

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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# ADVOCATE



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**Brian Matthews**

The weather is turning cooler, the leaves are beginning to change, and football is in full swing...which to United Methodist pastor's means Charge Conference season! On Sunday, November 19th we will gather with other UM churches in our area for a group Charge Conference. In addition to the many reports we will approve, the Lay Leadership Team will be presenting a new structure for organizing ourselves. The structure is nearly identical to the one I presented during our vision meetings this summer. Between now and November 19 we will have an all-church meeting to approve this change, but for now I want to lay out the specifics for your "perusal." If you have any questions about the following, please do not hesitate to ask.

*The Lay Leadership team of FUMC Ada presents the following document to the 2017 Charge Conference for consideration and approval.*

*The Mission of FUMC Ada: To Transform Lives in the Name of Jesus Christ...in our church, community and world.*

*In fulfilling our Mission: We seek to touch lives in little but meaningful ways, as often as we can, through love, word and deed, to help grow, everyone's relationship with Jesus Christ.*

*To accomplish this Mission we:*

- Provide opportunities for worship, study, fellowship, service and fun for children, youth, families and adults in our community, with special emphasis on the needs of young adults.*
- Reach out to those in our community and beyond striving to meet life's basic needs, paying special attention to single-parent families.*
- Bring care, hope, comfort and encouragement to the elderly in our midst, and those suffering loss.*

*In order to ensure the church is held accountable to, and follows the adopted missional statements, the Charge Conference is creating two oversight teams:*

### **Mission and Ministry Team (MMT)**

*Consisting of 9 elected members and all church staff, the MMT is responsible for the oversight and planning of all church ministries. The entire church will be invited to participate in MMT meetings, with voting limited to elected members.*

### **Church Management Team (CMT)**

*Consisting of 12 elected and 3 ex-officio members, the CMT is responsible for the complete oversight of the church, including, but not limited to, those duties traditionally carried out by the Finance Committee, Board of Trustees, Lay Leadership Team and Staff-Parish Relations Committee. The pastor and church administrator will have voice but no vote on the CMT.*

The complete proposal is much longer than this, but this provides the essentials. Between now and Charge Conference we are working on recruiting team members for these two teams. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments on this, and I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Jesus is Lord.

Pastor Brian Matthews

# ECU WESLEY

## share



Some of the ECU Wesley traveled to Seminole on Saturday, September 30, 2017 to watch two of our students marry. Rachel Hallum & Cansas Pate were joined in union as husband and wife in a beautiful outdoor ceremony. Rachel and Cansas are both very involved at FUMC, Seminole and at the ECU Wesley. Autumn Kibbie, Janey Wilson, Sam Adams and ECU Wesley-Jarod Haynes attended their ceremony.

This semester is winding down. Yet we have two more outings to share our ministry story.

October 29<sup>th</sup>: Konawa UMC  
November 12<sup>th</sup>: Ada FUMC

When we aren't sharing our stories, we will worship in Ada congregations such as: Ada FUMC, Ada Asbury UMC, Ada First Christian Church, Ada First Presbyterian Church, Ada St. Luke's Episcopal Church and other local congregations.



Be sure and check out the updated ECU Wesley website at: [ecuwesley.org](http://ecuwesley.org)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Mondays during the fall & spring semester (unless there are no classes): FUSION Worship @ 8 pm @ the ECU Wesley
- Tuesdays during the fall semester: #Freshmen17 small group @ 8 pm-9 pm @ ECU Wesley
- Thursdays during the fall semester: Upperclassmen Group @ 8 pm-9 pm @ ECU Wesley
- ECU Homecoming: Saturday, October 28th, 2017

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## youth group SCHEDULE

Sundays at 9:45 am:  
Youth Sunday School  
(Room 302N- the green room).

Wednesday's from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm:  
there will be a meal and games, followed by a discussion of the book of John.

Friday's from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm:  
Youth Group- A lively night of fun and connecting.

Grades 7th through 12th are welcomed for these nights!

### Mosaic

**Only one class offered!**  
Pre-Advent Lesson Series:  
The Journey  
Taught by  
Pastor Brian Matthews  
November 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th and December 6th.  
Please sign up on the sheet outside of the church office or in the Sanctuary Narthex.

## TRUNK OR TREAT & FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 29TH FROM 4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

### FREE ADMISSION AND FREE EVENTS



- FACE PAINTING
- COSTUME PARADE
- CAKE WALK
- BINGO
- HOT DOGS AND REFRESHMENTS



WE ARE NEEDING CANDY TO HELP WITH THE TRUNK OR TREAT AND BAKED GOOD FOR THE CAKE WALK IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DONATING FOR THEM PLEASE DROP CANDY OFF IN THE FRONT OFFICE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT (580) 332-1398.

### News from Ada Early Childhood Center



AECC is "Rocking Along" due in large part to the wonderful ladies who painted 375 plus rocks for our students to find. A special thanks to Sue Bricker and Elaine McKnight for spearheading the event. It was wonderful and the children were SO excited. They used the rocks for journal activities, art lessons and oral language activities. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gurley are once again volunteering in a class as well as Elaine McKnight. We would love to have your help. We could use your help in the cafeteria, Reading and Literacy Block or as a substitute parent for special events when a child's parent cannot come to school. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at the school (580) 310-7283. We will find a place for you. As always, we need your daily prayers for guidance and protection.

-Cindy Brady

## Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

### *Stephen Ministers are there:*

- ...after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ...after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ...after* the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ...after* the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."
- ...after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
- ...after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away— and the home suddenly seems empty.
- ...after* the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ...after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ...after* you find a pink lip with your final paycheck.
- ...after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you— or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives— and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed.

[www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org)

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## EVANGELISM

It has been requested that the prayer that Pastor Roberto used when he taught the Fellowship Class be printed in the Advocate so that the whole congregation may use it. The prayer is as follows: "Oh Lord, grant that when I'm unhappy or feel miserable, I may remember that it could result of my own wrong choices. Have mercy upon me Oh

Lord and forgive me and grant me wisdom to make right choices in the future. Further more, help me to remember that my unhappiness or misery could be the result of other wrong choices and or circumstances. Grant me Oh Lord the grace to forgive and move on refusing to be victimized by other's. We acknowledge Lord that "new life" can not come, unless the past is left behind.

Amen.

## Table Hoppers



Autumn is in the air with a hopeful promise of Mother Nature showing her beauty in the changing colors of all her magnificent foliage! You are invited to join the Table Hoppers as we take in the beautiful scenic Talimena Drive through the Ouachita National Forest. The trip is scheduled for Friday, November 3rd! We'll leave the church at 9:30 am and will stop for lunch in Talihina before entering the mountains. As you know, Mother Nature is on her own schedule but hopefully we will hit the peak of her color. Please make your reservations by calling me by Wednesday, November 1st at (580) 332-4720 or (580) 399-0705. Thank you!

## Notes from the



By Leslie and Clay Carley

The dinners that we serve each Sunday could not be possible without KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, J.D.'s Cafe, and the group of wonderful friends who show up each week. There are others who help us, many of whom I have never even met! One of those special individuals is a woman named Reva. She frequently delivers canned goods and other groceries to our door. Because of Reva and others like her, we are able to provide groceries to families in need. Our goal is to be able to provide food for immediate meals, and groceries so that a family in crisis won't have to worry about where the next meal will come from. As I have mentioned, we are collecting winter necessities, and toys for Christmas! If you have any to share, they can be dropped off at the First United Methodist Church of Ada, or contact me and I will arrange to pick up donations. Thank you all for your prayers and support, and we hope to see you again next week, for dinner at the park.

-Clay and Leslie Carley

## REMINDER!!

Home For Christmas Meeting.  
October 24th at 6:00 pm in the Library.

## Veteran's Day Annual Banquet

Friday, November 10th, 2017

at 12:00 pm in the Christian Life Center

Honoring All Veteran's and a  
special Recognition of Vietnam Veteran's

There will be featured speakers,  
Senator Greg McCortney and Major Gary, who  
served in the Marines.

We will have the Color Guard  
present along with special music and  
a delicious complimentary meal.

**GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

Please call the church office  
for reservations at (580) 332-1398  
and let us know how many family  
members will be attending along  
with your Veteran.

# Opportunities of the Week



# Church Family Prayer List

*Worship and Event 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)
<b>Monday</b>	
6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 13 Meeting
7:15 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 13 Meeting (Scout Room)
8:00 p.m.	FUSION Worship (ECU Wesley)
<b>Tuesday</b>	
10:00 a.m.	Talmidim Bible Study (Library)
12:00 a.m.	Prayer in the Sanctuary Prayer Room
3:30 p.m.	Voices of Praise (Choir Room)
<b>Wednesday</b>	
10:00 a.m.	Rebekah Bible Study
Noon	Methodist Men's Bible Study (Library)
4:00 p.m.	Awana
6:00 p.m.	Bible Adventure
6:00 p.m.	Mosaic Classes
6:00 p.m.	Youth Meet-Up (Church)
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Ringers
7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<b>Friday</b>	
7:00 p.m.	Youth Meet- Up (Church)

## EVENTS IN



<b>TUESDAY 17th,</b> Cancelled	Voice's of Praise
<b>WEDNESDAY 18th,</b> 8:00 am	<b>FALL BREAK</b> Matthew 25 Mission Packaging (St. Luke's Episcopal Church) No Mosaic Classes or Meal No Awana and Bible Adventures
<b>Cancelled</b> <b>Cancelled</b>	
<b>THURSDAY 19th,</b> 8:00 am	Matthew 25 Mission Distribution (St. Luke's Episcopal Church) Circle of Care Luncheon for Lake Country District (Fellowship Hall) Stephen Minister Supervisory Group Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
12:00 pm	
6:00 pm	
<b>WEDNESDAY 25th,</b> 1:00 pm	Knitting Group (Parlor)
<b>THURSDAY 26th,</b> 5:30 pm 7:30 pm	GSPS Board Meeting (Parlor) District Scout Leaders Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
<b>SUNDAY 29th,</b> 4:00 pm	Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat Event (Front of the church and in the CLC)
<b>MONDAY 30th,</b> 6:00 pm	Pack 13 Pumpkin Carving (Youth Room and Scout Hall)
<b>TUESDAY 31st,</b>	<b>HAPPY HALLOWEEN!</b>



<b>THURSDAY 2nd,</b> 10:00 am 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Table Hoppers (Foliage Tour) Local Unit Leadership Team Meeting (Library) Stephen Ministers Team Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
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### ATTENDANCE

<b>OCTOBER 1st, 2017</b>	
Sunday School	161
Chapel Service	65
Sanctuary Service	178
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>243</b>
<b>OCTOBER 8th, 2017</b>	
Sunday School	162
Chapel Service	64
Sanctuary Service	179
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>243</b>

## Pray WITHOUT CEASING

**PRAYERS:** Betty Abert, Avery Anderson, Jane Baltimore, The Barton Family, **Pat Berne (Amber Hoover's Mother)**, Clarice Bowman, Dudley Bricker, Dean Brown, Larry Brown, Jim and Connie Bryan, Pat Christensen, **Larry Cole**, Jewel Collins, Giulietta Cook, Buck Cooper, Patsy Cobb, Linda Cox, Win Cramer, Shawn Dail, **Norma Donaghey**, Sheila Dunn, Ashley Elliott, The Green Family, Jim Harris, Captain Andrew Hill, Kim Holton, Russell Holton, Wendy Hood, Sue Jaquess, Hunter Johnson, Wilma and Gary Lawson, Pat Looper, Theresa Loring, Truman Johnson, Emma Lucas, Glenda Moon, Johnny Moss, June Murphy, Darla Murray, Jane Muntz, Lisa Rhynes, Katherine Roberts, Linda Staples, Jeanene Stevens, Peach Stone, The Teague Family, Darrel Thompson, Lacy Tritten, Marilyn Waller, The Wilcox Family,  
**LONG-TERM PRAYERS:** Bud Blackburn, Wanda Goplen, Jennifer Hood, T.J. Johnston, **Randy Johnson**, Mike Manning, Cindy Minor, Glen Ray, Mary Jo Schoepflin, Marty Skinner, Jimmy Smith, Lindsay Snow, Doc Stokes, Kathy Wilkin, Karen Williams.  
**EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** Stacy Brady, Holly Brady Clay, Jenny F., Katie Harris, Amanda Jamar Herrin, Sarah Johnson, Krystina Phillips, Courtney Glasgow-Samuels, Kayla Stevens, Kayla Taylor.



*To the family and friends of  
Mike Manahan  
Norma Donaghey's Son*