

Oh, thank God—he's so good! His love never runs out.
All of you set free by God, tell the world! Tell how he freed you
from oppression, Then rounded you up from all over the
place, from the four winds, from the seven seas.

Psalms 107:1-3

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GIVE THANKS

Over the past few weeks through the “You Are Here” sermon series we, as a church family have been challenged to consider the best ways we can celebrate and utilize the gifts (resources) given to us by God through investing in relationships, serving others and seeking God’s vision for Dawson.

Beginning Sunday, October 25, commitment cards will be available as we look forward to what God will do through our church in 2016. I’m writing to say thank you to those members and attenders who have given over the past year. Without your support, our church’s ministry could not happen.

There are two reasons we ask you to fill out and return a commitment 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 and service during the coming year.

We can find great joy in knowing that by giving to the church, we can be a part of something bigger than ourselves. This year our commitment card is two sided, on one side you will have an opportunity for your intentions with financial giving and the second side you will see ways that you can best use your treasures of a different kind through serving through the church in various aspects of ministry. Please prayerfully consider how you can give God your very best.

Please know that you may change your commitment at any time by notifying the church office. If you have any questions about this card, please call the church office or myself.

Thank you for all you do to further the mission and work of Dawson United Methodist. You make a difference here!

In Christ,

Pastor Amy

Shirley Dieker, Finance Committee Chairperson

Dawson United Methodist Church 2741 Laura Wichita, Kansas 316-264-7435

Choir Rehearsals:

Every Wednesday @ 7 PM


A Call For Help

Are you my neighbor?

Anderson Elementary has needs for volunteers, such as listening to readers or to help with "math facts", for an hour or so each week. Also on an occasional basis during vision, hearing or dental checks and picture day this fall and or spring semester.

Pastor Amy has volunteer applications available.

THE GIVING TREE



After visiting with the Assistant Principal and teachers from Anderson School last week during Back To School Sunday, we asked what their kiddos really needed for the coming school season. They suggested socks and underwear for students Kindergarten through 5th Grade (size 4 to 14 and children's size socks.)

Our Giving Tree" for these students will be placed in Findley Hall where items can be placed and then taken to the school.

NEW BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study Group which meets every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. has begun the Book of James. This chapter in the Bible gives us great insights in building up Christian characteristics. Everyone is welcome to join us anytime.

Come Grow With Us!

You can now get a digital copy of this newsletter on our webpage at:
<http://www.dawsonumc.org/Newsletter.htm>

We keep an archive of recent newsletters on the website so if you would like to look back at something from a couple of months ago you will be able to.

Weekly @ Dawson

Sunday - Sunday School @ 9:30 AM

Morning Worship @ 10:45 AM

Monday - All Scouts @ 7 PM

Tuesday - Bible Study @ 10 AM

Wednesday - 3D @ 5:45 PM

Choir @ 7 PM



Don't forget the Prayer Breakfast
at Jimmy's Egg - November 10th @ 8:30 AM
EVERYONE WELCOME

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"Dawson Church"**



Be sure to join us for 3D Wednesdays. You can be a part of all the fun at Dawson's Dinner and Discipleship evenings, where there is fellowship, learning and worship. The evenings begin with a light supper. After worship the kids have their program utilizing the "Deep Blue Kids" curriculum. Adults are encouraged to enjoy good conversation and fellowship in Findley Hall.



UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY

On November 8th we will be hosting students from Southwestern College as they will be leading our morning worship.

The 8th is our usual 2nd Sunday potluck .. and college students love great home cooking, so think about a Thanksgiving theme when preparing your dish for the potluck to show our appreciation to these young Christian ministers who will be sharing their time, talent and testimony with us during worship.

Church Conference Sunday, November 22nd

Starting @ 9 A.M. we will share a light breakfast prior to the conference with District Superintendent Linda Louderback. Our charge conference will begin at 9:30 and will be done in time for worship to begin at 10:45.

Following Church Conference Linda will join us in worship. Please make note of this, as the timing of our conference is different than it has been in the past, but the business conducted will be the same important work we do annually. By making this change for this year we will be helping out another congregation with a scheduling conflict. Please plan to attend.

Pre-conference gathering for Visions & Goals

On Wednesday Nov 11th @ 5:30 PM we will for meet to brainstorm and organize efforts for the 2016 church year. Please begin to think and develop your contributions to the Visions & Goals of Dawson.

A soup supper will served but if you would like to bring food to share that would be wonderful. Pastor Amy

Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.

Colossians 3:17



HELP US DECORATE FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28TH AT 10 AM

South City Neighborhood Association Meeting

November 12TH @ 7 PM

The speaker for the November meeting will be an officer with the Wichita Police Department's Canine Unit, and his partner Cassius.

Dawson UMC is partnering with Anderson Elementary to gathering donations of socks (white), underwear, hats and gloves for students ages Kindergarten through 5th Grade. The SCNA was asked to help with this project. If you are interested in helping, please bring your donation to the meeting or call Carole Campbell, 522-5576 for pickup.

If you know of someone in the South City area who is not aware of the Neighborhood Association Meetings, please share this information. The goal of the association is to have a clean and safe place to live.

Carole Campbell, SCNA – President
522-5576

Mark your calendar now for these special Christmas worship services.

This year we will be adding a Blue Christmas Services on December 20th @ 4 PM. This special service is a time to remember friends and family who have passed during 2015. It is also an important service for those that have difficulty facing the holidays for various reasons. Please consider joining us for this reflective, retrospective and intimate worship.

What better way to celebrate Christmas than to start with this moving candlelight communion service on Christmas eve. Join us in remembering this Holy night through word, scripture and song. Dec. 24th @ 7 PM



Our thanks to all
who served
November 11

If you did not receive a pledge card you can use the one below. Fill it out and get it to the church office. Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of Dawson.

For where your
Treasure is,
there will your
Heart
be also.
~Matthew 6:21

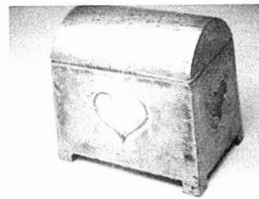
We thank you for your generous acceptance of Christian stewardship and pray that you may find the level of giving that is right for you as you progress in your journey of faith and commitment. Your pledges and contributions are a critical part of how we can make a difference in our church, our community, and our world.

My Estimated offering to God through this church for 2016 is \$ _____ per
_____ Week _____ Month _____ Year

Name _____

Address _____

Sign name _____ Date _____



In addition to giving financially, Jesus asked us to give of our time, energy, and talents. Please prayerfully consider serving in ministry. Check the spaces below to indicate your areas of interest.

- ☐ **Hospitality Team**— This team includes inside and outside greeters, coffee and juice servers, snack servers, after-service greeters, and churchwide dinner servers.
- ☐ **Respond Team** This team ministers through outreach events. We do hands-on ministry such as the Pancake Breakfast, Block Parties, enhance our partnership with local schools, Brookside Food Pantry
- ☐ **Seek Team** This team helps people seek God through Sunday morning worship and beyond (including media, sound and special worship services)
- ☐ **Care & Nurture Team** this teams teaches and helps with Christian education and nurture of persons of all ages, as well as provides care and support for congregational members in need of prayer and encouragement.
- ☐ **Facilities Team** - This team provides oversight for the care and management of our building and properties.

The church offices will be
closed for the Thanksgiving
holiday on November 26 & 27





{GIVE THANKS}

for each new morning
with its light
FOR REST AND SHELTER
OF THE NIGHT
for health and food
for love and friends
FOR EVERYTHING
THY GOODNESS SENDS

~ralph waldo emerson~