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Summertime Balance in Skiatook

*“This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.”
(Psalm 118: 24)*

Summer is a time to celebrate family and community life. And if it has not already been done, it is now time to spruce up the grill so that it can fulfill its summer duties. I heard an interesting tidbit recently: the busiest day of the year for restaurants is Mother’s Day. But Father’s Day is different. It is more like the busiest day of the year for backyard grilling. In fact, grilling is often associated with summer, though I love to grill all year round. It does not appear to matter what people grill. It could be hot dogs, brats, chicken, steak, burgers, or veggies. It also does not appear to matter if it’s gas or charcoal. People love grilling. Many grills will be busy this summer.

The activity of grilling is more than preparing the fire and putting the components in place. When things go right, the practice of grilling provides an opportunity to share something good and to relax. These long weekend summer afternoons that are filled with a good spirit, good food, and good company remind people like me of scripture. On a day like the one I have described, what comes to mind is the verse above “This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm 118:24)

Summer is a busy time. All of our calendars will keep filling even as the time speeds away, from us from the time school is out until it begins again. It is important to create a pause inside of that hurried pace. I encourage you to make sure to plan a few afternoons in the back yard with your family and friends and the grill to just have fun, and relax. Even better, invite someone you don’t know well to come over and share a meal with you! (Maybe a neighbor, or a new church member, or a co-worker). Our spirits are best when we are rested, relaxed, and feel balanced. We are at our best when we are connected with others—family, friends, loved ones, and maybe even strangers with whom we share a meal.

As we are taking time to reconnect with nature, friends, and family, don’t forget to take time to appreciate what God has done in your life. Remember each day, this **IS** the day the Lord has made. Take time to worship this summer. If you are in town, attend church. If you are gone, worship where you are! Attend a different church while on vacation, or take a few minutes out in nature to enjoy the beauty of God’s creation and feel the presence of God who is always with us. God speaks volumes when we take time to listen, no matter where we are. While I always encourage folks to take a vacation if possible, don’t let your faith life take a vacation! Rejoice! This **IS** the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! See you in church on these beautiful summer Sunday mornings!

*Summer Blessings,
Pastor Susan*

(Some quotes taken from RevBlogGalPal posts)

JULY CHILDREN'S NEWS

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, For the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. Matthew 19:14

VBS



Sunday, July 16 - Thursday, July 20

5:30—8:30 (snack supper included)

4 years old thru 5th grade



BE A HERO / VOLUNTEER ~ Miria 405-850-2253



VBS Registration Form

Student's Name _____

Parent/Family/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____

Last school grade completed _____

Home Church _____

Friends of your child at this church _____

Allergies/Medical Information/Other _____

Emergency Contacts

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Dismissal Information

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS

Other Information (church use only)

Hero Group _____

Are parents/guardians/family members helping with VBS Hero Central? _____

If yes, where? _____

★ IF your child has Special Needs, please also fill out the form on the back! ★



VBS Registration Form

Special Needs Considerations

Child's Name: _____

1. How does your child best communicate his/her needs? _____

2. How does your child communicate when she or he does not want something? _____

3. What are your child's strengths? _____

4. What are your child's challenges? _____

5. What does your child like to do? _____

6. How does your child socialize/make friends? _____

7. Are there any aggressive/inappropriate behaviors we should know about? _____

8. Are there any triggers of inappropriate behaviors? _____

9. What are some things that help hold your child's attention? _____

10. Does your child have any dietary or environmental issues we should be aware of? _____

11. Does your child have physical limitations? If so, briefly describe : _____

12. Are there medical issues we need to be aware of (seizures, diabetes, medications)? _____

13. What are some ways we can help your child learn about God's love? _____

14. Is there anything else you would like for us to know? _____

YOUTH NEWS



Thank you for supporting our youth ministry through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness this summer.

We sent **4 youth + 1 adult** to Camp Egan and
7 youth + 2 adults to Youth Force Guymon

Special thanks to Jennifer Brooks, Susan Whitley, Patti McKinney,
Joan Dalvine, Cathy Allred, Bobby Rosser, Tom Hozba,
Megen Beene and Terri Cohea ♥♥♥



MISC. HAPPENINGS

Servant Spotlight

Thanks to:



- ♥ **Cathy Allred for changing the paraments each season**
- ♥ **James Prather, Christine Supernaw, Judy Supernaw, Megen, Serenity, Heather, Hermione, and Grayson Beene, Glynda Hunt, and Koby Hunt for helping pack and deliver pool lunches**
- ♥ **Joel Blankenship, James Prather, Jim Knox, & Chuck Allred for keeping the lawns mowed and trimmed**
- ♥ **Joan Dalvine for transporting tools and bedding to Guymon for the youth mission trip.**
- ♥ **Susie Partain for going the extra mile to visit those in our church family**

Gifts are given...

* To the LAF building fund by Gene and Jackie Moss



Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with Erin Davis and her family. Erin's husband, Mike, passed away suddenly, leaving a terrible void in their family. Please continue to lift them up in prayer for strength and comfort.



WELCOME!

Welcome to new members Mike and Cassie Latimer, This father and daughter duo

come to us by a transfer of membership from Ada United Methodist Church. Please extend a hearty welcome when you see them around!

UMW Hiatus/UMM

Our United Methodist Women will not have their regularly scheduled meeting in either July or



August. Instead, they will help prepare and serve the snack suppers during Vacation Bible School, along with the United Methodist Men. Regular meetings will resume on Tuesday, September 12th, at 10am. They welcome all ladies in the church!

Our United Methodist Men will meet throughout the summer, including July 11th and August 8th, at 6pm in the LAF building. If you are interested in missions and fellowship, please join them!

School Supplies 2017

Already?! Didn't summer just begin?! Yes, already, and summer break is almost half way over. So we are gearing up for our annual school supply giveaway. We mailed letters to 160 families, and know that the economy will require several more to come to us for assistance. We have a host of volunteers to help with registration, but we will need more to help with purchasing, bagging, and distributing supplies the first few weeks in August. Keep an eye out for details. This is one of our largest missions of the year, and we couldn't do it without you!



Baptism

Congratulations, Henley Grace! She was surrounded by family as she was baptized by prevenient grace on Sunday, June 4th. She and her grandparents, Mark and Kathy Boynton, have jumped right in, and it is great having them as part of our church family!



A SPECIAL SHOUT-OUT!

Throughout the year, we ask for volunteers for various missions and tasks, for donations, and general help around the church. Here's a very special shout out (thank you) to Judy Supernaw, James Prather, Vernon Fuller, Beverly Dollar, Susie Partain, Terry Wilkerson, Patti McKinney, Cathy Allred, Jackie Hull, Robin Edens, Sharon Langenberg, Tracy Rosser, and Mary Rosser for seeing a need and filling it. THANK YOU!!

5TH SUNDAY BRUNCH

Join us on Sunday, July 30th, when we meet for our 5th Sunday Brunch. We'll join together in room 103 for a time of fellowship. Please bring a dish or breakfast drink of your choice to share with others.

We hope to see folks from both the 8:30 and 10:30 worship services!



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

25

26

6:00: Quilting Class

27

5:30: Weight Watchers
7:00 Boy Scouts

28

11 am: level 1 yoga
12:30: Stretching

29

11:00: Pool Lunches
1:00: CHUMS Game Day
4:30 Chair Yoga
6pm Level 2

30

10:00: Yoga
No prayer group
11:30: Stretching

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8:30 Worship
9:30: Sunday School
10:30 Worship

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6:00: Quilting Class

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Church Office Closed



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6:00 Youth

6

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12:30-6:30: Red Cross Blood Drive
4:30 Chair Yoga
6pm Level 2 Yoga

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11:00 Prayer group
11:30: Stretching
1:00 CHUMS Game Day

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10:30 Worship
11:45: Trustees

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6:00: UMM
7:00 Boy Scouts

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6:00 Youth

13

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1:00: CHUMS Game Day
4:30 Chair Yoga
6pm Level 2 Yoga
7 pm Bible Study
7 pm: Visioning/Discipleship mtg

14

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Church Office Hours Mon—Thurs: 12pm—4:00pm

Vacation Bible School— 5:30—8:30pm, through Thursday

23/30

8:30 Worship
9:30 Brunch
10:30: Worship
5th Sunday Brunch 9:30

24/31

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