

# **ABIDING KIN-DOM**

**Osage City/Reading United Methodist Church**  
***July, 2025***

**Welcome**  
**Pastor Michelle Byerly**  
**July 7, 2025**  
**Worship Service—9:30 am**

**July 13, 2025**  
**Combined Osage City & Reading UMC**  
**Worship Service**  
**At Osage City UMC**  
**10:30 am**  
**Welcome Lunch**  
**11:30 am**

**Come & introduce yourself!**



## **JULY CALENDAR**

- 7-6 Pastor Michelle's 1st Sunday
- 7-9 OC Leadership Team—5:30 pm
- 7-11 Fair Parade
- 7-13 Welcome to Pastor Michelle  
combined Osage City & Reading  
worship service—Osage City  
UMC—10:30 am—Lunch in Fellow  
ship Hall—11:30 am.

## **JUNE WORSHIP LEADERS**

<u>Osage City</u>	<u>Reading</u>
7-6 Nicole Bailey	
7-13 Tiffany Phillips	Joan Lauber
7-20 Chase Williams	Marion Jones
7-27 Linda Carson	Heather Jones

## **GRADUATION THANK YOU**

United Methodist Church members,

Thank you very much for the  
\$20 and kind words in the card!

Love,

Kiersten Dayhoff

## **CELEBRATING JULY**



## **READING**

- 7-3 Gena & Scott Jones
- 7-10 Tara & Gene Senft
- 7-13 Shannon Price
- 7-23 Martha Jones \*
- 7-28 Robert Jones  
Jeff Briggs

## **OSAGE CITY**

- 7-3 Dawn Wilkins
- 7-5 Trish Parre
- 7-10 Becky Brewer  
Ken Hallgren
- 7-12 Spence Thompson
- 7-14 Colby Hokanson  
Jim Woods
- 7-15 Greg Carson
- 7-16 Ace Swindale
- 7-17 Karen Whalen \*
- 7-19 Jim Davis  
Jodi Tillman  
Kash Vandevord
- 7-21 Brandon Davis
- 7-22 Jim Lohmeyer
- 7-23 Doug Thompson
- 7-24 Axel Swindale
- 7-25 Alfonzo Prescott  
Seanta Prescott
- 7-26 Kilena Dorr \*
- 7-27 Karen & Gary Whalen
- 7-28 Denise Hallgren
- 7-29 Scott Carson  
Kara & Ben Thompson
- 7-30 Dee Thompson  
Donna Williams \*



East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging serves over 700 meals. Counties served are Anderson, Coffey, Franklin, Linn, Miami & Osage. To contact ECKAA call 785-242-7200 for more information.

The United Methodist Church is responsible for Meals on Wheels delivery every 5th week of the year. The schedule for 2025 would be weeks beginning on Mondays: **July 28**, September 1, October 6, November 10 & December 15.

## ECAT News

Ecumenical Christian Action Team  
ECAT Clothing and Food Pantry

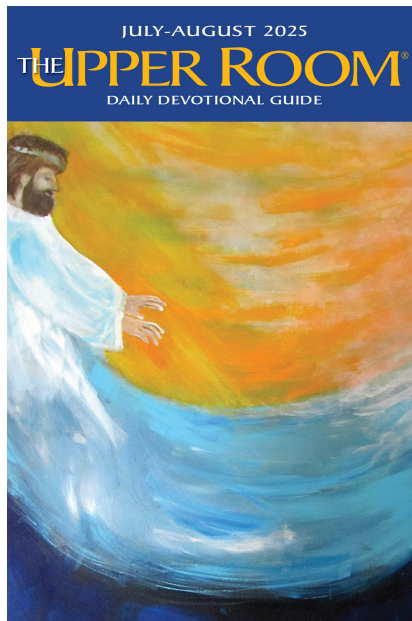
Target Donations for July:

Small Containers of Clothes Soap  
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes  
Any personal hygiene products for  
men or women.

All donations are greatly appreciated. Your donations may be brought to the church or taken directly to ECAT at 306 Martin St, Osage City.

## UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL

The July/August Upper Room Devotionals are now available for pick-up at the church. If you are unable to pick up one at the church just call Gwen at the church office & arrangements can be made for delivery to you.



## *Prayer Requests*

If you have prayer requests you can call the church office & leave a message if there's no answer or call Pastor Michael @ 785-249-8047.

### Prayer Requests:

Gary Drake, Lenore Thompson, Jane Jackson, Karen Whalen, Larry Smart, Pat Nelson,

### Prayers for the East Central KS District:

7-6 Perry UMC  
7-13 Rossville UMC  
7-20 Saffordville/Elmdale UMC  
7-27 Silver Lake UMC



## FAREWELL TO PASTOR MICHAEL



## **2025 GREAT PLAINS ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Guest speakers and memorable points or quotes by speakers:

- Bishop Gregory V. Palmer — "We've got this notion that we want to go to church, and we don't want to be disturbed" ... "What if the United Methodist Church said, 'We're gonna love the zip code, and we're going to know everybody by name'?"
- Dr. Ashley Boggan — An "historic context for a Wesley way of discovering God."
- Bishop Bruce Blake — Frequently intoning "clanging symbols and noisy gongs" from 1 Corinthians 13:1 and the concept of agape love, Bishop Bruce Blake told Great Plains Conference ordinands that they're carrying on centuries of tradition, from Biblical times to Methodist circuit riders.
- Bishop David Wilson — "We are called to be people who know there is much to do in our communities and in our churches. People need our loving, serving and prophetic voices to know that God is still so ever present. Folks need to know that there is more that we can do, not on our own, but being led by the Holy Spirit. We will do this because of our Love for God that drives us to do all that we do. Like the Exodus story, may we never forget what God has done for us in the past, but more importantly, that God will continue to be so faithful to us for our future

### **Budget**

The conference passed a spending plan of \$14,421,442, down 5% from 2025 spending plan passed at the 2024 annual conference and flat to an adjusted spending plan adapted earlier in 2025.

Other resolutions adopted by the conference:

- Show support for Medicaid expansion in Kansas.
- Rejection of the tenets of Christian Nationalism.
- Change in Parental Leave Policy to allow clergy to be on leave for up to 13 weeks with full compensation.
- Establishing a Caretaker of God's Creation Coordinator, as encouraged by the 2020/2024 General Conference.
- Transition to Clean Energy by creating a task force to assist congregations to work toward carbon-neutral footprints for their buildings.
- Affirming World Methodist Council and World Council of Churches' call to end genocide in Palestine.

Main actions enacted by the conference: The Great Plains Conference voted on four proposed amendments to the United Methodist constitution, all of which passed overwhelmingly at the 2020/2024 General Conference. These included:

- Regionalization — Would transform the United States to a regional conference and rename central conferences as regional conferences for United Methodists outside the United States.
- Inclusiveness of the Church — Adds the words "gender" and "ability" to a list of descriptions to which people will not be measured for being allowed to participate in the full life of the church.
- Racial Justice — Adds a statement that racism must be eradicated and that The United Methodist Church commits to doing its part to confront and eliminate racism, racial inequity, colonialism, white privilege and white supremacy in society.
- Educational Requirements for Clergy — Impacting mostly central conferences (outside the United States). We may not know the results until late fall of this year.

Additional information may be found on the Conference website at <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/>

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**Sunday Worship Service 9:30 am**

**Adult Sunday School 8:30 am**

**READING**

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**Reading KS 66868**

**Sunday Worship Service 11:00 am**

**Adult Sunday School 10:00 am**

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