

## Hutchinson as Smallville



### Smallville Pastor

Pastor Jeff Slater of First United Methodist Church in Hutchinson poses in front of his church with a robe and reveals his Superman "costume" underneath. Slater is doing a Smallville themed lecture series at his church using ideas expressed in the Smallville television series. On June 21st and 22nd, Hutchinson will be declared Smallville.

### First United Methodist Church celebrates Smallville

The talk at First United Methodist Church this month is all about Superman.

Pastor Jeff Slater has been preaching the "Smallville Series" at the church, 101 E. First Ave., since June 1. Of the four weekends he's teaching the "heroic lessons," he said the goal is always theological.

"We've been looking for ways to connect with the community," Slater said.

Slater said he hopes this will allow people who haven't stepped foot in church for a while to feel comfortable enough to join back in.

The first lesson, on June 1, was about the double identity of Superman and how it relates to God and us. The following lessons include: today, the Fortress of Solitude and how important prayer is; June 14, Kryptonite and helping people who are stumbling; and June 22, during the Smallville Festival, World Peace, "which is always what Superman was fighting for," according to Slater.

The idea came from a dinner conversation between Slater and his wife, when the thought crossed his mind to put the two subjects together.

"I suddenly remembered the Kents were Methodist," Slater said. "We are Smallville First United Methodist Church."

Slater said he didn't think the congregation knew the connection between Superman and religion could be as deep as it has proven to be with one lesson.

"I think they may be surprised there was something to talk about," Slater said.

Slater said the citywide Smallville celebration is exciting for the community because so many people are being attracted to it, and if he can do his part to encourage excitement, maybe people can discover faith during the process.

“I think this campaign is a great thing for the city,” Slater said. “It’s gaining publicity.”

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**The person behind Hutchinson as Smallville.**



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**Costume Contest!!**



**That is all for this edition. More news to follow.**