

FIRST NOTES

AUGUST 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"*

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:5-13

Greetings to you all. I hope you are adjusting well with the warm temperatures currently prevailing. Once again, I am glad to be your Pastor at this congregation and for your continued hospitality and warm welcome. In this month of August, we are running a sermon series on the Lord's Prayer. In this prayer, Jesus shows us how to align our desires with the purposes of God's Kingdom. Some Christians often repeat the words of the Lord's Prayer, yet when they pray in our own words, they generally miss the prayer's key points or themes. In this prayer we see Jesus' top three priorities concerning prayer:

- That the Father's name would be glorified in the world around us.
- That His Kingdom would be ushered in with power.
- That the people of the world—and particularly His followers—would obey the Word and will of the Father.

Friends there are profound and powerful prayers recorded elsewhere in Scripture, such as in Paul's epistles, but in all cases, they reflect the petitions and priorities of the Lord's Prayer.

I invite you to find time to have a daily reflection on this prayer and discern on what it means to you, your loved ones, your community and the world at large.

Friends as we reflect on this month's church activities, find time to read through this newsletter on the goings on of the month of July. There is information from committees and boards as well as church staff updates and achievements during the period under review.

May God bless you all.

Amen.

Pastor Charles

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

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Budget Needs

\$31,643

July 2025

6th \$7,291

13th \$9,803

20th \$14,522

27th N/A

Giving to Date \$31,616

2025

Income

June

\$ 21,065

Expenses

29,172

Year to Date

\$119,620

Net Income / (Loss)

\$ (8,107)

\$(38,658)

June Mission Pennies totaled \$220.51 and
will be used for VBS expenses

Thank you for your continued giving!

**Prayer Concerns:**

Lana Lemasters
 Colin Keating
 June Sutcliffe
 Gloria Davis
 Barb Prier
 Doris McReynolds
 Alice Robinson
 David Clark
 Mike Sutcliffe
 David Carpenter
 (grandson of Sharon Carpenter)
 Mike Kuder
 Sean Kernick
 Nancy Drybread
 Kenzi Underwood

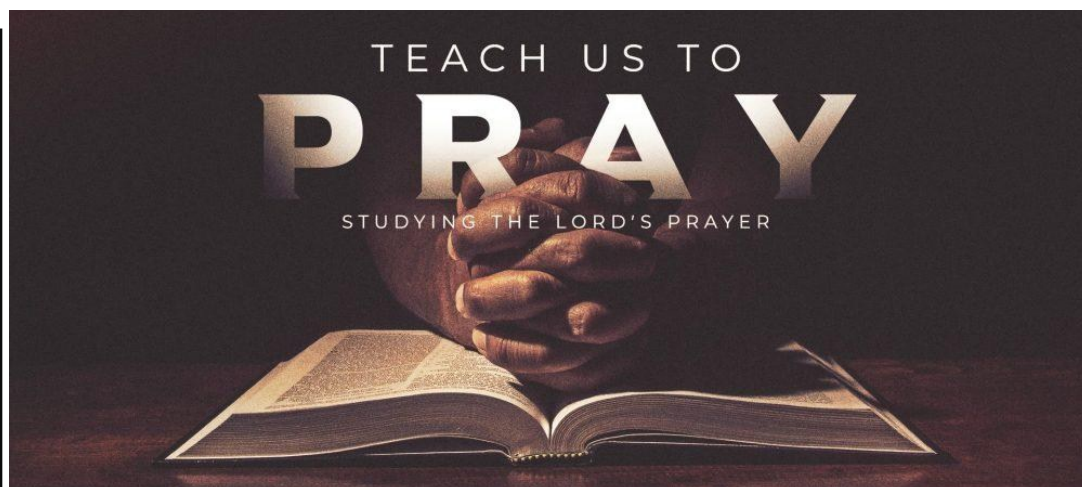
Serving in the Military:

Nathan Ruggles
 Josh Underwood

Sympathies to the family & friends of:

George David Manley
 (father of Crystal Myer)
 Christopher Lee "Zippo" Gerard
 (step-father of Susan Lockhart)

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!

**New Sermon Series: The LORD's Prayer****July 27 – August 31, 2025**

9:00am (Blended Worship) | 11:00am (Brunch & Worship)
 @ Chanute First United Methodist Church

Join us for a six-week journey through **The LORD's Prayer**, where each week Pastor Charles will focus on a single phrase—helping us go deeper in understanding how Jesus taught us to pray. Each message will pair the prayer's words with a related passage of Scripture, offering fresh insight into the meaning and power behind these familiar words.

Weekly Focus:

- **07/27** – *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name*
- **08/03** – *Thy Kingdom Come*
- **08/10** – *Give Us Our Daily Bread*
- **08/17** – *Forgive Us, As We Forgive*
- **08/24** – *Lead Us Not into Temptation*
- **08/31** – *For Thine Is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory*

Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your prayer life and faith. Invite a friend, bring your Bible, and join us for worship each Sunday morning at 9:00am or 11:00am.

**"If you want
 to stop an
 argument,
 close your
 mouth."**

~Charles Swindoll

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 And forgive us our debts,
 as we also have forgiven our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from the evil one.*

~Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)



SEK District Gathering • August 23

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Chanute FUMC • 202 S Lincoln Ave • Chanute, KS 66720

Join us for our annual district gathering!

- Worship with Bishop Wilson
- Fellowship luncheon
- Multiple workshops
- Activities for children and youth
- A prayer room
- Service of blessing & anointing

\$10 Registration

Scholarships for this event are available. Call the district office
785-841-4804
for more information.

Workshops Offered – Choose 2!

A Call to Spiritual Growth

What do we understand Spiritual Growth to mean? How and where did Jesus address this? What difference can it make for me? We will explore this call to grow in our spiritual lives, spiritual disciplines and especially our spiritual hearing.

Leader: Rev. Dr. Alice Purvis (Fredonia FUMC)

Intergenerational Worship

Sacred Rhythms in Worship

Discover how the church Liturgical year shapes Lifelong discipleship. Worship isn't just for Sundays; it's a rhythm for life.

Leaders: Rev. Rachel Fethers (Prescott & Pleasanton UMCs) and Rev. Emily Elliott, Grantville UMC)

Ethical Use of AI

Artificial Intelligence is here to stay. How do we incorporate it into the life of the church? Learn about ethical uses for AIs like ChatGPT in church settings. This workshop is practical.

Leader: Victoria Lashley, daughter of Pastor Dean Lashley (Victoria is a member of Overbrook UMC)

Schedule

10:00-11:00	Worship and Praise
11:00-11:45	Workshop 1
12:00-12:50	Fellowship Luncheon
1:00-1:45	Workshop 2
2:00-done	Service of blessing & anointing

A special offering will be taken for Camp Chippewa. Camp volunteers will be helping with children's activities.

Please register <https://gp-reg.brtapp.com/SEKDistrictGathering>



OUR CHURCH

Mission Pennies

August Mission Pennies & this month's Noisy Offering will be used to purchase food, and other needed items, for the Blessing Box located in our church parking lot.

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.

Read Thru the Bible:

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

SERVE



Youth Director Heather Shepherd and our youth had the opportunity to serve at Uplift.org in Kansas City—a dedicated ministry providing food and essentials to the homeless. Uplift operates four vans that head out three nights a week, reaching and serving around 400 individuals each night.

Each van is stocked with food and vital supplies, thanks in part to volunteers like ours. Our youth helped sort donations, including repackaging large donations of dog and cat food into quart-sized bags—just enough to supply the furry companions of those being served for one night's rounds. That giant container they worked through? It'll be completely used up in just one night.

What a powerful reminder of how much need there is—and how much good can be done through a few willing hands and hearts.

Thank You

The family of Duke Myers would like to extend a big thank you for the delicious meal you served after his service. We realize the amount of time and effort you put into the dinner, and we appreciate you sharing your time with us on a Saturday.

Mike Myers & Family
Karen Rossi & Family
Amanda Carraway & Family

Greetings! We are thinking of you and want to say thank you for your cards that you have sent to us. We love it here in Cedar Lake Village. Beautiful scenery and great food (that Emily doesn't have to fix). The people here are so friendly and caring as we are all in the same boat. We miss the Chanute People that are just as nice and caring. Love you all!

Mo & Emily Elliott

Dear Barb Keller Foundation,
Thank you so much for the scholarship for me to put towards tuition at KU! It will be a tremendous help and I am very appreciative. I am beyond excited for classes to start in August and meeting new people. Wouldn't be possible without your help. Thanks again!

Zoie Speaks
"Rock Chalk"

FUMC Scholarship Committee,
Thank you for all of your financial help over the last 4 years. Your aid has enabled me to obtain my B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Kansas State University. I am forever grateful for your trust and willingness to assist in my education.

Thank you all,
Kole Barkman

"Just Another Tuesday"

APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE!

Thank you to those listed below who have committed to keeping our church involved with these important community meals.

The schedule that is currently set has us providing this meal on Tuesdays:

SEPTEMBER 23

Heather Shepherd

NOVEMBER 18

Heather Shepherd

FEBRUARY 3

Sandy Strack

APRIL 7

Heather Shepherd

The "Just Another Tuesday Meal" is a Drive thru meal distribution held at Otterbein UMC (631 W 7th) each Tuesday at 5pm.

(Excluding the summer season)

STARTS BACK UP ON SEPTEMBER 9

Fitness Opportunities

TAI CHI

Monday—Friday
8:30am

WALKERCIZE

Mondays & Wednesdays
11:00 am



MISSED A SERVICE OR JUST WANT TO EXPERIENCE IT ALL OVER AGAIN? FIND IT ON YOUTUBE!

www.youtube.com/FUMCChanuteKS

YOUTH EVENTS

2025

AUGUST

WED
13

YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF

6pm - 7pm

SERVE SATURDAY

Begins at 10am

Bring \$\$ to contribute to the Blessing Boxes. We will shop, Assemble, & Distribute. Lunch will be served. Following lunch, we will clean the van.

SAT
16

WED
20

YOUTH GROUP

6pm - 7pm

YOUTH GROUP

6pm - 7pm

WED
27

2026

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 27 - 29: Young Christians Weekend

June 29 - July 5: Fireworks Stand Fundraiser

July 19 - 24: Summer Mission Trip - Woodbridge, VA



WAYS TO START THE SCHOOL YEAR

#1 WAKE UP

Decide to have a good day. "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." ~Psalms 118:24

#2 DRESS UP

The best way to dress is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

#3 SHUSH UP

Say nice things and learn to listen. "Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end." ~Proverbs 19:20

#4 STAND UP

For what you believe in! Stand for SOMETHING or you will fall for ANYTHING.

#5 LOOK UP

To the Lord. "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me." ~Philippians 4:13

#6 REACH UP

For something higher. Always try to better yourself.

#7 LIFT UP

Your prayers. Do not worry about anything. Instead PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING! ~Philippians 4:6

Games with Friends

Come join friends for fun & fellowship.

2nd & 4th
Thursdays

Games will be provided or you can bring one to share!



Lights & Doors

Please be sure to check lights and doors before leaving the building when you are last going out.



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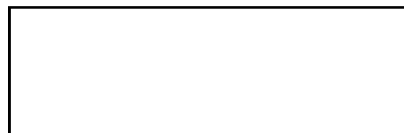
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 3: Sermon Series: The Lord's Prayer. Focus—*Thy Kingdom Come*. 9am / 11am

Sunday, August 10: Sermon Series: The Lord's Prayer. Focus—*Give Us Our Daily Bread*. 9am / 11am

Wednesday, August 13: USD 413—First Day of School

Wednesday, August 13: Youth Group Kick—Off begins at 6pm!

Saturday, August 16: Youth SERVE Saturday! Youth will meet here at 10am, and will be shopping, assembling, and distributing items for the Blessing Boxes around town. Following lunch, they will also be cleaning the church van. (There may even be some fun with water!)

Sunday, August 17: Sermon Series: The Lord's Prayer. Focus—*Forgive Us, As We Forgive*. 9am / 11am

Sunday, August 24: Sermon Series: The Lord's Prayer. Focus—*Lead Us Not into Temptation*. 9am / 11am

Wednesday, August 27: GO! Children's Program will Kick—Off at 6pm!

Sunday, August 31: Sermon Series: The Lord's Prayer. Focus—*For Thine Is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory*. 9am / 11am

**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!)

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.



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Chanute, KS 66720

August 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)				September 2025 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1	2
					8:30 am Tai Chi, FH	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 11:00 am Walkercize	8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 5:30 pm Missions / Evangelism 7:00 pm Trustees	8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 11:00 am Walkercize 6:30 pm Finance	8:30 am Tai Chi, FH	8:30 am Tai Chi, FH	
* See Regular Worship Schedule						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 11:00 am Walkercize	8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 5:30 pm SPRC 7:00 pm Church Council	8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 11:00 am Walkercize 6:00 pm Youth Group Kick-Off	8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 1:30 am Games with Friends, FH	8:30 am Tai Chi, FH	10:00 am Youth SERVE Sunday (Youth will be shopping, assembling, and distributing items for the Blessing Boxes around town. Following lunch, they will also be cleaning the church van.)
* See Regular Worship Schedule						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 11:00 am Walkercize	8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 5:30 pm Worship Mtg. 6:00 pm Church & Society at Murray Hill Apts.	8:30 am Tai Chi, FH 11:00 am Walkercize 6:00 pm Youth Group	8:30 am Tai Chi, FH	8:30 am Tai Chi, FH	
* See Regular Worship Schedule						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Please contact the office if your Birthday has been omitted or misreported.</i> <i>We don't want to forget you!</i> 431-4240 office@fumcchanute.com				September 2025	1	2
				S M T W T F S	Isaiah 31—34	Isaiah 35—37
				1 2 3 4 5 6	Diana Bruenger	Monica Finley
				7 8 9 10 11 12 13	Adam Finley	Dale Kamm
				14 15 16 17 18 19 20		
				21 22 23 24 25 26 27	Christi Ranz	
				28 29 30		
3 Isaiah 38—41 Julie Baldwin Kohlton Greve	4 Isaiah 42—44 Janice Brunner-Freeze	5 Isaiah 45—48 David Collins Martin Funk Jennifer Richard	6 Isaiah 49—51 Amy Ogle	7 Isaiah 52—56 Sara Marshall Susan Sharp	8 Isaiah 57—60 Ryan Ogle	9 Isaiah 61—64 Jase Leroy
10 Isaiah 65—66 Jeremiah 1 Ty Mitchner Mable Roush Jaxson Shepherd	11 Jeremiah 2—4 Rebecca Clover Meredith Collins Breleigh Harris Sharon Harrison Jillian Westhoff	12 Jeremiah 5—6 JaDon Cagle	13 Jeremiah 7—9 Larry Rowe Shari Wendt	14 Jeremiah 10—12 	15 Jeremiah 13—15 Nicholas Kepley Vesper Wehlage	16 Jeremiah 16—18
17 Jeremiah 19—22 Lisa Mildfelt Michelle Roberts	18 Jeremiah 23—24 Clara Nothern	19 Jeremiah 25—27 Barbie Baughn Juanita Dalton Adam Mildfelt Savemore Nyamakope	20 Jeremiah 28—29 Braylee McDonald Matt Richard	21 Jeremiah 30—31 Ivy Johnson	22 Jeremiah 32—33 Preston Baughn Cora Finley Mark Harwood	23 Jeremiah 34—36 Mary Owen Carolyn Twente
24 Jeremiah 37—39 Phil Becker Dave Fewins Randy Lemasters Gary Lyons Alison Morris	25 Jeremiah 40—42 Paul Park Kent Pringle	26 Jeremiah 43—45 Tutu Nyamakope	27 Jeremiah 46—48 Larry Myers Haley Wright	28 Jeremiah 49—50 Taylor Bolt Virginia Crane Karen Liudahl JackLowe	29 Jeremiah 51—52 Doris Brazil	30 Lamentations 1 Heather Adams Kathy Martin
31 Lamentations 2—4 Bailey Luellen	<i>Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.</i> <i>And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.</i> <i>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.</i> ~Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)					