

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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Brian Matthews

Happy (almost) Thanksgiving my friends! In my portion of the *Advocate* this edition I want to spend the majority of my space highlighting coming attractions. But before I get there I want to say a HUGE "Thank You" to Sue Bricker and her kitchen crew, Lauren, Lisa, Kim and their children's crew, Roberto and his evangelism crew, Rozzie and the music crew, and Stephen, Jason and their facilities crew for all their hard work in recent days. The 7 days beginning Friday, November 11 and ending Thursday, November 17 have been among the busiest I have ever experienced in 12+ years with the Veteran's Luncheon, Bishop's Celebration, Muntz-Myers Lecture Series, Messiah Sing-A-Long and regular Mosaic happenings. All I can say is thank you to everyone for going above and beyond the call of duty during this week, and please let's not schedule so much in a 7 day period again!

In just a couple week we will officially enter the Advent/Christmas Season that will culminate on Sunday, December 25 with Christmas Day worship. There will be MANY, MANY opportunities offered by the church, including our Sermon Series, "4 Words that Could Change Your Christmas," that will help us keep our focus on the manger, while enjoying and celebrating fun times with family and friends. I pray you will make every effort to participate in as many of the following events as possible!

receive.

GIVE

REBEL

WORSHIP

While this is certainly not an exhaustive list of activities, these are the "worship" opportunities during the Advent/Christmas Season:

- ♦ Of course we will have regular worship on 12-4, 12-11 and 12-18.
- ♦ On the evening of 12-4 we will have the Hanging of the Green. During this time of worship our hearts and minds will be showed with the Christmas story through music. Please join us as we kick off the season in a great way!
- ♦ On Sunday evening of 12-18 we will celebrate Los Posadas. This will be my first time with one of these services, which will take place at John and Lisa Elliott's house, and I am looking forward to it! If you are not familiar with Los Posadas, take a minute and google it.
- ♦ On Wednesday, 12-21 we will offer a "Blue Christmas" service. During this time of worship we will talk about the struggle of the holidays for those struggling to navigate the ups and downs of life like death, sickness, grief etc. We will end the service with a special time of prayer.
- ♦ On Christmas Eve we will have Candlelight Communion Services at 6pm and 11pm in the Sanctuary. These are always my favorite services of the year! I hope you will make every effort to be present AND bring an un-churched friend or family member.
- ♦ Since Christmas Day and New Year's Day both fall on Sunday this year we will simplify our morning schedule by offering 1 service only at 10:45am in the sanctuary.

It's going to be a great Christmas Season at FUMC...I hope you will make these events, and all the others not listed, a top priority for you and your family. I know if we do these events will truly make our celebration of Christ's birth more meaningful. Have a great week and I look forward to being in worship with you soon!

Jesus is Lord,

Pastor Brian Matthews



# ECU WESLEY



## Spaghetti Spectacular

The ECU Wesley's Yearly Spaghetti Spectacular is around the corner!

Thursday, December 1 at Ada FUMC. Lunch will be served from 11 am-1:30 pm and Dinner will be served from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 3-9. All the spaghetti, bread, salad and dessert you can eat! 100% of the proceeds goes to the ministry of ECU Wesley.

See any of our FUMC, Ada Wesley Board Members:  
Rev. Brian Matthews,  
Donna Jamar, Dick Danielson,  
Janet Larney, Viki Saidleman or  
Jerry Snow for a ticket.

## MARK THE DATE

IN YOUR CALENDAR

- 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 20<sup>th</sup>: Share the ECU Wesley story @ Ada FUMC (both services)
- November 21<sup>st</sup>: Friendsgiving @ 6:30 pm and Decorate for Christmas
- November 28<sup>th</sup>: Christmas FUSION @ 8 pm
- November 30<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Party @ 8 pm @ TBA
- December 1<sup>st</sup>: Spaghetti Spectacular @ FUMC, Ada

ECU Wesley shared their ministry story with The Christ Experience in OKC on Sunday, November 6.



The Wesley had a fall party on Monday, October 31 following FUSION Worship.

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## Hangings of the Greens

### FESTIVAL of CAROLS

First United Methodist

Ada, OK

Sunday, December 4, 2016

4pm

Directed by

Roz Purdy

Pianist Phyllis Danley

Organist Rudy Lupinski

Accompanied by full orchestra

## Thank You!

According to the Ada News, we honored our Veterans. Our dinner was a huge success because of you, we were able to make sixty-nine Veteran's and their families feel very special. The fifteen World War II Veteran's, we honored with special awards and were told that they left very loved and cared for with everything this church did for them.

There's not enough space in the advocate to say Thanks to everyone that helped but I would still like to say thank you to the decorating team especially Donna Gault and LaDonna, my kitchen team, the greeters, maintenance crew, office staff (Amber, thanks again for going the extra mile), Will Boggs and Eric Johnson for the most awesome video. Thanks to those that furnished door prizes and to Larry Cole for making sure that each Veteran and their spouse received a door prize.

Thanks you to Brian and Shannon for jumping in to help with whatever we needed and a huge thank you to the Sunday School class members that came in at the end of the day to help take everything down, you will never know how much that helped.

Thank you,  
Sue Bricker- Kitchen Ministry

I also would like to include my thanks to all the people who continue to help with the meals for the Lectureship. They were already tired from the Veteran's Lunch but they came the next three days to help. Thank you Ann Lane, Deril Black, Aggie Allen, Glenda Moon, Elaine McKnight, Marian Paniagua, Ms. Jane and her helper Karen also to Donna Gault for decorating each of the three days as well. It takes a village to put on each one of these events and I'm blessed to have you!

Love each of you, Sue



## OUR STORY

### (Activities of the Foundation)

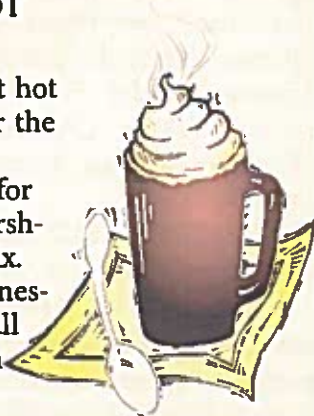
Each year, usually in May, an annual meeting is held of the membership and Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees determines the income from the corpus investment portfolio that may be expended for the purposes as stated in the Foundation by-laws. Requests for Foundation grants are received not later than April 15th each year. There is an application form available from the church office. The Board of Trustees determines the distribution of the available funds based on a careful review of all grant applications.

The Foundation grant distributions have been quite diversified. Some grant examples are: Scholarships for members of our church attending seminary, stipends for music and youth interns, VIM and youth mission trips, assistance in purchase of our church organ, help with purchase of church vans, stained glass window renovations and financial assistance to the ECU Wesley Foundation. In summary, what the Foundation is able to do for the Church each year is, figuratively speaking, icing on the cake.

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees to invest all of the principal amount of every gift or bequest. Only the earnings from those investments are distributed, thus insuring a perpetual fund.

### HELP WITH MINI MARSHMALLOWS AND HOT CHOCOLATE MIX

Our ministry will be handing out hot chocolate to all the spectators for the Ada Christmas Parade on December 1st. We would love for your help with getting mini marshmallows and hot chocolate mix. Please have it turned in by Wednesday 23rd to the Fellowship Hall Kitchen. Thank you so much for all your help!



### *Now is the Time To Order*

Each year we decorate the chapel and sanctuary with poinsettias that you may provide in honor or in memory of a special someone. These names will be printed on a special insert on Christmas Eve. Bring or have your florist deliver a poinsettia wrapped in green foil to the church no later than NOON, DECEMBER 15th.

The church secretary will need your names by this time or even earlier so that she can start on the bulletin insert.

The poinsettias will be displayed on December 18th, 24th and the 31st in the chapel and sanctuary. Thank you so much!



## Notes from the



Another beautiful Sunday in Oklahoma...made even more so by a wonderful group of friends. With the help of Julie, Jeff, Jim, Tim, Clay, Fran and Colin, we were able to provide more than 550 meals at the park, plus, we were able to share with the residents of the SOAR House. We are so thankful to KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, and J.D.'s Cafe for their generous donations, and to the members of the First United Methodist Church, for their support and prayers. This is a large endeavor and we could not serve as we do without all of you. We are still collecting winter wear and blankets, and of course toys and games which parents will be able to select and wrap on Thanksgiving. We want to be sure that as many children as possible will have a gift to unwrap on Christmas Day.

We will be serving Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day at the park. If anyone would like to join us, we would really appreciate the help. Hope to be back at the park next Sunday, have a wonderful week.

Clay and Leslie

## PRAYER VIGIL

Our annual advent prayer vigil in connection with our Home for Christmas activities will be held in the Chapel on Friday, Dec. 2nd from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. There will be a prayer guide available for your convenience. Please call Gail Danielson at (580) 332-2061 or leave a message to sign up for your preferred time.



## Veteran's Luncheon:

### A great success!

Nearly 80 to 100 Veteran's and Spouses attended the luncheon on November 11th in the CLC. The food was delicious, the decorations were fantastic and the music was inspiring!

Thanks a million to Sue and her crew of volunteers, to Donna Gault and her excellent decorating team and to Phyllis for inspiring music.

The World War II Veteran's presence and video was fantastic and Samuel Townsend leading The Pledge of Allegiance was superb.

Thank you- Pastor Roberto Escamilla



# 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)
- 3:30 p.m. Park Ministry (Glenwood)
- 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
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Worship



## Upcoming events this week

### MONDAY 21st,

6 pm Home for Christmas Task Force Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)

### WEDNESDAY 23rd,

8 am- 12 pm Church Closes at 12 pm

### THURSDAY 24th,

ALL DAY Church Closed

### FRIDAY 25th,

ALL DAY Church Closed

### THURSDAY 1st,

8 am- 8 pm Spaghetti Spectacular ( CLC)

5-6 pm

Local Unit Leadership Team  
UMW Meeting (Library)

6-7 pm

Stephen Ministry Supervisory  
Group Meeting (Library)

**PRAYERS:** Avery Anderson, Janet Bare, Country Beard, Neal Beasley, Don Birdwell, Greg Belcher, Amy Boatwright, Dudley Bricker, Twilah Blue, Mae Hodgkins Caves, Marsha Crook, Tom Cook, Nawatha Dodge, Milt Donaghey, **Ansley Elliott**, Bobbi Finley (Bonnie Shields Sister), Donna Gault, 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, 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 Watkins, Buddy Watson, Janet Wilburn, Deborah Williams, Michelle Williams, Alice Willis, Zac Wilson, Linda Wood, **Madison Yates**.

**LONG-TERM PRAYERS:** Bernie Belletini, Brent Bidy, Bud Blackburn, Dale Buss, Joshua Buss, Wanda Coplen, Steva Cottingham, Amber Cox, Tyler Cox, Kathy McKain Dargel, Chip Dudley, 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, **Ashley Brady**, Lili Giles, Katie Harris, Katie Buxton McNew, Molly Jackson, Leah Johnson, Kayla Taylor

## ATTENDANCE

### NOVEMBER 6th, 2016

Sunday School	167
Chapel Service	107
Sanctuary Service	204

**Total Worship** 311

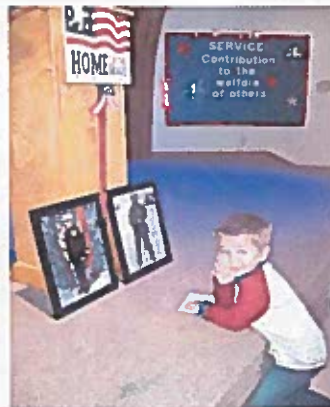
### NOVEMBER 13th, 2016

Sunday School	181
Chapel Service	69
Sanctuary Service	192

**Total Worship** 261



# WE HONOR OUR WORLD WAR II VETERAN'S





# TRUNK OR TREAT

