

Skiatook First United Methodist Church



Methodist Messenger

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Pastoral Letter

Like I've mentioned before, summer is one of my favorite times of year! While I'm not a fan of the Oklahoma heat, I love the activities we do! Vacation Bible School, Third Thursdays in the park, camp, and the list goes on! Not only are these activities fun, but they impact lives and make a difference with the love of God!

Sometimes we don't get to see the difference we make. We're planting seeds that will grow into fruition years from now. We don't get to see what that change looks like. And sometimes we're blessed to actually see the impact we have. I had that type of experience this year at Sonshine camp. A grandma who came to camp with three kiddos from another church (somewhat last minute), hiked halfway up the mountain, but had to turn around from exhaustion. If you've made this hike before, you know even half way is quite a trek on this steep climb! At the end of camp, she told the dean, "I'm making some changes in my life: I'm quitting smoking and I'm going to be more healthy. I'm going to climb that mountain with my grandkids next year." What an unexpected working of grace! That's a life changed. She'll be healthier, and her family will be healthier for it!



Everything we do as a church is in effort to impact lives and make a difference. We share the love of Christ and it changes people in powerful ways. I'm excited to see how the Holy Spirit will continue to change lives through our ministry throughout the rest of summer! Where have you seen lives impacted through our church?

Grace and peace,

Pastor Sarah

Tom Weathers, Pastor Sarah, Mona Keeline, Alivia, & Brinlee at Sonshine Camp



Vacation Bible School

July 17, 10:00am-2:00pm

Children K-5th grade

Volunteers Welcome and VERY much needed!!!

Everyone signs up here!

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Church Camp *Skiatook FUMC has 2 campers and 1 leader going to Camp Egan 7/12-14 and 7 campers going 7/12-7/16. Help us to pray for safe travels and a great experience! Thank you to all who have helped get the campers delivered, picked up and supported this summer.*

*(Our tuition balance is **\$673.00**. Please speak to Ms. Miria if you would like to help scholarship all are part of a child's camp experience.)*

First United Methodist Youth Group

Hello! My name is Kaitlan Teague, I am the summer interim youth director for the Skiatook First United Methodist. I am excited to be back at church and work with a diverse group of students.

A little bit about me, I am the ripe age of 20 and just finished my freshman year at The University of Oklahoma. I will be returning in the fall to continue my degree in nursing. My family and I have attended the Skiatook FUMC since 2017. During my senior year of high school, I worked with the youngest members of the congregation in the nursery and at the After-School Adventure Camp in the ALF building weekdays after school. I have found a passion for working with children/youth.

Please feel free to reach out to me about any questions or concerns you might have. My contact information is included. We will also have a Group Me this summer to help me communicate with your student(s) and send reminders. If you would like to be a part of Group Me, please reach out to me to be added!

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Thank You,
Kaitlan Teague

****IMPORTANT****

I need your child's Health Packet! It is vital that I have it in case of an emergency. Without having their packet, the student is not allowed to go to any youth outing without a parent or guardian.

July Events!

- Third Thursday—July 15th 6-9 p.m.
 - The youth will be selling popsicles at Central Park to help raise money to go on mission trips, camps, and other youth activities. Come by and enjoy some great popsicles with some great friends!
- Prayers & Pancakes—July 11th
 - After church service, the youth will be serving plates full of pancakes, eggs, bacon, and love in the LAF building!
 - The youth group will not be selling tickets but taking donations to ensure everyone gets a plate.



August Events!

- Night Light Tulsa – August 5th 6-9:30 p.m.
 - Night Light Tulsa is an organization that strives to build relations with the Tulsa homeless community and inner city neighborhoods.
 - The youth will participate by helping service food, doing crafts with children, and donating items in need.
- Additional Fundraiser
 - The youth will have another fundraiser in August before I head back to college. We are still in the works of planning an event.
- Frontier City Trip – August 10th 9a.m.- 8p.m.
 - With all the hard work the youth group has done so far this summer there is not a better way to end the summer with a celebration and small road trip! The youth will participate by helping service food, doing crafts with children, and donating items in need.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

Servant Spotlight

Thanks to:

- ♥ Debbie Bennett for changing the church sign during June
- ♥ Carolyn Brooks & Sandy Kimbrough for being our Sunday greeters during June
- ♥ Our Sunday greeters who show up with a smile week after week
- ♥ Angela Hayes for running AV during the Nelson service
- ♥ Our United Methodist Women who served the Nelson Family following Mr. Nelson's celebration of life
- ♥ All who were able to donate dishes to help feed the Nelson Family for lunch



A UMW Thank You

The United Methodist Women would like to thank everyone who participated in our Bake-less Bake Sale. It was a huge success with donations totaling \$1,725!



United Methodist Women
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Your generosity will guarantee that we will be able to meet our mission obligations. 😊

The winner of the delicious pie, cake or hot chicken and biscuit pie by Verna Linzy is Pat Bennett. Congratulations, Pat!

Thank you, again, and may God Bless you all!

Lora Cartner,
UMW President

Condolences

Our condolences to Mary Nelson and the family on the passing of Mr. Glenn Nelson. Mr. Nelson has been an active member of the church and a friend to many. We continue to hold the family in prayer during these difficult days, and ask God's covering as they adjust to life without his physical presence. And we give thanks that God allowed us to know him and be in his presence. May the family find peace, strength, and comfort knowing he is pain-free and rejoicing with the Lord.



Gifts were Given...

- ♥ In Memory of Francie Noble by John & Donna Watt
- ♥ To the LAF Building Debt Relief by Glendell Brown
- ♥ To the LAF Building Debt Relief by the late Glenn & Mary Nelson
- ♥ To the LAF Building Debt Relief by Elmer Mills



*This section is a **THANK YOU** in recognition of gifts given with specific requests to areas outside of general budget offerings. It in no way is meant to diminish other giving!*

Good News — We are so grateful for healthy babies and new marriages!

Kelie & Bailey Gilbert welcomed a baby boy on Wednesday, June 23rd. He arrived 6 weeks early at 6 pounds, 4 ounces, and 11 inches long. Sekani Dean, which means joy and happiness, will be welcomed home by mom, dad, and grandparents Jon & Ka'Lu Underwood and Johnny & Michelle Gilbert.

Dale & Robin Edens had the pleasure of enlarging their family in early June. Their son John married (and the family welcomes) Hannah and son Dominic. We pray for them and their union, wishing them many years filled with joy, love, compromise, and God. Congratulations to you all!



Congratulations!

We are so proud of and honored to share the news that Matthew Lester has been promoted to the rank of Captain in the United States Army. He is currently stationed at Ft. Benning, GA, but he will transfer to Ft. Polk in Leesville, LA, in August. Great job, Matthew! He is the son of Vernon & Kimberly Lester.



Help Wanted

Ms. Miria needs a teacher for ASAC. This position will begin immediately and carry into the school year. Qualified candidates should enjoy working with kids, be 18 or older, and able to pass a fingerprint background check. The summer schedule offers some flexibility, and the pay is above minimum wage. See Ms. Miria to apply. VOLUNTEERS are also WELCOME!



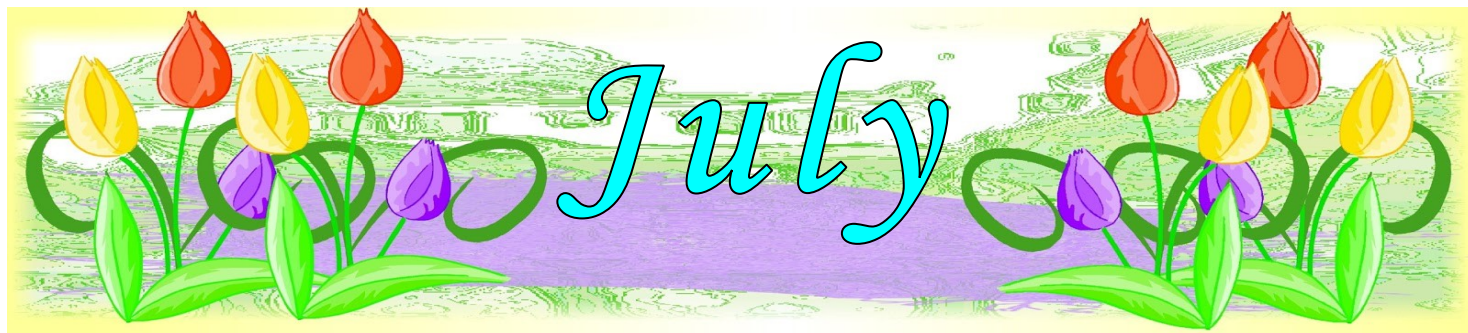
Red Cross Blood Drive

On the first Tuesday of every other month, we host a Red Cross Blood Drive. Our May drive had 13 donors registered, 2 donors were deferred and 10 units were collected. The next blood drive:

Tuesday, July 6th,
1:00 pm—6:00 pm

*Masks and appointments continue to be required at this time by Red Cross.





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SHARE
THE
FUN!

#EveryonesAChildOfGod



We had a great time working together to pack mission bags, enjoy the bounce house, share some lunch, and reconnect after a year apart. If you weren't able to join us last month, we hope you will join us the next time!



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#Connecting
#Missions
#MissionWork
#Laughter
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