



Great God

Great Men

Our Vision: Build an on-growing relationship between Jesus and men of all ages, both inside and outside the church, by mentoring men and engaging in small groups, while also recognizing each man's unique fit into the body of Christ.



Have you told your pastor you are praying for her/him lately?

March 2023

Greetings,

Awakening Together

I hope that you all have followed the Awakening that started at Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky. Yes, the physical gathering is ending as the school, the town must go on with life. But has the Awakening really ended? I don't believe it has. I pray it has spread to your community. Did you notice how many younger people were sharing, seeking God?

Our ministry focus this year is AWAKENING TOGETHER!

From the beginning, God has said "It is not good for the man to be alone." (Genesis 2:18)

While Deuteronomy 6:4 tells us "The LORD our God, the LORD is one.", we worship a Trinitarian God of Father, Son and Holy Spirit" working **together as One**.

Ecclesiastes 4:⁹"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:¹⁰If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

¹¹Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?

¹²Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

A Proverb that has guided my time in ministry to for and through men since my early days with Promise Keepers as an Ambassador in the mid-1990s is Proverbs 27: ¹⁷"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

Jesus brought together 12 ordinary men from diverse backgrounds from zealot to tax collector to fishermen, all who **worked together** to help Him tell the world that the Kingdom of God is near, is here!

Will you agree with me that the message is clear --- **we need to serve together!**

Your executive team will continue to make you aware, through this newsletter, of resources available to your local ministry to help men. We need you to join us so we can do more, reach more men younger men. We need to know who you are. If you want to join us so we can do this together, please complete this form and send it to me.

<u>Great Plains UMChurch Mens Group Gathering Information</u>				
Church Name:	_____			
Street:	_____			
City, State:	_____			
Zip:	_____			
Meeting Day of week:	_____			
Meeting Start & End Time:	_____			
Meeting Frequency:	_____			
(Weekly, 3rd Saturday, etc.)				
Other Meeting Information:	_____			
(lunch, breakfast, devotion, program, etc.)				
Contact Information				
Name and Telephone:	_____			
e-mail:	_____			
Please return to: George Houle				
ummwbb11@att.net				
316 573 8359				



We know that our only hope is in the Lord. We know that He alone is our final victory. However, the Lord also created us to live in community. We do not have to live in silos of faith but instead we get to walk through life together. Ecclesiastes shows the importance of working together. "Two are better than one... A cord of three strands is not easily broken." (4:9a, 12b) I have been fortunate to be placed in a wonderful position, I work with youth and also engage in morning Bible studies, which are predominantly attended by those more advanced in age. :) I get to learn from those with a lot of experience and minister to those who are just beginning. As we awaken together, I would encourage you to find opportunities to learn from those who have gone before you, as well as find opportunities to share your experience and knowledge with those who are coming behind you and can benefit your wisdom.

NEBRASKA



Equipping Churches and Leaders For Next Generation Men's Ministry

A Retreat to Grow Your Local Men's Discipleship

Saturday, March 18, 2023 9:00am - 4:30pmCT

Camp Fontanelle, NE 9677 County Rd 3, Fontanelle, NE 68044



Now Is The Time

The time to register is this week for the Men's Discipleship Growth Retreat at the newly opened Olson Lodge at Camp Fontanelle on Saturday, March 18th. If you can stay-over Friday and/or Saturday nights, you'll be able to enjoy additional fellowship, food and worship. **Maybe enjoy some outdoor fun with your son or grandson.**

Here's a link to the **flyer & details**: <https://gp-email.brtaapp.com/files/ummen/equipping+churches+and+leaders+flyer.pdf>

Here's a link to the **online registration**: <https://gp-reg.brtaapp.com/EquippingChurchesandLeadersForNextGenerationMensMinistry>

Questions are welcome to Craig Nordaker at (402) 453-6666 or cnordaker@cox.net

Per-person cost only: \$25 per night, \$8 per breakfast, \$10 per lunch, \$12 per dinner
(note *PASTORS, both men and women, are FREE and encouraged to attend any portion, or all, of the event. Youth are also FREE, with Youth fee requiring a paying father or grandfather*). Limited scholarships are available.



PRAIRIE RIVERS DISTRICT IN NEBRASKA

Our annual Prairie Rivers District UMMen dinner meeting is at **Grand Island First Faith UMC, Monday, March 20, 6:30 PM**, including message from GP UMMen President George Houle, music program by The Chorus of the Plains, dinner for \$15.00, PASTORS are FREE, WOMEN are welcome. Need to reserve by Wednesday, March 15 by contacting Emily at firstfaithumc@gmail.com or call 308-384-5620 (leave voicemail with your name & phone number, church name & number coming). More details available at <https://gp-email.brtapp.com/files/ummen/marchmtgflyer03.20.2023poster.pdf> or <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/ummen> .



Scholarships Available

Both the [Great Plains United Methodist Men 100 Club](https://www.greatplainsumc.org/100club) (<https://www.greatplainsumc.org/100club>) and the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation (NUMF) are offering scholarships in 2023. The 100 Club will be making available seven \$1,000 scholarships this year. The purpose of the **United Methodist Men's 100 Club** remains "to raise scholarship funds that will be used to encourage young men and women to enter full time Christian service". The NUMF is also offering scholarships. NUMF will be accepting & processing applications for both organizations beginning April 1, 2023 via [their web site](https://www.numf.org) (<https://www.numf.org>).



Annual 100 Club Barbeque

Bette & Dwight Trumble have graciously opened up their home again for our **Annual 100 Club Barbeque**. *We'll Smoke You Barbeque* will provide all the Main courses (except for a special dessert)! August 20, 2023 at 4:30pm at 12400 Buffalo Rd, Springfield NE 68059.

Share with your friends and your church members! The donation of one hundred dollars will stamp your ticket to the Buffet Style Barbeque! Contact Randy Fleming at (402) 210-4885 to get your 'ticket stamped'. Proceeds go to raise scholarship funds that will be used to encourage young men and women to enter full time Christian service. More about the 100 Club can be found at:

<https://www.greatplainsumc.org/100club>

Here's the link to the online flyer:

<https://gp-email.brtaapp.com/files/ummen/2023+annual+100+club+barbeque.pdf>

KANSAS

OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK TO:

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

TO BENEFIT THE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS OF UMM

Hosted By The Great Plains and McPherson UMM

HESSTON GOLF COURSE – HESSTON, KANSAS

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2023 8 a.m. TEE OFF TIME

ENTRY FEE

\$70 Per Participant/\$280 Per Team

LADIES ARE WELCOME

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:
GREEN FEES, TEE PACKAGE
PRIZES AWARDED AFTER LAST TEAM FINISHES

PRIZES AWARDED FOR:
CLOSEST TO PIN - LONGEST DRIVE -LONGEST PUTT

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS JULY 8, 2023
FULL TEAM ENTRIES RECEIVED BY JULY 1, 2023
ARE ELIGIBLE FOR \$2.50 PER TEAM MEMBER DISCOUNT
Corporate Hole Sponsor---\$200.00 Gold Corporate Sponsor--\$400.00
(This fee entitles the hole sponsor to paid entry for one player and a sponsor hole sign)
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ALL FUNDS OVER EXPENSES WILL BE USED FOR UMM PROJECTS and PROGRAMS

Make Check Payable To United Methodist Men
Cut along line and mail. Payment Must Accompany Entry Form

Captain _____
Address _____
Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____
Team Member #2 _____ Team Member #4 _____ Team
Member #3 _____

Send Entries to: John Reimer or McPherson FUMC-UMM
2253 Frontier Rd 1200 E Kansas Ave.
Galva, KS 67443 McPherson, KS 67460

Questions - Call John at 785-383-1670 or email to jandjreim@att.net

2023 GOLF

Following are some ministry sources we suggest may be helpful to your ministry.



Do the men in your church have close friendships?

According to a recent [study](#), 15% of men say they have no close friends, a 500% increase since 1990.

What about the men in your church? Can they be open and honest with one another? Do they trust and lean on each other for strength and support? Are they enjoying the Christian life together?

We want to help men build real friendships where they can talk about real things and grow in real faith.

RITUAL: A New Kind of Resource for Men

Ritual journals help men establish a sacred rhythm of not only self-reflection, but intentional engagement with each other through honest, meaningful conversations— the building blocks of closer friendships.

Designed to be done with another man, the *Ritual - Assessment* journal is sold as a set of two. Men will address five key areas of their lives: health, origins, relationships, vocation, and soul. After going through daily reflections on their own, together they will talk through the provided weekly reviews.

Ritual is designed to help men have meaningful conversations no matter where they are in their faith, which also **makes it suitable for your men to use [for outreach](#), as they share their faith naturally within the discussions.**

[Learn More Here](#)

