



Spire Notes

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA

October 11, 2017

Dear Church Family,

What did Jesus mean when He said, “Whoever loses his life for My sake will find it?” How often do we stop to consider the commitment Christ expects? He’s not talking about writing a check or checking a box, but a life that is completely focused on giving to others what He has so graciously given to us.

In the coming weeks beginning October 22, I hope to address some of these questions and ideas as we begin a new series entitled *Living Generously*. This series is different than others we have done. It includes a series of films that tell the story of the Donovan family as they seek to understand what it means to live the words of Jesus. Each week we will see a glimpse of their journey as they take risks, experience suffering and joy, and find themselves transformed by the call of Christ. You won’t want to miss a single Sunday!

Life is busy, and it is easy for our hearts to be distracted by the demands we face. Each of us has so many blessings, but often our attitudes are less than grateful. It is my sincere hope that this series prompt us to take an inventory of the blessings God has entrusted to each of us. As we do, I hope we will be inspired with a new awareness of the goodness of God.

At the end of the series, we will give you the opportunity to share how you have been impacted. What an opportunity for our church family to celebrate God’s generosity! Will you join me in praying that God will prepare our hearts to hear His message of transforming generosity? And will you commit to coming each week?

Sincerely,

Roland Youngberg
Your Pastor



The next Meeting:
**Thursday,
October 12th**

AT 6:00 P.M.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETS IN
THE M&M CLASSROOM
SPRC & TRUSTEES MEET AT
THE PARSONAGE**

At 7:00 P.M.

**LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETS IN
THE M&M CLASSROOM**

Special thanks

...to Sean O'Brien and Jack Wright
for touching up the pipe organ
tuning. Because of heir willingness
and climbing ability we hope to save
the church \$1,400 in organ tuning
maintenance.

—Keith Garrison

FALL RECYCLED FLOOR MATS ARE IN!!

**Inventory Display in our
Rowe Family Life Center.**

Another project by
United Methodist Men

**Blessings,
Yankee Bill**



Pantry Report September 2017

| 2017 | SEPT. |
|---------------|-------|
| Households | 59 |
| Children 0-17 | 51 |
| Adults 18-54 | 73 |
| 55 & Over | 27 |
| Individuals | 151 |

Join Us!

for the Methodist Men's annual

BEAN DINNER

October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

11am - 1pm & 5-7pm

**Adults: \$6, Seniors: \$5,
Kids 12 and under free**



**First United Methodist Church
ROWE Family Life Center
8th and Seminole, Okmulgee**

Recycle Your Aluminum @ FUMC

- Rinsed... Cat food cans
- Beverage Cans Vienna sausage cans
- Foil Baking trays
- Pie tins (No soup or vegetable cans please)
- Baking trays



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

Student Ministry News!

CROSSFIRE YOUTH MINISTRY

October 15th—

Fright Fest @ Frontier City. 11 am leave church. Return 8 pm. \$22 per person for ticket and you will need some money to eat dinner.

October 22nd—Youth

5:00-7:30.

October 29nd— Youth 5:00-7:30. Halloween Party. We will have snacks and games. Costumes are welcome.



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!

Contact:

**Jeana Robinson,
Children's Director**

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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

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Our Website: <http://www.fumcokmulgee.org>

PRAYER CONCERNS

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Judy Alexander | Lisa Rogers |
| Merle Berryhill | Kearby Weatherly |
| Emma Grace Calle | Daughter of Fred Whitmer |
| Wyatt Campbell | Mary Whittenburg's Grand- |
| Jorene Coker | daughter, Bryley |
| De Cooper | Dixie Wilhite |
| Loretta Danker | Jo Carrol Williams, Bob |
| Karen Davis | Walker's Cousin |
| Karena Driskill | Merrick Winters |
| Brent Dunlap | |
| Marsha Fulton | |
| Valerie Goodwin | |
| C.J. Grabo | |
| Bob Hart | |
| Dan Jones | <u>Continue to Remember:</u> |
| Amanda Bailey Leonard | Berneice Bruch |
| McKenzie McCoy | JoAnna Fife |
| Beth Myers | Valerie Mann Gould |
| Lanny Myers | David Harris |
| Lonnie Nelson | Mary Ann Herrick |
| Brenda Phillips | Maggie Malone |
| Evella Reagan | Kenneth Mann |
| David Reagor | Leota McGuire |
| Linda Rich | Pat Miller |
| Cathi Rikard | Bill Patterson |
| Carol Spindle | Monica VonKettler's Mother |
| Heather Hennigan Wadley | James Yeager |
| Robyn Walters & Sister, | Service Men & Women |

OUR PRESENCE

| | <u>Oct 1</u> | <u>Oct 8</u> |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Sunday School | 27 | 27 |
| Worship Total | 84 | 88 |