

Chapel Worship 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship 10:45 a.m.
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I had a couple experiences this past week I want to share with you. The first took place last Friday as we gathered in the CLC for the annual Veteran's Luncheon. When we got to the part of the luncheon where the Veterans stood and introduced themselves, I was in the sound booth making sure each veteran could be heard. All of a sudden I was overcome with emotion and was glad I was alone in the sound booth! Seeing the large number of veterans who put their home-lives on hold and went all over the world to promote democracy and protect freedom, I was flooded with feelings of gratitude, sadness, thanksgiving and lots of other emotions. Memories of my father (Korean War) and grandfather (WWII) engulfed me. Stories shared by lots of different veterans came to mind. Needless to say, it was a Holy experience. And then Sunday morning I sat down with 2 of our oldest veterans: Clyde Baulch and Larry Drennan. I'm not sure how long I talked to "a couple old marines" (Larry's description not mine), but it was the highlight of my day. Hopefully you took the opportunity on Veteran's Day to offer thanks to those who have served. If not, it's never too late...take advantage of the opportunity today!

Brian Matthews

The other experience I found insightful occurred Monday morning as 2 friends (and former church members), Tim and Keith Russell, came to Ada to "EQ" our new sound board in the Sanctuary. Both Tim and Keith are professional musicians, and Tim is a sound engineer and music producer. They spent several hours in the Sanctuary "tweaking" our system and getting it sounding good. As they were leaving, and I was thanking them, Tim said, "Anytime...some people like doing puzzles or playing games...I like tweaking and programming sound systems." Tim reminded me of something we discussed in worship recently: we each have God-given gifts that are meant to be used in service to the Lord. Do you know your God-given gifts? Are you using them in service to the Lord and/or His Church? If you need help discovering your gifts or using them, I'd love to assist you.

Since this is the last newsletter until after Thanksgiving, I want to take this opportunity to let you know how thankful my family and I are to be with you in Ada. The last year and a half have been AWESOME and we look forward to many more! The ministry potential at FUMC Ada is limitless, and together I believe we can reach even greater heights. Thanks for allowing us to be your pastoral family! Have a great week, a Happy Thanksgiving, and I look forward to being in worship with you real soon.

PS—The Christmas Season is just around the corner...I hope you will be praying for all of our Advent and Christmas ministries AND I pray you will begin thinking of someone you know that can be your special guest in worship on Sunday, December 17th.

Jesus is Lord.

Pastor Brian Matthews

ECU WESLEY



ECU celebrated homecoming the week of October 23rd. Even though we lost to Arkansas Tech, we still love our football guys!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Friendsgiving/decorate for Christmas: Monday, November 20th @ 6 pm
- Christmas FUSION: Monday, November 27th @ 8 pm
- Christmas Party @ the Matthew's: Sunday, December 3rd @ 5 pm
- Finals Week: December 4th-8th

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NEW WEBSITE!

Be sure and check out the updated ECU Wesley website at: ecuwesley.org

TABLE HOPPERS

What a beautiful day on the Talimena Drive! We oohed and ahed, laughed and shared stories. Lunch buffet at the Queen Wilhelmina Lodge was fantastic! Fried catfish and chocolate cake were my favorite. The beauty of God's creation was a blessing to us all. The Table Hoppers will kick off the advent season with a trip to Sulphur! Mark your calendar for FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1st at 2:00 pm. All the details are not finalized but a definite is dinner at the Springs Restaurant in the Artesian Casino/Resort. There will be no shortage of decorated Christmas trees, lights and shopping opportunities. Please call me ASAP at (580) 332-4720 or (580) 399-0705 to reserve your place! I need to make reservations at the restaurant for certain. Look for a blessing every day!
 -Carol Hayden

Congratulations!!!

To Dell and Katie Harris on their baby boy, Alexander Martin Harris. He was born on November 12th, weighing 9lbs 3oz and was 21 inches long.



Rev. Brian Matthews and Senator Greg McCortney at the Annual Veteran's Banquet on November 10th. We had special music provided by J.T. Stillwell and Suzanne Wooley. We had a great meal, lovely music and wonderful speakers.



FROM THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We would like to thank everyone that helped provide food, desserts, candy, etc. for the Fall festival/Trunk or Treat and to everyone that volunteered their time to help with any of the stations. Also to those that provided a vehicle for the kids to get candy. We had so many families attend and had a lot of fun.

Notes from the PARK

By Leslie and Clay Carley

Wow, talk about a gorgeous fall day! Near 90°, but with a nice breeze that kept the leaves flying from the trees. Today, we were able to provide more than 620 meals to our community. We would not be able to do this each week without the generous help from KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, and J.D.'s Cafe. Even more than their support, it is our friends who join us each week, giving generously of their time to serve dinner. We have much to be grateful for. Today, clothing, shoes and bedding was available for anyone who could use it. We continue to collect winter necessities to share at the park. Today was hot, but we know that winter will bring cold temperatures, and we are aware of any families who have no electricity, their only hope for comfort at home will be for them to have warm clothing and blankets. If you can share, please let us know. We are also continuing with our toy drive. We will be putting the toys out for parents to select and wrap starting on Thanksgiving. Toys do not need to be new, just in good condition. We are collecting for children of all ages. 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

HANGING OF THE GREEN



Saturday, December 3rd
 at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Our Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers and Voices of Praise will present our Christmas Cantata and a Festival of Carols. Many local musicians will play in the orchestra, as well as a String Quartet from Oklahoma City. Rudy Lupinski will be the organist. This festive event starts our Advent Season off with a worshipful and joyous musical celebration.

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VETERAN'S DAY LUNCHEON

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We had an amazing Veteran's Day Luncheon! Thank you so much to all the generous people and company's that helped with the door prizes for our veteran's. Also a huge thank you to all of our lovely volunteers, guest speakers,, kitchen help, decorators, and anyone else that was involved in the program. Most of all we would like to thank our wonderful Veteran's and their families for coming to share this wonderful day with us.

News from Ada Early Childhood Center



AECC is grateful for many things at this time of the year, but we are very grateful for the partnership of the FUMC and the support we receive. We appreciate Floyd and Pat Gurley, Elaine McKnight, Lisa Elliott, Cheryl McCortney and Donna Jamar for their help on a weekly or monthly basis. We have a couple of events coming up very soon that we could sure use some extra hands. First, we are hosting a Thanksgiving lunch for our parents on Wednesday Nov. 15th. We could use extra hands to help with serving and seating individuals. The time would be from 11:00-12:05. If you could work for all or part of the time, please give me a call. Secondly, we will be doing a special event for our teachers on Dec. 14th. I will need volunteers from 11:25-12:40 to help cover lunch and recess that day. If you would be willing to help, please let me know. We here at AECC wish everyone a HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

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!

BAKE SALE



U.M.W. BAKE SALE

Sunday, November 19th
in the Fellowship Hall
All Funds go to the United Methodist Women missions.

**Come to our
Advent Workshop**

Wednesday, December 6th
*From 4 to 6 pm in the
Christian Life Center*
FUN FOR ALL AGES!!

*We will have Christmas
Crafts, hot dogs, cookie
decorating area and
Chrismons to decorate.*

*If you have any questions
Please call the office at
(580) 332-1398 or Lisa Elliott
at (580) 272-8264.*

PRAYER VIGIL COMING SOON!

Our Advent Prayer Vigil will be held on Friday, December 1st from 8:30 to 4:30 in the Chapel. It can be a special time to spend with God and a time to prepare yourself, our Church and the community to receive the real blessings of the Christmas season. We will soon have sign up sheets to commit to praying in the Chapel. There will be a separate place to sign up if you are unable to come to the Chapel due to work or other obligations. Prayer guides will be available for those who would like to use them.

Poinsettias and Luminarias

If you would like to order a luminaria or poinsettias this year please fill out a form in the office and turn it into Amber. You may order your poinsettias through any flower shop you choose or you may order them in the office with Amber from the Byng FFA. We are excited to be able to help them again this year and the poinsettias are \$17 each and luminarias vary, please check the ordering form. Poinsettias should be delivered to the church on December 21st by 12 pm and the last day to order them from the Byng FFA will be November 28th.



REMINDER!!

Lambs Christmas Give Away will be ready for pick up on November 18th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Scout's Room. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Elliott at (580) 272-8264. Thank you to everyone that has helped with this program!

VOICE'S PRAISE

Our children choir will sing in the Hanging of the Green Program, on December 3rd at 4:00 pm. Their Christmas Program will be at the 10:45 service on December 10th. A variety of Christmas Carols will be sung, as well as the Christmas Story told by our children Sunday school classes. VOP will also be singing carols at P.A.W.S, open house on December 16th.

Opportunities of the Week



Church Family Prayer List

*Worship and Event 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 Park)
Monday	
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)
Tuesday	
10:00 a.m.	Talimidim Bible Study (Library)
12:00 a.m.	Prayer in the Sanctuary Prayer Room
3:30 p.m.	Voices of Praise (Choir Room)
Wednesday	
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
Friday	
7:00 p.m.	Youth Meet- Up (Church)

EVENTS IN



THURSDAY 16th,	
8:00 am	Matthew 25 Mission Distribution (St. Luke's Episcopal Church)
10:30 am	GSPS Thanksgiving (CLC)
6:00 pm	Stephen Ministers Team Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
SATURDAY 18th,	
10:00 am	Lambs Christmas Gift Give Away (Scouts Room)
SUNDAY 19th,	
8:00 am	UMW Bake Sale (Fellowship Hall)
3:00 pm	Missional Area Charge Conference (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 pm	Community Thanksgiving (First Presbyterian Church)
WEDNESDAY 22nd,	OFFICE CLOSED
1:00 pm	Knitting Group (Parlor)
THURSDAY 23rd,	HAPPY THANKSGIVING
	CHURCH CLOSED
	CHURCH CLOSED
FRIDAY 24th,	
THURSDAY 30th,	
5:30 pm	GSPS Board Meeting (Parlor)

Pray WITHOUT CEASING

PRAYERS: Betty Abert, Roy Allen, Avery Anderson, Jane Baltimore, The Barton Family, Pat Berne, 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, Cindy Fugendes, Jill Harris, Jim Harris, Captain Andrew Hill, Kim Holton, Russell Holton, Wendy Hood, Ricky Jamar, Hunter Johnson, Wilma and Gary Lawson, Pat Looper, Theresa Loring, Truman Johnson, Emma Lucas, Jim Martin, Jayme and Stan McLaughlin, Johnny Moss, June Murphy, Darla Murray, Jane Muntz, Lisa Rhynes, Katherine Roberts, David Sherbert, Pam Shernuk, Linda Staples, Jeanene Stevens, Peach Stone, The Teague Family, Darrel Thompson, **Dimples Walden**, Brad Wheelen, The Wilcox Family.

LONG-TERM PRAYERS: Bud Blackburn, Wanda Gopen, 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., Amanda Jamar Herrin, Sarah Johnson, Krystina Phillips, Courtney Glasgow-Samuels, Kayla Taylor.

DECEMBER

FRIDAY 1st,	
2:00 pm	Table Hoppers (Sulphur, Ok.)
SUNDAY 3rd,	
4:00 pm	Hanging of the Green (Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall)
WEDNESDAY 6th,	
8:00 am	Methodist Men Breakfast (Aldridge- 200 S. Broadway)
4:00 pm	Advent Workshop (CLC)
THURSDAY 7th,	
5:00 pm	Local Unit Leadership Team Meeting (Library)

ATTENDANCE

OCTOBER 29th, 2017		
Sunday School	146	
Chapel Service	55	
Sanctuary Service	136	
Total Worship		191
NOVEMBER 5th, 2017		
Sunday School	160	
Chapel Service	60	
Sanctuary Service	139	
Total Worship		199