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Serving God Our Second 100 Years

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 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship
 10:30 A.M.



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PASTOR TO PEOPLE

The Season of Lent is moving very quickly toward the high point of the Christian year - the celebration of Easter and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Preparations are being made for worship and fellowship opportunities to help in our celebration. All of these events should move us beyond some sentimental remembrance of past events into a shared participation with the Risen Christ and his Church.

Holy Week begins with our Palm Sunday worship that will include the baptism and confirmation of those who participated in Confirmation Class. We have had a great time together, youth, adult mentors, and teachers. I am also looking forward to my first opportunity to see (and participate in) the Living Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 5. I know this is a long held tradition in the church that we offer to the entire community. Another tradition is being restored, that of an Easter Sunrise Service. This will be held at the Ridenour's and led by the Youth group beginning at 7:15 a.m. Afterwards, there will be coffee, juice, and doughnuts served at the church.

As we each make our final preparations for Easter, I offer you this prayer from the United Methodist Book of Worship:

In the peace of the risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
 that our Risen Savior may grant us victory over all our enemies, seen and unseen;
 that he may crush beneath our feet the prince of darkness and all evil powers;
 that he may raise us up and set us with him in heaven
 that he may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection;
 that he may provide through us for those who lack food, work, and shelter;
 that by his love, wars and famine may cease through all the earth;
 that isolated and persecuted churches find fresh strength in the gospel;
 that all those who have gone before us in the faith of Christ may find refreshment, light, and peace;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Greg

REV. GREGORY J. TENER

On the Prayer List



Following are the prayer requests listed in the worship bulletin and voiced on Sunday, March 25: Grayson Bradshaw, Ken Hammond, Mark and Edie McMillin's parents, Confirmation Class, Bob Ridenour, David Roberts, Lois Robison, Sue Stottsberry, Don Baetz, Jan Graham, Bob and Margaret Nichols' grandson, Kris Clark, the Helen Lenn Family, the Martinez Family, the Folsom Family.

LILIES FOR EASTER

If you would like to provide Easter lilies for the sanctuary, you may have them delivered on April 4th or 5th. Be sure and let Brenda in the church office know who they are in memory or in honor of so that it can be listed in the worship bulletin.



Poteau F.U.M.C. Report For Feb. 2007

2007 Average Attendance Figures for February: 154
 2007 Budget Requirements: \$327,292.00
 Needed for Budget Each Week: \$6,294.00
 Needed thru February: \$50,352.00
 February Receipts: \$41,551.97
 February Expenditures: \$28,354.16

Do not be discouraged. Remember, it's the second mouse that gets the cheese.

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

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WORSHIP BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Sunday Worship Bulletin, 10 a.m. each Thursday

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

In order to provide an informative newsletter, information must be turned in by the **third Friday of every month** so the newsletter can be prepared and delivered by the first of the month. Thank you.

• SUNDAY •

Methodist Youth Fellowship, (6th-8th) 5:00 p.m.
 Methodist Youth Fellowship, (9th-12th) 6:00 p.m.

• MONDAY – FRIDAY •

Christian Preschool, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Ed. Bldg.

• MONDAY •

Boy Scouts, 7:00 p.m., CFLC

• TUESDAY •

Cub Scouts, 6:30 p.m., CFLC

• WEDNESDAY •

Logos Program, 3:15 p.m., CFLC
 Adult Handbell Practice, 5:15 p.m., Bell Room
 Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

- 1 Palm Sunday and Confirmation Sunday
 Easter Experience for UMYF (6th-12th), 5 p.m., CFLC
 (See complete youth schedule on page 3)
- 4 Dress Rehearsal for Living Lord's Supper, 7:30 p.m.
- 5 Living Lord's Supper, 8 p.m.
- 8 Easter Sunrise Service, 7:15 at the Ridenours
 Refreshments and Fellowship Time, 8:15 a.m., CFLC
 Children's Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 a.m.
- 14 United Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting, 7:30 a.m.
- 18 United Methodist Women, 9:30 a.m., F.H.
- 29 UMM Pancake Breakfast, 6:30-10:30, McDonald's

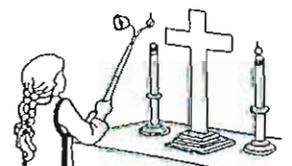
MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

- April 1 Frank and Grace Dehart
- April 8 Phil and Genny Dorsey
- April 15 Jim and Ruth Ann DeCamp
- April 22 Dora Baldwin and Dorothy (D.J.) James
- April 29 Gary and Shirley Blackshare



MORNING WORSHIP ACOLYTES

- April 1 Jesse Barnes
- April 8 Zach Harreld
- April 15 Kade McMillin
- April 22 Connor Wheat
- April 29 Haven Perry



Thank you boys and girls for your important part in our worship service.



Youth and Children's News

Sara Fuchs, Youth and Children's Director

Palm Sunday / Confirmation Sunday

On Sunday, April 1st we will begin our journey as a church through Holy Week; the last week of Jesus' earthly life. In worship, we will have all infants and children in the procession of palm branches as we welcome Christ and his journey to the cross. As well, that morning we will welcome into our congregation our confirmands; who for the last eight weeks have discovered through our journey together the joy that comes from being an active member of a church family and the sustaining power of an active relationship with their Father in heaven. Please join us in worship on this wonderful, exciting and blessed occasion for our youth and their families.

The Easter Experience

Have you ever wondered what it would have been like to be Jesus in his last twelve hours on Earth; as he went from a warm and exciting welcome, to a Garden and then into the hands of Roman officials to die? On April 1st from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. during UMYF, you can experience it for yourself. You won't want to miss this wonderful time of fellowship and worship!!

Easter Sunrise Service and practice Schedule

On Easter Sunday, April 8th, the youth group will be leading our Sunrise Service. The service will be held at Aaron and Betty Ridenour's home and will begin at 7:15. This service is a youth-led service and all students are encouraged to take part.

We will practice Wednesday, April 4th from 6 to 8 p.m. in the CFLC, and Sunday, April 8th at the Ridenours' from 6 to 7 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt

On Sunday, April 8th at 10 a.m. the youth of the church will host an Easter Egg Hunt for our children in pre-school through 5th grade. Candy is being donated and the youth are needed to fill hundreds of plastic eggs with that candy. On April 4th, after we practice for our Sunrise Service together, we will have fun filling eggs to bring enjoyment to the children on Easter morning. Please plan on attending.

Cookson Hills Service Outing

On April 20th and 21st, we will be having our first service outing of the spring semester. This trip will be to Cookson Hills, southeast of Tahlequah.

Students in 6th - 12th grade can participate. We leave at 5 p.m. April 20th and return at 5 p.m. April 21st. Cost is \$10 per person to be turned in by April 15th. We will be doing yard work, etc.

Scavenger Hunt 2007

On Sunday, April 22nd from 5 to 7 p.m., during UMYF we will be having a team scavenger hunt. To sign up a team you must have at least four youth and

one parent driver and Sara must have your sign up sheet by April 8th. On the night of the event you will receive your list and set of rules for this competition. Begin thinking now about whom you can invite to be on your team and let's get ready to have some fun.

Destination Unknown

Have you ever looked at a fishing pond and wondered what it would have been like to be called as one of the first disciples or wish we could do our youth lesson there? On April 15th, 29th, and through the month of May we will have that opportunity. Watch for more details.

Living Lord's Supper

On Thursday, April 5th at 8 p.m. we will once again offer our Easter gift to the community as thirteen men of the church step in front of the spotlight to present the Living Lord's Supper drama. Based on the moment after Jesus says that one of them will be tray Him, each will have their story to tell as they wonder aloud, "Is it I?"

Come and show your support for those of your church who are giving of themselves to make this evening a blessing for so many.



Volunteers Needed

May is our church's month to provide receptionists for the Christian Free Clinic. Two volunteers are needed for each Tuesday evening and should be there by 4:30 p.m.

If you can serve on May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, or 29th, please call the church office, 647-2217. We must turn in our list of volunteers by the end of April.

Evelyn's Inspiration

By Evelyn White

Greetings Dear Friends,

A joyful new day to you. Is it cloudy or is the sun shining? Is it warm or cold? Is it windy or calm?

Be happy today. If you aren't, then most likely you won't be happy tomorrow. Because today is the day the Lord has made – Live, Rejoice, and Be Thankful. May the Blessings of Easter fill our lives. How great is our God! God loves you and me; and I love you. Happy Easter!

Evelyn



A Word From Helen Lenn

Editor's Note: Helen has gone to Heaven. From time to time we will reprint past articles to honor her memory.



Correspondence



Dear Church Family,

Thank you very much, congregation, for helping me with the marathon money. Altogether we raised \$604.17.

David Oehlschlager

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, calls and other kindness from everyone following the death of my son, Michael. I am so glad to belong to such a wonderful, caring church.

Mary Folsom

Dear Friends,

Living here at Belmont Assisted Living has been quite an experience. So many walkers and wheelchairs. Then there are residents that have Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) who have special needs and sometimes – quite often, in fact, make for awkward situations for themselves and for the independent residents. There is a separate unit for Alzheimers.

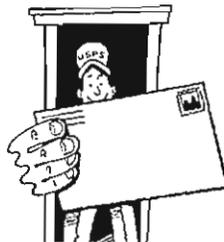
The facilities are the best and the interior is beautiful. I consider myself very fortunate to be in this setting, but get depressed at times. I miss my friends and my home surroundings – but have wonderful memories.

Love to everyone,
Dartha Garner

Belmont Village, Apt. 302
5701 Crestridge Rd.

Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Lois Robison's New Address:
Fianna Hills Nursing Center
8411 S. 28th, Room 605B
Ft. Smith, AR 72908
479-648-9984



Baptism

Maggie Jane Wheat, infant daughter of Randall and Melanie Wheat was baptized March 4 surrounded by her loving family members.



Our Sympathy Extended

We extend our love and sympathy to the Helen Lenn Family, to Mary Folsom on the death of her son, Michael, and to Gayle Smedley on the death of her son, Robert.



**United Methodist Men's
Breakfast and Meeting
Saturday, April 14th - 7:30 a.m.**

**Annual Pancake Breakfast
Fund Raiser
Sunday, April 29th • 6:30 - 10:30 a.m.
at McDonald's of Poteau
Tickets are available in the church
office or from a Methodist man.**

April Birthdays

- 4 Dorthea Sue O'Neal
- 10 Jaxon Bradshaw
- 11 Drew DeCamp
- 12 Rachel Ware
- 13 Chad Bridges
- 14 Jean Whigham and Cindy Woolbright
- 15 Brian Shore and Kylanna Hardaway
- 18 Ron Cofer, Wayne Neuharth and Lily Shore
- 19 Melissa Reyes, Katie Cox, and Joshua Mixon
- 20 Brandon Fruen and Jaimie Downing
- 23 Marilyn Meek
- 26 Sou Morse, Mark Barkley, and Ashley Plumlee
- 27 Katie Redhage
- 29 Kody Whitehead and Dorothy James



April Anniversaries

- 9 Gary and Linda Brown
- 16 Ellis and Jean Whigham
- 18 Keith and Patty Wright
- 27 Andy and Aimee Baker
- 28 Preston and Laney Plumlee
- 29 John and Nikki Perry



EASTER EGG CANDY NEEDED

Donations of candy are needed to fill the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 8. (No chocolate, please.) Candy may be taken to the church office no later than Wed., April 4. Thank you.

United Methodist Church
PRE-SCHOOL



By
Tracey Gilliam,
Preschool
Director

At Preschool this month we will be learning the letters V, W, X, Y and Z. The colors are black and gray. We will be reviewing the numbers 1-10. The shapes of the month are diamond and oval.

Our Bible memory verse for April is "Sing praises to the Lord." Psalm 9:11.