

ABIDING KIN-DOM

Osage City/Reading United Methodist Church

August, 2025

Dear Church,

It's hard to believe that we are already coming to the end of a whole month together! I am so grateful to have begun getting to know you all and look forward to continuing to do so as we go forward. A huge thank you to everyone who has helped me settle in and feel very welcomed. I thank you for your patience as I get to know names and faces and begin putting all of that together. If you have a nametag, thank you for wearing it. If you need one, will you let Gwen know so she can order one for you? This helps me get to know you better and is a way that we can also offer welcome to anyone who is new to the church.

As I've shared through my sermon series "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" it is my hope that everything we do as a church together be rooted in the greatest commandment, to love God and love our neighbor. I am excited for the ways that we will continue to do that as a church and community. Please look here in the newsletter for some of those opportunities, including discussions about children and youth activities and a confirmation class. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact me or the office and we will be working on setting times to have those conversations together. It is vital that we are all engaged in the process of teaching and learning our faith together as we walk on the road of discipleship.

I would also love to hear from you as I get to know you better and would welcome times to sit down and share faith stories. Will you reach out either by email at mbyerly@greatplainsumc.org or pastor@osagecityumc.org or by cell at (402) 417-3348 (leave a message if I don't answer right away)?

Looking forward to hearing from you!



Pastor Michelle

AUGUST CALENDAR

- 8-10 Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday worship service—9-:30 am
Osage City students are invited to bring their backpacks to church & join us for worship as we celebrate the Blessing of the Backpacks.
- 8-13 Leadership Team—6:00 pm
8-19 Better Together Lunch—UMC Fellowship Hall—12:00 pm
8-21 Harvesters Truck—OC Community Building—10:00-11:00 am

AUGUST WORSHIP LEADERS

Osage City

- 3 Anne Willis
10 Linda Carson
17 Gary Lowman
24 Chad Wilkins
31 Jeannine Colstrom

THANK YOU

A giant shout-out of thanks to Becky Brewer & her very capable crew of serving helpers for the delicious Mexican spread she prepared for the welcome of Pastor Michelle Byerly. The lunch followed the combined service on July 13 & was enjoyed by members of the Reading & Osage City United Methodist Churches.



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS & ANNI-VERSARIES IN AUGUST

READING

- 8-2 Tristan Price
8-9 Jayla Jenkins
8-12 Joan Lauber
8-14 Cora Jones
8-26 Tara Senft



OSAGE CITY

- 8-6 Lenore Thompson *
8-7 Tanner Schaefer
8-8 Alex Carson
8-11 Bob Jackson
8-13 Grady Bean
Brant Dayhoff
8-14 Karen & Tim Gogolski
8-16 JoAnn Long *
Jennifer & Dustin Hokanson
8-18 Lesli Harmon
8-19 Mary Lou Estes *
Lauren Phillips
Wyatt Robinett
8-21 Letisha & Loren DeBaun
8-23 Daresa Prescott
8-24 Larry Colstrom
Mike Gilliland
8-27 Linda Fancher
8-28 Danielle Hallgren
8-30 Kara Thompson





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: September 1, October 6, November 10 & December 15.

ECAT News

Ecumenical Christian Action Team
ECAT Clothing and Food Pantry

Target Donations for August:

Canned Fruit

Non-cream Soups

Small Containers of Clothes Soap

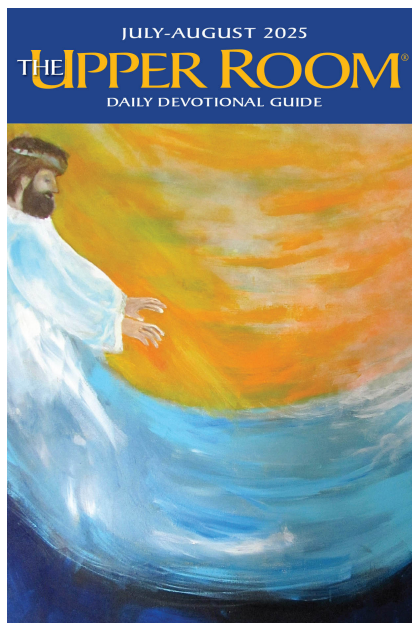
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

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 @ 785-528-4443 & leave a message if there's no answer or call Pastor Michelle @ 402-417-3348

Prayer Requests:

Gary Drake, Lenore Thompson, Jane Jackson, Karen Whalen, Larry Smart, Pat Nelson, JoAnn Long, Stan Strohm

Prayers for the East Central KS District:

8-3 St Marys/Belvue/Emmett UMCs
8-10 Tecumseh UMC
8-17 Asbury Mt Olive UMC
8-24 Café Quetzal
8-31 Countryside UMC

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

As we prepare for Fall, we are hoping to expand some of our opportunities for children, youth, and families to grow together in their faith. This may include Sunday School, Confirmation classes, and other opportunities as needs come up—we want to hear what you need and how we can support you! If you are interested in participating or simply want to have a voice in shaping how we might do that as a congregation, this message is for you!

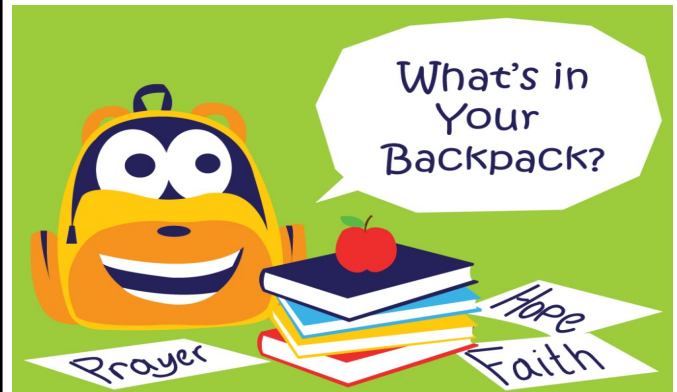
Think back to those who have taught you faith. Maybe it was conversations with families at home, or a Sunday School or Confirmation teacher, a youth leader. Someone along the way has shared faith with you. We are now looking for more of those opportunities. But we need your help! Whether as families that participate or someone who has a heart for sharing faith, you are welcome!

If you are interested in being part of this, please contact the office or Pastor Michelle at office@osageumc.org or mbyerly@greatplainsumc.org or by phone.

We'll also be sending around a sign-up sheet in worship to see what days and times work best to gather for this conversation. Let us know by August 12th about a few times in late August that work and we will reach out with a day and time that works to gather.

On Sunday, August 10, Osage City students are invited to bring their backpacks to church & join us for worship as we celebrate the Blessing of the Backpacks.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS READING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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At 11 a.m. on Sunday, August 10, 2025, students are invited to bring their backpacks to church and join us for worship as we celebrate the Blessing of the Backpacks.

This will be followed by a light lunch either in the church yard or the basement depending on the



PARSONAGE

With a new pastor in residence updates & repairs to the parsonage were required. The volunteer clean-out crew consisted of Lorraine & Bill Renner & Rod Willis. Drive by & see the improvements that were made.



Thanks to Bill & Lorraine for the work that's been done to the lawn improvements at the church as well.

GETTING TO KNOW THE COMMUNITY

United Methodist Church parade entry.



An impromptu strawberry shortcake happy hour at Peterson's Assisted Living.



**OSAGE CITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
219 S 6th St**

Osage City KS 66523

Sunday Worship Service 9:30 am

Adult Sunday School 8:30 am

READING

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

33 Franklin St—PO Box 33

Reading KS 66868

Sunday Worship Service 11:00 am

Adult Sunday School 10:00 am

Pastor: Rev. Michelle Byerly

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