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Full Circle

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We were standing in the hallway of Wee Rockets. The building in which Wee Rockets is housed today is the old building of Rose Hill UMC. Many years of history, weddings, funerals, laughs, confirmations and more happened in those hallways and in those classrooms and sanctuaries. It was Ash Wednesday. We hadn't started our official adorning people of ashes in the parking lot yet, we were just checking in with staff inside that sacred building drenched with history and memories. It was also a bit cold, so we were warming until it was time.

I ran into a parent, Rachel, and began chatting with her in the hallway, oblivious of the connection she held with that building and with our people.

In the meantime, Meggin DeMoss, one of our members here who leads Hope Connections and serves in so many capacities like so many of you do, entered the front door with a huge smile on her face, as is her custom.

Immediately it was clear that part of the history Rachel held with RHUMC was with Meggin DeMoss. As Meggin walked up, they embraced in a big hug and began chatting. As Meggin and Rachel stood in the hallways of our old church building, seeping with moments shared between faithful church goers, Rachel began to share her history.

Decades before, Meggin had been Rachel's confirmation mentor. In that very building. In those very hallways. Just a few feet away was the sanctuary in which Rachel was confirmed with her mentor Meggin in the mix. Just to our left was Pastor Phyllis' office, now holding our executive offices for Wee Rockets.

**IT WAS A
FULL CIRCLE
MOMENT**

And then...

Full Circle Cont.

This many years later, in that hallway which used to bustle with worship-ready families, which now was filled with parents and kids rushing to get to their class. Right there, in front of what used to be the pastor's office and is now our Wee Rockets' Executive offices.

Meggin, who was Rachel's confirmation mentor twenty plus years ago, adorned Rachel's forehead with ash, reminding her "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return." The same mentor who stood with Rachel as she remembered the life of her baptismal vows, as she confirmed her faith and stood with the community of believers, now reminded this now grown woman of her mortality, of her finitude.

Decades previously in the heart of the neighborhood, RHUMC stood, investing in their youth, in their students, in families, connecting adults and students.

Today, in the hallways of that same building, tucked around houses of our community, RHUMC continues to invest in families of our community, it just looks a bit different now.

As we continue to ask the questions:

**WHO IS GOD
CALLING US TO
BE IN THIS TIME
AND IN THIS
PLACE?**

**ARE WE WHO
WE WERE
THEN?**

**IS OUR HEART
THE SAME?**

**I would say in many ways, yes.
And.**

The ways that we live out this answer might look differently this many years later.

Today I thank God for the work of this church through the decades. I thank God for the full-circle moments of confirmation mentors and confirmands sharing a sacred moment in the hallway of what once was their church. I thank God that now that church has become a place of service to families in the communities that surround ours.

We are dust. And to dust we will return.

But in the meantime, God is calling us to be the church. Right here and right now, so that more full-circle moments can happen. We will nurture, not only those who enter the halls of our church, but those we walk alongside in the community. We will provide hope for those we are in relationship with. Our feet will go and move to the places outside these walls. We will invest in the upcoming generations. We will be the church, wherever we are.



A Note From:



The Board meeting on Feb 8 focused on the church's core purpose, confirming the current mission and planning to update the vision. The board reviewed current ministries and considered new programs aimed at community outreach and engaging younger members. Administrative tasks included approving the temporary transfer of a significant portion of funds from a land sale into high-yield savings account pending a final decision on its use. The youth plan update prioritized finding a Youth Director and discussing the possibility of a shared-responsibility partnership with another church. The next board meeting is scheduled for March 8 at 11:30am.

-Diane Reed



Hope Connections is feeling good about food and hygiene stock. We can always use cereal, crackers and snack bars. In 2025 we served a total of 1,925 individuals. From the food bank, we purchased 22,743 pounds of food for a total of \$8,210 which comes out to \$0.36 per pound! Thank you for your continued support!

-Meggin DeMoss



United
Women
in Faith

UW Faith will have their General Meeting on March 11 at 6:30 p.m. with Diane Reed leading the program. We are busy planning our annual Mother Daughter Banquet. It will be April 8 at 6:00 p.m., "Pocket Full of Kindness" and we will be selling tickets on March 22, 29, and April 5 before and after church.

- Rita McGinnis

FINDING GOD

IN THE WORLD AROUND US



FINDING GOD IN THE WORLD AROUND US



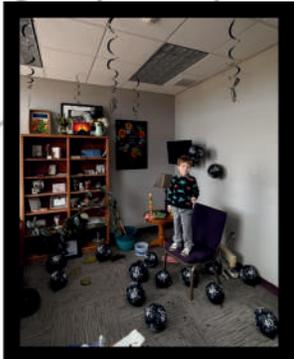


FUN IN KIDS' MINISTRY

Pastor Lacey's 40th Birthday

I cannot begin to share how loved and celebrated I felt on my birthday this year! Thank you all for celebrating with me in your fabulous black, veiled faces! What a gift it is to share this milestone with all of you. I am excited for the next decade and grateful to all of you who have passed on wisdom as I cross the threshold into my 40's! I also want to thank all of you for the incredible cards and gifts that were showered over me. I am feeling incredibly humbled and truly grateful. Thank you for being a people who exude God's love and kindness. Keep on doing the good work, my friends in loving God and one another!

-Pastor Lacey



IN THE KNOW!

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 COME SUPPORT TROOP 4806 AND TROOP 626 WITH THEIR SCOUTING ADVENTURES WHILE FILLING YOUR TUMMY!!

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 6:00PM - 7:45PM
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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:
 (316) 776-2212
 office@rhksunc.com

Mother Daughter Banquet
 April 8, 2026

Full Portion		Half Portion
\$8.50		\$6.00

Punch & Pictures - 6:00pm
 Dinner - 6:30pm

Tickets on Sale:
 March 22, 29 & April 5
 Kids 4 and under are free!

2026 APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

ED TEMPLIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
\$500

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 31 BY 3PM

Mail or Deliver to:
 Rose Hill United Methodist Church
 Attn: Scholarship Committee
 P.O. Box 189
 Rose Hill, KS 67133

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- The student must be a member or regularly attend the Rose Hill United Methodist Church
- Proof of acceptance as a full-time student to an accredited institution.

Applications can be picked up in the office or you can request one by email - office@rhksunc.com



Check out our website for more information!



Calden Grunder, left, and Jordon Fall hold their candles during the Rose Hill High School NHS Induction Ceremony Monday, Feb. 23



Newly inducted Rose Hill High School NHS members Emersyn Herod, left, Edisyn Herod, Marissa Jense, Avery Hottovy and Wyatt Hottovy gather for a picture behind the four ceremony candles Monday night, Feb. 23

RHHS National Honor Society

Fifteen New Members Inducted

Rose Hill Reporter Famous!

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Those Were The Days



10 YEARS AGO
(From the files of The Rose Hill Reporter Thursday, March 3, 2016)

Back in December of last year, Rose Hill High School band students, Eric Tinkler, Mackenzie Webster, McKayla Webster, Cavanaugh Newman, Ashley Clifton and Cole Epley, auditioned for and were selected to perform with the South Central Educators Honor Concert groups, of which they did on Saturday, Feb. 27, at Century II in Wichita.

A young gymnast, Addison Theisen, a third grader at Rose Hill Intermediate School was named the All Around Gymnastics Champion in her division as well as taking first place in floor, beam and bars Saturday, Feb. 27 at the

YMCA in Andover.

Rose Hill High School forensics team senior Kole Wright took home a first place win in Serious Solo acting and in Oration and the acting duo of seniors Ashley Clifton and Jacob Whitesell followed with a first place in Duet Acting.

Lush salad greens and garden variety veggies were spread in a colorful array on library tables as special guest Leslie Koch prepared to lead attendees Nancy Hayden, Mary Eary, Berry Lee, Lynda Brittingham, Janie Barnard, Cindy Maxey and Jim Woydziak in the fine art of making salads in a jar Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Rose Hill Public Library.

25 YEARS AGO
(From the files of The Rose Hill Reporter Thursday,

March 1, 2001)

Remember that tall, skinny kid who stood up and gave his speech as Valedictorian of his senior class in '98? If you were a member of his class, you'd know him immediately as Nathan Leverenz or "Nate" as he's known to his friends.

That same tall kid is no longer rail thin because he works out regularly to help beef out and strengthen his frame to help him in his favorite past time, racing his four-wheeler and performing stunts.

Leverenz was racing back in high school and winning often locally and in OK and KS races before an injury in 1999 sidelined him for six months, but now he is back as a member of the NAC Racing Team.

Rose Hill Boy Scout Troop

626 along with adult Scouters attended the Cub Pack 626 Blue and Gold Banquet Saturday, Feb. 17 at the Rose Hill United Methodist Church.

Thirteen Webeloes, James Banchat, Troy Cook, Brandon Cox, John Eskeli, Justin Ghere, Abram Kennedy, Larry Larkin, Timothy McCall, Scott Ogan, Matthew Palmquist, Colin Roy, Kyle Smith and Andrew Stoffregen, crossed the bridge to Scouthood. Welcoming them were Scouts Matthew Lee, Shawn Milligan, Danny McNemy, Alex Stoffregen and adult scouters Steve Smith, Lloyd Lee and Richard Tarbox.

30 YEARS AGO
(From the files of The Rose Hill Reporter Thursday, Feb. 29, 1996)

Four Rose Hill Fire Fighters,

Steve Perkins, Thomas Perrick, Kevin Webster and Melvin Linot, were among the 19 Butler County firefighters who were called upon to assist Barber County with a grass fire which began in Oklahoma and spread across the state line into several counties in southern Kansas Thursday, Feb. 22.

It took more than a decade to get one and in less than 24 hours the number doubled as Rose Hill made the "state wrestling map" and two Rocket seniors, Matt Gerstenkorn and Chris Yeager, helped put the star up there on that map by claiming state championships Saturday, Feb. 24 in the Class 4A Wrestling Championship at the Kansas Coliseum.

Gerstenkorn capped a phenomenal season ripping

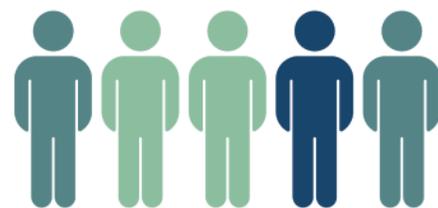
through the 4A state field in the 112-pound class and Yeager had little trouble as he danced to the number one spot in the 145-pound division.

40 YEARS AGO
(From the files of The Rose Hill Reporter Thursday, March 6, 1986)

RHHS Principal Sondra Vedock announced that Clint Lewis and Johnny Hackney will be representing Rose Hill at the State 4A Wrestling Championships to be held March 1 at the Kansas Coliseum in Wichita.

Cub Scouts in Pack 626 held their annual Pinewood Derby Saturday, Feb. 22. Taking first place was Brian Main, second place went to Jerad Hayes and third place was won by Shannon McCluskey.

2026 Stats



ATTENDANCE

January 2026

1/4 - 99

1/11 - 74

1/18 - 102

1/25 - Cancelled for Weather

February 2026

2/1 - 100

2/8 - 85

2/15 - 102

2/22 - 120

FINANCE

January 2026

1/4 - \$4,866.00

1/11 - \$6,815.70

1/18 - \$14,371.00

1/25 - Cancelled for Weather

February 2026

2/1 - \$13,716.91

2/8 - \$4,750.30

2/15 - \$1,208.00

2/22 - \$1,970.00



Follow the QR code to get weekly updates on stats, events, bulletins and more!



Celebrate

A NOTE FROM OPEN DOOR

Thank you for your in-kind donation of hygiene items for our food ministry at United Methodist Open Door. With the support of our generous donors we were able to serve over 32,00 unduplicated individuals through our five programs and operations in calendar year 2025. Programs that give hope for a better life.

FOOD	CLOTHING	SHELTER
Community Food Ministry	Klothes Kloset	Homeless Resource Center
Commodity Supplemental Food Program		Family Rapid Rehousing

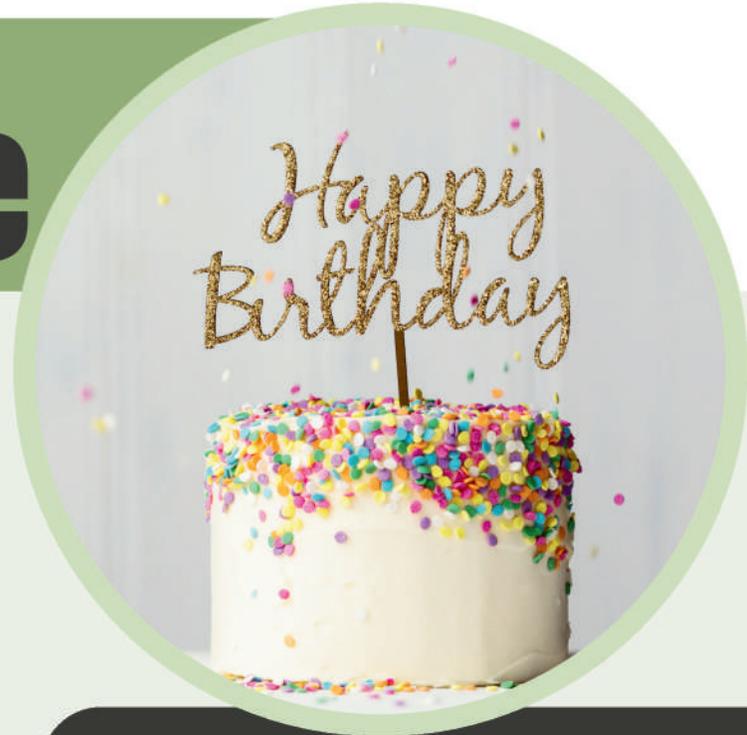
Our mission, "To provide for basic human needs, promote positive life changes, restore hope and protect dignity," is possible thanks to your support. The tireless work of staff, board members, over 457 volunteers a month, and numerous partner agencies in the community make sure we achieve our mission year-round. For more information or to make a donation online please visit our website at www.umopendoor.org.

Thank you for your continued support and for opening your heart to people in need. If you should have any questions please contact the Development Department at (316) 265-9371 Ext. 4014.

Blessings,

 Amy Cox
 Interim Development Director


 Kaitlin Kendel
 Development Assistant



March 8

Rob & Sharon Alliband

March 24

Ken & Pat Beran

March 28

Darrell & Cathryn Schulle

March 1

Lacey Wheeler

March 2

Dimitri Farmer, Ella Nelson, Lori Webster

March 8

Caden Webster, Colton Webster

March 9

Jenna Anderson

March 10

Kimberly Konecny, Hayes Redifer

March 11

Becky Wilson

March 12

Jenna McCulloch

March 13

Meggin DeMoss

March 18

David Weihe

March 27

Jeff Koch, Scott Rowles, John Wyssman

March 30

Barb Nelson

March 31

Matthew Anderson



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PRAAYER REQUESTS

February 15, 2026

- Cecily Jimenez: Please pray for Blair Beard. She is facing health testing surgery in the next couple of weeks.
- Jessie Poston: Prayers for my great grand children. Their health and safety. Landin, Elon & Maeve.
- Bobby Reed: Diagnosis for Peyton means she will probably stay in Wichita for Chemo. Good news for her family.

February 22, 2026

- Diana Conway: Help keep calm and productive as I get my house ready to sell.
- Greg & Priscilla Rinehart: Greg has a CT scan Feb 23rd. Sees multiple doctors this coming week. Has now developed an ulcer. Priscilla is getting injections in her back.

March 1, 2026

- Kendra Tharp: Sylvia Ozburn - Kidney Failure. Harry Williams - Died. Candice Bergeson - Car Fatality
- Bextel Family: Prayers for the Fraley Family for the loss of another family member.
- Greg & Priscilla Rinehart: God answers prayer

March 8, 2026

- Cecily Jimenez: Pleas pray for Tami Herrman. She had a stroke. Blair's testing went well. Thank you for your prayers.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

EPHESIANS 6:18