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# Cross Connections

A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY THAT NURTURES HEARTS, MINDS, AND SOULS.

## From Pastor Rob

Since I will retire before the next *Cross Connections* newsletter is published, this will be my last article to you all as your pastor. After my decision to retire last fall, I have gone through a series of lasts...last Charge Conference, last Advent, last Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday services to lead as a pastor. As I have reflected upon each of these "lasts" I find myself both excited about the possibilities of retirement and grieving at the end of a ministry that I began in 1978.

It has been an honor to serve as a United Methodist Pastor all these years, and a joy to be serving Jesus and his Church alongside you at Stilwell. Over the past 4 years I've been able to laugh, cry, struggle, rejoice, and grieve together with you and to see God at work in our midst at SUMC. I am glad that my last appointment has been with you all and will leave with many friends and great memories from our time together.

**Robin and I want to thank you all for your support and dedication to being in ministry in Stilwell.** You have welcomed us and helped us grow as

followers of Jesus. **You have allowed us to be part of the church family and given us much to cherish about our time here.** You were sensitive to our grief during the loss of both of my parents since our arrival here, and while my mom was still alive and living in this area you welcomed her into your fellowship and helped her during a difficult time of transition for her. Thank you again.

And even though there has been quite a bit of turnover in staff in my short stay here, each have been a delight to work with and have contributed to the life of the church in so many ways. **My thanks especially to Lisa, Pam, and Kevin for being dedicated to you all as a church and for making my life and ministry a whole lot better.**

I believe there is much to be hopeful for here at SUMC. And I trust that your incoming pastor Eric Rook, his wife Holly, and his sons Christopher and Collin will be welcomed and supported upon their arrival. **I am confident that you all working together will have many great experiences and your ministries here will thrive under his leadership.** Please do all you can to continue serving together with Pastor Eric, who will bring a new, positive dimension to the life and work of the church.

Now, I'd like to ask **one last favor** of you all. **During the first 3 months (at least) of Pastor Eric's ministry here, would you please wear your name tag every Sunday in worship? And introduce yourself by name multiple times until you are certain he knows who you are.** As pastors we truly want to know your names and your stories, but it takes a while to get to know so many people all at once. This will help you all get off to a great start and make his ability to serve you a much better experience.

Finally, I'd like to **say thank you to Robin** for her many years of support in serving Jesus and his Church in every appointment we have ever had. She has been active in every church...working with children, youth, and adults, and her impact is felt by everyone she has worked with. Her grace has come through in the way she is always upbeat, always caring, always supportive not only with me but with every congregation where we have served. She has taught children, worked hard for VBS, shared her hospitality, given selflessly, and her ministry has contributed to my ministry in more ways than you can imagine. She has given of her time and talents sacrificially through all the years I have been a pastor. **I thank God that he blessed me with her love and support** and I have

## From Pastor Rob

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benefitted from her presence in more ways than you can imagine. And even though she often is in the background, she is the person I think of most when I think of the grace Jesus gives us all. Jesus is the Rock of my salvation, but Robin is the rock that has brought me wisdom, comfort, and strength through our decades together.

May the blessings of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you; and God's grace and peace sustain you now and forever.

Pastor Rob

## Staff Parish

**Reverend Winger Retirement**  
Rob's last Sunday preaching will be **June 16<sup>th</sup>**. Please make plans to attend to hear his last sermon and then join us for a **reception** here at the church **after the service**. We will be honoring and thanking both Rob and Robin that day.

Rob will be retiring after 40 years of ministry having served at 19 churches in 12 appointments including a new church start in Nixa, MO. Robin has provided support during all of that time and has been involved in many different church programs (Sunday school, VBS, and missions, to name a few) during those appointments. We have been blessed with their service these last four years, and we know that countless others have as well.

**We will be collecting funds for a retirement gift for both of them.** If you are interested in contributing to that gift, please mark a pew

envelope or the note line on a check with "Winger Retirement". Funds can be dropped in an offering plate or sent to the church office. **Contributions must be received by June 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Kevin Nixon will be preaching on Sundays, June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

Our District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Anne Gatobu will be preaching on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Reverend Rook Transition

Reverend Eric Rook and his family will be moving to Kansas City at the end of June. **Eric's first Sunday preaching will be July 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please make plans to attend to hear his first sermon as our appointed pastor and **plan to stay for the welcoming potluck lunch** after the service (details to be provided later). **We will also be collecting funds for a welcome gift for the Rook family.** We intend to purchase some gift cards to local restaurants so that they can sample various places to dine out that are available in the area. If you are interested in contributing to that gift, please mark a pew envelope or the note line on a check with "Rook Welcome". Funds can be dropped in an offering plate or sent to the church office. **Contributions must be received by July 7<sup>th</sup>.**

### Update on the Children's Ministry Position

We have received several resumes of well qualified persons and are in the process of interviewing them. We hope to have someone in that position soon. **Please keep this search in your prayers as we try to find someone that matches our position needs.**

Thanks!  
Pete Burton,  
SPRC Chair

## Transition Calendar

**Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Pastor Rob's last Sunday

**Sundays, June 23<sup>rd</sup> & June 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Kevin Nixon preaching

**Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Worship & Communion  
Dr. Anne Gatobu, preaching  
District Superintendent

**Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Pastor Eric Rook first Sunday

June and July will be a time of transition at our church as Pastor Rob retires and we welcome our new pastor, Eric Rook, and his family. Your attendance at worship keeps our community strong during this time.

## Thank You, Stilwell

Dear SUMC Family,  
Thank you for your prayers, cards, nourishment, and support for this 'Humpty Dumpty!' I am sound and whole and so blessed to have your concern and care. My family will cover me in bubble wrap when next I stride my horse!

Love, Patti Gnau

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On behalf of Cub Scout Pack #3384, I'd like to express my deepest thanks to the congregation for their attendance and generous financial support given at the Cinco de Mayo luncheon last Sunday. Your contributions will allow the Pack to purchase badges and scarves for the boys as well as provide funds for many of their activities, including summer day camp.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our congregation and the Scouts to get acquainted and we all look forward to growing this relationship in the future.

Steve Schulte,  
Charter Representative  
Cub Scout Pack #3384

## 2019 Finance Report

Many thanks to those of you who caught up on your pledged giving in response to the First Quarter reports that were mailed a few weeks ago. We are happy to report that as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, we are now only \$11,000 below our projected giving thanks to your generosity.

Your continued financial support of SUMC is not only greatly appreciated, but it allows us to provide programming and service for our members and our community in our efforts to achieve our mission of being a Christ-centered community that nurtures hearts, minds, and souls.

The following summary shows our status as of the end of April 2019.

	Budget	Actual
General Fund Contributions	\$102,708	\$ 91,798
General Fund Expenses	(124,162)	(113,203)
General Fund Decrease	(\$21,454)	(\$21,405)

## Trustees

First, the Trustees have a few words of thanks to our church members. We had a great spring work day and we would like to thank all those who volunteered their time completing the many repair and cleaning jobs we had around the church property. Things looked great for the Easter holidays! Also, we appreciate the efforts of Bob Davis, Jim Dunn, and Jim Melton who have kept up with the mowing so far this year, despite the uncooperative weather (and some occasionally temperamental equipment).

The Trustees are in discussion with the finance committee about the need to establish a designated capital budget and capital improvements fund. The trustees' annual operating budget is around \$6,000, or about 2% of the total church spending plan. The church also has an emergency repair fund that can be tapped should a major item (furnace/AC unit, water heater, elevator component) need immediate repair or replacement. There is a need for more long-term planning and intentional upkeep of the major items on the church property. Many systems, like our heating and AC systems, are the original units that were installed over thirty years ago. While they are still operating, each passing year increases the risk multiple units could fail. They also become less efficient with age, increasing our utility costs.

A capital improvements fund would help the church set goals for planned upkeep of items that require tens of thousands of dollars to accomplish. We have needs in the areas of parking lot repaving and Fellowship Hall renovations, in addition to the previously-mentioned heating and cooling systems. Someday we will need major roof work and updates to other areas of the church building.

Please prayerfully consider these needs as we discuss financial stewardship over the coming months.

Randy Sellers, Trustee Chair

## Green Team

Here is a sobering statistic: **By the year 2050, there will be more plastic in our oceans than fish.** Please don't let this be our legacy to future generations. Recycle or reuse!

Recycle bins are available in the kitchen on the lower level, the Welcome Center, and the bookkeeper's office.

As a reminder, the following items are recyclable:

- bulletins/inserts
- cardboard
- Solo cups and coffee cup lids
- soda cans
- water bottles
- hard plastic plates
- napkins and paper towels

Styrofoam and coffee cups are not.

Don't forget, you may bring your plastic grocery bags and place them in the Stilwell Caring Ministry bins for them to use when they distribute food to their clients.

Steve & Janis Kirkeby,  
Bob & Jan Walkup

## Stilwell Caring Ministry (UMW)

Thanks to everyone for all the donations so far this year. We have collected almost 700 items! We are on target to exceed last year's record.

For **May** we are collecting **cereal, protein in a can, (spaghetti, ravioli, etc.) and cereal bars.** Please bring your donations **by Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**, and place them in the bin in the sanctuary or in the large bin on the lower level. For **June** we are collecting **canned vegetables, tuna, and pasta.**

*"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." ~ Proverbs 22:9*

## UMM News

Thanks to all who attended our **inaugural Adopt-A-Highway road cleanup and Pizza Feast** the morning of April 20<sup>th</sup>. Jay Burress had 17 folks show up, together with folks from the Stilwell community who heard about

it on *NextDoor*. The group managed to fill 60 bags with trash, running out in just a few short hours. Our strip of Highway is from mile markers 131 to 132, just north of the 199<sup>th</sup> Street exit to 3/4 miles south. It was fun for all, enjoying a Pizza Feast afterwards in Fellowship Hall.

Our next **Adopt-A-Highway** event will be on **Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.** Again, we'll plan to gather at the church and shuttle over to the 199<sup>th</sup> Street overpass. Contact Jay Burress, jayburress@ymail.com, with any questions. Let us know you will be coming by **registering using the form on the website <https://www.stilwellumc.org/ministries/united-methodist-men-umm/>**. There's a Pizza Feast after, so plan to stick around to visit in the Fellowship Hall.

We served **Easter Brunch** after worship on April 21<sup>st</sup> with 80 – 90 in attendance. We raised **\$301 for Youth Ministry**, before expenses; expenses should be quite low as we had some supplies on hand. Many thanks to Phil Wise and all the volunteers that pitched in to cook, clean, serve, set-up, and tear down, ensuring another successful brunch extravaganza. We appreciate all you do!



**CBC Community Blood Drive** on April 16<sup>th</sup> was well attended. We had 21 donors, which is becoming our normal draw for each event. Our "base" is growing and we are happy to see new faces each time with people from SUMC and the community.

**Our next CBC Community Blood Drive will be Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

We're looking for someone/small team to set up the banner and roadside signs, as well as open up the church and assist the CBC team, substituting for Steve Kirkeby. Please contact Steve Kirkeby, steve.kirkeby@gmail.com, if you're willing to help.

**Scout Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>** was coupled with a Cinco de Mayo Taco Bar put on by our Scout Pack. Steve Schulte reports between 70 – 80 were served with **donations to the Pack totaling just over \$400**. Kevin was able to recruit some kids for VBS as well.

**Constitution and By Laws.** Our Constitution and By-Laws were ratified unanimously, at our April breakfast meeting, with 9 present and 6 by proxy. Copies of the ratified versions were emailed yesterday to all men with current email addresses at the Church Office.

Our next **Quarterly UMM Potluck** is **Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** and will feature Pastor Rob as our guest of honor and speaker. We expect he'll have several experiences to share about his faith and pastoral journey. Please plan to come and join us in honoring Rob as he retires at the end of June. And plan to bring some anecdotes to share of your own! The potluck is in the Fellowship Hall; there will be more details forthcoming.

**We're still looking for a UMM scribe** to perform various straight-forward functions and participate in UMM leadership with our other officers.

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**Please feel free to discuss this position or any other UMM topic with any of us!**

Steve Kirkeby  
President, UMM

## Adults

### Sunday Morning

The adults are using RightNow Media as the resource for our Sunday Morning Education Program and it has been going great! We have a great group of adults who come to dive into the word together as a community! As we continue to dig into new studies I encourage anyone in our congregation to join them. **The adults meet in classroom N3 starting at 11:00 a.m.** Grab some coffee and a treat to take with you to class. It's a great opportunity to have deep conversations about our faith with other people in the church and grow closer in our relationships with our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. So excited for where our adult education is going and I want everyone to be a part of it!

### Thursday Evening Bible Study

Currently, we wrapping up a study on the seven miracles performed by Jesus in the book of John. **We will be taking a break this summer.** However, a new study will start mid to late August. Please consider joining us. Topic will be announced in the July Newsletter. Watch for those details.

Contact Barb Reinke, reinkebarb@hotmail.com if you would like to join, and let us know what subject or book in the Bible you would like to pursue.

## Youth Ministry

Stilwell's youth have made it through the winter and are finally getting to enjoy the sun as the school year comes to an end. We will be outside playing gaga ball on Sunday nights and learning about the teachings of Jesus afterwards!



*Congratulations to our graduating seniors: Dylan Black and Betsy Burress!*

It's been an exciting few months as a youth group on the rise! Earlier in the spring we had a great time with a S'mores contest at the Davis', who so graciously hosted our youth at their house. Many S'mores were made but the one that stood out was none other than Dylan Black's who decided that mustard and hotdogs sounded good with chocolate and marshmallows.

The youth also did an incredible job of getting ready for our Easter brunch with amazing decorations! Great memories have been made and hopefully as we approach the summer many more will be added.

In the summer we have a fun trip to Branson on the horizon for some much needed relaxation at Silver Dollar City. If any youth are interested you can sign up through the church for only \$60, due by Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

It's been an incredible school year, God is moving and we can't wait to see what He has in store next for our young people.

## Children's Ministry

One of the highlights of this year has been watching our little kiddos in the church go out and hunt down some Easter eggs. The kids hunted all over the church, collecting candy like Pac-man eats fruit after worship on Easter Sunday and at Kid Connection on Wednesday.

At Kid Connection we have been going over some classic Bible stories such as David and Goliath, the story of Moses, and some great stories from Jesus! Our kids are learning a lot and having fun doing it.

It's been an incredible school year and as it comes to a close we turn our eyes to VBS where we will be reaching out to our community and trying to welcome new kids into our program. **To all the people who have volunteered to help thank you so much, you are truly the church and VBS could not happen without you.** If you cannot make it as a volunteer be in prayer as we introduce new young families to our wonderful church and hopefully we can offer ourselves as a church home to some of them.

We have some incredibly wonderful kids; God has big things happening in their lives and we get to be a part of that. What a blessing!

## UMW News

March 23, 2019 marked the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UMW. Our legacy started in 1869 when eight women from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society first organized in Boston in response to a lack of women's health in India. Since that time, our ranks have grown to over 800,000 members around the world. Stilwell UMW is excited about the upcoming activities we have scheduled as we continue to seek God's face by putting Faith, Hope, and Love into Action. Please consider joining us. As you can see, we have many projects planned, with the hope you will be able to find at least one that calls you to get involved. In most cases, you do not need to be a woman to participate. We would love to hear from you if you have ideas about how we can serve.

We celebrated UMW Sunday on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Our guest speaker was Sarah Minshull Milhisler, who is the Director of the Head Start program in Lawrence. She is also the granddaughter of John and Mary Minshull. She inspired us with her stories of the good works of this organization, which is dedicated to overcoming the risk factors that perpetuate multi-generational poverty by providing early learning programs and parent health literacy and advocacy training. Did you know that there are over 40,000 Kansas children living in poverty? In the fall, we will be pursuing ways to get involved with their Olathe center.

**If you have not already done so, please be sure to pick up our new UMW brochures.** They are available on the rack in Fellowship Hall by the Missions bulletin board near classroom N2. One provides general UMW information, and the other contains details on our service projects. If you would like to make a

pledge to support UMW's ministries during 2019, pledge cards are available in the same area. You may place your pledge in the offering plate or hand it to any of the board members whose names are listed at the end of the article.

**Collection Drives:** Thank you to everyone who has supported our recent collection drives and events supporting Giving the Basics (toiletries), Community for Kids (weekend food packs for BVSD students in need), Stilwell Caring Ministries (food donations), and the Cross-lines Diaper Drive and Plant Sale. Through your generous donations, we are able to make a difference in the lives of those affected by poverty in our local community. Watch the bulletin and the weekly e-newsletter for updates on the results of these service opportunities.

**Safehome:** Our next day of service at Safehome is Thursday, **June 14<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 – 12:00 p.m.** Safehome is Johnson County's only domestic violence facility. If you would like to participate, please **RSVP to Janis Kirkeby by Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.** Activities vary depending on Safehome's needs, but typically include sorting and/or inventorying donations. Carpooling is available.

Some of the services that Safehome offers to their clients include: shelter, a 24-hour crisis hotline, counseling services, legal services, and healthcare advocacy. The time that we spend with them frees up their staff to support these vital components of their mission.

**Giving the Basics:** We are continuing to collect toothbrushes, toothpaste, and bar soap for Giving the Basics, a

charity that provides toiletries and other human dignity products to people in need. You may place your donations in the wooden box in the sanctuary, to the right of the entrance. Feedback on our service time at their warehouse was very positive, so we are looking to plan another event there soon. For our April event, we collected 1,419 products, packaged 2,825 articles, and sorted/counted 7,327 items. These words of appreciation from their clients reinforce the important work of this organization:

"I would like to thank you for all the products you provide. It feels so good to be clean in both kinds of ways. God bless you!"

"Thank you for the hygiene materials. You help me more than my own family does. God bless you and your family."

**Rebekah's Circle:** Our next Rebekah's Circle meeting is **Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. in classroom N3 on the lower level.** All women of the church are welcome to join us for a time of fellowship, refreshments, and learning. **Please note for June, we will meet on June 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m., for our Sole Hope Cutting Party.** Please contact Janis Kirkeby, 913.706.1352 (voice or text), janis.kirkeby@gmail.com, with any questions.

**Boxtops:** Stilwell UMW collects Box Tops for Education and donates them to Lakemary Center's school in Paola, KS, to be redeemed for educational products. Please remember that BoxTops have an expiration date, so turn in your items in time for them to be processed before they expire.

We also collect UPCs from the Best Choice house brand. Price Chopper donates \$30 for each bundle of 1,000 UPCs. The funds from this collection are used for our local missions and reading list book purchases. Contact Janis Kirkeby, 913.706.1352, janis.kirkeby@gmail.com, if you have questions.

**Challenger Newsletter:** The spring edition of our KC District UMW

newsletter is now available on our web page at the following link: <https://www.stilwellumc.org/ministries/united-methodist-women-umw/>. There are also a few printed copies available on the rack in Fellowship Hall by the Missions bulletin board near classroom N2. Please take a moment to read about the exciting things going on in our district.

**Mission U:** 2019 Great Plains Conference Cooperative Mission U is sponsored by United Methodist Women and Mercy & Justice Team and is open to everyone: clergy, laity, men & women, children & youth – "Learning Together for the Transformation of the World!"

Mission U offers three opportunities: A weekday study, July 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, in Salina, KS for adults, children, and youth; a weekend study, July 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, in Kearney, NE; and a mini-Mission U at Countryside UMC in Topeka, KS on August 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>.

Studies include "Practicing Resurrection - The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship" with study leader, Rev. Jerry Brabec, and "Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission" with study leaders Karen Dunlap, Lisa Maupin, and Barbara Jo Burns. These books count towards the UMW Reading Program.

Watch for more details about this summer's program. Scholarships are available through the KC District.

Need more information? Feel free to reach out to any of our board members if you have questions about UMW, need more information, or want to get involved. Please watch the bulletin, newsletter, and eNews to stay current on our plans for serving women, youth, and children locally, across the country, and around the world.

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### Sole Hope Cutting Party 2019

Stilwell UMW is sponsoring our 3rd annual Sole Hope Cutting Party on **Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**, in Fellowship Hall from **3:00 – 9:00 p.m.** *All women, men, and youth are invited to join us* in cutting out denim shoe pieces and sponsoring their shipment to Uganda. A light supper will be served. And you are welcome to come and go throughout the evening as your schedule permits. **Bring your scissors!**

Please consider sponsoring one or more pair of shoes. **Each \$10 donation covers the costs to ship, complete, and get one pair of shoes to a child in need.** Stilwell UMW has committed to sponsoring 10 pair of shoes. The more sponsorships we receive, the more pairs of shoes we can cut out. In 2018 we completed and sponsored 61 pairs of shoes. Can we do more this year? **Please make your check to Stilwell UMW with Sole Hope in the memo line.**

To learn more about the foot parasite jiggers and how they affect a child's ability to walk, run, play, and attend school, visit [www.solehope.org](http://www.solehope.org). You can make a direct impact on the life of someone seemingly a world away by being a source of hope. Hope of relief from foot-related disease. Hope of an active life. Be moved. Be active. **Be someone's hope.**

Questions? Contact Sally Hartz, [hartz.ks@gmail.com](mailto:hartz.ks@gmail.com) or 913.486.9159.

### UMW Book Review

**Step Up To The Plate** Maria Singh is an interesting book about a nine-year old girl who wants to play softball. In 1945, Maria's teacher is forming the first-ever girls' softball team. The author sheds light on a little known chapter of American history in a community that celebrated America's multi-cultural spirit.

You can check out this book, or many others, on Sunday mornings in the Welcome Center. During the week, books will be found in the library off of Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Janice Marshall, 913.592.3456, or [bruce.marshall@maxover.com](mailto:bruce.marshall@maxover.com).

### Project Patricia Invitation

The people at Stilwell who participate with Project Patricia have been invited to come to Master's Community Church, **June 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** to join them for a Project Patricia work day. We can see their hub of activity where they are preparing thousands of pads a year, from start to finish and into the hands of the missionaries who deliver them. It is quite an operation!

They are preparing lunch for us and looking forward to meeting the people from Stilwell who have helped make the many pads that go out every year.

We will try to carpool. An RSVP is helpful for the host church. Use the attendance sheet on the bulletin to RSVP or call Barb Kelley, 913.897.8158. Barb can also provide more information about his mission project for anyone who has interest.

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