OVERBROOK OVERLOOK

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The Overbrook United Methodist Church is a vibrant family of believers who know, love and serve God by making God's Love known in our community, LEADing People to Christ, FOSTERing Spiritual Growth, and MINISTERing to the World.

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Dale & Lila Fox 2

Gerald "Cheese" & Judy Marten 19

Emery & Marcia Elliott 21

Libby & Luke Thompson 21

Mike & Toni Lee 25

Joys & Concerns

Five Rivers District Prayer Calendar —We will pray for Ottawa Trinity (September 5), Louisburg (September 12), Yates Center/Neosho Falls (September 19), Humboldt/Big Creek (September 26).

- That God will strengthen our Church by God's Spirit.
- That Christ will dwell in our hearts by faith.
- That we will be rooted and established in love.
- **Brookside Retirement Community:**
  Ramona Anshutz, Pauline George, Leslie Greenfield.

October 2021 OVERLOOK Deadline!

Thursday September 23rd at 12:00 pm. (noon).

Joys & Concerns

- John Brown Family.
- Tidball Family.
- Prayers for Emery Elliott on a speedy recovery.
- Dean Supples cousin Judith Powell having battled cancer and heart disease her heart is only working 20-25 %.
- Randy White's daughter Kiki recovery from surgery on her tibia.
- Sue Thompsons friend Cindy, her daughter Amy and families as Amy is battling metastatic thyroid cancer.
- John Dillon having heart test this week.
- Lynn Price nodule on lung and blood clots after hospital stay with COVID.
- Avery Faddis, 7-year-old granddaughter of David & Karen Badger who is undergoing chemotherapy for a kidney tumor.
- Judy and Larry Maddux daughter Sarah Calderon, prayers for healing health.
- Jim Duncan - recent surgery for cancer.
- Bonnie Bennett – grandson Jonathan McCullough has inflated liver
- Rich Fairchild's mother is home doing rehab on her broken ankle.
- Ken & Orvina Tidball daughter in law, Rachelle Tidball, cancer treatments.
- Paula Gillard recovering from cancer treatment.
- Peggy Fortenberry cancer treatments.
- Billie Jo Gerisch father, Kevin Smith stage 3 cirrhosis of the liver.
- Michelle Curtis ongoing ovaries cancer treatment.

.Small Group News

MEN'S GROUP

All men are invited to the OUMC Men's Group Bible study on the **2nd & 4th Saturdays** of the month at **7:00 am.**

WOMEN'S GROUP

Women's Group - **1st and 3rd Saturdays at 10 AM**. The group is open to all women!

4F GATHERING

QUARTERS OF KINDNESS

Our 4F Group continues to support our community through our "Quarters of Kindness" program. Deposit your quarters in the quarter tube and other change and monetary donations in the jar in the Sanctuary. The group will randomly surprise our community with support. Some current ideas include: Paying for laundry at the low income housing, and gas/food gift cards for Casey's. If you have any ideas please let Jessica Frye know or if you know of someone connected to our community or church that can uses fuel assistance.

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NEWS

From Our Church

Church Office will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 6, 2021

We have appreciated so much all the prayers, cards, calls and thoughtful concerns you have extended to us in our time of sorrow. Thank you so much. Ken, Orvina, Bruce, Rachelle Tidball and Shelby Sutton .

Please let the Church office know, if you have had a baby, grandbaby, great-grand baby etc.

Please remember to check on all of our shut-ins. As this is a difficult time for everyone, however more difficult for the ones that are shut-in.

UPDATES to Joys & Concerns: If you have any updates, additions, or corrections please contact the church office and let Charleen know.

Wesley was an avid reader of the medical journals of his day. Medicine at that time was still in its infancy. Bacteria and viruses had not been discovered; genetics and DNA were unknown. The actual practitioners of medicine often operated out of competing theories of disease (all of which we now know were in error), and most only treated patients who could pay.

Armed with the knowledge he had, Wesley set out to change the situation. For a few years he had free clinics where those who could not afford a doctor could come and receive medical advice from Wesley. Then he decided to compile that advice in a book, the Primitive Physick. While many remedies seem strange to us today (tar water, Spanish snuff, low dose electricity) others are still effective, and some were cutting edge. His explaining the technique of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation saved many lives. All of it reflected the medicine of his day.

His goal was to provide remedies that were inexpensive, easily attainable and not dangerous for people without medical training to use. His advice on how to remain healthy-moderate diet, plenty of exercise, avoiding strong drink—is virtually the same as we hear today.

He was impatient with doctors who stuck to their pet theories instead of paying attention to the actual results of their treatments. And this is why I think Wesley would be eager to get a COVID-19 vaccine.

He would be thrilled at how building upon a century of work in anti-vital drugs, modern science could rapidly produce vaccines in the face of a pandemic. But what would impress him most is the effectiveness of these vaccines. They are proven to protect persons from COVID-19, and especially from hospitalizations and death, as good or even better than flu vaccines.

If he were here today, I believe Mr. Wesley would not hesitate to roll up his sleeves.

May God's blessings be with you,

Pastor Dean Lashley

Dr. Hal Knight is the Professor of Wesleyan Studies at Saint Paul School of Theology. Along with teaching numerous courses on John Wesley and Methodism, he has also written numerous books and articles on the subject. Recently in the The Missouri Methodists Magazine he wrote the following article:

Wesley in the World Today: Wesley on the Vaccine

The Pandemic is far from over. The stories out of places like India and Brazil are horrific. New variants of the virus are emerging. And in America the pace of vaccinations is slowing. To shut down the virus, or at least reduce it to the annual flu lever, there has to be enough persons vaccinated so that it doesn't continue to spread widely and mutate more. We are not there yet, and the verdict is out as to whether we will get there.

This is an exceptionally deadly virus. In America alone over 580,000 have died from it. There are also huge numbers of COVID-19 "long haulers" who recovered only to find that there were debilitating effects of the disease that may last their lifetimes.

Yet vaccine hesitancy and vaccine rejection are widespread. The reasons are varied. Some do not trust a government sponsored program due to past governmental deception in order to use minority citizens for dangerous medical experiments. Some worry that the vaccines were developed too quickly. Some do not believe medical authorities, distrust experts or believe it is all a conspiracy.

I do not believe John Wesley would be among the vaccine hesitant. He was convinced that God cared deeply for bodies as well as souls. He wrote in his Journal (May 18, 1772) that "God has more than one method of healing either the soul or the body"—one was through prayer, the other medical science."

CAFE QUETZAL

2111 SW Belle Ave, Suites A & B
Topeka, KS 66614

MONDAY-SATURDAY: 6:45AM-4PM

SUNDAY: 6:45AM-2PM

WHAT IS CAFE QUETZAL? Cafe Quetzal was born out of a deep longing for authentic community, spirituality, and presence. We asked ourselves: What would it look like to create a space that fosters radical hospitality and welcomes each person, just as they are? What would it look like to create a space to explore, to create, to study, to be inspired, and to come alive in body, mind, and spirit? What would it look like to cultivate a community that is deeply present with one another and with the Topeka community and world? Cafe Quetzal seeks to cultivate these yearnings and that divine spark in each of us, all while providing you with a delicious cup of coffee and a hearty vegetarian meal. Cafe Quetzal is a coffee shop and a non-traditional church community inviting people who are seeking authentic faith in the world. We are a community that values every step of the journey of faith and the depth of meaning in each question, each doubt, and each witness. We believe we are better when we come together with diverse thought and experience and share the different ways that we know and experience God. Our community is built around three core values: Compassion, Connection, and Cause.

WHO IS CAFE QUETZAL FOR? We are for coffee-lovers, change-makers, people seeking to connect their faith with life, or people seeking to be in community. In short, we are for everyone! Cafe Quetzal offers a space in which to be yourself and explore what it means to be present and alive. The journey starts here with a cup of coffee to rejuvenate (or wake up!) the soul.

Lead Connector : Rev Christine Potter (cpotter@greatplainsumc.org)

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Living God's love in our community

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	**2**	**3**	**4** 7:00 am TOPS 10:00 am Women's Group
5 **Communion** 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am Worship Service	**6** **Labor Day** **Office Closed** 7:00 pm—Finance meeting	**7** 2:30 pm—Worship at Brookside 6:00 pm—Women's Dominos 7:00 pm—Cancer Support Group 7:00 pm—Boy Scouts	**8** 7:00 pm—Choir practice	**9**	**10**	**11** 7:00 am Men's Group 7:00 am TOPS
12 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am Worship Service	**13** 7:00 pm Trustees Meeting	**14** 2:30 pm—Worship at Brookside 7:00 pm—Boy Scouts	**15** 7:00 pm—Choir practice	**16**	**17**	**18** 7:00 am TOPS 10:00 am Women's Group
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