


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

Rev. Brian Matthews, Lead Pastor  
Rev. Bob Langston, Local Missions and Pastoral Care  
Dr. Roberto Escamilla, Minister of Evangelism  
Physical Address: 129 West 14th Street  
(580)332-1398 / PO Box 566 - Ada, OK 74821  
e-mail: fumcada@gmail.com www.fumcada.org

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION  
PAID  
ADA, OK 74820  
PERMIT NO. 237

# The First United Methodist Church ADVOCATE



Vol. 54, Number 42

Tuesday, January 9th, 2018



Well the new year is upon us...and after a busy Christmas season it feels right to kick off the year with an episode of "Ramblings from the Pastor."

⇒ Thanks to all the parking attendants, greeters, ushers, communion preparers and servers, liturgists, pray-ers and musicians who made the month of December so special.

⇒ In case you are curious, our Christmas Eve offering raised \$12,689, which will be split evenly between the Legacy of Hope Initiative at the Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care and the Technology Initiative at the Ada Early Childhood Center. Thank you to everyone who gave on Christmas Eve.

⇒ The day after Christmas Shannon, Noah and I headed to Kansas City, MO for a couple days of R&R, and then spent a couple days visiting family in Topeka and Emporia, KS. In Topeka we visited the only remaining aunt on my side of the family. Aunt Dude is 90 years old, still lives and drives by herself, and with the exception of being on oxygen 24/7, is in great shape. It was extra special to me because it was the first time Noah and Aunt Dude had met. Always quick with a joke or some loud comment, Dude looked at Noah within minutes of meeting, pulled on her oxygen lead and said, "Don't you ever think about smoking!" It was a much needed trip for

us, and I truly appreciate Andy Hood, Bart McCortney and Brent Adrian for filling in.

⇒ Inside the Advocate you will find a sheet listing Liturgists for the first several months of 2018. In the past, members of the Worship Committee have taken it upon themselves to recruit people for these positions. This year we are trying something new. The people listed are those who have been involved in the past AND those who expressed interest personally. Please look over the list to find your name. If for some reason you wish to be removed or rescheduled, please let the church office know. Also, look over the brief instructions for some insight/wisdom in fulfilling your duties. As always, questions, comments or concerns can be addressed in the church office. AND thank you to those who help keep worship "fresh." AND if you are interested in serving but did not get signed up, please let the church office know.

⇒ By the time the next Advocate is published we should have our "Year End" reporting completed and I look forward to sharing some of it with you and using it to suggest goals for 2018. I am also in the process of planning our first Church Mission and Ministry Team meeting to evaluate the previous 6 months and plan for coming 6. Even if you are not an "elected" member of this team, I hope you will make every effort to be present to share your thoughts/ideas. The church is at its best when we all work together to follow wherever the Holy Spirit leads!

It looks like I've run out of room, so I'll sign off by thanking you for allowing me to be your pastor...it is a great blessing, honor and privilege. I pray 2018 will be a great year of mission and ministry at FUMC Ada! Have a great week, and I look forward to seeing you in worship real soon!

Jesus is Lord,

Pastor Brian Matthews

# ECU WESLEY



ECU Wesley welcomes 3 new team members on our spring 2018 leadership team. Top left: Trooper Elwonger & new leadership team member, Emily Taylor; Top right: new leadership team member, Joel Nalere & Sam Adams and bottom: Autumn Kibbie and new leadership team member, Patrick McDowell.

We're excited to welcome these 3 to our team!

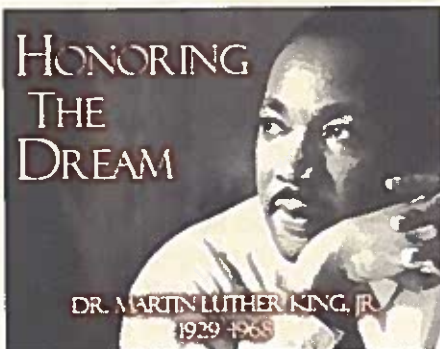
## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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

- ECU Wesley Leadership Retreat @ Wesley: January 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>
- Feed ECU Men's Basketball Team: January 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6 pm
- Feed ECU Women's Basketball Team: January 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm
- ECU Wesley part of the Lake Country District Conferences: January 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>
- ECU Wesley helps serve at the widow's dinner @ Asbury UMC: January 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5 pm
- ECU Wesley Board of Director's Meeting: January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm
- ECU First day of spring semester: January 16<sup>th</sup>
- First FUSION of the spring semester: January 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 8 pm

**Janey Wilson, Campus Minister**  
 Email: [ecuwesley@gmail.com](mailto:ecuwesley@gmail.com)  
 ECU Wesley Website: [ecuwesley.org](http://ecuwesley.org)  
 Office: (580) 436-3400  
 Cell: (405) 651-4191  
 Follow us on social media:  
 Facebook: ECU Wesley  
 Twitter & Instagram: [ecu\\_wesley](https://www.instagram.com/ecu_wesley)



The office will be closed Monday, January 15th, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. It will open back up at 8:00 am Tuesday, January 16th.



Applications for Stephen Ministry training are available in the church office. Completed applications are to be returned to the church office by Friday, January 12th. If you have any questions please contact Debbie at (580)421-5246.

### LOW IMPACT EXERCISE



**Starting Monday, January 15th at 5:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall**  
 These classes will be on every Monday and Thursday at 5:15 pm and will be instructed by Susan Coleman.  
**No Reservations Required!**  
 You may wear anything comfortable to exercise in but tennis shoes are required.

## Memorials

### December 2017

In Memory of Sue Jaquess

By: Martha Mendiola  
Loyleta Cacy to Care Ministry  
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Johnson

In Memory of Pat Moore

By: Homebuilders Class

In Memory of Charles Waller (Toni Waller's Brother)

By: Homebuilders Class

In Memory of Lorene Carter (Glenda Moon's Mother)

By: Fellowship Class  
Jan Harris to Care Ministry

Honorarium: Roy Allen

By: Fellowship Class

Honorarium: Dorothea Fenton

By: Fellowship Class

Honorarium: Andy Hood

By: Fellowship Class

Honorarium: JoAnn Hunt

By: Fellowship Class

Honorarium: Jenna Rahm

By: Fellowship Class

### News from Ada Early Childhood Center



Happy New Year from Ada Early Childhood Center! On behalf of the faculty, staff and students of Ada Early Childhood Center, I would like to thank you for the monetary gift provided by the generous donations collected on Christmas Eve. What a great way to begin our new year by purchasing items that will support our students in the area of technology. I have said this many times, but I feel it needs to be said again, that in turbulent financial times when the state does not recognize the importance of education, it is such a blessing to be supported by this church and the community. We are so fortunate to have your support and cannot express our true gratitude. Our teachers and students would love for you to drop by sometime and see this technology in action. We always welcome visitors and love, love, love, volunteers to help out. If you are interested, please contact me at 310-7283. Again, thank you for your support. We truly could not do it without your help.

Cindy Brady, Principal  
Ada Early Childhood Center

## Notes from the



By Leslie and  
Clay Carley

It was our last dinner for 2017. And a memorable dinner it was! The thermostat read 23°, not including wind chill. Our local news cautioned anyone outside that frostbite could occur in just 60 minutes exposure. We served as quickly as possible. Thank you to all who came to pick up meals for your friends and neighbors. We were able to share many coats today, and a few blankets. We will continue to collect coats, sweat shirts, blankets, and electric heaters to share at the park. Many people have asked if we had heaters, so far, we have only been able to provide one heater. If anyone has one they can share, please contact us or they can be dropped off at the First United Methodist Church of Ada. Thank you all for your prayers and support. This ministry is the result of your generosity, especially KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, and J.D.'s Cafe, there are so many who have donated groceries, clothing, toys, and your time. We hope that in the new year, we will be able to continue to provide food, clothing and prayers to those who come to the park each week. Thank you all, and we will see you again next week, for dinner at the park -Clay and Leslie Carley



### REMINDER!!!!

**We have started a new prayer list for this year!**

**If you would like to be on the prayer list or you want to include someone else on there and/or would like them to receive cards from the Card Ministry, please contact Amber in the office at (580) 332-1398 with their name and address. Thank you!**

## Evangelism

### UPPER ROOM SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION

Subscriptions are to be renewed on January 21st at both services. Please plan to make checks out for \$15.00 for your individual subscription.

If you wish to add another \$15.00 for us to give away complimentary copies to Nursing Homes, etc. then please add that to your total on your checks.

Thank you!

# 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
5:00 p.m.	Mosaic Meal (Fellowship Hall)
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>THURSDAY 11th,</b>	
12:00 pm	Church Management Team (Library)
<b>FRIDAY 12th,</b>	
7:00 pm	Youth Group (Youth Room and CLC)
<b>MONDAY 15th,</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> Martin Luther King Jr- Observation Day
<b>WEDNESDAY 17th,</b>	
8:00 am	Matthew 25 Mission Packaging (St. Lukes Episcopal Church)
<b>THURSDAY 18th,</b>	
8:00 am	Matthew 25 Mission Distribution (St. Lukes Episcopal Church)
7:00 pm	Stephen Minister Supervisory Group Meeting (Library)
<b>WEDNESDAY 24th,</b>	
1:00 pm	Knitting Group (Fellowship Hall)
<b>THURSDAY 25th,</b>	
7:30 pm	District Scout Leaders Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)



**PRAYERS:** Avery Anderson, Clyde Baulch, Larry Brown,  
Feline Campbell, Morris Cane, Marian Craig,  
Scottie Furminsky, Michelle Gibson,  
The Family of Connor Hicks, John Holt, Kim Holton,  
Russell Holton, Mary James, Bobby Johns, Joe Murray,  
Janet Powell, Jim Price, Jane Rogers, Harold Rhoads,  
Darrel Thompson, Buddy Watkins,  
The Family of Jeremy Wallace, Jefferson Walden

**LONG-TERM PRAYERS:** Bud Blackburn,  
Wanda Goplen, Jennifer Hood, T.J. Johnston,  
Randy Johnson, Mike Manning, Cindy Minor, Glen Ray,  
Mary Jo Schoepflin, Jimmy Smith, Lindsay Snow,  
Linda Staples, Doc Stokes, Kathy Wilkin, Karen Williams

**EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** Stacy Brady,  
Holly Brady Clay, Jenny F., Amanda Jamar Herrin,  
Sarah Johnson, Krystina Phillips, Courtney Glasglow-  
Samuelson, Kayla Taylor, Karry Baker Griese

## ATTENDANCE

<b>DECEMBER 24th, 2017</b>	
Sunday School	64
Chapel Service	52
Sanctuary Service	145
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>194</b>

<b>CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE :</b>	
6:00 pm	326
11:00 pm	86

<b>DECEMBER 31st, 2017</b>	
Sunday School	124
Chapel Service	85
Sanctuary Service	160
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>245</b>

**Service**

1-7-18 early  
 1-7-18 late  
 1-14 early  
 1-14 late  
 1-21 early  
 1-21 late  
 1-28 early  
 1-28 late  
 2-4 early  
 2-4 late  
 2-11 early  
 2-11 late  
 2-18 early  
 2-18 late  
 2-25 early  
 2-25 late  
 3-4 early  
 3-4 late  
 3-11 early  
 3-11 late  
 3-18 early  
 3-18 late  
 3-25 early  
 3-25 late  
 4-1 early  
 4-1 late  
 4-8 early  
 4-8 late  
 4-15 early  
 4-15 late  
 4-22 early  
 4-22 late  
 4-29 early  
 4-29 late  
 5-6 early  
 5-6 late  
 5-13 early  
 5-13 late  
 5-20 early  
 5-20 late  
 5-27 early  
 5-27 late

**Liturgist**

John Lucas  
 BJ Boyd  
 Melissa Malm  
 Calvin White  
 Nancy Postier  
 Cheryl McCortney  
 Andy Hood  
 Cindy Brady  
 Carol Hayden  
 Debbie Glasgow  
 Dale Pflaum  
 Gail Danielson  
 Debbie Buxton  
 Jane Johnson  
 Elaine McKnight  
 Janet Larney  
 Jim Carlin  
 Jesse Townsend  
 JoAnn Hunt  
 Jill Harris  
 Judy Anderson  
 Katie Peercy  
 Karen Williams  
 Kelly Lowry  
 Keri Paniagua  
 Mary Beth Myers  
 Paula Watkins  
 Paige Townsend  
 Peggy Bagley  
 Trudy Winter  
 Pete Williams  
 Vicki Creed  
 John Lucas  
 BJ Boyd  
 Melissa Malm  
 Calvin White  
 Nancy Postier  
 Cheryl McCortney  
 Andy Hood  
 Cindy Brady  
 Carol Hayden  
 Debbie Glasgow

**Liturgist—**

- The information for each Sunday is available Thursday afternoon and can be obtained from Amber in the church office in person or through email if requested. A copy of the scripture will also be placed on the podium in the Chapel/ Sanctuary.
- Please read through everything you will be leading to familiarize yourself with the material. If you have any questions about specific words, pronunciation guides can be found online, or you can always talk to Pastor Brian ahead of time. As a general rule, pick the pronunciation that sounds best to you and “go with it.” Be confident in your reading.
- Do not worry about moving the microphone unless it is obviously, significantly out of place. These mics do not need to be right in front of you in order for you to be heard... simply speak clearly toward the mic and it will pick you up.
- Take note of when you will be leading, and be ready so the service will flow smoothly without un-needed pauses.
- While every Affirmation of Faith does not have an “intro” in the Hymnal, they do have them on the screen to assist with flow. Please read the intro from the screen in the back of the Chapel, or the right side balcony in the Sanctuary.