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SERVING GOD 119 YEARS

PASTOR TO PEOPLE

Praying for You

We, the Clarks, have been here in Poteau now for about 4 months – time surely does fly by! So, as the “new” is beginning to wear off just a bit and I have the opportunity to reflect on all the changes both you and we have been through, I want to say a couple of things:

First, I am more excited to be here in Poteau now than I was before! You have graciously and warmly received my family; you have welcomed me into your midst and hearts in both our worship and community life together; you have made us feel at home and part of the family of this congregation. Many of you have expressed to both Debbie and me how you have kept us in your prayers - praying for our children, health, safety and ministries. Thank You!

I have felt those prayers and want you to know that I cannot do without them. Please keep praying - I covet your prayers.

Secondly, I want you to know that I have been praying as well – at the bedside in the hospital and nursing care facilities, in my office as we have discussed matters of importance and concern to you, at your homes as we have shared time together. But I have a confession to make, I have not been praying for all of you. Yes, I have lifted the church up in prayer as a whole and I have prayed for our worship service, I have prayed for our various ministries and for our leadership teams. I have prayed that our collective efforts may be directed for God’s glory. And I will certainly continue to do so. But now I feel that something is missing and that something is a more personal aspect to prayer. Even though I am still trying to put names and faces together, it occurs to me that I need to be in prayer for each of you, specifically and by name, for whatever needs or concerns that you may have. In a few weeks I will be sending out postcards to all our church members and regular visitors, starting with the A’s and working through the alphabet, informing you that I will be praying for you specifically on a given date. I will be asking you to share with me (if you wish) any specific concerns for which I can pray. You may either call it in to the church office and leave a message if I’m not there, or if you want to leave a confidential reply you may email me at revkc2003@yahoo.com or write it on the postcard and mail it to me personally at the church office. I will pray for you specifically whether I have a specific request or not, but if I know of a specific need, that will help me to focus my prayer. If your concern is of a more involved nature, you may wish to make an appointment with me.

I will be praying for you Monday through Thursday between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. You may wish to be in prayer with me wherever you are, to pray for the same concern, or just to know that you are loved and adored by God, especially at that very hour, and to receive God’s blessing and strength.

Prayer is perhaps the most underrated and underused power in the universe. While we have managed to harness the power of the atom, we often neglect to tap into the power of God’s Holy Spirit. When we pray we can discover anew the power of the unquenchable fire of the Spirit. Let us pray together so that we might be sustained by that heavenly and holy power.

Grace and Peace - and Prayers
Kyle



REV. KYLE CLARK

Cards of Thanks

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, calls, and cards during the illness and passing of my Dad, Thurman Vinson. We were blessed to have him for 90 years. Also we are very blessed to have a compassionate and loving church family. Thank you again.

Phyllis Kemp and family

Dear Church Family,

We want to express our sincerest gratitude for the outpouring of love and support you showed at the Stand Strong benefit a few weeks ago. A very special thanks to Steve and Nancy Clark who worked to organize and bring it all together, The Antioch Station Band for the great music and auction skills, some of the best pie bakers in Poteau, the choir and all who attended. Your collective love gave us a huge lift! This is a difficult time for us but we know that our awesome, merciful and powerful God will see us through. Also, thank you for your cards, calls and continued prayers.

With love and gratitude . . .

In Christ We Stand Strong,
Stan and Pegee Werline

• **WALK-A-THON** •

The Girl Scouts invite everyone to join a Walk-a-Thon "Cruisin' for a Cure, Sat., Oct. 13, 10 a.m. to noon at Poteau High School Track benefitting the Donald W. Reynolds Cancer Support House. Call 918-969-2677 or 479-353-4620 for information.

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Bishop	Robert E. Hayes
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Pastor	Rev. Kyle Clark
Youth Director	Kimberly Hardaway
Music Director	Steve Clark
Logos Director	Tami Matos
Church Secretary	Brenda Ferguson
Lead Nursery Attendant	Jayla Craig
Organist	Wendy Kelly
Custodian and Door Opener	Jason Dering

District web page: www.gbpm-umc.org/mc-dist/



OCTOBER CHURCH CALENDAR

WORSHIP BULLETIN DEADLINE:

10 a.m. each Thursday

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Third Friday of each month

• **SUNDAY** •

UMYF (CHAOS), 5 p.m.

Disciple's Path Bible Study, 6 p.m. Conf. Rm. •

MONDAY •

Boy Scouts, 7 p.m., CFLC

Christian Preschool Monday - Thursday

8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Education Building

• **TUESDAY** •

Cub Scouts, 6 p.m., CFLC

Treble Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

• **WEDNESDAY** •

LOGOS, 3:15 p.m.

Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Women's Bible Study, 6:15 p.m. J.N. Ross Rm.

• **THURSDAY** •

Senior Café, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., CFLC

Girl Scouts, 4:00 p.m.

- 7 World Communion Day
- 8 UMW Women of Faith Meeting, 10:30, CFLC
- 13 UMM Breakfast and Meeting, 8 a.m., CFLC
- 17 Membership Care Committee, 1 p.m., CFLC
- 20 Free Neighborhood Breakfast, 8 to 10, CFLC
- 22 Handbell Practice begins, 5:15 p.m.

The UMW Fall Festival will be Fri., Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

- 7 Jean Gaylor and Peggy Talley
- 14 Randy and Tami Matos
- 21 Bill and Linda Lancaster
- 28 Mike and Linda Lee



LITURGISTS

- 14 Tabi Zabala
- 21 Baleigh Quarry
- 28 Kyle Matos

ACOLYTES

- 7 Luke Wheat and Daniel Ambriz
- 14 Aiden Alexander and Wyatt Holt
- 21 Baleigh Quarry and Maci White
- 28 Katie Redhage and Demi Gilliam



SERMON TOPICS

- 7 Rev. Jeremy Basset, OKVIM, Guest Speaker
- 14 "I'd Rather Be a Doorkeeper" (Job 23:1-9, 16-17)
- 21 "Risking a Happy Ending" (Job 42:1-6, 10-17)
- 28 Lloyd Lee, Guest Preacher

News of Youth

By Kimberly Hardaway, Youth Director

UMYF (CHAOS) meets Sunday evenings and is for all youth 6th through 12th grade.

The schedule is as follows:

OCTOBER

- 7 CHAOS 5 to 7 p.m. (Meal: Perrys)
- 14 CHAOS 5 to 7 p.m. (Meal: Clarks)
- 21 CHAOS 5 to 7 p.m. (Meal: Ambriz)
- 28 Halloween Carnival (followed by Trunk or Treat in parking lot)

NOVEMBER

- 4 Hayride at the Gilliams

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Please sign up for OKC Thunder Game March 24, 2013 (game at 6 p.m.) by Oct. 7. Cost is \$20. We have to pay and purchase tickets NOW for this event.

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HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL OCT. 28, 5 TO 7 P.M.

Come for an evening of fun for the children, sponsored by the youth group. Annual Chili-Cookoff, Costume Contest, Jack-o-Lantern Display and over 20 carnival-style games!

If interested in helping contribute a bag of candy for the games, place it in the mission tub located in the Narthex by October 28.

LOGOS — — —

By Tami Matos, Director

Logos is a Wednesday after school ministry that meets in the CFLC during the school year for ages Pre-K through 8th grade. Dinner has changed to 5:00, and check-out time is 6:00.

Important dates to remember:

- Oct. 3 Pajama Night (wear your pjs)
- Oct. 10 Neon Night (wear something neon)
- Oct. 14 Middle School Handbells lead in worship
- Oct. 17 Crazy Hat Night (wear a hat)
- Oct. 24 Fiesta Night
- Oct. 28 2-5 grade lead in worship
- Oct. 31 Halloween (Due to Halloween, this date is pending)

Logos has started off wonderfully! A sincere thank you to all of the people that have helped: teachers, cooks, table parents, and scholarship donors. This ministry could not happen without your support. You are so appreciated!

Please save jars and other deep containers for Logos project. Please give to Debbie Clark.

The Heavener Fall Bazaar will be Oct. 6 at the Heavener United Methodist Church, 201 East Ave. B beginning at 9 a.m. There will be a bake sale, craft items, casseroles to go and a lunch from 11 to 2. All proceeds benefit church missions.



United Methodist Church
PRECHOOL



By
Tracey Gilliam,
Preschool
Director

The October preschool themes are 1) Fire Safety; 2) God is good; 3) Transportation, and 4) 1-2-3 Autumn.

Preschool will be learning about the letters D, E, and F. The shape of a triangle and the numbers 3 and 4 will be learned. The color of the month is orange. Memory verse for October is "God has been good to me."

Women of Faith

UMW unit "Women of Faith" met on Monday, September 10, in the Family Life Center. Lunch was furnished by Susan England, and a good social visit was had by all following the business meeting.

Discussion was held regarding Fall Festival, which will be on Friday, November 2. There will be some vendors at the Festival. We'll also have our usual bake sale and look forward to receiving all the good things our church members bring. You will probably be getting a call soon about making something for the luncheon or the bake sale.

We discussed a request from Oklahoma Conference UMW officers that we host the UMW Annual Meeting in October of 2013. This is a statewide meeting for all units of UMW. All present were in favor of granting this request. This is an honor which would not be possible if we didn't have our wonderful new church building.

The next meeting of Women of Faith will be on Monday, October 8. We will meet again in the Family Life Center at 10:30 a.m. for business meeting and lunch. We will begin an Advent study titled "Mary's Song". The study emphasizes the fact that Mary's song is a message of deliverance and hope for all people, as well as looking forward to Baby Jesus.

All ladies of the church are invited to our meetings and would be most welcome.

Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for August 2012

2012 Average Attendance Figures for August: 164

2012 Budget Requirements: \$397,000.00

Needed for Budget Each Week: \$7,634.62

Needed through August: \$259,577.08

August Receipts: \$16,096.66

August Expenditures: \$26,789.41

New Building Fund Figures:

Deposits: \$1,261,277.88; Expenditures: \$2,550,470.81

Missions Report

By Terri Martin, Missions Committee

The collection for the LCYS linen items had a wonderful response. We have to date collected and delivered: 15 sets of sheets, 1 pillow, 2 blankets, 2 comforters, 6 towels, 8 wash cloths, and 2 mattress covers.

Thanks to all who donated; these items were graciously accepted and will benefit a great cause.

October will be focusing on items needed at the "Community Services Clearing House" in Fort Smith. This is a non-profit organization that helps a large number of people in many ways, one of which is a backpack program. They collect items for a "Meals For Kids Program" in support of "No Child Should Ever Go Hungry!" They currently serve over 2,200 children per week from schools in a seven-county area (LeFlore County included). Children are selected by teachers and counselors to receive backpacks on Friday containing juice, cereal, pudding and fruit cups, crackers, treats and some source of protein. These children may otherwise not receive any nutrition during the weekend.

For more information on this program and others offered visit their website at: www.csclearinghouse.org

October food item of the month - pudding cups

Please place items in bins located in Narthex. Thank you for your generosity.

Mark your calendars - Monthly Breakfast - October 20.

2 Corinthians 9:11 "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God" NIV

A Special Thanks

We would like to say a big thank you to Lloyd Lee for building two beautiful cabinets for the church. One is in Kyle's office for his robes and one is in the balcony stair room for the acolyte robes and accessories.



Our Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Phyllis Kemp and family on the death of her father and Terry Hall and family on the death of her father.



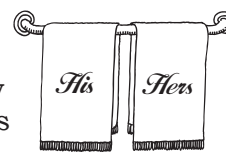
October Birthdays

- 1 Joe K. Thomas
- 2 Peyton Stubbs and Darla Fox
- 3 J.J. Hall and Maggie Wheat
- 5 Pamela Cox, Cindy Brody and Linda Lancaster
- 6 Jim DeCamp
- 8 Andrea Traywick, Mark Zabala and Kayla Alexander
- 9 Andrea Skelton
- 13 Phyllis Kemp
- 15 Tiffany Mason and Judy Curtis
- 16 J.L. Ford
- 17 Drew Baker
- 19 Krissy Manning
- 20 Jack Hornbuckle, Stephen Cherry, and Layni White
- 22 Tracey Gilliam and Louise Reynolds
- 24 Alison Garrett, Jim Shore, and Lisa Barnes
- 26 Rozelle Hardaway
- 28 Susan Oehlschlager and Justin Pickle
- 29 Katie Shore
- 30 Ruth Ann DeCamp and Bob Reed
- 31 Bill Cupp, Ben Curtis, and Kendra Yandell



October Anniversaries

- 10 Mike and Linda Lee
- 16 Justin and Jaime Pickle
- 18 Cody and Sarah Bradshaw
- 24 Vernon and Phyllis Roberts
- 28 David and Gerry Roberts



Handbell Choir to resume

Well, it is past time for me to organize the adult handbell choir. I would like to start in October and plan on ringing during the Christmas season. I know that there are lots of you out there who are eager to ring again or join in the fun for the first time.

I would like to have music ready to work on at the first practice. But to do that, I really need to know who is willing to commit to this wonderful music ministry. If you plan to ring or would like to give it a try, please contact the church office or call me at 918-635-0801 or 918-647-9205. I need a name and a phone number so that I can contact one and all. It would be great if I could have a "head count" by Monday, October 15. We will start on Monday, October 22 at 5:15.

Am looking forward to hearing from old and new ringers!

Sandra Slater
Head Ding-a-Ling