

# Spire Notes

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*FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH*

*OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA*

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Wow, there are a number of things that are happening in our Green Country District in the near future. On **Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>**, we are having the *Green Country District Conference* at Claremore First United Methodist Church at 1:30 p.m. Bishop Nunn, the new Bishop of the Oklahoma Annual Conference and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference will be preaching and offering Holy Communion. This will be an excellent opportunity to hear our new Bishop and have an opportunity to meet him and his wife Mary. I hope that you will plan to attend. We will be taking the church van and carpooling if necessary. So please RSVP at the church office so we can reserve your spot: 756-6083.

The following **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** is the big *Mission Celebration* at Muskogee First United Methodist Church. Once again, we will be taking the van. We need to register online at the Green Country District website: [greencountrydistrict.org](http://greencountrydistrict.org). Please let us know that you will be attending so we can make plans for transportation to Muskogee. If you prefer, you can simply call the church office and we will take care of registering you. We are not planning on staying for lunch. The guest speakers for this come from all over the country and this will truly be a great time for us as a congregation to think about what God would have us do to reach people in our community. I'm really looking forward to this event and hope that you will join us for this important time together.

We would like to invite you to attend a small group class on "Three Simple Rules" beginning **September 21<sup>st</sup>**. We are planning to have dinner at 5:30pm for all who register and the study will start at 6:00pm and run to 7:30pm. The class will last six weeks, so we will be finishing up on October 26<sup>th</sup>. I hope that many of you will take advantage of this great opportunity to grow in your relationship to Jesus Christ. The first week we will learn the rule and the following week we will look at its application in our lives. We will do this with each of the rules which are, "Do No Harm," "Do Good," and "Stay in Love with God." I hope at the end of the study we will have grown as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Another event that is coming up on **October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**, we will be doing a church wide pictorial directory. You will be hearing more about this in the near future, but I want to take every opportunity I can to encourage every family and individual in the congregation to be photographed. This will be such an important tool for everyone as it will provide us a way to get to know one another and it will be a huge help to me personally as I'm trying to learn who you are and get to know you. Since we have two

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worship services, this will provide us another way to get to know others from the service we might not attend as often. So please make every effort to have your family photographed.



There is no obligation to buy pictures, although they will be offered to you and every family photographed receives a free directory and an 8x10 photo.

In Christ's Service,  
Roland

Sign Up Now! <https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/firstunitedmethodistchurch122/index.php?page=10>



We need ringers for Handbells!!! We meet at 5:00 PM Wednesday evenings in the parlor. It's not necessary to know how to read music, you just need a good sense of

rhythm and can tell your left from your right. Ringing is a great way to learn to read music. Please, contact

Keith Garrison (918) 616-1155 (call/text), or email [keithgarrison.choirguy@gmail.com](mailto:keithgarrison.choirguy@gmail.com)

for more information. Rehearsals will resume Wednesday, September 21, 5:00 PM in the parlor. Deadline to sign up to ring is Wednesday September 14, 2016.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### NOVEMBER 17—MOBILE PANTRY

#### (ON OUR PARKING LOT)

Will need 10-15 volunteers. Thanks for your support and prayers.

~~Helen

## Effective Churches In Mission Workshops

*Saturday, September 17*

*Muskogee FUMC*

*600 E. Okmulgee Street*

*8:30 am—1:30 pm*

*Optional afternoon session: 1:30-3:30*

*Optional Lunch—\$10*

*~~Workshops~~*

EFFECTIVE CONGREGATIONS IN COMMUNITY MISSION

DEVELOPING A MISSION STRATEGY

SUCCESSFUL POVERTY MINISTRY

ETHNIC & MULTICULTURAL MINISTRY

APPLYING MINISTRY INSIGHTS FROM THE GLOBAL CHURCH



The Sanctuary and the Rowe Center are equipped with a hearing assistance system.

Please ask the sound booth for a receiver.

## Fall Academy September 21 to October 26, 2016

*For All Ages*

**5:30 pm—Meals**

**6:00-7:30 pm—Classes**

A study of "Three Simple Rules" over the course of 6 weeks.

*No charge for the class, donations will be accepted for the meal.*



**United Methodist Men** make recycling aluminum easy. Two bins are available for your drop-off. One just south of the Harmony Building and one just inside the Pantry door. **Aluminum only** please. Some cat & dog food cans have steel and can't be used. If it attracts a magnet they can't recycle it.

Aluminum items that can be recycled:

Sardine cans

Alum. Foil

Baking trays

Beverage cans

Pie tins

Some pet food cans

# **Student Ministry News!**

## **CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Aug 28th** – Back to School Bash. 4:00-7:30 . Cookout at Jimmy and Robyn's house. Swimming and slip-n-slide kickball. Invite friends. Let me know how many are coming, so I can buy enough food.

**Sept 4th** – Youth 5:00-7:30. Part 2 of our Gospel study.

**Sept 11th** – Family Game Night 5:00-7:30. Youth please come at 4:00 to help setup.

**Sept 18th** – Youth 5:00-7:30. Part 3 of Gospel study.

# **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 Trent Mayberry. Thank you for sharing your children!

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

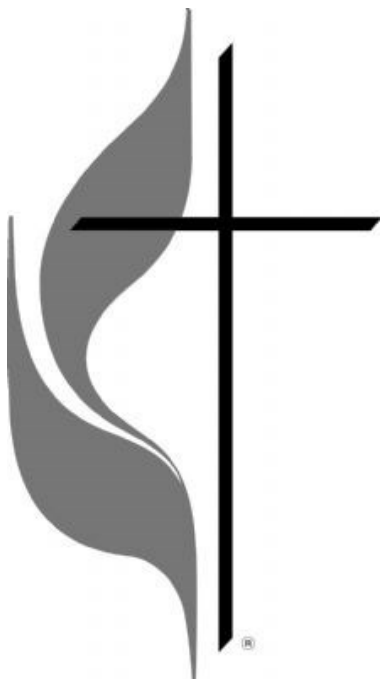


**We need  
volunteers to help with  
Children's Church!**

**Get with Trent and volunteer!  
918-752-7371**

## SPIRE NOTES

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*Growing Together in Christ  
as we Reach Out and Serve Others*

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Judy Alexander	Kris, Scott & Blaise Mayberry
Roger Ballenger	Pat Miller
Pam Bell	Gary & Becky Mounger
Berneice Bruch	Beth Myers
Michael Chorette	Dee Naifeh
Jorene Coker	Lonnie Nelson
Faulina Deere	Bill Nygard
Kelly & Carol Deer	Virginia Panter
Helen Fidler	Pat Patterson
Joanna Fife	Jay Schale
Valerie Mann Gould	Roger Short
C.J. Grabo	Gena Wallace Tolle
Mary Ann Herrick	Dr. & Mrs. Jerry Walker
Family of Alice Harlan	Jason Williams
Carrie Mabrey	James Yeager
Kenneth Mann	Local Hospital
June Marshall	

<b>STAFF:</b> Bishop Robert Hayes, Jr., Okla. Conference Rev. Emery Mason, District Superintendent Rev. Roland Youngberg, Minister Trent Mayberry, 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	<b>OUR PRESENCE</b>	
	<u>AUG 14</u>	<u>AUG 21</u>
Sunday School	39	54
Worship Total	81	103
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 <a href="mailto:fumcokm@gmail.com">fumcokm@gmail.com</a> Our Website: <a href="http://www.fumcokmulgee.org">http://www.fumcokmulgee.org</a> (Articles are due on Wednesdays prior to each newsletter.)		