



HORTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
130 East 10th Street
Horton. KS 66439



Our Mission: Intentionally love and grow in God; Spread the good news that Jesus saves; Help others become followers of Christ.

From the Pastor's Pen

"Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth."
1 Corinthians 13:4-6 NRV

Beautiful words of agape' love are found in Paul's letter to the church at Corinth in chapter thirteen. Agape' is unconditional love. It means to accept others as they are; to model the kind of love that is particularly spoken of in verses 4-6 above. In 1 John 4:7 we hear a directive for Christian love, "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God." 1 John 4:19 says further, "We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen."

As you speak of others, listen to your words. Are they kind words that affirm with love, or are they negative, destructive words, unbecoming of those following Christ. Let us love one another as Christ has loved us.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Pastor Caren



A Super Sunday

February 7th - Guest Speaker

Kurt Cooper, Emporia State University Campus Minister for the United Methodist Conference will be speaking at Netawaka, Whiting, and Horton UMC, on Sunday, February 7th. Kurt has a deep passion for campus ministry as his calling. He is a Baker University alum. Kurt is a PK (Preacher's Kid.) He is an Ordained Deacon in full relationship with the Great Plains United Methodist Conference.

Kurt has served in his role of campus minister for over 23 years. ESU students have been blessed with Kurt's leadership as they travel together on mission trips, peace and justice awareness, internships that train up new leaders in the United Methodist Church, Bible Studies, worship, service, and a wonderful connection with local churches in the area. Kurt is married to Bethany.

Please welcome Kurt as he comes to share with us God's Word and the Mission of making Disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world in Campus Ministry. You will want to be present to hear the Good News he will share.

Looking Ahead

February 7th
5th Sunday after Epiphany
Transfiguration Sunday
ESU Campus Ministry
Campus Minister
Kurt Cooper, Guest Preacher

February 10th
Ash Wednesday
Whiting United Methodist Church 7:00 p.m.
Scripture: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm 51:1-17
Message: Reality Check

February 14th
1st Sunday in Lent
Scripture: Luke 4:1-13
Message: Temptation

February 21st
2nd Sunday in Lent
Scripture: Luke 13:31-35
Message: 20/20 Vision

February 28th
3rd Sunday in Lent
Scripture: Luke 13:1-9
Message: Fruitfulness

Super Bowl Sunday is coming soon!!
Sunday, February 7, 2015 the youth group will once again be creating super sub-sandwiches with chips, and drink all for one low price of \$ 7.00. That includes delivery to your door. Now that is a SUPER DEAL! Please put the word out to your friends and neighbors so we might double or triple our annual profit for missions. Thanks in advance for submitting your order to the church office by Sunday, January 31st!



Mission Moments

Warm hats, scarves and gloves were taken to a Mission in Leavenworth. Thank you Marty and Janet.

The Food Pantry personnel thank the Explorers Sunday School Class for giving 125 food items to help with restocking the pantry shelves.

We also are grateful to the Whiting United Methodist Church for a very generous supply of food in December.

Thanks to those who make the mats and pillows out of plastic bags and candles for the homeless.

We look forward to many mission projects in the future.

Barb Kibby

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

MISSION SHARES SUNDAY

The Topeka District, on the whole, has increased in Mission Shares Giving. In the year 2015 Horton UMC paid only about 8 percent of our Mission Shares.

Most churches, in the Topeka District, have moved to 100% giving. In an effort to pay our Mission Shares for 2016 in full, it was suggested and decided at the [January 19th](#) Finance/Ad Council to designate 5th Sundays as Mission Share Sundays! On 5th Sundays, Mission Shares information and education in the form of videos, sermon, etc.... will celebrate the many ways our Mission Shares are at work in the Great Plains Conference and in the World. Each of us are being asked to give a special offering designated to Mission Shares on each 5th Sunday. We will begin Mission Shares [Sunday on January 31, 2016!](#) The Horton United Methodist Congregation will be asked to give generously above and beyond regular tithes and offerings so that we might be faithful to the connectional fellowship of Great Plains United Methodist Conference and beyond. United in Christ, through faith, we can move mountains! Come hear the faith stories of the Body of Christ at work in the world through Mission Shares.

Potluck

Everyone Brings Something to the Table.

February 14, 2016 we will be having our monthly potluck which is held on the second Sunday of every month. Food, fun and fellowship for everyone! Be watching for fun activities. Ideas are ALWAYS welcome! Hope to see you all there!



Ash Wednesday



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:20

Wednesday, February 10th
7:00 p.m.

Whiting United Methodist Church
Hosting Church

The Horton, Whiting, and Netawaka United Methodist Congregations will begin the Lenten journey together in worship with the imposition of ashes on February 10th at Whiting United Methodist Church. Whiting is a very central location for all three congregations. We hope you will be present as we self-examine those places of our lives where repentance is needed, and receive the imposition of ashes.

"Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." Ecclesiastes 3:20



The afternoon of January 12th, eight women of the Horton United Methodist Church met in fellowship hall with two guests. Johnne Greene, Topeka Dist. UMW Membership Coordinator and Doris Willis a member on the nominations team. They traveled from Topeka to participate in the discussion about the future for our local women. Pat opened the meeting by asking the question "What is the problem?" Discussion followed about the declining membership in the church and UMW where fewer people are willing to be an officer. Johnne reminded us that the women of the church are servants for the Lord in our community, our country, and around the world. She reminded us that we need to love each other and pray that we do God's will. Both women expressed that they could see the caring and fellowship we had for each other and to continue caring for one another despite any obstacles we may face. Johnne encouraged us to discard the past and look to the future as we travel down the path to change. Change is inevitable as we grow older. We must seek opportunities to offer support for the needs of working women and to the younger generation. Let's all work together as sisters in Christ to build a strong foundation for little girls, tweens, and teenagers as they prepare to be servants for God. Proverbs 16:3 proclaims "Ask the Lord to bless your plans, and you will be successful in carrying them out."

The next UMW meeting will be on Feb 9th at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall for a brown bag lunch. All women are invited

All organizations and individuals storing items in the church freezers and refrigerators, please mark the items with the name of the organization or person they are for and the date they are placed in there. Some of the items have been there for several months or more and we don't know who they belong to. Thanks for your help. UMW



Lydia Patterson Institute, El Paso, Texas, is where 100 yards marks the difference between poverty and hope. Your Mission Shares are at work to “make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.” Change the world with your financial gift of Hope!

This upcoming summer, the Horton United Methodist Church Youth Group will be traveling to Loveland, Colorado for mission work. Group Missions will have an organized itinerary for the youth as they arrive in Loveland. Mission Trips are a meaningful experience for any/all ages that transform lives for Jesus Christ.

Your orders of Sub Sandwiches and your generous donation in excess of the initial cost of your order is very much appreciated by our young people.

We are blessed with volunteer leadership of JoLynn Gasper and Janelle Cowley who plan and organize youth activities each week. This year has been filled with fun activities, service projects, mystery guests, and great fellowship.

Thank you in advance for your support in a variety of ways as well as your Sub-Sandwich orders that were due January 31st. We'll look forward to a tasty treat delivered to our doors February 7th in time for the Super Bowl Game.



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Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am—1:00 p.m.

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Sunday Morning Schedule

Choir Practice 8:30 am

Sunday School 9:30 am

Sunday Worship 10:50 am

Nursery Available – Birth- 4 yr. olds

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