

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

On the first Saturday of February our church Mission and Ministry Team, which is the group responsible for the overall ministry of the church, met for our Winter Retreat. The agenda of the retreat was evaluating the previous 6 months of mission/ministry, and making plans for the coming 6 months that will enable us to achieve our mission: ***To Transform Lives in the Name of Jesus Christ...in our church, community and world.***

To guide our thoughts/discussions, we relied on the following statements approved by the church at the time of the adoption of our mission statement in 2015:

- ◇ 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. (**Life**)
- ◇ Reach out to those in our community and beyond striving to meet life's basic needs, paying special attention to single-parent families. (**Needs**)
- ◇ Bring care, hope, comfort and encouragement to the elderly in our midst, and those suffering loss. (**Care**)

While I have all the "stuff" we compiled that day, and it is available to anyone who'd like to see it, I want to share some of the plans made that you will see happening in the coming 6 months...I think you will agree with me that it should be a fun, productive, fruitful 6 months!

Life

- More Sunday morning greeters to guide visitors
- Chili Cook Off
- Potluck with Talent Show
- Quarterly Combined Worship
- Quarterly Sunday Evening Worship
- Home Study Groups

Needs

- Explore need for Clothes Closet
- Education about existing ministries
- Parents Night Out
- Essential Life Skill Classes
- Greater Participation in Park Ministry

Care

- Greater education and utilization of Stephen Ministry
- Monthly Communion/Visits to Homebound/Shut-Ins
- Quarterly bereavement meals
- Match UMM/UMY with elders in the church to assist with projects/needs

Again, if you are interested in seeing ALL the work-product from that day, feel free to stop by and I'll share it with you...but here is a little to wet your appetite! I want to thank those who joined us for the retreat, and invite you to join us for future planning retreats. 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 had the opportunity to lead worship at Sulphur United Methodist Church on Sunday, February 11th, 2018.

Pictured from left in the bottom row: Chris Byers, Britni Sisco and Mike Byers.

Back row from left: Joel Nalere & Trooper Elwonger.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ECU Wesley Weekly FUSION Worship Service: Monday's @ 8 pm (unless there are no classes)
- Men's Bible Study each Tuesday @ 8 pm @ the ECU Wesley
- Women's Bible Study each Tuesday @ 8 pm @ the ECU Wesley
- ECU Wesley Board of Director's Meeting April 3rd @ 6 pm

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Evangelism

Rev. Dr. Charles Neff, OCU VP for University-Church Relations

A graduate of Oklahoma City University, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, and Wesley Theological Seminary, Rev. Dr. Charles Neff is an ordained elder in the Methodist Church. He currently serves as Vice-President for the University-Church Relations and Dean of the Chapel for OCU where he serves as liaison between the university and its United Methodist constituents. Dr. Neff previously served as senior pastor of McAlester First UMC and associate pastor for Christian Education at Tulsa Faith UMC. Dr. Neff's academic specialty is Late Second Temple Judaism and Primitive Christianity.

Dr. Neff will offer two classes on "Stories About Jesus Not in The Bible" on Wednesdays February 28th and March 7th.

Notes from the



By Leslie and Clay Carley

It was cold and grey at the park Sunday, but the rain held off, so we all stayed dry! Several of our volunteers were out sick today, we hope for speedy recovery for each of them. And thank you to all who came today... Our volunteers are a special group of people who give up a part of their weekend to serve. In the cold of winter or the heat of summer, they show up, eager to be helping. Thank you to KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, and J.D.'s Cafe for all that you share, and thank you Rita, Fran, Tim, Crystal, and to many more who share their extras with us. All that you share makes a difference in someone's life. Because of you, someone has a warm blanket to sleep under, clothes to wear, and a warm meal to eat. You may not have realized it, but you are someone's hero! Thank you all for your prayers and support, and we hope to see you back again next week, for dinner at the park.

Mosaic

UPDATED INFORMATION

February 28th and March 7th the Mosaic class for "Stories About Jesus Not Included in The Bible" will be by Dr. Neff in the Lindsay Room.

WIFI Password for Sanctuary

Login: fumcguest Password: fumcguest

News from Ada Early Childhood Center



I cannot express to you and to the congregation how very grateful I am for the extremely generous donation. I wish you could have seen the expression's on the teacher's faces when I told them the amount of the gift. They were truly overwhelmed. I have always been so proud to call myself a Methodist and especially proud to be a member of First United Methodist Church Ada, but now I am even more proud because of the incredible support the church has shown our school. In addition to my family, there are two things that I treasure and am passionate about: my church and my profession. It is truly wonderful that they have become so intertwined with one another. Again thank you for your leadership and your willingness to address the critical need that schools are facing. Our school feels truly blessed.

-Cindy Brady

Its that time again for a....

EASTER EGG HUNT!!

**Saturday, March 31st
at 2:00 pm**

**At the home of
John and Lisa Elliott
(312 N. Hillcrest, Ada)**

EVERYONE is invited!!!



Sending Our
SYMPATHY

*To the family and friends of
Floyd Gurley on the death of his
sister and to the family and friends
of Lucy Tritten on the death of her
god-father Harold Rhoads.*

EASTER SCHEDULE

MARCH

Sunday 25th- Palm Sunday

Thursday 29th- Holy Thursday

6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Friday 30th- Good Friday Service

6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

APRIL

April 1st- Easter Sunday

JUST FOR FUN DAY



COME JOIN US

Saturday, March 10th at 7:00 pm

We want you to know how much we appreciate getting to work with your children. It has been a wonderful year so far for FUMC Children's Ministry, and we hope to continue that throughout the year!

As a thank you for getting your children to our activities and helping us all year, we would like to offer you a child free couple of hours. We would like to take your children to see

Act II Community Theater's "Willy Wonka Jr"

Saturday, March 10th at 7pm.

Please have your child at the foyer of the Dorothy Summers Theater by 6:45 on Saturday night, March 10th. The church will write a check to Act II, as we will be receiving a group discount. If you would like to contribute to the cost of this event, you are most welcome, but please don't feel obligated.

Children can be picked up in the foyer of

Dorothy Summers following the show.

If you have children under 3, we can organize nursery, or they are welcome to join us if a parent or other responsible person attends with them.

If you could let us know whether you will be able to participate, that would be wonderful, as the amount of our group discount depends on how many people are attending.

Blessings, and thanks again for all you do for our children's program.

Lisa, Kim and Lauren



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	
5:15 p.m.	Low Impact Exercise (Fellowship Hall)
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.	Talmidim 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
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
Thursday	
5:15 p.m.	Low Impact Exercise (Fellowship Hall)
Friday	
7:00 p.m.	Youth Meet- Up (Church)

EVENTS IN February

THURSDAY 22nd,	
5:00 pm	GSPS Pancake Fry (CLC)
6:30 pm	District Scout Leaders Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)
SUNDAY 25th,	
5:00 pm	Transformers Family Night (Fellowship Hall)
MONDAY 26th,	
12:00 pm	ECU Wesley Fundraising Team (ECU Wesley)
6:00 pm	Pinewood Derby (CLC)
TUESDAY 27th,	
9:00 am	GSPS Art Show (Lindsay Classroom)
WEDNESDAY 28th,	
9:00 am	GSPS Art Show (Lindsay Classroom)
1:00 pm	Knitting Group (Parlor)
1:30 pm	Stephen Ministry Training (Fellowship Classroom)

March

THURSDAY 1st,	
5:00 pm	Local Unit Leadership Team UMW Meeting (Library)
6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Supervisory Team Meeting (Fellowship Classroom)
MONDAY 5th,	
12:00 pm	Church Management Team Meeting (Library)
WEDNESDAY 7th,	
7:00 am	Methodist Men Breakfast (Aldridge Coffee Shop, 200 S. Broadway)
1:30 pm	Stephen Ministry Training (Fellowship Classroom)
SATURDAY 10th,	
7:00 pm	Just For Fun Day/ Willy Wonka Jr. (ECU)

ATTENDANCE

FEBRUARY 4th, 2018	
Sunday School	140
Chapel Service	55
Sanctuary Service	164
Total Worship	219
FEBRUARY 11th, 2018	
Sunday School	198
Chapel Service	60
Sanctuary Service	150
Total Worship	210



PRAYERS: Avery Anderson, Peggy Bagley, Janet Bare, Tonya Biggerstaff, Mica Cacy, Feline Campbell, Morris Cane, Marian Craig, Dick Danielson, Scottie Furminsky, John Holt, Kim Holton, Adam Hucceby, Mary James, Bobby Johns, Chuck Lindholm, Tim Mummey, Joe Murray, Greg Perry, The Rice Family, Jane Rogers, Elora Ross, Suzanne Simmons, Debbra Smith, Florence Stanich, Darrel Thompson, Buddy Watkins, Dimples Walden, Jefferson Walden

LONG-TERM PRAYERS: Bud Blackburn, Wanda Goplen, Jennifer Hood, T.J. Johnston, Randy Johnson, Mike Manning, Cindy Minor, Johnny Moss, 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, Krystina Phillips, Courtney Glasgow-Samuelson, Karry Baker Griese, Megan Leach, Megan Broderick