The Walton United Methodist Church 200 West Blaine Walton, Kansas 67151

To: Harvey County Commission

The members of the Walton United Methodist Church would like to express concern over the rising cost of utilities during this extreme weather event. As a church we have offered utility bill support to those in need for many years. But, with the concern of the utility cost going up and the estimate of our gas bill for this month being between \$5000.00 and \$6000.00 we may not be able to help those in need as we will have trouble covering our own utility bill.

We are asking you, as our commissioners, to declare a state of emergency to do whatever is possible to get aid for our county in this extreme weather event. As an organization that has helped those in need under normal conditions we are very concerned what the need is going to be this month in our city. Our understanding is that the gas suppliers for many of the small communities are not regulated by the KCC which in itself seems to be a problem. With no regulation we are at the mercy of the supplier.

Sincerely,

Dean Davis, Trustee Chairman Walton United Methodist Church