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Serving God Our Second 100 Years

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 Morning Worship
 10:30 A.M.



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PASTOR TO PEOPLE

Over the past weeks, while several of our youth were participating in Confirmation Class, several adults mentioned that they would appreciate a class about United Methodism. There is a very good video-based study entitled "What Does It Mean to Be United Methodist?" Over five weeks, the sessions explore Wesleyan heritage, theology, and worship. Whether you are new to the church or just need a "refresher", this study will help us give some knowledge to what we share in common with other denominations, but also help us see differences. I'll be leading the class during the Sunday School hour starting May 20th. We will meet on the second floor of the Christian Education building.

Although we sometimes think of the summer as being a time that things "slow down" at Church, it can be an important time of faith formation. Activities are being discussed and planned for our children and youth. The Christian Education committee is exploring some alternative classes for adults. There will be many opportunities for fellowship. And we are always open to new ideas and ministries that we haven't considered yet. Feel free to share your ideas with myself or one of the church's work areas. The work area chairpersons are: Susan Mixon, Christian Education; Christie Williams, Missions; Patty Redhage, Children's Council; Alan Ware, Youth Council; Tami Matos, Family Ministries; and Joe Renfro, Evangelism.

On May 27th, the great Fifty days of Easter draws to a close with the celebration of Pentecost Sunday. This is the day often spoken of as being the birth of the Church with the fullness of God's promises in Christ Jesus. God's Holy Spirit is given with all of God's gifts and power for us to utilize and enjoy for ministry. May the following prayer help prepare you for this great day in the Church.

"God of wind, word, and fire, we bless your name this day for sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit. We give you thanks for all the gifts, great and small, that you have poured out upon your children. Accept us with our gifts to be living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth; through Jesus Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever. 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, April 22: Grayson Bradshaw, Ken Hammond, Mark and Edie McMillin's parents, Bob Ridenour family, David Roberts, Lois Robison, Don Baetz, Jan Graham, Reedy Gothard, Kevin, Andrea and Kendy Jo Traywick, Lonnie Cauthron, Josh Williams, Steve Kilgore, Dee Ann Anthony, John Lawrence, Ruth Ann Shore, Dean Pyles, Virginia Tech families, Troy Talley and family going to China, Tim Renfro and family.

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE!

Be sure and save your aluminum cans. When you bring your aluminum cans to the church, Phil and Genny Dorsey sell them and match the amount they get with their own money. That makes the cans worth twice as much to buy food for the needy.

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

2007 Average Attendance Figures for March: 156
 2007 Budget Requirements: \$327,292.00
 Needed for Budget Each Week: \$6,294.00
 Needed thru March: \$75,528.00
 March Receipts: \$31,295.57
 March Expenditures: \$26,789.83

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.

Rev. 4:8

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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 •

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

- 4 Overnight Youth Trip to Gore, leave at 5 p.m.
- 5 Youth return from Gore at 5 p.m.
- 13 Church-wide Brunch to honor graduating seniors, 9 a.m., CFLC
- 15 Preschool Graduation, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Refreshments follow in Fellowship Hall
- 16 United Methodist Women, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall
- 20 Meeting for parents about church camp, 11:30 a.m.

MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

- May 6 Bob and Vera Bullock
- May 13 Marvin and Janet DeSpain
- May 20 Mark and Edie McMillin
- May 27 Jack and Elva Oehlschlager



MORNING WORSHIP ACOLYTES

- May 6 Taylor Darnal
- May 13 Kanaan Hardaway
- May 20 Kade McMillin
- May 27 Sam Shore

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

Destination Unknown

Beginning April 29th and through May the two UMYF groups will be meeting together for our new curriculum entitled Destination Unknown. Most of the outings will be away from church and the students will not know until the time of the event where they will be going. They will receive a card each week with the scripture verse that will be used and some clues as to the location, but only parents and the church office will know in advance.

April 29 - Theme: Community in Action, 5-7 p.m.

May 6 - Theme: Fellowship in Action, 1-7 p.m.

May 13 - No UMYF (Mother's Day)

May 20 - Service and Missions, 12:30-5 p.m.

May 27 - God's Mercy, 5-7 p.m.

Boys Ranch Service Outing

Our next service outing is happening on May 4th and 5th at the United Methodist Boys Ranch in Gore. It is one of two residential campuses operated by the Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care. The Ranch provides care for young men ages 13 through high school graduation who are experiencing problems which prevent them from living at home or in foster care. On this outing we will be doing some outdoor painting and possibly indoor painting for the center. We will leave on Friday at 5 p.m. and return Saturday at 5. The cost of this trip is \$10 per person.

For a list of what you need to bring, or for questions, please call or email me at 647-2217(office) or 839-0846 (cell) or fuchs1@windstream.net.

Graduation Brunch and Senior Recognition

On Sunday, May 13th we will be hosting a church wide brunch for our six graduating seniors. This will be a time for you as a congregation to gather around them and their families to speak of how proud of them we are and wish them well as God journeys with them as they move forward. During worship that day, the youth will be taking some key leadership roles as we worship and share in the wonderful love and grace of God. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend this wonderful day in the life of these great kids.

School Lunches

In the last month, I have been meeting the students during lunch. Taking the time to meet with the students on their turf and in a place where they are comfortable has been a wonderful experience to build even deeper relationships with our wonderful students.

During the month of May, my practice of lunches will continue with me meeting with the Middle School students on Wednesdays and High School students on Thursdays. I look forward to these times and what relationships will form over a meal.

Vacation Bible School June 4th-8th

Summer will be here before we know it and so will Vacation Bible School. 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. Enclosed in the newsletter you will find a registration form to join this year's Stampede of fun. The registration form will also be located in the chapel outside of the sanctuary as well as in the church office, and on our webpage at www.poteaufumc.com. We ask that each child has their own form. The ages for VBS is from 3 years (if by 6/1/07) through 5th grade.

When filling out the form use the grade your student just finished. Deadline for registration is May 22. For questions or to volunteer call or email Sara.

Summer Camp Dates

Summer is quickly approaching. Along with baseball, softball, and other summer fun times is summer camps for our youth and children. Camp books are now available outside of the sanctuary, in the office and online at www.okumc.org/camps.

Sonshine Camp (1st-2nd graders): June 9th and 10; Cost \$20, Registration deadline May 20.

Growing In Grace Camp (3rd-5th graders): July 9th-13th; Cost \$50, Registration deadline May 20.

Tween Discovery (6th graders): June 9th-13th; Cost \$80, Registration deadline May 20.

District Camp (7th-12th graders): July 16th-20th; Cost \$92.50, Registration deadline June 10.

All camps are at Camp Egan. There will be an information meeting for parents about each camp on May 20 immediately following church.

United Methodist Women

By Jane Kilgore, UMW President

Six members of Poteau UMW attended Spring District Meeting in Henryetta on Saturday, April 21. Our unit donated 20 pillows and 20 pillow covers to the district project, New Day Camp. The various units attending donated 130+ pillows for the camp. Rev. Gary Wilburn of Seminole FUMC spoke to the morning meeting and gave us a lot of interesting information about the camp. He serves there as a counselor each summer, along with his wife. This camp serves children ages 8-14 who have a parent in prison.

Rev. Wilburn told us of many lives that have been changed by attending this camp. He informed us that it costs \$250 for each camper. UMW has donated funds to pay for one camper.

The next meeting of UMW will be May 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Every woman who attends our church is invited to all our meetings.

God bless all our Methodist women!



United Methodist Church
PRESCHOOL



By
Tracey Gilliam,
Preschool
Director

At Preschool in May we will be reviewing all letters, numbers, shapes, and colors we have learned about this year. We will also be focusing on the Fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, faithfulness, goodness, gentleness, patience, self-control, kindness, and peacefulness.

The Preschool has had a fun year and appreciates all the items donated to it. A big thank you goes to Elva Oehlschlager for coordinating our Christmas cookie decorating and our end of the year refreshments.

Preschool graduation will be May 15 in the sanctuary with refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. The Monday-Wednesday class graduates at 6:00. They are Payton Bernard, Logan Bryan, Mattison Dotson, Trista Fassio, Alyssa Reaves, Mckinlee Thomas, Dylan Tucker, Tiffany Tucker, Jock Adams, Emily Barnes, Clara Bland, Olivia Brennan, Cole Hensley, Keylee Shipman, Seth Fields, and Bralie Rust.

The Tuesday-Thursday class graduates at 6:30. They are Rylan Cooper, Michaela Cotner, Emmy Ford, Megan Gillham, Kylie Turner, Austin Place, Colton Williamson, James Moss, Dani Collins, Janae Graves, Vivian Howerton, Ethan Harrison, Curtis Culwell, Brax McMillin, Dax McMillin, and Peyton Stubbs.

The Monday-Thursday class graduates at 7:00. They are Dylan Richmond, Elizabeth Emberton, Gannon Cheek, Kale Harrison, Ryan Scott, Skye Parker, Chloe Fields, Autumn Jones, Cora Rolens, Kass Fenton, Keaton Grantham, Madeline Brennan, and Tucker Garrett.

• Births Announced •

Marvin and Janet DeSpain have a new granddaughter, Abigail Dawn DeSpain, who born April 11. She weighed 8 lbs. 6 ozs.

Steve and Nancy Clark have announced the birth of their first grandchild, a granddaughter, Ava Isabelle, born April 16. She is the daughter of Charlie and Heather Clark.

Kevin and Andrea (Sabatucci) Traywick have a daughter, Kendy Jo, born April 5.

Congratulations to all the new parents and grandparents!

May Birthdays

- 1 Warren Moore and Cindy Stoughton
- 2 Kendrick Hardaway
- 3 Jessica Bridgman
- 4 Sarah Mixon
- 5 Steve Clark and Shirley Blackshare
- 6 Ryan Neurohr, Nikole Preston and Mikali Kemp
- 7 Jeff Mixon and Jerry Kemp
- 8 Mandy Wilson
- 11 Bobby Reed and Libby Bridgman
- 13 Gianna Reid
- 14 Nicholas Roberts
- 15 Tucker Garrett and Austin James
- 17 Jim Morrison
- 20 Hayley Redhage
- 21 Emily Norgeot
- 22 Rhett Garner
- 25 Burke Perry, Brady Perry, and Cash Balentine
- 26 Kade McMillin and Katie Rolens
- 27 Freda Ogle
- 28 Joey Hall
- 30 Charley Clark, Daz DeCamp, Cora Rolens, and Ben Sumerford



May Anniversaries

- 14 Jim and Ruth Ann DeCamp
Pete and Susan Norgeot
- 15 Jerry and Mary Ford
- 19 David and Lisa Barnes
- 20 Chad and Jennifer Cravens
- 22 Greg and Judy Tener
- 24 Scott and Jennifer Miller
- 28 Jerry and Jan Thompson
- 29 Bob and Deanna Reed
- 31 Jarrod and Alison Garrett



Our Sympathy Extended

We extend our love and sympathy to Aaron Ridenour and family on the death of his brother, and to Lloyd Lee and family on the death of his aunt.

Word has also been received of the recent death of Sou Morse.

Welcome New Members

We welcomed the Confirmation Class into membership on Palm Sunday. Congratulations to all these young people. We are proud of you.