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BY MEGGIN DEMOSS

SHAPED BY GRACE

By Pastor Lacey Wheeler

Over the last year I did a thing.

I said yes to a group of four women who would meet together to share space together and ask really simple questions about life and faith. This was a group where trust grew slowly and genuinely and connection grew with it.

The first meeting was a little awkward because I only knew one other woman in the group. We made small chit chat and over time realized we had many things in common. Unlike other groups I had been a part of, though, it wasn't what we had in common that united us. It wasn't that we enjoyed the same things or participated in the same things. The thing that united us was that we committed to gathering together consistently as a way of growing our faith and growing our spiritual capacity. In our times together, we were asked questions like, when did we feel closest to Christ since we last met and how are we engaging with spiritual disciplines. These questions were fairly easy and there was zero judgment if one of us hadn't participated in our spiritual disciplines or if we actually hadn't felt close to Christ.

But there was a part of this group that I had never experienced before.

There was a question that was asked every sing time:
"Where was discipleship denied?"

Essentially, when did we say no to God when maybe God was inviting us to do something, say something, be a way we chose not to. As a recovering perfectionist and someone who doesn't always love to share where I'm falling short, this was probably the hardest part. However, it was the most transformative.

Yes, sharing about how I denied discipleship was transformative, but it was what came after this sharing.

The statement that came after our sharing of how we had essentially messed up was this:

"In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven."

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The response was forgiveness and grace. The response was a person embodying the grace of God in real time, in the flesh.

There is something about someone looking at me in the eye saying I am forgiven in Jesus' name that touched my soul. Every. Single. Time.

I was shaped by grace in these shared moments together.

Over and over again, this process of being shaped by grace continued because I am yet to be the loving image of God that God desires for me, and it was partly due to the other women in that group that this transformation was happening.

When have you been shaped by grace?

We are invited by Jesus in Matthew 28:19 to *"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."*

One of the ways that Rose Hill UMC has been called to live this out is to be people shaped by grace and people who provide opportunities for people to be shaped by grace.

This is the first piece of RHUMC's new vision:

Shaped by Grace

Rooted in Christ's Love

Connecting through Service

We will continue to provide spaces where people can engage with the grace of God through worship, fellowship, Sunday School, Bible Studies, Youth Group, Children's Ministries.

And, we will be exploring an opportunity to form intentional community within and outside our congregation to be shaped by grace. In October this year, we will be putting together what Dr. Ashley Boggan, author of *Calling on Fire* calls Grace Groups.

These groups will consist of four people (or four couples), they can meet anywhere! The doughnut shop, the coffee shop, your neighborhood pool, in your living room, the church, online, anywhere!

And here are the questions we will be asking when we gather:

Soul Tending:

How is your faith journey going?

God Sightings:

Where are you experiencing God moving in your life?

Growing in Grace:

What is one challenge you are working through that you need to offer over to God?

Close in prayer.

It's that simple.

And, if participating in relationships like this has taught me anything, it is that through participation in these groups, we will be Shaped by Grace.

So, here's my ask.

Would you consider trying this out? Just for a few months, gathering with a group to ask these questions and have a space where we will be actively shaped by grace?

I know what you're thinking—how do I even start that??

No worries! We have you covered! We have facilitators who will be trained for these groups, we will set up the structure, all you have to do is show up to your group!

There is a team of roughly six people who have been meeting over the last several months to discern how we are being called to step into something like this, and this group is working hard to set this up for success!

We will begin signups for this September 13th through the month of September and will begin meeting in groups in October. Every group will be able to shape their group as they intend. It will be your call where/when to meet and how often you will be meeting. I would love to hear how these groups begin transforming the community of RHUMC!

Do you have questions about this? Are you curious? Give me a shout! I'd love to chat about it! Email me at lwheeler@greatplainsumc.org.

Want to sign up for a Grace Group now?? Absolutely! *Follow the link below* and we will connect you with three others (or three other couples) who want to walk this journey with you! You can also *email the office, office@rhksumc.com, or me, lwheeler@greatplainsumc.org*



We are excited to see how God will continue to shape our community by grace through experiences like these! Thank you for your openness to the work of the Spirit and I praise God for the ways that you are already being shaped by grace!

A fellow sojourner in faith and in the transformation of grace,

Lacey

A NOTE FROM:



The RHUMC Leadership Board met on August 4 to discuss several operational and strategic updates, including a potential outdoor space expansion in partnership with Hope Connections and plans to replace the youth Gaga ball pit. Key administrative actions included managing floor renovation estimates, finalizing the Fall school lease and addressing the immediate resignation of Wee Rockets Director, Lacey, with Ashley stepping in as interim. Additionally, the board coordinated logistics for the upcoming September 13 Town Hall, October Strategic planning, and the October 25th, 150th celebration, while also organizing basement cleanup efforts.

-Diane Reed



United
Women
in Faith

Rose Hill United Women in Faith (UWFaith) has been active in RHUMC for 136 years. We began as the Ladies Aid Society and our first official meeting was on September 16, 1890, the organization was then changed to the Woman's Society of Christian Service in 1940. In 1968, we transitioned into the Women's Society of Christian Service from there in 1973 we became the United Methodist Women (UMW). In 2022, we became UWFaith.

We are a community of women who meet together and are faithful through prayer, study, service and gifts of money for mission work nearby and around the world. We support Hope Connections, Backpack program with the Kansas Food Bank, Grace Med, Humankind, Camp Horizon, sponsor Camp Scholarships, and a Christmas Family. We, also, prepare Funeral Dinners, host an annual Mother Daughter Banquet, Holiday Shop and a Potting Event.

As always, the RH UWFaith truly appreciates all the help and support we receive from the congregation. Without your help and support, we would not be able to turn our faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world.

Our next general meeting is September 9 at 6:30 pm in the parlor. We will, also, be having our Annual Holiday Shop on November 14, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. We would appreciate any donations of Cookies, Baked Goods, Craft Items, and Granny Attic Items. Contact Rita McGinnis with any questions.

-Rita McGinnis



Hope Connections had a busy Summer. Seeing 40 families a month and helping with many electric bill payments to help keep people cool. There were 122 happy kids at the Back to School event. They went home with all their supplies and a new backpack to start the year. The Youth Group helped us shop this year. Using money raised at Bible School they purchased 10 backpacks.

We have a family that needs a car. If you have anything that runs and you could part with it for a reasonable price, please contact Meggin DeMoss.

Meggin DeMoss

Pause and Notice by Meggin DeMoss

September has a gentle way of reminding us that change can be beautiful.

The days begin to shorten. Mornings feel a little cooler. The sunlight takes on a softer glow, and before long, hints of red, gold, and orange appear in the trees. Nature seems to be quietly preparing for a new season.

But how often do we actually notice?

God's presence can be found in these small changes—the cool breeze on a morning walk, the sound of leaves under our feet, birds gathering before their journey south, or the golden light of an early September evening. Creation invites us to slow down, pay attention, and be grateful.

Change is not always easy. We often prefer what is familiar and predictable. Yet nature reminds us that change is part of God's design. Trees release their leaves. Gardens finish their growing season. The earth rests before beginning again.

Perhaps September can be an invitation for us to do the same—to notice what is changing in the world around us and also within us. Is there something we need to release? Something new God may be inviting us to embrace? Something ordinary that we have stopped appreciating?



This month, try taking a few moments each day to simply look, listen, and give thanks. Notice one beautiful thing you might normally walk past. Let the changing season remind you that God is present not only in the spectacular moments of life, but also in the quiet ones. "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." – Psalm 19:1 As September unfolds, may we have eyes to see God's handiwork, hearts willing to embrace change, and spirits grateful for the beauty found in every season.

Meggin

BACK 2 SCHOOL BASH



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SEPTEMBER

7 **Labor Day**
Office Closed

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
2&16 Hope Connections

5 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Discipleship Class

7&21 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Hope Connections

5 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
UW Faith General Mtg

13 10:00 am - 11:30 am
Vision Kickoff

13 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Town Hall Meeting

19 9:00 am - 10:00 am
Garments of Grace

20 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Social Justice Mtg

22 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Wee Rockets Meeting



October 25, 2026



Trunk-or-Treat
October 26, 2026



UWF Holiday Shop
November 14, 2026

IN THE KNOW



Due to a scheduling conflict, the Silver Legends event, BBQ and Crazy Croquet that was scheduled for September 19, has been **CANCELLED**

We are looking for 2 people per week to sign up to bring snacks for Sunday mornings.

October - December.

Sign up sheets are in the lobby or contact Sue Tanner.



If you have an event coming up or need a flyer made for the email, bulletin board or website, please contact Amanda in the office, office@rhksumc.com

If you are unable to attend the 150th in person, we would be delighted to receive a video message, email or note from you! These messages will be displayed at the 150th celebration, allowing you to share your cherished memories and experiences at Rose Hill.



All videos need to be in MP4 format.

Please send emails to Amanda in the office, office@rhksumc.com

PRAYER REQUESTS



August 2, 2026

- **Tess Walle** - Prayers for healing and comfort after a car accident.

August 9, 2026

- **Mike Conley** - Prayers for Kathy's health.
- **Susan Jenkins** - Continued prayers are requested for my husband, Craig, who has been fighting esophageal cancer for 4.5 years. He has taken a few falls over the past 2 weeks. His balance is very off and support is needed and most welcome.
- **John & Amber Wyssman** - Update on Tess Walle - She had a very long surgery on 8/8 to fix her face. Broken jaw, left eye, cheek bone & broken nose. She will be in the hospital for another week then dismissed. Due to wired jaw, she is on a liquid diet for the next 6 weeks. Please continue to pray.

August 16, 2026

- **Greg & Priscilla Rinehart** - Prayers for Priscilla's sister as different decisions are made.
- **Diane Mann** - Prayers for Dylan Standfast's family as well as the Mann family.

August 23, 2026

- **Jessie Poston** - My oldest son, Mike, visiting from Oregon.
- **Rose Mary Templin** - My sister, Adella Harmon, died last week. Requesting prayers for her children and extended family.

August 30, 2026

- **Greg & Priscilla Rinehart** - Prayers for Greg as he has more cyberknife radiation.

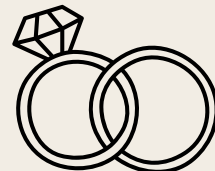
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



9/1
 BRIGHTON WHEELER
 9/2
 JEAN EPPERSON
 PIPER JENSEN
 BILL MERRITT
 9/3
 ALLEN GRUNDER
 9/4
 TRACEY ANDERSON
 9/5
 MIKE DASSEL
 9/6
 RYLAN JANTZEN
 JUDI WILLIAMS
 9/7
 CURT WILLIAMS
 9/9
 KATELYN KOCH
 RICHARD SHACKELFORD
 9/13
 ANNA KOCH
 9/17
 AMANDA HODGES
 9/19
 SHANNON ZOGLEMANN
 9/20
 ANNABETH BEXTEL
 9/21
 MAX OLSON
 9/23
 KREG ANDERSON
 9/24
 CARL MCGINNIS
 MAKAYLA WEBSTER
 MARSHA WINDORSKI
 9/26
 JOLENE BEXTEL
 MACKENZIE WEBSTER
 9/28
 JENNY HEINZ

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

9/2
 FRANK & MARILYN LOGBECK
 9/2
 DENNIS & JOYCE WEBSTER
 9/4
 ROGER & KATHY SANTO
 9/7
 DAN & JENNY HEINZ



SEPTEMBER FINANCE

8/2 - \$4,419.00
 8/9 - \$25,244.75
 8/16 - \$4,749.58
 8/23 - \$2,856.00
 8/30 - \$2,979.00



SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

8/2 - 110
 8/9 - 124
 8/16 - 95
 8/23 - 99
 8/30 - 103





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SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

HOPE CONNECTIONS
1ST & 3RD MONDAYS 5PM
1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAYS 11AM

GARMENTS OF GRACE
2ND SATURDAY 9AM

SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY WORSHIP
11:00AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL
CLASSES
9:00AM

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY 9AM-3PM
TUESDAY 9AM-12PM
WEDNESDAY 9AM-12PM
THURSDAY 9AM-12PM
FRIDAY CLOSED
SATURDAY CLOSED
SUNDAY CLOSED

CONNECT. LOVE. SERVE.