

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. 70, Number 58

Tuesday, February 26th, 2019

While there's never a shortage of things to occupy my mind, the last week or so have been filled with lots of thought, discussion, and prayer concerning the Special Called General Conference of the United Methodist Church taking place in St. Louis, MO. In fact, as I type these words I am listening to the audio of the proceedings. While I plan to take plenty of time to educate myself, and the members of FUMC Ada about the decisions made (and not made) in St. Louis, I want to use my space in this edition of the Advocate to offer some general insight.

As the office staff gathered for prayer this morning, we talked briefly about the "goings on" in St. Louis. In the midst of the conversation I uttered these words: the United Methodist Church is nothing more or less than a microcosm of the American culture as a whole. We live in very tense times in America. Our current president did not receive 50% of the popular vote in the last election. The two houses of Congress are in the hands of opposing parties. A common way of referring to individual states is as either blue or red.

What does all this mean? We are a very, very divided nation, with no clear majority on any major issue we face. And the church in which we worship is in a similar boat. At the same time, it seems we have lost a sense of statesmanship. Too often we see social media used to "zing" opponents directly instead discussing ideas. Too often we see elected officials treating each other like elementary children on a playground instead of statesmen and women in a public forum. Too often we sling mud when it appears we may lose. You put these things together and you get ugliness! Which I think perfectly sums up the current political climate in America...and unfortunately too often in the church.

Here is what I say to you as the pastor of your church: let's all take a deep breath. When things around us become hectic, it's common to allow the chaos around us to invade our hearts and minds. I do not deny the craziness going on in our political world, or in a much smaller sense in the United Methodist world, but I think the proper thing to do is take a deep breath, relax, and remember several key things. First, we serve a God who is still God! Second, you (and I) can either further ratchet up the anxiety or be a calming presence...I say choose to be a calming presence. Third, choose to be loving and kind, even in disagreeing with others.

I promise in the coming days and weeks to say more about the status of the United Methodist Church, but until then, take a deep breath, be a calming presence, and educate yourself. Have a great rest of your week, and I look forward to seeing you in church real soon!

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

Jesus is Lord,  
Pastor Brian Matthews



*Brian Matthews*

# Notes From The Park



By Clay and  
Leslie Carley

January 20, 2019

We expected it to be very cold and windy this afternoon, but what a nice surprise, the sky was a brilliant blue, not much wind, and most of Saturday's snow has melted away!

January 27, 2019

It was a beautiful, sunny day at the park. A perfect afternoon to enjoy chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, biscuits, and cookies...We even had several pans with chicken fried steaks, and there was plenty of food for all who came. Unfortunately, some individuals came late, and we were only able to provide them with chicken. It is hard to believe, but we are able to provide food for several hundred people in a relatively short time. In the winter, when the temperature can drop to below freezing, or in the summer, when the heat and humidity make everyone uncomfortable, we don't want anyone to get sick standing in line! Today, we had coats, other clothing, and canned food to share at the park.

February 3, 2019

It was very nice at the park today, beautiful sunshine, a nice breeze, and lots of friendly people! In general, over the years, we serve fewer people on Superbowl Sunday, and today was no exception, but we were able to provide meals for about 300, plus extra food for during the week.

February 17, 2019

It was warmer than expected at the park today, in the 50's! Not bad for the middle of February! We had a special visitor join us for dinner, a young man named Ron who first joined us for dinner 10 years ago! He is married, has 2 children, and a career! We love hearing from old friends and we definitely celebrate his success. Not everyone who joins us will be a success, but we also celebrate those who trust us when they need help. We don't want anyone to go hungry, and we try to be available to help whenever possible.

Thanks to Abba's Tables for the eggs and soda that they provided. A lot of families will be enjoying eggs for breakfast tomorrow I think!

Thank you to KFC, Amber's Sweet Shoppe, and Daylight Donuts for all that they share.

Thank you also to our crew. As always, you served and smiled and were welcoming to all who came.

Our thanks to you at First United Methodist Church for your prayers and support.

We could not do what we do without all of our supporters.



Saturday, March 9th at 12:00 pm

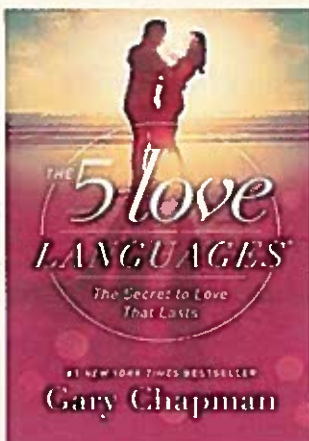
there will be a complimentary luncheon. The retreat will start at 1:00 pm and will dismiss at 4:00 pm. We will also have wonderful leader, Rev. Derrek Belase.

You don't want to miss this great opportunity!

## The Five Love Languages for Couples

By Gary Chapman

Taught by Misty and BJ Boyd



Join us as we work through a study of  
The Five Love Languages for Couples by Dr. Gary Chapman.

Even the best relationships can always improve, and using the Love Languages has been a popular choice for strengthening relationships for over 20 years. The study will be led by Misty and BJ Boyd, who are both psychologists who have worked extensively with individuals, couples, and families. We hope you'll come be a part of this exciting and affirming experience to draw closer to your partner!

If there is interest, we will also hold special sessions to talk about using the Love Languages in families with kids and teenagers.

**Starts March 13th and there will be 8 classes**

# CURRENT-PAST CHURCH EVENTS



## Jane Muntz's 100th Birthday Surprise Party



Pastor Roberto Escamilla and Jane Muntz



Birthday Girl Jane Muntz!!



Dortha Escamilla and Jane Muntz

### UPCOMING INFORMATION

#### Lenten Prayer Vigil

Saturday, March 9th  
in the Chapel from  
8:00 am to 12:00 pm

If you have any questions  
please contact

Gail Danielson or Jenna Rahm.

**PRAYER  
VIGIL**

#### Golden Agers Returns

Wednesday, March 27th

Visitation at 11:00 am, meeting at 11:30 am  
and meal at 12:00 pm

There will be music by J.L. Stillwell  
of the McSwain, good food, prayer concerns  
and fellowship[.

Anyone and everyone ages 55 and  
older are welcomed.

# MARCH 2019

**NO ACTIVITIES IN THE CLC FROM MONDAY THE 18th- FRIDAY THE 22ND DUE TO THE FLOORS BEING WAXED**



**\*Confirmation Classes Begin\***  
 Sunday, March 31st  
 From 9:30 am to 10:30 am  
**(Weekly on Sundays Until May 6th)**

**SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES**

**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	Sat
3	4 5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm: Cub Scouts (CLC/Classrooms) 6:00pm: Sharing Group Meeting (Parlor) 7:15 pm: Scouts Troop Meeting 8:00 pm: ECU Wesley Fusion Worship (ECU Wesley Building)	5 10:00 am: Talmidim Bible Study (Library) 11:00 am: Prayer Warriors (Sanctuary- Prayer Room) 3:30 pm: Voices of Praise 7:30 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC)	6 12:00 pm: Ash Wednesday Service (Chapel) 1:00 pm: Card Ministry (Library) 4:00 pm: Sharing Group (Parlor) 6:30 pm: Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)	7 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 Team Group Meeting (Lindsay Classroom) 6:00 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC)	8 7:00 pm: Youth Group (Paintball/Laser Tag-TBA)	9 8:00 am: Prayer Vigil (Chapel) 12:00 pm: Lenten Retreat with Rev. Derrek Belase (Fellowship Hall)
10	11 10:00 am: Ruth Rachel (Parlor) 5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 5:30 pm: Mary Martha Women's Group Meeting (Parlor) 6:00 pm: Cub Scouts (CLC/Classrooms) 6:00 pm: Sharing Group Meeting (Parlor) 7:15 pm: Scouts Troop Meeting 8:00 pm: ECU Wesley Fusion Worship (ECU Wesley Building)	12 10:00 am: Talmidim Bible Study (Library) 11:00 am: Prayer Warriors (Sanctuary- Prayer Room) 3:30 pm: Voices of Praise 7:30 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC)	13 1:00 pm: Knitting Group (Parlor) 4:00 pm: Sharing Group (Parlor) 6:00 pm: 5 Love Languages Class (Fellowship Hall)	14 5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm: District Boy Scout Round Table Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC)	15 7:00 pm: Youth Group (Camp Fire)	16
17 	18 11:00 am: Pontotoc County Boots N Badges Blood Drive (CLC) 5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 6:00pm: Sharing Group Meeting (Parlor)	19 10:00 am: Talmidim Bible Study (Library) 11:00 am: Prayer Warriors (Sanctuary- Prayer Room)	20 8:00 am: Matthew 25 Mission Packaging (St. Lukes Episcopal Church) 4:00 pm: Sharing Group (Parlor)	21 8:00 am: Matthew 25 mission Distribution (St. Lukes Episcopal Church) 5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm: Stephen Minister Supervisory Team Group Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)	22 <b>NO YOUTH GROUP MEETING</b> <b>*SPRING BREAK*</b>	23
24	25 5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm: Cub Scouts (CLC/Classrooms) 6:00pm: Sharing Group Meeting (Parlor) 7:15 pm: Scouts Troop Meeting 8:00 pm: ECU Wesley Fusion Worship (ECU Wesley Building)	26 10:00 am: Talmidim Bible Study (Library) 11:00 am: Prayer Warriors (Sanctuary- Prayer Room) 3:30 pm: Voices of Praise 5:30 pm: GSPS Board Meeting (Parlor) 7:30 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC)	27 11:00 am: Golden Agers (Fellowship Hall) 1:00 pm: Knitting Group (Parlor) 4:00 pm: Sharing Group (Parlor) 6:00 pm: 5 Love Languages Class (Fellowship Hall)	28 5:15 pm: Low Impact Exercise Group (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm: Pickle Ball (CLC) 7:30 pm: District Scout Leaders Meeting (Lindsay Classroom)	29 7:00 pm: Youth Group (Camp Fire)	30



Spring break will be here before you know it!

Join us for a mission trip to Cross Point Camp to help get the grounds ready for summer camp!

# Spring Break!

Cross Point Mission Trip  
Friday, March 15th– Monday, March 18th

Help get camp ready for summer! We will be:

Mowing

Picking up Limbs

Painting

Laying Carpet

\$200 covers everything:  
meals, snacks,  
transportation,  
and more.

Contact Janey Wilson  
with questions  
[ecuwesley@gmail.com](mailto:ecuwesley@gmail.com)  
or (405) 651-4191

Janey Wilson  
ECU Wesley Campus Minister  
Email: [ecuwesley@gmail.com](mailto:ecuwesley@gmail.com)  
ECU Wesley Website:  
[www.ecuwesley.org](http://www.ecuwesley.org)  
ECU Wesley 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)

- ECU Wesley Weekly FUSION Worship Service: Monday's @ 8 pm (unless there is no classes)
- Tuesdays @ 7 pm: Women's Bible Study @ Emily Taylors house: Mens Bible Study @ the Harris' home (these 2 bible studies begin January 15, 2019 and will end March 12th, 2019)

# Monthly Newsletters

## DATES



**Date it will be mailed:    Articles Due by:**

March 26th  
April 23rd  
May 28th

March 6th  
April 3rd  
May 1st

## KNITTING GROUP

About a year ago, a knitting class started with the purpose of learning to knit or improving skills and techniques. Members of the class have enjoyed exchanging patterns and several have donated knitted items to a variety of charitable groups. After a break during months of January and February, the class will resume on March 13th and continue to meet in the Parlor on the second and fourth Wednesday at 1:00 pm. We would love to have new people join us- both beginners and those who have knitted in the past. In addition, we would like to know of those who would be interests in a evening class as well as someone who would like to be the facilitator for an evening class. If you have any questions or are interested please contact Loyleta Cacy at (580) 436-1270 or Mary Ann Briggs at (580) 759-2123.

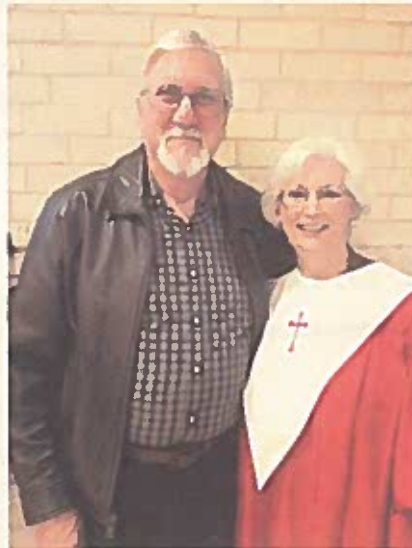
# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We would like to welcome...



**Paul and Cindy Keefer**

Paul and Cindy Keefer joined our church on February 17th, 2019 .



**Richard and Kay Shaw**

Richard and Kay Shaw joined our church on December 16th, 2018.



**Ryan and Melissa Shaw**

Ryan and Melissa Shaw joined our church on December 16th, 2018.



**Richard and Mamie Thompson**

joined our church on February 24th, 2019.



## Opportunities of the Week



## Church Family Prayer List

### Table Hoppers

Go To

CHEEVER'S

cafe

**Friday, March 1st, 2019**

The Table Hoppers group will leave the church around 9:30 am for Cheevers restaurant in Oklahoma City. After lunch they will take a tour of the State Capital. Please let Carol Hayden know if you plan on going by calling or texting her at (580) 399- 0705.

**GREAT FOOD AND FUN!**

### ATTENDANCE

#### February 3rd, 2019

Sunday School	175
Chapel Service	73
Sanctuary Service	162
Online	13

**Total Worship** 248

#### February 10th, 2019

Sunday School	193
Chapel Service	68
Sanctuary Service	152
Online	14

**Total Worship** 234

#### February 17th, 2019

Sunday School	202
Chapel Service	74
Sanctuary Service	174
Online	13

**Total Worship** 261

#### February 24th, 2019

Sunday School	191
Chapel Service	72
Sanctuary Service	179
Online	14

**Total Worship** 265

## P R A Y

Roy Allen, Avery Anderson, Raymond Annanders, Jane Baltimore, Pat Beasley, Ben Bixler, Sandy Bixler, Andrea Blackburn, Joella Borcharding, Tammy Brown, Sam Bumpus, Kyra Cooper, Matthew Davis, Larry Cole, Ann Dicus, Larry Drennan, Ed Echalk, Scottie Furiminsky, Michelle Gibson, Rob Holloway, Kim Holton, Paul Keefer, Ruthie Kerr, Bob Langston, Bill & Janet Larney, Ray Larsen, Joe & Lynn Marquis, Lenora Mayer, Diane M'Cause Chesser, Betty McCutcheon, Johnny Moss, Glenda Moon, Tim Mummey, Joe Joe Richardson, Dina Sachs, Lucas Saunders, Stephanie Sill, Lindsay Snow, Jodi Standard, Darrel Thompson, Betty Townsend, Lacy Tritten, Calvin White, Richard Williams, Laney and Paul Williams, Rance Willis, Elizabeth Witherow

### LONG-TERM:

Cliff Chapman, Floyd Gurley, Holly Hawk, Jennifer Hood, Randy Johnson, Chuck Lindholm, Mike Manning, Lenora Mayer, Greg Perry

### EXPECTANT MOTHERS:

Taylor Adam, Victoria Aguilar, Kandice Estrada

## Memorials

### Marty Skinner

By: Keta Morgan  
Mary Ann Briggs  
Dorothy Hutt

Wayne and Bernice Coston  
Gayle Logsdon

### Don Birdwell

By: Mary Ann Briggs

### Evelyn Collins

By: Fellowship Class

### Jewell Collins

By: Jane Muntz

### Anelle Ashcraft

By: Jane Muntz