

BROADCASTER

MAY 27, 2015

Pastor's Post: Putty in God's Hands

"The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him." Jeremiah 18:4

Several years ago I was helping out at the local River Festival with the prestigious job of dumping trash. This left time to check out the booths. I remember coming across a potter. The potter would take a blob of clay and work it over and over. His hands needed water and as the clay spun on the wheel, he seemed to make only slight movements which would dramatically change the shape of the clay very quickly. Since it was a demonstration, he would apply pressure in one place and in seconds you could see something new taking place. Finally, the potter worked the outside shape, then moved to the top to open up the vessel he created. In the end, a beautiful piece of pottery resulted from a lump of clay. I thought this was pretty amazing.

In the Old Testament, prophets were sent to places where God would show practical examples the people should be able to understand. In Jeremiah 18, we see that God send Jeremiah to the potter's house. Jeremiah witnessed a flop. There was something on the wheel that, for some reason, didn't respond properly to the potter. It had sunk in, leaned over, and looked like something better suited for the trash. However, the potter didn't give up on this misshapen clay. He "reworked" it in to a different piece of pottery, a piece that "...seemed good to him."

God used this demonstration to let Israel know that although they had strayed and were crumbling before His eyes, God would keep reworking the people until they become something good to Him. How amazing is it that we have a God who is continually reworking and reshaping us! Our God is forming a beautiful vessel out of you. It reminds me of Genesis 1, when God saw at the end of each day that His creation was good. On the day people were made in the Imago Dei (image of God), God looked at all creation and saw that it was "very good". Well, we know what happened later with the snake and the fruit and the fig leaves and the fall! Since we have all fallen short, God the Potter is reworking us to restore us into His image.

Every day we need to keep saying, "I'm putty in your hands!" to the Great Potter. Let God wrap his powerful, yet gentle, hands around you to rework you into some beautiful and good. The words of the Eddie Espinosa hymn from 1982 capture this well:

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.
You are the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.

May God continue to rework us all,

Pastor Eric



PASTOR'S POST	PAGE 1
UMY: CROSS TRAINERS NEWS	PAGE 2
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS	PAGE 2
OUR PRAYERS	PAGE 2
OUR PRESENCE	PAGE 3 & 4
JUNE CALENDAR	PAGE 5
JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES	PAGE 6
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FORM	PAGE 7
FUMCVS INFORMATION	PAGE 8

UMY: CROSS TRAINERS

Plan to spend your summer with us!

5/27	UMY: Cross Trainers / Pre-help with VBS
5/29	Good Neighbor Meal Delivery
6/3	UMY: Cross Trainers
6/10	UMY: Cross Trainers
6/12	Good Neighbor Meal Delivery
6/14	Help with Rook's Farewell Picnic
6/15	Volunteer @ VBS
6/16	Volunteer @ VBS & @ Open Door
6/17	Volunteer @ VBS & UMY: Cross Trainers
6/18	Volunteer @ VBS & @ Open Door
6/19	Volunteer @ VBS
7/1	UMY: Cross Trainers
7/3	Good Neighbor Meal Delivery
7/8	UMY: Cross Trainers
7/15	UMY: Cross Trainers
7/18-7/25	Youth Mission Trip to Minneapolis, MN
7/29	Youth Movie Marathon



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

VBS 2015 – At Cokesbury's G-Force VBS, kids explore how to



VBS Registration

put their faith into action. In this mission-focused VBS, kids experience God's unstoppable love and discover how to fuel up and move in and through life with God. Dates for VBS 2015 are **June 15 – June 19**. Please contact Phoebe if you'd like to help.

VBS is just around the corner and we need your help to provide snacks in the in the snack area for VBS leaders and helpers. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at Sign-Up Central. Thank you so much for helping provide snacks to all who will be working to make VBS a success the week of June 15! If you have questions, please contact Judy Eskridge.



Want to help with VBS, but can't during the day? Ministry Team Opportunity – VBS is looking a group of 4-5 people that are willing to serve as a hospitality team for our church during the open house on Thursday night of bible school, **June 18**.

This would be a great opportunity for someone that works during the day but would love to help be a part of the VBS mission experience. If you are interested or have questions you may contact the church office or Phoebe McCormick.

To go along with the VBS theme of "movement", we'd like to have a car show on **Thursday, June 18**



during the Open House. If you have a car you'd like to bring and show off, please let the office know.



To help decorate for VBS, we would like to borrow bicycles, skateboards, bicycle helmets, roller blades, roller skates, etc. Please contact Phoebe or the office if you have items that you could loan to us.

OUR PRAYERS

God, Your love makes possible the impossible. When we are facing seemingly impossible situations remind us of Your love and the possibilities it proclaims. Amen.

Please say a prayer for...

Marion Alpers, Tyler & Leah Alpers' grandfather – health concerns

Ray Bennett – health concerns

Georgann Jackson – health concerns

George LeBlanc – health concerns

Wayne Sawyer – heart cath

Sylvia Sutphin – emphysema

The persecuted Christians around the world

God's Guidance and Strength for President Obama

Della Bennett – Janace Seyb's sister – serious heart issues

Robert Coleman, Kathy Ditty's father – recent heart surgery

The family of Bob Kennedy at his passing

Portia Martin – taking treatments for cancer

The family of Jeff Sones family at his passing

Our Troops and their Families

Pray For Our Military

CO Cory Applebee – Larry & Rhonda Clark's nephew

Sydney Lang – Great Lakes, Illinois – Navy boot camp

Erik Nott & family – Doug & Gay Vannaman's son-in-law – Colorado Springs

SPC Steven Pearce – Walt & Janet Southards' nephew – Ft Bragg, NC

Erik Ralsten & family – Lou & Cher Cicirello's cousin – Nat'l Guard – Iraq

Michael Ruckman – Roy & Linda McFarland's nephew – Colorado Springs

Sgt. Jeffrey Stockwell – Melissa Lampe Stockwell's husband – AFB Spain

Michael Barbett – Darryl & Val Wall's son-in-law – McConnell

Dennis Burns Jr (DJ) – Dennis Burns Sr & Lisa Soetebier's son – Ogden, UT

Lt. Col. Adam Coffman – Gladys Coffman's grandson – Germany

Kristopher Dewitt – Mary Stout's grandson – Marines – Home – PTSD

Captain Logan Foster – Del & Betty James' grandson – Army – Ft Riley

James Harris (MP) – Bill & Joy Page's grandson – Home

When notifying the church staff of someone you would like placed on our prayer list, please request permission from the individual prior to reporting your concern to the office. We will be keeping your prayer concern on the list for the current month. If you would like to extend the request for an additional month, please call or e-mail the church office during the first week of the month 755-1112 or amy@fumcvc.com. Please note that we want to be in prayer for individuals and/or situations at any time. We just want to be responsible in keeping current with prayer requests. Thank you. If you have a friend or loved one serving in the military and would like to have their name added to our special military prayer list, please email amy@fumcvc.com.

OUR PRESENCE

Our loyalty to the church is upheld by our attendance at worship and church school and our participation in those activities that increase our faith.

Worship Leadership May 31			Worship Leadership June 7	
	9:00	11:00	9:00	11:00
INFANT NURSERY	Erin Tormey	NURSERY STAFF	Audrey Potillo	NURSERY STAFF
			Alex Marintzer	
TODDLER NURSERY	Hannah Barbour	Sarah Schaar	NURSERY STAFF	Claire Kirkland
	Susan Wolfe	Nathan Schaar		Carson Wolfe
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Julie & Jill Seidl	Jenny Salas	Samantha Alexander	UNKNOWN
LITURGIST	June Marcy		Jeannie Kellums	
GREETERS				
Northeast Door	Dale & Arlene Guthrie	John & Glenda Buche	Kathy Ditty & Verlene Kutz	Greg & Cherie Kuertz
East Door	Greg & Deb Jaquis	UNKNOWN	Dick & Ethel Bartel	Kim Sutphin & Sue Hadley
USHERS	Ed & Linda McCormick	Greg & Cherie Kuertz	Helen LeBlanc	Kim Sutphin
	Steve Holmes	Marvin & Susie Kallenbach	Ethel Smith	Russ & Tonia Sturm
			Larry & Rhonda Clark	
MUSICIANS	Nancy Scriven		Janace Seyb	

ATTENDANCE

5.17.2015	9:00 – 117	11:00 – 73	Total – 190
5.24.2015	9:00 – 87	11:00 – 85	Total – 172



OUR PRESENCE (CONTINUED)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

- The choir is on summer break. If you would like to provide special music during the 9:00 a.m. worship service, please contact Mike McCormick or the office.
- Good Neighbor Meal Delivery on Fridays beginning **Friday, May 29** – help needed during the summer. Contact the office if you're interested in helping!

- Food Handler Classes:

Countryside Christian Church – Youth Center
1919 S. Rock Road

Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 6:30 pm

Cross Road Church

2139 S. Maize Rd.

Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 9 am

No registration required. Please arrive a bit early to complete volunteer forms. The classes are free and last about 2 hours. Please call Sheryl Gulick at The Lord's Diner if you have questions (316-266-4966).

- Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever will meet **Friday, June 12** at 11:00 a.m. in the WCC. Bring a salad to share and a craft.
- Farewell Picnic for Pastor Eric, Holly, Christopher, and Collin – **Sunday, June 14** at 12:00 p.m. on the east lawn. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided as well as drinks and tableware. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Bring your own lawn chairs and/or blankets for the picnic. A money tree will be available.
- The Bishop's Bicycle Challenge is being held **Saturday, June 20**. This is a charity bike ride benefitting Open Door. We need help from local churches to run SAG stops (Support And Gear) along the route in support of the riders. This would entail manning a location along the route throughout the ride which begins at 7 AM and could run as late as 2 PM. If you would like to help, please contact the office.
- June's Open Door giving is baby items (diapers, formula, etc.). Please bring all donations to the middle foyer.
- The Beth Moore Simulcast is in WCC **September 12**. It will be our Women's Retreat for this year. If you go to the live performance in Wichita it's at least \$59 and doesn't include lunch or parking. If you go to our simulcast, it's \$30 for event, lunch, snack and free parking! Contact June Marcy or the office for tickets.

On Sunday, March 29, Janine Ingle, our Staff Parish chair, announced that the new pastor of First United Methodist Church of Valley Center will be Rev. Ji-Seok Ju.

Ji goes by Ji or Ji-Seok, pronounced "G" + "Sock". He and his wife, Ala are both originally from South Korea. They have two children, Jeffrey and Jenna.

In 1997, Ji came to the United States, in 2001 studied at Oklahoma Wesleyan University in Bartlesville, OK. Since seminary, he has pastored in Redding, Lawrence, Troy and Wathena. Ji-Seok has been serving Wathena and Troy for six years. Ji enjoys coaching his children in sports.

Ala attended UMKC, majored in Piano Performance. She is presently a Professor in the music department of Missouri Western State (St. Joseph). She is the daughter of a Presbyterian minister, also from South Korea. Ala plays the piano (and I believe the cello), involved in choir, opera, and children choir.

Their son Jeffrey is presently a sixth grader. He plays the piano and cello, and loves basketball. Their daughter, Jenna, is presently a third grader. She plays the piano and cello, likes soccer and softball.

As a welcome to Pastor Ji and his family, we'd like to present them with a gift card basket. It's super easy for you to help! Just purchase a gift card from your favorite business and then bring that card to the office on or before Sunday, June 21.

Please be in prayer for the Ju family as they prepare to move to Valley Center.





WEEKLY:

SUNDAYS

Worship
9:00a & 11:00a
Sunday School &
Grow Teams
10:00a
Pray for the
Church @ 2:00p
wherever you are
Men's Basketball
3:00p

MONDAYS

Morning
Exercise 8:30a
Handbell Choir
9:30a
Men's
Basketball
4:30p & 7:00p

TUESDAYS

Sunflower
Garden Bible
Study 9:30a
Men's Basketball
4:30p
Aging Strong
6:30p

WEDNESDAYS

Morning Exercise
8:30a
Fellowship Time
9:00a
UMY: Cross
Trainers
6:00p-7:00p

THURSDAYS

Men's Basketball
4:30p
Aging Strong
6:30p

FRIDAYS

Morning Exercise
8:30a

SPECIAL:

Staff Parish Relations Committee
Thursday, June 4 6:00p CR
Trustees
Thursday, June 4 7:00p FS

Eastern Star
Thursday, June 4 7:00p FH
Thursday, June 18 7:00p FH

Ministry Planning Team
Thursday, June 11 6:30p FS

Lions Club
Thursday, June 11 7:00p FH
Thursday, June 25 7:00p FH

Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever
Friday, June 12 11:00a WCC

Church Council
Thursday, June 18 6:00p FS

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1	Corky Evans	13	Ron Smith	22	Bria Lehr
2	Bill Page	14	Evan Farmer	22	Sheila Roe
2	Alexander Richardson	14	Maguire Lawrence	22	Jeremy Schumock
2	Nancy Scriven	14	Avery Potillo	23	Rilee Foust
2	David Weishaar	14	Ethel Smith	24	Kara Mayo
3	Linda White	17	Micca Bentley	24	Terri McKown
4	Carl Pilcher	17	Ryan Fluker	24	Sherridyn Myers
5	Jessica Allen	17	Dee McCallum	25	Kenny Carter
6	Debora Jaquis	17	Phoebe McCormick	25	Cristi Howell
6	Shirley Schenk	17	Lin Neal	25	Ellen Hubenett
7	Janis Chase	17	Caleb Saner	25	Erin Rice
7	Robert Fluker	18	Katie Anderson	26	Vicki Anderson
7	Daniel Stiglitz	18	Bill Arick	26	Jim Meyer
7	Cynthia Underwood	19	Brad Barbour	27	Alexandria Barbour
8	Kim Bevan	19	Sid Bauguess	27	David Brownlee
8	Daryl Hainlen	19	Leanna Dickey	28	Al Hobson
8	Susan Stratton	19	Darren Edwards	28	Seth Lille
9	Abby Sheahan	19	Connie Ishman	29	Darik Brownlee
9	Susan Wolfe	19	Roger Maris	29	Judy Eskridge
10	Kari Harris	19	Cameron Sellers	29	Jeff House
11	Dave Royse	19	Shannon Sellers	29	Jessiana James
13	Bud Koehn	19	Tonia Sturm	30	June Marcy
13	Kaci Peques	20	Dominic Santiago	30	John Taylor
		22	Rhett Cole		



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

2	Randy & Carolyn Riley	11	Larry & Nancy Lafferty	22	Adam & Ashley Wingate
2	Arnold & Vicki Stoner	12	Lanny & Kim Bevan	23	Mark & Holly Lawrence
3	Lester & Marilyn Carey	12	Jon & Dawn Stiglitz	24	Jerry LaForge & Susan White Laforge
3	Dan & Kristi Seacat	14	Gary & Virginia Kerth	26	Mike & Jana Hogan
4	Ron & Michelle Zane	15	Kevin & Pamela Stoner	26	Allen & Vickie Wilkerson
5	Todd & Kristi Kennedy	17	Robert & Barbara Leewright	27	Terry & Connie Ishman
5	Carl & Virginia Pilcher	18	Dean & Judy Dellinger	27	Eldon & Marcia Lickey
6	Brian & Karrie Botts	18	Jay & Sue Hadley	27	Ryan & Jamie Pearson
8	Larry & Rhonda Clark	18	Rick & Janace Seyb	28	Brady & Samantha Alexander
9	Vince & Kathy Marshall	18	Matt & Amy Stamm	28	Al & Lavona Hobson
9	Josh & Erin Tormey	21	Kevin & Alisa Kirk	30	Paul & Helen Carey
10	Ben & Phyllis Neaderhiser	21	George & Helen LeBlanc	30	Jake & Pat Kirkland

G-Force Vacation Bible School

First United Methodist Church of Valley Center
June 15 – 19, 2015
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Open House is Thursday, June 18 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.
Refreshments in Wesley Celebration Center – WCC

Preschool children (4 year-olds through entering Kindergarten) should be taken directly to their classrooms and picked up at the classroom door daily.

First Graders through 5th graders will meet and be dismissed from the WCC daily.

All children must be picked up by an adult or a 5th grade child or older.

Children will NOT be taken to the parking lot to meet parents.

***Financial offerings for the week will go to Main Street Threads
and food items to the Valley Center Food Pantry.***

Please return to the church by: June 14, 2015 or register online @
<http://2015.cokesburyvbs.com/fumcvc>

Child's Name:							
M / F	Age:		If 5 years old, will this child be attending Kindergarten next year?				Y / N
T-SHIRT SIZE	XS	YS	YM	YL	AS	AM	
Grade for the 2015/2016 School:							
Address:							
Household Email:							
Parent/Guardian's name:							
Phone where someone can be reached during VBS:							
In case of emergency, parents will be contacted. If parents are unreachable, the following name is an emergency contact:							
Allergies:							
Person(s) who may pick up child other than parents:							
Do you agree to allow photos of your child to be used in church presentation or church promotional materials? YES / NO							
Church attending presently:							

Children who walk home alone need a signed note stating permission to do so.

SUNDAY

Traditional Worship 9:00a
Sunday School 10:00a
Contemporary Worship 11:00a

WEDNESDAY

UMY CROSS TRAINERS 6:00-7:00p

560 N. Park
First United Methodist Church
Valley Center, Kansas 67147
www.fumcvc.com
316.755.1112

Church Staff

Pastor Eric Rook | eric@fumcvc.com
Amy Patrick Stamm, Administrative Secretary | amy@fumcvc.com
Melissa Hackett, Business Administrator | melissa@fumcvc.com

Brian Potillo, Youth Ministries | brian@fumcvc.com
Phoebe McCormick, Education Director | phoebe@fumcvc.com

Like us on Facebook!



BROADCASTER

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
560 N. PARK
VALLEY CENTER, KS 67147
316.755.1112

NONPROFIT
ORG. U.S.
POSTAGE
PAID
Valley Center, KS
PERMIT #26

