

# Spire Notes

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*FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH*

*OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA*

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One of the great things about being a United Methodist is that working together we can make a bigger impact reaching the world for Christ than we could if we were just trying to do the work as individual congregations. The way that we carry out that work as a denomination is through our Apportionment giving. Each church is apportioned a percentage of the total annual conference budget which is approved at annual conference each year. This percentage is calculated on what we spend each year on our own ministry. So this year our percentage total apportionment is \$43,523 this number breaks down to support the following ministries.

World Service/Conference Benevolence	6,896
Ministerial Education Fund	1,653
Black College Fund	659
Africa University	148
Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference	362
Camps and Conferences	724
Restore Hope	226
Skyline Urban Ministry	226
New People/New Places	3,241
New Faith Communities	2,660
Criminal Justice & Mercy Ministries	905
Cookson Hills Center	166
Neighborhood Services Organization	30
Hispanic Ministry	347
Office of Mission	935
Project Transformation	15
Oklahoma City University	2,073
Campus Ministries	1,744
Circle of Care	1,688
Lydia Patterson Institute	194
Board of Ordained Ministry	573
St. Paul's Seminary at OCU	648
Interdenominational Cooperation	129
General Administration	581

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Jurisdictional Administration	119
Okla Conf Admin Fund	4,357
Communications	1,716
District Superintendent Fund	3,537
Episcopal Fund and Housing	1,491
Equitable Compensation Fund	603
Ministers Moving Fund	603
Retired Clergy Health Fund	4,523

A detailed breakdown of how each of these funds benefits the Kingdom of God is available on the conference web page OKUMC.org. Just click on Admin Services and drop down to apportionments and it will take you to this breakdown and an explanation of each of these funds. We are behind in our general giving which has put us behind on paying our apportioned share of our missional giving. So I would like to update you on where we stand and challenge individuals' and groups in the church - Sunday School Classes, United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Youth etc. - to adopt one of our apportionments for this year and find ways to pay that fund. Year-to-date we have given \$9,608 which is right at 22% of the total. We have paid the bottom five of the above list with the exception of still needing to pay \$1,379 on the retired clergy fund. All of the rest are available to adopt. We will have the list in the sanctuary and Rowe Family Life Center for both services on Sunday July 2. Please pray about choosing one of these so that we can do our part in funding these important ministries. Please also remember the church in your regular giving as summer is a time when it is easy to get behind.

In Christ's Service,

Roland

**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.



**Memorial Gifts**

Coleen Martinni—Bill & Danna Martin

**Youth Camp**

Irving Youngberg—Bill & Helen Nygard

**The Sanctuary and the Rowe Center are equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask the sound booth for a receiver.**



**RECYCLE YOUR ALUMINUM**

**United Methodist Men will recycle your ALUMINUM.**

Bring your (rinsed):  
 Aluminum beverage cans, Aluminum Foil, Pie tins  
 Baking trays, Cat food cans, Vienna sausage cans ... to name a few.



Check it out, if it attracts a magnet they can't recycle it.

(no soup cans, please!)

**LEADERSHIP TEAM**



**The next Meeting:**  
**Thursday, July 13th**  
**6:00 pm—Sub Groups**  
**7:00 pm—Leadership Team**

# Student Ministry News!

## CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRY

July 2nd— No Youth

July 9th— No Youth

July 9th—14th— Mission Trip

July 16th— Youth 5:00-7:30 pm

July 23rd— Youth 5:00-7:30 pm

### **\*\*\*MANDATORY\*\*\*** **MISSION TRIP MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, 6/28/17 @ 7:00 PM**  
**(DINNER PROVIDED)**

**FOR YOUTH MEMBERS GOING ON THE  
TRIP AND THEIR PARENTS**

All needed information will be handed  
out, itinerary, packing list, etc.



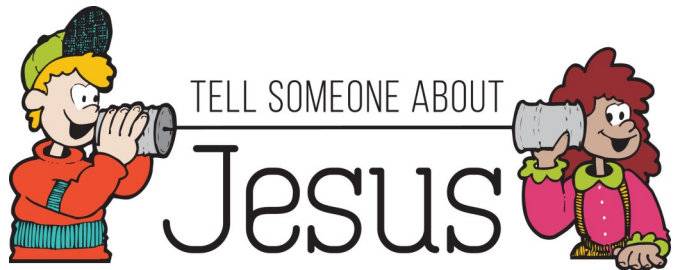
# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## 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.



**We need volunteers to  
help with  
Children's Church &  
Vacation Bible School!**

**Visit with:**  
**Jeana Robinson,**  
**Children's Director**

## **SPIRE NOTES**

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

### **STAFF:**

Bishop Jimmy Nunn, Oklahoma Conference  
Rev. Emery Mason, District Superintendent  
Rev. Roland Youngberg, Minister  
Jeana Robinson, Children's Director  
Kendall Warren, Youth Director  
Susie Fuller, Secretary  
Keith Garrison, Choir Director  
Corinne Pitts, Organist  
Marie Harris, Pianist  
Joy Crow, Nursery Coordinator  
Jack & Janel Wright, Custodians  
Helen Nygard, Pantry Coordinator

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 the church office at 918-756-6083 or Susie at [fumcokm@gmail.com](mailto:fumcokm@gmail.com)  
Our Website: <http://www.fumcokmulgee.org>

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Judy Alexander	Liam Ritchie
Merle Berryhill	Lisa Rogers, Robyn
Emma Grace Calle	Walter's Sister
Wyatt Campbell	Carol Spindle
Jorene Coker	Daughter of Fred Whitmer
De Cooper	Mary Whittenburg's Grand-
Brent Dunlap	Daughter, Bryley
Tamme Garrison	Merrick, Jason Winter's
Sue Goodman	Daughter
C.J. Grabo	<u>Continue to Remember:</u>
Jerry Hammond, Jack	Berneice Bruch
Baker's Brother-in-law	JoAnna Fife
Family of Bob Hasselman	Valerie Mann Gould
Family of Coleen Martinni	David Harris
Carol & Carl Nichols'	Mary Ann Herrick
Daughter	Maggie Malone
Beth Myers	Kenneth Mann
Lanny Myers	Leota McGuire
Lonnie Nelson	Pat Miller
Kyme Nygard	Bill & Pat Patterson
David Reager	Monica VonKettler's Mother
Linda Rich	James Yeager
Cathi Rikard	Service Men & Women

### **OUR PRESENCE**

	<u>June 18</u>	<u>June 25</u>
Sunday School	19	22
Worship Total	90	80