



# Living Water



I have had several plans for my life since I was a teenager. But most of them did not go as I intended. There have been twists, turns, changes, and shifts. I never thought that I would live in the Philippines for a year, become a pastor, move to the U.S., live in New Jersey, Nebraska, Virginia, and Kansas, and have many other unexpected life events.

What about you? What did you plan for your life when you were younger? How have your plans been going? I bet nobody can say, “My life has been going exactly as I planned and intended.”

Life is uncertain. Sometimes, it seems to be so random. We try to find and choose the best way in our lives. But, at times, we find ourselves standing on an unexpected path. Especially, when we face crisis or critical moments when we have to make decisions, we’d like to make best choice for ourselves and our families. But it is not easy at all. We might occasionally hope to see our whole future so we can prepare or make a good decision.

However, God does not show us the whole picture of our life. God’s guidance is not like a search light but like a lamp, only showing a few steps ahead. *“Your word is a lamp to my feet...” (Psalm 119:105, NIV)* So, if we don’t pay attention and take our eyes off the light, we can get lost. The farther we go, the harder it is for us to come back. But there is good news. God’s tireless grace follows us. When we are off track, God leads us to Him again. So, our life path is more a zigzag than straight. Even though we cannot see at the moment, we later realize God’s amazing wisdom and grace, and exclaim, “Ah! That was why!”

Many lives of the Biblical figures were the same. They were just people like you and me. They planned, did their best, faced obstacles, got lost, detoured, altered, and so on. But throughout their lives, we are able to see God’s guidance in their lives, no matter what time in history they lived, Old Testament or New Testament, and no matter where they lived, they could find God’s grace that follows, surrounds and leads the lost and the seekers.

The book of Ruth focuses on the lives of some people who planned, got lost, returned, followed, adventured, and accepted. Through their lives, we can discover God’s grace and guidance upon our own lives. As we explore the book of Ruth in September, may God show His grace and light on our pilgrim journey and lead us every day so we can walk with Him with joy, peace, and excitement every moment!

In Christ,

Pastor Kim

# Worship in September

Sunday Mornings at 10:00 am.

In person: 8760 Kill Creek Road, De Soto, KS 66018

Online, Facebook Live or later—[www.facebook.com/desotounitedmethodist/](http://www.facebook.com/desotounitedmethodist/)  
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1 <sup>st</sup>	15th Sunday after Pentecost	Ruth 1:1	“A Famine”
8 <sup>th</sup>	16th Sunday after Pentecost	Ruth 1:16-17	“Follow”
15 <sup>th</sup>	17th Sunday after Pentecost	Ruth 2:2	“Grain Field”
22 <sup>nd</sup>	18th Sunday after Pentecost	Ruth 3:18	“Threshing Floor”
29 <sup>th</sup>	19th Sunday after Pentecost	Ruth 4:16	“Family”

## PRAISE AND PRAYER GATHERING

At 9:15 am, we will gather up front on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays to hear the WORD, sing a couple of praise songs, listen to a simple faith-based message (from a member of our congregation) and lift each other up in prayer and praise.

Please join us September 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> this month. If you would like to share a message of your personal Faith experience for this bi-weekly praise, please let Pastor Kim, Avery Noble, or Shelly Coker know and they will assign you a date. **Bring Your Friends!**

## NEW MEMBER WELCOMING

We will celebrate another new member welcoming, Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> in Worship service.

Member form due: September 15

New Member Orientation: September 22

September 29

Pastor Kim is going to Imago training, September 3-6. If you have any emergency pastoral care needs, please contact the church (913-583-1359) or Jimmie Thomas. Our Congregational Care Ministry team will contact and pray with you.

## Mission and Outreach

**September Food Pantry** is continuing the request for detergent and personal care products.

# 2024—FULL OF BLESSINGS AND GRACE

## SEPTEMBER

1 SUN	10:00 am	Worship with Communion	16 Mon	7:00 pm	Finance & Trustee Teams
2 Mon		Labor Day	17 Tue	11:00 am	Reading Circle
3-6 Tue-Fri		Pastor Kim @ Imago Training	18 Wed	10:00 am	Coffee @ Cause Coffee
4 Wed	10:00 am	Coffee @ Cause Coffee		6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 pm	Choir rehearsal	19 Thu		Pastor Kim-District meeting
6 Fri	7:00 am	Rotary	20 Fri	7:00 am	Rotary
7 Sat	9am-Noon	The Hub NE KS District	21 Sat	8:00 am	United Methodist Men
8 SUN	9:00 am	Sunday School		11 am-2:00 pm	Community Cookout
	9:15 am	Praise & Prayer Gathering	22 SUN	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship		9:15 am	Praise & Prayer Gathering
9-10 Mon-Tue		Emmaus Communion Team		10:00 am	Worship
9 Mon	1:00 pm	Silver Circle		11:00 am	New Member Orientation
	6:30 pm	Agape Circle	25 Wed	10:00 am	Coffee @ Cause Coffee
10 Tue	5:30 pm	D.A.R		6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
11 Wed	10:00 am	Coffee @ Cause Coffee	26 Thu	1-5:00 pm	Clergy Consultations: Rev. Cho, classroom
	1:30 pm	Hillside Village service			
	6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	29 SUN	9:00 am	Sunday School
13-14 Fri-Sat	9:00 am	Nat'l CCM Training		10:00 am	Worship
14 Sat	2:00 pm	Girl Scouts		11:00 am	New Member Orientation
15 SUN	9:00 am	Sunday School			
	10:00 am	Worship			

## September



### September Happy Birthdays

1 Andrew Powers	2 Steve Buehler	2 Marilyn Layman	3 Kendee Seymour
4 Michael Nieman	5 Jubilee Caro	10 Lauren Wenger	15 Jane Seymour
16 Avery Bowlin	16 Will Morton	19 Mary Cox	21 Blake Tucker
25 Rita Bolay	26 David Bedford	26 Jesslynn Thies	

### September Happy Anniversary

3 Bill & Michaelane Gish	8 Arlene & Loran Truitt	10 Scott & Justine Seymour
16 Brad & Samantha Bowlin	20 Ron & Terri Hooper	21 Ron & Lisa Roberts
	27 Joe & Marsha Miller	

National **Congregational Care Ministry** Training (Free) will be presented at Olathe Grace UMC, 9/13 (Friday) 1pm-7pm and 9/14 (Sat) 9am-4pm. Anyone interested is welcome!

# Children, Youth, & Family Ministry NEWS

**Sunday School 9:00-9:50 A.M. September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Nursery Care Continues**



**PreK - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

**6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Adults**

**Begin on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, in the lower level classrooms.**

**Snacks are always part of Sunday School.**

## ***Bible Sunday: September 15<sup>th</sup>***

Do you have a 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grader in your family who has not received a Bible from our church? Please contact the office ([umcoffice@desotoumc.org](mailto:umcoffice@desotoumc.org)) as we plan Bible presentations September 15<sup>th</sup> during Worship. We look forward to presenting Bibles to our upper elementary students in worship.



## **Invitations to Grow through Study, Fellowship and Mission**

### **De Soto United Methodist Men**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the each month, UMM Fellowship Breakfast and devotional study meets in **Fellowship Hall** at 8:00 am. We will continue to discuss the book, "Yes God, I Know I Have Sinned But I Have Such Excellent Excuses". Do not hesitate to attend without having read the book. Come: **September 21. 8:00 am**

### **De Soto United Methodist Women Circles**

The Methodist women are busy with numerous projects - programs promoting mission and service. Contact Gayle Moriarity if you want more information regarding the group: [gaylemoriarty@gmail.com](mailto:gaylemoriarty@gmail.com) 913-304-4901

**AGAPE CIRCLE**— Next meeting is September 9<sup>th</sup> when we will finish the discussion of "One Simple Act" by Debbie Macomber, Linda Rumsey's home, 27545 West 89th St., Lenexa, KS 66227 (913) 522-6919.

**SILVER CIRCLE**—Studying "The Bad Girls of the Bible". September 9<sup>th</sup>, the 2<sup>nd</sup> (second) Monday, 1:00 pm at the Valley Springs Clubhouse.

**READING CIRCLE**—reads and discusses a group selected book each month, 3<sup>rd</sup> (third) Tuesday of each month September 17<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00am-12:00pm. We then meet at KJ's after the meeting for pizza! This month's book is "Joshua's Family" by Joseph F. Girzon.



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# Vision 2030 and after

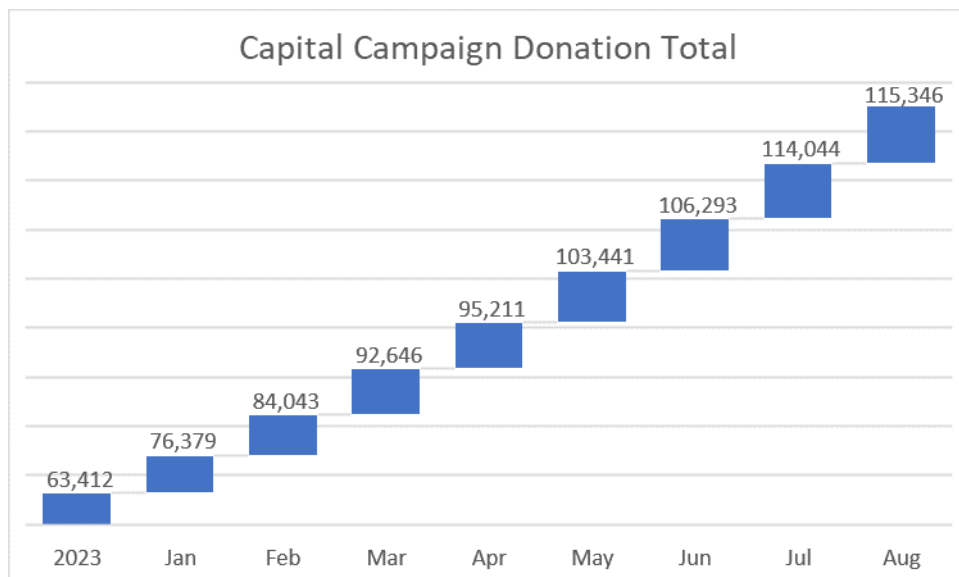
To the Community of Christ at De Soto UMC:

Our projects are finished! We had a wonderful dedication ceremony with Rev. Cho in attendance and inspirational music by the choir! What an exciting past 12 months we have had with our capital campaign. Even though the “work” is done, God’s work remains and that is what we need to continue to focus our efforts on.

If we go back to the reason for doing our projects; some were for buildings/grounds preservation and some were for needed aesthetic updates. All of them make for a more inviting and welcoming worship space for our community. With our projects now complete, we need to build off the excitement in our community around these projects. How many people have you heard comment about our new sign? Or our freshly redone parking lots? When you hear your neighbors bring these things up, these are great opportunities to invite them to “come and see” the rest of what our church has to offer. The bible tells us to “Go, make disciples,” and we can use these openings in conversation to do so. Our church is vibrant with life right now and we have the opportunity to share it with the community.

On the financial side, our project costs came in at just under \$150,000. As many of you are aware, we took a short term loan out to be able to complete all the projects immediately. As long as our giving allows us to collect our goal of \$160,000 in three years, the amount of interest on the loan will be less than \$10,000, and we should remain within our original budget. We have currently raised \$115,345.85, which is a wonderful blessing. This comes from each of us looking inward and asking “What is God’s will?” as we support the campaign. I invite each of you to continue your prayers for the success of our campaign and for the bright future of our church!

Peace and Blessings to you and your family,  
**Eric Young - Capital Campaign Chairman**



JOIN US FOR A

**FREE**



**community**  
*meal*

Provided by

De Soto United Methodist Church  
8760 Kill Creek Road, De Soto, Kansas 66018

on

Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

between

11:00am & 2:00pm

All are welcome to come for food, fellowship, and fun!  
Family-focused outdoor games provided.

No need to bring anything!

Wait for it.....

- Sunday School 9/8
- Bible Explorers 10/6
- Trunk 'n Treat 10/27
- Election Day Dinner 11/5
- Cookies 12/8



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### Sundays

9:00am      Groups for All Ages

10:00am     Worship

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