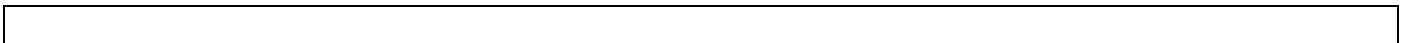




The following seventh grade students will be confirmed on Sunday, April 28th at the 11:00 service. We welcome them as members of First United Methodist Church.

Amanda Lynn Applegate
Zachary Matthew Barna
Logan Randall Best
Cole Edward Chandler
Brandon James Coslor
Audrey Nadine Dailey
Kyle Thomas Edwards
Drew Ryan Eirich
Chad Robert Elder
Nathan Mills Hill
Brandon Blair Horsley
Erica Catherine Johnson
Karson Scott Kampfe
Travis Cody Kissel
Marcus Lee Kuhl
Jami Rae Melson
Anna Christine Petersen
Megan Lynn Schliefert
David Charles Schmitt
Derek Robert Schroeder
Briahna Chanelle Stofferson
Maia Joanne Tschetter-Siedschlaw
Katelyn Anne Voigt
Kelli Jayne Walters
Bradán James Welch





Linda Crawford and Terry Carpenter were married at First Church on April 13, 2002.

Kristi Nelson & Brian Baer were married at First Church on April 20, 2002.



Congratulations to:

Erin & Brandon Brinegar on the birth of a daughter, **McKinley Rae Brinegar**, born on April 7, 2002. (Grandpa Kent's birthday!) Grandparents include Kent & Linda Schroeder.

Fran & Jo Hunt on the birth of their first great-grandchild, **Caleb John Harb**, born on April 7, 2002 (Grandma Jo's birthday!) to Jason & Annette Harb of Hastings.

Charles & Tammie Beck on the birth of a daughter, **Megan Elizabeth Beck**, born April 10, 2002. She joins brother, Jonathan, at home.

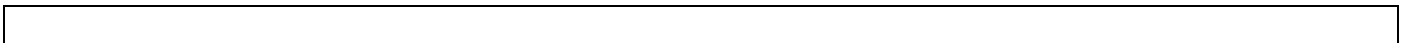
Happy Birthday to **Margaret Sizer**, who will be 90 years young on April 28th! Cards may be sent to her at: 411 W. 23rd St., Kearney, NE 68845.



Taylor Ann Fitzke, daughter of Roger & Carrie Fitzke, was baptized on April 14, 2002.

Addyson Elaine Little, daughter of Tony & Julie Little, was baptized on April 14, 2002.

Joslyn Kathryn Poff, daughter of Clayton & Kari (Nutt) Poff, was baptized on April 21, 2002.





First Church extends its sympathy to:

Scott & Mashall Kralik and family on the death of Scott's brother, **Craig Kralik**, who died April 6th. Services were held April 10th in Columbus.

Craig & Sue Howe and family on the death of Craig's father, **Loren Howe**, who died April 8, 2002. Services were held April 11th in Goehner, NE.

Scott & Julie Nugent on the death of Julie's mother, **Doris Swanson** of Cozad, who died April 9, 2002. Services were held on April 12th.

Rev. Ray Norris and family on the death of Ray's father, **Ray Norris, Sr.** Funeral services were held on April 12th in Superior.

Todd Schug, Cyndi Bahler & Jeni Miller and their families on the death of **Barbara Schug**, who died on April 13th in a car accident. Funeral Services were held at First Church on April 18, 2002.

Carol Solomon and family, Larry & Ruth Solomon and family and Warren & Roberta Solomon and family on the death of husband, father and grandfather, **Lysle Solomon**, who died April 15, 2002 in Kearney. Services were held April 19th at First Church.

The family of **Thelma McIntire**, who died April 12, 2002 in Hastings. Private services will be held later.

Phyllis Murrish, Lori Reid, Sid Murrish, and Bernie & Linda Murrish and their families on the death of **Keith Murrish**, who died April 16th in Kearney. Services were held April 20th at First Church.

The family of former member, **Jim Middleton**, who died April 19th.

Doris Bailey on the death of her sister-in-law, **Darlene Jeffery** of Miller, who died April 19, 2002 in Gibbon.

The Singles Page

Sunday, April 28, 2002—2:00 p.m

We are going to Hastings to the Museum and the Theatre, and will eat out afterwards at Mama Rosa's. Meet in the north parking lot at the Church at 2:00 p.m.

8TH ANNUAL MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

When: Thursday, May 2, 2002

Where: Holiday Inn

Time: 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.

Tickets: \$6.00 available from Nevabelle Howe

Thank You!

Thank you to Rev. Ron, Dr. Ron and Winona for their visits and prayers while Mary was in the hospital. Thank you also to the congregation for their prayers.

The family of Mary Lou Dennis

I thank you for the huge, many-flowered Easter Lily that was given to me on Easter Sunday. May you be blessed for your thoughtfulness.

Catherine Laub

Dear members of First Church,

I thank you so much for all that was done for Lysle while he was in his long stay at the hospital. The beautiful flowers Winona brought to him and all the cards and letters from different ones. It was a very long time for him and the rest of the family. May God bless the ministers and all others. Thank you.

Carol Solomon

With appreciation and grateful thanks for the 2001 Lenten Devotional Booklet, the van service and Sunday radio broadcast service.

Bernice H. Edson

Thank you so much for keeping our family in your prayers during Troy's second brain surgery. He is home from the hospital, but we would ask that you keep him in your prayers during his recovery. Thank you for all the phone calls and cards of concern.

Wayne Olson & family

Thanks to the United Methodist Church for the beautiful Easter lily. So nice to be remembered. I enjoy the Spire and the Church bulletin.

Esther Boyd

First United Methodist's support of the Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity is most appreciated. Dedicated workers like Edith & Jerry Marlatt, Ken Mumm, Gene Gosch, Lynn Miller, Lynn Naber, and many others are most appreciated. Kearney Habitat conveys to the entire congregation our sincere thanks for past, present, and future support.

Merv Schliefert

Church Relations Committee

**Kearney Area Habitat
for Humanity**

I would like to thank the Pass It On Ministry for the new shades in my office. Apart from looking good, they enable me to work without having to put on the overhead light. This eases my eye condition considerably, and at the same time, my plants are able to bask in the sun. Thank you so much!

Valerie Manning-Lynn

Dear Lori,

Thank you very much for finding the record of my baptism. I have wanted to verify it for a long time. I appreciate the extra work and time you went to for me. Thank you very much.

Fred Richardson

We would like to thank you for announcing the birth of our daughter, Dawnielle Kae at the services on March 24th. We also appreciate the beautiful rose. We hope to attend services more frequent this summer and look forward to getting our oldest child, Dana, in Sunday School. Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Brett & Shelley Dunbar

The sermon was very nice on Easter Sunday. I appreciate the radio so much.

FIRST CHURCH MEMBERS WIN FREEDOM AWARDS

Congratulations to the winners of the Kearney Hub Freedom Awards, which will be presented on April 30th. Winners from First Church include: Clarence & Lois Rahmann, who won in the Religion category for their years of service to the prayer garden of this Church; Dale & Dorothy McCammon, who won in the Service Organization category for their creation of the “Parade of Flags” at the Kearney Cemetery each Memorial weekend; and Mary Kolstad, who won in the Humanitarian category for her work as a translator for Spanish speaking people. Also receiving an award is John Erickson, who is the grandson of Bryce & Esther Erickson. John won for the Youths Who Care category for “above and beyond” service at his job at a local nursing home. We congratulate all the winners.

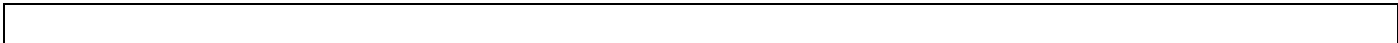
ATTENDANCE	
April 6 & 7, 2002	
Saturday night service	36
Sunday 8:30 service	115
Sunday 9:45 service	164
Sunday 11:00 service	218
TOTAL	533
Sunday School 04-07-2002	
Nursery	02
Children (2-yrs-old-5 th grade)	48
6 th grade-High School	24
(Ten) Adult Classes	146
Teachers	22
TOTAL	242
April 13 & 14, 2002	
Saturday night service	37
Sunday 8:30 service	179
Sunday 9:45 service	470
Sunday 11:00 service	207
TOTAL	893
Sunday School 04-14-2002	
Nursery	12
Children (2-yrs-old-5 th grade)	NA
6 th grade-High School	04
(Ten) Adult Classes	101
Teachers	05
TOTAL	122

ITEMS NEEDED

The Pumpkin Patch would like empty thread spools for a craft project. Please bring them to the Pumpkin Patch or the Church office. They are also looking for small desks (adult size) for use by the teachers. If you have one to donate, please call Lori or Regan at 237-4220.

PRE-SCHOOL OPENINGS

There are a few openings left in Pumpkin Patch afternoon pre-school. It is held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. There are day care openings for this age group also. Please contact Lori Jorgenson or Regan Schuster at 237-4220.





The 3rd Annual Two-Person Golf Scramble will be held on Monday, May 20th at 2:00 p.m. at the Calamus Golf Course (8 miles north of Burwell). This is open to ALL United Methodist People (young, old, male and female). Team Entry Fee is \$40.00, which includes green fee, prizes and supper. Cart rental is an additional \$8.00.

For more information, or to make reservations, please contact Jean at 308-346-4318 (days) or Sue at 308-942-6285 (evenings). Reservations are due by Friday, May 17th.



To the persons who drive the Church Vans on Sunday morning: John Riese, Bill Kenagy, Ken Mumm, Gary Brandt, Marv Dawes, Roger Francis, Suzan Wilson, Russell Howe, Bob Peterson, Christi Beistline, Darcy Johnson, Jill Lewis, Virginia Britton, LaRae Steffen-Flood, Deanna Goeden, and Ashley Clark.

Note:
This corner is being designated the AMEN corner for
“an audible alert that something special was (is) being done.”

***In Memory of Maurice Holt,
1907-1997**

LOOKING AHEAD

❖ The Senior Breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 5th at 8:00 a.m. All graduating seniors and their families are invited to attend. R.S.V.P.'s are required by May 1st.

❖ Applications for Riverdale Scholarship for graduating seniors can be found on the office door of the Youth Director, Anne Hof. They are due back in the office no later than May 1st.

❖ Ryan & Katie (Kenagy) Horner will provide music at all services on May 5th.

Harlan Russell Sayles will graduate from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln on Saturday, May 11th with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. The congregation is invited to attend.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A GRILLED SALMON DINNER

Thursday, May 9, 2002

Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Cost: A donation to the Parable of the Talents Project.

Reservations Required

Call Marv & Marilyn Heckman at 234-1344 or Andy & Nevabelle Howe at 234-1570
or the Church office at 237-3158

Program will be presented by

Gary Mason, Mary Kolstad and Howard Strong.

They will talk about their Mission Trip to Lydia Patterson Institute in Texas

Menu: Grilled Salmon,
Baked Potatoes, Salad, Rolls,
Texas Sheet cake

Methodist Men's group will meet in conjunction with this dinner

“MY PEACE be with you” is a music project created for the Parable of the Talents of First United Methodist Church by Bill and Trish Kenagy, Matt Kenagy, Katie & Ryan Horner and Lisa & Shawn Trimble with proceeds from the sale of the compact disk supporting the music ministry of the Church. Ann Bauer provided the music accompaniment for the selection of traditional hymns and contemporary music which, with related scripture passages, offer a message for God's perfect peace in your personal life. The compact disks will be available for purchase in the church narthex on Sundays, May 5, 12 and 19. Katie and Ryan will sing selections from the project at each of the church services the weekend of May 4-5, in honor and tribute to Rev. Dr. Ron Roemmich and his support of their music ministry. *Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you”—John 20:19.*

THE CHURCH IN ACTION

Three families at First United Methodist Church were in grieving situations this week and there were three funerals. We extend our sympathy to those families, as we always do. Another dimension of that is that the church faithfully served condolence dinners on behalf of the families, and when you measure the personnel for this service, over 125 people contributed food or service to offer these dinners.

We are always grateful when the people of this church offer their energies to help each other in times of need. Thank you especially to Pass It On Ministries and their supporting people.

PASS IT ON MINISTRIES

Ministry Groups #1 & 21, chaired by Artie Hobbs, Genny Brandorff and Barb Beitler, served 215 persons following the funeral of Barbara Schug on April 18, 2002. Those who set up, prepared food, served, and donated food or money were: Bob & Artie Hobbs, Jerry & Genny Brandorff, Barb Beitler, Deb Jensen, Norma Guge, Donna Wilson, Virginia Britton, Bev Muller, Barb Harms, Jackie Purdy, Vera Bachkora, Arleen Goodell, Lona Lowell, Linda Watson, Mary Kolstad, Eileen Paine, Penny True, Virginia Johansen, Carol Ellenwood, Donna Lathrop, Vicki Zikmund, Deb Fast, Jana Kegley, Jean Kneese, Jane Davolt, Mary Scott, Erika Godfrey, Bev Kring, Lauretta Valentine, Patty Lenz, Judy Spellman, Kay Lutt, Edith Marlatt, JoDell Payne, Jeffie McMullen, Margaret Hohnholt, Kathy Ganz, Kathy Hill, Fran Lane, Sharon Rood, Glendoris Stickney, Sharon Fox, Helen Minor, Jackie Kegley, Kathy Walters, LaNita Wilke and Juanita Cloyed.

Ministry Group #24, chaired by Julie Roach, served 100 persons following the funeral of Lysle Solomon on April 19, 2002. Those who donated food, money, and/or worked were: Carol Ellsworth, Donna Roeder, Jackie Purdy, Doris Bailey, Nevabelle Howe, Genny Brandorff, Beverly Muller, Dorothy Bond, Joanie Klein, Janet

Brandt, Ardith Butler, Connie Larsen, Lori Gartner, Sharon Beezley, Kathy Finkner, Lynda Francis, Dorothy Richey, Beverly Schroer, Dorothy Raburn, Jackie Purdy, Russ & Corinne Howe, Lona Lowell and Julie Roach.

If you have provided food for a funeral, please stop by the Fellowship Hall kitchen and pick up your dishes.

FIRST UMC SUPPORTS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity is asking community Churches to support the Saturday workdays with workers, food providers and devotion leaders.

Our church is asked to schedule the May workdays with a core group of workers. The youth and adult Sunday School classes are asked to participate as follows:

May 4—Youth and Young Adults & Faith Finders classes

May 11—Friendship, Open Circle & Sojourners Classes

May 18—Seekers and Deeper Faith Classes

May 25—Together & Crusaders Classes

Other members are encouraged to participate on any of the above dates. Contact Merv Schliefert for questions and/or coordination (236-5513).

CAMP COMECA

You are cordially invited to "Celebrate Comeca" on Saturday, June 1, 2002. We will be serving a prime rib dinner at 6:00 p.m. In addition to the delectable banquet, we will spotlight both a silent and a live auction. Tickets are \$25 per person and must be purchased in advance. Call 308-784-2808 or email Mgarner507@aol.com to make your reservations. This promises to be a magnificent happening!

*Chic & Mary Garner and
The Comeca Board of Directors*

We will offer tables to United Methodists first: round tables for 6 or 7 persons or rectangular tables for 8 or 10 persons. It's the best way to insure preferred seating and be able to attend with your friends or family. Call Comeca ASAP.

We would also hope that many Churches could donate items to be auctioned. We would suggest time at a mountain resort or any other time share days, hunting and fishing trips, donations of beef or pork, dinner parties, autographed items from famous friends, tutoring sessions in music, gourmet meals, decorating or computer applications, gardens planned and planted, quilts, art pieces, business goods or services, tickets to performing art events or athletic events, camp scholarships for children, or adult retreat packages at Comeca. The deadline for donations is April 27th. Thanks so much for your help.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Morning Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, June 17th through Friday the 21st, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Evening Vacation Bible School will be held in July on Sunday, the 21st through Thursday, the 25th from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. (This will follow the same curriculum as the earlier VBS but each session will be a little shorter.) The theme is *Bug Safari*.

FIVE DATES AVAILABLE FOR RADIO BROADCAST

Thank you to our radio sponsors for their generosity this year. We have only seven available dates left for 2002! Your generosity is appreciated by many people. We have no way of knowing how many people we reach each Sunday, but we have heard from many people who listen to the radio each Sunday because they are unable to attend worship services. We have also heard from people who do not attend this church, but listen to our broadcast! This is a wonderful ministry, especially to those people who are homebound for one reason or another.

Please call Sharron Altmaier at 234-2163, or Ann at the Church office, 237-3158 if you would like to sponsor any of the following dates: July 28th, October 20th, November 3rd and 10th, and 17th. Cost for the broadcast will be \$161.00, payable to the Church within a short time after your broadcast date.

We do not know what the price for next year's broadcast will be, but we already have several dates that have been spoken for. Look ahead on your 2003 calendar. Is there a special event, such as an anniversary or birthday that you would like to recognize? If so, please call Sharron or Ann to save your spot on 2003 list. If you listen to the radio regularly and would like a bulletin mailed to you, please call the Church office.



Who: All members and friends

What: Board games, cards
games and basketball

When: Friday, April 26, 2002

Time: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Where: Family Life Center,
Open Circle, Crusaders
& Challengers Rooms

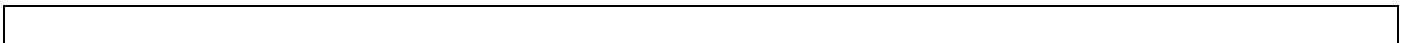
Cost: Bring your favorite snack and
enthusiasm for fun!

**Sponsored by the
Family Life Council**

Do you get *Ants In Your Pants* sitting around your house on Friday night? Don't feel *Sorry* for yourself or cause *Trouble!* Don't *Boggle* your mind with *Trivial pursuits!* *Twister* the *Sequence* of your usual weekend plans. Have a *Ball* with us!

Activities will include board games, basketball and fellowship. Please bring any board games you would like to play. No need to R.S.V.P.—just show up!

Ev e r y o n e i s i n v i t e d !!



If you have a favorite game you would like to share, please bring it along!

The Family Life Council has the *Monopoly* on fun!!!

SPRING IS BLOOMING AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST!!

The Senior High and Middle School Youth want to help you make your garden look its best! We are selling spring plants to help fund our summer mission trips to Mobile, Alabama (Sr. High) and Pine Ridge, South Dakota (Middle School). The Senior High will be going to Mobile, Alabama and doing painting and repair work on inner city homes. The Middle School youth will be doing work around the Pine Ridge area in South Dakota, which is one of the poorest counties in the country.

GERANIUMS (4") - \$3.25

- Coral
- Red

PETUNIAS (6 pack) - \$1.85

- Red
- Purple

IMPATIENS (6 pack) - \$1.85

- Red
- White

MARIGOLDS (6 pack) - \$1.85

- Orange
- Yellow

WAVE PETUNIAS (4") - \$2.25

- Pink
- Purple

VINCA VINES (4") - \$2.25

SPIKES (4") - \$2.25

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- ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH. PLANTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP ON SATURDAY, MAY 4TH FROM 1:00 – 4:00 P.M. IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER (OR OUTSIDE, WEATHER PERMITTING)
 - PLANTS ARE FROM COUNTRY GREENERY IN CAIRO, NE

CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO "FUMC YOUTH"

If you have questions or would like to have a youth contact you for an order, please call (237-3158) or e-mail Anne Hof (anneh@kearneyfirstumc.org). Orders may also be placed in the Church office. Payment must be received with the order.

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