

Jumpstart: Ideas and Inspiration for post pandemic

Hastings FUMC, November 13, 2021—attended by 45 women, men, lay and clergy

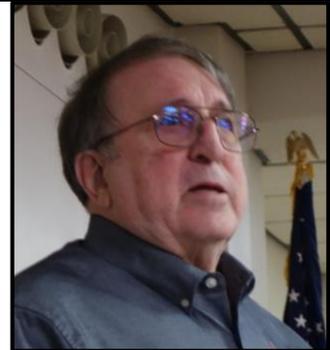
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Pastor **Stefanie Hayes** of Hastings Grace UMC led music and prayers sharing hopes that Jumpstarting might lead to a church resurrection.



D.S. Rev. Dr. **Charles Murithi** urged we choose the Phil. 4:8 thoughts as did Joshua (24 :15) and to release any “hand brakes” in our ministries.



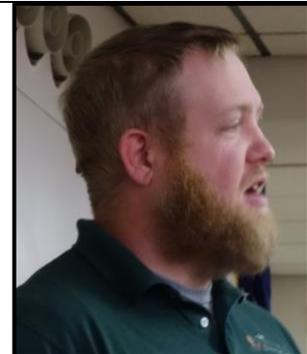
George Houle Great Plains President UM Men urged we re-connect across ministry areas and use class-meeting groups to reproduce disciples.



Great Plains Lay Leader **Lisa Maupin** urged us to create a “new normal” by exhaustively listing “what-ifs” (what would happen if.....vision & try)!



Great Plains UMW Vice-President **Joyce Solomon** reminded us about ready resources: Prayer Calendar, UMW Bible, Mission-U, mission sites.



Camp Fontanelle Site Director **Ryan Siver** recalled Jesus and the 12 going on retreats and kids often meet up with Christ at camp, as a “jumpstart”.



Pastor **Laura Stubblefield** United Campus Ministry at UN-K: UCM is a “safety net” of care which helps students connect to God, community, each other.



Doyle Henke, Boy Scout leader at Grand island First-Faith emphasized the importance of helping boys and girls and hope that churches continue it.



Roger Selley of Hastings Grace provided a list of nine contacts for a variety of mission opportunities, local and international, and by age and type.



District Lay Leader **Kathy Murphy-Buschkoetter** urged aiming for a Christ-centered normal, by focusing on connections through small groups.



Heidi & Kevin Cheng of Central City shared their inspirational and lively music ministry with the attendees. They pointed us to the season of thanksgiving urging us to see the beauty of God’s creation and the bounty of the harvest provided. Website for more: www.kevinandheidicheng.com

Additional themes and thoughts:

- We will be stronger if we work together, and value each other’s gifts.
- “What if” we let off the “handbrakes” that drag down our ministries, and instead focus on and connect as one to the Holy Spirit’s power.
- George’s prayer is to reproduce this event in as many Districts who want to engage. Interested? Contact George at ghoule1@att.net.

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- Hastings First United Methodist Church and their United Methodist Women for their radical hospitality in providing space, and preparing and serving food and refreshments throughout the four-hour meeting.
- Speakers for their leadership, their words, and commitment to Christ.
- God for providing us a Holy-Spirit filled experience of connectedness.