @ Rose Hill UMC

## Sunday Service



## SonRise Service



## Easter Egg Hunt

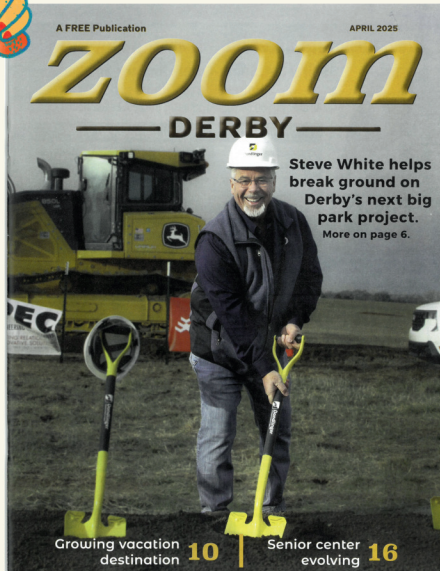




# Fantastic Feature

## Celebrating Priscilla Rinehart's Good Deeds Through Quilting

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## 'Sewing' GOOD DEEDS

Quilt guild looks to provide comfort, warmth in community



BY CONNIE KIEWEL  
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For more than 20 years, the Country Rose Quilt Guild has had as part of its mission, "to give back to the community through quilting."

"The guild was started by a group of ladies in Rose Hill who had been taking beginning quilting classes through community education," said founding member Shirley Wells.

Today, the guild comprises 75 to 80 members from communities including Derby, Rose Hill, Moline and Wilcox, and "there are a handful of us who were in the original quilt still around," Wells said.

The guild has supported three specific philanthropic efforts for a number of years, making quilts for the Wilcox Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), Victory in the Valley and Quilts of Valor.

"We donate 30 baby quilts a month to the NICU and when the babies are ready to be released, parents may choose a quilt to take home," Wells said.

Lap quilts made by the guild members and donated to Victory in the Valley are included in new patient kits provided to cancer patients at the organization's Victory House. The quilts are used by patients going through chemotherapy and are there to keep.

Quilts of Valor covers service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts, often times custom-designed for the recipients.

The committees overseeing the three recipient organizations set aside days to work on their quilts.

"We have a workshop the first Tuesday of each month for sewing, putting quilts together and making kits," explained baby quilt committee member Priscilla Rinehart, one of the Derby members.

"Usually have four or five baby quilts that I put on the long arm to finish."

Rinehart is one of the members with a long arm quilting machine that takes the top, bottom and back of the quilt into a frame and sews the three layers at once.

Wells said in addition to the 30 monthly NICU baby quilts, "we average about 75 lap quilts a year to Victory in the Valley, and 30 to 40 presentations to Quilts of Valor."

Members of the guild "wrap" the Quilts of Valor recipients with the quilt at a special ceremony.

"It is a very welcome activity and sometimes quite emotional," Wells said.

Guild members meet at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Derby's First Presbyterian Church, which has served as the guild's headquarters since last fall.

Program Chair Rinehart said meeting attendance is usually around 50, and programs are usually presented "by someone that has a shop or has done a lot of quilting."

"There is also a 'show and share' time where members bring in what they have been working on, usually completed, to show other members."

Who are really working to get new members and to grow? Rinehart said, "Guests are welcome and after two meetings are asked to join."

Annual membership dues are \$25. The guild has numerous activities and opportunities for its members, including four-day spring and fall retreats at Wind State Camp near Augusta.

"Members can go for one or more days, pick their own projects to work on, and the camp provides the meals," Wells said. "It's an opportunity to get acquainted with the other members and to see underpinned for a few days."

Wells said quilting is "a good way to get out of your head and into your hands."

"When you are sewing or stitching by hand or machine, you're not worrying or dwelling on something else," Wells said.

For more information, contact: countryrosequiltguild2025@gmail.com.

COURTESY

Quilt guild member Sandi Quade is shown presenting to veteran Melvin McCarty as part of Quilts of Valor—one of the primary nonprofits the guild helps support.

We're proud to share that our very own Priscilla Rinehart was recently featured in Derby's Magazine, Zoom, for her incredible work with the Country Rose Quilt Guild. For over 20 years, this passionate group has sewn love into the community—providing quilts to NICU babies, veterans through Quilts of Valor, and cancer patients at Victory in the Valley. As Program Chair, Priscilla plays a key role in organizing, guiding, and stitching comfort into every quilt. What a beautiful reminder that even small stitches can wrap the world in warmth!

## VBS Workshop



Shannon Murphy, Stacie Fox, and Sue Tanner attended a VBS Workshop to prepare for this year's summer camp! This year's them? True North!





# Our 2025 Graduates!



*Wesley Olson*



Wesley is graduating from Douglass High School and will be attending Butler Community College. He received a full scholarship to sing with them. He will then transfer to WSU where he will study Computer Science. Wesley is a recipient of the Ed Templin Memorial Scholarship.

*Emily Black*



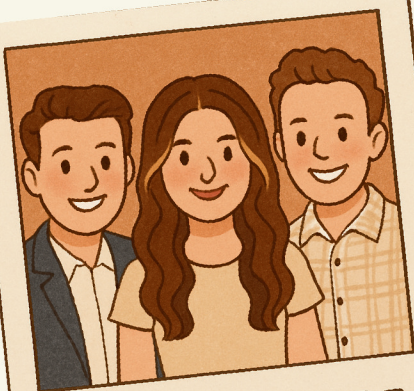
Emily is graduating from Douglass High School on May 11<sup>th</sup> and will be attending Newman University to study Diagnostic Medical Sonography in the fall.

Emily is a recipient of the Ed Templin Memorial Scholarship.

*Benjamin Wyssman*



Benjamin has decided to serve in the Army National Guard. He will leave for boot camp in June, then go to AIT. He is graduating from Udall High School.

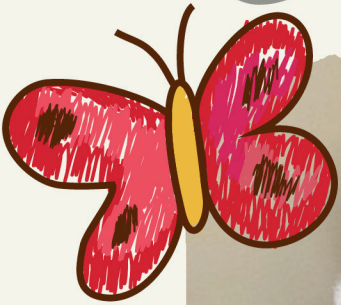


CLASS OF 2025





# April's COLORING CONTEST Winner



Little Miss Ivy Hise

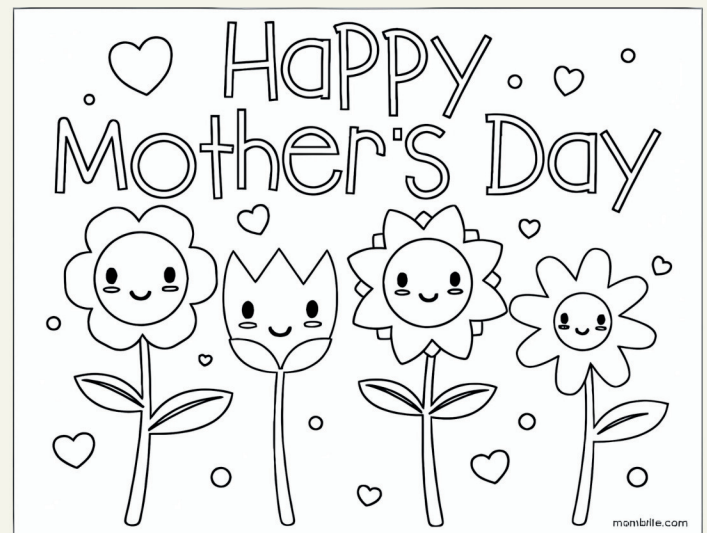


## May's COLORING CONTEST

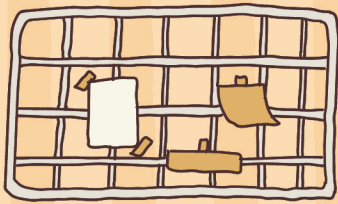
Calling all young artists! Our new Monthly Coloring Contest is here! Each month, pick up a fresh coloring page from the greeters' table in the lobby, let your creativity shine, and turn in your masterpiece to the same spot. Be sure to fill out your name, age, and grade at the bottom, and have a parent/guardian add their name and contact info on the back. The winning artwork will earn a special prize and be featured in next month's newsletter! Let's get coloring!



Find Me at the Greeter's Table







# In the Know

Rose Hill United Methodist Church

May & June



## Church Garage Sale

Rose Hill United Methodist Church

# Garage Sale



19551 SW BUTLER ROAD

June 12-13th 9am to 6pm

June 14th 9am to 12pm

Accepting item donations after May 11th  
Call 316-776-2212 to schedule drop off.

Thursday and Friday  
Breakfast 9am - 11am  
Lunch 12pm - 2pm

## UWF Social Event



UWF PRESENTS

# BLOOM & BOND

WED, MAY 14, 2025 | 6:30PM

Join us for a free, fun-filled workshop open to all women and young girls. We will be providing fresh flowers for you to pot (Please bring your own pot).

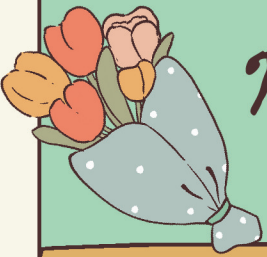
In addition, Meggin DeMoss will be showing us how to craft stunning paper blooms.

RSVP to the Church Office (for supply count): 776-2212



## Special Sunday's Ahead!

May 11<sup>th</sup>  
Mother's Day

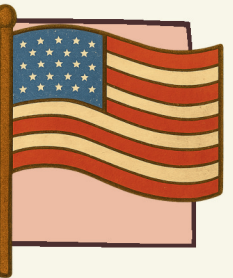


May 18<sup>th</sup>  
Graduate Sunday



Office Closed  
Memorial Day

Monday, May 26th



## Town Hall Meeting



Tuesday  
May 13th  
7:00PM  
In the Sanctuary





# Celebrations

## Birthday's



**May 1**

Mandy Olson

**May 2**

Carol Besco

**May 3**

Avery Dewey

**May 5**

Barbara  
Wallace

**May 15**

Cathryn  
Schulle

**May 17**

Ashley  
Mowder

**May 20**

Jack Redifer

**May 23**

Jadan Heinz

**May 24**

Kathy Santo

**May 26**

Debbie Rayl

**May 27**

Ken Beran

**May 28**

Robin Nelson

**MAY 31**

Cash Jensen Coral Jensen Zoey Jensen

Brooke  
Shackelford

## Anniversaries

**May 1**

Ray & Cindy  
McMann

**May 6**

Matthew &  
Shannon Zoglmann

**May 8**

Mr. & Mrs.  
McCune

**May 9**

Tim & Barb  
Nelson

**May 10**

Rick & Judy  
Nelson

**May 18**

Dakota &  
Brittany  
Jensen

**May 19**

Doug & Ashley  
Mowder

**May 20**

Larry Dutton &  
Kendra Tharp

**May 21**

Greg &  
Stacie Fox

**May 23**

Riley &  
Christine  
McKee

**May 27**

CJ & Jolene  
Bextel

### Farewell to Becky



Becky Arheart has faithfully led the Rocket Ringers and Rhythm Ringers with heart and dedication over the past several years. Her intentional leadership has helped shape our bell choirs into the vibrant ministries they are today. As God calls her into a new season, Becky will be stepping away from her role as director, and we fully support her in this next chapter. We're grateful she'll continue to ring with Rocket Ringers and finish out the season through May. Becky, you go with our prayers and deepest thanks.







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## ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**Please keep these in your prayers:**

**3/30:** Amber & John Wyssman: Update on Raymond Smith- Amber's Dad- He had his recheck appt w/heart doctor. He is a poster child of health! And was released to drive 4 weeks early! Thank you for your prayer. This was very scary for our family but all is well; Kendra Tharp: Deaths- Eric Hunt Family, Bumgarner Family; Jessie Poston: Prayers for my son Mike having kidney surgery. Prayers for my grandson Corey having shoulder surgery. Thank you.

**4/6:** Mark Davis: Dave Brown is receiving another round of treatment. He appeared to be doing well. He thanked us for our prayers in the past, and asked for additional prayers as he continues his journey.

**4/13:** Greg & Priscilla Rinehart: Praising God for clear scan report for Greg.

**4/20:** John & Amber Wyssman: My Dad, Raymond Smith, had his last appointment w/heart Dr. He has been released from all restrictions!! All is well. Thank you.; Ron & Terri Jones: Tony Jones Heart + kidney concerns.

**5/4:** Kimberly Konecny: For teachers and students stress at the end of the year; Melanie Leis: Cynthia Rios, who is the Children's Ministry Director at Aldersgate UMC, her husband, Hector Rios, went on a canoe trip with some friends in Arkansas and he has been missing since Sat night (5/3)

