



Memorial Methodist Church

105 East E St

October

Food Booth Open House

I hope most of you are aware that the building of the new Methodist Food Booth is underway. It's now time to ask, "How can I be involved?"

The first thing I would want you to do is to **pray**. Ask God to use our efforts to reach and connect with our youth and new families as they become part of our ministry life together. Second, **ask questions**. It would be unproductive for everyone to be a part of the team that is leading the way, but there are no secrets. You are welcome to ask those who are acquainted with the project your questions. The team is comprised of, Dave Winder, Sandra Gray, Greg Welford, Mary Jo Overton, and Dave Dame.

Third, **come and see**. On **Sunday, October 25th**, we are planning an open house for the new project. The Lord willing, the outside framework will be completed and we can have visitors. From **2-4pm**, come to the fairgrounds and walk through the structure. It won't be done, but you will have time to pray, ask questions, and sign your name to a wooden stud in the building.

During the month of October, each family will receive a letter asking for your commitment to continue to pray for our youth and to make a pledge of what your family might be able to give to this project. There is no amount too small. We are only asking each of us to make an equal sacrifice, not equal gifts. The amount your family pledges can be given however you choose with the completion of gifts received due by June 1, 2027. If you want to give a one time amount, or give a portion each month, that is up to you. Our pledge Sunday will be November 1.

Remember that this effort is about more than raising funds, it is about faithfully responding to God's grace and investing in the ministry God has entrusted to us. Through our generosity, we support the continued mission and ministry that makes a difference in the lives of others.

Pastor Jeff Kelley



Food Booth Project

With the Food Booth Project in full swing, I can't help but be excited about what God is doing through the people of Memorial Methodist Church. Jesus tells us in Matthew 16:18 that, "...on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overpower it!" The word Jesus used for "church" is the Greek word "ekklēsia" which is defined as a group of people that meets together for various purposes (Lexham Theological Wordbook).

What is so exciting about a project like this is to see how the "church" is still being built some 2000 years after Jesus said these words, and we get to be a part of it. Now, make no mistake, what Jesus was referring to in this passage was not a physical building made of bricks and boards, but a body of believers made of flesh and bone. Jesus is building his church, and he uses places like the Food Booth to do it!

In Ephesians 2:20-22 Paul talks about how the body of believers is constructed, "... (the church) built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole building, joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built up together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit."

Below you will see pictures of the foundation of the new Food Booth. What you don't see buried below the concrete are the footings, the very thing that holds the building in place. With any project, the footings are the most important part of the whole structure, even though you cannot see them. Because if the footings are wrong or don't exist, the whole building could come crumbling down. Friends, it is no different with the Church that Jesus established through the apostles and prophets. If Christ isn't the very cornerstone of the church, then it crumbles.

The Food Booth project is a great example of how our church continues to be grounded in Christ, the cornerstone of Memorial Methodist. He has called us to build, not just a building where a body of believers can gather to serve, but a body of believers that are committed to continue building the Kingdom of Heaven. If you are interested in investing in this project, please contact the church office at 345-2445.



Children's Ministries

We are back at it! There is something so refreshing about gathering with children to learn about Jesus. Their giggles, wonder, and genuine desire to learn is lifegiving. Their simplistic approach is a wonderful reminder that it doesn't have to be complicated and God delights in His children. God delights in you.

As the children are learning about Jesus, singing, and memorizing verses each week, continue to pray that the Word of God is written on their hearts and they continue to grow in relationships with the Lord. If you'd like to join us in writing the Word on your heart, our current memory verse is "How, then, can they call on him they have not believed in? And how can they believe without hearing about him? And how can they hear without a preacher?" Romans 10:14 and we will start learning Isaiah 53:5 "He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed." at the end of the month.

I am so thankful for all of you who pray for the kids, teachers and volunteers, staff and leadership of the church. God has been reminding me that He has all things worked out. That I don't need to know the whole plan, step by step. (Even though part of me would feel more comfortable knowing!) Only that I need to be obedient to Him and trust that He has it under control. This was very evident to me as Prayer Partners was launched and the semester began.

It seemed we had an abundance of kids, and a shortage of adults. One by one, as your hearts were stirred our list went from a need, to plentiful. Praise the Lord! I'm so blessed to be a witness to this great work! One of my favorite things is getting to tell the kids that they have someone praying for them every day. Someone they may not even know is lifting them up to the Lord. The look on their faces is amazing.

A few years back, I may have been a little overwhelmed with the idea of "How?". It is easy for the calculations to start circling, for reality to blur my focus, for me to place accountability for a successful "plan" on my own shoulders. I'm here to say, there is a freedom in setting that down. There is joy and excitement in watching God's plan play out. That's exactly how I felt when the last surge of Prayer Partners came in, and new classroom teachers said, "Yes!". I'm grateful to the Lord for opportunities for growth and the supportive reflection of this I have been able to be a part of and see first hand, in the ministry team here.

If serving in Children's Ministry is on your heart, but you haven't quite figured out all the moving pieces in your head yet, I urge you to talk with me. Because I'm willing to bet that God already has it worked out (for both of us).

-Julie

Little Blessings Preschool

The preschoolers are excited about all the October events at Little Blessings Preschool! We will be having Donuts with Dad or another special guest. The McCook Fire Department will be visiting us to talk about fire safety and help us learn which items in our homes are toys and which are tools.

The Health Department will also be visiting with a pediatric hygienist from Hastings. They will examine the children's teeth, offer fluoride treatments, and teach us how to take good care of our teeth.

At the end of the month, we will celebrate with our fall party.

Our Bible verse this month is Ephesians 4:32: "Be kind to one another." In John 13:34-35, Jesus told His disciples, "Love each other just as much as I have loved you." We started the month learning about Creation, and we are now reading about Noah's Ark.

It is amazing to watch the children soak in God's Word, pray, and grow in their love for Him. I am so thankful for the opportunity to be a part of their growth and learning.

Thank you for your prayers and support of this children's ministry!

God bless you,

Traci Wiemers



Outreach Ministry

8 Week Parenting Study-

We all want to raise great kids who love Jesus, but the pressures of modern life seem to work against our ability to do that. Every parent should feel equipped to raise kids in today's demanding world.

The 8 week Grace Based Parenting study will begin October 7th! Supper will be served at 6pm with the study beginning in the library at 6:15.

In this study, Cody Kimmel, former pastor and Executive Director of Grace Based Families, outlines a blueprint for parenting scripturally rooted in how God treats his own kids. Based on the popular books Grace Based Parenting, Raising Kids Who Turn Out Right, and Raising Kids for True Greatness by Dr. Tim Kimmel, this study brings hope to weary parents looking for a better way to raise their kids. Contact Kelli Jensen with any questions.

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Scan the code to register! Contact Kelli Jensen with any questions.

Trunk or Treat -

Plan to join us October 31st from 5-7 for Trunk or Treat! We will need members to help serve soup and also to provide a decorated trunk. Donations of candy can be dropped off at the office. If you are planning to have a trunk or are willing to serve that evening please contact Kelli Jensen.

Operation Christmas Child-

Donations needed! We will be packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child of Wednesday November 18. Donation lists can be found in the Friendship Room or online (<https://occ.samaritanspurse.org.au/home/pack-a-shoebox/what-goes-in-my-shoebox/>) Donation drop offs can be found in the Friendship Room or in the office.



Miriam's Hope Fall Festival 2026

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
4:00 - 7:00 PM
LIVE MUSIC FROM
"THOSE GUYS"

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

FREE WILL DONATION UPON ARRIVAL
1875 1300th Rd OBERLIN, KS 67749

U p c o m i n g E v e n t s

SUNDAYS

Worship Services | 8:45 & 10:45 am
Nursery | Infants-PK | 8:30 am-12 pm
Sunday School | Sept 13 | 9:50-10:40 am
Adult Sunday School | 10-10:40 am
3Sixteens | 6-12th | 6 pm

MONDAYS

Praise Band Rehearsal | 7 pm
Gen Z Bible Study | 7:30 pm

WEDNESDAYS

Men's Bible Study | Sept 23 | 6:30 am
Women's Bible Study | 9 am
W.O.W. | PK- 8th | Sept 9 | 6-7:30 pm
W.O.R.D. | 9-12th | 7 pm

THURSDAYS

Community Supper | 5:30 pm

SATURDAYS

Men's Bible Study | 7 am

MEETINGS

October 1 | Trustee Meeting | 7 pm
October 13 | Care Team | 9:30 am
October 13 | Ad Council | 5:30 pm

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Newsletter Articles Due

PASTOR APPRECIATION

October 18
Potluck- The church will provide the meat. Please bring a dish to share.

TRUNK OR TREAT

October 31 | 5 pm
MMC Parking Lot

Thank you for reading!

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