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Serving God 116 Years

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

## PASTOR TO PEOPLE



Happy  
 4th of  
 July



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Last summer, a small group of our youth, along with Kim, attended Youth Force OKC. When they returned, they were so excited for the experience they wanted to bring Youth Force to LeFlore County. With your Youth Director's leadership, a design team was established and Youth Force LeFlore County will take place the week of July 19th. There are about 120 youth plus sponsors registered to participate. They will be working at 12 different locations, refurbishing and painting houses, building ramps, whatever is needed for the homeowners.

I really appreciate the vision of our youth, Kim's many gifts and talents, and the congregation's desire to support our many ministries. During that week, please stop by the church and offer acts of hospitality and words of encouragement to the participants. The locations of the sites will be publicized, so stop by and offer more encouragement and something cool to drink. There will be worship each night; so come and sing and be encouraged by the youth. Poteau UMC will be blessed by the experience.

I want to remind you that I will be starting a study on the United Methodist understanding of Holy Communion on Sunday, July 12. The class is during the Sunday School hour and will meet in the Christian Family Life Center. Study guides will be made available and the class will last through mid-August.

Grace & peace,

**REV. GREGORY J. TENER**



## Welcome New Members!

Our newest members are Melvyn and Sue Travis who joined our congregation on June 7 by Profession of Faith. They were also baptized. We are very happy to have them as part of our church family.

Also on Sunday, June 14, Stan and Peggy Werline and Mike and Linzy Murray were baptized by immersion at the First Christian Church baptistry by Rev. Tener. They joined our church in the latter part of 2008.



## Our Sympathy

Jack Stanley passed away June 24. The congregation extends their love and sympathy to Virginia and the family.

Our prayers are with you.

Our sympathy is also extended to Geneva Drake. Geneva's service was conducted by Rev. Tener on Monday, June 8 in Heavener.

Word was received recently of the death of Rev. J.C. Curry, a former pastor of our church. Our condolences to his family.

## Happy 98th Birthday Evelyn White!

### Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for May, 2009

2009 Average Attendance Figures for May: 161  
 2009 Budget Requirements: \$346,911.00  
 Needed for Budget Each Week: \$6,671.37  
 Needed through May: \$146,770.14  
 May Receipts: \$36,421.74  
 May Expenditures: \$46,172.23

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

**WORSHIP BULLETIN DEADLINE:**  
 10 a.m. each Thursday

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**  
 Third Friday of each month

(Church office closed each Friday afternoon during the summer.)

- 1 Family Pool Night, 5:30-7:30 p.m., City Pool
- 2 Mother's Day Out, 10 to 1, Education Bldg.
- 3 Church Office closed for Fourth of July
- 5 UMYF (C.H.A.O.S.), 5 to 7 p.m.
- 9 Mother's Day Out, 10 to 1, Education Bldg.
- 12 Rev. Tener's "This Holy Mystery" 7-week study begins, 9:30 a.m., CFLC  
 UMYF (C.H.A.O.S.), 5 to 7 p.m.
- 14 Membership Care Committee Meeting, 11 a.m., CFLC
- 16 Mother's Day Out, 10 to 1, Education Bldg.
- 17 Youth FLoat Trip
- 19 "This Holy Mystery" Study, 9:30 a.m., CFLC
- 19-24 LeFlore County Youth Force
- 23 Mother's Day Out, 10 to 1, Education Bldg.  
 Church Council Meeting, 5:15 p.m., CFLC
- 26 "This Holy Mystery" Study, 9:30 a.m., CFLC  
 (No Youth Meeting)
- 30 Mother's Day Out, 10 to 1, Education Bldg.

### MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

- 5 Curtis and Dorothy James
- 12 Wayne and Joanne Neuharth
- 19 David and Lisa Barnes
- 26 Jim and Nancy Shore



### LITURGISTS

- 12 Rachael Ware
- 19 Cynthia Stoughton
- 26 Kawika Santos



### MORNING WORSHIP ACOLYTES

- 5 Allison Matos
- 12 Lily Shore
- 19 Katie Redhage
- 26 Taryn Shelton





## News of Children and Youth

By Kimberly Hardaway

UMYF (C.H.A.O.S.)

CHAOS meets Sunday evenings and is for all youth in 6th grade thru 12th grade.

July

- 1 Church Pool Party at City Pool, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- 5 C.H.A.O.S., 5 to 7 p.m.
- 12 C.H.A.O.S., 5 to 7 p.m.
- 13 thru 17 Camp for those who have finished 6th grade at Camp Egan in Tahlequah. (Van will load at 11:30 a.m. on 13th. Please eat lunch before arriving)
- 17 Float trip down the Illinois River with Diamondhead Resort. Cost is \$20 and includes lunch. Leave at 9 a.m. Return at 5 or 6 p.m. Those at camp can join us or come home. Arrangements for each situation will be made.
- 19 thru 24 **LEFLORE COUNTY YOUTH FORCE.** Everyone is encouraged to come see what Youth Force is all about. Stop by the church any evening for community time and worship.
- 26 No youth meeting

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### Camp Dates for Summer

- 6th Grade Camp: July 13-17  
 3rd - 5th Grade Camp: July 13-15  
 1st - 2nd Grade Camp: July 25-26  
 Youth Force at Poteau for grades 6th-12th:  
 July 19-24 (Housed at CASC)

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### VBS: A Swampin' Good Time!

Crocodile Dock was filled with incredible Bible learning that kids saw, heard, touched, and even tasted! There were activities that help faith flow into real life. Over 140 participants guided by 75 teens and adults, discovered how to see God in everyday life – something we called God Sightings. Thank you to the many who donated much needed items and money to make the week possible!

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### Mother's Day Out

Mother's Day Out is for 1 to 3 year olds on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the nursery rooms. Cost is \$10 per visit or \$35 per month. Parents bring a snack sack, diapers and wipes.

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### Beware! The Flamingo Returns!

That flighty flock of flamingos has gotten loose and may be landing in your yard, so watch out!

It's the second annual "Flamingo Flocking." It started June 28 and will continue through July 12. If you are interested in protecting your property from the flamingo flock, flamingo insurance is available. At only \$35, it is quite the bargain, for it covers you for the entire year! If you would like to send the flamingo flock to roost in a particular yard, that can be arranged for \$35. If a flamingo flock shows up in your yard, a mere \$10 will make it go away, or \$25 will make it go away to someone else's yard! Call the church to make arrangements, or see Kim on Sunday mornings. There will be information displayed in the corner chapel room just off the sanctuary.

This is a FUN Fundraiser for the whole church, as well as an outreach to our community...so enjoy making those flamingos fly from yard to yard! All funds raised will help each flamingo handler's (aka youth members) church accounts which are used for various church activities in which our youth group participates.

### Save Your Aluminum Cans!

Genny Dorsey is still collecting aluminum cans for recycling. The money is used to help the needy. When the cans are sold, Genny matches the amount with her own money so that makes your cans worth twice as much.

There is a collection barrel at the church. Please save your cans for this ministry. If you have questions, call the church office or Genny Dorsey. Thank you for your contributions.



### Summer Break for the Choir

Following this Sunday's worship the Celebration Choir will be taking a break in July.

We appreciate the dedication and commitment of Steve Clark and Wendy Kelly and all the choir members all year and we will look forward to seeing them back in the choir loft after their break.

**A Man's View:** "In the beginning, God created the earth and rested. Then God created Man and rested. Then God created Woman. Since then, neither God nor Man has rested."



## A Word from Helen

(For years Helen Lenn submitted an article for each church newsletter. Recently I came across one I believe she wrote shortly before she passed away and am including it this month in her memory. – Carol Baker)

### Keep Walking

God has a way! He says, “Go, He says do, and if there is danger ahead, He says, stop, turn, and I will lead you out of danger. Keep walking, I am leading.”

He has a way.

Ever learning – We learn from the Word, from each other. Keep seeking, when I do not see. Faith opens the way. Walk; shod with God’s salvation shoes – remember the children of Israel walked 40 years without buying a new pair of shoes!

He supplies all needs.

The cost?

By grace you are saved, through faith and not of yourselves. It is the gift of God! Not of works, lest any man should boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Thank you, Jesus. I can’t walk without you holding my hand. You are my voice when I can’t speak. In my hand no price I bring, simply to the cross I cling. I’m walking Home.

Helen Lenn

P.S. From Mature Years magazine:

When we walk out of the doors of churches and homes, we go forth as a walking message to the world. The worlds is watching . . . walk straight.

### Membership Care Committee

**Meeting Tues., July 14, 11:00 a.m., CFLC**

The Membership Care Committee meets on the second Tuesday each month. We reach out to those who are homebound or are dealing with health issues or bereavement.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may pick up visitation cards in the Membership Care box in the church office. Just sign the sheet to let us know whom you’ll be contacting. Make a phone call, send a card, or visit in the home and brighten someone’s day. Visitation cards may be returned to the office, or bring them with you to the next meeting. Also, if you know of someone who could benefit from a visit, a phone call, a card, or a prayer shawl, please let us know by calling Virginia Stanley (647-2618).

## July Birthdays

- 1 Dartha Garner and Patty Redhage
- 5 Randy Bridgman, Tom Cherry, Bea Cooper, and Taryn Shelton
- 7 Nina Ritchie
- 9 Randy Cox, James Ford, Ernie Owens, and Judy Tener
- 11 Maci McMillin and Frank Dehart
- 12 Kim Slater
- 13 Arch Glover
- 14 Jennifer Thompson
- 16 Jeanne Burton
- 17 Alline Logan
- 18 Jack Sumerford and Lena Morehead
- 19 Joanne Neuharth
- 21 Kevin Morrison
- 22 Robert Allen
- 23 Alicia Gilliam
- 24 Susan Hammond and Gary Hageman
- 27 Nancy Clark and Lois Robison
- 29 Andi Burton, Zach Harreld, Jaime Pickle, and Kelsey Sconyers



## July Anniversaries

- 2 Frank and Grace Dehart
- 4 Forrest and Jean-Anne Shankle
- 5 Randy and Tami Matos
- 7 Wayne and Joanne Neuharth  
Josh and Melissa Reyes
- 14 Arch and Janell Glover



### • Summer Giving •

During the busy months of summer vacations and trips, please remember that the ministries of the church continue throughout the summer. Please remember to keep your pledges to the church up to date if you are planning to be away.

### 2009 Area Appointments

Bokoshe ..... Bennie Waller  
 Heavener/Hodgen..... Pam Cottrill  
 Heavener Hispanic Fellowship ..... Obed Alba  
 Howe ..... TBS  
 Pocola ..... Darin McCarty  
 Poteau ..... Greg Tener  
 Spiro/Cameron ..... Gary Withrow  
 Talihina..... Shaun Wicker  
 Wister..... Robert Van House