



The Tower

First United Methodist Church

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Fish Watching in Idaho

Ministers by baptism
Every Christian

Senior Pastor
by ordination
Rev. David Brian Smith

Executive Pastor
Pastor Beth Wilke

Associate Pastor
Pastor Rachelle Speer

Associate in Youth
Ministry, Education
and Technology
Bill Podschun

Assistant Minister
and Children's Director
Meg Calvin

Office Administrator
Nancy Finley

Administrative Assistant
Madeline Norland

Director of Maintenance
& Property
Randy Vanderpool

Music Director
Julie Woodring

Organist
Chance Alquest

Nursery Director
Mandie Speegle

The Lord's Day Worship
8:30 and 10:45 am

Sunday School
9:45 am

April 11, 2018

One of the joys of our vacation this year was watching Native Americans fish for Chinook Salmon-near a fish hatchery in Idaho. Chinook are an endangered species of fish and at the Stanley, Idaho, location...only native tribes have the right to fish for them. They range in weight from 20-120 pounds and they spend three months to two years in freshwater and 2-4 years at sea. Adults migrate from a marine environment into the freshwater streams and rivers of their birth in order to mate. We took the grandchildren to watch and as fish-after-fish was caught...there were squeals and screams like you have never heard in your life! That included Trish and I! (ha)

Trish and I were especially amazed with how the tribal fishermen worked together. Each had a different role to play that made everything work smoothly. One person caught the fish. One person netted the fish (or, yes, speared the fish). Another person took the hook out of its mouth. Someone cleaned the fish. And then the fish were mounted on a pole and taken to the ice chests in the pick-up. And while all of this was happening, another fishermen stepped up and made a cast into the spot where the last fish was caught.

We sure enjoyed our conversations with these dear friends. Most of the salmon they caught were from 20-30 pounds. They told us they would use them for food (Chinook are a culinary delight) and the parts that couldn't be eaten would be used for fertilizer. It was clear to us that they loved fishing together-as family and as friends.

Trish and I came away with similar spiritual impressions. We want the church (the body of Christ) to be like this. We want to fish with Jesus. We want to value the presence and contributions of every person. We want to be able to work together in creative cooperation. We want to love being together and open to the questions of guests and tourists. I realize that this sounds naive and idealistic. But what is wrong with longing for the peace of Christ in the midst of chaos? What is wrong with believing we can "agree to disagree, agreeably" during difficult conversations? Aren't these qualities of a healthy family?

I love fishing...I love watching people fish together...

Pastor Dave



**Madeline Norland,
New Administrative
Assistant**

We are pleased to announce that Madeline Norland is our new Administrative Assistant. Madeline brings many gifts to the position

including a rich history with the church and a deep spiritual maturity. Madeline began work April 9. Please welcome her into this opportunity and this ministry.

Coffee with the Pastors

Our next "Coffee with the Pastors" is this Sunday, April 15, at 9:45 am in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in church membership or in knowing more about First United Methodist Church, please join us!



Church Work Day

Please join us this Sunday, April 15, from 2:00-5:00 pm to do some spring cleaning and church improvement projects. We will have

inside and outside jobs for all skill levels. If you would like to work outside, please bring gloves, rakes and/or clippers if you have them.

Sunday School teachers are asked to be in charge of their rooms and do some deep cleaning and organizing, if possible. All help is appreciated!

Neighboring Tip

If you have a dog, take your pup out for a nice, easy walk. Try to be as present as possible to the neighborhood around you. You might take time to focus on one or more of your senses throughout the walk, but make yourself as present as possible to your **neighbors**.

As the temperature begins to warm up, folks will be spending more time outside. Make an effort to strike up a conversation with those you meet. Keep in mind that some of your neighbors may have had bad pet experiences, so be cautious if someone seems especially wary of dogs. If you know of a neighbor who regularly walks their dog, invite them to walk with you!

Don't have a dog? Don't fret! Have you noticed a neighbor who regularly walks their dog? If so, make time to ask them about their furry friend! Pets are great companions for many, and people often love to talk about them. If you've gotten to know a neighbor by doing this, consider picking up a small bag of dog treats, and the next time your neighbor is on a walk, ask if you can give some to their dog. You might build a friendship with your neighbor - and their dog!

Happy neighboring!



Rory Grace Podschun was baptized on April 1st. She is pictured here with her parents, Jonathan and Rachel Podschun.

Lenten Offering

If you have not yet returned your offering from the Lenten Calendars, please bring it to the church office at your earliest convenience. Thank you to everyone who has already given so generously.

Welcome Center Hosts Needed

Spring is here and it's time to sign up for April and May Hosts/Cookie Bakers. Follow the link below to sign up for a date that works best for you.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4aa9ab29a1fe3-aprilmay>

Thanks for all you do! We've heard wonderful things about how welcome newcomers are feeling at FUMC. I know that's thanks to you all!! Keep up the good work.

Blessings,
Sarah Miller

Office Schedule

It has been decided that we will close the office on Friday afternoons at 1:00. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Our new office hours are 8:00-5:00 Monday through Thursday, and 8:00-1:00 pm on Fridays.

| A Look at Our Loyalty | | | |
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| | Mar. 25 | Apr. 1 | Apr. 8 |
| Sonrise | | 45 | |
| 8:30 Worship | 73 | 131 | 60 |
| 10:45 Worship | 194 | 375 | 381 |
| Total Worship | 267 | 551 | 441 |
| Sunday School | 114 | 107 | 157 |
| Offering | \$4,958 | \$10,041 | \$13,414 |
| Needed Weekly | | | \$13,060 |

Locking the Church

In an effort to increase our security at the church, and upon advice from Lt. DeLong, we have decided to start locking all of the church doors except the east parking lot door, during church hours. If you need to get in through the north courtyard doors, or the west door (for handicap accessibility or other), please call the church office, 221-2700, and we will meet you at the door to let you in. At this time, all of the doors will be unlocked on Sunday mornings. Thank you for your understanding as we work on our security.



It's Time to Sign up for Camp!

It is time to sign up for Summer Camp. There are camps for all ages at Camp Horizon. You can register online through the church web site www.winfieldfumc.org. There are scholarships available through the church. Please come in and fill out a card indicating the amount of assistance you need, or make that request through our website. Early bird deadline for a \$10 discount is May 1st.

Extending Thanks to . . .

Dennis & Julie Rice and Bill & Debbie Bridges for helping with commodities in March.

To everyone who brought salads for the Holy Week lunch: Joanne Black, Ina Gray, Janet Ward, Julie Rice, Susan Dean, Carolyn Guernsey, Lynn Felts, Pam Olney, Dee Ledy, Betty Gray, Lynn Biddle, Pat McCutcheon, Cindy Goertz, Delcia Allison, Jo Ann Tasker, Carole Stine, Dollie Rosecrans, Jacque Nation, Beth Wilke, Debbie Bridges, and Julie St. Peter. Also, special thanks to Julie Rice, Susan Dean, Lynn Biddle and Lynn Felts for coordinating the lunch!



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has visited, prayed and cared for us during Ray's surgery and recovery. We are thankful for our church family!

Jean & Ray Dewell

Your thoughts and prayers have gotten us through a very difficult time. Please know that we felt the love and support. We have been blessed to find a church in Rockwall, but sure miss everyone at Winfield FUMC.

Audra Hittle and family

Prayer List

Winfield First Family

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| Pat Davis | Barbara Ghan | Loren Pontious |
| Ronald Eastman | Diana Klein | Edna White |
| Ed Foster | Gwen Lawing | |

Extended Family and Friends

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| Valerie Aladieff | Harley Hoyt | Kelley Murphy |
| Kenna Biddle | Sgt. Jason Hull | June Neal |
| Gary Butler | Curstin Jenkins | Susan Nettrouer |
| Raylene Butler | Jason Jenkins | Ellie O'Neil |
| Peggy Everett | Terry Johnson | Courtney Smith |
| Marian Flanigan | Ashley Law | Kandy Stuart |
| Chance Gates | Carla Mohlstrom | Brantley Taylor |
| | | Aaron Toney |

Darci Morland's sister's friend, Alyssa
 Brailey McMinn's grandparents, Jack and Janelle Cobb
 Linda Vasey's stepmother, Lee Garrison
 Barbara Dunn's daughter, Zera Menard

Grief and Loss

Clyde and Linda Vasey in the death of their sister-in-law
 Tyce Yates in the death of his step-father
 The family of Dixie Broadhurst

World Concerns

Military & their families, families in transition, peace for all nations, fire danger, Holy Land travelers.

Spring Cleaning Help

Youth are available to help with spring cleaning. If you have a project, let Bill know and he will connect you with some youth. This will help the youth attend camp this summer.

Taco Salad Luncheon & Auction

Thank you to all those who attended the Taco Salad Luncheon and Auction to support our youth going on Retreats this summer. We raised about \$2,095. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Summer Intern Position

We are now accepting letters of interest for our fulltime Summer Intern position. Please talk with Bill Podschun if you are interested in applying for the position.

Mark Your Calendar

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| April 15 | Coffee with the Pastors |
| April 29 | Scholarship Sunday |
| May 13 | Mother's Day & SC Graduation |
| May 20 | Pentecost |
| June 13-16 | Annual Conference, |
| Wichita | |
| July 16-20 | J Camp |



ANNUAL
**EARTH DAY
 CLEANUP**
 APRIL 22 - ISLAND PARK - 2:00PM

The annual community-wide Island Park Cleanup will take place on Sunday, April 22 at 2:00 p.m. Led by members of Grace United Methodist Church, the city has a tradition of celebrating Earth Day by picking up trash and readying Island Park for residents and visitors to enjoy nature. We encourage participation from all who are interested in making the world a better place.

There is no registration necessary. Come to Island Park at 2:00 that Sunday afternoon. Wear old clothes and old shoes. Bring work gloves and if you have them, bring garden tools.

Stewardship of the planet and the faith tradition are intrinsically linked. Faith communities sponsor Earth Day events to maximize comprehensive environmental stewardship.



Community Garden

Have you heard? We're starting a garden! Thanks to a generous donation, the church has acquired the little plot of land on the corner of 10th & Bliss for the purpose of

starting a garden. We are excited about this new way to be missional in our community and have a lot of exciting long-term plans for the garden. In the interest of time, we have come up with a simple and manageable garden plan for the 2018 season, which is to:

- Clean up and tend to what is already there
- Plant a few beds of herbs and vegetables
- Include a few container gardens
- Add some flowers to beautify the space a bit more
- Hang some signage
- There's lots more to come (including an upcoming work day) so stay tuned.
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If you are interested in taking part in the garden, please contact Leah Hartman (Leah.e.hartman@gmail.com), Molly Just (Molly.just@sckans.edu), or Miranda Priddy (miranda.priddy@sckans.edu).

Blood Pressure Checks

Our Parish Nurse team takes Blood Pressures every second Sunday of the month from 9:00-10:30 am in Pastor Beth's office. The next Blood Pressure day is Sunday, May 13.

Church Ladies

The "Church Ladies" group meets the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 am at College Hill Coffee. Each month we share a devotion, discussion & prayers. All women are invited to join this fun and informal group. The next meeting is Saturday, May 12. Speak with JoAnn Parsons or Pastor Beth for more info.

Homebound Callers Needed

Do you enjoy visiting with people? Would you like to extend the hospitality of Christ to members of our church who are no longer able to attend worship? If so, perhaps the church's Homebound Ministry Team is for you! Members of the team call on one of our senior adults once a month and take a copy of our Senior Adult newsletter. If you would like to know more about this important ministry opportunity, please speak with Pastor Beth.

Let us Know?

Thank you for letting the church office know if you move or change your phone number. (If you go to just a cell phone, your name will not be listed in the phone book.). If you move and we do not have your new address, the newsletter comes back and we have to pay. Thanks!

Online Donations

We have the capability of accepting online donations through our website, www.winfieldfumc.org. If you are traveling, or aren't able to be here for worship, you can still make a donation on-line. You can make a one-time donation, or set up an automatic recurring donation. Donations can be made by bank transfer, debit card, or credit card. Simply go to the "Donate" page on the website to make a donation to the general budget and click on "Make a Donation".

Prayer Chain

If you have concerns or joys for the prayer chain, please email Carolyn Eastman, jce1936@gmail.com or the church, office@winfieldfumc.org.



#Be3kids

FUMC CHILDREN'S MIN.



Thank you to all who made the Empty Tomb celebration a fun and formative time on Easter!



Youth Activities

Mission Trip

Our Junior and Senior Mission Trip for 2018 will be to Washington DC and is July 2-11. It will be a great opportunity to serve, grow spiritually and be in our nation's capital.

Confirmation Retreat

Our Confirmation Retreat for 6-7 grade youth will be June 18-21 to Kansas City. The cost is \$200. Fundraising and Scholarships are available to help with the cost. Please talk to Bill if you are interested in attending.

H.S. Summer Retreat

Our HS trip this summer will be to the Branson area. We will be boating, going to the Passion Play and Silver Dollar City, and doing a service project. The cost is \$315 for all expenses, with support for the cost coming from camperships and fundraisers. Please sign up with Bill or Mariah by March 11. This retreat is for youth who will be in high school next fall.



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Pictured here is the Confirmation Class that joined the church on April 8. Front row : GraceLynn Benavides, Kale Madrigal, Brody Lindenman, Alex Whetstone, Abigail Reid, Rozlynn Richert, Ruby Woodburn and Mark Thompson. Back row: Jake Jewers, Leader Cheryl Rude, R J Reed, Leader Tony Mendoza, Allyson Thiel, Claire Norton, Skyler Ledy, Bill Podschun, and Jack Speer. Welcome them to our church family!