

OUR MISSION:

To be a community that creatively risks sharing the transforming love of Jesus.

Next Week’s Message: “Flood & Promise”
(Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17) - Howard Keim

Connect WHITESTONE begins Wednesday, September 16!

For more information on Connect programming updates, read the September “Whitestone Life” article!

**PreK-5th Grade
Registration**



**Connect Meals &
Clean Up**



**Connect Host
Sign-Up**



**Connection Family
Sign-Up**



Giving Updates:

General Fund Offering, Aug 24-30: \$6,032
GF 2026 Contributions, as of Aug 30: \$318,241

Attendance: 8/30/26

In Person: 217
Online Views: 84

Giving Options: scan the QR code above, place gift in the locked box by the office, or mail to 629 Crescent Dr. Hesston, KS 67062. For help with your Realm giving account, contact the church office.

Pastoral Team

Isaac Landis: Team Lead (Youth Faith Formation) (620) 951-4035 isaac@whitestonemc.com
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Administrator Team: Saralyn Murray Oyer, Jasmine Stutzman
Church Office: 620-327-4123, whitestone@whitestonemc.com
Congregational Chair: Steve Martin, chair@whitestonemc.com

Elder Team: Jeff Baumgartner, Clark Roth, Rhonda Schrock, Jessanna Schumann, Dallas Stutzman, Mitch Stutzman, and Angie Teeter



September 6, 2026



Song of Gathering		Music Team
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Voices Together #103		
Welcome / Call to Worship		Peter Lehman
Congregational Singing		
“Holy is the Lord”		
“Great Are You Lord”		
“No Longer Slaves to Fear” VT #195		
Story Time		Gail Baumgartner
Scripture Reading	Psalm 78:1-4, 23-29, 38-39	Peter Lehman
Message	Slavery or Freedom?	Brett Klingenberg
Song of Response		
“Come, Thou Fount” VT #563		
Offering / Offertory		Melissa Landis
Commissioning Prayer for New Church Chair & Elders		Pastors
Steve Martin, Rhonda Schrock, Mitch Stutzman		
Congregational Sharing / Prayer		Kevin Wilder
Community Life		
Song of Sending		
“Spirit of God”		
Benediction		

Music Team: Melissa Landis, Heidi Hochstetler, Drew Bartell, Sienna Belshe, Kason Landes, Taylor Landes, Caleb Klingenberg, Lauren Schrag, Briggs Stauffer **A/V:** John Miller, John Oyer

Praising and Praying Together

Praising for...

- the freedom of God's grace!
- Steve Martin, Rhonda Schrock and Mitch Stutzman as they begin their new leadership roles.

Praying for...

- Eyan and Hannah Roth as they begin as new high school youth leaders and Megan Smith as she joins the junior high youth leader team.
- all of those involved in preparing for a new year of Connect.
- comfort and healing for individuals experiencing illness or health complications.
- rains to refresh and renew our dry land.
- hearts that mourn for the loss of lives, homes and livelihoods in recent earthquakes, floods, wildfires.
- unity of the Spirit when technology intensifies the forces of division and polarization.
- courage to be peacebuilders, moved to collective action alongside our global siblings experiencing daily violence and war.
- restoration and healing of the earth.
- unspoken prayers.

*If you desire prayer today, join us at the front of the sanctuary after worship, where people will be available to pray with you. **Anyone requesting special prayer** during the week, may contact the pastors or send request to prayer@whitestonemc.com. Prayer requests are confidential and will only be viewed by the pastors.*

Parents of Young Children: Welcome! We love the energy and joy of children in our midst. Here are some of the ways we seek to help families worship together:

The **Infant Room** has rocking chairs and cribs for parents to use with their babies needing a quiet space. **Nursery Care** is provided during worship for children under 4. Both rooms are down the stairs off the east side of the foyer. **Nursery Attendants Today: Toshia & Emily Widener.**

The Peace Place is a sensory-friendly room available during worship and Sunday school hour, located behind the east overflow. See "Guidelines for Use" on the door if you have questions.

Children's Bulletins with activities coordinating for today's scripture are available at the welcome center.

We hope you can relax, sing, pray, and participate, knowing that kids learn by following your lead! It's always okay explain what's going on, to move around, and take breaks as needed. You're doing great!

Questions? Just ask our ushers for help!

Happenings at Whitestone

Church Directory Update Sessions: As we prepare an updated church directory, Jasmine and Saralyn will be available in the church office following the worship services from 11:15-12:00pm, **TODAY, September 6** and **Sunday, September 13** to help with online directory updates. Please stop during one of these update sessions or during office hours to check your current contact information listing.

Blessing Box: We are in need cereal, toilet paper and canned goods to replenish the blessing box. Donations can be dropped off at the church office or in the green tub by the mailboxes.

Church Custodial Opening: The church custodian is responsible for maintaining a clean, safe, and welcoming environment in the church building. The role includes regular cleaning of key areas, deep cleaning of additional spaces, and ensuring the facility is well-maintained for worship services, meetings, community groups and events. This is a part-time, contracted position, approximately 10hrs a week, depending on the Wednesday evening activities schedule. Please contact Jasmine or Saralyn in the church office if you would like more information.

We would like to express our sincerest gratitude to Whitney Scheef for her diligence and efficiency in taking care of our building!

MYF Freezer Meals - There are still some freezer meals and bone in chicken in the freezer from the MYF fundraiser. All meals are now 50% off! Go check it out and help us clean out the freezer in preparation for connect to begin.

Gordon and Janice Peters plan to transfer their membership to Emma Creek Mennonite Church. If you have any concerns, please contact an elder or one of the pastors.

Looking Ahead

Sept 13: Mentor/Mentee Kick-Off - 12:00pm, fellowship hall

Church Directory Updates - stop by the church office following worship

Sept 16: Connect Begins! - Read more in the September "Whitestone Life"

Sept 20: Membership/Baptism Class Begins - contact Brett or Isaac if interested

Safe Sanctuary Training #2 - 3:00pm, sanctuary

Oct 4: Chick by a Crick - 4:00pm, BBQ dinner, music, and activities