



FIRST NOTES

OCTOBER 2025



From the Pastor's Desk

PASTOR CHARLES Email: cnyamakope@greatplainsumc.org | Office: (620) 431-4240 / Cell Phone: (308) 520-2928SUNDAY
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

9:00 am

Blended Worship
In the Sanctuary

10:10 am

Sunday School

11:00 am

Brunch & Worship
In the
Fellowship HallOUR MISSION
STATEMENT:*"Sharing the
Love & Hope
of God"*

From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

September is here again and summer is over (officially September 21) and fall is here now. So, it's time for pumpkin spice everything, apple things, corn stalks, and all things fall.

During the month of September God has blessed us in several ways, be it through our outreach programs or through our Sunday Worship Services. Do you still remember the sermon on the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-28)?

This story illustrates God's boundless love, compassion, and immediate forgiveness for those who repent and return to Him.

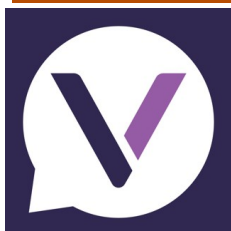
The other message during this month of September was on 2 Timothy 2: 1-13 in which Apostle Paul encourages Timothy, to fully accept his calling despite the suffering and hardship that come with this life. The letter also reminds Timothy to maintain faith and hope in Jesus' resurrection and raise faithful leaders who will teach the Good News about Jesus. This scripture passage uses the metaphors of a soldier, an athlete, and a farmer to illustrate the need for focus, discipline, and hard work in ministry, emphasizing that true reward comes from pleasing Christ and not from worldly distractions. Friends, each one of us is invited to be

strong in the Lord and to put our hands on the deck communicating the Good News of Jesus Christ. Just like Paul to Timothy, we too will be recognized for our work during the end of time.

Each one of us has a place in our congregation to share our spiritual gifts, so, come knock on the Church Office door and tell me what gifts God is telling you to share with the congregation. We need volunteers in many areas of the life of the Church. Be it serving in a ministry of our church, or on a committee, there is enough space to accommodate your spiritual gifts.

I am also inviting those interested in joining a Church membership class to learn more about how to be a member of this congregation. This class starts the second week of October, so get hold of Ronda to register. In the month of October, we have a stewardship sermon series to share with the congregation how to faithfully manage and use the resources God has entrusted in us, including time, talents, money, and other gifts. This series inspires faithful living, encourages generous giving, and promotes wise resource management, fostering a culture of gratitude and responsibility within the church community.

On Sunday October 19 during worship our congregation is going to observe Laity Sunday. This Laity Sunday is celebrated the third Sunday of October. It is a time to

*(Continued on page 2)***We uphold the United Methodist Church by our PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS**

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2025 Monthly

Budget Needs \$31,643

September 2025

7th \$7,027

14th \$4,833

21st \$2,436

28th N/A

Giving to Date \$14,296

2025

	August	Year to Date
Income	\$ 18,698	\$171,504
Expenses	<u>26,837</u>	<u>209,654</u>
Net Income / (Loss)	\$ (8,139)	\$(38,150)

August Mission Pennies totaled \$60.05 and
were transferred to the Blessing Box fund.

Thank you for your continued giving!

**Prayer Concerns:**

Levi Kimbrel
 Jacob Shepherd
 Becky Waggoner
 Frank Brazle
 Brett McDowell
 (friend of Mable Roush)
 Colin Keating
 Gloria Davis
 Barb Prier
 Alice Robinson
 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:

Don Sutton
 Nancy Kernick

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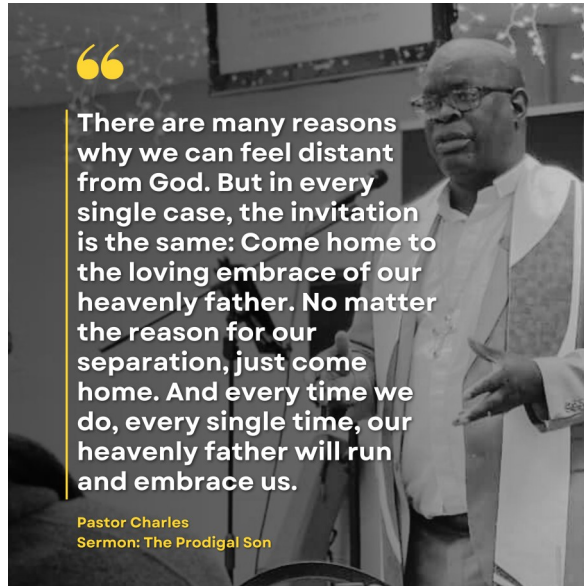
Feed your faith and your fears will starve to death.

recognize the work and mission of all laity – not only within the walls of the church but in everyday lives. On this Sunday Cheryl Day and her team shall be leading worship. If you want to participate in this worship in any way you feel God is calling you to do, get hold of Cheryl Day or Ronda.

I also would like to let you know that some of our members who are sick are recovering well both at home or in hospitals. Let's continue to pray for them for James 5: 14 says; Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. Amen.

Let us pray: Almighty God, I commit October 2025 into your hands, asking for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit of holiness upon our lives, our spouses and children, empowering us to live a Godly and holy life, I pray for every member of this congregation in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Compiled By
 Pastor Charles



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

October Worship Schedule

Oct 5—World Communion Sunday

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6–9, Luke 21:1–4, Luke 23:50–53

Sermon: Challenge of Generosity: Giving with Joy

Oct 12

Scripture Reading: John 6:1–15
 Sermon: Your Gift Transforms Lives

Oct 19—Laity Sunday

Oct 26

Scripture Reading: Psalm 89:11–12, Psalm 24:1–2, Haggai 2:8, 2 Corinthians 8:1–7
 Sermon: Catch the Spirit

FUMC YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group every
Wednesday 6:00-7:00,
meal provided

Sunday School 10:15.

Sunday Night Bible Study
6:00-7:30

October 18, day trip to
Branson to see David at
the Sight and Sound
Theater.

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Heather
Youth Director (620) 433-1768

Hannah
Assistant (620) 794-7745

THE LACKY FAMILY

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 5
6PM**

**ALL AGES
WELCOME**

**ENTRY BY
DONATION**



FireEscape
COFFEEHOUSE

126 W MAIN ST, CHANUTE



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STRONG FEELINGS

ABOUT BEING ALIVE

with Taylor Janssen



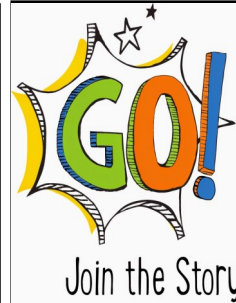
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6pm, Sunday Oct 26th

126 W Main St, Chanute



JOY CLUB

Youth Sr. Citizen Ministry / Fridays at 3:30pm



**Wednesdays
6pm—7pm**



OUR CHURCH

Mission Pennies

October Mission Pennies will be given to the First Christian Food Pantry. 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.

Fellowship in Grace & Mercy: Meets in Room 107 (Library). Facilitator: Corwin Shields

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

Young at Heart: Meets in Room 103. Facilitator: Alicia Fickel

Thank You

The following is an update from Skye Finley that was posted to her Facebook page:

Those that I'm close with know I have documented my kids life the past 12 years. They have always been funny, entertaining, good, ornery group of boys. Documenting Levi's journey is therapeutic for me. I can be strong in the moments and weep when I re-watch these videos later. I also like to re-watch them multiple times of course. 1- as a mama. 2- as a therapist to see what i miss during our sessions.

Wade and I have shed many tears over the amount of support we have in our community and now- all over the world. People we don't even know are praying for our sweet boy's recovery.

Our friends and family back home have offered so much support. We have people making shirts and pies to help with finances along with so many just donating to us directly to help offset the financial burden so we can not stress about getting the best care for Levi. Your generosity is...I don't even have the words for our gratitude!

Then there's the support of our schools - from elementary to high school. So many videos with words of encouragement, amazing pictures of boys with the "Levi special" haircut, and the amount of letters he's received from his classmates - so many filled with scripture and i LOOOOOVE THAT!!

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WORLD COMMUNION

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 5



"Since there is one loaf of bread, we who are many are one body, because we all share the one loaf of bread."

—1 CORINTHIANS 10:17, CEB



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church

Join us for worship on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5** as our congregation celebrate World Communion Sunday. It is a Sunday through which we celebrate the unity and diversity of the universal Christian community. As we gather around the Lord's table, we recognize our unity in Christ, joining with others worldwide in Holy Communion. A special offering on this Sunday will be dedicated towards scholarships and leadership training for under-represented students across the world. Amen.

October Just Another Tuesday Church Host Schedule

Oct 7
ACC

Oct 14
COGIC

Oct 21
LWA

Oct 28
FBC

(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



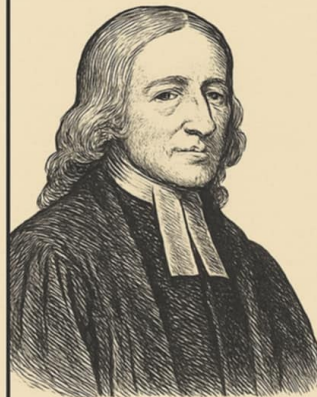
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- ✓Our beliefs & history
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**BEGINS MONDAY
OCTOBER 13
5:30PM**

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



Our church hosted the "Just Another Tuesday" Meal at Otterbein on Tuesday, September 23. On the menu was: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Roll, and Cookie or Brownie. Big thanks to our Youth Director Heather for taking this on. And to ALL our wonderful volunteers who donated cookies or brownies and showed up to help!!! We served approximately 195 people!

....and the gifts for comfort and for healing. It's all so humbling.

NOT ONE TIME has Levi asked "Why me?" I haven't even thought that yet either, but I know the assignment. Doesn't mean it's not hard or that I'm not devastated that Levi won't get to do the things he loves most, but we seem to know the assignment together. We told him it's ok to be upset bc his life is different and that's really hard for me as his mama so I'm sure it is for him too. But he's so sweet, so strong, so determined. If anyone could handle this assignment-it's him. Everything aligned to save my boys life and get the best care years in advance. I can see it clear as day. Does it suck sometimes? Yeah. It's hard to see your child's life change so much just by falling in a bathroom from standing position (we assume) and hitting his head just right. My kid has done a lot more dangerous/stupid stuff that could have ended up this way, but just a fall?! Make it make sense?! And then not knowing how/why? It's hard.

This is my raw- late night-difficult moments, yet still so grateful. God's my strength right now. This is my "journaling" - documenting his journey here so I can look back in a year and say- look how far we've come!! (Honestly- I can say that just within 5 days.)

If you made it this far... please keep us in your prayers. They're clearly helping. We thank you for everything!! Night y'all!
Signing off: 1:56am

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Chanute, KS 66720

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 1—Friday, October 3: Church Staff will be attending the Leadership Institute at Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, KS. The office will be closed on these days.

Sunday, October 5: We will observe World Communion Sunday during our Worship service.

Thursday, October 9: A Clergy District Meeting will be held here at 10:30am.

Saturday, October 18: A District Workshop will be held here on October 18 from 9am—4pm. (We'll be looking for a volunteer crew for this event!)

Sunday, October 19: We will observe Laity Sunday. If you feel called to help in any way with this service, please contact Cheryl Day at 4316440.

Saturday, October 25: Quilt Guild will be hosting a Quilting Retreat in Fellowship Hall from 9am—4pm.

**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!)

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE 9:00 am Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Brunch & Worship (Fellowship Hall)		November 2025	1	2	3	4
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