



My father went to church for the first time when he was a child. His younger sister, my aunt, went to church before him for Vacation Bible School. She loved it and invited my father, saying it was so much fun. Ever since he grew in faith. I am not sure who started but my paternal grandparents and all the aunts and uncles have been Christians. My maternal grandmother built the first Methodist Church in Jeju Island with other Korean war refugees. She had six children and raised them in faith. My parents met in a church. They were in the same young adult group and the choir. My mother often sang hymns at home, and my father told me Bible stories. They never skipped Sunday worship services as far as I know and participated in the early morning services, Wednesday services, Friday prayer gatherings and the small group gatherings. The church was almost everything to them. Thanks to them, I grew up in the church, learning about God and growing in faith. They passed down their faith to me.

The church has been a huge part of my life since I was very young. I volunteered in many aspects of ministries, but after I began to serve a small local church as a pastor, I was finally able to see the whole church. I took care of the children ministry, youth group, young adult group and the adult ministries. As I learned more and more and served longer and longer, my perspective on ministry grew. Right before the Pandemic, I happened to read a book, "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" written by Robert Schnase (Abingdon, 2018). I was deeply impacted by the book. It introduces practices that can help the church become vital and fruitful. When I read the book, my heart was pounding just like when I read the book of Acts. The church is not a social club but people who gathered in Jesus' name and entails missions to save lives and make differences. Together, the church has a power through the Holy Spirit to do things that individuals can barely do. Schnase wrote that fruitful churches are practicing, "Radical Hospitality," "Passionate Worship," "Intentional Faith Development," "Risk-Taking Mission and Service" and "Extravagant Generosity." This fall, I would like to encourage you to read this book. I will share these practices through our sermon series. But if you can read it with me and ponder more about it through worship, I believe God will do something amazing through us even though we don't see it today.

On the first Sunday of September, we will share passing down our faith, and then our beautiful children Henry, Oliver and Emmarie Asher will be baptized. Then beginning the second Sunday, we will share the five practices of Fruitful Congregations. May God touch our hearts through the Holy Spirit so we can become a more vital church and make a difference for the kingdom of God!

In Christ,

Pastor Kim



Worship in September



3rd	14th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Timothy 1:5	“Inheriting Faith”
10th	15th Sunday after Pentecost	Hebrews 13:2	“Fruitfulness: Radical Hospitality”
17th	16th Sunday after Pentecost	John 4:24	“Fruitfulness: Passionate Worship”
24th	17th Sunday after Pentecost	Colossians 2:6-7	“Fruitfulness: Intentional Faith Development”

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

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

Whenever we have children’s baptism, we have to be reminded that we the church have a responsibility to raise them in faith together as a family of faith. Henry, Oliver and Emmarie will be baptized this Sunday. (Sept. 3) They were born and raised in a very beautiful Christian family. Now, they will be officially incorporated into the Body of Christ, the universal church. Come and let us celebrate all together.

New Member Orientation and Welcoming

If you have an interest in becoming a Member of our church, there are applications on the table outside the Sanctuary to be completed and given to Pastor Kim by September 10, 2023. The following are some dates to remember in this process.

- September 10, Applications due to Pastor Kim
- September 17, after Worship: Orientation 1
- September 24, after Worship: Orientation 2
- October 1, during Worship: Welcoming Rite**

In honoring space for parents to study in Sunday School and to Worship:



Nursery Job

De Soto UMC is receiving applications for the part-time, Sunday morning (8:45-11:15 am) Nursery Attendant. Interested applicants should be at least 16 years old, responsible, consistent, and have a passion for loving and nurturing children in Christian faith. Apply [HERE](#) or contact Audrey Tiedeman to apply and for full job description: 913-231-0701 or tiedeman2@yahoo.com.

Children, Youth, & Family Ministry NEWS

Sunday School, 9:00—9:50 am, Sundays

Sept. 3—Sunday school for children and youth/teens will NOT meet.

Sept. 10, 17, & 24—Sunday school WILL meet. Classes for students PreK, K-2nd, 3rd-5th grades, 6th-12th grades, and adult. Snacks are always a part of Sunday school. All groups will meet on the lower-level.



Youth Activities September

All middle school and high school students are invited to all Youth activities. Friends are always welcome. We'll meet at church or another location as given.. Questions? Text, call, or email: Sabrina (785-550-3300, youthfamily@desotoumc.org), Marsha (913-488-9033, miller.marsha@yahoo.com), or Eric (501-428-5232, eyoung_87@hotmail.com).



All Middle School and High School students are invited to Youth Activities

Sept. 10, 17, & 24, 9:00-9:50 am, Sunday School. Students—join Marsha and Eric for faith, friends, food, fun, & fellowship. Have you shared your suggestions for activities and study in Sunday school? *Meets in lower-level classroom.*

September, 10, 4:30-6:30 pm, Kick-Off Cookout and Splash at the Muggy's.
Details on following page of this newsletter.

Stay posted for upcoming activities as calendared at our Sept. 10 event.

Bible Sunday

Do you have a 3rd, 4th, or 5th grader in your family who has not received a Bible from our church? Please contact Sabrina (youthfamily@desotoumc.org) as we plan Bible presentations for later this month. We look forward to presenting Bibles to our upper elementary students in worship.



CYFM Team Gathering, Sept. 19, 6:30 pm

The Children, Youth, & Family Ministry Team will gather this month. New team members always welcome in this group that plans regular and special activities for these ministry areas. Contact Sabrina: youthfamily@desotoumc.org to learn more.



Get Involved



De Soto United Methodist Church

Youth Group

Kick Off

PARTY

COOK-OUT

&

SPLASH

4:30-6:30 pm, Sept. 10

For students AND parents/families of middle school and high school students. Plus, grandparents are invited too! Hosted by Bill and Janet Muggy (2063 N 1300 Road, Eudora, KS).

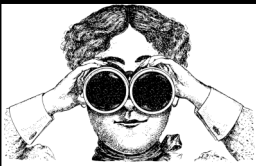
Students – wear your swimsuit, bring a towel, and invite a friend to join you as we officially kick-off Youth Group with an outdoor swim party. Plus, bring your planning calendar as student activity recommendations are selected and dates confirmed. (Stay posted for side dish and beverage sign-up.) Questions? Contact Sabrina: youthfamily@desotoumc.org



Nursery Care

is available Sundays, 9:00 –11:00 am for children birth through PreK. We give thanks for our Nursery staff and volunteers who care for the youngest in our community.

Children's Church: Following the Children's Moment in Worship, PreK through 5th Grade students are invited to join Children's Church leaders on the lower-level for a Bible story and activity. Questions? Ask Sabrina: youthfamily@desotoumc.org.



Looking Ahead to October:

Bible Explorers for Upper Elementary

Hey 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders—Bible Explorers is for YOU! Join us 4:00-5:30 pm once a month on a Sunday, October through May for a light meal and fun, explorative ways to learn about the Bible and what it teaches us as we grow as disciples of Jesus. Our meeting dates for 2023-2024 are:

October 1,	February 4,
November 5,	March 3,
December 3,	April 7,
January 7,	May 5.

Bible Explorers

**Starts
Oct. 1**

**Includes a
light meal.**



Trunk -n- Treat

**October 29 3:00-5:00 pm,
TriCentury Bank Parking Lot**

*Decorate your car trunk and hand-out treats. Costumes encouraged.
Donate treats beginning in October.*



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 would like to contribute but are unable to bring food yourself.

DE SOTO FOOD PANTRY

Tuesdays 10am - 12pm

Thursdays 4pm - 6pm

Saturdays 9am - 11am



2023—FULL OF BLESSINGS AND GRACE

September

Sundays: 9:00 am Sunday School (except 9/3), 10:00 am Worship

Wednesdays: 10:00 am Coffee @ Cause Coffee, 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

1 Fri	7:00 am	Rotary	16 Sat	8:00 am	United Methodist Men
3 SUN	10:00 am	Worship: Covenant of Baptism		9:00 am	KC District Seminar
4 Mon		Labor Day—Holiday	17 SUN	11:00 am	New Member Orientation
9 Sat	2:00 pm	Girl Scout Troops	18 Mon	7:00 pm	Finance/Trustees Teams
10 SUN	4:30 pm	Youth Group	19 Tue	11:00 am	Reading Circle
11 Mon	1:00 pm	Silver Circle		6:30 pm	Children, Youth, Family Team
12 Tue	5:30 pm	D.A.R.	24 SUN	11:00 am	New Member Orientation
13 Wed	1:30 pm	Hillside Village service			
15 Fri	7:00 am	Rotary			
	1:00 pm	KC District Seminar			



CELEBRATE SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday

1-Andrew Powers	2-Steve Buehler, Kaye Pogue	3-Kendee Seymour
4-Michael Nieman, Sabrina Wellman	5-Jubilee Caro	9-Emmarie Asher
10-Lauren Wenger	13-Kadee Little	15-Jane Seymour
16-Will Morton	19-Mary Cox	21-Blake Tucker
25-Rita Bolay		
26-David Bedford		

Happy Anniversary

3-Bill & Michaelane Gish	8-Loran & Arlene Truitt	9-Bub & LaDonna Schmidt
10-Scott & Justine Seymour	16-Brad & Samantha Bowlin	20-Ron & Terri Hooper
21-Ron & Lisa Roberts	27-Joe & Marsha Miller	

De Soto Food Pantry

Our **Mission and Outreach** Team is shining a spotlight on a food pantry need each month.

Thanks for any help with this!

The Month of September: Soup (no tomato, thank-you) and laundry detergent.

Again, in doing this together, with each one donating **one** item, we will replenish the Food Pantry shelves.

De Soto United Methodist Church

Sundays

9:00am Groups for All Ages

10:00am Worship

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

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