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Serving God 116 Years

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



*June 1 - 5*



*Father's Day*  
*June 21*

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## PASTOR TO PEOPLE

As I am writing this note, I am amazed that Annual Conference is just a few days away. It seems that Judy and I arrived here not that long ago and now I am looking forward to the fourth year here. This is an exciting congregation to be part of and an exciting time to be here. There will be many opportunities for ministry over the months to come as we seek to walk together into deeper relationships with God and neighbor.

In the area of the building plan, the next step includes the development of financial and stewardship plan to support the building proposal. The Nominations/Lay Leadership Committee has asked Keith Thomas to chair that task force. Other members are Ken Hammond, Vernon Roberts, Brian Shore, Virginia Stanley, and Peggy Talley. I am hopeful that they will design a financial plan that is as forward thinking and successful as the building. Please keep this group and the entire church in your prayers.

It has been several years since I have worked "Wilderness Camp." Hadn't really planned on working it any time soon, but was called and told the camp was very short handed. So, I will be in the back canyon at Canyon Camp from Monday, June 15 through Saturday, June 27. While I am away, Deborah Humphrey will be with us for Sunday worship on June 21. She is the assistant director at Cookson Hills Mission Center near Tahlquah. This is the United Methodist mission center that serves low-income persons of Cherokee, Adair, and Sequoyah Counties. There we provide assistance with "cottage industries," Senior Adult Nutrition, day care and children's programs, as well as 12-Step ministries. I know that you will be blessed by hearing stories of this extension of your ministry.

I'll be in worship on Sunday, June 28, but since I will arrive

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**REV. GREGORY J. TENER**



home late have asked the Youth to lead worship that day. Our youth have done a great job every time they have led in worship. I always look forward to what they say and offer us as a witness to their faith.

One other project that I will be working on this summer is the continuation of research for my doctoral thesis. Once again, I would ask you to participate in a time of reflection and feedback regarding communion on Monday, June 8 at 6:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Then in July, I will begin a six-week study, This Holy Mystery, during the Sunday school hour that will begin on Sunday, July 12. I appreciate your help in this process.

Grace and peace,

*Greg*



**Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for April, 2009**  
 2009 Average Attendance Figures for April: 189  
 2009 Budget Requirements: \$346,911.00  
 Needed for Budget Each Week: \$6,671.37  
 Needed through April: \$113,413.29  
 April Receipts: \$32,475.11  
 April Expenditures: \$22,430.15

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District web page: 222.gbmg-umc.org/mc-dist/

**• CHURCH CALENDAR •**  
**WORSHIP BULLETIN DEADLINE:**  
*10 a.m. each Thursday*  
**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**  
*Third Friday of each month*

- **SUNDAY •**  
**Church Chat, 9:30 a.m., CFLC**  
**United Methodist Youth Fellowship**  
**(C.H.A.O.S.), 5:00 p.m.**
- **MONDAY •**  
**Boy Scouts, 7:00 p.m., CFLC**
- **TUESDAY •**  
**Cub Scouts, 6:00 p.m., CFLC**
- **WEDNESDAY •**  
**Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m.**
- **THURSDAY •**  
**Mother's Day Out, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

- 1-5 Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. to 12 noon at First Christian Church
- 2 Last Mission & Purpose Study, 6:15, Fellowship Hall
- 7 Children's Council, 11:45 a.m., CFLC
- 8 Communion Discussion with the Pastor, 6:15, Fellowship Hall
- 9 Membership Care Committee Meeting, 11 a.m., CFLC
- 13 UMM Breakfast and Meeting, 8 p.m., CFLC
- 24-25 Youth will be at Heifer Ranch
- 28 Meet the D.S., Heavener First United Methodist Church, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
- 29 OSU Edible Centerpiece Training School, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, CFLC

**MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS**

- 7 Frank and Grace Dehart
- 14 Peggy Talley and Liz Perry
- 21 Jim and Nancy Shore
- 28 Andi Burton and Jean Gaylor



**LITURGISTS**

- 7 Kendrick Hardaway
- 14 Hayley Redhage
- 21 Mallory Mixon
- 28 Josh Graham



**MORNING WORSHIP ACOLYTES**

- 7 Morgan Bandy
- 14 Katie Redhage
- 21 Taryn Shelton
- 28 Kylanna Hardaway





## 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.

### June

- 7 Welcome Night for our incoming 6th graders! 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Wear old play clothes – and be prepared!)
- 11 Heifer Ranch registration and fee due (\$25)
- 14 No youth meeting
- 15-19 District Camp at Camp Egan for incoming 7th through 12th
- 21 C.H.A.O.S., 5 to 7 p.m.
- 28 Youth Sunday for morning worship C.H.A.O.S., 5 to 7 p.m.

### July

- 1 Church Pool Party at City Pool, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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### Children's Council Luncheon Meeting

June 7, 11:45 a.m., CFLC

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### Camp Dates for Summer

Poverty and Justice Event: June 12-14 at Canyon Camp, \$75 (New camp opportunity)

District Camp for 7th-12th: June 15-19, \$180

6th Grade Camp: July 13-17, \$206

3rd - 5th Grade Camp: July 13-15, \$118

1st - 2nd Grade Camp: July 25-26; \$45

Youth Force at Poteau for grades 6th-12th: July 19-24 (Housed at CASC), \$160

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### VBS IS COMING – Are your kids ready to sink their teeth in BIG fun?

Crocodile Dock is filled with incredible Bible-learning that kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Bible Point crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the Crocodile Dock activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see God in everyday life – something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot! Mark these dates on your calendar: June 1 - 5 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at First Christian Church.

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### Mother's Day Out

Mother's Day Out moves to Thursdays beginning June 4.

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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### Wet Wednesday Water War

On June 10 we will have an evening of cooling off with water fun from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be two age divisions for games: 2nd to 5th and 6th to 12th. Come prepared to get wet! Please bring a towel. Kids are encouraged to bring water guns.

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### Youth Force

Youth Force is in need of two items: Inexpensive shower curtains (need 60) and rolls of toilet paper (need 120 rolls).

If you are able to contribute to this need, please bring the donated items to the church by July 12.

United Methodist Church <b>PRESCHOOL</b> 	By <b>Tracey Gilliam,</b> Preschool Director
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The school year has ended. The Preschool had a graduating class of 45 students. A big thank you to Janet DeSpain, Liz Perry and Genny Dorsey for baking cookies and helping with graduation.

The 2009-2010 school year will start on August 17th.

The preschool hopes everyone has a safe and fun summer.

## Special Worship Visitor

Our congregation was honored to have as a special visitor for worship, Bishop Robert Hayes on May 17. He joined Rev. Tener at the end of the service and gave the benediction.

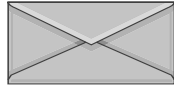


### Our Sympathy

The congregation extends their love and sympathy to the family of Modean Smith who passed away in Woodward, Okla. Modean was a long-time resident of Poteau and member of this church since 1950.

*I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart. I will tell all the miracles you have done. I will be happy because of you; God Most High, I will sing praises to your name.”  
(Psalm 9:1)*

## Correspondence



Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and the gift card I received at the Logos appreciation dinner. But most of all thank you for your love and support.

Janet DeSpain

Dear Church Family,

I just finished my first semester of the High Voltage Lineman Program at OSU Institute of Technology in Okmulgee. I really appreciate you thinking of me and sending the care package.

Sincerely,  
Justin Burton

Dear Poteau Church Family,

Words cannot express our joy for the wonderful Bell Choir performance on Sunday, April 18th. We so appreciate Sandra Slater and all of the ringers and the flutist who gave of themselves, their time, and their talents. We want to thank Pastor Tener for the consecration service for the new octave of bells. The service was just as Tammy would have wanted. We also wish to thank the church for your support of the bell choir and this memorial. This service brought comfort and celebration to Tammy's entire family.

The bells will last through many generations of ringers. Their pleasure in ringing and performing will be cherished by all who hear them.

The Family of Tammy Harman

**Meet The New  
District Superintendent**  
Sunday, June 28th • 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
at First United Methodist Church

**201 East Ave. B, Heavener, OK 74937**  
Members from United Methodist Churches in Poteau, Wister, Howe, Hodgen, Talihina, Heavener, and Heavener Hispanic are invited to gather to welcome and meet Rev. Darrell Cates who will be serving as the new McAlester District Superintendent. This will be a time of informal conversation and fellowship as we get to know Darrell. Refreshments will be served.

Many of you will remember that Darrell was a former pastor of our church.

## June Birthdays

- 2 R.L. Sockey, Jr.
- 3 Michael Preston and Versile Johnson II
- 6 Donna Johnston and Linzy Murray
- 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 Mason
- 18 Paul Stottsberry and Jon Gaston
- 21 Evelyn White, Shanna Johnson, and Mary-Catherine Hallmark
- 22 Vicki Mason
- 23 Gene Wheat
- 25 Betty Gillson, Amy Stubbs, and Connor Matos
- 28 Linda Brown and Jesse Barnes
- 30 Patrick Ford



## June Anniversaries

- 5 Ron and Marsha Cofer
- 6 Gene and Dana Wheat
- 8 Brian and Katie Shore
- 10 Jake and Ashley Thompson
- 15 Buddy and Pat Shelton
- 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



### Membership Care Committee

**Meeting Tues., June 9, 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).