

Chapel Worship 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship 10:45 a.m.
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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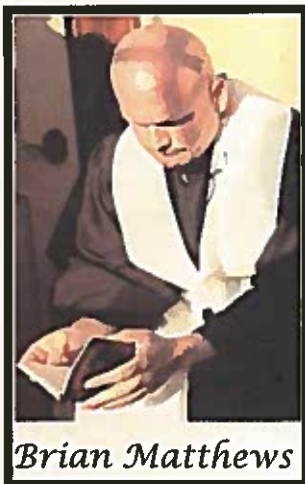
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Brian Matthews

Is it really time for another Advocate article? According to my expertly organized calendar (which is expertly organized by Donna) it is, so here we go with another edition of "Ramblings from the Pastor:"

◇ I spent a good part of last week trying desperately to remember something I was told in passing the previous Sunday morning. As much as I'd like to tell you I figured it out...I didn't. Sunday mornings are a blur for me. I have conversations (some very brief and others more detailed) with between 200-300 people, all the while trying to be prepared to preach twice and not fall down or up the steps! Needless to say, if you need me to remember something important, please write it down for me, or better yet call, email or text me so I have a record of it. I know this is shattering your perception of me as an able minded pastor, but my brain is starting to show its age!

◇ Could someone please put a call in to Mother Nature and ask her to act her age! It is fall right!?

◇ This past week I had the privilege of playing in a charity golf tournament in Tulsa supporting the ministry of Egan Camp and Retreat Center. While getting ready to tee off I ran into former FUMC Ada pastor George Warren. George has been a friend of mine for a number of years and I always enjoy getting to see him. He asked me to tell everyone in Ada "hello," so consider this a "hello" from George!

◇ Have you ever considered the "stuff" that takes place behind the scenes weekly in the Chapel and Sanctuary to ensure worship happens in the manner we've come to expect? The color of the altar/podium coverings change on a fairly regular basis. Communion is prepared and cleaned up weekly. Candles are replaced. Offering is collected, counted and deposited. Guests are greeted and welcomed. Microphones are turned on, and turned up or down. Banners are changed out. The "stuff" in the pews is straightened. Registration info/prayer requests are collected. And the list goes on and on. Maybe you've noticed and maybe not...but all of these things (and many more) happen each and every week, with most of them being accomplished by volunteers. In a couple of weeks you will be given the opportunity to volunteer to serve the church in many ways, including ensuring our worship space is ready each week. I hope you will consider joining our list of volunteers in this much needed ministry...or in one of the many other areas of service in the church.

◇ There are some mysterious things occurring in my office. I keep finding circular stickers with this weird looking pistol-packing cowboy dressed in orange all around my office. If anyone else is having these sightings in their areas, please let me know I am not the only one. While I do not have actual proof, I do believe Labby's partner has something to do with it. And, oh yeah, BOOMER!

◇ One of the "inner-sting" nuances of the United Methodist Church, and for that matter most churches, is the person in my position gets the credit from the "higher-ups" when things go well in the life of the church. While I hope I play an important part in guiding and leading the church, I want you and our staff to know that I know YOU are the reason for our fruitfulness. We have marvelous volunteers who spend countless hours each week teaching, organizing, serving and planning. Without these volunteers our effectiveness in ministry would drop significantly! To our volunteers I say "thank you, thank you, thank you!" We also have tremendous staff. Our student ministers and their staff do a great job...it is exciting to see our children and youth programs growing. Our kitchen staff continue to provide awesome service. Our building staff do a wonderful job keeping everything looking good and running smooth. Our preschool staff provides great learning opportunities in a Christian environment. Our music ministry is second to none. Our office staff, in addition to being fun, do a great job keeping everything moving forward. And of course our pastoral staff do a wonderful job in their areas of specialty and keep me on track. FUMC Ada has great volunteers and staff...and I thank God for them!

Well it looks like I have rambled enough so I'll sign off until next edition...have a great week and I look forward to being in worship with you real soon!

Jesus is Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Matthews".

Pastor Brian Matthews

ECU WESLEY



Some of the ECU Wesley football players with ECU Wesley family after the game on October 8th.



Janey & Devon at the ECU football game on October 8th.

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- Each Monday: Pass out Random Snacks of Kindness @ 9:30 am on campus
- Each Monday: FUSION Worship of the fall semester @ 8 pm
- Each Wednesday: Not A Fan Co-Ed Bible Study begins @ 8:30 pm @ ECU Wesley
- November 20th: Share the ECU Wesley story @ Ada FUMC (both services)
- November 21st: Friendsgiving @ 6:30 pm and Decorate for Christmas
- November 28th: Christmas FUSION @ 8 pm
- November 30th: Christmas Party @ 8 pm @ TBA
- December 1st: Spaghetti Spectacular @ FUMC, Ada

MOSAIC

Classes in November will be as follows:

- VBV- by Pastor Brian Matthews
- Journaling—by La Donna Hill and Carissa O'dell
- Ethics in America Then (B.I. Before the Internet) and Now -by Bill Chapman (New Class)

The Worship Class has been completed and the class on Counterfeit Christianity and Living by The Book will be completed on Oct. 26th.

The rooms for the classes for November will be announced soon.

WELCOMING OUR MUSIC INTERNS

Our church is blessed to have some talented young People serve as music interns. Here is some information about them.

Jonas Burns is a 2016 Stroud High School graduate. He is a freshman at ECU studying vocal performance. In his spare time, he likes to be involved in theatre productions and recently was in the Wizard of Oz. Jonas also enjoys fairy tales and anything from the Disney studio.

Victoria Aguilar is a graduate of Ardmore High School. She attends ECU and is a Mass Communications major. Her hobbies include singing, crafting, and being a member of the ECU band color guard.

Also from Ardmore is Lance Reisstter. He is a senior music major at ECU, with a trumpet emphasis. He enjoys singing in the church choir, playing bells and running football plays with his friends.

Jack Malm is a 2012 Ada High School graduate. He has been attending FUMC for 9 years and has been an intern for 4 years. Currently he is in his fourth and final year as a Drum major of the Pride of Tigerland Band and is a music major studying Instrumental Music Education. In his spare time, Jack likes to relax and listen to jazz music, preferably while eating his favorite food from Fresco's.

Cassidy Wilcox (soon to be Mrs. Malm) is a 2013 Noble graduate. This is her first year to be an intern. She is a senior at ECU studying Elementary Education, with a minor in music. In her spare time, Cassidy enjoys watching television and going on an occasional run. She also loves being an RA on campus and singing in the ECU Chorale.

Maggie Peercy is a 2015 graduate of Tishomingo High School and a life long Methodist. She grew up participating actively in every aspect of Tishomingo's FUMC music ministry and attending CrossPoint Camp. She is a nursing major at ECU and plans to become a nurse practitioner, but first she intends to move to Nashville and work as an RN and pursue her love of country music. She loves to travel and enjoys playing with her dog, has fun with her friends and spoils her little sister. She loves her family dearly and listens to a lot of Dolly and Loretta.

Emelia Robinson is a 2014 Stroud High School graduate. She has been attending FUMC Ada for almost 3 years, and has been an intern for 1 1/2 years. She is a Junior at ECU, studying Elementary Education with a music minor. In her spare time Emmy enjoys reading biographies, crafting and baking. She also loves to spend time with her boyfriend Clarence and her fur-baby, Agatha.

Thanks

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the wonderful Worship Class. You've inspired me in multiple ways and all 15 of you were most attentive and responsive to my teaching.

I am indebted to many authors and Liturgical Theologians but especially to our son Paul who has taught me much of what I know about worship. Paul has the intelligence of his mother!

Thanks be to God!

-Pastor Roberto Escamilla



HONOR OUR VETERANS

If you have a family member or friend that is a War World II Veteran, please give their name and address to Sue Bricker at (580) 320-8902.

There will be a special honor for them at the Veterans Day Luncheon, also any church family that would like to provide a patriotically wrapped door prize. Please bring to Sue in the kitchen anytime by Sunday, November 6th.

Thank you!

PRAYER AND HEALING



We will resume our prayers for healing on the first Sunday of every month starting Nov. 6th immediately following both services. People will be available to pray with anyone wanting prayer for anything going on in their lives. Prayers will be held confidential; unless someone expresses a desire to have more people praying for them.

Applebee's

On Tuesday, November 25th Applebee's will be donating 15% of the total days sales to Avery Anderson's family. If you would like to participate in helping Avery and her family, please visit Applebee's anytime that Tuesday located at 1220 N. Mississippi in Ada.

We Honor Our Veterans!

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

VETERAN'S DAY LUNCHEON

Friday, November 11th, 2016

12:00 pm in

The Christian Life Center

There will be great and inspiring Patriotic music by Bruce and Patty Bonar and Janet Wilburn with Phyllis Danley at the piano.

All branches of the Armed Force's will be recognized.

After the National Elections, this is a time to honor our veterans and move forward United as "One Nation Under God".

Veteran Spouses and families are invited

as well

If you are a Veteran and would like to attend this event at our church, please RSVP to the office at (580)332-1398.



TRUNK OR TREAT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

We are needing volunteers and donations for baked goods for the cake walk, decorated cars and candy. You may also bring candy to the office to help with that night as well.

Also, if you would like to bring your vehicle that night please let one of the children's directors know (Kim Moon, Lauren Rogers, Lisa Elliott) or the office so we can make sure everyone has a spot available.

Please join Sulphur United Methodist Women in raising gifts for two Oklahoma Methodist Mission projects.

Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 11:00 am
Sulphur United Methodist Church
2200 W. 14th Sulphur, OK

Brunch is provided
Cost: gifts for NSO Store

Please RSVP by Oct. 31, by calling
Marilyn Stewart (580) 618-6929
Donna John (580) 622-8394
Joyce Smith (580) 622-5287



The United Methodist Women Of Madill Host The Zelma Bazaar

Thursday, November 3, 2016
301 West Taliaferro
Madill, Oklahoma

Shopping begins with opening bell— 7:30 am

Christmas shop, woodworking, stitchery, tasty treats and more....

Pre Order Meal Tickets

Proceeds Benefit Local, State, National & World-Wide Missions

If you have any questions please contact their office at (580) 795-3732 or 3568



Notes from the



What a beautiful day to be at the park! It was about 90° last Sunday, with a brisk breeze (we are in Oklahoma after all!). The star of Sunday's meal was definitely the loaded mashed potatoes prepared by Colin. They were a perfect side for the chicken provided by KFC! Thank you also to J.D.'s Cafe, and to Amber's Sweet Shoppe. We would not be able to serve more than 475 meals Sunday without their generosity. Thanks also goes to our wonderful team, Julie, Jeff, Rick, Jim, David, Don, Nina, Clay, Fran, and Eric. There are many others who very generously give their time to collect and deliver meals to their friends and neighbors who cannot come to the park. Working together, we can make a difference!

-Clay and Leslie



Opportunities of the Week

Church Family Prayer List

Worship times are the same each week, unless announced

- Sunday**
 8:30 a.m. Worship (Chapel)
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
 5:00 p.m. Youth Meet-Up (Church)
- Tuesday**
 9:30 a.m. Talmidim Bible Study
 12:00 a.m. Prayer in the Sanctuary Prayer Room
 6:00 p.m. Grief Share (Lindsay Classroom)
 3:30 p.m. Voices Of Praise Practice
- Wednesday**
 Noon Methodist Men's Bible Study (Library)
 4:00 p.m. Awana
 5:00 p.m. Mosaic Meal
 6:00 p.m. Daniel's Adventure to Babylon
 6:00 p.m. Mosaic Classes
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Ringers Practice
 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
- YOUTH ACTIVITIES**
 5:00 p.m. Youth activities

PRAYERS: Avery Anderson, Janet Bare, Country Beard, Neal Beasley, Don Birdwell, Greg Belcher, Amy Boatwright, Dudley Bricker, Mae Hodgkins Caves, Twilah Blue, Marsha Crook, Tom Cook, Nawatha Dodge, Milt Donaghey, **Bobbi Finley (Bonnie Shields Sister)**, Donna Gault, Lili Giles, Kelley Haragan, Jovan Hodges, Kim Dicus Holton, Jeanette House, Ryan Kilby, Bill Larney, Mike Manahan, Mike Manning, Nicole McDonald, Tommy McKay, Sharon McNary, **Cameron Millard (Susan Coleman's Nephew)**, Wes Perkins, Ralph Rhodes, Dale Rice, Kimm Rich, Jason Richardson, Lawanna Ronald, Tom Runnells, Jessica Sasser, Caden Sharp, Karsen Sheffield, Lynn Snow, Jodie Standard, Ryan Stockton, Don Prather, Nellie Philips, Phil Rhynes, Glenn Watkins, Buddy Watson, Michelle Williams, Alice Willis, Zac Wilson, Linda Wood.

LONG-TERM PRAYERS: Bernie Belletini, Brent Bidy, Bud Blackburn, Dale Buss, Joshua Buss, Wanda Coplen, Steva Cottingham, Amber Cox, Tyler Cox, Kathy McKain Dargel, Mary Fogle, Joe Glasgow, Dakota Gray, Jennifer Hood, Mel Hutt, Tara Humphers, Ron Jackson, Shawna Jackson, Randy Johnson, Sarah Johnson, T.J. Johnston, Helen Lee, Roger Morgan, Marissa Morris, Johnny Moss, Jane Muntz, Brenda Pflaum, DiAnn Readnour, Jennifer Reynolds, Jon Ross, Diann Smith, Lindsay Snow, Emma Stewart, Pam Stewart, Doc Stokes, Lesa Ulrich, True Wallace, Charles Waller, Linda Wheeler, Debbie Cowling Whitley, Karen Williams, Richard Williams, Terry Wood.

EXPECTANT MOTHERS: Taylor Hayden Adams, Katie Harris, Katie Buxton McNew, Molly Jackson, Charissa Reed



Upcoming events this week

- WEDNESDAY 26th,**
 11:00 am- 1:00 pm Golden Agers (Fellowship Hall)
- SUNDAY 30th,**
 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat (In front of the church on 14th street)



- TUESDAY 1st,**
 6:00- 8:00 pm ECU Wesley Board Meeting (ECU Wesley)
- THURSDAY 3rd,**
 5:00-6:00 pm Local Unit Leadership Team
 UMW Meeting (Library)
 6:00- 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervisory Group Meeting (Library)
- FRIDAY 11th,**
 12:00-1:00 pm Veteran's Luncheon (CLC)

ATTENDANCE

OCTOBER 9, 2016	
Sunday School	169
Chapel Service	71
Sanctuary Service	149
Total Worship	220
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OCTOBER 16, 2016	
Sunday School	202
Chapel Service	89
Sanctuary Service	184
Total Worship	273



EVENTS

NOVEMBER

13th-14th

Lectureship Events (Fellowship Hall)