

The Tower

First United Methodist Church

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Music Director
Julie Woodring

Organist
Chance Alquest

Nursery Director
Mandie Speegle

Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship: 8:30 & 10:45 am,
5:30 pm



**BEGINNING SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 2...
ARE YOU GETTING
PREPARED??**

Pastor Dave

November 28, 2018



College Care Packages

Care Packages for college students from our church who are away at different schools should be turned into the office by Sunday, Dec. 2.

Christmas for Cowley County Kids in Foster Care

There is an Angel Tree in the church foyer today for children in foster care here in Cowley County. Tags with children's names, needs, and wishes are on the tree. Please return the gifts to the church office by **Dec. 10**. Thank you!



Ladies' Breakfast

Church Ladies

The "Church Ladies" group meets the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 am.

Each month we share a devotion, discussion & prayers. All women are invited to join this fun and informal group. The next meeting is Saturday, Dec. 8, at Pastor Beth's home. Please bring a breakfast item and a treasured Christmas tradition to share! Speak with Pastor Beth for more information.



Diaper Drive

The Anna Ruth Circle of United Methodist Women is organizing a Diaper Drive for the month of November. If you would like to help, please bring any size and brand of diapers to the church foyer anytime this month. The diapers will then be distributed to families in need.



EAGERHEART Production at Southwestern

Join the SC and Winfield community at EAGERHEART on Sunday, Dec. 2, at 6:30 pm & Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 11 am in Messenger Recital Hall. The

Campus Players will present this beautiful, short Christmas play by A.M. Buckton for the 86th annual performance! Admission is free with a non-perishable food item for the Winfield Food Pantry.



Bell Ringers Needed

Mark Olney is the Red Kettle Coordinator for the Salvation Army and is scheduling bell ringers through Dec 24th at the entrances of Wal-Mart and Dillon's. Please consider if you, your small group or Sunday School would like to help. **Our church has chosen Friday, Dec. 7 to cover this year. Please call the church office if you are available to serve that day.**



The Red Kettle bell tradition dates back to 1891 and is entirely dependent on the generosity of the public to provide financial assistance, counseling, food, clothing, toys, and shelter for less fortunate persons year-round. The majority of the money raised stays locally to help those in need. For information on how you can support or volunteer for the Red Kettle Drive email, call or text Mark at: markaolney@gmail.com, 620-222-5988 or call the church office, 221-2700.

Advent Devotionals

Advent Daily Devotional books are now available in the church office for \$8. This year's Devotional is The Advent Mission by Omar Rikabi from the Seedbed Daily Text. Through the daily readings we discover how Jesus' arrival in the manger is only the first part in His mission to bring salvation. His arrival in the clouds is the last part. Taking both of these seasons of waiting together, Omar Rikabi shows how preparing for this kind of Advent before we celebrate Christmas is how we get in on God's rescue mission.

An Old Fashioned Christmas Worship

Our Annual Old Fashioned Christmas Worship will be at the Barns @ Timber Creek on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 4:30 pm. There will be caroling, carriage rides, family Christmas photos and children's activities at 4:30, with a soup supper following. There will also be worship at 6 pm after we eat at the Barns. This is a fundraiser for our youth trip to Youth 2019. Join us for a fun afternoon of music, worship and fellowship!



A Special Thanks

The lovely flowers on the altar during the Thanksgiving season were in recognition of the birthday of Margaret McGowan. We appreciate the continued gift from her family.



A Look at Our Loyalty

	November 11	November 18	November 25
8:30 Worship	69	66	53
10:45 Worship	144	139	108
Evening Worship	60	58	51
Total Worship	273	263	212
Sunday School	114	112	78
Offering	\$10,267	\$8,618	\$2,996
Needed Weekly			\$13,060
Needed as of 11/25:			\$622,553
Received as of 11/25:			\$501,854

Congregational Input on the Budget

The congregation is invited to join members of the Stewardship-Finance Team on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 9:45 am in Fellowship Hall to review the 2019 budget and ask any questions you might have. Everyone is welcome.

FUMC Youth Fundraiser

Our youth are selling items for Christmas from Boon Supply if you want to look at the fundraiser online go to <https://www.boonsupply.com> and pull up the FUMC YOUTH fundraiser to support the youth in their retreats for 2019. There are lots of different items to purchase from tote bags to kitchen gadgets.

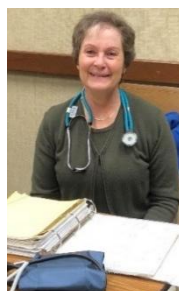
Commission on The Way Forward



The proposed legislation for resolving the denomination's differences over human sexuality and the ordination of LGBTQ people, as well as the full report of the Commission on a Way Forward, are part of the United Methodist Judicial Council's October docket. The legislation will go to the special 2019 General Conference in February. Read more about the three plans by clicking this link: <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/court-docket-details-proposed-plans-for-umc> If you would like to see the video shown at Annual Conference, go to www.greatplainsumc.org click on Media/Videos, and scroll down to the 21st video: "AC2018Commission on a Way Forward."

Blood Pressure Checks

Join us the second Sunday of each month from 9:00-10:30 am in Fellowship Hall to have your blood pressure checked by one of our friendly nurses. (We have moved back to Fellowship Hall for better visibility). Thanks Rita Davis for serving in November!



Sunday Night Worship



Sunday Night Worship continues each week in Fellowship Hall. We gather at 5:30 pm for a meal, with worship at 6:00 pm. Childcare is available, if desired, for children age 5 and under and dress is casual. Everyone is welcome!

Reminders from Church

If you would like to receive reminders from church (for ushers, greeters, worship leaders, acolytes, etc.) by text message, please call or email us with your cell phone number and the cell phone provider. Otherwise, you will continue to get reminders by email or post card.

Plastic Containers Needed

If you have empty plastic containers (cottage cheese, sour cream, whipped topping, etc.) that you don't need, we would love to have them at the church for leftovers from Tuesday's Table and other meals. Please bring them to the church kitchen at your convenience.

Foster Families Needed

Cowley County Youth Services is looking for 20 families from churches in Cowley County to provide protective housing for children who have been taken from their parents due to abuse or neglect. This would be on a short term basis (48-72 hours). Protective housing would come into play while foster families are being arranged. If you think you might be the answer to this urgent need, please contact Melody Pappan, 222-8035.

Prayer List

Winfield First Family

Pat Davis Oscar Peterson-Veatch Gordon Tasker
Everett Newman George Storey Edna White

Extended Family and Friends

Valerie Aladieff Buddy Hendrix Carla Mohlstrom
Matt Burroughs Jess Hollingsworth Mike Niederee
Gary Butler Harley Hoyt Brenda Richard
Gary Courtney Curstin Jenkins James Ross
Mark Davis Jason Jenkins Brantley Taylor
Dorothy Donley Terry Johnson Roxann Taylor
Peggy Everett Michael Richardson Aaron Toney
Ari Gerber Julie Harris Harden Rob Totino
Jill Halcomb Tamara Watson

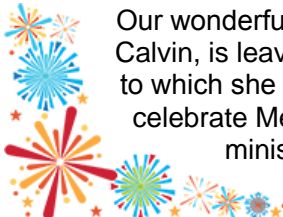
Grief & Loss

The family and friends of Donna Storey

World Concerns

Military & first responders and their families, California wildfires, peace for all nations.

Celebrate Meg With Us!



Our wonderful Children's Director, Meg Calvin, is leaving us to take another position to which she has been called. So, it's time to celebrate Meg and her amazing years of ministry with our congregation. We are planning two times of celebration: Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 5:30 pm after Kids' Club and EE; and a reception on Sunday, Dec. 16, in Fellowship Hall following the second service. We invite you to bring or send cards for Meg. We give thanks to God for Meg and her wonderful ministry!

Many Thanks . . .

We wish to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers for Kenna Biddle the last 5 years. After radiation last spring she has had 3 stable MRIs of the brain tumor and is so blessed to be enjoying her senior year of High School. Prayers would still be appreciated for no growth as this process has renewed our faith that "prayers do work"!

~~Lynn Biddle & family, the Benavides Family and the Brothers Family

We are thankful for your help with the Cowley County Toy Run. Your generosity has gone a long way to help us raise approximately \$2000 and 375 toys to provide Christmas gifts for the needy children in our area. Angels in the Attic will distribute the toys. Thank you again for your help and may God continue to bless you and yours.

~~In His Service, The Rose Family and the Toy Run Committees.

Extending Thanks to . . .

Bill & Debbie Bridges, Dennis & Julie Rice and Randy Vanderpool for helping with commodities in November.

A big thanks goes out to Roger Storm for securing an air hockey table for the youth room.



Happy Birthday!

To all who are celebrating birthdays in December. The birthdays of the members and friends for whom we have records

are listed below. If you have additions please call the office so we can update our records. Send a card, make a phone call, or do a little something to help recognize these birthdays when you can.

- 12/1 Greg McPherson, Lenora Nation, Bruce Russell
- 12/2 R J Reed, Jax Schmidt
- 12/3 Rydon Carrasco, Kelsey Henson, Maddox Madrigal
- 12/5 Janeanne Fry, Karen Johnson, Sarah Stone, Harper Whetstone
- 12/6 Aiden Busch-Riddle, Randy Emerson, Shanell Isom, Steve Wilke
- 12/7 Joseph Abdi, James Doyle, Bill June, Merlyn Logsdon
- 12/8 Pat White
- 12/9 Doloris Godsey, April Madrigal, A J Phillips, Sadie Revell, Maddie Stanton
- 12/10 Beth Lindenman, Chris Tyler
- 12/11 Jacob Pugmire, Mari Wallrabenstein
- 12/12 Skylar Daniels, Dan Williams
- 12/13 Patrick Trollman, Eli Winblad
- 12/15 Bryan Pearce
- 12/16 Robert Lattimore, Nancy McGregor
- 12/17 Sam Bertholf, Dylan Durbin, Elizabeth Vaughan
- 12/18 Bailey Heronemus, Molly McCoy, Audrina Schmidt
- 12/19 Mary Ann Beers, Wanda Hada, Reese Isom, Jimmy Stoabs
- 12/20 Betty Martin, Justin McPherson, Kate Stanton
- 12/21 Brad Bradberry
- 12/22 Rosemary Almassy, Lisa Buffum, Lynn Gerber, Camdon Trecek
- 12/23 Becky Brock, Judy Keller, Christopher Norton
- 12/24 Phyllis Bigler
- 12/25 Joy Branscum, Christopher Jack, Luna Marler, Carla Tuttle, Larry White
- 12/26 Jeff Bradbury, Kirk Branscum, Julie Rice, Bryant Thomas
- 12/27 Edwin Speegle, Nikki Thiel
- 12/29 Sam Camp, Autumn Mugler, Sherry Pugmire, Emma Wilke, Maddie Wilke
- 12/30 Shirley Gilbreath, Brylee Satterlee, Stan Sawyer, Cole Winblad
- 12/31 Amber Benavides, Teresa Bradbury



Advent 2018
“For God so Loved the World”

Dec. 2 First Sunday in Advent

Dec. 9 Second Sunday in Advent ~ Memorial Bells in worship

Dec. 12 5:30 pm Kids' Celebration for Meg Calvin after Kids' Club

Dec. 16 Children's Christmas Choir at 10:45 service

12 Noon Celebration for Meg Calvin, Fellowship Hall

*4:30-7 pm “Old Fashioned Christmas” Barns @ Timber Creek.
Caroling (4:30) Soup Supper (5:15), Worship (6:00), Carriage Rides &
children's activities. Donations received for Youth 2019.*

Dec. 23 Choral Christmas Music in both services

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services

5:00 pm Contemporary Service

7:00 & 11:00 pm Traditional Services

*All services will include carols, communion & our cherished tradition of
passing the candle light.*

Dec. 30 10:00 am Combined Worship Service

*www.winfieldfumc.org
WinfieldFUMC on Facebook*





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KIDS' CLUB



All kids in grades K-6th are invited to sing in the Children's Christmas Choir with Sarah Miller. Rehearsals are held in the choir room from 3:55-4:15 on Wednesdays. The kids will lead us in worship on Dec. 16th at 10:45.

~~~~ Youth News ~~~~

Annual Christmas Progressive Dinner



CHRISTMAS Progressive Dinner

Plans are being made for our annual Christmas Progressive Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 5 pm. We

have a great group of parents hosting the middle & high school youth for this special night of food, fellowship and fun. Talk to Bill for times and locations.

Old Fashioned Christmas Worship



CHRISTMAS

The Old Fashioned Christmas Worship will be Sunday, Dec. 16, at the Barns @ Timber Creek. Each youth wanting to raise money should be there at 2 pm and bring a crock pot of soup and a Christmas dessert. The event is 4:30-7 pm.

E.O.S. for High School

Our final high school activity for the fall semester will be at the Barns @ Timber Creek. Have a great Christmas break! We will resume in the New Year on Sunday, Jan. 6, at 7 pm.

E.O.S. for Middle School

Our final middle school youth meeting for the fall semester will be Wednesday, Dec. 12. Enjoy the Christmas Break with your family! We will resume in the New Year on Wednesday, Jan. 9.

Laser Tag

Over the Christmas Break MS & HS will go to Towne East and play laser tag on Sunday, Dec. 30, at noon after church. The cost is \$10 for the day plus you should bring money for lunch.





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Mark Your Calendar

Nov. 28 Decorate for Christmas
Dec. 2 1st Sunday in Advent
Dec. 16 Children Sing in 10:45 Worship
Dec. 16 Christmas Concert at Barns @
Timber Creek
Dec. 23 Sanctuary Choir Special Music
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services 5, 7, & 11
Dec. 30 Combined 10 am Worship Service

Neighboring Tip

Find a way to thank a neighbor who is a good neighbor. This week, instead of inviting you to think about your own practices of good neighboring, we invite you to think about **your neighbors** and their good neighbor practices.

Write and personally deliver a thank-you note.

Write and secretly deliver a thank-you note. (This may be fun! Maybe this looks like writing an anonymous thank-you note and sticking it on your neighbor's door or car window.)

Give a verbal "Thank you!" (Maybe this looks more general, such as, "Thank you for being such an awesome neighbor!" or more specific, such as, "I just want to thank you for always waving and smiling so cheerfully every time you see me. This always brings me so much joy and makes me feel very much at home.")

Find out one of your neighbor's favorite foods, make this, and take it over to them.

Be thankful even for small things such as raked leaves and a pleasant word.

If we can begin learning to possess a more others-focused mindset, then we will truly begin practicing good neighboring!

Calling All Technology-Savvy Volunteers!!



We are in the process of training additional persons to operate our media, video and sound. If you are interested, please contact Bill Podschun.