

Dairy Queens, Mean Moms and the Complexities of Life...

Recently I read the following story about a young mother's attempt to teach her children a very important life lesson:

"So I am the meanest mom ever, I took the kids to Dairy Queen after dinner. They ordered from the menu and after about five minutes they were handed their dessert choices from a young lady, I'm guessing she was about 17 years old or so. Not one of my children looked her in the eye or even said thank you...not to her...not to me. So I waited. I counted to ten in my head and the server just looked at me (probably because she thought I was hearing voices). I watched as my children strolled out the door. I followed them outside where I calmly collected their ice cream treats and my children watched in horror as I deposited them into the nearby trash can. I explained that one day, if they were lucky they would work a job like that young lady and I would hope that people would look at them and actually see them, I mean really see them, respect them and thank them. Even young children are not too young to learn that as we move throughout our days it is important to exercise our manners, exhibit basic human decency and express gratitude. So today, I am the meanest mom in the world."

Life lessons are tough...it's easy to take a complacent position when we see someone being mistreated. But Jesus calls us to take a more complicated route. Following Christ can turn our lives inside out and upside down. Through the Sermon on the Mount we are challenged to see that the way of the cross is a path we must travel as his followers despite life's many ironies, such as in order to gain our lives, we must lose ourselves...after all, it's really not about us anyway. I invite you all to join us for our next sermon series, "Topsy, Turvy" as we learn more about the Beatitudes beginning September 18. It will be a great series that even "mean moms" and their children will learn from.

See You Sunday!
Pastor Amy

PS...Don't miss the conclusion of our current sermon series, Three Simple Rules.





Something New Just 4 Moms is coming in September/October!!!

Watch Our Church Facebook page, our church website (www.dawsonumc.org), and or your mailbox for more information!

It's time to start saving and collecting all those treasures that you don't have room for anymore. The annual Dawson rummage sale will be the first weekend of October. Watch for more information soon.



BLOCK PARTY!!

Mark your calendars for a great time for family, friends and neighbors on Saturday, October 1 from 2:00pm-5:00pm. There will be food, fun, and games for people of all ages. Watch the church bulletin, our church website/Facebook page, and weekly news email for more details.



3D Resumes!

3D Returns On Wednesday, September 21!!!!

Join us for **DINNERS, DISCIPLESHIP, at DAWSON!!** Dinner will be served at 5:30, Intergenerational worship at 6:00, then small group studies for Children and Adults from 6:15-7:00pm. Come and see how fun and meaningful church can be!

Restart for CrossWalk!

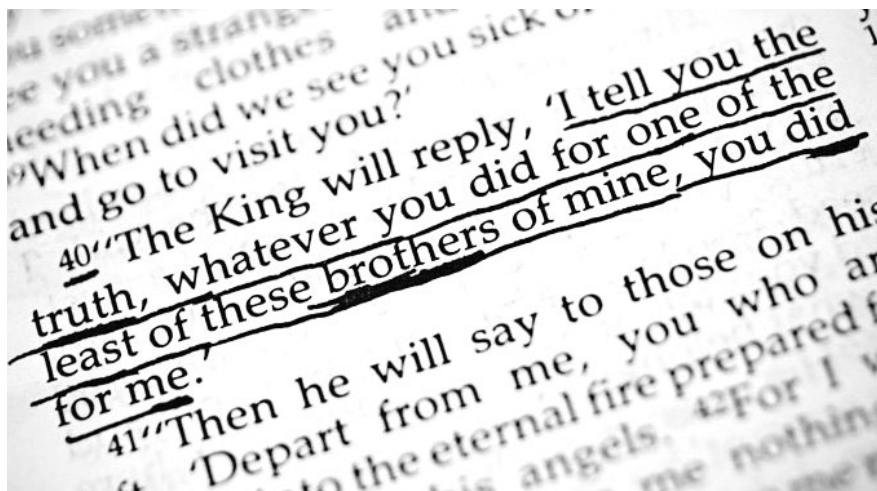
CROSSWALK RESUMES ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11!!!

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for CrossWalk the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Youth will have a meal together, then a time of biblical study, followed by closing worship. The Youth will meet from 12:30-2:00pm at the church or parsonage. Please see Pastor Amy for more details.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

This group meets every Tuesday at 10 A.M. They are studying of the book of Romans. Everyone is welcome to join us anytime. Come grow with us!



Pancake Breakfast

September 17th

8 - 10 AM



You are welcome to come early on Sunday mornings to Finley Hall between Sunday School and Worship. Coffee, juice and snacks are served with a chance to chat and visit with others between 9:15 and 10:30. We also welcome any snacks brought by others or if you would rather contribute cash to help buy snacks and juice, a basket will be in the table for that purpose. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings.

Jan Hunt - Hospitality Committee



CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN

Wednesday September 28th @ 7 PM

Please come and join us as we raise our voices in praise to the Lord.

(And have a lot of fun doing it)

If you are interested contact Russell 393-0055 or russellb54@me.com

FULL COLOR Newsletter

Would you like to see a full color, interactive version of this newsletter? It is available on our website.

Go to http://www.dawsonumc.org/class_index.cfm

There is a PDF archive of all of our newsletters from July of 2014. Plus, the monthly calendar is posted there and upcoming special events.

To get the full version of the website you will need to sign up as a member but it is very simple and private and you get access to all of the content about your home church. If you have any questions Shirley Dieker can help guide you thru the process

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TO THE GREATEST
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SUNDAY

9:00 AM

2-5 PM



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The September Change 4 Change offering will go to Brookside Food Pantry. Plus we are also collecting White socks, underwear and "teen" deodorant for the students of Anderson.

September Sermon Series ...

Simple Rules Series continues through September 11th.

Then beginning on September 18th we will explore the Sermon On The Mount in a four part sermon series.

**Great Plains Conference
Wichita West District UMW Annual Meeting
"Growing In Blessedness"**

September 24, 2016

8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Registration fee: \$10.00

First United Methodist Church
1st and Jackson Street Pratt, KS

Keynote Speaker: Courtney Fowler, Conference Lay Leader
Gathering: Non-perishable items for the Pratt County Food Bank

Schedule:

8:00 - 9:00 Registration, Fellowship & Refreshments / Visit the Resource Room

8:30 - 9:30 Guitar Music by Rev. Scott Powell / Welcome by Pastor Marvin Ewertt /
Devotions by Helen White (*In Sanctuary*)

9:30 - 10:15 Keynote speaker - Courtney Fowler, Conference Lay Leader

10:15 - 11:10 Business Meeting led by President Geri Emery /
Mission Education Report

11:15 - 11:55 Focus Groups / Officer Information (*Rooms to be announced*)
Focus Group 1 Courtney Fowler Questions & Answers (*In Sanctuary*)
Focus Group 2 Jeannette Gaider, Hope Center Director
Focus Group 3 Rev. Scott Powell, President of Hope Center Board
Officer Information

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch in Fellowship Hall / Visit Resource Room

1:05 - 1:50 Focus Groups / Officer Information (*Rooms to be announced*)
Focus Group 1 Courtney Fowler Questions & Answers (*In Sanctuary*)
Focus Group 2 Jeannette Gaider, Hope Center Director
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Officer Information

2:00 - 2:30 Closing Worship and Installation of Officers (*In Sanctuary*)

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Registration Fee: \$10.00 for Lunch and Materials

Return by September 10 to: Terri McGinn 2460 N 231st St. W. Andale, KS 67001

email: tnmcginn74@gmail.com cell: 316-619-8161

Checks payable to: Wichita West District UMW

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_

✓ Focus Group(s) you plan to attend: Group 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Group 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Group 3: \_\_\_\_\_  
Officer Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Office you hold: \_\_\_\_\_

Child care needed? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Child Ages: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please bring sack lunch for children)

You must treat foreigners  
with the same loving care  
remember, you were once  
foreigners in Egypt.  
Reverently respect God, your  
God serve him, hold tight to  
him back up your promises  
with the authority of his  
name. He's your praise! He's  
your God! He did all these  
tremendous, these staggering  
things that you saw with your  
own eyes.  
**Deuteronomy 10:19-21**

## WELCOMING WELL

There are many very important things that we do as a church, but one of the most important things we must do is welcome well. How we greet and meet our friends, family, and neighbors are paramount parts of hospitality. Your help is needed to be a part of our hospitality team of greeters and ushers...if you have a smile, you are qualified! Jan Hunt and Pastor Amy invite and warmly welcome you to join us for a gathering and informational meeting on Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30, come be a part of our hospitality team so we can welcome well, together!

Thank you!  
Amy

**Greetings! Meals On Wheels, Senior Services of Wichita, needs your help! Senior Services, Inc. of Wichita was incorporated in 1968 as the Senior Activities Center and began delivering Meals On Wheels on January 13, 1969 to 17 recipients. We have never stopped. Currently, Meals On Wheels is delivering about 850 meals each day Monday through Friday. We are dedicated to serving senior citizens in our community. In addition to delivering a hot and nutritious meal, Meals On Wheels has many benefits, for both our recipients and YOU. \*Provide a welfare check. \*Reduce isolation. \*Be a bright spot in someone's day. Our Meals On Wheels volunteer is often the only person our recipients see. \*Give back to our wonderful community. \*Bring along family and friends for some quality time together. \*Volunteering is an impressive addition to any resume. Meals On Wheels would not be successful without our volunteers. We are recruiting to expand our pool of substitute drivers. Those whom we may call on to fill in when our regular volunteers are unavailable. To join our team and begin making a difference in our community, call (316) 267-0122 We are located at 200 S. Walnut, Wichita, KS 67213 [www.seniorservicesofwichita.org](http://www.seniorservicesofwichita.org)**

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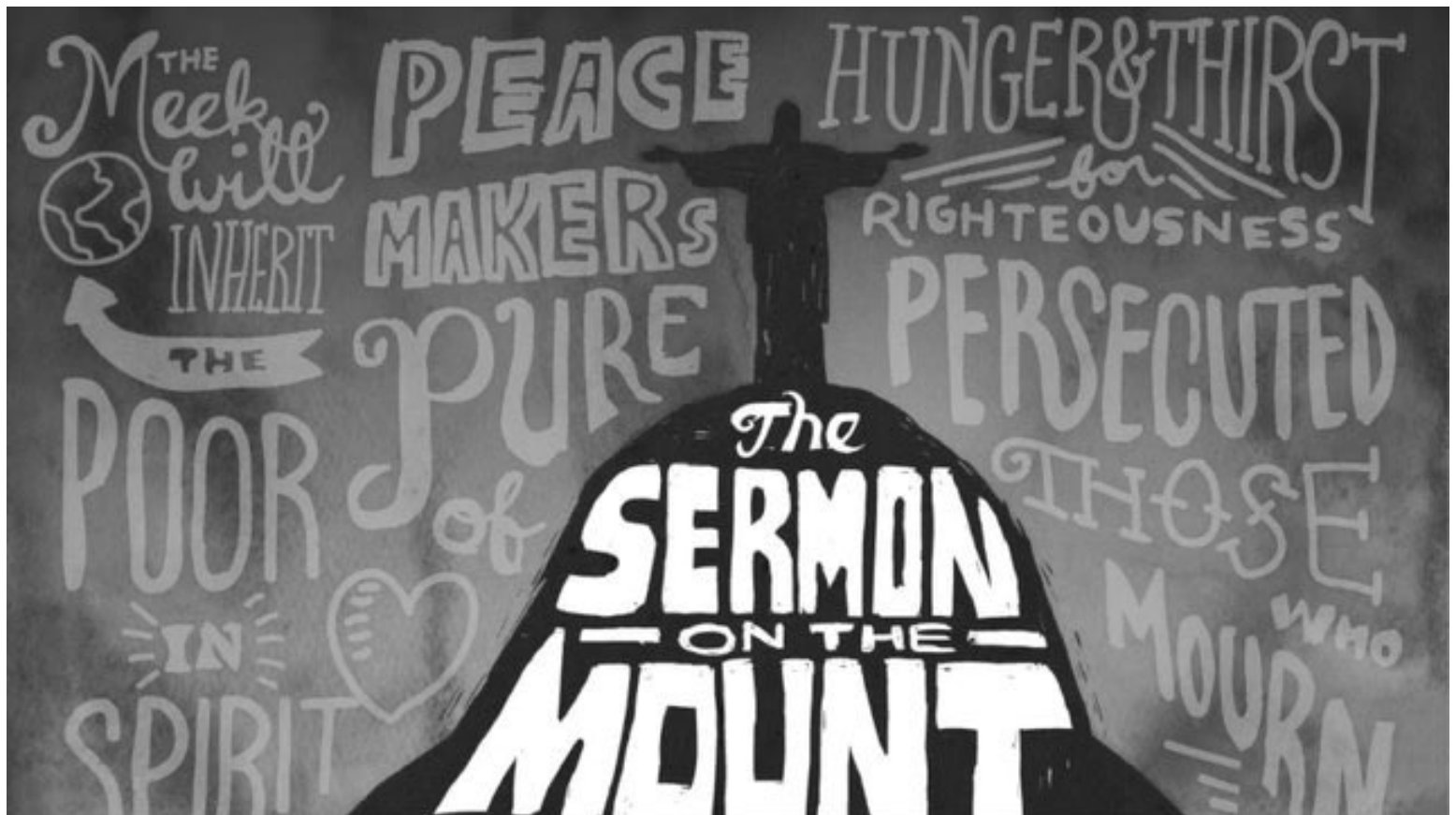
Thank you! Meals On Wheels Staff





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*Sermon Series beginning September 18th*