

1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.



Graduation Sunday

2021

Celebrating the Seniors connected to Topeka First UMC as they graduate from High School as part of the Class of 2021

Graduates Include:

Missy Martell
Jack Hutchinson
Ruby Schumacher
Zachary Appelhanz
Adelia Lawrenz
Carter Stahly
Elaine Bunten
Alex Brungardt



Missy Martell

Topeka High

"My earliest church memory would have to be singing in the child's choir and going to F.R.O.G. every Wednesday."

Missy's favorite church memory was performing in the Christmas programs.

Missy be attending Washburn University in the Fall and beginning her journey towards becoming an Early Elementary Teacher. Missy is also excited to be living in the Wesley House and being part of the United Methodist Campus Ministry at Washburn.



Jack Hutchinson

Washburn Rural

Jack will be attending Simpson College in Iowa and playing basketball. His earliest church memory is drawing pictures in Sunday School. His favorite memory is candlelight Christmas Eve services with his family.



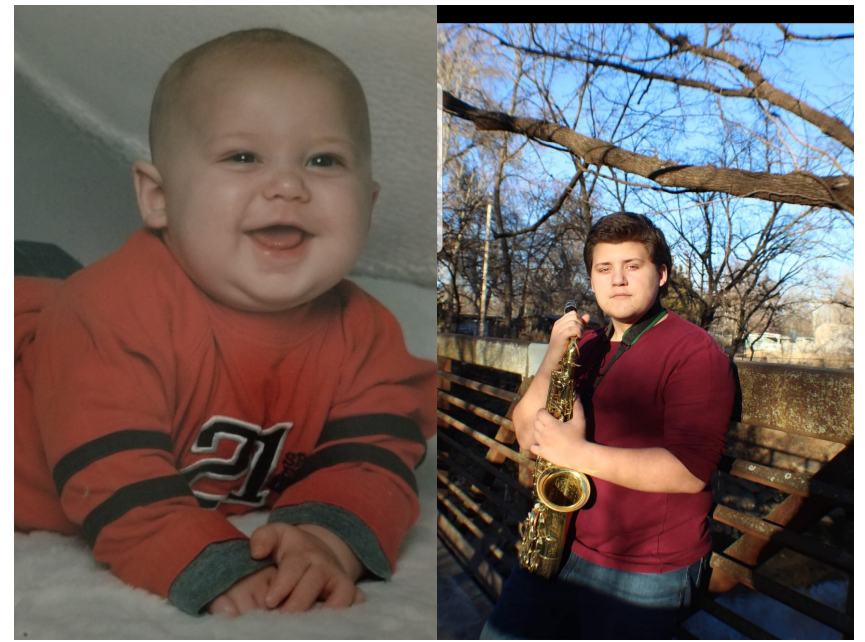
Ruby Schumacher

Topeka High

Ruby's earliest memory from church was easter Sunday when her and her siblings were at church early so her mom could practice for worship on the praise team. We helped fill all the eggs for the egg hunt that day.

"My favorite memory from church was at summer camp when we made root beer floats and played with the puppets in the music room. I remember getting to put any toppings we wanted in our root beer floats and then playing with bubbles outside later that day."

Rudy plans on attending Wichita State University to study chemistry and pre-dental to become an Orthodontist. I hope to help people not only with their teeth but also continue with my journey with christ and help others strengthen their relationship with christ so he can help them as he has helped me.



Zachary Appelhanz

Topeka West

Zach's first Memory at First Church is Choir/LEAP with Dorothy. Dorothy let him and other youth have nerf and paintball wars and camp outs at Iliff Commons!

There are so many favorite memories for Zach. The Bonfire at the Bakers. Mission Trips, Concerts in KC, all the youth group outings, water baseball, CANDY! Camp Chippewa is a special place to Zach and shares a special connection to the camp and a particular Counselor who has a similar heart condition to Zach's.

"This Church family has been home for 14 years and I am truly blessed to be lifted up by the people here. You have made it through ALL 6 Appelhanz kids! And we are so grateful. Thank you."

Zach plans to attend the Washburn Tech Welding program.



Adelia Lawrenz

Shawnee Heights

Adelia will be attending Washburn University this Fall, and is currently undecided in her major.



Carter Stahly

Seaman

One of Carter's first memories of Topeka First was of his baptism - just 10 years ago last week (May 8, 2011). The second early memory is that during a summer VBS, he enjoyed one particular activity where he and the other kids were pretending to be disciples running from the Romans in the upper areas of the church.

Carter will be a Freshman at Wichita State University this Fall and will be studying Aerospace Engineering.



Elaine Buntun

Topeka High

Elaine is a dancer, cheerleader, and member of the recently established (2019) Topeka Youth Commission.

Elaine is eager to attend KU starting in the Fall.



Alex Brungardt

Seaman

Alex will be graduating in the top 10% of his class at Seaman High School. He is excited to be attending the University of Washington in Seattle where he has been accepted into their Honors program. Alex is thinking he will major in Political Science, but that could change.