



I still remember when I was a child that I loved Vacation Bible School in my mother church. It went the whole week, three times a day, early morning, morning and afternoon. The teachers gave the children stickers on their name tags when they attended each gathering. I loved to collect those stickers on my name tag. The title of the theme song of the VBS that we sang every year, was, “The White Fluffy Clouds.” Well, actually, it was the first phrase of the song, but we called it as its title. The children almost screamed to sing with joy, dancing. We learned the Bible stories, played games, ate meals and snacks and had a lock-in sleep over. As a child, I just enjoyed every moment. But after I became an adult and served in the Children Ministry for years as a Sunday School teacher and in a leadership position, I learned that the Sunday School teachers prayed, prepared and committed themselves for the young souls. Some of them even gave up their summer vacation for Vacation Bible School. I was one of the beneficiaries of their commitment and am so grateful for their devotion.

I believe many of you also have some memories of your own Vacation Bible School in your childhood. Who was your teacher? What did you learn? Which song did you sing? What else do you remember about VBS? Even though we do not remember every detail of the events, I believe God shaped our faith in our young souls one way or another through the commitment of the teachers and the volunteers.

Now, we will have our VBS this year from July 24 through 27 with the theme, “Food Truck Party.” It sounds like fun! Under this theme, children will learn how God fed His people in His grace from the Bible. As God provided with their physical needs, we can see God’s provision, providence and love for His people.

So, the adults will share the word of God with the same theme and passages that our children will share during the VBS. I hope you can have a chance to talk about the theme and the Bible stories with the children of our church in July. Please pray for our precious children, for Sunday School teachers and the volunteers to grow together, for their safety and that they have fun!

In Christ,

Pastor Kim



## *July Worship*

July 2	Exodus 16:15	“God provides Manna & Quail”
July 9	1 Kings 17:15-16	“Elijah, the Widow, and the Endless Oil”
July 16	Daniel 1:8	“Daniel & Friends Eating the Good Stuff”
July 23	John 6:9	“Jesus Feeds the 5,000 Plus”
July 30	John 21:12-13	“Jesus Cooks the Catch of the Day”

Sunday Mornings at 10:00 am. In person: 8760 Kill Creek Road, De Soto, KS 66018

Online, Facebook Live and later—[www.facebook.com/desotounitedmethodist](https://www.facebook.com/desotounitedmethodist)

Later on YouTube—[desotounitedmethodistchurc8790](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8790)



Thank you for your food donations to our Blessings Box in our upper parking lot.

Monetary donations can be made to our Families-in-Need fund to supply food if you want to contribute but are unable to bring food yourself.

## De Soto Food Pantry

Open Tuesdays 10am - 12pm   Thursdays 4pm - 6pm   Saturdays 9am - 11am

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Our **Mission and Outreach** Team is shining a spotlight on a food pantry need each month. We're concentrating on items that government assistance does not cover. Thanks for any help with this!

The Month of July: Cleaning items, i.e. detergent, dish soap, spray cleaners, etc.

Requesting your assistance: Please bring ONE item listed above. If every one of us brings one item to church on Sundays, we would cover the need.

Thanks so much, your Outreach Team,  
Lisa Schmucker, Gene Chavez, Carol Coffman, and Gayle Moriarity

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

Thanks to your participation in voting for Trustee projects, we have a list of Capital projects to be undertaken, beginning with fascia and soffit replacement and repair. Watch for further information regarding this project. As a reminder, two additional suggested projects include crack repair and repainting of the Sanctuary, and new flooring for the Sanctuary and part of the Narthex. Thanks to the Trustees for keeping our property in good order, welcoming all who enter our doors.

# Children, Youth, & Family Ministry NEWS

## Vacation Bible School

July 24-27, 2023 \* 6:30-8:30 pm \* Ages PreK-5th grade

>> [Click HERE to register Online NOW](#) <<

OR

call 913-583-1359



Hi Kids—I'm DJ Cupcake. Join me at **Food Truck Party VBS**. You will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible based good time as we *get on a roll with God*. We will become Chefs and discover how we can turn to God in prayer every day to meet our needs AND learn how we can join God in providing for the needs of others.

Our adventure will include:

- \*Puppet plays & Bible stories,
- \*Games, Crafts, & Music,
- \*Snacks, Mission, & More.



**Adults and Teens—join the VBS Team.** Contact *Sabrina* ([youthfamily@desotoumc.org](mailto:youthfamily@desotoumc.org)) about completing the Safe Gatherings certification ASAP and serving as a leader, helper, or guide.



**July 20, 6:30 pm, VBS Worker Orientation and Q&A.**

**July 23, 11:00 am, VBS Set-up and Decorating, with lunch.**

## *Thank You from Youth Mission Team*

THANK YOU !!! to all who supported our Summer Youth Mission Team with your prayers, time, energy, and resources. We had a great experience serving at The Hub Argentine and look forward to sharing more about our service days with all of you in an upcoming Worship service.



**2023 Summer Camp!** Ages K-12th grade. To register click [HERE!](#)

Confidential fee scholarships available. Contact Sabrina or Pastor Kim.



## *Sunday School NEWS*

Thanks to everyone who joined us for Summer Sunday School Stations. We had a GREAT time in June learning together—adults, teens, & kids.

**July**—9:00 am Sunday School will NOT meet. (Children's Church for PreK-5th grade, following the Children's Moment in Worship, WILL meet.)

**August 6**—Adults resume 9:00 am gatherings with Coffee & Conversation.

**August 20**—Teens & Kids resume 9:00 am gathering.

To learn more about serving in our Sunday School ministry, or if you have questions, contact Sabrina: [youthfamily@desotoumc.org](mailto:youthfamily@desotoumc.org).



**Looking for the perfect bag for your trash can? We can help!** De Soto United Methodist Church Youth Group is selling high quality Frontier brand trash bags to meet your needs. **If you need more bags, purchase bags from the self-service box at Kim's Beauty Center (32170 W 83rd St.).**

**All sizes \$12.50/roll; \$25 for 2 rolls.**

**White – 15 gallon, Yellow – 39 gallon, Blue – 55 gallon.**

**Proceeds support the Youth Mission & Ministries of De Soto UMC.**



***Looking Ahead:***

***Back-to-School Sunday, August 13.***

# 2023—FULL OF BLESSINGS AND GRACE

## July 2023

2 SUN 10:00 am	Worship	18 Tue 11:00 am	Reading Circle
2-3	Team Emmaus Communion Visits	6:30 pm	Children, Youth & Family Ministry Team
4 Tue	HOLIDAY		
5 Wed 10:00 am	Coffee @ Cause Coffee	19 Wed 10:00 am	Coffee @ Cause Coffee
7 Fri 7:00 am	Rotary	20 Thu 6:30 pm	VBS Worker Orientation
8 Sat 2:00 pm	Girl Scouts	21 Fri 7:00 am	Rotary
9 SUN 10:00 am	Worship	23 SUN 10:00 am	Worship
12 Wed 10:00 am	Coffee @ Cause Coffee	11:00 am	VBS Decorating with Lunch
1:30 pm	Hillside Village service	<b>24-27 Mon-Thu</b>	<b>VBS—Food Truck Party!</b>
15 Sat 8:00 am	United Methodist Men	<b>6:30-8:30 pm</b>	
16 SUN 10:00 am	Worship	26 Wed 10:00 am	Coffee @ Cause Coffee
17 Mon 7:00 pm	Finance	30 SUN 10:00 am	Worship
7:30 pm	Trustees		

## CELEBRATE JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### *Happy Birthday*



6 Arlene Truitt	7 Dianne Ellenberger	8 Augustine & Isabella Guzman
8 Marly Noble	9 Rosie Inman, Ron Roberts, Annette Tucker	
10 Paden Bedford	11 Bub Schmidt, Roger Templin	
12 Laura Huffman	13 Jason Powers	14 Betty Cannon
15 Bill Gish, Keegan Guzman, Alexandra Payne, Lukas Tucker, Barbara Weis		
16 Liz Allison, Boots Linden		17 Kyler Gish
18 Ryan Lange	21 Tammy Holwick	23 Denise Everhart, Jason Guzman
24 Janna Holden, Sean Lange, Judy Macy		28 Doug Bedford, Nancy McMillen
31 Jessica Roberts		

### *Happy Anniversary*

6 Don & Arylis Neal	22 Jason & Laurie Powers
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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

After requests from MANY of you, we will be publishing a current church community directory. No pictures will be included this time, but the following information can be included:

Name, all members of the family  
 Address ★ Telephone ★ Email  
 Birth month and day (i.e. 06/29, **no** birth years printed)

This information can be included for every member of the family, or one contact entry for the entire family. Please contact Linda Patton, [umcoffice@desotoumc.org](mailto:umcoffice@desotoumc.org), (913) 553-8406, to add information to what the church has now or to limit your listing information. The directory will be available to all attendees and those of you who connect from home.

## De Soto United Methodist Church

### Sundays

9:00am Groups for All Ages

10:00am Worship

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*YouTube.com: [De Soto United Methodist Church](#)*

Look for our logo. You can find our recorded worship services and devotionals on these.

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