



Spire Notes

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA

May 10, 2019

Friends, we have loved being your pastoral family these last few years. And as we leave to serve in another church, we want to say thank you for all the ways you have said goodbye so well! And we are excited for the ways that we know you are intentionally planning the welcome of your new pastor Sheri Lashley.

I am excited for the new chapter in my ministry and in yours. I am certain that Sheri will be a great blessing to First United Methodist Church Okmulgee. She brings beautiful gifts to the church especially the gift of music.

Change is hard but good. Sheri and I will both be busy in our new ministry settings and although we will miss our current churches, it is important for each of us to pour ourselves into our new congregations and communities.

With that in mind we want to share the ways that we will honor each other during the transition. I will refrain from making contact with any of you without Sheri's express permission. While we will always be brothers and sisters in Christ, Sheri is your pastor now and I want to respect that. I know that you will, too. I want to also express that to honor Sheri I will not return to Okmulgee in an official capacity to perform weddings, funerals, or memorial services.

Thank you for understanding my desire to keep firm and healthy boundaries and to respect Sheri's ministry at First United Methodist Church Okmulgee. Know that you will always have a special place in my heart and in my prayers. I am grateful for the ways God blessed our ministry together these last three years and look forward to the ways God will bless your ministry in the years to come.

With love, In Christ's Service,

Roland



Next Meeting:
TBA

Bob and Nila Barnard thanks all who sent cards or made telephone calls congratulating them on their 73rd wedding anniversary and for Bob's 94th birthday!



UMCOR CLEANING KITS

First United Methodist Church has responded to the call from the Oklahoma UM Office of Mission as a mission location in helping with the recent storms in Oklahoma by storing and distributing UMCOR Cleaning Kits (used to be called Flood Buckets). Donations will be accepted at \$75 per Kit. *For further information contact our local Mission Leaders:*

Bill Nygard, 918-752-8080

Marie Harris, 918-724-5774

Kelly Robinson, 918-650-2356

Mary Lewellen, 918-756-6083

—PICKUPS ARE NEEDED!—

Wednesday, June 12 @ 9 a.m.

We need at least **6 Pickups** to pickup and deliver buckets. If you can help—let Bill or another Mission Leader know.

There will be an Emergency Response Team Training, June 15, 2019, 8 am—3 pm, Muskogee First United Methodist Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma.



Recycle Your Aluminum @ FUMC

Rinsed...

Beverage Cans

Foil

Pie tins

Baking trays

Cat food cans

Vienna sausage cans

(No steel cans & No soup cans please)



Covered Dish Dinner For The Youngberg's June 16, 2019

Many blessings to...

Rev. Roland Youngberg and his family as he makes his way to Broken Arrow to serve. On May 16, 2019, the church will have a combined service 11 a.m. followed by a covered dish dinner in honor of his service to First United Methodist Church. Come join in wishing him well in a new adventure.

God bless you, Pastor!

A container will be available if anyone would like to give a love offering.

Article submitted by Bill Nygard, UMM

We recently learned of the "going home" of former First United Methodist Church in Okmulgee Pastor Reverend John Adams. Rev. Adams is survived by his wife Susan of Bartlesville, two daughters of Oklahoma City, and grand children and great grand children. Memorial contributions in his honor can be made to Bartlesville East Cross UMC or Okmulgee First United Methodist Church. Mrs. Adams address: 1201 Willow Park Road, Bartlesville, OK 74005. I recently had a special conversation with her, and she stated she and John had special memories of our great congregation. I have a telephone number for her. Just call me or email me anytime.

Bill: 918.752.8080 and email:

yankeebill2009@yahoo.com.

PANTRY REPORT APRIL 2019

0-17	31
18-54	47
55+	47
Military	4
Households	63

CROSSFIRE

June, 2019

Sunday, June 9, 2019

5 pm Feed the Youth (Thanks to Dana Sigmon)

Sunday, June 16, 2019

5 pm No Youth

Sunday, June 23, 2019

5 pm Feed the Youth (Thanks to Corinne Pitts)

Sunday, June 30, 2019

5 pm Feed the Youth (Thanks to Helen Nygard)

OK CAMPS 2019

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Camp</u>	<u>Date</u>
1st-2nd	*Sonshine	June 29-30
3rd-5th	*Growin' in Grace	June 24-26
3rd-5th	*Growin' In Grace	July 15-17
3rd-5th	*Joy	June 28-30
6th	*6th Grade	June 24-28
6th	*6th Grade	July 15-19
6th-8th	Journey	June 5-9
7th Grade	*Green Country	June 17-21

*Please note: you can still register up to ten days before the camp.

Children's Ministry News!

Sunday School for Children

Meets every Sunday at 10:00 am in the Children's Building.

**Children's
Church**

**Will be held every Sunday
(except the 1st Sunday of the month)**

Upcoming: VBS—Theme: To Mars and Beyond

Vacation Bible School is almost here. It has been scheduled for July 28 through August 1, 2019, 5:30—7:30 pm. Our first VBS meeting was Monday, June 3, 2019, 6 pm, in the M&M Room. OIMC churches Newtown, Little Cussetah, and Honey Creek, and First United Methodist Church were in attendance. We need volunteers, contact Jeana.

Vector Verse: Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us!



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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
Vacancy, Music Director
Corinne Pitts, Organist
Marie Harris, Pianist
Amber Walker, 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 Susie at the church office at 918-756-6083 or fumcokm@gmail.com
Our Website: <http://www.fumcokmulgee.org>

PRAYER CONCERNS

Susan Bain	Kathy Rikard
Bob Barnard	JoAnn Starr
Nila Barnard	
Melissa Blain	
Rachel Cockburn	
Kevin Lund	<u>Continue to Remember:</u>
Leah & Chase	Alice Dangott
Lisa, Amy, Jemma	David Harris
Lou Marbry	Dan Jones
Janice Mars	Kenneth Mann
Mary Ann Murry	Robert Roland
Susie Niklas	Service Men & Women
Vickie Palmer	Food Pantry Clients & Staff
Ron Polacek	
Rick & Pam Potts	

OUR PRESENCE

	<u>May 12</u>	<u>May 19</u>	<u>May 26</u>
Sunday School	30	18	15
Worship Total	120	80	85