

The **FIRST** United Methodist News

YEAR 25 VOLUME 10

OCTOBER, 2017

SERVING GOD 124 YEARS

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

Fall Carnival
Oct. 29
5 to 7 p.m.
Games for Children,
Costume Contest and
much more!



Coming in November:

**Women's
Fall Festival**
Friday, Nov. 3
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bake Sale, Luncheon,
Door Prizes, Vendors,
Quilt Drawing,
Silent Auction

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PASTOR TO PEOPLE

Tim Hansel writes the following story in his book, *When I Relax I Feel Guilty*:

An American Indian was in downtown New York, walking with his friend, who lived in New York City. Suddenly he said, "I hear a cricket!"

"Oh, you're crazy," his friend replied. "No, I hear a cricket. I do! I'm sure of it."

"It's the noon hour. There are people bustling around, cars honking, taxis squealing, noises from the city. I'm sure you can't hear it."

"I'm sure I do." He listened attentively and then walked to the corner, across the street, and looked all around. Finally, on the corner he found a shrub in a large cement planter. He dug beneath the leaves and found a cricket. His friend was astounded. But the Cherokee said, "No. My ears are no different from yours. It simply depends on what you are listening to. Here, let me show you." He reached into his pocket and pulled out a handful of change – a few quarters, some dimes, nickels, and pennies. And he dropped it on the concrete.

Every head within a block turned.

"You see what I mean?" he said as he began picking up his coins. "It all depends on what you are listening for."

There is a lot of noise in the world. A lot of voices compete to tell us what is important and right and true. It can be hard, sometimes to listen through all that noise to find the voice of Jesus, but it can be done. It just takes practice. Jesus teaches us in John chapter 10 that we can hear his voice and he will lead us. He tells us that he is the shepherd and we are his sheep. Verse 4 says, "When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice."

So may you practice tuning your ear to listen through all the noise and find the loving voice of Jesus.

On the Journey with you,

Pastor Jim

REV. JIM PERKIN



Prayer List

(As of September 24, 2017)

To add to or remove a name from the list, call the church office at 918-647-2217.

Nursing Home/Homebound: Genny Dorsey and Maxine Nyberg,

Health: Landa Aubree, Don Baetz, Astarte Baker, Ed Brody, Sandy Carbrey, Perry Carter, Allen Daniels, Jim Davis, Margaret Donaho, Rob Ellis, Mendy Emmerling, Betty Evans, Mary Folsom, Dolores Fuller, Kay Gardner, Brooke Gardezi, Jo Gee, Don Goforth Jr., Pam Hayes, Peggy Holstead, Allen and Jane Ann Inge, Donna Jackson, Lorene Johnson, Jim Kersh, Jane Kilgore, Colton Knight, Lloyd Lee, Arlene LeMaster, Lucy McMillin, Maureen McPherson, Mason Mitchell, Christy Oehlschlager, Jack Oehlschlager, Pat Pate, Kallie Peck, Debbie Piovarchy, William Quarry, Paul Quirk, Lucy Richmond, Bobbie Rowland, Joe Sabatucci, Charles Saviers, Jim Shore, Cathy Siefert, Pat Smith, Randy Smith, Richard Sockey, Virginia Stanley, Earl Steimetz, Paul Stottsberry, Katie Strider, Dennis Thomas, Rita Thomas, Darlene Ward, Darren Ward, Sheila Wilson and Ronnie Sanders.

Bereavement: Family of Don Jackson, Family of Dana Lee, and Family of Patsy West.

Military and Law Enforcement:

Nathan Berlin, Tyler Berlin, Kaigan LeMaster Coggins, Bailey Hahn, Zack Hall, Kyle Kinman, Kodee LeMaster, and all our military and law enforcement.

Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for August 2017

Average Attendance Figures for August: 183

2017 Budget Requirements: \$345,500.00

Needed through August: \$230,333.33

Year to Date received through August: \$215,247.91

August Receipts: \$23,313.24

August Expenditures: \$38,304.01

Amount Owed on New Building Loan: \$459,007.43

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Bishop

District Superintendent

Senior Pastor

Director of Youth Ministries

Director of Music Ministries

Director of Children's Ministries

Administrative Assistant

Lead Nursery Attendant

Organist

Facility Manager

Rev. Jimmy Nunn

Larry Bauman

Rev. Jim Perkin

Melanie Wheat

Mary Lynn Perkin

Suzanne Klutts

Melissa Ward

Jayla Craig

Bill King

Phil Smith

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

• OCTOBER CHURCH CALENDAR •

• SUNDAY •

Sunday School, 9:30; Morning Worship, 10:30

Bible Study, 4 p.m.

UMYF (CHAOS), 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

• MONDAY •

Christian Preschool Monday – Thursday

• TUESDAY •

Cub Scouts, 6 p.m., CFLC

Boy Scouts, 7 p.m., CFLC

• WEDNESDAY •

Bell Choir, 5:30 p.m.

Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m.

• THURSDAY •

Senior Café, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., CFLC

Bible Study, 1 p.m.

- 3 Committee on Lay Leadership Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 8 White Basket Day for Moses and Holley Johnson, 11:45 a.m. (See page 3)
- 9 Finance Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 17 SPRC Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 18 Membership Care, 12 p.m.
- 20-21 Youth Group Trip to Branson
- 22 Church Council Meeting, 11:45 a.m.
- 24 Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 29 Fall Carnival, 5 p.m.

WORSHIP GREETERS

- 1 Nina Ritchie and Peggy Talley
- 8 Ann Young and Grace Dehart
- 15 Janet Sockey and Judy Peerson
- 22 Jamie and Tracey Gilliam
- 29 David and Kathy Robertson

Welcome!

WELCOME TABLE VOLUNTEERS

- 1 Debby Puckette and Martha Renfro
- 8 Jerry and Mary Ford
- 15 Mike and Linda Lee
- 22 Peggy Talley and Jean Whigham
- 29 Randy and Tami Matos

We Love Visitors!

ACOLYTES

- 1 Waylan Murray and Nathan Murray
- 8 Khia Brookfield and Jenci Quarry
- 15 Maggie Wheat and Kendy Traywick
- 22 Caden Mitchell and Grant Thomas
- 29 Brady Perry and Burke Perry



LITURGIST: Jean Whigham



CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

- 1 Morgan Greutman
- 8 Suzanne Klutts
- 15 Tami Matos
- 22 Kim Hardaway
- 29 Mary Lynn Perkin





Welcome New Members!

We welcomed our newest members during September. Joining were Susan and Jim Perkin Sr. on Sept. 10 and Justine Frazier-Gill and three children on Sept. 24. They joined by transfer of membership.

Please let them know we are happy to have them as a part of our church family.

White Basket Day

There will be a White Basket Day hosted by Holley's friends on Oct. 8 following morning worship to congratulate recently married Holley (Ambriz) and Moses Johnson. There will be a basket for cards and monetary gifts if you wish, but please stop by for refreshments and wish them well.

• Children's Ministry •

By Suzanne Klutts

Our first month of JAM (Jesus and Me) has been beyond AMAZING! On September 20 we were blessed with 122 students, WOW!! The kids have been learning from the Parables of Jesus in Bible story, games, crafts and music.

We are also recognizing children during our opening who have been "caught" showing God's love to others at JAM.

If you are looking for a way to serve God and the children of our community, come join us on Wednesday afternoons at 3:15.

On Wed., Oct. 4 there will be our JAM/Church family meal at 5:10 p.m.



Children in morning worship got a lesson on light recently during Children's Moment with Suzanne Klutts.

Card of Thanks

My heartfelt thanks to all that prayed for my recovery. I am recuperating at home with some therapy.

Again, many, many thanks and love to all.

Jo Gee

The sons of Lloyd and Dana Lee, Larry and wife Diana, Brad and fiance Jo, along with Josh, Matt, Maria, Nora, Alex and Mikhail would like to thank you for all you have done for our family. The countless acts of kindness you have blessed our family with are greatly appreciated.

Two Special Birthdays



Two members with 90+ year birthdays were surprised on September 17 with a birthday cake and punch following morning worship. Christine Harris is 92 and David is 96.



Our Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the families of Don Jackson (Pat Shelton's father) and to the family of Dana Lee.

United Methodist Church PRESCHOOL 	By Tracey Gilliam, Preschool Director
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Preschool students will be recognizing the letters F, G, and H. The numbers 3, 4 and 5, the shape triangle and the color orange in October.

The weekly themes will include learning and bats, firefighters, falling leaves, and pumpkins.

The students will be celebrating the end of the month with a "Fall Fun" day.

The memory verse for October is "God has been good to me."

• **LIVE WORSHIP** •

If you are unable to attend worship on Sunday morning, you can watch our morning worship service live at 10:30.

Go to www.poteaufumc.com

News of Youth

By **Melanie Wheat**

UMYF (CHAOS) meets Sunday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. and is for all youth 6th – 12th.

OCTOBER

- 1 Regular Meeting – Thompson family is providing the meal.
- 8 Talent Night – Mitchell family will be providing the meal.
- 15 Regular Meeting – Davis family will be providing the meal.
- 20-21 We will be going to Branson to the Sight and Sound Theater and Silver Dollar City. Money for the Branson trip needs to be paid as soon as possible.
- 22 No Youth
- 29 Fall Carnival



Fall Carnival

The annual Fall Carnival for the children will be held on October 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

There will be games, a costume contest and much more. Children will be given 10 free tickets for the games and extras can be purchased for 25 cents each.

If you would like to help by donating wrapped candy for prizes, please bring it to the church by October 22.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Anyone who knows of someone who would benefit from a prayer shawl, whether a church member or not, should call Cindy Brody at 918-385-1542 or the church at 647-2217.

If you desire the church's prayer chain to pray for you, make your request known by contacting the church office at 918-647-2217.

Beyond our utmost wants

His love and power can bless;

To praying souls he always grants

More than they can express – John Newton

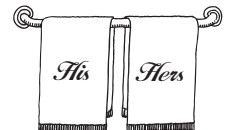
October Birthdays

- 2 Peyton Stubbs and Darla Fox
- 3 J. J. Hall and Maggie Wheat
- 5 Pamela Cox, Cindy Brody, Linda Lancaster
- 8 Andrea Traywick, Reenea' Thompson
Mark Zabala, Kayla Alexander
- 9 Andrea Skelton
- 13 Phyllis Kemp
- 15 Tiffany Mason, Judy Curtis,
Patrick Harman
- 16 J. L. Ford, Luke Culwell
- 17 Drew Baker
- 19 Krissy Manning
- 20 Jack Hornbuckle, Stephen Cherry,
Layni White
- 21 Kristen Slusser
- 22 Tracey Gilliam, Garrett Klutts,
Louise Reynolds
- 24 Alison Sparks, Jim Shore, Lisa Barnes
- 25 Wilson Klutts, Carmelita (Candy) Martin
- 26 Rozelle Hardaway
- 28 Susan Oehlschlager
- 29 Katie Shore
- 30 Ruth Ann DeCamp, Bob Reed
- 31 Bill Cupp, Ben Curtis, Kendra Yandell



October Anniversaries

- 10 Mike and Linda Lee
- 18 Cody and Sarah Bradshaw
- 28 David and Gerry Roberts



Help make our birthday and anniversary lists complete. If we do not have your family members' birthdays and anniversaries, please give the office that information by calling 918-647-2217.

The Upper Room

The Upper Room devotional guides for September/October can be picked up from the tables in the Narthex. They are provided for you free in either the regular print or large print issue.

Membership Care Committee

The Membership Care Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the Christian Family Life Center from 12 to 1 p.m. They try to stay in contact with those in need through cards, phone calls and visits.

If you know someone for their list, please contact the church office or call 918-647-3491.