



Living Waters

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Our Social Creed

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.

(It is recommended that this statement of Social Principles be continually available to United Methodist Christians and that it be emphasized regularly in every congregation. It is further recommended that "Our Social Creed" be frequently used in Sunday worship.)

this is the link for more information on the UMC Social Principles and bulletin inserts.

<http://www.umc-gbcs.org/site/?c=frLJK2PKLqF&b=3743117>

www.5riversds.com

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Upcoming Events

- May 1st**
Annual Conference Pre-Conference Briefing
- June 8th-11th**
KE Annual Conference at
The Church of the Resurrection
- June 19th -25th**
Institute 2011 one session only



A seed hidden in the heart of an apple is an orchard invisible. ~ Welch Proverb

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Schedule of Events

May 1st

DS preaches morning worship at New Lancaster UMC

Pre-Conference Briefing 3-5 pm

Ottawa 1st UMC

May 4th

Cabinet meets at Ottawa 1st

May 12th

District Leadership Team

Garnett UMC 6:30-8:30 pm

May 17th

Ottawa Trinity CC 7 pm

May 18th

Conference Trustees 10-2 pm

May 22nd

DS preaches morning worship at Central UMC

May 25-28th

Kansas West Annual Conference

Clergy Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 4th

Ed and Janith English

May 12th

Maria Campbell

May 19th

Richard Fitzgerald

May 23

Mitch and Jan Todd

May 30th

Pastor Gary Gooding



"In all things of nature there is something of the marvelous."

Aristotle

"This is what the past is for! Every experience God gives us, every person He puts in our lives is the perfect preparation for the future that only He can see." ~ Corrie Ten Boom

"Trying to do the Lord's work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you." ~ Corrie Ten Boom

Corrie Ten Boom is author of *The Hiding Place*.

Of Possible Interest to You

Servant Leadership: Personal and Professional Self-Care Electronic Workshop

Updated Workshop for 2011

Four Weekly 2-Hour Electronic Sessions

This is a free workshop for Kansas clergy, clergy spouses and church staff.

Self-Care Topics to be Discussed

Self Care and the Roles of Clergy, Mental/Emotional Self-Care, Spiritual Self-Care,

Social Self-Care, Physical Self-Care. Covenant and Plan to Change One Thing

Registrants are expected to participate in all four electronic sessions.

June 9th ~ Thursdays 9-11 am (June 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th)

August 2nd ~ Tuesdays 3-5 pm (August 2, 9, 16 and 23rd)

September 6th ~ Tuesdays 8-10 am (September 6, 13, 20 and 27th)

October 6th ~ Thursdays 2-4 pm (October 6, 13, 20 and 27th)

November 7th ~ Mondays 1:30 –3:30 pm (November 7, 14, 21 and 28th)

Register online at www.healthfund.org or contact Judy Johnston for more information.

Approved for 0.7 Continuing education credits for clergy who participate in the entire workshop.

Five Rivers District Prayer Calendar

- May 1st Ives Chapel , Richter UMC
Pastor Jacob Cloud
- May 8th Williamsburg UMC
Pastor Billy Hughes
- May 15th Worden UMC
Pastor Bud Tuxhorn
- May 22nd Wesley KU
Rev. Kara Eidson
- May 29th Neosho Falls , Yates Center UMC
Rev. Russell Anderson

"Prayer is where the action is." ~ John Wesley

"Don't pray when you feel like it. Have an appointment with the Lord and keep it. A man is powerful on his knees." ~ Corrie Ten Boom

Reviewing the Book ~

Choosing to SEE

by Mary Beth Chapman

I expected the predictable very sad accounting of Steven Curtis Chapman's family tragedy. Yes, there were the details, as well as how they were able to deal with the devastation. What was fully illuminated is the honesty and humanity of a family devoted to God.

I cried throughout the whole book but loved how God continues to work through their pain, turning it into a process of beauty.

One of my favorite songs Steven Curtis Chapman wrote is *Be Still*. After reading the book it has become *Heaven Is The Face*, the first song on his latest album *Beauty Shall Raise*.



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A book review of *The Secret Things of God* written by Dr. Henry Cloud

We all are looking for “the secret” to getting more out of life. That is definitely evidenced by the popularity of *The Secret*, a best seller and secular book by Rhonda Byrne.

Dr. Henry Cloud is a psychiatrist who uses scripture, his personal life and experiences to teach how God’s mysteries answer many of the seeker’s questions. He explains with knowledge from the Word, how the starting place for believers begins with seeking out God. Cloud shows how God’s word differs from the teachings of Byrnes, *The Secret*.

Byrnes, *The Secret* will leave you feeling like you are missing something in your life, something that is totally within your power to get. A theme woven through her teaching is, you just need to draw what you want to yourself through the “power of attraction,” to get the most out of life. That is definitely counter-culture to what the Word teaches.

The Secret Things of God, give you practical direction and backs it up with scripture. It takes you from the point of first believing to growing up in your salvation.

This is a well written book and the next best thing to a personal visit with a biblically knowledgeable Christian psychologist.

What is the Local Church Dashboard?

On the KE website local churches can:

1. Update your local church information
2. Add events that your church is hosting
3. Add any classified ads within your local church: i.e. job openings, sales
4. Publish prayer concerns within your local church
5. Submit conference forms
6. Update your account information-username and password

How to access the Local Church Dashboard:

Go to the Conference Website: www.kansaseast.org

Click on “Church Log in Options” on the left side of the page

Click on “Church Dashboard Log in”

Enter your username and password (more info and instructions available upon request.)

