

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

Good Morning/Afternoon/Evening my friends! I pray your summer has started off well. Don't forget we are only producing and sending newsletters MONTHLY so make sure you take note of all the events coming this month to First Church Ada. There are a couple things I need to share with you in this edition, and a few others I want to share, SO here we go:

◇ The second Sunday of June I debuted an "original" class titled "United Methodism 101." My guinea pigs were the Transformers class, and I will continue in July with the Fellowship Class, and September with the Homebuilders. If your group or Sunday school would like me to present this 3-week class in your gathering, please let me know and we will "book it!"

◇ On Sunday, July 8 we will have our first "Music and Testimony" night. These quarterly gatherings will take place in the Christian Life Center and will feature different styles of music each time and testimonies from people in the church. On July 8 the music will be a mixture of contemporary choruses and classic hymns led by the worship band from the ECU Wesley Foundation, and the testimony will be from Bart and Cheryl McCourtney. I hope you will make every effort to be part of this new opportunity for worship and fellowship.

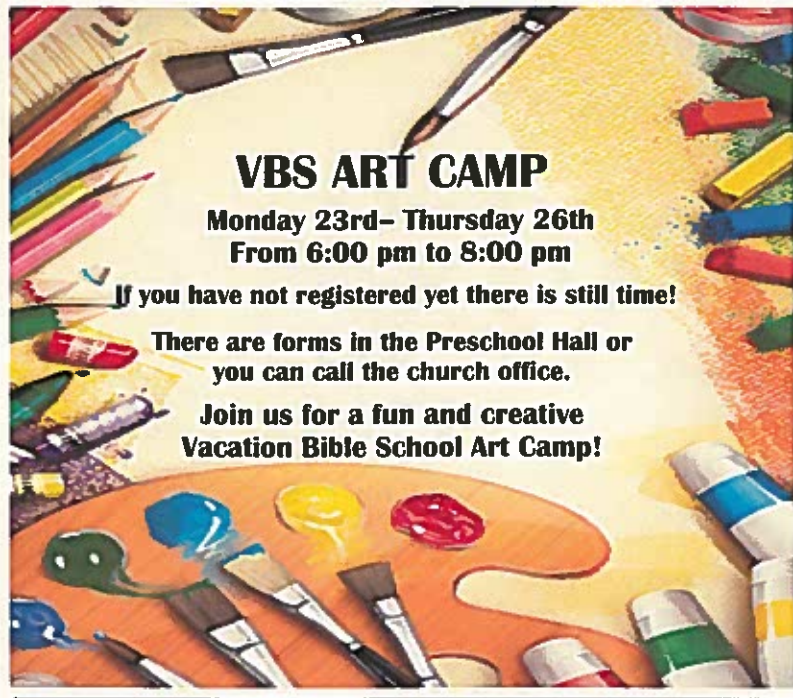
◇ Several people have asked me about the special called General Conference taking place in February 2019 to deal with issues of Human Sexuality (especially marriage and ordination) in the United Methodist Church. Let me say 2 things on this matter. First, until the deadline for petitions comes and goes (which should be in early to mid July), we do not know exactly what petitions will be presented...meaning we don't know exactly what the discussion/debate will look like. My plan is to wait until the petitions are in, then I will plan an informational meeting during the Sunday school hour for anyone interested in learning about the petitions and the process followed at General Conference. Second, although we are talking about a special called General Conference, the issue of human sexuality in the church has been a topic of discussion/debate at every regularly scheduled General Conference since 1972, meaning this is nothing new. The original intent of taking human sexuality "off the table" at General Conference 2016, and scheduling a separate Conference to deal with these issues, was to hopefully find a way to put the issue to rest once and for all...but there is no guarantee this will happen. It is possible nothing changes in 2019 and the issue will continue to be part of General Conference going forward. All we can do at this point is pray the Holy Spirit will guide our thoughts, discussions and debates, and the will of the Lord will be enacted in His church.

◇ Finally I want to say how excited Shannon, Noah and I are to begin year #3 in Ada! The last 2 years have been awesome, and we are looking forward to many more with you!

Looks like I'm out of room...so take care, have a great week, and I look forward to seeing you in worship real soon!

Jesus is Lord,

Pastor Brian Matthews



VBS ART CAMP

Monday 23rd- Thursday 26th
From 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

If you have not registered yet there is still time!

There are forms in the Preschool Hall or you can call the church office.

Join us for a fun and creative Vacation Bible School Art Camp!

Razzle Dazzle

Razzle Dazzle Music Camp

is coming July 9th through 13th!

The camp is for students who have completed the first grade through 6th grade. The camp will be from Monday through Thursday 8:30 am to 2:00 pm and 8:30 to 12:00 on Friday the 14th, with the final concert at 11:15 am. Our Golden Agers will be providing ice cream with cupcakes for the reception following our performance. This year we will learn about composers, get involved with arts and crafts, tune chimes, and fun activities for the recreation time and of course learn cool songs. There will be snacks and lunch provided as well. All campers will receive a t-shirt. Registration forms are in the church office or online. Helping this year are Emmy Robinson and Zach Teague, which are two of our music interns. Forms are due by June 20th. If you have any questions please contact Rozzie at (580) 332-6624.

A letter from

McCORTNEY FAMILY HOSPICE

Dear Church Family,

McCortney Family Hospice-
Ada is looking for volunteers!

Hospice volunteers visit with patients in order to give patients some companionship other than family members and can also give the family an opportunity to have a break from the constant care of their loved one.

Volunteers can do many things while visiting such as play games, read to them, or just have conversation depending on the patients interest.

The length of a visit can depend on the volunteers schedule and the patients preference. Most visits are 30 minute-1 hour unless there is a special need.

Thank you,
Ashley Horne
Office Manager/Volunteer Coordinator

Memorials

Allen Henley
By: The Fellowship Class

Paula May Bearden
By: Linda Dicus

Save the Date

Our Annual Chancel Choir Retreat
will be August 18th.

There will be coffee, donuts and lunch provided. New Members are encouraged to get to know more church families, come and have some fun and fellowship.

If you would like more information please call Rozzie at (580) 332-6624.

THANKS
from the
HEART

Thanks to the Chancel Choir and Chancel Ringers for a fantastic year! Your hard work and dedication are outstanding.

Have a wonderful summer!

Evangelism

Pastor Brian will be on the radio!

We have now signed a contract for Pastor Brian to be on five radio stations in September and November.

The radio spots will be broadcasted on Friday and Saturday each week on the following radio stations: KADA, KKFC, KXFC, KTLS, KYKC. It is estimated that the stations will reach a total audience of 22,000 to 25,000. Please pray for this new evangelistic outreach.

-Pastor Roberto Escamilla

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!!

The church office will be closed on
Wednesday, July 4th
In honor of Independence Day.

We pray everyone has a great fourth of July and stays safe.

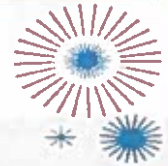
“As we celebrate our nations freedom, we honor the courageous men and women dedicated to preserving it!”

Newsletter
DEADLINE
DATES

We are going to be doing a monthly newsletter.

Date it will be mailed:	Articles Due by:
July 24th	July 11th
August 28th	August 15th
September 25th	September 12th
October 30th	October 17th

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



Concert in the Park

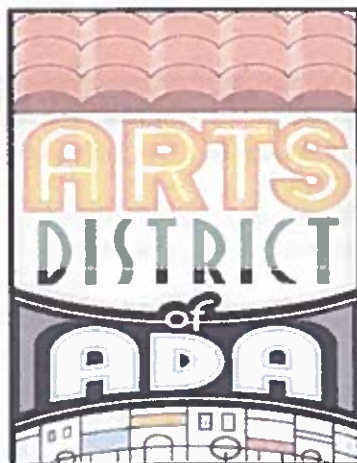
Wintersmith Park
(the old monkey cage area)

July 4, 2018

Food
Trucks
Too!

2:45 p.m. Code 3
4:00 p.m. Lower Level Professionals
5:15 p.m. ARe Randal Blues
6:30 p.m. Billy K Band
7:45 p.m. Conflict of Interest

EAST END
EATS



JULY 5, 2018

ADA ARTS DISTRICT
ECU CENTENNIAL PLAZA
5:30 TO 8:30 P.M.

music~food trucks~kids activities

Emily Sconyers

The Lower Level Professionals



From Our Prayer Team

Please join with our prayer team as we pray, 31 days of Prayer for our nation, through the month of July. You can pull up all 31 days of prayer on the prayercentral.net website under Engage Me/ prayer cards. A few examples of the daily prayers are:

Let all of America fear the Lord. Let all the inhabitants of the United States stand in awe of Him.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, and the people whom He has chosen as His own inheritance. (Psalms 33:8, 12)
We pray that You would give Your wisdom to those who would preside in our courts of justice. Let all judges and those who work in our court system seek to preserve justice in a fair and impartial way according to Your statutes. (Proverbs 2:6-8)

We agree with You Jesus, that the Church will be one, as You are one with the Father. Heal any divisions that exist between pastors and their congregations, and between denominations. Let our nation see the Body of Christ united in love for one another and toward those whom You have come to save (John 17:21)

If you would like to join us, or if you are in need of prayer, the prayer team meets in the Prayer Room off the sanctuary each Tuesday at 11:00 am.

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

JULY 2018



- An estimated 150 million hot dogs will be consumed on July 4th.
- July 4th was declared a Nation Holiday in 1870.

ALL UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE MONTH



**MONDAY 2nd,
12:00 pm**
Church Management Team Meeting (Library)

**WEDNESDAY 4th,
*OFFICE CLOSED ***
Have a Happy 4th of July and stay safe!

**SUNDAY 8th,
5:30 pm**
An Evening of Music and Testimony (CLC)

**MONDAY 9th- Thursday 12th,
8:30 am- 2:00 pm**
Razzle Dazzle Music Camp

**FRIDAY 13th,
8:30 am- 12:00 pm**
Razzle Dazzle Music Camp

11:15 am
**Last Day/Performance for
Razzle Dazzle Music Camp**

**MONDAY 23rd- THURSDAY 26th,
6:00 pm- 8:00 pm**
Vacation Bible School Art Camp

**SUNDAY 29th,
10:45 service ONLY**
Combined Services with meal to follow in CLC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
<p>1 8:30 am: Worship Service (Chapel) 9:30 am: Sunday School 10:45 am: Worship Service (Sanctuary) 3:30 pm: Park Ministry (Glenwood Park)</p>	<p>2 12:00 pm: Church Management Team Meeting (Library)</p>	<p>3 10:00 am: Talmidim Bible Study (Library) 11:00 am: Prayer Warriors (Sanctuary-Prayer Room)</p>	<p>4 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>5 5:00 pm: Local Unit Leadership Team Meeting (Library) 6:00 pm: Stephen Ministers Supervisory Group Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)</p>
<p>8 8:30 am: Worship Service (Chapel) 9:30 am: Sunday School 10:45 am: Worship Service (Sanctuary) 3:30 pm: Park Ministry (Glenwood Park)</p>	<p>9 7:15 pm: Boy Scout Troop 13 (Scout Room)</p>	<p>10 10:00 am: Talmidim Bible Study (Library) 11:00 am: Prayer Warriors (Sanctuary) 1:30 pm: Staff Meeting (Library)</p>	<p>11 12:00 pm: Men's Bible Study (Library) 1:00 pm: Knitting Group (Parlor) 6:00 pm: Youth Group (Youth Room)</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>RAZZLE DAZZLE MUSIC CAMP: MONDAY-THURSDAY 8:30am- 2:00pm and FRIDAY 8:30am- 12:00pm</p>				
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<p>VACTION BIBLE SCHOOL: MONDAY-THURSDAY 6:00pm to 8:00 pm</p>				
<p>29 9:30 am: Sunday School 10:45 am: ONE SERVICE Worship Service (Sanctuary) 3:30 pm: Park Ministry (Glenwood Park)</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 10:00 am: Talmidim Bible Study (Library) 11:00 am: Prayer Warriors (Sanctuary-Prayer Room)</p>		

ECU WESLEY

ECU Wesley Golf Tournament



Left to Right: Ed Anderson, Brent Adrian, Brian Matthews, Noah Matthews and Tim Matthews



Left to Right: Britni Sisoo, Campus Minister Janey Wilson and Emily Taylor



Left: FUMC member Brett Walls- played for the ECU Alumni and Citizens Bank Team



Middle: FUMC member Carlton Cameron - played for the Chemical Impact



Left to Right: Dale Harris, Kelly Creed, Bill Chapman and Jerry Danielson



Middle: FUMC member Sarah Jane Johnston- played for Landmark Bank

ECU Wesley Golf Tournament



Our wonderful Youth Pastor Brent Adrian



Our lovely Lead Pastor Brian Matthews



Left, Middle & Right: Harold Muse, Travis Muse and John David Muse— played for Asbury UMC



We love all the help that our FUMC members do. Thank you Dale Pflaum and Dick Danielson



Right: FUMC member Al Johnson—played for ECU Foundation



Middle Right: FUMC member Todd Moon- played for Moon Baker Agency

Opportunities of the Week



Church Family Prayer List



PRAYERS: Avery Anderson, **Raymond Annanders**, Janet Bare, Tonya Biggerstaff, **Mitchell Boyd**, **Sam Bumpus**, Marian Craig, Larry Drennan, Scottie Furiminsky, **Tom Gault**, Olivia Griffin, Carol Hayden, **Jeff Hayes**, Kim Hill, John Holt, Kim Holton, Pam Horne, Victoria Hughes and Family, Lisa Larios, Janet Larney, Ray Larsen, Emma Lucas, Tim Mummey, Joe Murray, Greg Perry, Amanda Ricker, Eileen Sharpiro, Kylelyn Sheppard, Marty Skinner, Suzanne Simmons, Debra Smith,

Florence Stanich, Darrel Thompson, Buddy Watkins, Dimples Walden, Jefferson Walden, Linda Wood

LONG-TERM PRAYERS: Bud Blackburn, Cliff Chapman, Wanda Goplen, Holly Hawk, Jennifer Hood, Gary Jackson, Randy Johnson, Chuck Lindholm, 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: Megan Broderick, Amber Keiser, Karry Baker Griese, Megan Leach

Mosaic

There will be a church wide study on "The Class Meeting." The book to be used has an identical title with a subtitle that reads: "Reclaiming a Forgotten (and essential) Small Group Experience." This year we are expanding the subject of our Muntz/Myers Lectures into eight sessions before and after the lectures are

presented. We are fortunate to have Dr. Kevin M. Watson who is the author of the book and our lecturer. Dr. Watson is from Oklahoma and is on our faculty of Candler School of Theology at Emory University. This book has been highly recommended by Tom Harrison of Tulsa and Bishop Willimon of Duke University among others. The books will be available for only \$5.00 each. Pastor Brian will moderate the sessions to be held in the Fellowship Hall. The dates are September 5th, 12th, 16th and 26th

also October 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th. Lectures on September 30th and October 7th, you may register at one of our worship services in August. Also Cheryl McCortney and Shannon Matthews are working on the possibility of offering additional courses.

There will be more information in the next issue of the Advocate.

ATTENDANCE

May 27th, 2018			
Sunday School		150	
Chapel Service		48	
Sanctuary Service		137	
Total Worship			185
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<b>June 3rd, 2018</b>			
Sunday School		153	
Chapel Service		66	
Sanctuary Service		106	
<b>Total Worship</b>			<b>172</b>
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June 10th, 2018			
Sunday School		143	
Chapel Service		52	
Sanctuary Service		138	
Total Worship			190
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<b>June 17th, 2018</b>			
Sunday School		153	
Chapel Service		74	
Sanctuary Service		126	
<b>Total Worship</b>			<b>200</b>
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June 24th, 2018			
Sunday School		159	
Chapel Service		57	
Sanctuary Service		129	
Total Worship			186
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## Notes From The Park

By Clay and  
Leslie Carley



Thank you to our friends who came out to help set up and serve dinner. We welcomed Fran back with us the beginning of June, she has been missed. We ask for prayers Jim for good results from a procedure. With summer temperatures already upon us, we continue to seek fans to distribute to homes where there is no cooling available. We are also collecting personal hygiene products (shampoo, soap, deodorant, tooth brushes, and toothpaste), and summer shoes and clothing. If anyone has an overabundance of vegetables in their garden, please consider sharing at the park, fresh vegetables are a special treat!. Happy Father's Day! Thank you to the men in our crew who gave up their day to come out and serve. We had a special line for men Father's Day, with a few extra treats for them. It seemed as though we had more men in line than usual...Many fathers were getting meals for their families and friends! We also had some shirts and shorts for men (it was their day after all!) Thank you to KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, and J.D.'s Cafe for the food donations that make this ministry possible. On Saturday, June 23rd, we will be having a get together at our home. All who have had a part in this ministry are invited to come out and put their hand prints on our Glenwood Family Tree. All who have prayed for, donated to, helped, or those who would like to be a part of our crew are invited. Friends, fun, and food starts at 1:00 in the afternoon. Rain or shine.

Directions: From corner of Monte Vista and Hwy 1, go east 5 1/2 mi., turn left onto CR 3630, go 8/10 mi., turn right onto CR 1521, go 1/4 mi., turn left into driveway for 23214.

Thank you all for your prayers and support, and we hope to see you for dinner at the park.