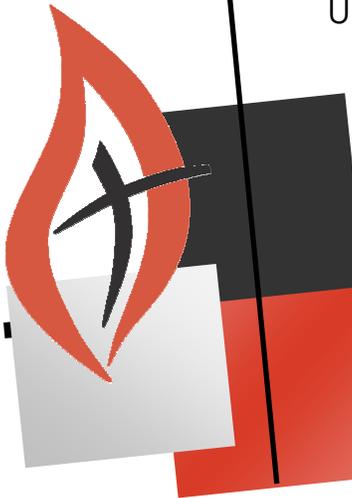


United Methodist Church of the Cross

May 2019

1600 Rush
Salina, Ks 67401



Living the Word

A CARING COMMUNITY REACHING OUT TO TRANSFORM LIVES
THROUGH KNOWING, LOVING AND SERVING GOD!

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If Our Church Closed Today...Who Would Notice?

The number of church closings reported by various online sources diverge greatly, with some sources reporting hundreds of closings each week while other experts argue that the weekly loss of congregations is not that great. While this lack of hard and fast data may leave us questioning the exact magnitude of the phenomenon of perishing parishes, we all are aware that something has changed dramatically in the church-going world. We all know that when it comes to attendance and participation in organized religion things aren't what they used to be.

One of the common assertions connected to this decline in people's participation in faith communities holds that churches in the United States of America aren't meeting the needs of 21st Century Americans. Of course no one congregation can realistically expect to meet all the needs of every individual in such a diverse culture as the USA, but each and every congregation that is engaged in vital, missional ministry *will* have a ready answer for the question asking: "If your church were to close today, who would notice?"

Today, I'm asking these questions of every member /attendee of The Church of the Cross,

"If COC were to close today, would anyone notice?"

"If we were to close today, who would be impacted?"

"What specific needs are we meeting that other entities or institutions are not?"

"What group of people in the Salina area have specific needs that no other entity or institution in town is striving to meet?"

"Are there specific groups that we should be reaching out to?"

"What are you willing to do to reach out to others with the gospel?"

Your addressing these questions will go far in preparing you to play a more-engaged and participatory role in our upcoming "WHY?" sermon series. This series, inspired by Simon Sinek's book, *Start With Why*, will ask us to reexamine the things we are and aren't doing as a community of faith and to think critically and creatively about the Why, What and How of our missional engagement.

As we do this work, "May God's wisdom lead us to participate in the ministries He blesses rather than seeking to ask God to participate in the ministries we bless."

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Loren

May Grateful Grub



May 1 - Chicken Wings

May 8 - Pork

May 15 - Last Grateful Grub - Hamburgers & Hot Dogs

The last Grateful Grub will be May 15 when we fire up the grill for Hamburgers and Hot Dogs and eat in the Shelter House (weather permitting). Come enjoy the spring weather as we fellowship together. All sides will be provided.



Grateful Grillin' will be held on the first Wednesday of the month on June 5, July 3, and August 7. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided, just bring a side dish or dessert (keep it super summer simple!) to share. If you prefer to bring your own meat to put on the grill, that will be fine too! The grill will fire up at 5:30p until everyone has eaten. If anyone is interested in having Grillin' more often, the grill is available for church use!

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Care of Church (COC Work Day) on April 6. It was a beautiful day and we accomplished lots of cleanup on the outside of the church. Spruced up areas include the playground, all church lawns, shelter house, landscaping and window washing. It's amazing what can be accomplished when there are lots of hands to help! Your next opportunity to help will be another work day in the fall. You won't want to miss it!



FACILITY RENTAL

Are you looking for a place to host a family get together, baby shower, birthday party, or meeting over the summer? We have spaces available for rent at reasonable rates both inside and outside. You can rent the gym, Webster room, Courtyard room, kitchen, and even the shelter house can be reserved with or without the use of the grill.

Please see Mollie to schedule your next event!



Come Celebrate our Seniors!

May 19th is Graduation Sunday, and we will be recognizing our graduating students at 11:00 service, and with a brunch and reception during the Sunday School hour. Please join us in wishing them well!

Summer Youth Group

Summer is such a crazy wild time, and this year we're going to have a little fun! Instead of doing our regularly scheduled Sunday Night meetings, we are going to have SUMMER ADVENTURES! Each week we will pick a different place or activity to check out. Youth will be picking our next adventures, so we might go for ice cream, meet up at the River Festival, go for a hike or bike ride, check out a movie, play crazy games, go to the water park, or something else equally fun!



Want to join us? Text Robin at 785-452-1782 and tell her to add you to the summer adventure list!

Please Join US!

Taco 'Bout A Party!

*Saturday, May 18
4pm - 6pm
Church of the Cross
1600 Rush - Salina
Tacos and fun!*

Please join us to celebrate Gage Roberts' graduation!

Church of the Cross has been a very important part of Gage's life and he would like his church family to celebrate with us on Saturday, May 18th.





Single Board Structure Examined

Please be a part of an important meeting on Thursday, May 16, at 7p as District Superintendent Dee Williamson leads a discussion of a single board structure. This structure is currently being adopted by some United Methodist churches as a more streamlined board. This would replace the committee structure that we currently use. There will be lots to consider as we consider if this structure is appropriate for Church of the Cross and this will only be the beginning of future discussions as we strive to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of our church's operations. While all are welcome, all persons currently serving on a committee are especially encouraged to attend.

Trustee Projects

With warmer weather, we will be addressing a few more projects on our facility.

- Painting the exterior. We are currently soliciting outside bids to paint the outside of the facility which is in dire need of some attention (particularly the west side). Bids will be solicited separately for the Sanctuary (the highs!) and the rest of the facility (the lows!).
- Deck repairs are underway at the parsonage. As part of our 2018 capital needs assessment, we determined that the 20 year old wooden deck was in need of some attention. We have hired a contractor to help us with this project.
- Shelter house picnic tables need to be refinished. If anyone would like to "Adopt a Table", please see Pat or Marvin. We have six tables up for adoption!



Lawn Maintenance



We have five people/families that have volunteered to help with the lawn maintenance this summer. Please be sure to thank: Ron Geist, Randy Rowe, Jim & Tanner Raubenstine, Linda Reynolds & Sadie VanRipper, and Josh Sanneman. Their service is greatly appreciated!



Wow! I can hardly believe that we are talking about graduation. It seems like the year has flown by! I want to thank everyone who made this year awesome! I have had a wonderful, committed group of teachers this year: Ms. Deann Newton, Ms. Sue Hern, Ms. Marcy Brown, Ms. Lexy Peppers, Ms. Sharon Main, and Ms. Kate Murray along with Ms. Joyce Drummond who helps in all of the classrooms (and took on the responsibility of also cleaning all of the classrooms), and my outstanding office assistant Ms. Robin Burr. The amazing Angel Board this year included: Sylvia Rice (chair), Kelly Rundell (co-chair), Julie Cates, Sherry Cates, Carmen San Martin, Renae Raubenstine (members at large), Shirley Davis, and Nicole Taylor (parent rep). Our faithful volunteers were fantastic this year: Diane Simmelink and Sherry Cates. There were tons of other volunteers who made our events happen! Countless parents and church members have encouraged us this year. We have been blessed beyond measure!

We will be having graduation/completion programs on Monday the 20th, Tuesday the 21st, and Thursday the 23rd at 6 pm each evening and on Wednesday the 22nd at 5:30 and 6:30. We will be doing a cookie and punch reception after each evening's events; if anyone would like to help out, we would love to have as much Church of the Cross representation as possible.

We still have a few spots for next school year for 3 year olds in the morning 2 day class and in the afternoon 3 day class, as well as some spots available for our summer camp program!



The children will be wrapping up this year's session of GROW with a night of fun and treats on Wednesday May 15th. We hope that all who have been a part of this group will be able to join us as we welcome in summer!



Family of Marjorie Graham
Bob & Tammy Conner
Maddie Huehl
Sue Gallant

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:30p - Grateful Grub 6:15p - G.R.O.W.	2 10a - TLC 6p - Girl Scouts	3 8a - T.O.P.S. 10a - Services for Marjorie Graham	4
5 8:30a - Worship 9:45a - Sunday School 11a - Worship	6 1p - Prayer Shawl 4:45p - Girl Scouts	7 8a - T.O.P.S. 6:30p - Scouts 7p - Trustees	8 5:30p - Grateful Grub 6:15p - G.R.O.W.	9 10a - TLC	10 8a - T.O.P.S. 6p - Webster Reserved Prayer Vigil	11
12 8:30a - Worship 9:45a - Sunday School 11a - Worship <i>Mother's</i> DAY	13 1p - Prayer Shawl 4:45p - Girl Scouts 6p - Angel Board	14 8a - T.O.P.S. 11a - UMW 6:30p - Scouts	15 5:30p - Grateful Grub 6:15p - Last G.R.O.W.	16 10a - TLC 6p - Girl Scouts 7p - Admin Board	17 8a - T.O.P.S.	18 4p - 6p Gage Roberts' Graduation Party All are invited.
19 8:30a - Worship 9:45a - Sunday School 11a - Worship GRADUATION Sunday	20 1p - Prayer Shawl 4:45p - Girl Scouts 6p - Angel Graduation	21 8a - T.O.P.S. 6:30p - Scouts 6p - Angel Graduation	22 5:30p - Angel Graduation 6:30p - Angel Graduation	23 10a - TLC 6p - Angel Graduation	24 8a - T.O.P.S.	25
26 8:30a - Worship 9:45a - Sunday School 11a - Worship	27 1p - Prayer Shawl	28 8a - T.O.P.S.	29	30 10a - TLC 6p - Girl Scouts	31 8a - T.O.P.S.	



May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Sam Beck Robert Kraft	4
5	6	7	8	9 Easton Wilcox	10	11
12	13 Marcy Keim	14 Joelle Nichols	15	16 Nora Barry	17	18.
19	20 Pat Morgan Steve Rundell	21	22 Joann Kline	23	24	25 Cindy Laria Jacob Wilcox
26	27	28	29 Gina Garcia	30	31	If your birthday is missing please call the church office 785-825-5170.



Thank you for the faithfulness of our Church Of The Cross family! Because of your generous giving in the month of March, we were able to recover from the losses in January and February and ended the 1st quarter of the year cash balance on a positive note. This enables us to continue to do the work of the church as reflected in our mission statement

Thank you also for the suggestions that were made during the all church meeting. Please contact any member of the finance committee with questions or suggestions,

We ask that you continue to look for ways you can give to the church. Not only financially but through your prayers, service and witness!

Shirley Patrick, Finance chair

CHURCH OF THE CROSS - Financial Summary

March 31, 2019

	2019			2018
	March	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Prior YTD
Income				
Giving	\$ 24,499	\$ 59,847	\$ 58,000	\$ 79,516
Angel Academy Income	13,497	44,031	47,200	53,834
Other Income (Expense)	697	2,132	3,250	2,323
Total Income	38,693	106,010	108,450	135,673
Expenditures				
Ministerial & Staff	14,543	47,497	43,324	54,679
Pastor	6,110	18,659	18,824	18,367
Staff	8,433	28,838	24,500	36,312
Operating & Education	1,312	3,745	7,012	8,519
Buildings & Grounds	6,397	14,627	14,700	15,893
Conference Missions & Ministry	45	-		5,613
Angel Academy Expense	13,497	44,031	47,200	53,834
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Total Expenditures	35,794	109,900	112,236	138,538
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Expenditures & Transfers	\$ 2,899	\$ (3,890)	\$ (3,786)	\$ (2,865)
Unpaid Bills		\$ -		
Cash & Investments Balances:				
General Fund		\$13,701		
Restricted/Designated Funds		\$161,796		
Memorial Funds		\$16,809		
Trustee Building Fund		\$34,993		
Total Cash & Investments		\$ 227,299		



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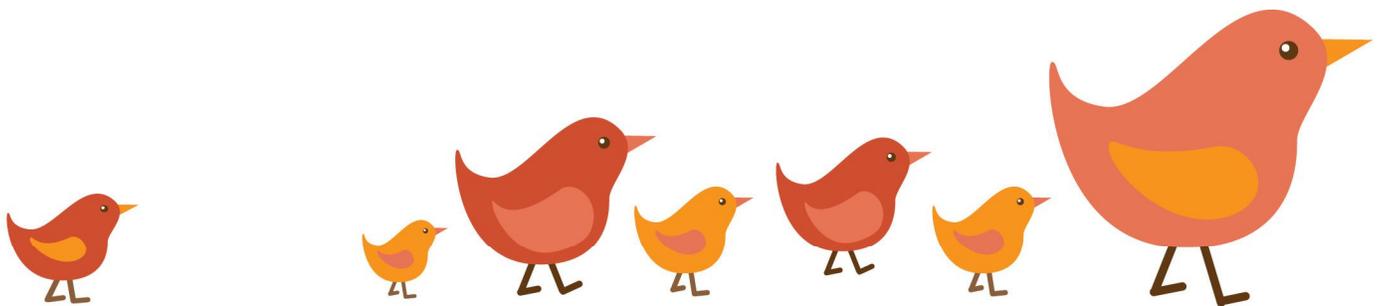
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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY