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SERVING GOD 120 YEARS

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



Hope  
your  
2014  
is great!

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## ***PASTOR TO PEOPLE***

### **A prayer for moving into a new year . . . by Arthur A. Rouner Jr.**

O God, who made us once a Christian people who strode to live by heaven's law, who loved Your Word in Scripture and in Psalm, who felt themselves privileged to worship every Sabbath day in the house of the Lord:

We have not loved You as our fathers loved. We have grown careless in our faith, and we have made worship in Your house a matter of convenience and not of conscience; a matter of comfort instead of sacrifice; a matter of fancy instead of faith.

Forgive us, Lord, that we think more of ourselves than we do of You. And forgive the Church in this land that before the world has seemed really to care so little. Give us a new heart, Lord, and a new spirit, we pray.

Arthur A. Rouner Jr.

***REV. KYLE CLARK***

United Methodist Church

**PRESCHOOL**

By

Tracey Gilliam,  
Preschool Director

Preschool classes will begin on January 6th. During January the preschool students will be learning about the letters K, L, M and N. The numbers 8 and 9, the shape rectangle and the colors blue and white.

The weekly themes will be about the new year beginning, snow, animals and how God helps us to be friends with others.

The memory verse for January is "A friend loves at all times."

Happy New Year to everyone!

## Re-Ignite Ministries

On January 18 the McAlester District Re-ignite Workshop at McAlester First United Methodist Church will feature keynote speaker Bishop Robert Hayes.

Re-Ignite events are for all the United Methodist family – not just church officers and for clergy as well as laity. Those seeking to enrich their leadership skills and their lives are encouraged to attend these workshops during January and February.

### Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for November 2013

Average Attendance Figures for November: 114

2013 Budget Requirements: \$400,000.00

Needed for Budget Each Week: \$7,692.31

November Receipts: \$17,501.49

November Expenditures: \$30,931.12

#### New Building Fund Figures:

Deposits: \$1,604,414.47

Expenditures: \$2,578,528.03

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## JANUARY CHURCH CALENDAR

**Worship Bulletin Deadline: 10 a.m. Thursday**  
**Newsletter Deadline: Third Friday of month**

### • SUNDAY •

**UMYF (CHAOS), 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

### • MONDAY •

**Christian Preschool Monday – Thursday**  
**8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Education Building**  
**Treble Choir Rehearsal, 6:30, Choir Room**

### • TUESDAY •

**Cub Scouts, 6 p.m., CFLC**  
**Boy Scouts, 7 p.m., CFLC**

### • WEDNESDAY •

**LOGOS, 3:30 - 6 p.m., CFLC**  
**Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.**  
**Women's Bible Study, 6:15 p.m., Conf. Rm.**

### • THURSDAY •

**Senior Café, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., CFLC**  
**Girl Scouts, 4:00 p.m., CFLC**

### • FRIDAY •

**Church office closes at noon**

- 1 Office closed for New Year's holiday
- 5 Youth Movie Night
- 6 UMW Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
- 8 Women's Bible Study begins, 6:15 p.m., Conference Room
- 12 Church Council Meeting
- 18 Re-Ignite Workshop, McAlester  
Free Neighborhood Breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m.
- 15 Membership Care, 1 p.m., CFLC
- 26 Youth Council Meeting following worship
- 31 Building closed for Poteau Police Department Training

## MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

- 5 Ken and Susan Hammond
- 12 David and Patty Redhage
- 19 Charles and Marilyn Meek
- 26 Mike and Linda Lee



## ACOLYTES

- 5 Nathan Murray and Nathan Clark
- 12 Katie Redhage and Kylanna Hardaway
- 19 Luke Wheat and Wyatt Holt
- 26 Aiden Alexander and Kyson Hardaway



**If you would like to be on the church email list, email us at rogers2006@windstream.net**

## Missions Report



The Missions Committee will resume the collection of items for the Community Clearinghouse back pack program in February. Please watch the bulletin to see what the next item will be. Also, the Women's Bible Study group made cloth bags that were donated to the Department of Human Services and the Women's Crisis Center. The cloth bags are for children that may be in DHS custody or had to leave their home without their belongings; the bags will be given to them to have something of their own and to carry their personal items. Thanks to all those women who purchased material and helped sew the bags. And a special thanks to Nancy Butler for her idea, inspiration, and her seamstress skills.

The Missions Committee had planned on organizing a group to go to Moore after the first of the year to help in the continuing tornado clean-up efforts. However, it was just learned that they are no longer taking groups to work on weekends. They need able-bodied people to work on week days. When efforts were made to reschedule the trip for spring break, it was discovered that they are full for that week. If you are interested in trying to go on a weekday, please contact the church office or Susan Mixon.

Finally, if you will remember, Susan Mixon and Mallory Mixon went on a VIM mission trip to Belize, C.A., last spring break. Chad Detweiler, the individual from Chapel Hill Methodist Church in OKC who organized the trip spoke to our church several weeks ago. He is returning to Belize to continue work on the school during spring break 2014. We have one person who has expressed an interest in joining his trip this year. Mallory Mixon has signed up to return. Please keep her in your prayers as she prepares to go. If you are interested in contributing to this construction trip, please contact the church office.

If you have any suggestions for the Missions Committee, or know of any needs that the committee can help with, please contact Susan Mixon (918) 658-5438, [susmix@yahoo.com](mailto:susmix@yahoo.com)

A couple of upcoming events:

- The Methodist Women's cookbook 'Loaves and Fishes, Methodist Dishes' will be on sale at Brick City in Fort Smith the week of December 30 through January 5th. The proceeds received will go to the church Missions fund.

- On March 1st, there will be a Women's Retreat at our church. This is a Saturday. Lunch will be provided. More information to follow.

## Kids' Korner

By Tracy Hoskins

Director of Children and Family Ministries  
[thoskins@poteaufumc.com](mailto:thoskins@poteaufumc.com)

CALLING ALL ARTISTS AND CRAFTERS!  
Anyone who would like to help add some pizzazz to the classrooms in the Education Wing, please give me a call. I'd like to get started on it soon!

Sunday School for all children continues each Sunday morning at 9:30. Help your children to experience and grow in the love of God!

LOGOS will start back fresh on January 8. We will continue to provide a wonderful Christian nurturing experience for our kids. We can always use more help. I could use a few more people who can help decorate and set tables on Wednesdays during the day. I would love to have a couple more Table Parents, a few more clean up crew members and I definitely need someone to work with the 4/5 grade and middle school aged kids during their game time. The game schedule is on a rotation basis with two weeks on and two weeks off. Cleaning crews work once a month for a total of three times a semester. If anyone could fill any of these positions, great! Let me know! Many hands make light the work.

Please contact me, Tracy Hoskins, if you have questions or would like to fill one of our needs.

LOGOS Themes for January:

- 8 Twins – bring a friend and dress alike
- 15 Sports Night – wear your favorite team's T-shirt or jersey
- 22 Pirates – wear your Pirate gear.

As always, I am available for suggestions. I'm around the church Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Come see me. My office is next to the Education Wing.

## News of Youth

By Kimberly Hardaway

UMYF (CHAOS) meets Sunday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. and is for all youth 6th through 12th grade. The schedule is as follows: (Meal providers in parentheses.)

### JANUARY SCHEDULE:

- 5 Movie Night Treat, 6 - 9 p.m. (Cindy Darneal)
- 12 Regular Meeting (Jayla Craig/Suzanne Klutts)
- 19 No Meeting
- 26 Youth Council Meeting following church Regular Meeting, 5 to 7 p.m. (Perrys)

## Cards of Thanks

Joe and I want to thank our church family for our lovely prayer shawls. I looked over at Joe and he had his on and I had my shawl on. It brought a smile to my face. What a wonderful gift. May God richly bless you all.

Joe and Connie Sabatucci

I wanted to let you know that my mother received the Christmas cards from the congregation and she appreciated them so much. They meant a lot to her. Thank you.

Robert Thompson

Wayne and I want to thank you for the beautiful cards. They are a blessing. Thank you, God Bless, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

With love, Judy and Wayne Moore

To My Church Family,

Thanks very much for the nursery workers' Christmas Love Offering. It is wonderful being part of this church family. Caring for the children of the church is a pleasure.

Jayla Craig

Dear Church Family,

I am sorry I had to leave so fast. They wanted my home for Thanksgiving so here I am in Billings, Okla. I'm closer to Allen and Jane Ann. Merry Christmas to all.

Love, Virginia Kidd

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the Christmas Love Offering for the nursery workers. It was very much appreciated. I feel blessed that my family is part of this congregation.

Kaycee Quarry

Church Friends,

Thank you so much for the generous Christmas gift. I hope everyone has a great 2014.

Steve Clark

To My Church Family,

Thank you for the Christmas bonus. We appreciate and love our church family!

Sincerely, Kim Hardaway

**Note: Please, if you are borrowing anything from the church – plates, costumes, tables or chairs, etc., please come by the office and let us know. We just need to keep up with where everything is. Thanks so much.**



## January Birthdays

- 1 Bernice Hurst
- 3 Michael Brown and Grace Ford
- 4 Alisa Slater
- 5 Jessa Craig
- 7 Katie Hopper
- 8 Zach Stubbs and Blake Lillard
- 11 Gloria Plummer and Susan Norgeot
- 12 Irene Beasley, Sharon Simmons, and David Oehlschlager
- 13 Artie Stivers, Terri Martin and Mitch Sampson
- 14 Wyatt Holt
- 16 Brian Roberts
- 17 Alan Ware, Andy Baker and Orville McDonald
- 19 Eloine Crews, Versile Johnson III and Blake White
- 20 Ted Williams
- 21 Alexis Ramirez and Ron Ward
- 22 Ashlee Sconyers, Slim Durham and Randee Hallmark
- 23 Kanaan Hardaway and Andrew Barkley
- 25 John Clark, Baleigh Quarry and Haleigh Stone
- 26 Mary Folsom, Holly Durant and Hammond Yandell
- 27 Bill Slater
- 30 Jennifer Miller and Paula Midgley
- 31 Jayla Craig and Davey Bullard



## January Anniversaries

- 11 Keith and Kay Thomas



## Women's Spring Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study group meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 beginning January 8th, in the J.N. Ross Class. We will be using Max Lucado's study guide for a 12-week study of the Book of Ephesians; it is not necessary to purchase the book. All women are invited to join us. If you have questions, call Kay Thomas at 918-647-3491.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Anyone who knows of someone who would benefit from a prayer shawl, whether a church member or not, should call Cindy Brody at 918-385-1542 or the church office at 647-2217.