



# The United Methodist News

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Serving God Our Second 100 Years

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

### Honor Your Father



**Fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."**

*Ephesians 6:4 NKJV*

*Happy Father's Day!*

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## PASTOR TO PEOPLE

Sometimes a person makes plans and everything seems to be falling into place. Then suddenly something unforeseen occurs and a contingency plan is needed. This past Sunday, I found myself supposed to be in two places at the same time and so I have had to reschedule the "What Does It Mean to Be United Methodist?" class. The five sessions will begin on Sunday, June 3rd during the Sunday School hour. Due to your response, we will meet in the Family Life Center. I apologize for any inconvenience and look forward to the study.

This week, I have been attending the Annual Conference of the Oklahoma United Methodist Church. This is the week that laity and clergy gather from around the state to worship, study, and receive ministry reports from the various church agencies. This year holds the additional responsibility of voting for lay and clergy delegates for the 2008 General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference. Although the days are long and discussion can sometimes get heated, Annual Conference is one reminder that we are connected to one another through God's grace.

I am also reminded that Judy and I are approaching the one year anniversary of being assigned to Poteau UMC. We have appreciated the church and the community and look forward to the coming year. And so, I offer us this prayer from the 20th century preacher, Harry Emerson Fosdick.

O God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Save the community of your people from cowardly surrender to the world, from rendering unto Caesar what belongs to you, and from forgetting the eternal gospel amid the temporal pressures of our troubled days. For the unity of the Church we pray, and for fellowship across the embittered lines of race and nation; to growth in grace, building in love, enlargement in service, increase in wisdom, faith, charity, and power, we dedicate our lives; through Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.

Grace and peace,

**REV. GREGORY J. TENER**

## On the Prayer List

### PRAYER



### CONCERNS

Following are the prayer requests listed in the worship bulletin and voiced on Sunday, May 27: Grayson Bradshaw, Ken Hammond, Mark and Edie McMillin's parents, Lois Robison, Don Baetz, Jan Graham, Reedy Gothard, Lonnie Cauthron, John Lawrence, Ruby Anderson, Jordan Nagy, Shirley Blackshare's daughter and family moving to Australia and her mom, Ilo Shuelz, Bill Fox family, Paul Stottsberry, Ronnie Bell, Bryan Tener in England, Mike Anderson and family, Troy Talley and family in China, Ross Harlan family, Alisa Slater, Cindy Stoughton, Kris Clark, Brice Wilson, and travelers.

### • NOTICES •

• Bishop Hayes is asking for a special offering for the "Nothing But Nets" campaign for malaria eradication in Africa. Each \$10 gift will buy a treated sleeping net and in turn may save a life.

• The carpets in the CFLC and church offices are being cleaned on June 22. Avoid coming to the offices on that day if possible. If it is necessary, please call first.

### Poteau F.U.M.C. Report For April 2007

2007 Average Attendance Figures for April: 168

2007 Budget Requirements: \$317,292.00

Needed for Budget Each Week: \$6,294.00

Needed through April: \$106,998.00

April Receipts: \$30,110.17

April Expenditures: \$29,144.56

#### Question:

What happens if you get scared half to death twice?

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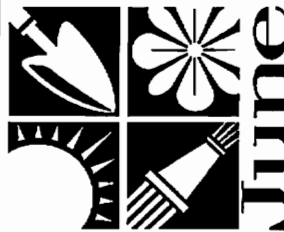
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#### WORSHIP BULLETIN DEADLINE:

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 •

Pastor's Class, 9:30 a.m., CFLC

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 •

Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

3 Pastor's new study begins, 9:30 a.m., CFLC

Pink Basket Day for Kendy Jo, 11:30 a.m., F.H.

Worship Service at Oaks Healthcare Center, 2 p.m.

J.N. Ross Class Party, 5 p.m. at the Ridenours

4 PPRC Meeting, 5:15 p.m., CFLC Conference Rm.

4-8 Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m., First Christian Church

13 Children and Youth Trip to Tulsa Zoo

9 United Methodist Men, 8 a.m., CFLC

21 UMW Trip to Tulsa

22 Carpet Cleaning in CFLC and church offices

### MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

June 3 Aaron and Betty Ridenour

June 10 Frank and Grace Dehart

June 17 Shannon and Amy Stubbs

June 24 Wayne and Joanne Neuharth



### MORNING WORSHIP ACOLYTES

June 3 Connor Matos

June 10 Kade McMillin

June 17 Zach Harreld

June 24 Maci McMillin



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

For more information about any activity, please call me at 647-2217 (office) or 839-0846 (cell) or email [fuchs1@windstream.net](mailto:fuchs1@windstream.net).

### June Calendar

- 3: Revolution 2 session 1 – Home Sweet Home
- 4-8: Vacation Bible School
- 9-10: Sunshine Camp (1st & 2nd graders)
- 10: Youth fellowship outing to Bowling World
- 13: Outing to the Tulsa Zoo
- 17: No UMYF for Father's Day
- 24 - 29: Youth Force Stillwater (No UMYF)

### Summer Outing to the Tulsa Zoo for Children, Youth and Families

One of the joys of the church is taking time to fellowship together with family and friends. This summer we will have several opportunities for just that. On Wednesday, June 13 we will be going to the Tulsa Zoo. We will meet at the church at 8 a.m. and carpool to the zoo and return by 4 p.m. Once we arrive at the zoo we will go to the Tropical Rainforest, and see some wonderfully amazing animals and much more. Everyone needs to bring a sack lunch for a picnic at the zoo. The cost for this event is \$2 for children ages 3-12 and \$4 for others. It will be a great day of fun at the Zoo!

### Bowling Night at Bowling World

On Sunday, June 10th all students 6th – 12th grades are invited to attend a fellowship night at Bowling World in Fort Smith. We will meet at the church and leave at 5 p.m. and will return by 8 p.m. Cost will be \$7 per person and covers shoe rental, food, drinks, and a ton of laughs and fun. Make plans to bring a friend and attend this night of food, fun and fellowship.

### Revolution 2

Say goodbye to life as we know it. A revolution is underway. Guilt and worry no longer need to gnaw at your soul. Anger won't sabotage your love. Doubts can drive you into deeper faith. Jesus calls us to a new kind of life, a powerful, purposeful life that impacts our world. Join the revolution! Five sessions of Bible study revolve around five video programs with gut-level interviews with real teenagers about the issues of their lives. There will be behind the scenes interviews with musicians Bethany Dillon and Caedmon's Call, baseball stars Andy Pettitte and JD Drew and basketball star Michael Redd. There will be commercial parodies that will make you die laughing or live thinking, or both.

### Vacation Bible School June 4th-8th

This year's Bible school theme is Avalanche Ranch and will be hosted at the Christian Church at



208 N. Witte on June 4th-8th from 9 a.m. - 12 noon for ages 3 years thru 5th grade.

### July Camp Dates

Tween Discovery Camp (6th graders): July 9th-13th  
Growing In Grace Camp (3rd-5th): July 11th-13th  
District Camp (7th-12th graders): July 16th-20th

United Methodist Church  
**PRE-SCHOOL**

By  
Tracey Gilliam,  
Preschool Director

Preschool is on summer break until August 21st. There are still openings available at our preschool for the 2007-2008 school year.

Please call 839-7424 if interested.

## Evelyn's Inspiration

By Evelyn White

### Life - Three Score and Ten . . . ?

Is living past that number and becoming elderly – is that “the icing on the cake?” Not really. It takes God's blessings from birth through every year. There are so many times we fail to be aware of those blessings. Then we look back and know how great a part God was in our Being; helping us climb the mountain we face time after time; and He's always there where we needed help to climb out of the valleys.

O How He Loves Us!

One thing we all should learn: This is the day God has made. We pray “give us this day” – He gave it. Now, how are we going to use it? Yesterday is gone, tomorrow isn't here yet. Life is built on our one day at a time. The icing on the cake for me is: God still loves me, He still forgives me, He still blesses me in so many ways. I can still hear, see, speak, smile, laugh, cry and sing(?). I can walk (slowly), but move. I still enjoy food and the great blessings of family and wonderful friends – and knowing that God will always be with me.

Our Father who art in heaven, thank you for all my years, my life.

God loves you and I love you.

Evelyn

## United Methodist Women

By Jane Kilgore, UMW President

Our June activity will be a tour of Methodist Manor in Tulsa on Thursday, June 21. We received a letter from the Manor inviting us to lunch and a tour. This is the 50th year the Manor has been in operation in Tulsa. There is no charge.

All women are invited. You don't have to be a member of UMW. Please call Genny Dorsey at 647-2528 if you would like to go. We will be taking the church bus and other vehicles if necessary.



## Cards of Thanks



Aaron and Betty Ridenour would like to thank the church family for all their thoughts and prayers on the death of Aaron's brother.

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, and concern during the loss of Charles' brother. It is a great feeling to know so many people care about us.

We appreciate you.

Charles and Brenda Ferguson

A Big THANK YOU to Tracey

And now it's time for Ben and I  
To say farewell . . . our sad goodbye.  
You've blessed us with domestic bliss  
And though we leave, a love exists.  
I've never known such a gal  
A love so great – you're quite a pal!

Some points that I would like to make  
This life should be of give and take  
You're always on the giving end.  
I feel I'm not the greatest friend.

We came for one and stayed much more  
That single month turned into four!  
You fed the herd and we did some wash  
And you do everything with great panache  
You're always up and won't condemn  
Even with the chickens at 3 a.m.!

This could not end without our thanks  
As we have just broken ranks  
I don't know how or even when  
We'll settle up . . . me and Ben  
But we know we will not be denied.  
Till then, may God be at your side.

Love, Nina

## Welcome New Members

We welcomed into membership on April 1 David and Lisa Barnes and sons, Justin and Jesse. And on May 27 Sheri Zabala and daughter, Tabitha, joined by transfer from another denomination.

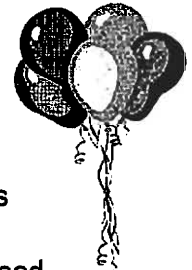
They have all been attending for quite some time and we are so happy to have them as part of our church family.

## United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men meet the second Saturday of each month at 8 a.m. for breakfast and a program in the CFLC. All men of the church are invited to attend this enjoyable activity.

## June Birthdays

- 2 Linda Hebert and R.L. Sockey, Jr.
- 3 Joel Talley and Michael Preston
- 6 Donna Johnston
- 7 Debby Jarrett
- 9 Clifford England
- 13 Phyllis Roberts and Stacey Roberts
- 14 Martha Kidd and Marvin DeSpain
- 16 Nikki Wigginton and Kenny Whitehead
- 17 Robin Morrison
- 18 Paul Stottsberry and Jon Gaston
- 21 Evelyn White
- 22 Vicki Mason
- 23 Gene Wheat
- 25 Betty Gillson, Amy Stubbs, Connor Matos
- 28 Linda Brown and Jesse Barnes
- 30 Patrick Ford



## June Anniversaries

- 3 Mark and Darlene Barkley
- 5 Ron and Marsha Cofer
- 6 Gene and Dana Wheat
- 8 Brian and Katie Shore
- 10 Jake and Ashley Thompson
- 17 Curtis and Dorothy James
- 18 Ronnie and Becky Bell
- 22 Wayne and Judy Moore
- 24 Ronnie and Christy Oehlschlager
- 25 Ben and Judy Curtis



## Our Sympathy Extended

We extend our love and sympathy to Janet Fox and family on the recent death of Bill. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



## Pink Basket Day for Kendy Jo

There will be a Pink Basket Day on June 3 for Kendy Jo Traywick, daughter of Kevin and Andrea (Sabatucci) Traywick, in the Fellowship Hall immediately following morning worship.

Refreshments will be served and there will be a basket and table available where you may place cards and gifts if you wish.