



THE MESSENGER

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To the Congregation of First-Faith United Methodist Church

This is to announce that through the discernment of the Cabinet of the Great Plains Conference and in consultation with the Pastor Relations Committee, your pastor for the Appointive Year 2020-2021 will be Pastor William (Ray) Stone.

Pastor Stone will bring strong ministry to the mission field of the Grand Island area and will continue to lead your ministries forward in service to Christ. This appointment is to begin July 1, 2020 and as with all appointments will be fixed at the time set for Annual Conference.

We appreciate the works of ministry within your congregation and trust that you will make every effort to build on the many assets of the ministries of First-Faith alongside Pastor Stone. Know that you are continually upheld in the prayers of the leadership of the Great Plains Conference.

May God's richest blessings be yours,
Rev. Lance S. Clay
Prairie Rivers/Elkhorn Valley District Superintendent, Great Plains Conference



Pastor Ray Stone

NEWS!

*In case you
hadn't heard*

On March 15th, announcements were made that ***Pastor Trudy and Pastor Russ are being appointed to churches in Kansas.*** Pastor Trudy will be serving at West Heights UMC in Wichita and Pastor Russ will be serving at the Mulvane UMC. They will be living in Mulvane, which is only about 12 miles south of where Russ' parents live and where he grew up. While we are sorry to see them leave, we celebrate their new appointments and opportunities for ministry as well as the close proximity to family members. We will let the congregation know about Pastor Trudy's last Sunday along with plans for saying farewell as soon as possible. We'll hear more from Pastor Ray in the next newsletter.

Your Staff Parish Relations Team

Create a worshipful space in your home with a candle and prepare to enter the passion of Christ. Join us on Facebook at 7PM.

GOOD FRIDAY



Care Teams have been established to help everyone stay connected during this time. If you have not been contacted by a Care Team Leader, please let the office know.
384-5620



Layla Ford will graduate from Northwest High School in May. She plans to attend Metropolitan Community College pursuing a degree in Fashion Design, with a minor in Theater.



At least through the 1st Sunday of May, we will not gather for in-person worship.

Options for worship at this time are: watch live on Facebook or watch the video on Facebook any time it is convenient for you. If you don't have Facebook, we can mail or email you a copy of the sermon. Just let your Care Team Leader know how you'd prefer to receive it, or call the office.

If you don't have a Facebook account, but would like to create one to join the worship service:

- Go to facebook.com
- Under "Create a New Account" add:
 - your first and last name
 - your cell phone number or email address
 - a password
 - your birthdate & gender
 - click "sign up"

Don't forget to like and follow our page so you will see our posts and be notified when we go live!

You can find our page by searching @firstfaithumc, then click 'like' and/or 'follow' under the picture.

Want a Mask? or Willing to Sew?



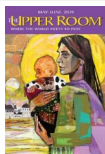
Colleen Slavik is offering to coordinate requests for cloth masks as well as sewers to make them. If you would like a mask or are able to make some, please give her a call at (308)651-1947



Prayer Walk

First-Faith is providing a spiritual opportunity to engage in while adhering to physical-distancing guidelines. A prayer walk is being installed in the tree line on the north side of the church property. This is open to all members of the community.

If you would like to receive the May/June Upper Room Devotional when it arrives, please call the office (384-5620), and we will mail it out to you.



Just a short recap on the **Positional Survey** sent out in January: **131** persons completed the survey. Overall, the results indicate a fairly even distribution across the entire issue of full inclusion. Overwhelmingly,

the response indicated a willingness to welcome all persons to worship and to remain together as a faith community. There are slight majorities opposing an LGBTQ clergyperson and opposing same-sex marriages. Due to COVID-19, General Conference has been postponed, with no new date posted at this time.

Thank you to all who participated!

If you do not have a nametag but would like one, please let the church office know. First-Faith pays for the first one. If you need a replacement nametag, there's a small fee.



April

4/2 Vivian Jefferies
 4/3 Marise Hopkins
 4/4 Annette Glos
 4/5 Terry Enck
 Emery Obermiller
 Diane Rangel
 DeWayne Schick
 4/6 Barrett Obermiller
 Jessica VanHoosen
 4/7 Pastor Trudy
 4/8 Jerry Brand
 4/10 Ted Berggren
 4/11 Julie Bringelson
 Carry Cornelius
 Ellen Goshorn
 MacKenzie Kleint
 4/14 Dave Lundholm
 Sam Sander
 4/15 Jean Chesnut
 4/18 Nelda Hallner
 4/20 Gene Spencer
 4/21 Ethan Roby
 4/22 Lela Embree
 Dale Hoagland
 Anna Morrow
 Beth Obermiller
 4/27 Sharon Kleint
 4/28 Jessica Igo
 4/29 Vera Krueger
 Sandy Petzoldt
 Samantha Roby
 4/30 Layla Ford



May

5/3 Caden Schadwinkel
 Sharon Sorensen
 5/4 Elsie Mae Frogge
 5/5 Gabriel Benischek
 5/6 Todd Goshorn
 5/8 Carroll Harrod
 Peggy Helms
 Wyatt Petzoldt
 5/9 Bode Albers
 Jacob Albers
 5/10 Sue Routh
 5/11 Kyle Payne
 5/14 Mildred Beck
 June Christensen
 Jan Mohrman
 Savannah Thornton
 5/17 Melisa Mendez
 5/20 Tami Johnson
 5/21 Ron Ammerman
 Joyce McKinny
 5/22 Clyde Church
 Rita Kestler
 5/24 Darlene Payne
 5/26 Trish Ross
 5/29 Tyler Kolar
 5/30 Ron Carlson
 Eli Ford
 Estephan Ramos
 5/31 Tom Grim
 Nolan Johnson
 Jarod Kolar
 Roni Lamberson



April

4/3/1982 Kent & Colette Sorensen (38)
 4/4/2009 Jim & Linda Bogus (11)
 4/20/2003 Doyle & Cheryl Henke (17)
 4/22/2012 Lonnie & Jody Awtry (8)
 4/26/1975 Bill & Mary Jo Mowinkel (45)
 4/27/2002 Rocky & Stacey Salpas (18)



May

5/14/16 Christian & Tyrene Hisey (4)
 5/15/1971 Rich & LaVonne Catron (49)
 5/15/1982 Terry & Melanie Sheen (38)
 5/19/1972 Jim & Donna Seitz (48)
 5/23/2013 Wayne & Nancy Johnson (7)
 5/26/1985 Duane & Kim Coates (35)
 5/26/1979 Bill & Vicki Shottenkirk (41)





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Return Service Requested

Worship Schedule

Sunday

9:30am with Fellowship
Time and Sunday School
to follow at 10:45am

Office Phone:

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Office Email:

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Office Hours:

Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30

(Closed for Lunch Hour)

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Trudy

Kenyon Anderson



If you have not had a chance to do the **Readiness 360** survey, please make the time to complete it. Call the office if you need access information.



The office will be **closed on Mondays** until further notice.

Our current hours are 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Tuesday through Friday.

Office hours are subject to change as Health Directives mandate.

If you have an urgent need outside of these hours, please contact Pastor Trudy on her cell phone. (620) 714-1498



Reframing the virus name

(shared on social media)

COVID-19

Christ **O**ver **V**iruses
and **I**nfectious **D**iseases

Joshua **1:9**

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you.

Article Deadline for June Newsletter: May 20, 2020