

WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

First Church Family,

We've all heard them—simple phrases that sound biblical and offer comfort or wisdom. Maybe we've even said them ourselves. But while these sayings contain a hint of truth, they also miss the mark in important ways.

This past Sunday, we began our new sermon series, Half-Truths, by exploring the phrase: *"Everything Happens for a Reason."* If you missed it, you can watch it on our YouTube channel (First United Methodist Church Sedalia) or Facebook page (First United Methodist Church of Sedalia).

Instead of using this phrase for comfort, consider offering these word: God is with you always. I'm praying you recognize God's peace and care for you. Or simply ask, How can I pray for you?—and then, pray with them.

Each week, a Bible study guide will be available to help us reflect and apply these lessons. Take one, engage with it, and discuss it with you family, small group, or friends.

This Sunday, we'll examine the phrase: *"God Helps Those Who Help Themselves."* Does Scripture really teach this? Come and find out!

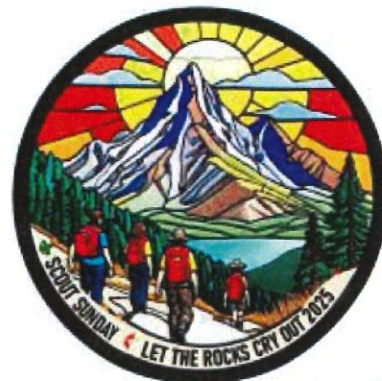
Let's grow in faith and truth, gathering together this weekend. Be sure to invite a friend!

Pastor Candace



SCOUTING SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be recognized during the worship services on February 9th. Come show your support for our scouts!



Sermon Series "Half Truths"

They are simple phrases. They sound Christian—like something you might even find in the Bible. Our current sermon series breaks down common half-truth phrases.

Join us for Weekend Worship!



Leading People to an Active Faith in Jesus Christ

HEARTBEATS

♥ The **February Afternoon Cards Event** (usually 1st Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at the Celebration Center First Family Room) has been postponed to Wednesday, February 12. Come join us as we play *Pitch*. All are welcome. Water and coffee will be provided. Bring a snack to share, if you'd like. See you then!

♥ **MPACT Students (Grades 6-12)** meet weekly on Sundays in the MPACT room at the Celebration Center. Junior High meets from 5-6:30 and High School meets from 6-7:30. All students meet at 6:00 for a shared meal. We hope to see you there and join the fun!

♥ The next **UWF (United Women in Faith)** meeting is Tuesday, February 11th, 2025, at 1 p.m. at the Thompson Site. All women are invited!

♥ The **Book Club** meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in The Table Room at the Celebration Center. On Feb. 13th, we will discuss the book In His Steps.

♥ If you received today's newsletter by regular mail and prefer to receive it by e-mail (let us know your e-mail address) or on-line (www.firstsayyes.com under "resources"), or you do not want to receive it at all, please call the church office at 660-827-2993.

♥ The **deadline for submitting Newsletter articles** is 12 noon on the Friday before the newsletter mailing.

Next Newsletter:
Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025

Submitted Articles Deadline:
12 noon - Friday,
February 14, 2025

WOW CLASSES CONTINUE THRU FEB. 26

Wonderful on Wednesday (WOW) Classes are on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Celebration Center. **Everyone is welcome.**

BOY SCOUT CHILI SUPPER

The Boy Scout Troop 54 Annual Chili Supper will be held on Friday, Feb. 21, 2025 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Celebration Center (Friendship Hall). The cost for tickets is \$8.00 and includes a bowl of chili or vegetable soup or hot dog or chili dog, plus a piece of scout cobbler and a drink.

WOMEN'S SPRING BIBLE STUDY

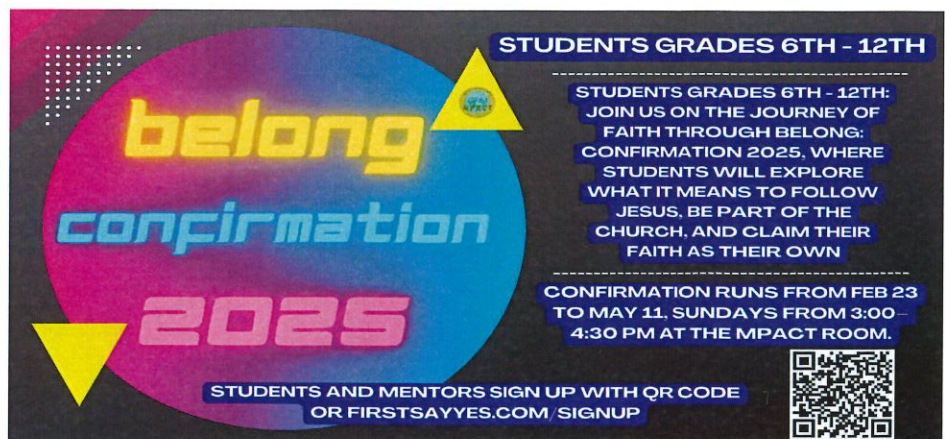
All women are invited to a Women's Spring Bible Study led by Mary Meehan from March 3rd-Apr. 14th. The study will be, The Book of Ruth: Loss, Love, and Legacy by Kelly Minter and will be held for 7 weeks on Mondays from 4-6 p.m. at the Celebration Center in the Bible Classroom. Each session features a video of approximately 30 minutes, and discussion. Join us for this study and invite a friend.

PROMISELAND CHILDREN'S GAME NIGHT



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Students grades 6th-12th can join us on the journey of Faith through Belong: Confirmation 2025. Students will explore what it means to follow Jesus, be part of the church, and claim their faith as their own. Confirmation runs from Feb. 23 to May 11 on Sundays from 3—4:30 p.m. at the Celebration Center MPACT room.



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STUDENTS AND MENTORS SIGN UP WITH QR CODE
OR FIRSTSAYYES.COM SIGNUP

Night to Shine

Let us come together and pray for the Night to Shine event and would we continue to show love to all those who are made in the image of God.

February 7th @ 6 pm



FIRST STEPS

Attendance	
Jan. 25/26	
Worship	478
Feb. 1/2	
Worship	515
We report Finances monthly	

HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS

The homeless coat drive in honor of Christopher Bennett was an enormous success! About 200 coats and jackets, lots of gloves, hats, scarves, socks and \$310 in cash donations were collected. Needs will be met!

A huge thanks to John Ezell and John Frazee for "freezin' for a reason" and to everyone who donated and came by for a visit. It was a wonderful time for fellowship, but a lousy time for camping out! (It was very cold.) Blessings to all!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Julie Dill

Missy Schibi

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Available

WE CELEBRATE THE DAY YOU WERE BORN

Birthdays (February 9-22)

Erin Brittan, Rena Vanderpool, Melody Parris, Glenda Fudge, Nadine Ahlemeyer, Chris Buchanan, Zachary Thomas Ward, Brett Martin, Madison Martin, Bryce Goalder, Aiden Westermier, Mary Lynn Rudd, Stan York, Terri Bartol, Brian Smith, Evan Shearer, Jacob Gerken, Anna Houser, Jacob Riley, Barbara Rohr, Carson Price, Lella Hackler, Bobi Farrar, Arlene Van Galder, Brian O'Neal, Raiden Curd, Skylar Downs, Becca Younce, Barbara Parkhurst, Philip Monsees, Dr. Doug Kiburz, Ashley Pollard, Tom Ragan, Linda Kahrs, Glenda Avery, Judy Weller, Patty Smith, Jane Woolery, Justin Pripusich, Seth Estes, Jessica Knox, Brayden Villatoro, Cynthia Lewis, Makenna Steger, Robin Wyatte, Rhoda Christian, Doris Smitten, Dorothy Schroder, Rita Blakely, Cara Barth-Fagan, Ann Thiele, Kathy Gardner, Doug Crank, Patty Gerke, Hunter Knoeferl, Rick Ward, Zane Hieronymus, Tom Richardson, Bryan Brock, Lesli Lidholm, Robert Shaw, Jennifer Adams, Mary Cheffey Lambirth, Morgan Koetting, Craig Harvey, Skylar Borman, Rochelle Hockett, Scott Lewellyn, Sharon Manley, Virginia Steyer, Chris Harris, Otis Petree

Our Family

CONGRATULATIONS

Skylar Downs was baptized on January 26, 2025. She is the infant daughter of Derek & Lindsey Downs.

Chris and Ginger Buchanan are the proud new grandparents of Lydia Jade Buchanan. She was born January 28th, 2025, to Laura & Chris Buchanan.

MEN'S CONFERENCE

Join us for the Determined Men's Conference at Church of the Resurrection from Friday, February 28 to Saturday, March 1. The event kicks off at 6 p.m. on Friday and wraps up at 1 p.m. on Saturday. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in faith, connect with other men, and be inspired. Mark your Calendar and sign up today! Reach out to pastor Christopher for more details: Christopher @firstsayyes.com.

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Thompson Sundays 11 am

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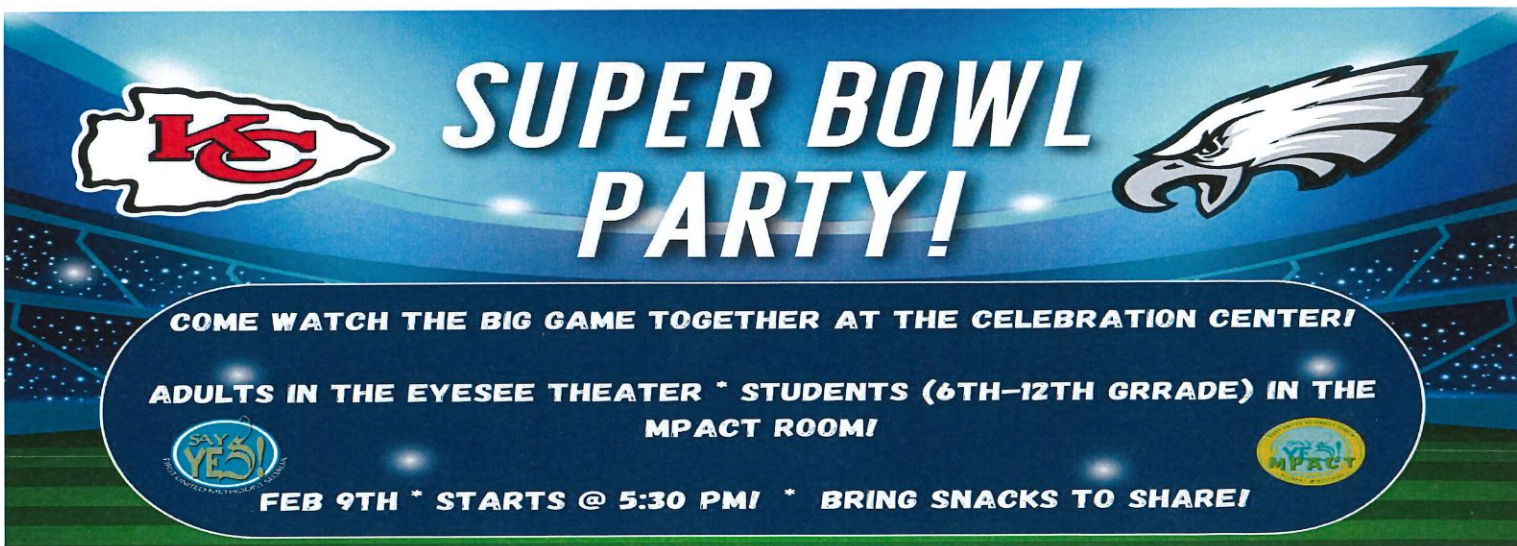


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JOIN US FOR THE SUPER BOWL PARTY!

Get ready for an exciting Super Bowl LIX on Sunday, February 9, 2025, featuring the Kansas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles. Kickoff is at 5:30 p.m. We're hosting a Super Bowl watch party and would love for you to join us! Bring your favorite snack to share, and let's enjoy the game together. Adults are in the EyeSee Theater and Students (6th-12th Grade) in the MPACT room. Questions? Email christopher@firstsayyes.com.



SUPER BOWL PARTY!

COME WATCH THE BIG GAME TOGETHER AT THE CELEBRATION CENTER!

ADULTS IN THE EYEESEE THEATER * STUDENTS (6TH-12TH GRADE) IN THE MPACT ROOM!

FEB 9TH * STARTS @ 5:30 PM! * BRING SNACKS TO SHARE!

