

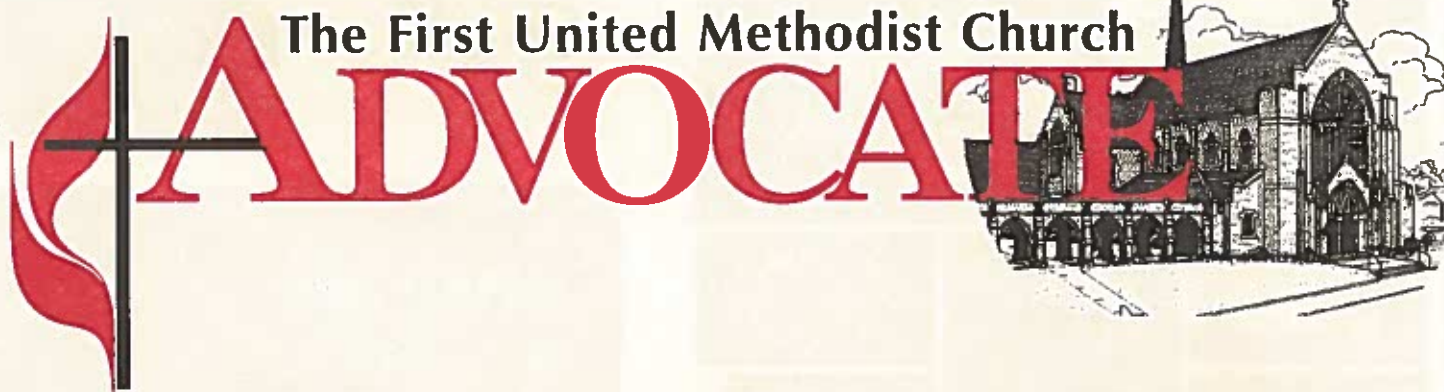
Chapel Worship 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Sanctuary Worship 10:45 a.m.  
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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# The First United Methodist Church

# ADVOCATE



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Tuesday, April 4th 2017



*Brian Matthews*

If you grew up in one of the mainline Christian denominations, the word “confirmation” is one with which you are familiar. In most United Methodist Churches confirmation is a time where young people around 6th or 7th grade learn the basics of the faith, church beliefs and history, have the opportunity to make a profession of faith in Jesus Christ, join the church, and receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism (if they have not already received it). In many churches confirmation doesn’t happen yearly because there are not kids in the designated age groups.

This year we will be offering confirmation (led by me) to multiple age groups at different times. The classes will last 3 weeks and be offered as follows:

- Youth (7th-12th grades) - Our youth directors and myself will lead the youth through the classes during their normal Wednesday evening time slot April 12th, 19th and 26th.
- 5th and 6th grades - the 5/6th grade Sunday school will meet with me April 23rd, 30th and May 7th during their normal Sunday morning time slot.
- Adults - ANY ADULTS are welcome to join with the Transformers Sunday school for the lessons on 3 Sundays in June (exact ones TBD). If we have any other adult classes that would like me to teach the 3 lessons I would be willing to do so for your class instead of people joining with the Transformers.

After our older children and youth have been through the classes, they will be given the opportunity to participate in a Service of Confirmation on May 14th during the 10:45am service. During the service, should they choose, they will make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, receive baptism (if they haven’t already been baptized) and officially become members of the body of Christ called First United Methodist Church of Ada. If the children/youth choose not to go through confirmation at this time, it will be offered again in the future, perhaps as early as next year.

As far as our adults go, these 3 weeks will give a great foundation of Christian beliefs and history and United Methodist beliefs, history and methodology (how and why we do things the way we do them), and could serve as a membership class to prepare those who have been attending to make the next step and join the church.

If you have any questions about confirmation or the upcoming classes, please do not hesitate to call or stop by the office to ask. Before I close let me say 2 more things. First, make sure you take notice of all the happenings coming up during Holy Week. There are lots of opportunities for worship and fellowship, and it would be a great time to invite a guest to join you for these special opportunities. Second, I heard back from the A/V engineers about our prospective project in the Chapel and Sanctuary. They confirmed my thinking on the Chapel project: it’s not only doable, but quite simple. The Sanctuary on the other hand is, and I quote, “one of the most challenging video proposals” they have ever worked on. They tell me it is very doable, but there is nothing easy or simple about it. As stated previously, once I know more you will too! Have a great week and I look forward to being in worship with you soon!

Jesus is Lord.

Pastor Brian Matthews

# ECU WESLEY



**DINNER & WORSHIP**

Campus Minister  
Janey Wilson  
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**MONDAY**  
**APRIL 17**  
**7-9 PM**

**By April 10**  
ecuwesley@gmail.com



**205**  
S. FRANCIS

**golf**  
Tournament

**MONDAY, JUNE 12**  
**OAK HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB-ADA**

**ECU WESLEY**  
7:30 AM REGISTRATION BEGINS  
8 AM SHOTGUN START  
For more information, please contact ECU Wesley  
Campus Minister, Janey Wilson @ (580) 436-3400  
or @ ecuwesley@gmail.com

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Monday's during the spring semester: Random Snacks of Kindness in the University Centre @ 11 am-1 pm; FUSION Worship @ 8 pm @ ECU Wesley
- Tuesday's during the spring semester: Asbury Kidz @ 6 pm (Asbury UMC) & Purple Book Co-Ed Bible Study @ 8 pm @ the ECU Wesley
- April 13<sup>th</sup>: Faculty/Staff/Student Faith Discussion Group/Lunch @ 12:15 pm-1:15 pm @ the BSU
- April 17<sup>th</sup>: High School Night @ 7 pm-9 pm @ ECU Wesley
- April 22<sup>nd</sup>: Work Day @ SE Wesley @ 12 pm-6 pm
- April 23<sup>rd</sup>: Lead worship @ Trinity UMC, Purcell
- April 24<sup>th</sup>: College Senior Recognition FUSION @ 8 pm (last FUSION of the Spring)
- June 12<sup>th</sup>: ECU Wesley 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

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### Tuesday Morning Prayer Group

### Prayer Time

It is our intention to have people ready to pray with anyone seeking prayer support in the prayer rooms following services every Sunday. These prayers will be kept in strict confidence unless we are directed to recruit more prayer support from others. We also want to remind everyone that, that we have prayer time in the sanctuary prayer room from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm every Tuesday for anyone wishing to join us in prayers for our Church, Community, State and Nation. We welcome your participation in making our Church a House of Prayer.

## Its that time again for a... EASTER EGG HUNT!

**Sunday, April 9th at 2:00 pm**  
**At the home of John and Lisa Elliott**  
**(312 N. Hillcrest)**

If you would like to help with donating candy or plastic eggs please contact Lisa Elliott at (580) 272-8264 or you can drop it off in the church office.

THANK YOU!



March 2017  
Memorials



**IN LOVING MEMORY**  
In Memory of Mel Hutt  
By: Homebuilders Class

In Memory of Joy Kirby  
By: Mary Ann Briggs  
Fellowship Class

In Memory of Don Prather  
By: Bonnie Shields

In Memory of Otis Larson (Verna Rice's Brother)  
By: Mary Ann Briggs  
Fellowship Class

In Memory of John & Charlotte Oxford  
By: Melissa Oxford



The annual FUMC of Ada Foundation meeting is scheduled for May 15th, 2017. Any church member that would like to become a Foundation member can do so by paying an annual membership fee of \$25 or more is due each fiscal year. Make a check to FUMC of Ada, Foundation & give it to Bill Chapman or someone in the church office.

Memorials & gifts in honor of persons can be given to the Foundation at anytime. There are many ways to give to the Foundation; please see the brochure on Ways to Give located on the table outside the church office.

The purpose of the Foundation is stated as being exclusively for the benefit of The FUMC of Ada, OK, its members, employees, programs and physical properties.

## Notes from the



475! We made a lot of new friends at the park today, and we were able to provide dinner for quite a crowd! Made possible, of course by donations from KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, J.D.'s Cafe, and Sonja who provided many extras to make today's meal extra special. And thanks to our crew, Jim, Fran, David, Don, Nina, Rick, Tim, Clay, and Colin. This wonderful group of friends continue to come and serve each week, no matter what the weather is like. We look forward to a new friend joining us next week. Today, a young woman named Amy asked if we ever needed any help...

I hope everyone has a great week and hope to see our friends and make new friends next week for Dinner at the Park.

-Clay and Leslie

## Free Tai Chi Classes

The classes are offered to seniors by the Oklahoma Healthy Aging Initiative and are free. Classes are taught on Wednesday and Friday beginning Wednesday, March 22nd at 10:30 am located at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The Tai Chi offered in this class is to help seniors with balance and thus reduce their risk of falling. If you are interested in this class, be at St. Joseph's on March 22nd at 10:30 am.



Pastor Roberto Escamilla along with Bishop James (Jimmy) Nunn and Rev. Brian Matthews .



We had such a beautiful reception for our Bishop. Everything tasted just as good as it looked as well.

We had wonderful treats and drinks. What a great time everyone had!



We would like to give a special thanks to all who made the Bishop's reception a total success, especially to Sue Bricker, LaDonna Hill, Donna Gault. Aggie Allen, and Ann Lane and others. Thank you!

-Pastor Roberto Escamilla



Trudy Winter  
(580) 235-8572

Donna Estes  
(580) 272-7470

Church Office  
(580) 332-1398

This camp will have reinforcement and enrichment lessons designed for Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science and Music using an Ocean theme. This camp will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the church and will start in June. We have registration forms in the office or if you would like more information on this camp regarding dates and costs please contact the church office, Trudy Winter or Donna Estes.



### WI FI INFORMATION:

PASSWORD FOR ALL "GUEST" NETWORKS: #FUMCada  
SANCTUARY NETWORK: fumcyouthext.  
PASSWORD: fumcyouth

# Opportunities of the Week



# Church Family Prayer List

**Worship times are the same each week,  
unless announced**

<b>Sunday</b>	
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 Park)
5:00 p.m.	Youth Meet-Up (Church)
<b>Monday</b>	
6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 13 Meeting
7:15 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 13 Meeting (Scout Room)
<b>Tuesday</b>	
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
<b>Wednesday</b>	
10:00 a.m.	Rebekah Bible Study (Library)
Noon	Methodist Men's Bible Study (Library)
4:00 p.m.	Awana
5:00 p.m.	Mosaic Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m.	Mosaic Classes
6:00 p.m.	Journey through the Bible (Education Wing)
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Ringers Practice
6:30 p.m.	Youth Worship
7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice

## EVENTS IN APRIL

<b>TUESDAY 4th,</b> 6:00 pm	ECU Wesley Board Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY 5th,</b> 7:00 am	Methodist Men Breakfast (Aldridge Coffee Shop, 200 South Broadway)
<b>THURSDAY 6th,</b> 5:00 pm	Local Unit Leadership Meeting (Library)
6:30 pm	SPRC Team Meeting (Library)
<b>FRIDAY 7th,</b> 10:00 am	Table Hoppers (Legends in Norman and movie afterwards)
<b>SUNDAY 9th,</b> 2:00 pm	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Easter Egg Hunt (Lisa and John Elliotts home at 312 N. Hillcrest, Ada, Ok 74820)
<b>MONDAY 10th,</b> 10:00 am	Ruth Rachel (Parlor)
5:30 pm	Mary Martha Woman's Group (Parlor)
<b>TUESDAY 11th,</b> 12:00 pm	Minister Fellowship Meeting (Lindsay)
<b>WEDNESDAY 12th,</b> 1:00 pm	Knitting Group (Parlor)
<b>THURSDAY 13th,</b> 6:30 pm	<b>Holy Thursday Service</b> (Fellowship Hall)
<b>FRIDAY 14th,</b> 12:00 pm	Community Good Friday Service (First Baptist Church)
6:30 pm	<b>Good Friday Service</b> (Sanctuary)
<b>SUNDAY 16th,</b> 7:00 am	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>Sunrise Service</b> (Judy and Ed Andersons home)
<b>MONDAY 17th,</b> <b>TUESDAY 18th,</b> 12:00 pm	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 19th,</b> 8:00 am	Finance Team Meeting (Library)
<b>THURSDAY 20th,</b> 8:00 am	Matthew 25 Mission Packaging (St. Luke's Episcopal)
6:00 pm	Matthew 25 Mission Distribution (St. Luke's Episcopal)
	Stephen Ministerial Supervisory Group (Library)

## Pray WITHOUT CEASING

**PRAYERS:** Betty Abert, Avery Anderson, Duane Baker, Neal Beasley, Jim Berg, **Kay Bolton**, Dudley Bricker, Dean Brown, Jim and Connie Bryan, Brenda Carter, Pat Christensen, Giulietta Cook, Patsy Cobb, Linda Cox, Mary Criswell, Ashley Elliott, Donna Gault, Scottie Goins, **Dortha Green**, Kim Holton, Helen Jaquess, Sue Jaques, Hunter Johnson, Truman Johnson, Emma Lucas, Cindy Minor, Johnny Moss, Darla Murray, Virginia Patton, Krystina Phillips, Sonny Phillips, Ralph Rhodes, Larry Robertson, Scott Robertson, Katherine Roberts, Donna Robinson, Lawanna Ronald, Phil Ryhnes, Lynn Snow, Dalton Spann, Braydon Spores, Peach Stone, Carrie Ann Testerman, Darrel Thompson, Ken Turner, Adam Wood.

**LONG-TERM PRAYERS:** Bud Blackburn, Dr. Joann Carpenter, Amy Evans Boatwright, Milt Donaghey, Wanda Goplen, Jennifer Hood, Mike Horton, T.J. Johnston, Randy Johnson, Bobie Logsdon, Mike Manahan, Mike Manning, Johnny Moss, Glen Ray, Phillip Roddy, Mary Jo Schoepflin, Marty Skinner, Jimmy Smith, Lindsay Snow, Emma Stewart, Doc Stokes, Karen Williams, Phillip Wood.

### EXPECTANT MOTHERS:

Amber Blansett, Kelsy Eidson, Lili Giles, Amanda Hall, Leah Johnson, Sadie Kilby, Kayla Taylor, Sarah Walker, Leslie Zanoff

## ATTENDANCE

<b>MARCH 19th, 2017</b>	
Sunday School	182
Chapel Service	68
Sanctuary Service	178
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>246</b>
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<b>MARCH 26th, 2017</b>	
Sunday School	164
Chapel Service	58
Sanctuary Service	195
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>254</b>