

Berryton UMC Newsletter



A Thanksgiving Reflection and Prayer

from Diana Butler Bass

God, there are days we do not feel grateful. When we are anxious or angry. When we feel alone. When we see and know injustice. When we do not understand what is happening in the world, or with our neighbors.

We struggle to *feel* grateful.

But this Thanksgiving, we choose gratitude. We choose to accept life as a gift from you, from the unfolding work of all creation. We choose to be grateful for the earth from which our food comes; for the water that sustains us; and for the air we breathe.

We choose to see our ancestors, those who came before us, and their stories, as a continuing gift of wisdom for us today. We choose to see our families and friends with new eyes, appreciating them for who they are, thankful for our homes whether humble or grand. We will be grateful for our neighbors and strive to love them as we love ourselves. We choose to see the whole planet as our shared commons, the stage of the future of humankind and creation.

God, this Thanksgiving, we do not *give* thanks. We *choose* it.

We will make thanks with courageous hearts. When we see your sacred generosity, we become aware that we live in an infinite circle of gratitude. We all are guests at a hospitable table around which gifts are passed and received. We will not let anything opposed to love take over this table. Instead, we choose to open our eyes to see grace and the gifts of life everywhere. In this choosing, we will share gratitude in the world.

Thus, with you, and with all those gathered here, we pledge to make thanks.

We ask you to strengthen us in this resolve. Here, now, and into the future. Around this table. Around the table of our nation. Around the table of the earth. Amen.

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9:30 Worship
10:30 Fellowship

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**SAVE
THE
DATE**

Charge Conference—
November 9

I Care Garage Sale—
November 13,14,15

Pancake Feed—
November 22

Advent Begins—
November 30

Annual Charge Conference



We approve the budget, committees, and church governance for the 2026 year.

Susanna Wesley UMC

Sunday, November 9th, 4:30 pm

Berryton United Methodist Church



PANCAKE FEED

ALSO-Participate in a silent auction featuring homemade items and pies!

Serving PANCAKES-Blueberry or Plain, SAUSAGE, EGGS, AND DRINK

**SATURDAY, November 22, 2025
7 AM to 11 AM**

Free Will Donation

Family Life Center at Berryton United Methodist Church
7010 SE Berryton Rd, Berryton, Ks

Calling all woodworkers, crafters, artists, creative folks, oh and YES, Pie makers!

At our fall BUMC Pancake Feed we have a silent auction. For this auction, we focus on homemade items, pies, and gift cards, etc. from local businesses.

The Pancake Feed is November 22nd, so you have time to start creating! The proceeds from the silent auction help so much with needed funds for church repairs.

A sign-up sheet will be available in a few weeks BUT it's not to early to get started.

Thank you for sharing your talents with us!



I Care Garage Sale- Fall/Winter Edition!

Thursday-Friday, November 13-14

• 8:30 AM-6:00 PM.

Saturday, November 15

• 8:30 AM-Noon

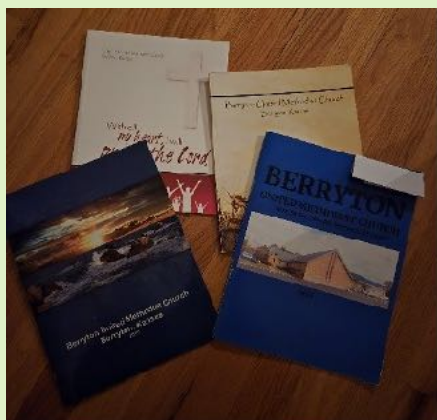
**CASH
ONLY**

**SOUTHERN HILLS
MENNONITE CHURCH-
511 SE 37TH STREET, TOPEKA**



**Proceeds go towards the mission
of I Care Food Pantry!**

Berryton United Methodist Church Directory



It's time to once again publish a new photo and address directory for the church. Our last directory was published in 2019. The team of Don Anderson, Marie Pearce, Kathy Widner and Marshall Miller are leading this effort. Please start looking for your "candid" pics from 01/01/2024 or newer and text to Marshall at his cell number of 785-633-6178 or send via email to marshallm4949@gmail.com. Only a small number of pics submitted will be printed in the final Church Directory.

I Care Garage Sale Donation Request

Our next I Care Garage Sale is scheduled for November 13-14 from 8:30 AM- 6:00 PM and Saturday, November 15 from 8:30- noon.

We will be accepting donations on the following days and times:

Saturday, November 8, 1:00 to 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 9, 1:00 to 5:00 PM

Monday, November 10, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Donations should be brought to Southern Hills Mennonite Church, 511 SE 37th Street during the times mentioned above.



Please only donate items that are in good condition!

Thank you!

Shawnee County Informational Meeting Berryton Road Project



The date and time has been determined for the Shawnee County informational meeting for the Berryton road project in coordination with Shawnee County staff and the Berryton United Methodist Church. The details are:

Tuesday, 11/20 from 7:00 - 8:00

in the Family Life Center. Doors will open at 6:45 and close at 8:15.

This community meeting will not be a presentation or a question/answer session. It is meant to provide latest dates and maps of the project area.



Make a Difference in Our Community by Donating Items to Silverbackks.org

Silverbackks - A Topeka-based non-profit organization making a difference in our community - needs our assistance. According to their website the main message is:

"We couldn't do what we do without the generosity of our community. Support our mission and join our troop by making an in-kind donation from our wish list. You already may have some of these items around your house."

<https://silverbackks.org/wish-lists/> Check the website for a better view of the wish list and drop off locations.

SILVERBACKKS WISH LIST

UNDERGARMENTS	FOOD
New or Excellent Condition Used Bras Special Occasion Bras New (in package) Women's Underwear Spanx or Similar Undergarments	Bottled Water Granola Bars Peanut Butter Jelly
Individual Mayo Packets Powdered Coffee Creamer Individual Fruit Cups Individual Applesauce Cups	
We do NOT currently accept other clothing items for donation. Please consider another agency for your clothing donations. Thank you!	Our SilverSuper program also accepts perishable food items such as lunch meat and cheese. Visit silverbackks.org/volunteer to sign up to provide these types of items to this program.
HEALTH & HYGIENE	TEXTILES
Travel/Hotel Sized: Shampoo Conditioner Bar Soap Toothpaste Toothbrushes Lotion Shaving Cream Mouthwash Hand Sanitizer Tissue Packs 2/pk Pain Reliever Hair Brushes Deodorant Tampons Sanitary Napkins	Regular/Full Sized: Ethnic Hair Care Products Bar Soap/Body Wash Toothpaste Toothbrushes Lotion/Hand Sanitizer Mouthwash Dental Floss Disposable Razors Lip Balm Band-aids Q-tips All Feminine Products Tampons/Sanitary Napkins Combs Deodorant Shaving Cream Men's & Kids 3-in-1 Shampoo Conditioner/Body Wash Shampoo Conditioner
All health & hygiene items need to be new & unopened.	All items can be in new or excellent used condition. Winter Scarves Stocking Caps Warm Gloves Mittens Wool Socks White Cotton Socks Wash Cloths Mylar Blankets
DROPOFF LOCATIONS	UTILITY ITEMS
PT's at Wheatfield Village 2811 SW Fairview Road Body Paradise 240 SW Gage Blvd	Hot Hands Sandwich Bags 10" Paper Plates Plastic Forks Paper Napkins Laundry Detergent Pads Powder Laundry Detergent 12 oz Styrofoam/Plastic Cups Styrofoam/Plastic Bowls Clorox Wipes Toilet Paper Bathroom Cleaner Spray
Jamie Hornbaker - State Farm 1615 SW 37th Street Seifer Bar-Rite's Taco Shop 2841 SE Criss Road	Gallon-sized Zipper Bags Laundry Detergent Pods Food Prep Gloves Plastic Spoons Paper Towels Gallon-sized Zipper Bags
Grand Orthodontics 2848 SW Wansmaker Drive Manchester School 3221 SW 15th Court	
Donheads Coffee 2525 NW Topeka Blvd #A COLLECTOR/DRIVE & LARGE DONATIONS Silverbackks Headquarters 1620 NE Farwell Ave	



Our Needs

We would love to have your support!

URGENT NEEDS

SAMPLE SIZE:

- Hand sanitizer
- Mouthwash
- Lip balm
- Deodorant
- Shaving cream
- Tampons
- Tissue packs

FULL SIZE PRODUCTS:

- Deodorant
- Body lotion
- Tampons & Sanitary Napkins
- Toothpaste
- Body Wash
- Conditioner
- Shaving Cream
- Mouthwash
- Hand sanitizer
- Children's 3-in-1
- Men's 3-in-1
- Disposable Razors
- Wash Cloths

Advent Begins on November 30

Look for more information on all our Advent worship, studies, celebrations, and more coming the week of November 9.

Join us at 

**December 5, 6, & 7
2025**

5:45pm – 8:30pm

Come See a Living Christmas!

- ❖ Experience an immersive walking tour of the Christmas Story as depicted in scripture.
- ❖ Tours begin every 15 minutes, featuring a free 45-minute walking tour with Live Animals & More. Dress Warmly!
- ❖ Tours will not exceed 2 miles in hiking.
- ❖ Groups & Special Needs Welcome! Golf Carts can be reserved for individuals with limited mobility.
- ❖ Refreshments & Hospitality Provided

Hosted at Camp Chippewa
2577 Idaho Road, Ottawa, Kansas

For more information, Visit us:
<https://bethlehemprojectfrocks.weebly.com/>





Time to turn in your Reading log progress from 2025!

When you have your reading lists gathered please transfer those titles into the white notebook in the church library or contact Rhonda Boyd for assistance in this process. We will put the levels achieved in the Berryton UWF yearbook so we can celebrate our reading accomplishments. I understand that you may need to predict what you will finish and include that in your 2025 list.

There are wonderful new 2026 books that will soon be added to the Berryton UWF Library Collection. Through 2026, articles in our newsletter will provide information on the books that are part of that collection addition. Book Chat sessions are being planned and are held at the church every other month and I hope to have one or two Reading Program selections that will count toward your reading goals for the 2026 year. I enjoyed being able to read and discuss, Girl With The Louding Voice this past July. Remember if you attended that discussion it was a Bonus Book and will count as two books! Happy Reading!



United
Women
in Faith

Rhonda Boyd 785 506 4086 boydrhonda3840@gmail.com

The Mission u committee has organized an online Zoom Mission u to take place in January 2026. If you missed the in-person event now is the chance to take advantage of the wonderful program - Practicing Hope Together. We have one book in the library for this lesson, but I don't think the book is necessary to learn these lessons.

Winter: Br-r-r-r- it's gonna be cold outside What a great time to join some UWFaith Friends on Zoom!

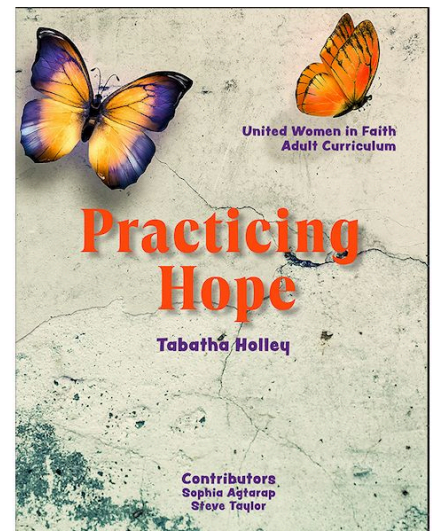
Join Pastor Melinda Harwood for the 2025 Mission U study and find your own renewal of hope by discussing scripture as it relates to hope. The purchase of the study book will enhance your experience. It is available through the resource store on the UWFaith website. \$14.99

Please register with Barb Wright: barb55455@gmail.com
620-200-4488 phone

Name _____ Phone _____

Berryton UM Church within the East Central Kansas District

This Zoom event is FREE!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7:30 am First Saturday Breakfast @ SHUMC
<i>All Saints Sunday</i> 2 9:30 am Worship (Communion) 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Adult SS 4:00 pm Pickleball	3 5:30 pm Mission Comm	4 GENERAL ELECTION	5	6 2 pm Choir (BUMC) 4:30 pm Pickleball	7	8
9 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Adult SS 4:00 pm Pickleball 4:30 pm Ch Conf at SWUMC	10 1:30 pm Days for Girls	11	12 1:30 pm Rebekah/Ruth Cir 6:30 pm Trustees	13 2 pm Choir (SHUMC) 4:30 pm Pickleball	14	15
16 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Adult SS 2:00 pm UWF Fall Gen Mtg 4:00 pm Pickleball	17 1:30 pm Welcome Cir 6:30 pm Admin Council	18	19 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl	20 2 pm Choir (BUMC) 4:30 pm Pickleball 7:00 pm SN Co Info Mtg (Road Project)	21	22 7:00-11:00 am Pancake Feed
<i>Christ the King Sunday</i> 23 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Adult SS 4:00 pm Pickleball	24 2 pm Book Club	25	26	27 THANKSGIVING DAY	28	29
First Sunday of Advent 30 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:00 am Adult SS 4:00 pm Pickleball						

STATISTICAL REPORT OCTOBER 2025

	Oct. 5	Oct. 12	Oct. 19	Oct. 26	Tithely*
Worship	\$4415	\$2480	\$1192	\$2330	\$200
Building Use/copies				75	\$200
Total General Fund	\$4415	\$2480	\$1192	\$2405	\$400
<i>(An Average of \$2,503 is Needed Weekly to Support General Fund Budget)</i>					
Compassion International	\$5.00		\$27.00	\$125.80	
Electrical		\$1000.00			
I CARE	\$100			100	
Missions			\$165		
Restroom Renovation		\$5000			
Total Special Funds	\$105	\$6000.00	\$192.00	\$225.80	*online giving
Total Contributions	\$4520	\$8480	\$1384	\$2630.80	
Attendance					
	47	52	50	59	