



THE METHODIST MESSENGER

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Know Your Job Workshop - January 10 – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

If you serve on the Finance, Trustees, or Staff Parish Relations Committee, we encourage you to join us this Saturday, January 10. Please let us know if you can join us! Sponsored by the Hays District Committee on Connectional Ministry, this workshop will include the opportunities for laity and clergy of the Hays District to learn about the work of the finance committee, trustees, and the SPRC. Each workshop is designed for all members of the committees and not just the chairpersons. It is our sincere desire that each church will be well represented in this important event.

Opening Worship: led by Jim Akins, district superintendent of the Hays District

Finance Committee: led by Gary Beach, treasurer of the Great Plains Conference

Trustees Committee: led by Patrick McKaig, property manager for the Great Plains Conference

Staff Parish Relations Committee: led by Jim Akins

Join us during
worship in
January and
February for the
sermon series
"Teach us to
Pray".



January 2015

Church Events

February 2015

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January 2015

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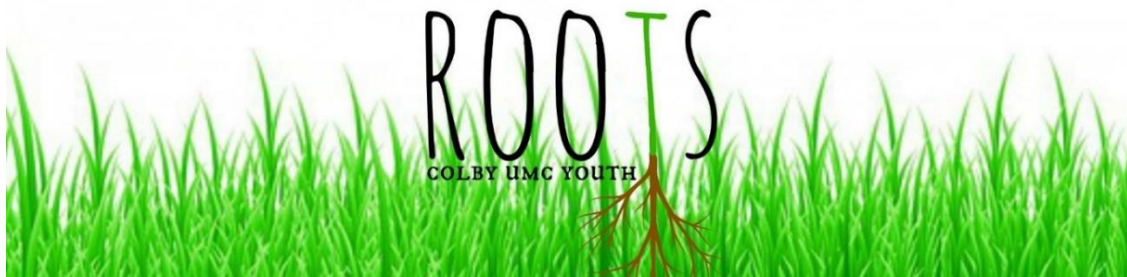
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Dec 28	29	30	31	Jan 1, 15 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30pm Barbershop	2	3
4 8:30am Worship 9:45am Fellowship Time 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 1:30pm Communion at Nursing Homes	5 6:00pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm TOPS	6 Ephany of the Lord (White or Gold) 2:00pm Writer's Group 6:00pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Education Meeting 7:30pm Praise Rose Harmony	7 7:00am Men's Breakfast (Village Inn) 9:30am Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Youth Group 8:00pm Staff Parish Meeting 8:30pm Al-Anon Meeting	8 10:00am UMW Mission Team Meeting 7:30pm Barbershop	9 9:00am MCPS Meeting	10 1:00pm Know Your Job Workshop
11 8:30am Worship 9:45am Fellowship Time 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 3:00pm UMW Afternoon Tea 6:00pm Search for Life Art-Work Day	12 4:30pm Big Brothers Big Sisters Board Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm TOPS	13 10:00am Art Club 4:00pm Learning to Use My Bible 6:00pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Pastor's Book Study 7:30pm Praise Rose Harmony	14 7:00am Men's Breakfast (Village Inn) 9:30am Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Youth Group 8:30pm Al-Anon Meeting	15 9:30am UMW Quilting Group 7:30pm Barbershop	16	17 10:00am Turnbushweed Choir
18 Human Relations Day (offering) 8:30am Worship 9:45am Fellowship Time 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 2:00pm Eagle Scout Ceremony	19 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OFFICE CLOSED The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observance 6:00pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm TOPS	20 2:00pm UMW Bingo @ Nursing Homes 2:00pm Writer's Group 4:00pm Learning to Use My Bible 6:00pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Pastor's Book Study 7:30pm Praise Rose Harmony	21 7:00am Men's Breakfast (Village Inn) 9:30am Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Youth Group 8:00pm Trustees Meeting 8:30pm Al-Anon Meeting	22 9:30am UMW Morning Glory Chatter 7:00pm UMW Friendship Chatter 7:30pm Barbershop	23	24
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Youth Announcements.....

ROOTS YOUTH GROUP

EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT @ 7 PM

FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL



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(ANTI)WORKDAY

SUNDAY JANUARY 11, 6-8 PM

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January 4, 2015
Epiphany Sunday
Holy Communion

Message: Pray Like This: Our Father

Scripture: Galatians 4:1-10

Liturgist: Lynette Ball

Greeters:

Marvin Cloe (8:30)

Wayne Horlacher (11:00)

Ushers: Virgil & Linda Jones, Don Harrison, Jeanene Brown

Acolytes: Brody McGreer (8:30)
Madison Schroeder (11:00)

January 11, 2015
1st Sunday after the Epiphany

Message: Pray Like This: Hallowed Be Thy Name

Scripture: Psalm 68:4-6

Liturgist: Scott Barnum

Greeters:

Lynette Ball & Vicki Brown (8:30)

Darvin & Tammi Strutt (11:00)

Ushers: Philip & Jackie Finley, Randy & Lisa Wilson, Jody Maier

Acolytes: Coleman Liudahl (8:30)
Jullian Hastings (11:00)

January 18, 2015
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
Human Relations Sunday

Message: Pray Like This: Give Us This Day

Scripture: Philippians 4:10-13

Liturgist: Bill Dowell

Greeters:

Joyce Hansen (8:30)

Senior High Class (11:00)

Ushers: Don & Cathy Harrison, Larry & Patricia Dible, Doug Ketchum

Acolytes: Anna Starbuck (8:30)
Janessa Cheney (11:00)

January 25, 2015
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Message: Pray Like This: Forgive Us Our Trespases

Scripture: Matthew 18:15-22

Liturgist: Senior High Class

Greeters:

Rich & Ronda Bachman (8:30)

Jody Maier (11:00)

Ushers: Jared & Karla Haggard, Darryl & Donna Henry, Paul Steele

Acolytes: Avery Seiwert (8:30)
Landon Bradley (11:00)

Next Steps: An Adult Sunday School Class

Are you ready to start putting your faith into practice but not sure where to begin? Join Next Steps from 9:55 - 10:45 in Bill's office beginning January 18. This class will focus on applicable discipleship practices and the basics of church service/leadership. It should serve to enrich your own faith as well as better equip you for the areas you may already be involved.

We designed the format with busy schedules in mind. Each lesson will repeat once so that volunteers on an alternating schedule, or those who travel, will be able to attend. January 18 & 25 will have the same material, as will February 1 and 8, etc. Only plan on coming every other week - though feel free to come to either class. Join us as we see how we can apply what we learn!

VISITATION TEAM SCHEDULE

Hospital

January 4	Wayne & Millie Horlacher
January 11	Bill & Janiece Dowell
January 18	Scott Barnum
January 25	Joyce Hansen

Nursing Homes

January 4	Kathy Calliham
January 11	_____
January 18	_____
January 25	Carolyn May & Kimberly Chase

If you are interested in becoming part of the Visitation Team, or would like more information, you may contact Jo Cheney at 462-2082.

CUMC Staff

Senior Pastor: James Mardock
Cell phone: 785-443-1282
Associate Pastor: Bill Gepford
Cell phone: 913-284-9667
Administrative Assistant: Kim Barnett
Treasurer: Carrie Bredemeier
Interior Custodian: Poppy Dean
Minister of Congregational Care: Jo Cheney
Christian Ed Director: Melissa Gepford
Exterior Custodian: Alan Sager
Music Coordinator: Pat Ziegelmeier
Choir Director: Philip Shuman
Preschool Director: Amy Jennings
Nursery Coordinator: Julie King
Summer Youth Directors: Trish Starbuck & Melissa Gepford

Contact the church office:

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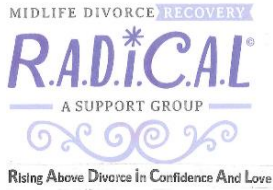
Those we have been praying for...

Jane Bandy
Doug Finley
Family of Tom Bandy
Family of Doris Hayward
Robert Coffey
Dave Rudy

Rita Beckman
Pauline Fishel
Rich Bachman
Jim Battles
John Hanna
Scott Anderson
Faye Goeken
Clinton Brown
Harlan Hagler
Eva Keck
Mary McNutt
Danny Reardon
Janice Linville
Melissa Brown
Glovine Golemboski
David Chick
Nancy Sanders
Doris Johnson
Frank Skiles
Roger Hale
Susan Ingraham
Sharon Ketchum
George Favor
Esther Tweed
Sgt Lee Roselin

Joys We've Shared!

- Congratulations to Cory & Molly Sager! They were married in Great Bend on December 13!
- Congratulations to Alan Dible and Kerri Jones on the birth of their son Grayson Thomas. Grayson was born on December 17!



Divorce Recovery for Women

A new session will begin on January 12. The sessions will run from 6:45-8:15 p.m. at Sunflower Bank of Colby (downstairs). If you would like more information or to register, contact Lynette at 785-675-8606.

Adult Education Classes Offered

The Adult Education Program at Colby Community College is offering a free class covering basic skills intended to raise an individual's skill level in reading, writing, math and technology. For those who don't have a high school diploma, this class can be used to prepare for the GED program. Please call Amanda Wahlmeier at 785-460-9145 for further information.

Thank You Notes!

Dear Pastor and Congregation,

On behalf of the Genesis-Thomas County board I would like to thank you for your total donations of \$1,888.25 for 2014.

With help from people like you, we are able to help those in need in Thomas County throughout the year. Each year we see an increase in the number of families served. Your support of our efforts is greatly appreciated.

May God bless you for your generosity to those in Thomas County that need assistance.

Gratefully,
Leisa Hansen, Treasurer

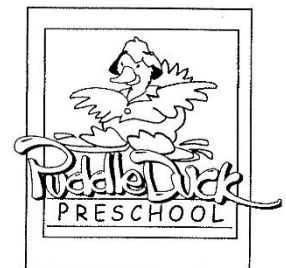
Colby UMC,

Thank you to all the members who visited me and sent cards while I was recuperating from my broken ankle.

God bless you all!
Cynthia Henningsen

Thank you from Puddle Duck Preschool

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Puddle Duck Giving Tree in December. We have a very generous congregation. We were given many needed items along with monetary donations that will help the preschool operate. As always, your support of this ministry of our church is very much needed and appreciated. God bless our friends and families at CUMC!
Amy Jennings, Puddle Duck Director



Educational Partnership

A huge thank you to all of our church members for their commitment to our partnership with the schools, and especially the After School Program! Things are going great so far, and we look forward to continuing to bless our neighbors and putting our faith into practice in this way. Here are Becky William's thoughts on her experience volunteering with the After School Program:

“Working at the school with the kids is for me a way to give back. Growing up we always worked alongside our parents. If it was field work, fixing fence, or working cattle with my dad we were there. With mom it was helping out with church work or daily chores around the house. I think it is important for children to see adults involved as well as working alongside them and teaching them how to work. Voting is an important privilege that we have as Americans and we need to show our children by our actions that it is something they should be proud of and look forward to doing when they become of age. Another aspect of helping out at school is that, sad though it may be, some children just need some adult attention that is lacking in their lives. If by helping a child work on an art project or just being there to give them a hug or a 'Good Job' praise then we have helped maybe more than we know. Also, when you daughter says "Mom I need help" you help. We do anything for our kids, right! FAITH IN ACTION!”



Contact Bill Gepford (Bill.ColbyUMC@Gmail.com) if you would be interested in volunteering for an hour or two and helping out with a great cause!

COLBY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

A Word from Your President

Happy New Year!! UMW completed a very successful year! I commend all our members, and others from the church that helped to make it so special. Now we look forward to a challenging 2015!

Our first order of business will be our Afternoon Tea on Sunday, January 11 at 3:00 p.m. The Tea will be hosted by the Mission Team and will include the installation of officers and a pledge service led by Anna Dean Rodenbeck. If you do not choose to pledge anything that is fine, we would still appreciate your presence. There is always lots of treats to taste and lots of conversation to participate in or just listen to. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we will have a lovely day. All women of the church are invited to join us even if they have not joined UMW. Of course, all UMW members are urged to join us for a special afternoon. If you are questioning whether we will have it due to the weather, please give me a call at 460-6009, or the church office during business hours. Our New Year books will be available that day to provide more dates and activities to look forward to in 2015.

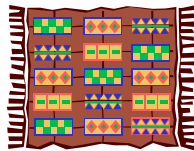
Dates to look forward to in January:

Jan 15	UMW Quilters will meet at 9:30 in fellowship hall and/or the chapel
Jan 20	Nursing Home Ministry will be from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Jan 22	Morning Glory Cluster will meet at 9:30 a.m. in fellowship hall
Jan 22	Friendship Cluster will meet at 7:00 p.m. at Fairview Estates

Anyone is welcome to join us at any of these activities, members or not!
I hope to see you at some of the January 2015 activities!

God Bless You All!
Janice Dowell
Colby UMW President

AFGHAN SALES



A UMW Thomas County afghan makes a wonderful gift for any occasion. The price is only \$25 each. Does your college student have a favorite school? We have college afghans for only \$40 or a baby afghan with the school of your choice for \$30.

Afghans can be purchased in the church office.

Radio Broadcast Sponsors:



Thank you to the following people for sponsoring the radio broadcasts during the month of December.

Sponsors for December were:

December 7 William L. White, MD
December 14 Jim Malcolm
December 21 Lue & Dr. Cindy Duffey
December 28 Betty Rundell

Sponsors for January are:

January 4 Jim & Shirley Malcolm
January 11 No sponsor
January 18 Jim & Shirley Malcolm
January 25 No sponsor

If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast, call the church office at 460-2761 and we will get you on the calendar!

“Stop by and visit. We’d love to see you!!”

Listed below are members of our church family who are residents in area nursing homes. They would love to visit with you. Stop by and see them!

Prairie Senior Living Complex

Glenda Albright	Louise Schwanke
Letha Bachman	Lloyd White
Lucille White	

Fairview Estates

Grace Cheney	Peggy Frahm
Verna Wiens	Margaret Chick
John Barnum	Shirley Barnum
Doreen Mendenhall	Clinton Brown

Deseret Care Center

Glovine Golemboski	Delores Peter
Thelma Shalz	Jean Snyder
Richard Mann	

DON'T FORGET!



Genesis is the **FIRST** Sunday of the month. However, donations are welcome at any time. Any item is welcome as long as it has not been opened,

partially used, or is expired. Federal law prohibits our dispensing such items.

The following are items that Genesis considers staple goods. These are items that they expect to have on hand for those that need it each month:

Vegetables, beans, tomato sauce or tomatoes, soup, Ramen Noodles, canned fish or meat, frozen meat, Hamburger Helper/Tuna Helper, Macaroni & Cheese, pasta/noodles, spaghetti sauce, jelly, peanut butter, Jell-O or pudding, cereal, toilet paper.

The following items may be available: bread, cake mixes or muffin mixes, canned fruit, dry milk, popcorn, potato mixes, and rice.

Monetary donations are also always welcome. You may write your check out to CUMC and write "Genesis" on the memo line. The church will forward your giving to Genesis, and the donation will be shown on your giving statement. If you would prefer to send money directly to Genesis, you may make the check payable to Genesis and mail it to:

Genesis, P.O. Box 214, Colby, KS 67701

May you be blessed in your giving.



HARLEM AMBASSADORS



ARE COMING TO COLBY!

COLBY COMMUNITY BUILDING
Thursday, January 15, 2015
7:00 pm

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| David Becker | Jacy Moss |
| Reagan Coulter | Dane Olofson |
| Dr. Sam Funk | Ray Schindler |
| Bill Gepford | Ray Schweitzer |
| Rusty Grafel | Jordan Sharp |
| Marilee Gundlach | Richelle Shipley |
| Andy Lee | Brock Wagoner |
| Amanda McGreer | Tasha Wagoner |
| Tyson McGreer | Keesa Wright |

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January 2015

Happy Birthday!



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Gene Shoemaker Mark Bartlett	Justin Hurst Missy Smita Rebecca Turner Sherry Ummel	Dr. Cindy Duffey	Greg Bartlett Lisa Stithem	Melissa Gepford	Jared Haggard Ryan Edmondson	Doris Shoemaker Margaret Chick
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Gene Shoemaker	Justin Hurst Missy Smita Rebecca Turner Sherry Ummel	Matt Lindberg Stacey Edmondson	Maxine Turner		Billy Turner Collin Gehlster Reagan Gehlster	Jack Elliott John Sanders
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Danielle Wasson Krisie Strutt Tera Edmondson	Lloyd White	Melissa Brown Taya Reiford	Jesse Brottem Nicol Frahm	Carla Brown Kim Barnett Bandy Dible Robyn Rogers		Amy Nelson Cindy Black Gary Lindberg Kelly Horinek Lee Virgil Jones
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Debbie Schwanke	Jeff Barton		Terry Turner	Doug Ketchum	Rev. Eicher	Case Rindel Evelynn Woodler Kevin Johnson

Radio Broadcasts

Call the church office to schedule a Sunday to sponsor our KXXX broadcast. Each broadcast costs \$80.00. This may be done as a memorial or in honor of someone special to you. We have open Sundays, so reserve your spot now!

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 PO BOX 625
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 ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Supporting Christ's Ministries With Our Presence

	Worship	Sunday School
December 7	198	77
December 14	272	74
December 21	234	64
December 24	281	---
December 28	176	30

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