

# Steeple Notes

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## The Fundamentals

JULY 07, 2019 - Infallability

JULY 14, 2019 - Christ

JULY 21, 2019 - Miracles

JULY 28, 2019 - Second Coming

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Sunday Mornings @10:30am - Everyone is Welcome!!

### Don't miss out on Summer Fun and Education!

We have an exciting summer planned at University Congregational Church! The July sermon series, "The Fundamentals" promises to be informative and introspective, There's a persistent idea that one must subscribe to a certain list of beliefs to be considered a Christian: We're asking the questions: "Is this really true?" "Who made the list?" "What if we're missing something?" And others...

Save the date for the Saturday, July 27th Zoo Trip and the Family Movie Night on August 6th!

## SUMMER FUN AT UCC

Take a walk on the wild side at the Sedgwick County Zoo .

Sunday, June 9th at 2:00pm or Saturday, July 27th at 10:00am

Discount tickets, \$10.00 for adults or \$5.00 for children 3-11.

Family Movie Night

Thursday, August 6th Pizza at 6:00pm, Movie at 6:30pm

Save the date for Plymouth Congregational's Vacation Bible

School--June 10 - 14 from 9:00 a.m. to noon - More info to come



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## Gammon/Habitat for Humanity House

Our amazing UCC crew did the final cleanup this past week the day before our friends Jeanvier, Seline, and their five children moved into their new Habitat for Humanity house. What a joy to watch this wonderful Gammon family, refugees from Tanzania three years ago, become homeowners in our community!



They've moved from a cramped apartment to a five-bedroom home with a lovely front and back yard. Next week, the Outreach Board will circulate a list of household items the family still needs. So, as you are downsizing or freeing up space at your home, don't get rid of those items just yet. We may have a new home for them!

## Trustees

At its meeting on June 16, the Board of Trustees approved several items that it deemed beneficial to our church. These are as follows:

Updated and expanded our internet infrastructure so that we will have more powerful connections in the Fellowship Hall, the office, and the downstairs conference room. Our ability to livestream to the Fellowship Hall and into the community will be strengthened. Two UCC families donated all the money required for this project.

Purchased a second TV and sound bar to be located on the northeast wall of Fellowship Hall. The two TVs will function much like a computer with multiple monitors.

Instituted a new method of security for those who have keys to the building. Each keyholder will be assigned a unique code for the security system so that we will be able to develop a history of who enters and leaves the building after office hours.

Purchased RING security cameras to complement our RING doorbell to the office. The cameras will be strategically placed outside on the building so that staff can see who is on our property from their phones and, should Paul get a security alert during the night, he can use his phone to check the premises.

In the coming weeks, take note of these improvements.

## The Sharing Table

From ships, to drums, to puppies, to collections of ALL kinds...AND food too! What a varied, interesting, talented, benevolent group of folks we have at UCC. The Deacons THANK YOU for "jumping right in" and participating in the "Sharing Table" experiment!!! How wonderful to learn more about the folks we have been sharing pews with for years!! For everyone who has shared something special...a little part of themselves...please know how very much your efforts are appreciated! For those who haven't yet, there is plenty of time for you to join in the fun! Can't wait to see what there might be the next Sunday!!



## Music Board

If you haven't already, please consider being a Music Student Sponsor for the Music Students in the UCC Chancel Choir. Many of the singers in our UCC Chancel Choir are students at Wichita State University. They're able to sing in the choir due in large part to financial contributions made by UCC members through our "Sponsor a Student" program, which provides scholarships to these students for singing in the choir on a weekly basis during the school year

I can't begin to describe the uniqueness of this program and the positive impact that it has on the music program at our wonderful church. It provides much-needed financial assistance to students as they work their way through school and a UCC "family" – a kind of home away from home. In turn, the students provide us with a wealth of musical talent and youthful spirit, both of which light up our worship services every week.

If you've been a supporter of the "Sponsor a Student" program in the past, I ask that you consider renewing your pledge. If you've been interested in supporting in the past but have not committed for one reason or another, I ask that you take a look at our brochure and consider lending your financial support to this important cause. If you would like to make a donation please call Rev. Paul Ellis Jackson at 316-634-0430 or by email at: [paul@ucchurch.org](mailto:paul@ucchurch.org).

It is an incredible privilege to be a part of a faith community that values the arts and supports students in this way. Thank you for your continued generosity towards our beloved music program.

## UCC House Church Recommends Summer Learning

When you are ready for a new television series, check-out the six-part PBS documentary, **The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross**, produced and narrated by Yale scholar Henry Louis Gates. The film series documents the evolution of African-American people from their first arrival in the New World as slaves up to the election of President Obama. Gates chronicles their cultural institutions and practices, Christian perspectives, and quest for social justice – all in the context of unimaginable hardships.

**Did you know that Kansas is one of 17 states that has no markers in public spaces honoring the Confederacy?** To learn more about the 1,700 Confederacy symbols that remain the majority of U.S. states, visit the excellent 2019 report by the Southern Poverty Law Center: **"Whose Heritage: Public Symbols of the Confederacy."** <https://www.splcenter.org/20190201/whose-heritage-public-symbols-confederacy>



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**JUNE CALENDAR**

7/04/19 - Independence Day - Office Closed

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7/18/19 - 09:00am - Pantry Work Day

7/20/19 - 09:00am - Pantry Open

7/21/19 - 11:45am - Board Meetings

7/24/19 - 10:00am - Larksfield Class

7/27/19 - 10:00am - Zoo Trip

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***Among Our Own***

Pat Oxley, Bob Pedroja, Justus Fugate, Diane Leisy, Phil Beals, Sue Raymond, Esther Doner, Bill Sullivan, Jon Romain, Leon Greene, Wanda Nicholas and Vicki Skaer.