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METHODIST CHURCH

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# A LETTER *from Pastor Andy*

Welcome to summer. As I type this on the dining room table in my house, the temperature is 56 degrees. How's that for May 27th. But I know that the weather will change. Change is inevitable, isn't it? And there are many times when we don't care for change very much.

Well, change is coming to First UMC – West Plains. And we may not like it, but it is coming. The change I'm referring to is the appointment change of our Associate Pastor, Scotty Wall. You may already be aware of it, but if you're not Bishop Bob Farr and the Cabinet of the Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church has appointed Scotty to be the Campus Pastor of Central Methodist University in Fayette, MO, which is just outside of Columbia.

Scotty will be moving to Columbia during the last week of June to begin his new appointment on July 1st. That's the date that all new appointments in the Missouri Conference begin. So, Scotty will be with us for most of June.

Scotty already knows this so I'm going to put it in here. We will be having a farewell celebration for Scotty, Laurie, Abi, Emmy, and Bradyn on Sunday, June 26th. That day we will have the opportunity to lay hands on them in both services and send them out to do God's work at CMU. We will also have a fellowship meal after the 11:00 service that day. That way everyone will have an opportunity to give their love to the Walls as they make their move to the Columbia area. As I understand it right now, the men's group will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs while the UMW will be preparing deserts and I think, side dishes (Not 100% on that). This will also be a time for you to shower the Walls with cards of congratulations and thanks for six or so years of service to our church.

Here's the important thing for you to do. We need to know how many folks will be here so that we can know how much food to prepare. So, here's how you can let us know if you will be in attendance for the Walls' Farewell Fellowship meal on Sunday, June 26th.

Text Walls' Farewell plus the number in your party to (417)204-6234.

So, it would look like this for Jeanne and me – Walls' Farewell – 2.

As I said earlier, change is inevitable and while this change is very bittersweet, we know that God is on the move, not only here at FUMC but also at CMU. We know that God is going to do great things through Scotty on the campus of CMU and we celebrate that. We also know that God is already there making preparations for Scotty and his family to make this move. Every year at the end of June, I post this on Facebook, "God will not send you where He has not already been and is not there right now." God is going ahead of Scotty right now preparing the way for him and we give God thanks for that.

Now, I know the question many of you have on your minds is, "What about here at FUMC?" Well, I can tell you that God is also in our midst preparing us for the next chapter in our church, and I, for one, am excited to see what God has in store for us. This is an opportunity for us to put our trust in God that He knows the plans for us (read Jeremiah 29:11). This is also an opportunity for you, the laity of our church, to step up and serve in some new and exciting areas of ministry. Please be in prayer about that. God has given each one of you the gifts and graces to serve Him through the church. Where does your passion lie?

There will be an announcement about our church staff later in June. I'm just not quite ready to make that announcement yet.

Please keep Scotty and Laurie and their family in your prayers as they prepare for this exciting move. Please keep your church, FUMC, in your prayers as we transition into something new. It's an exciting time not only for Scotty and Laurie and their family but also for us.

I know change is not fun and many of us fear change. Well, let me encourage you to write down whatever fear is speaking to you. Write it down on a piece of paper, then wad it up and throw it in the trash. We know that God makes all things new. Trust in His promises and claim them.

In Isaiah 43, which is one of my favorite chapters in the Bible. In fact, the first part of Isaiah 43 is my life scripture. In verse 19, Scripture says, "For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?"

While this is a bittersweet month, I'll see ya at church as we transition into new and exciting times here at FUMC.

*Pastor Andy*

# Daily Bible Readings for June

The Bible reading plan for this month is called perfect Peace. So many people are looking for peace nowadays and they're looking in the wrong places. Then when they can't find it, someone will say to them, "Well, look harder." I don't think the issue is that we need to look harder. We think we need to look in the right place. But actually, perfect peace is not found in a place. It's found in a person - the person of Jesus Christ.

So, sit back, relax, and along with your other reading plans, let's all join in with the following daily plan and find perfect peace in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

June 1 - Psalm 29:1-11  
June 2 - Romans 5:1-11  
June 3 - Psalm 37:10-19  
June 4 - Proverbs 16:1-7  
June 5 - Psalm 4:1-8  
June 6 - Job 5:17-27  
June 7 - Psalm 120:1-7  
June 8 - Ecclesiastes 3:8-22  
June 9 - Psalm 85:1-13  
June 10 - Proverbs 3:13-22  
June 11 - Isaiah 9:1-7  
June 12 - John 14:23-31  
June 13 - Isaiah 26:1-13  
June 14 - Proverbs 12:15-23  
June 15 - 2nd Thessalonians 1:1-12

June 16 - Psalm 39:1-13  
June 17 - Romans 14:1-11  
June 18 - Romans 14:12-23  
June 19 - 2nd Thessalonians 3:10-18  
June 20 - Isaiah 54:1-10  
June 21 - Romans 15:1-13  
June 22 - Philippians 4:1-7  
June 23 - Isaiah 55:1-13  
June 24 - Matthew 5:1-12  
June 25 - 2nd Corinthians 13:7-14  
June 26 - Psalm 119:161-168  
June 27 - James 3:10-18  
June 28 - Romans 8:1-6  
June 29 - Proverbs 16:1-7  
June 30 - John 16:21-33

# A LETTER *from Pastor Scotty*

NRG YTH

June seems gloomy this year. Well maybe it's just me that seems gloomy. As most of you know, me and my family will be leaving FUMC at the end of June. We will be moving to Columbia, MO. My wife Laurie has accepted a position with MU and that is exciting for her. I have been appointed as campus pastor at Central Methodist University in Fayette, MO. Fayette is about 25 minutes northwest of Columbia which is where Central Methodist is located. I am excited about this new opportunity as well as Laurie and her opportunity with MU. But these last few months have been a whirlwind of emotions to say the least.

We have been working on selling our home along with helping our oldest daughter Abi to sell her home. We have been trying to find a home in Columbia. We have been going through graduation with Bradyn, our youngest child this year, and with a group of students that have almost become my own kids in Bradyn's grade throughout my time in student ministry here at FUMC. So to say a lot has been going on would be an under-statement.

We have lived in West Plains now for almost 10 years. Our kids have grown up here and become Zizzers. They have either achieved their degrees (Abi), are still working on their degree (Emmy) or are starting to seek their degree (Bradyn). So, this has become our home. We started to feel like West Plains, was when my kids entered high school and when I began working on staff here at FUMC. So, to say goodbye to the place that has become home has been difficult. Bittersweet has been a word I've used a lot recently because it has been bitter-sweet. West Plains has grown on us as a community, and FUMC has grown to become our family. We have had birthdays, anniversaries and graduations. We have also gone through broke-down buses, Covid and the loss of family members during our tenure here at FUMC. There have been so many moments that we will treasure and so many faces we will never forget.

I will forever be grateful for your support here at FUMC. Our student ministry has grown because of your support. There have been incredible adult leaders in the student ministry that have led the charge in developing relationships each week with the students. This is most definitely a place I have grown to cherish and love.

I would encourage each of you to keep the faith. But also, to work in your gifting and calling here at FUMC. FUMC has a different call in the community than other churches, and I would encourage each of you to continue to work in your calling here at FUMC. FUMC is a place of grace. Continue to show people grace and love in all you do. I know you all have shown me and my family grace and love and we are all extremely grateful.

Thank you for your grace towards me in these years. Thank you for your support. Thank you for allowing me to become part of this family here at FUMC. I know you will have a bright future as you continue to show grace to others. I can't wait to hear about how God is working in and through all of you here at FUMC in the years to come.

Blessing for more than you can ever hope or imagine through Christ!

*Scotty Wall*

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***Facebook Page: NRGYTH***

***Facebook Group:***

***NRGYTH - student ministry at FUMC West Plains***



### **Coming Events**

**July 18th-22nd** Summer Camp CIY Move / 9th grade - graduating seniors at Fayette, MO on CMU campus

Cost \$162 plus merchandise & lunch on Thursday / FMI:CIY/Move

<https://nextgenumc.org/youth/ciy-move/>

**August 24th** - NRG YTH resumes

We are so grateful for your support of NRG YTH both and financially and spiritually.

We are doing all we can to empower students to eNgage, Reflect and Grow IN Christ and WITH others.

# Memorials

*In Memory of:*

**Dick Dold**

Kay O' Neal  
Steve & Betty Coats  
Mark & Kim Dake  
Terry & Mary Arnold

**Wayne Kauffman**

Ed & Kim Kulik  
Linda Gilbert

**Linda Nale**

Steve & Betty Coats

## VBS Volunteers needed!

We are still looking for:

- Crew Leaders
- Station Leaders
- Kitchen Helpers
- Supplies

If you'd like to get involved, please sign up in the lobby.

# YOU'RE INVITED



**JULY 17TH-20TH**

6:00 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.  
(SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS &  
KIDS PRESCHOOL - 5TH GRADE)

**JULY 18TH-21ST**

8:30 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON  
(PRESCHOOL - 5TH GRADE)

**First Christian Church & First United Methodist Church-West Plains**

## Scholarship Opportunities

### FUMC WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP

- This scholarship is open to women over age 21 who are returning to college after an absence.
- Applicants must carry 12 hours per semester & show financial need.
- Applications available in church office and due with transcripts July 1st.

### RENEWABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

- Must be previous FUMC Scholarship Winner.
- Completed 12 credit hours per semester the previous year.
- Maintained a 2.5 GPA or above at accredited college or university.
- Applications available in church office now.
- Applications & transcripts are due in church office July 1st.



# Gifts and numbers

**May 1**

**Attendance 172**

**Gifts \$1163349**

**May 15**

**Attendance 165**

**Gifts \$588100**

**May 22**

**Attendance 159**

**Gifts \$627505**

**May 8**

**Attendance 221**

**Gifts \$1038975**

**May 29**

**Attendance 148**

**Gifts \$591750**

## Important dates for your calendar

### Every Sunday:

8:30 am Contemporary Service  
Christian Life Center

9:45 am Sunday School/Small Groups

11:00 am Traditional Service  
Sanctuary - 2nd floor

5:00 pm Youth Small Groups (7-12th grades)  
Room 211

### Every Tuesday:

6:30 am Men's Group in Fellowship Hall  
6:00 am Prayer Group in Koinonia Rm 210

### Every Wednesday:

6:00 pm Bible Study

### June 11-12:

Annual Conference at Branson

### June 13th:

Church Council Mtg. - Fellowship Hall 5:30pm

### June 14th:

UMW monthly meeting - Fellowship Hall 9am

### June 19th:

Fathers Day

### June 21st:

First Day of Summer



# METHODIST NIGHT

**FRIDAY, JULY 15**

**Game Time: 7:05 pm – Gates Open: 6:05 pm**

**Methodist T-Shirt  
Package: \$19\***  
[+TAX]

- Reserved Field Box seat for the game
- Cardinals/Methodist T-Shirt
- T-Shirt Order Deadline:  
Tuesday, June 28



Shirts available in Adult S-XXXL

## *United Methodist Women*



This month's program will be presented by Jane Krammer.

"What do Dogs and God Have in Common"

**Tuesday June 14, 2022**  
**Fellowship Hall - 9am**

Everyone is welcome



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**[www.fumcwestplains.com](http://www.fumcwestplains.com)**

***Our church website has been updated!***

- Access our Church Scribe App from the homepage to see: sermon notes, daily scripture readings, prayer concerns and much more.
- Watch the latest sermon and read the most recent Newsletter, see what's on the church calendar too!

**If you have updates, information to be added, corrections or suggestions for the website, email: [bambi@fumcwestplains.com](mailto:bambi@fumcwestplains.com)**

*Stay in the know at FUMC!*

1. Go to the app store on your phone, iPad or tablet. 
2. Search for "Church Scribe" in the app store. 
3. Once the app has downloaded to your device, type "first" in the search bar and look for "First United Methodist Church- West Plains" within the app.
4. Once you find FUMC, click on it and it will take you to our online bulletin. 
5. Be sure to allow notifications so you know when the app has updated with announcements.
6. Every Sunday please take attendance by clicking the picture that says "take attendance here". 
7. You can leave prayer requests, follow sermon notes, bible reading plans, upcoming events and much more!

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