

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

It's been awhile since I used my newsletter space to do some good-ole "rambling," so I think I'll just throw a bunch of stuff at you that's on my mind and going on. In the words of Jackie Gleason, "And away we go!"

- * I am thankful for all the prayers that have been offered on my behalf during my time of surgery and recovery. I am now 7 weeks post surgery and 3 weeks into physical therapy, and I can report things are going well. The surgery solved the nerve issues I was having and we are hopeful it will deal with much of the chronic low back pain I've been living with for the better part of the last 20 years. I continue to be thankful to God for the miracle of modern medicine, and gifted doctors and nurses using their God-given gifts.
- * I also want to express my thanks to our children and youth ministry team. The Good Shepherd Preschool team led by Laura McDonald is fantastic. It is a daily joy to see the kids coming in the building to learn and be loved. The Children's Ministry team led by Lisa and Kim continues to shine. Truck or Treat was just the latest example of their great teamwork. And if you haven't noticed, the youth program led by Brent and his

team of helpers continues to grow. This time last year it was normal to see 1-3 kids in Sunday school and in the balcony with Brent...and now there are regularly 7-10...and it's not uncommon to see 30-40 youth in the church on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

- * Speaking of Wednesday evenings, we have concluded our study of the Wesleyan Class Meetings and have decided to "give it a try." If you are interested in being part of a small group that discusses openly and honestly how your spiritual journey is going and encouraging each other to do more, please let myself or Roberto know and we will discuss the options with you.
- * A couple weeks ago we added 2 new members to our community of faith outside our normal worship schedule. Lance Reisetter and Emma Williams, both ECU students and music interns, wanted to join the church and be baptized (Lance) and reaffirm her baptism (Emma). Lance wanted to be immersed so several of the choir members gathered at Asbury UMC after church and we celebrated their professions of faith, baptism and church membership. Take a look at their picture on the inside of this edition of the Advocate.

I have run out of room, but before I sign off I want to again express my thanks and joy to you, the people of FUMC Ada, for loving my family and me. It is truly a joy to be part of the Ada community and we look forward to many, many years of ministry and friendship with you. Have a great week...and I'll see you in worship real soon!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Matthews".

Jesus is Lord,
Pastor Brian Matthews

NewsLetter
DEADLINE
DATE

Date it will be mailed: November 27th
December 18th

Articles Due by: November 13th
December 11th



Once again, our church is going to host a Veteran's Luncheon on November 9th at 11:30 am. Last year we fed approx. 200, and expect that many or more this year. We are in need of door prizes. For example, gift cards or baked goods would be great. We would like everyone to take home a door prize and are asking for your help in providing them. Please drop off your contributions in the church office. If you want to help, we are in need of hospitality volunteers as well. Thank you for helping in this church wide endeavor.

Mosaic

The series on "Class Meeting" has come to an end and as of October 24th, one or more sharing groups will start in November. These will be 3 sessions on Pre-Advent November 7th, 14th, and 28th. The subject will be "The Christmas Hymns in Scripture" Led by Pastor Brian Matthews. Please plan to attend on Wednesday at 6pm. Also the small sharing groups will begin to meet after November 1st as stated above. Church members and others are invited to be apart of a small sharing group. It is NOT required to have participated in the mosaic "Class Meeting" sessions. The times, days and locations will be determined by the group. It is however urgent for those who wish to participate to call Pastor Brian Matthews or Pastor Roberto Escamilla TODAY!

Memorials

Mary Jo Schoepflin

By: Mary Ann Briggs, Eddie P. Davis
Mary Jane Muntz, Carla Herman Weber
Katerine Roberts

Laura Meek

By: Ed and Judy Anderson, Dick and Gail Anderson

Jean Long Meek

By: Homebuilders Class

H.E. (Shorty) Murphy

By: Clinton and Audine Cooper

Dimples Walden

By: Homebuilders Class

Kathy Wilken

By: Jo Gayle Logsdon

New Members

W-E-L-C-O-M-E



We would like to welcome
Lance Reisetter and Emma Williams!
They joined on October 14th, 2018.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WAYS TO GIVE TO YOUR CHURCH?

Have you ever considered the different ways you can give to your church? Consider this- We always need Volunteers for the following:

- Altar Guild
- Kitchen help
- Bereavement Meals
- Prayer Team
- Children and Youth Ministry
- Park Ministry plus many more.

Check with the church office if you might be interested in any of these.

There are also several ways to give monetary gifts:

- By check or cash in the offering plates
- Automatic draft from your bank (contact the church office for more information)
- On line through our website, fumcada.org
- FUMC of Ada Foundation
- UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, needs funds to help people following natural disasters

We appreciate your willingness to serve and give to
The First United Methodist Church of Ada.



to the family and friends of
Vicki Creed on the loss
of her mother
Jean Logsdon Long Meek
Also to the family and friends of
LaDona Hill on the passing of
her mother Dimples Walden

CURRENT-PAST CHURCH EVENTS

Annual Veteran's Day Banquet

November 9th, 2018 at 11:30 am

Christian Life Center (CLC)
First United Methodist Church
129 West. 14th St., Ada OK 74820

Music Provided by J.L. Stillwell

Patriotic Message by Major General Myles L. Deering
(USA, Retired) Oklahoma Secretary of Veterans Affairs

All Veteran's in Pontotoc County and their spouses are cordially invited.

This banquet is complimentary and includes a delicious meal
prepared by Sue Bricker.

Please RSVP to the church office at (580) 332-1398
or email to amberb.fumcada@gmail.com by November 1st.

This church cares and appreciates immensely the meritorious and sacrificial service
of men and women of all branches of the Armed Forces which will be recognized.

There will be a special Veteran's Day celebration in Worship on November 11th at
10:45 am in the Sanctuary by our Lead Pastor, Rev. Brian Matthews
(sermon will be "Enduring Love").

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people He chose for His inheritance."

Psalm 33:12

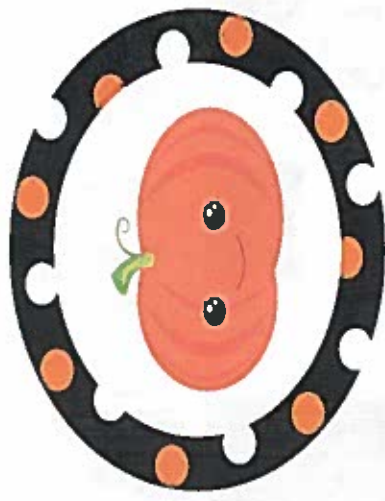
TRUNK or Treat

We will be uploading
pictures taken from our
trunk or treat from last
Sunday to our facebook
and website soon.

We had such a great
turn out and loved seeing
all of the amazing
costumes!



Our staff
and church
family love
to dress up
as well for
Halloween!



NOVEMBER 2018



SATURDAY 17th
10:00 am
Lambs Gift Giveaway
(Scout Room)



SUNDAYS

8:30 am: Worship Service
(Chapel)
9:30 am: Sunday School
10:45 am: Worship Service
(Sanctuary)
3:30 pm: Park Ministry
(Glenwood Park)

WEDNESDAYS

10:00 am: Rebekah Bible Study
(Library)
12:00 pm: Men's Bible Study
(Library)
1:00 pm: Knitting Group (Parlor)
4:00 pm: J.A.M
5:00 pm: Mosaic Meal
6:00 pm: Youth Group (Youth Room)
6:00 pm: Mosaic Classes
6:00 pm: Bell Practice
6:00 pm: Bible Adventure
7:15 pm: Chancel Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4	5	6	7	8	9
11	12	13	14	15	16
18	19	20	21	22	23
25	26	27	28	29	30

10:30 pm: Youth Group
(Youth Room)

5:00 pm: Local Unit Leadership
UMW Team Meeting (Library)
5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise
Group (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 pm: Stephen Ministers
Supervisory Group Meeting
(Lindsay Classroom)

8:00 am: Methodist Men Breakfast
(Aldridge Coffee Shop, 200 S. Broadway)

5:00 pm: Church Management
Team Meeting (library)
5:00 pm: Sharing Group (Parlor)
5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise
Group (Fellowship Hall)
5:30: Mary Martha (Parlor)
6:00 pm: Cub Scouts
(CLC/Classrooms)
8:00 pm: ECU Wesley Fusion
Worship (ECU Wesley Building)

10:00 am: Ruth Rachel (Parlor)
5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise
Group (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 pm: Mary Martha Women's
Group (Parlor)
6:00 pm: Cub Scouts
(CLC/Classrooms)
8:00 pm: ECU Wesley Fusion
Worship (ECU Wesley Building)

6:00pm: Community
Thanksgiving Service (Sanctuary)

11:30 am Annual Veteran's Day
Banquet (CLC)
7:00pm: Youth Group
(Youth Room)

5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise
Group (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 pm GSPS Board meeting
(Parlor)
6:00 pm: District Boy Scout
Round Table Meeting
(Fellowship Hall,
Fellowship Class, Lindsay Class-
room)

8:00 am: Matthew 25 Mission
Packaging (St. Luke's Episcopal)
1:00 pm: Knitting Group (Parlor)
4:30 pm: Home for Christmas meeting
(Parlor)

10:00 am: Talmidim Bible Study
(Library)
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(Sanctuary-Prayer Room)
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Notes From The Park



By Clay and
Leslie Carley

September 16, 2018

Another beautiful afternoon to gather in the park, and what a gathering it was! Thank you to all who came to help serve dinner, including members of Woodmen Life. Not only did they come to help serve, but they also brought a donation for the Park Ministry! We are very grateful. We are currently collecting toiletries, winter clothing, and blankets to provide once the temperature starts to drop. We are also collecting toys and games for Christmas gifts.

September 23, 2018

It was grey, there was a lot of mud (where we usually serve), but no rain this afternoon! We had originally canceled dinner at the park, but, hunger doesn't go away just because of bad weather. We served chicken, biscuits, and dessert from the backs of our cars in the parking lot.

September 30, 2018

A beautiful fall day at the park. Thank you to our volunteers, Colin, Jim, Don, Nina, Fran, Crystal, Fred, Karen, David, Clay, and Janie. And thank you to KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, and Daylight Donuts for providing so much. We are very grateful! Recently, several people have stopped to ask why some people are taking so many meals away with them. They are delivering meals to shut-ins, people who have no way to get to the park. We really appreciate what they are doing, and encourage others to do the same! If you know someone who needs a meal, but cannot come to the park, please consider taking meals for them when you come for dinner. Special thank you to Nina, Fran, Mary Ann, and the knitters and crocheters for working so hard to create items to sell at PEC Day, and also to Crystal who joined us in selling there. We will be able to purchase several gifts with the monies raised there. We call this Project Hope. We know that every child hopes that Santa will come on Christmas, and we hope to make this happen!

October 7, 2018

It was raining shortly before we left for the park, but fortunately, the bad weather held off and we were able to serve chicken, biscuits, and dessert today. We had planned this menu because of the rainy forecast for today.

October 14, 2018

Once again, because of the weather, we felt it was best to serve cold chicken today at the park. It had been raining just before it was time to serve, but rather than cancel, we served a smaller meal! We started providing coats and winter shoes today. The temperature in Ada is expected to get very chilly tonight! We will continue to collect winter necessities. Donations can be dropped off at the First United Methodist Church of Ada, or contact me (ph. 580-436-3626) to arrange for a pickup. We have started collecting toys, dolls, games, and books for Christmas gifts. These items will be offered to parents or guardians starting on Thanksgiving. We set up tables for them to "shop" at, and an area for them to wrap their selections. We are aware that there are many groups who provide gifts for children, but many of the children don't qualify for gifts because of a lack of documentation. We do not have an age limit either, so we also need items for older children as well.

As always, thank you to KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, J.D.'s Cafe, and Daylight Donuts. Together they help to supply the perfect dinner for a Sunday afternoon at the park. Thank you also to our crew, Fran, Jim, Don, Nina, David, Tim, Fred, the Missionary Sisters, Colin, and Clay.

News from Ada Early Childhood Center

Fall has arrived and students at AECC are "Falling" into a nice routine.

The faculty of AECC would like to thank the church for providing a meal for Parent Teacher conference night. It was such a treat to have the meal. It made the long day and night much more bearable.

I would also like to thank the anonymous donor who gave money to AECC. It is much appreciated and will go toward buying materials for the STEM lab.

I want to share some statistics with you. New statistical data states that around 10% of the student population in the United States have a diagnosis of ADHD (Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder). Additionally, recent data shows that 1 in 59 births are estimated to be on the Autism spectrum. Sensory problems are now a common issue that students and ultimately teachers must address. With all these concerns facing educators it has become incumbent upon schools to find solutions. AECC is not immune to any of the above. If anything, we deal with more of these matters due to the age of students that we serve and traditional methods are not working with these students.

Fortunately there are ways that we can help. Teachers are being trained to recognize and implement strategies that help with some of the above mentioned concerns; however there is still more that needs to be done. One of the newest strategies is the Wobble Chair. This chair replaces the traditional classroom chair and enables the student to move all while supporting the student and increasing their core strength. Increasing core strength helps with many functions and allows the student to perform daily tasks which otherwise may be troublesome for the child. You may be wondering why I have taken up so much time to share this information with you. The main reason is that we can help these students to be successful, but as you are aware it takes financial resources. One

Wobble Chair can cost around 70.00. You can certainly understand why something of this nature is challenging to purchase. Many of you have asked me for ways to help. If you would be interested in helping to purchase a Wobble chair, I would love to visit with you. All donations made are tax deductible. As always, we appreciate your prayers. If you would like to volunteer, we can find a place for you. Partnership such as these are vital to the success of our school. Words cannot express the appreciation we have for this relationship.

-Cindy Brady



Opportunities of the Week



A Christmas Celebration for the Whole Family

December 16th, 2018 At 6:00 pm

The program will include Christmas caroling, devotional, a pinata, Santa Claus, refreshments and all the homemade tamales you care to eat. There will also be a special celebration of the 200th anniversary of the writing of "Silent Night" back in December 24th, 1818 led by Pastor Brian Matthews playing his guitar. In case of inclement weather the whole event will be held indoors at the Elliotts home.

Please don't miss it and invite your friends!

ATTENDANCE

September 23rd, 2018	
Sunday School	138
Chapel Service	48
Sanctuary Service	157
Online	13
Total Worship	356
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<b>September 30th, 2018</b>	
Sunday School	130
Chapel Service	60
Sanctuary Service	157
Online	15
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>362</b>
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October 7th, 2018	
Sunday School	147
Chapel Service	56
Sanctuary Service	143
Online	12
Total Worship	358
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<b>October 14th, 2018</b>	
Sunday School	145
Chapel Service	54
Sanctuary Service	186
Online	12
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>397</b>
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October 21st, 2018	
Sunday School	155
Chapel Service	54
Sanctuary Service	157
Online	15
Total Worship	381

Church Family Prayer List



PRAYERS

Avery Anderson,
Raymond Annanders, Pat Beasley,
Don Birdwell, Sam Bumpus,
Kyra Cooper, Ann Dicus, Larry Drennan, Ed Echalk,
Scottie Furiminsky, Jeff Hayes, Rob Holloway,
Kim Holton, James Houchin, Elinor Hutchinson,
Ruthie Kerr, Bill Larney, Janet Larney, Ray Larsen,
Joe and Lynn Marquis, Betty McCutcheon, Joe Murray,
Sandy Myers, Marty Skinner, Darrel Thompson,
Richard Williams, Rance Willis

LONG-TERM PRAYERS

Bud Blackburn, Cliff Chapman, Wanda Goplen,
Floyd Gurley, Holly Hawk, Jennifer Hood,
Randy Johnson, Chuck Lindholm, Mike Manning,
Lenora Mayer, Cindy Minor, Johnny Moss,
Tim Mummey, Greg Perry, Glen Ray, William Quinn
Senior, Jimmy Smith, Lindsay Snow, Doc Stokes,
Karen Williams

EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Taylor Hayden Adam, Victoria Aguilar, Katie Jackson



Dates to Remember

- ECU Wesley Weekly FUSION Worship Service: Monday's @ 8 pm (unless there is no classes)
- Random Snacks of Kindness each Thursday @ 11 am behind the University Center
- Football Bible Study each Tuesday @ 7 pm @ the ECU Wesley (Big Room)
- #freshman18 Bible Study each Thursday @ 8 pm @ the ECU Wesley (Big Room)
- Upperclassmen Bible Study each Thursday @ 8 pm @ the ECU Wesley (FUSION room)
- Prayer Group Thursdays @ 9 pm @ the ECU Wesley

Janey Wilson

ECU Wesley Campus Minister

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