

April 2026 Newsletter

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Our Youth Are Fire Pastor Lacey Wheeler



Easter always brings with it moments of grandeur, pomp and circumstance, memorable moments, soaring hymns and the joy of the hallelujahs.

This Easter, there were so many moving and powerful moments. Between the incredible breakfast dished up by so many talented and servant-hearted friends, the depth of the Choir Cantata, moving my heart to experience Christ's presence in deep ways, to listening to Jonatas singing an incredible solo which took my breath away, to seeing the joy on worshipers' faces as they sang together with family and discovered little Jesuses under their chairs, this Easter it wasn't hard to experience God's presence.

And

There was another moment. One that happened early, on the cusp of sunrise. A moment that set Easter into its appropriate place of awe, wonder and experiencing God's presence thick as the dew on the grass. This moment happened between 7:00 AM and 7:30 AM Easter morning outside in the cold air of the morning and under the shadow of the cross and the leadership of our brave, courageous students at RHUMC.

Our youth have been preparing for the SonRise Service for weeks. Graciously attending rehearsals outside in the 40 plus mph wind, working hard on what they will say or pray and what music they might choose. They carefully chose items to bring to talk about during an object sermon they crafted their own and they danced courageously to Church Clap.



Our Youth Are Fire Cont.

To speak of one's faith is a daunting task, and to speak of one's faith in front of multiple people during a service is even more daunting.

And our students did it.

From sharing about experiencing God on the softball fields, grateful to find peace when they are hitting the ball and grateful to find enough players to fill a team to finding God on the golf course where God is—even in the rough, students shared their theology in tangible and real ways. One of our students shared her experience of God in a butterfly nursery

with a creative and beautiful collage she put together with butterflies, hummingbirds and pictures of herself experiencing God there. The students led us in worship with songs they meet God in and they led us in worship as they danced Church Clap.

The courage, bravery, creativity, insight, wisdom and willingness this group showed was beyond inspiring.

And even more than that, seeing the way that God showed up in them was priceless. God's Spirit was palpable that early Easter morning.

As we sang What a Beautiful Name it Is, the sun began to rise behind our youth just as we sang "Death could not hold you, the veil tore before you, you silenced the boast of sin and grave... what a powerful name it is!" I could feel the resurrected Spirit of Christ in the words we sang. As students chose to share, even though it was scary, I could sense the bravery of Jesus as he endured violence and harm as an act of love.

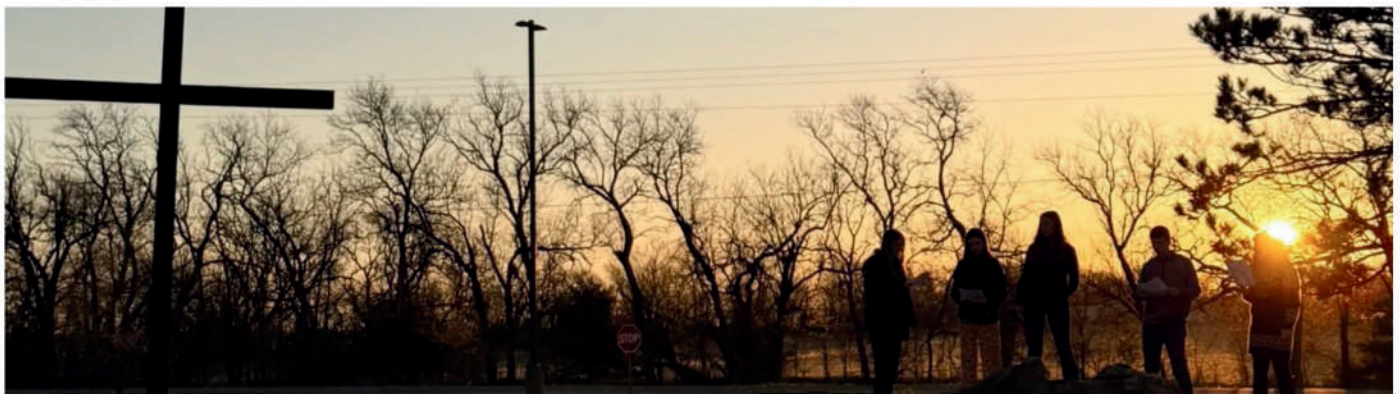
As the creative nature of these incredible humans was on full display, I could not help but think of our Creative God who begs us to step into this Spirit more.

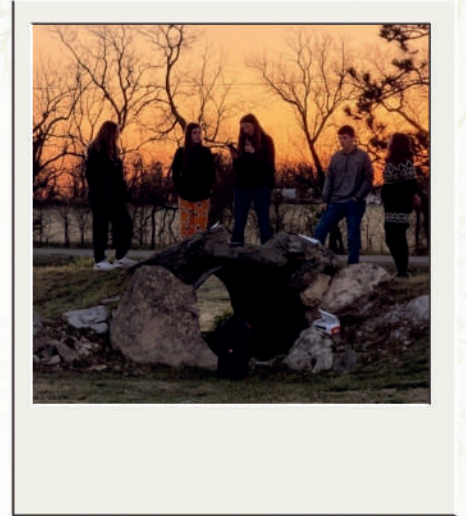
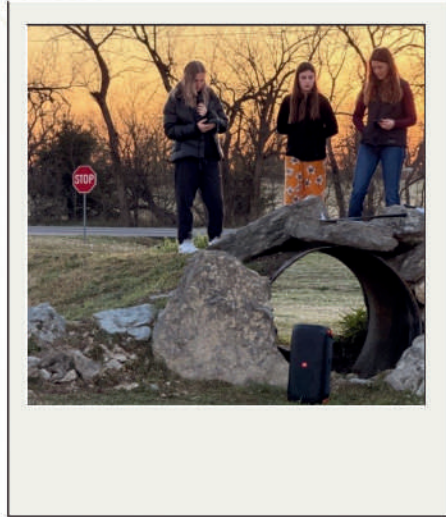
As our students pulled together as a team, showing up when it mattered, I was reminded of the importance of the community of faith and what a gift it is to be in a worshiping community. And as they led us in worship. I was humbled by the Spirit of God.

What sacred space to be led by those younger than us. What a holy space to be led by our youth. What an honor to be the recipients of their gifts.

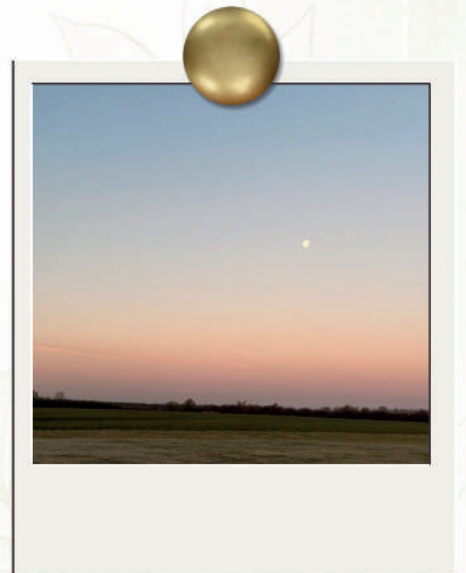
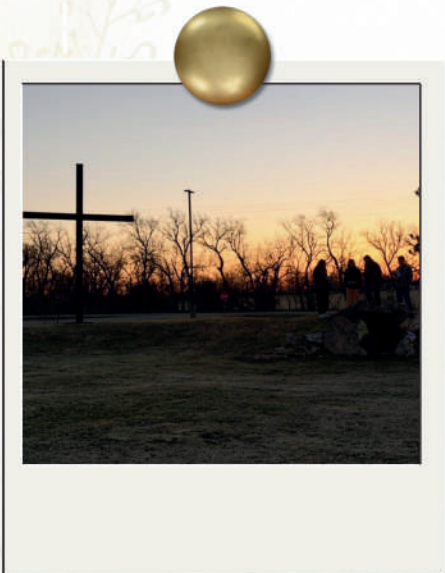
I am thankful for so many sacred and holy moments shared on Easter morning here at RHUMC, and I am so grateful for the students who likely climbed more of a hill than the rest of us did that morning, to be faithful to the call of God on their lives and to lead us in worship that morning. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Simply put—**our youth are fire.**





YOUTH
SONRISE SERVICE





April is a season of growth renewal, and faith here at Wee Rockets. As spring begins to bloom, our classrooms are exploring themes like planting seeds, spring rain and the beauty of God’s creation through hands-on play. This past month, we also had the opportunity to celebrate Easter together, reminding our children of the meaning of hope, new life, and the love of Jesus. Through simple age-appropriate lessons, we continue to incorporate faith, kindness, and gratitude into our daily routines. We are so thankful for the opportunity to care for and guide these children each day. It is truly a blessing to watch them grow - not only academically, but in love, confidence and faith. Thank you for your continued support of Wee Rockets and for allowing us to be part of your children’s journey.

◆ **LACEY ANDERSON** ◆

Each year UWFaith lights a Dedicated Light candle in honor or memory of someone. The Dedicated Lights is a tradition of the Great Plains Conference UWFaith. The Dedicated Light represents the light of Jesus shining in the dark places, bringing joy and hope to those who walk in darkness. This year our Dedicated Light is in memory of Norma Scharff. She was very active in our UWFaith group and a perfect example of a shining light. A gift to missions has been given in her memory to the Great Plains Conference of UWFaith.



United Women in Faith

Thank you to everyone who had a part in making the mother Daughter Banquet an enjoyable evening by all who attended.

Thank you to Virginia Morgan for organizing UWFaith Sunday and all those who help with the service. Our next event will be on May 13 at 6:30pm. All women and children are invited to come. We will be potting flowers and creating health kits.

◆ **RITA MCGINNIS** ◆



The RHUMC Leadership Board Meeting on March 8, 2026, commenced with the approval of the new vision statement: “Shaped by Grace, Rooted in Christ’s love, Connecting through Service”. The board advanced mission initiatives, , including discussing plans with Lori Carselowey for the church garage sale scheduled for June. Additionally, the board set a Town Hall meeting date for April 19th to gather information on land funds and provide updates on mission progress and the youth leader search, while also noting the success for the Lent Social Principals group!

◆ **DIANE REED** ◆



Hope Connections is working hard this Spring season. The KAYS Club from Rose Hill High School did a food drive that brought in a significant amount of food for our pantry! We are always in need of volunteers to help with our events. Just a reminder, we meet on the 1st & 3rd Monday and Wednesday of every month. Thank you for your continued support!

◆ **MEGGIN DEMOSS** ◆

Palm Sunday



EASTER 2026

EASTER SERVICE - CHOIR CANTATA - EGG HUNT

Easter Sunday this year brought many joys. We started the day with a Youth SonRise Service, followed by a Potluck Breakfast. We found some lovely ladies who wore their best Easter hats to service! Then, once service started we wrapped up our Sermon series, "Finding God in the World Around Us" and went right into our biyearly Cantata. The Choir cantata was titled *Worship the Risen Lamb* by Michael Frazier & Dale Mathews. We had a guest performer, Jonatas Mathias, who, not only blessed us with his voice during the cantata, but during offering as well. After service, we had an Egg Hunt on the lawn and the kids had a blast!



CHOIR CANTATA



LESLEY RIDDEL-KOCH, DIANE MANN, MARILYN LOGBECK, KIMBERLY KONECNY



JONATAS MATHIAS



EGG HUNT

Mother/Daughter Banquet POCKET FULL OF KINDNESS



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- APRIL
15

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Social Justice Gathering
Guest Speaker - Jeff Graber (Wichita First UMC)
- APRIL
26

11:30 am - 12:30 am
Town Hall Meeting
Charcuterie Style - Bring a snack
- MAY
3

11:30 am - Potluck Style - Bring a dish
Ringers Concert "All About God"
2:00 pm - Rythm & Rocket Ringers Perform
- MAY
17

10:00 am - 11:00 am
Graduation Sunday
Celebrate our Graduates with us during service
- JUNE
4-6

9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Rose Hill UMC Garage Sale
Accepting donations starting in May
- JUNE
7

11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Curiously Connected
Explore RHUMC, theologies of the UMC & Membership
- JULY
6-10

9:00 am - 12:15 pm
Vacation Bible School
Rainforest Falls - Exploring the Nature of God

SPECIAL SUNDAYS

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

Recognizes and honors the significant contributions of Native Americans to our society and church. Donations on this Sunday develop local ministries and support scholarships for Native Americans pursuing ordained ministry.



If you would like to donate online, Please follow the QR code.

April 19




Happy Mother's Day

May 10

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY

Raises awareness and highlights the importance of education. Donations on this Sunday provide scholarships for United Methodist students pursuing both graduate and undergraduate degrees.



If you would like to donate online, Please follow the QR code.

May 17



GRADUATION SUNDAY

MAY 17 2026

DO YOU HAVE A GRADUATE FROM KINDERGARTEN, 8TH GRADE, HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE? CONTACT THE OFFICE BY SUNDAY MAY 3RD TO HAVE THEM RECOGNIZED DURING OUR GRADUATION SUNDAY!



Norma Sharff Memorial Cookbook

We put together a cookbook of all of Norma's favorite recipes. If you would like a copy, please contact the office!

HELP NEEDED

Rose Hill United Methodist Church

WE ARE HIRING

YOUTH DIRECTOR

We are looking for someone to help create a fun, safe, welcoming, and faith-filled youth ministry where students feel seen, heard & valued.

Approx. 15hrs/week
\$20/hour

Contact the office for more details or to apply!
318-776-2212 office@rhsumc.com

Love working with kids?
Love telling kids about God?
Have some extra time?

WE ARE SEARCHING FOR A VBS DIRECTOR

JULY 6-10

RHUMC is looking for a VBS Director to work closely with our Children's Ministry Director to plan and prepare for our 2026 VBS: Rainforest Falls!

RAINFORREST FALLS

Exploring the Nature of God

If you are interested please contact Amanda in the office:
(318) 776-2212
office@rhsumc.com

A few electronic items have been left in the office. If you are missing a phone, Camera battery pack or anything else, please contact the office.



CAMP HORIZON SUMMER 2026 SCHEDULE

Dear Rose Hill UMC,
 Thank you for your donation to Camp Horizon.
 Thank you for being a great Partner in ministry.
 We are excited for a great summer ahead &
 your gift will help us be ready!
Blessings, Jim White



Main Camp (3rd-8th Grade)
Leaders in Training (9th- 11th Grade)
 June 8-12
 June 22-26
 July 6-10
 July 20-24

\$445

Middle School
 June 15-19
 \$465
High School
 July 12-17
 \$575

Preview Camp (1 Night)
 June 10-11
 July 8-9
 \$125
Mini Camp (Wed-Fri)
 June 24-26
 July 8-10
 July 22-24
 \$235

Day Camp (Wednesday)
 June 9
 July 7
 \$50



Follow the QR code to register online.
 Use code **RoseHill** for 25% off your registration.
 Week long camps increase \$25 May 1st!

MARCH STATISTICS



Finance

3/1 - \$9,115
 3/8 - \$4,190
 3/15 - \$3,121
 3/22 - \$ 3,394
 3-29 - \$6,807



Attendance

3/1 - 120
 3/8 - 96
 3/15 - 92
 3/22 - 91
 3-29 - 127

CELEBRATE

and HOSA Chapter Member of Reed concluded, "With this discussion, while district band di- Superior "I" rating.



Members from Butler County Fire District #3 gathered on the community were bestowed upon Firefighter Isaac Cota,

◆ **Shining a Light on Service** ◆
Kevin Webster



Anniversaries

April 20
 Richard & Diane Mann



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 22
 Darby VanHoutan
April 27
 Sandra Futhey
 Jack Wilks



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Prayer Requests

Ephesians 6:18

Pray in the Spirit
at all times in every
prayer and supplication.

To that end, stay
alert and always
persevere in supplication
for all the saints.

March 15, 2026

- Bobby Reed - Peyton Dugan is receiving Chemo.

March 22, 2026

- Jessie Poston - Prayer for my great grand children safety, mental and physical health.
- Bobby Reed - Peyton Duggan is struggling with chemo.

March 29, 2026

- Riley & Christine McKee - For Warren's baptism 4/19

April 5, 2026

- Ron & Terri Jones - Prayers for Terri's health issues
- Roger & Brenda Miller - Prayers for Roger after a car accident.
- Lacey Wheeler - Praise for a successful surgery!
- Bobby Reed - Peyton Duggan's tumor did not shrink after the first few rounds of Chemo. They just finished her last treatment on Easter Sunday. She is tentitvely scheduled for surgery May 4/5 in New York.