

Spire Notes

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA

February 18, 2018

I want to take a moment to invite you to an exciting new study we will begin in March. It's called the "Alpha Course" and it's a basic course on Christianity that both Christian's and seekers will benefit from. Nicky Gumbel the founder of Alpha describes it this way, "Alpha is friends bringing friends". Although I believe that you will enjoy each of the Alpha sessions, your unchurched friends might enjoy it even more. It's for that reason that we are making invitation cards for all of you so that you can invite your friends in a very casual way. I want to ask you to begin praying about who you think God is prompting you to invite to this potentially life changing course which will begin on Wednesday March 14th. Then come and bring your friends.

The basic format will be food at 5:30, a few brief worship songs, and then a talk given via video, discussion in small groups and we will finish by 7:30. We are asking that church members pay for their food but our guests will not be expected to pay so if you would like to chip in a little extra that would be a blessing. I believe that Alpha can be one of the things that can help us grow as a congregation both in our relationship to Christ and also in our relationship to others in the community. It is also going to provide a place to try to plug in our friends that we are making through some of the other outreaches we are doing like Friday Friends. We will be doing an Alpha for older children and youth as well, so we are getting more and more excited about what God wants to do here.

It is awesome that our Friday Friends program is really benefiting a number of children and their families in the community and we feel like we are truly making an impact for Christ in the lives of the children that we are blessed to serve. We want to say thanks to everyone that is helping with that ministry in big and small ways. If you haven't yet volunteered, one of our current needs is for people to come and read with the younger children and listen to the older children read to you. If you can invest an hour of your time on Friday reading with a child, we need you. They need you!

In Christ's Service,

Roland

LOCAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP TRAINING EVENT

Saturday, March 3rd

10am — 12pm (check in open @ 9:30am)

PRYOR FUMC

400 E GRAHAM—PRYOR, OK 74361

SPRC Training

Led by Emery Mason, District Superintendent

Trustee Training

Led by Fred Sordahl, Local Attorney-at-Law

Finance Training

Led by Brenda Scrivner, District Administrator

2ND ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY, MARCH 9TH

MARCH MADNESS EDITION

Doors Open @ 6:30 pm—Game begins @ 7

Glenpool Conference Center

12205 S Yukon Ave, 74033

Teams of 8 \$150

Individuals \$20

Millennials \$15

Tickets are available electronically at

<https://www.eventbrite.com> OR

Living Water UM Church

14440 S. Elwood Ave.

Glenpool, OK

918-500-4457

Crazy Fun—March Theme

6 rounds of questions for everyone.

Included is soft drinks and light snacks.

Other games: 50/50, table games and

True/False.

There will be a silent Auction and a Dessert Auction.

(Desserts can be eaten in the last 2 rounds of play!)

**Recycle Your Aluminum @
FUMC**

Not sure your container is aluminum?
Test it with a magnet. A magnet will
not attract aluminum.



Memorial Gifts may be made to any ministry of the church by contacting the church office, placing money in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or making an on-line donation. Please mark your donation appropriately so it gets to the right place.



Mary Ann Herrick

Vivian Swafford—Memorial

Berneice Bruch

Vivian Swafford—Memorial

Pat Miller

Edward & Barbara Osborn—Memorial

Rex Donley—Memorial

John & Gwen Fidler—Memorial

Vivian Swafford—Memorial

Bill & Lynda Barksdale—Memorial

Gill & Nancy Graham—Memorial

John & June Smith—Memorial

Bob & Nila Barnard—Memorial

The Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation as well as the Discipleship and Mission & Service Ministry Teams are pleased to bring:

A Day with Ruby Payne

Thursday, March 15, 2018

10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

At First United Methodist Church

201 West Main

Moore, OK

The day will introduce participants to the issues of poverty, how poverty affects our churches and schools and how we can minister to people in our communities. The event is *free of charge—however pre-registration is required and can be completed at this link:*

<https://okumc-reg.brapp.com/ADayWithRubyPayne-March2018>.

United Methodist Men's

Dinner Club

February 21st, Wednesday @

5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

(Come fellowship with us!)

Student Ministry News!

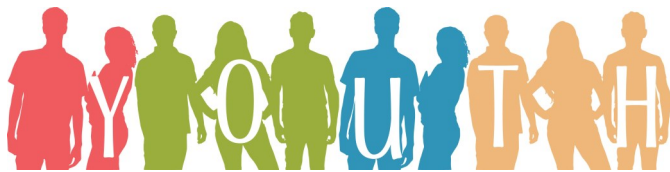
CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRY

February 18th—5-7:30 Youth

February 25th—5-7:30 Youth

March 4th—5-7:30 Youth

March 11th—5-7:30 Youth



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church will be held during the 11 o'clock service every Sunday during the month (*except* the 1st Sunday). The children are learning and growing in their faith every week. If you have any questions please see Jeana Robinson.

Thank you for
sharing your children!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Don't forget Children's Sunday School every Sunday at 10:00 am in the Children's Building.



FRIDAY FRIENDS

Every Friday

7:30am — 3:15pm

Visit our website to enroll
at www.fumcokmulgee.org
To register.

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**GROWING TOGETHER IN CHRIST
 AS WE REACH OUT AND SERVE OTHERS!**

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 Rev. Roland Youngberg, Minister
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 Susie Fuller, Secretary
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 Marie Harris, Pianist
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 Jack & Janel Wright, Custodians
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This free newsletter is sent to our members and recent visitors and is issued on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. If you would like to be removed from our mailing list, contact Susie at the church office at 918-756-6083 or fumcokm@gmail.com
 Our Website: <http://www.fumcokmulgee.org>

PRAYER CONCERNS	
David Boss	Carol Spindle
Fred Burks	Kearby Weatherly
Emma Grace Calle	Mary Whittenburg's Granddaughter, Bryley
Wyatt Campbell	Dixie Wilhite
Rachel Cockburn	Merrick Winters
Jorene Coker	
Clarence Cushiner	
Alice Dangott	
Loretta Danker	<u>Continue to Remember:</u>
Karen Davis	JoAnna Fife
Karena Driskill	Valerie Mann Gould
Marsha Fulton	David Harris
C.J. Grabo	Dan Jones
Bob Hart	Maggie Malone
Carl Lee	Kenneth Mann
Miss Lee	Leota McGuire
Amanda Bailey Leonard	Beth Myers
Christy Newendorp	Lonnie Nelson
Brenda Phillips	Bill Patterson
Robert Roland	Linda Rich-Harris
Evella Reagan	Monica VonKettler's Mother
David Reagor	James Yeager
Kathy Riley	Service Men & Women
Lisa Rogers	

	OUR PRESENCE		
	JAN 28	FEB 4	FEB 11
Sunday	37	26	25
Worship Total	84	88	85