UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

FIRST NOTES

SEPTEMBER 2025

From the Pastor's Desk

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Scripture Reading:
Matthew 6:5-13, Jeremiah 29:11

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Once again, I am glad to be your Pastor at this congregation and for your continued hospitality and warm welcome.

The month of August has been full of several activities in the life of our church and the Chanute community. As this month winds down, it means our summertime lifestyle is giving way to the tick of the school calendar clock. For kids its sharpened pencils, new shoes and backpacks for another school year. For parents its packed schedules, lunchboxes to fill. Even for grandparents and retired adults there is a sense of the rhythm shifting as summer winds down.

The month of August also has important dates for my family. August 12 is for Tecla & my 25th marriage anniversary, August 19 is our daughter's (Savemore) birthday, and August 26 is our son's (Tutu) birthday. We thank God for these August blessings.

When I came to Chanute, I was excited to see the beauty of the Santa Fe Lake with its blue sparkling fresh water. It did not take me time before spending one Saturday afternoon fishing from this beautiful lake. That is the beauty of summer time.

As we transition from the summer season, Prophet Jeremiah (29:11) reminds us, "for I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".

In this month of August, we ran a sermon series on the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:5-13). Through this series Jesus is also preparing us for the forever that lies ahead, the eschatological kingdom of heaven that begins here on earth as we pray and work and live this prayer. Through this prayer Jesus is training our hearts and mind for the day when the kingdom has fully come and God's will be completely done, where my and mine has given way to Thy and Thine. In this prayer, Jesus shows us how to align our desires with the purposes of God's Kingdom.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am
Blended Worship
In the Sanctuary

10:10 am
Sunday School

11:00 am
Brunch & Worship
In the Fellowship Hall

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

"Sharing the Love & Hope of God"

***We uphold the United Methodist Church by our* PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS**

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2025 Monthly Budget Needs	$31,643
August 2025	
3rd	$5,827
10th	$2,959
17th	$4,812
24th	N/A
Giving to Date	$13,598

2025

	July	Year to Date
Income	$ 33,186	$152,806
Expenses	24,540	182,818
Net Income / (Loss)	**$ 8,646**	**$(30,012)**

July Mission Pennies totaled $31.03 and Were given to Debbie's Fund with USD for school lunches.

Thank you for your continued giving!

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Prayer Concerns:

Jacob Shepherd
Mable Roush
Michael Carpenter
Terry Cathers
Ed Ranz
Lana Lemasters
Colin Keating
June Sutcliffe
Gloria Davis
Barb Prier
Alice Robinson
David Clark
Mike Sutcliffe
David Carpenter
(grandson of Sharon Carpenter)
Mike Kuder
Sean Kernick
Nancy Drybread
Kenzi Underwood

Serving in the Military:

Nathan Ruggles
Josh Underwood

Sympathies to the family & friends of:

Doris McReynolds
Juanita Dalton

Please Note: Names submitted for the Prayer Concerns List will be removed after two weeks. Please call the church office @ 431-4240 or e-mail office @fumcchanute.com if you need to add or continue a name on the Prayer List. Thank You!

"Storms without God will break you. Storms with God will build you."

I invite you to read through this newsletter to see God at work at Chanute First through the work of various ministries of our congregation. You will also see a call to support the Evangelism and Mission committee of our congregation to fulfil the great commission (Matthew 28:19-20) to raise funds to drill a well/borehole in a needy community in Zimbabwe.

I would like also to thank our SPRC for organizing small groups of people in our congregation for meet and greet. Lastly if you have of late been not attending our worship services maybe because of tough work schedules or travels you can also visit our Facebook page for live streaming every Sunday at 9:00 am.

Friends, may God Bless each one of you! And remember to check out the September Church calendar for we have a couple of things happening in our congregation.

Let's journey together, In the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastor Charles

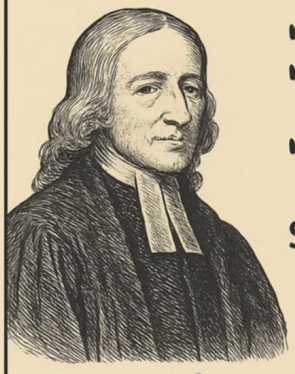
CHANUTE FUMC

Welcoming You Home

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Are you ready to make Chanute FUMC your church home?

We celebrate that decision and invite you to join our New Member Class!



- ✔Our beliefs & history
- ✔Our church culture & practices
- ✔What it means to belong at Chanute FUMC

Sundays in October & November
10:15 – 11:00 AM

For more information or to register, please visit the church office and talk with Ronda or Pastor Charles.

September Worship Schedule

Sept 7
Scripture Reading: Philemon 1:1-25
Sermon: When Someone You Love Is Hurting

Sept 14
Scripture Reading: Luke 15:11-28
Sermon: The Parable of the prodigal Son

Sept 21
Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 1-13
Sermon: Be Strong in God's Grace

Sept 28
Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 32:1-15
Sermon: Hope for the Future

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

Sunday, September 7th, 2025
Chanute High School
Football Field
1501 W. 36th St. Chanute, KS

Everyone is Welcome to Attend this FREE Event!!

5:00-6:00 PM - Games for the Kids on the Field
6:00-6:30 PM - Food Will be Served
6:30-8:00 PM - Worship & Message

Musical Guest – Consumed By Fire
Guest Speakers – DJ Dangerfield, Kaelin Bones, Parker Todd

Bring your Blankets or Lawn Chairs!!

Sponsored By - #TheCarlieChallenge & Chanute FCA
Contact Info - Amy Almond
620.433.2010 or a.almond@sbcglobal.net

SEPTEMBER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

9/3	Youth Group 6pm
9/7	New Sunday School
9/7	Classes for Middle High and High School 10:00am
9/10	Fields of Faith 5:00 pm
9/14	Youth Group 6pm
9/14	Sunday School 10am Bible Study, Middle High with Hannah, High School with Larry & Heather Shepherd 6pm
9/17	Youth Group 6pm
9/21	Sunday School 10am
9/21	Church Picnic
9/24	Youth Group 6pm
9/28	Sunday School 10am
9/28	Bible Study 6pm

Elementary

September 2025 - October 2025

Unit 2 SNAPSHOT

What kid doesn't love hamming it up in front of a camera from time to time? During the "Snapshot" series, kids will be encouraged to do just that. By striking different fun and creative poses throughout the lessons, kids will help tell the stories of the israelites' journey through the wilderness and into the Promied Land. More than that, kids will get an unforgettable snapshot of God's enduring love and faithfulness through the deserts of Life.

2.1	The Ten Commandments: Part 1	Key Verse: Luke 10:27a
Sept. 3	Big Idea: The Ten Commandments show us how to love God	Bible Basis: Ex. 19:1-20:11
2.2	The Ten Commandments: Part 2	Key Verse: Luke 10:27b
Sept. 10	Big Idea: The Ten Commandments show us how to love others	Bible Basis: Ex. 20:12 - 21;32:1-35
2.3	12 Spies Explore Canaan	Key Verse: 2 Timothy 1:7
Sept. 17	Big Idea: God gives us a spirit of power, so we can have the courage to follow Him anywhere	Bible Basis: Numbers 13:1 - 14:10
2.4	The Bronze Snake***	Key Verse: John 3:14-15
Sept. 24	Big Idea: God is merciful an dhas lifted His Son upon a cross so that we might be saved from death.	Bible Basis: Numbers 21:1-9
2.5	Crossing the Jordan: The Promised Land	Key Verse: Psalm 105:5
Oct. 1	Bid Idea: God wants us to remember all of the great things He has done for us.	Bible Basis: Joshua 3-4

OUR CHURCH

Mission Pennies

September Mission Pennies will be given to the Debbie's Fund at the Chanute Elementary School which helps provide lunch for the kids that are in need but do not qualify for the existing program.

Offerings toward the "Mission Pennies" offering may be made throughout the month by putting your change contributions into the little wooden churches as you enter the sanctuary. A "Noisy Offering" is collected on the last Sunday of each month.

Gifts/Prizes Needed

The Church & Society committee continues to need items for the monthly birthday/bingo party held every 3rd Tuesday at the Murray Hill Apartments. A tub to collect these items is located downstairs in front of the elevator.

AGAPE—*A Greek word for self-giving love.*

The FUMC Agape Fund is a ministry that offers help to a specific area person or a family in need. If you would like to make a donation, just mark "Agape" in the memo line of your check or on-line gift.

Electronic Giving

Download **"Vanco Mobile"** free from the App Store. Search for "Chanute" First United Methodist Church. Vanco Mobile provides secure and convenient giving using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account where you might choose to toggle to "cover processing fees" to reduce the charge for the church.

If you prefer to have money automatically taken from your checking account, contact Sidney Haslett or the church for an authorization form.

Questions? Contact Linda Jones

Sunday School Classes for ALL

Have you joined one of our Sunday School Classes yet? Well, stick around after church!

Classes for children & youth meet upstairs.

See below for more information on our adult classes.

<u>Read Thru the Bible:</u> Meets in Room 107 (Library). Facilitator: Corwin Shields

<u>Open Door:</u> Meets in Room 112. (The classroom just off the parlor.) Class led.

<u>Young at Heart:</u> Meets in Room 103. Facilitator: Alicia Fickel

NEW BIBLE STUDY

Begins Monday, Sept 8 @ 9:30am

8 Sessions

Thank You

Thank you Chanute family for the Anniversary messages and gifts. We really appreciate everything you are doing for us.

Tecla & Pastor Charles

Linda and I would like to thank your church family for all the cards and greetings we received to help us celebrate our 60th Anniversary.

Larry & Linda Hill

Thank you for your business! Please call with any questions, concerns, or if we can do anything else for you.

Lamp Lighters

(Trustees recently approved the purchase of 3 heat / air units that were installed by Lamp Lighters.)

Dear First UMC,
On behalf of all of us at Saint Paul School of Theology, please accept my sincere thanks for the generous support you have extended to our Seminary. Our faculty and staff strive to prepare our students for an innovative, creative ministry. You gift of $1,000, for the Scholarship Fund, significantly enhances our ability to realize this aspect of our purpose.

Sincerely,
Mr. Tom Cochran
Executive Director of Development and Alumni Relations

September Just Another Tuesday

Church Host Schedule

Sept 2
NO JAT

Sept 9
First Baptist Church

Sept 16
Living Word

Sept 23
FUMC

Sept 30
All Churches
(We provide condiments & buns)

Drive thru meal distribution at Otterbein UMC (631 W 7th) begins each Tuesday at 5pm.

Fitness Opportunities

TAI CHI
Monday—Friday
8:30am

WALKERCIZE
Mondays & Wednesdays
11:00 am

WATCH US ON YOUTUBE

MISSED A SERVICE OR JUST WANT TO EXPERIENCE IT ALL OVER AGAIN? FIND IT ON YOUTUBE!
www.youtube.com/FUMCChanuteKS

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Children or youth interested in serving the church as an acolyte (lighting and extinguishing of the altar candles) are invited to attend a training class being offered on:

Wednesday, September 10th
@ 5:30pm / In the Sanctuary
Instructor: Anita DeLaTorre

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY

The "Open Door" Sunday School Class will begin a new study titled, **"A Jesus Shaped Life"** on September 7th. With her signature style and humor, bestselling Bible teacher Lisa Harper invites you into seven life-changing conversations about the God we so love. Lisa makes theology fun, practical and applicable. Meets in Room 112. (Just off of the parlor.)

It's What You Know

An atheist was seated next to a dusty old cowboy on an airplane and he turned to him and said, "Do you want to talk? Flights go quicker if you strike up a conversation with your fellow passenger."

The old cowboy, who had just started to read his book, replied to the total stranger, "What would you want to talk about?"

"Oh, I don't know," said the atheist. "How about why there is no God, or no Heaven or Hell, or no life after death?" as he smiled smugly.

"Okay," he said. "Those could be interesting topics but let me ask you a question first. A horse, a cow, and a deer all eat the same stuff – grass. Yet a deer excretes little pellets, while a cow turns out a flat patty, but a horse produces clumps. Why do you suppose that is?"

The atheist, visibly surprised by the old cowboy's intelligence, thinks about it and says, "Hmmm, I have no idea."

To which the cowboy replies, "Do you really feel qualified to discuss God, Heaven and Hell, or life after death, when you don't know crap?"

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Ways to Give

IN-PERSON
Whether it's cash or check, we appreciate your kindness. You may put your offering in an offering envelope and place it in the offering plate.

ACH WITHDRAWAL
Schedule your contribution to be taken out of your account automatically each month.

MOBILE APP
Download the Vanco Mobile app from your app store to set up a one-time or recurring donation. Search **"Chanute First United Methodist Church"** Available on Apple & Android devices.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 3: GO! Kids will Kick—Off from 6pm—7pm.

Sunday, September 7: Sunday School for Children & Youth BEGINS! Meets upstairs at 10am.

Fields of Faith will take place beginning at 5pm at the Chanute Football Field.

Monday, September 8: A NEW Bible Study titled, "Titus" will begin meeting Mondays at 9:30am.

Wednesday, September 10: An Acolyte Training will be offered at 5:30pm.

Friday, September 12: JOY, the Youth Sr. Ministry, will begin their Friday visits to our assisted living facilities. Bringing fun and JOY!

Sunday, September 21: A Church Family Picnic will take place from 5:30pm—7:30pm at Santa Fe Park.

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN SCHEDULING MEETINGS OR EVENTS IN THE CHURCH BUILDING!
(Be sure to check inside for more details on these events!)

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 11:00 am Walkercize	***2*** 8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 7:00 pm Trustees	***3*** 8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 11:00 am Walkercize 6:00 pm Youth 6:00 pm GO! Kids KICK-Off	***4*** 8:30 am Tai Chi, FH	***5*** 8:30 am Tai Chi, FH	***6*** 10:00 am—1:30 pm Reserved Event
7 10:00 am Youth / Children Sunday School Begins 5:00 pm Fields of Faith @ CHS Stadium **** See Regular Worship Schedule***	***8*** 8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 9:30 am Bible Study: Titus 11:00 am Walkercize	***9*** 8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 5:30 pm SPRC 5:30 pm Nominations	***10*** 8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 11:00 am Walkercize 5:30 pm Acolyte Training 6:00 pm Youth 6:00 pm GO! Kids	***11*** 8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 1:30 am Games with Friends, FH	***12*** 8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 3:30 pm JOY Club (Youth Sr. Citizen Ministry)	***13*** 10:00 am Graveside Service: Juanita Dalton
14 6:00 pm MS / HS Bible Studies **** See Regular Worship Schedule***	***15*** 8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 9:30 am Bible Study: Titus 11:00 am Walkercize	***16*** 8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 6:00 pm Church & Society at Murray Hill Apts.	***17*** 8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 11:00 am Walkercize 6:00 pm Youth 6:00 pm GO! Kids	***18*** 8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 6:30 pm Finance	***19*** 8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 3:30 pm JOY Club (Youth Sr. Citizen Ministry)	***20***
21 6:00 pm MS / HS Bible Studies 5:30 pm—7:30 pm Church Family Picnic Santa Fe Park **** See Regular Worship Schedule***	***22*** 8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 9:30 am Bible Study: Titus 11:00 am Walkercize	***23*** 8:30 am Tai Chi, FH	***24*** 8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 11:00 am Walkercize 6:00 pm Youth 6:00 pm GO!	***25*** 8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 1:30 am Games with Friends, FH	***26*** 8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 3:30 pm JOY Club (Youth Sr. Citizen Ministry)	***27***
28 6:00 pm MS / HS Bible Studies **** See Regular Worship Schedule***	***29*** 8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 9:30 am Bible Study: Titus 11:00 am Walkercize	***30*** 8:30 am Tai Chi, FH	**REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE** 9:00 am Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Brunch & Worship (Fellowship Hall)			

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Lamentations 5 Ezekiel 1—3 Allie Lockhart Roger McCready Jodee Parsons Hudson Saddler Jody Thompson	***2*** Ezekiel 4—6 Brigette Fisher Moh Kipchumba Brody Saddler	***3*** Ezekiel 7—10 Mike Henry	***4*** Ezekiel 11—13 Scott Manbeck	***5*** Ezekiel 14—16 Shirley Wilcox	***6*** Ezekiel 17—18 Tammie Creviston Madison Haefke
7 Ezekiel 19—20	***8*** Ezekiel 21—22 Anita DeLaTorre	***9*** Ezekiel 23—24 Sandy Strack	***10*** Ezekiel 25—27 Tim Hatch	***11*** Ezekiel 28—30 Skye Kimbrel David Petersen Jeffrey Slane	***12*** Ezekiel 31—32 Jasen Baughn	***13*** Ezekiel 33—35 Jeff Casper
14 Ezekiel 36—37 Derek Baughn Linda Taylor	***15*** Ezekiel 38—39 Benji John Travis Leroy Jessie Pringle	***16*** Ezekiel 40—42 Shirley Naff	***17*** Ezekiel 43—44 Kathy Martin Mia Ranz	***18*** Ezekiel 45—46 Shirley Bailey Cas Leroy Larry Taylor	***19*** Ezekiel 47—48 Daniel 1 Cheryl Day	***20*** Daniel 2—3 Kathy Bercaw
21 Daniel 4—5 Carolina Leroy Dazyn Myer Lakyn Myer	***22*** Daniel 6—7 Tristan Allen Wyatt Allen	***23*** Daniel 8—9 Rylan Carter	***24*** Daniel 10—11 Greyson Finley	***25*** Daniel 12 Hosea 1—4 Sophi Emling Brian Hardin Kara Kreighbaum Lindsey Peter	***26*** Hosea 5—10 Lizzy Lockhart	***27*** Hosea 11—14 Joel 1 Jack Richard Rebecca Woodard
28 Joel 2—3 Amos 1—2 Mike Brunner Brecca Peter Kevin Shields Harley Sizemore	***29*** Amos 3—7 Jordan Drybread Ashley Harwood Clayton Naff	***30*** Amos 8—9 Oba				

Please contact the office if your Birthday has been omitted or misreported. We don't want to forget you!

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