



DAWSON UNITED METHODIST

Our Wednesday evening 3D program (Dinner, Discipleship at Dawson), is just one of the many ways that we are connecting our members and community as we answer God's call in Wichita. The result of this ministry and the fellowship and teaching it provides is significant, and it is a privilege to be involved in something with such positive impact.

As you know, this is not the only way in which we are doing creative ministry and mission. We are also reaching out to one another and to our community through our partnership with Anderson Elementary and Family Promise. We are transforming lives and being transformed by the love of God at the same time. The spiritual discipline of stewardship invites us to share the Good News of Jesus through our giving and proclaiming the abundance of our God.

When we share who we are and what we have, we are expressing gratitude for all that we have been given. Regular giving provides us all with a way to celebrate thanksgiving every day of the year as through this we show our thankfulness to God for what we have been entrusted. Ongoing financial contributions make a difference in the lives of many people as every time we give, that gift becomes ministry and mission.

The 2018 Pledge Cards are now available. There are two reasons we ask you to fill out and return a card each year. First, it allows the church to plan accurately for ministries, since we can base our ministry budget on the dollar amount our members plan to give. Second, the act of filling out a card is a way of inviting you to set a goal for giving during the coming year. Please prayerfully consider how you are able to share in support of the ministries at Dawson UMC so that we may all live a life of abundance together.

Please keep our congregation in prayer as we move together toward discerning what gifts we will make in the coming year. Be sure to make plans now to join us on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 19 when during worship we will celebrate and offer our intentions, then gather together at 2:00pm for our Annual Charge Conference at Mt. Vernon UMC.

Again, thank you for your part in the life changing work of this congregation. Generously yours,
Pastor Amy and Shirley Dieker, Finance Committee Chairperson

PS...Don't forget about our church-wide Thanksgiving Themed Fellowship Potluck Luncheon on Sunday, November 12 immediately following worship.



2018 Stewardship Pledge Card

Your faithful acts of generosity help us plan effectively for our future sharing of a "good life" together. Please prayerfully consider how you can best support the ministries and mission of Dawson UMC. Thank you!

\$ _____ per week month quarter year

I am unable to make a specific commitment at this time, but will support the ministries of the church to the best of my abilities and resources.

I can support with my time and talents in these areas of ministry and service: _____

Name(s): _____

Jesus said, "I have come so that you may have life and have it abundantly"

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All adults are encouraged to attend our new Adult Discipleship Class beginning Wednesday, Oct 18. Join us for dinner at 5:30, followed by the study from 6:15-7:00pm. This will be a great time of fellowship and learning as we discover together how to bring discipleship to life through embracing the community and people around us.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study
This group meets every Tuesday at 10 A.M. Everyone is welcome to join us Tuesday mornings. Come study with us!



Dawson's

Annual Church Charge Conference
Sunday November 19th @ 2 PM
@ Mt. Vernon UMC
5701 E. Mt. Vernon

Each year as an United Methodist congregation we gather for our Annual Charge Conference. This special meeting is a time where all persons are welcome to come and celebrate the past year and also look forward to the next. Following the meeting there will be a fellowship time. Please plan to attend. For more information see Dulcie Guinty or Pastor Amy.



I thank you all for the opportunity to serve you and the church as your Lay Leader and Lay Member to Annual Conference. It has been my honor to serve in this capacity. I strongly feel that my roll is to represent you all and be your voice; for together we are the church. As we approach Charge Conference we are called to reflect on our hopes, dreams and goals for Dawson's future. This question is often the one question that makes everyone uncomfortable. Often the first thought that comes to mind is, "I better keep my mouth shut or I will be expected to do something." But aren't we all called to do something! It is my hope and my prayer that we will all give prayerful consideration to our hopes and future as Dawson Church. I challenge us to this for if we don't have hopes for the future of our church, then we must ask ourselves "Why are we here?" Are we living up to our own mission statement as being the "heart of the community"?

I believe if we are to be one we must let God guide us to grow in faith and wisdom; so together we can further God's Kingdom and be the neighborly church He calls us to be.

I encourage you to please help us and share your thoughts, hopes and dreams with me or any other leader in the church. For we are all in His service.

In Brotherly Love
Dulcie Guinty

BLESSING BOXES

Winter is fast approaching so it is time to focus on homeless needs for enduring the cold. We continue to serve the needs of the neighborhood and community with our Blessing Bags and Blessing Box which could be refilled daily the need is so great. Thank you for your support of these ministries.

hand and or foot warmers, socks, scarves, hats, gloves

Individually wrapped items ie.
breakfast bars, crackers, beef jerky, soups

Small canned items - Vienna sausage, beanie wienies
Individual packages.

Non perishable food items,
canned goods - meats, veggies, soups
pasta, cereals and oatmeal, peanut butter

toilet paper and toiletries - wet wipes
small packages of laundry soap

Pancake Feed
Saturday
November
18th
8 - 10 AM





Come join the adult Sunday School class as we study "Covenants With God". We meet in the conference room at 9:30 AM every Sunday. We have very in-depth, relevant and lively discussions of the weekly lessons.

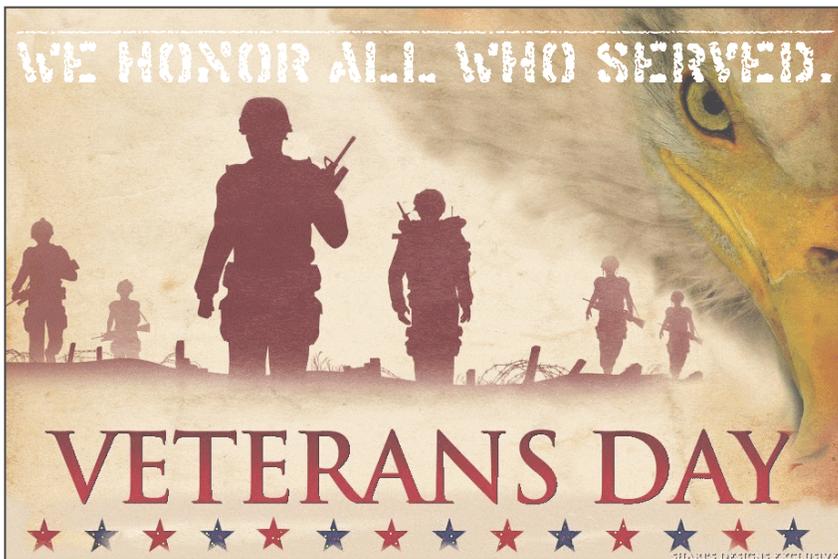
You are welcome to join us anytime, grab a cup of coffee or juice and a donut in Fellowship Hall and come study with us.

DAWSON, DINNER & DISCIPLESHIP

The church is full of life with laughter and fellowship as we gather each week on Wednesday evenings for a meal at 5:30. Everyone of all ages is welcome to attend. Meals are provided at no actual cost but a love offering is taken each week. Following dinner, there is a time for study. Currently the adults are participating in the Autumn session of the "Love in Action" series as we learn how to Know, Grow, and Go in the way of Discipleship.

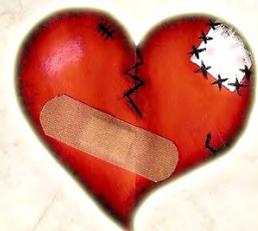
There is exciting news for our middle school youth and children in our 3D program as we have been named recipients of a "Culture of the Call" grant from the Great Plains Conference. With this grant we will be able to expand the pilot youth leadership program that we initiated this past summer. The grant will fund the program curriculum for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Please note that there will not be a 3D gathering on Wednesday, November 22. The gatherings will resume on Wednesday, November 29 when both adults and children 3D small groups will begin an Advent Study.



Psalm 34:18

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.



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DECEMBER EVENTS

2nd - Jingle Bell Sale

17th - Blue Christmas Service

Teddy Bear Cookie Sale

24th - Christmas Eve Service

Plus .. Angels Among Us

Sermon Series



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



The Scouts are doing shoeboxes this year for Operation Christmas Child. We have until November 13th, that is 21 days. You will find a list of items that the kids want/need below.

You will find a container downstairs in the north lobby to put your items in. We will fill as many boxes as we can, so you can bring as many items as you want!

Suggested items for both boys and girls: flashlight, bowl/spoon/ water bottle, slinky, stickers, sticker book, whistle, hand puppets, cards, books, small puzzle, magnifying glass, tooth brush and holder, bar of soap, nail clipper, comb, wash cloth, band aids, nylon bath scrubby, baby powder, cream lotion in plastic tubes, small dry erase board & markers, spiral notebooks, note pads, 6 pencils /w sharpener, washable markers, watercolor set, glue sticks, find-word, maps, dot-to-dot book.

WOW toy: remote car, watch, small Legos, Uno Cards, binoculars, hand held games, music toys, fleece blanket, Barbie doll w/ clothes, magnets, hot wheels, dinosaurs, dominoes, yoyo, hair bows & clips, silk like scarf, small jewelry box, friendship bracelet kit, pick-up sticks, purse/tote bags.

NO: military toys, toothpaste, candy or food, printed Logos, medications, glass items, fluids, shampoo, fingernail polish.

The Dollar Tree is an excellent place to shop for these items. IF... you do not want to shop, you can leave your donation of money with Marcia and she will have a shopping team to shop for you.



Neighbors Corner

From our partners at The Neighboring Movement, SoCe Life here is a wonderful way to enhance your life and to enrich others by becoming better acquainted: If there is anyone on your block whom you have not met, go and introduce yourself to them.

Take the opportunity to look around for someone on your block you have not met and introduce yourself. There's a good chance the neighbor(s) you haven't met yet are the most secluded. They could be new to the neighborhood, unable to easily leave their home, or speak a different language. No matter the reason you haven't met them yet, they may be in need of a friendly face in the neighborhood. Specifically, if there is a language barrier, look around to see if there are any other neighbors who are bilingual and could help introduce you.

If you're new to the neighborhood and there are multiple people on your block you haven't met yet, introduce yourself to someone new. A good place to start is checking out the 8 houses closest to yours. As we teach others how to neighbor, we (SoCe Life) recommend to start with a block map. A block map is a simple diagram of the 8 homes closest to yours with space to fill in neighbors' names. As you get to know your neighbors better, you can expand the block map to include your neighbors' gifts and interests to create valuable connections in your neighborhood.

Here's an example of SoCe life's block map. More are available in the church office. Happy Neighboring!

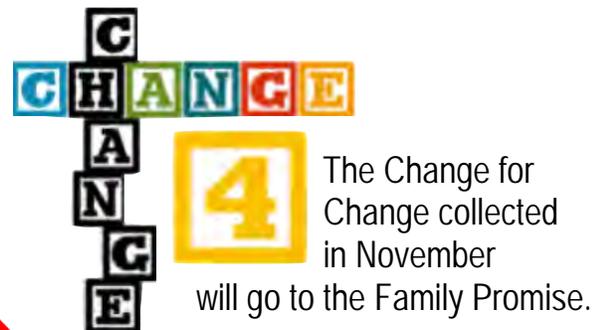


Who is your neighbor?
In each square write the name of your neighbors who live in the 8 homes closest to your own.

This neighboring tool and more are found at www.neighboringmovement.org



Nov. 25th
9 AM
Christmas
Decoration Day



CHANGE
CHANGE
4 The Change for Change collected in November will go to the Family Promise.



Teddy Bear Cookie Sale Dec 17th

... in Fellowship Hall after morning worship. Bring your favorite cookies and then buy back and fine assortment of yummy cookies.

Make plans to attend and invite others to these Dawson Christmas traditions.



The angels that appear in the story of Jesus' birth would have been very comfortable in our world of tweets and hashtags. Their messages were often short and to the point—their favorite line being:

#DoNotBeAfraid.

I started wondering if we could join with the angels in offering this world messages of **#morehope**, **#morepeace**, **#morejoy**, **#morelove** ... and ultimately **#morelife**. Be sure to join us for this Advent sermon series through Christmas Eve.

You are more than....
your past
your financial situation
your job
your personality
your triumphs
your failures
You are a child of God.
John 1:12

JINGLE BELL SALE



Saturday
December 2nd

8 AM - 5 PM



There will be a bake sale and we will serve chili for lunch. If you have unwanted Christmas decorations or things that would make good inexpensive gifts you can start bringing them to the church. If you can lend a hand setting up, pricing, cooking, working the day of the sale, etc .. please contact Sheryl Kaufman.

BLUE CHRISTMAS

A service to bring *Hope* to people grieving loss of a loved one, health, relationship, financial stability...

DECEMBER 17TH @ 4 PM

His mercies never cease.
They are new every morning;
great is your

Faithfulness
Lamentations 3:22-23



BUILDING MAINTENANCE

If you find an area within the church property that is in need of repair or attention beyond your own capabilities, please notify the Trustee Committee and the church office by completing a maintenance request form that is available in the church office. Please be mindful that we are all called upon as the Body of Christ to be good stewards of what we have been entrusted and that proper care of our building is all of our responsibility. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Amy or a member of the Trustee Committee.

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