



Meadowcreek

United Methodist Church Newsletter

June
2017

Memories from the Ladies Farewell Tea
for Gail & Janae Mangan May 28, 2017

Pastor:
Rev. Mark Whitley
Administrative Council
Chair: Steve Leslie
Lay Leader:
Dolly Kirk
Trustee Chairperson:
Ray Roberts
Office Hours:
Monday thru
Thursday
8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Church Office Closed Friday



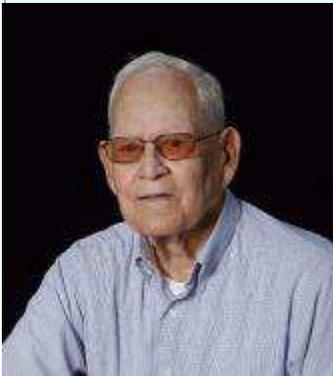
FATHERS DAY By Carol Mathews

Memorial Day Flag Ceremony

Sunday, May 28, 2017

Performed by: Harold Goad Jr., Retired Officer & Dolly Kirk, Master Sergeant, USAF
Narrated by: Janie Alonzo Bretanus, Quartermaster 3rd class, U. S. Navy

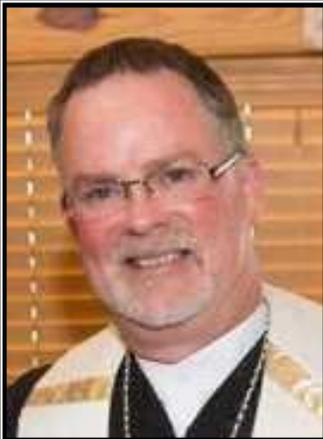
He'll throw a ball for hours
Until you get it right
Chase away the nightmares
In the middle of the night.
Drinks tiny cups of coffee
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Helps build a fort
or playhouse
Up in the tallest tree.
Let's all take time for Dad
Let him know we care
Shake his hand
and thank him
For always being there.



Max John Smith
August 28, 1923 - June 04, 2017



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Rev. Mark T. Whitley

Rev. Mark Whitley was appointed pastor at Verdigris United Methodist Church in June 2011. He is a compassionate shepherding pastor, and has a missional spirit to bring Christ's hope and healing to the least, the last, the lost, the broken, and the broken-hearted. Mark is deeply sacramental in his worship style. His greatest pastoral gifts are in pastoral care, spiritual formation, discipleship, teaching. He is becoming a capable church administrator, and he has found his prophetic preaching voice. Since his first appointment in 2003, every church Mark has led or served has paid 100% of its apportionments each and every year.

Mark was ordained as a United Methodist elder in full connection in May 2011. He graduated in May 2008 with his Master of Divinity degree (with high honors) from Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa. Mark began work on his Doctor of Ministry degree in Prophetic Word and Service in August 2016 at St. Paul School of Theology. Previously he served as the associate pastor at the First United Methodist Church in Bixby from November 2007 to May 2011. Mark also served United Methodist churches in student appointments in Verden and Waukomis, OK. Prior to full time local church ministry, Mark was chaplain and director of funds development at Epworth Villa, a United Methodist-affiliated retirement community in Oklahoma City from 2003-2005. His first position in Christian ministry was as a planned giving officer for The Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation from October 2000 to June 2003.

Mark completed three years of training in 2012 with The Sojourn Institute of Tulsa, OK and is a credentialed Spiritual Director. Mark and Susan have provided very active clergy leadership in three Walks to Emmaus communities in Oklahoma. Mark and Susan have also provided clergy leadership for the Walk to Emmaus community in Hong Kong, China since 2012.

Mark serves on the Oklahoma Annual Conference Council. He served as the Chairperson of the Oklahoma Conference Board of Church & Society from 2012-2016. Previously, Mark served as the Vice Chair of the Oklahoma Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry. Mark also served for a time as Vice Chair of the Board the Wesley Foundation at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. Mark is active as a clergy participant in Conference camping ministries, especially with the lower elementary-aged campers.

Mark was a health-care professional for 26 years before entering into the ministry. He worked the last 14 years in organ and tissue donation, and was at one time the Senior Technical Director (Acting) of the 34 local transplant programs once affiliated with American Red Cross National Tissue Services Program in Washington, DC. Mark transferred to Oklahoma City in 1996 from Washington, DC with the American Red Cross after a year of supporting local recovery efforts in response to the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. He has two Bachelor of Science degrees in Biology from McNeese State University in Lake Charles, LA. Here in Oklahoma, Mark found grace through the United Methodist Church and reclaimed his faith in God through Jesus Christ in 1996 at age 37 after being a professing atheist for 20 years.

Mark has been married to Rev. Susan Whitley for 37 years. Susan is the pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Skiatook, OK. Susan taught elementary school for 23 years until she began full time local church ministry in January 2006. Susan was ordained as an elder in full connection in 2012. Mark and Susan are from Lake Charles, Louisiana. Mark and Susan take deep pride in their three children, Bryan (34), Chris (32), and Caitlin (25); all are married, are professionally successful, and live in the Oklahoma City area. Mark and Susan are proud first-time grandparents with the birth of Chris' daughter Addie Whitley on December 20, 2016.

Pastor Mark's Listening Tour

Dear Meadowcreek Family,

These are exciting days now that we have entered "the Changeover Zone" and are preparing to receive a new pastor....and I'm even more excited about the ministry and growth opportunities to come under the leadership of Meadowcreek's next pastor, Rev Mark Whitley!

It has been a blessing to have served as your pastor these past 8 years, and now it is a privilege to pass the baton of leadership to a trusted colleague.

Pastor Mark is eager to "hit the ground running," and learn more about the church and its ministries. That is why one of the last things I'll be doing as your outgoing pastor is to organize a "Listening Tour" to be held during his first few weeks as your incoming pastor!

Here is how the Listening Tour happens:

- The congregation is invited to gather for 90 minutes in small groups in various homes for a dessert and opportunity to share with Pastor Mark from your perspective about the church's history, culture, and future.
- The "Listening Tour" is just that: a time for him to listen and learn about our church and its members! This is not a time for us to 'interview' him or to probe about his views and vision...he wants to be doing a whole lot more listening than talking.
- Please register soon on the sign-up sheet, or by contacting the church office at 918-371-3250. And, encourage your friends and others to sign-up us as well; The "Listening Tour" will work best when as many people as possible participate; you will receive a confirmation email/letter once you have signed-up.

Of course by the time the "Listening Tour" begins, I will be gone, starting my next ministry as pastor of Tulsa Will Rogers. But you will enjoy this important time with Pastor Mark and your friends as Meadowcreek takes this next step in its faith journey.

Blessings!



Pastor Brian



Meadowcreek is "passing the baton" of pastoral leadership!

It is bittersweet as we say goodbye to Pastor Brian, his wife Gail and daughter Janae. They have been a blessing to us for the past eight years, and will be greatly missed. We wish them well in their new appointment.

And, it is with great hope that we prepare to receive our new pastor, Reverend Mark Whitley on Sunday, June 11, 2017.

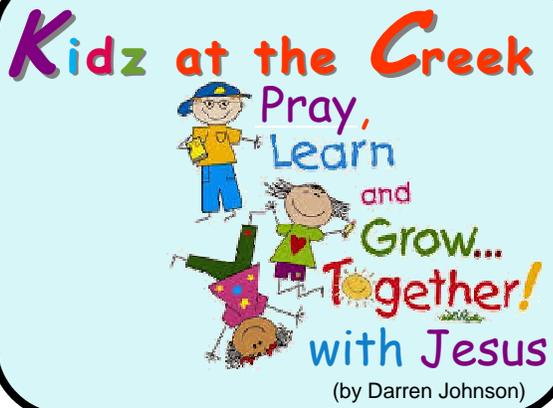
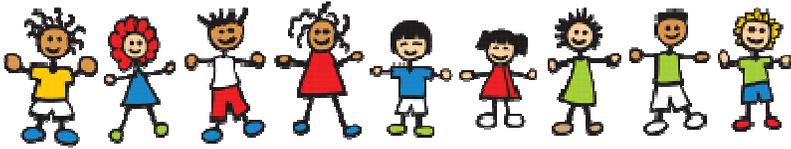
This is our prayer, and hope you make this your prayer as well:

Dear Lord, we thank you for your faithfulness, your grace, and your love. We especially thank you for the past eight years with Pastor Brian and his family, as we have worked together to make a difference in the name of Jesus Christ.

We ask now that during this time of transition, you would help us to trust in you for a hopeful future. We thank you for this chapter in our lives together, and we anticipate with hope for the next chapter which will unfold with our new pastor, Reverend Mark Whitley who will begin to lead and pastor our congregation starting June 11, 2017.

Bless both Pastor Brian Mangan and Pastor Mark Whitley as they continue in the ministry of the Gospel.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen



Kidz at the Creek, our group for 3rd thru 5th graders, will **NOT** be meeting in June due to camps and other activities. We look forward to seeing you at camp and other activities this summer. See you soon!

Contact Darren for more details at 918-695-7290 or email at darren.johnson.253@gmail.com.



Youth will be meeting for lunch this Sunday, June 11th at noon for lunch and a movie.

We will be not having Wednesday night Bible Study this summer because of camps and other activities. Stay tuned for more details!

Also, summer is getting closer and our youth will be attending YouthForce at Grove UMC on July 23rd thru 28th. This is unlike any other camp experience because it is a weeklong mission project with activities and worship. It will be a great experience for all involved. Please consider donating to help a youth attend camp this summer. More info is available from Darren by email at darren.johnson.253@gmail.com by texting or calling 918-695-7290.



Vacation Bible School

*Vacation Bible School 2017
July 9th thru 13th here at Meadowcreek.*

Get out your superhero capes and get ready for a great time experiencing God thru our children at "Hero Central"!

Please take a look at the VBS Snack Sign-up display in the lobby. Take a post-it and be sure to write down what you will be bringing. Also, be on the look out for a Supply List Sign-up as well.

We would love for you to volunteer! So, come to the next meeting on July 6th at 6:30pm

Contact Darren at 918-695-7290 or email at darren.johnson.253@gmail.com.



Your Meadowcreek Family is PROUD OF YOU



Our own Mrs. Juanita Jones is the deserving recipient of the following award!

2017 MIRROR MIRROR GALA HONOREE

2017 LEGACY AWARD

Juanita Jones



In June 1976, Juanita Jones volunteered in the first summer program for 40 underprivileged children living at the Colonial Park Apartments. This was the inception of Destination Discovery, now known as Youth At Heart. Juanita's experience as a teacher inspired her vision to integrate education and social development in the program. Her passion led her to become the first President of the Board and expand the program to other apartment sites and low-performance schools.

Throughout her career in Tulsa Public Schools she taught a variety of grades and in special programs - one of which was in the new pilot program for students with learning disabilities. In addition to classroom teaching she was involved with teacher training and working with volunteers in tutoring and mentoring skills. After retiring she worked at Metro Christian Academy helping develop a diagnostic and learning center that served grades K-12. Her years of work in Destination Discovery involved a broad span of activities with community involvement with churches, education, business leaders, politicians, as well as the students.

On May 21, 2017 Meadowcreek UMC Recognized the graduates of the Class of 2017 with the presentation of a bible to honor their accomplishments and wish them well in the future.



Pastor Brian Mangan
and Lauren Stumpff,
2017 Skiatook High School Graduate



Pastor Brian Mangan
and Jordon McVicker,
2017 Owasso High School Graduate

Not pictured: Adam Rush—2017 Winfield High School Graduate and
Daniel Straight—2017 Tulsa Community College Graduate.

UPCOMING Events

June

- June 4 - Pastor Brian's last Sunday with Farewell Fellowship Meal at noon
- June 6 - VBS meeting at 6:30 pm
- June 11 - Pastor Mark Whitley's first Sunday at MUMC
- June 12-15 - Listening Tour with Pastor Mark at 6:30 pm
- June 12-16 - Camp United at Eagan for 7th grade – graduated seniors
- June 17-18 - Sonshine Camp at Eagan for 1st -2nd grade
- June 18 - Father's Day
- June 19-21 - Listening Tour with Pastor Mark at 6:30 pm
- June 25 - Fellowship Welcome Meal for Pastor Mark at noon
- June 26-28 - Growin in Grace Camp at Eagan for 3rd – 5th grade
- June 26-30 - 6th Grade Camp at Eagan
- June 27 - Listening Tour with Pastor Mark at 10am

July

- July 2 - Listening Tour with Pastor Mark at 3pm
- July 6 - VBS Meeting
- July 9-13 - VBS
- July 10-13 - School Supply sign-up 10am-1pm
- July 17-20 - School Supply sign-up 10am-1pm
- July 24-27 - School Supply sign-up 10am-1pm
- July 23-28 - Youth-Force in Grove

WEEKLY EVENTS:

- Wednesday — 9:30 am Prayer Group meeting
NO Youth Bible Study during summer due to camps and other activities
— Choir is on summer break after June 11th
- Thursday — 9:30 am Adult Bible Study
— 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice
- Sunday — 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service
— 9:45 am Sunday School
— 10:50 am Contemporary Worship Service
— 4:00 pm Youth Group meeting

MONTHLY EVENTS:

- 1st Monday – Trustees Meeting at 6:15 pm
- 4th Monday – Administrative Council Meeting at 7:00 pm
- 3rd Thursday – Finance Meeting at 7:15 pm

Volunteer Opportunities

Please Remember to Sign-up In the lobby to be a greeter, liturgist, or host hospitality in the fellowship hall each Sunday.

**ALSO, if you are interested in taking over the online prayer requests, please contact Marsha in the church office at 918-371-3250
Peace & Blessings to All**

June



July

Carolyn Stewart June 05
Tom Bostelmann June 12
JR Ludewick June 12
Harold Goad Jr. June 13
Mabel Hodge June 14
Scott Hodge June 17
Molly Sanford June 19

Jo Gibson June 21
Janae Mangan June 22
Kiana McVicker June 23
Kenny Pollard June 24
Keri Houts June 25
Bill Phillips June 26

Connie Goad July 3
Debbie Harvey July 8
Marie Lohman July 10
Hunter Paul July 10
Joe Mitchell July 12
Tom Boyer July 16

Mariah Blunt July 22
Charles Roberts July 22
David Vasey July 23
Marlene Spicer July 29
Orval Blunt II July 30
Bill Harrington July 31

🕒 If your birthday does not appear on this list of church members, please contact the church office, and we'll be sure to add you to the list for next year!