



First United Methodist Church

Methodist Outreach

"We're Saving a Seat for You!"

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As I write this article, we are beginning our stewardship campaign. Although there have been many campaigns conducted here at Coweta First United Methodist church, this is the first one in quite a while. It is also a chance to continue the work we have begun revitalizing this congregation and church. We have often discussed the long list of things we have accomplished here in a relatively short period of time, but there is still much to do going forward. Even as I talk with pride about all that is happening, I realize we have to be careful not to lose sight of the true work we have before us.

Maintaining and improving our worship space and buildings is our responsibility as stewards of what we have been blessed with, but if we are not sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, it is all for naught. As United Methodists, our stated objective is to "Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." When Jesus started His ministry, he did not go sit in a building and say people should come join me. He went to where the people were and personally invited them to join Him. Matthew 4:19-20 "And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him."

I am fairly certain none of us will have the response Jesus received with so simple an invitation, but how many times do we take the time to make any invitation? How often have any of us thought, "I should have invited that person to church" after we walk away from a conversation? Our salvation is important, it is about how and where we will spend eternity. We have to ask, is it important for the people I come into contact with each and every day? Are we going to hope they have their relationship worked out with Jesus or are we going to talk about it? Being a member of the church does not guarantee our salvation, but I do not know of any other place to work out that salvation.

Too many people believe they can take care of it by themselves or they have plenty of time to worry about eternity later. Too many people are more worried about sleeping in, going to parties, or watching football than they are about their Souls. Some of that is our fault because we have not made church a priority in our lives. Part of this stewardship campaign is about us making a commitment of our time and talent to God. Take the opportunity during the pledge drive to evaluate your priorities and relationship with your Savior. Imagine what could happen if we make God our first priority in deed as well as word. Let the people you meet each day know that "We're saving a seat for you!"

Pastor John

October Worship Calendar

October 7

Romans 3:21-23

"Transformed by Faith"

October 14

1 John 4:7-5:3

"Transformed by Love"

October 21

Psalms 100

"All Hymn Sing"

October 28

Mark 10:46-52

"Your Faith has made you well"

IT'S A NEW MONTH

Be sure to continue your visits with your neighbors this month and pick up their pledged canned goods for CARD/Grace Center. Let Pastor John know if you have any questions.



We started a second adult Sunday School class on September 9th, 2018. Kelly Coday will be facilitating the class and it will meet in one of the FLC classrooms at 9:45 each Sunday. Kelly is starting off with a look at the NOOMA videos created by Rob Bell. There will be time to watch the video followed by discussion about how they relate to our lives. All are welcome to join.

LOVE is patient.
is kind. ♥
IT DOES NOT ENVY. IT DOES NOT BOAST.
IT DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS
IT IS NOT { SELF-SEEKING IT KEEPS NO
EASILY ANGERED RECORD OF WRONGS
LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL
BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH
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LOVE. NEVER. FAILS.
1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8

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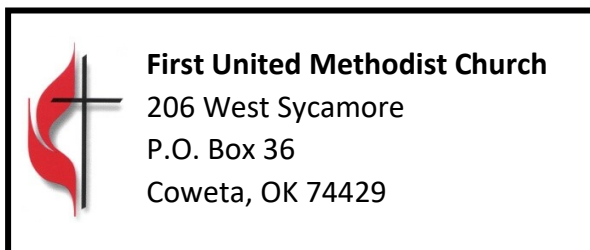
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WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday evening gathering will have an 8 week study based on the “Mission U” seminar that was held this past summer in Oklahoma City. Donna Hardway attended the event and is bringing the material that was covered for the beginning of our time this year. Here is an overview of what to expect.

"Talking about money -- and being aware of how we relate to money -- can *free* us from the many money dilemmas we face in our lives. But our topic isn't just money. It's faith and money. We are going to explore several aspects of money *within the grounding of our faith*, for it is here -- in this connection between our faith and our money -- that we discover how we can live closer to God and to God's people. The focus of this study is both personal and communal. We will explore our own relationship with money, the money choices available to us, and how we individually and collectively respond in light of our faith."



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Sunday Service Times:

Sunday School (*for all ages*) – 9:45

Worship – 10:45

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