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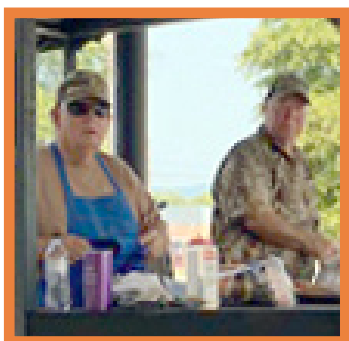
POTEAU, OKLAHOMA

SERVING GOD 128 YEARS

Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30

Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Worship Bulletins
for on-line worship
may be picked up on
Thursdays after 11:00.



Cooks for the First Responders Meal

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PASTOR TO PEOPLE



Let's do an experiment together. I want you to look around the room you are sitting in right now and find five things that have blue in it. Notice how easy that is? When something comes into focus for us it is easier to see more of it, isn't it? It's kind of like buying a new car. Isn't it crazy how many of that same car you start to see as soon as you buy one? It seems like you see that car everywhere now. Is it because everyone else wants to be exactly like you and they all go out and buy a car just like it? Or maybe all those cars have been there all along. And now you are just looking for them because your new car has made that car a focus for you. I believe the same thing is true for us in our faith. It can seem like sometimes that God is distant. We wonder where God has been. It seems like God has gone absent. But maybe it isn't that God has gone absent, but that we have lost our focus in that area. When we develop a mindset to look for God and God's activity in the world, it's amazing how much more we see it. Soon we can see God's activity everywhere.

Let's do another experiment. I'm going to go on a journey, and I invite you to go with me. Every day in October I'm going to read Psalm 139. Read it every day with me. Let's see if we don't start seeing God active in the world if we remind ourselves of his presence and train our minds to look for him.

Psalm 139:

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall

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• **REV. JIM PERKIN** •

**MORNING
WORSHIP**

You can watch the morning worship service live at www.poteaufumc.com or past worship services any-time at www.poteaufumc.com

Prayer List (As of September 31, 2021)

To add or remove a name call 918-647-2217.

Health: Diana Adams, Laton Allison, Melanie Anderson, Wanda Anderson, Astarte Baker, Kathy Baker, Lisa Barnes, Silas Blanchard, Steven Blaylock, Caren Bogart, Clint Bradshaw, Cindy Brody, Ed Brody, Sterling Brookfield, Jeff Burton, John Carbrey, Peggy Carey, James Carter, Paul Carter, Perry Carter, Audra Cooper, Pam Cox, Ben Curtis, Darla Davis, Jim Davis, Matt Duschel, Emily Elkins, Cliff England, Delana Luman Ester, Sam Flanary, Mary Folsom, Brooke Gardezi, Bipriano Gonzalez, Clinton Howell, Connie Hancock, Jeremiah Hays, Allen Inge, Donna Jackson, Bobby Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Teri Johnson, Terri Jones, Tasha Arnette Kane, Jane Kilgore, Ted Kilgore, Rope King, Colton Knight, Ron Knight, Vicki LaGrand, Arlene LeMaster, Lincoln Lester, Arlene Logan, Ty Mackey, Emily Maranto, Keith Miller, Patricia Ogden, Janna Owens, Kevin Payne, Jean Potts, Rose Price, Jeremy Quarry, Freda Reed, Kimberley Ritter, Lucy Richmond, Kathy Robertson, Angie Shaw, Jim Shore, Coy Smedley, Marilyn Smith, Blake Standridge, Earl Steinmetz, Katie Strider, Madison Stuckey, Peggy Talley, Raegan Thomas, Ed Toland, Linda Vise, Darren Ward, Barbara Wheeler, Kathryn Whitfield, Britain Wilson, Keith Wright, Lori Yarberry.

Bereavement: Families of Donna Hollingsworth, Joan Lee, David McNair, Scotty Price, Joe Renfro.

Law Enforcement: Robert and Danielle Brennand, Robert M. Brennand, Jr., Brandon Durant, Bailey Hahn, Zack Hall, Kyle Kinman, Blake Wilson, and all our military and law enforcement men and women.

Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for August 2021

Average Attendance for August: 130
2021 Budget Requirements: \$365,000.00
Needed through August: \$243,333.33
Year to Date Received: \$273,691.36
August Received: \$33,888.96
August Expenditures: \$30,960.87

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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Bishop
District Superintendent
Senior Pastor
Director of Music Ministries
Director of Children's Ministries
Administrative Assistant
Lead Nursery Attendant
Organist/Pianist
Facility Manager

Rev. Jimmy Nunn
Rev. Larry Bauman
Rev. Jim Perkin
Mary Lynn Perkin
Suzanne Klutts
Melissa Ward
Jayla Craig
Bill King
Phil Smith

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



OCTOBER CALENDAR

• SUNDAYS •

**In-Person Morning Worship and
Live On-Line Worship, 10:30 a.m.**

Youth Group, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

• MONDAY •

Boy Scouts, 6:00 p.m. (CFLC)

• TUESDAY •

Cub Scouts, 6:00 p.m. (CFLC)

• WEDNESDAY •

JAM (Jesus and Me), 3:30-5:05 p.m.

Handbell Practice, 5:45 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

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- 1 Youth 5th Quarter movie (after football game)
- 10 Church Council, 11:45 (right after church)
- 14 Feed PHS Football Team, 8 a.m. (CFLC)
- Dinners With Love, 5:30 p.m.
- 15 Charge Conference Forms Due
- 20 Membership Care, 1:00 p.m.
- JAM (Jesus and Me) begins, 3:30 p.m.
- 25 Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 28 Dinners With Love, 5:30 p.m.

LITURGIST Nathan Murray



ACOLYTES

- 3 Caden Mitchell and Khia Brookfield
- 10 Morgin Shockley and Chloe Crane
- 17 Lily Green and Katlynn Figari
- 24 Ellie Martin and Annie Martin
- 31 Anna Shockley and Chloe Mitchell



CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

- 3 Jim Perkin
- 10 Suzanne Klutts
- 17 Tami Matos
- 24 Mary Lynn Perkin
- 31 Jenci Quarry



Membership Care

The Membership Care Committee will meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 in the Family Room off the Narthex. The next meeting will be October 20.

Anyone wanting to keep in touch with members of our church family who have health issues is encouraged to attend. Contact Kay Thomas at 918-647-3491 if you have questions.



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cover me, and the light around me become night,” even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more

than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you. O that you would kill the wicked, O God, and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—those who speak of you maliciously, and lift themselves up against you for evil! Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you? I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

On the Journey with you,

Pastor Jim

Pastor Jim

• Children’s Ministry •

By Suzanne Klutts



NEW START DATE FOR JAM: OCTOBER 20

With Poteau Schools’ fall break scheduled for October 13, we have decided to begin JAM on October 20. We are very excited to have a church full of kids having fun and learning more about God. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, let us know. Not only will you be blessing our students, but they will bless you.



Children’s
Moments
in
Morning
Worship

■ Card of Thanks ■

Thank you for all the delicious food, cards, prayers, love, and support shown to our family during Joe’s passing. There are no words to express what the church has meant to our family for over 55 years.

The Family of Joe Renfro

Happy Birthday, Peggy Talley

Many of the J.N. Ross Sunday School Class and some other church members visited with Peggy Talley outside on her birthday in late September.





United Methodist Church Preschool



By Tracey Gilliam, Preschool Director

In October, the preschool students will learn the memory verse, "God has been good to me".

The letters they will focus on are G, H and I. The number three, the color orange, and the shape of a triangle will also be focused on. The monthly themes will include Stay Low and Go, Cooking Up Safety, We All Belong, and Goody Pumpkins.

The Poteau Fire Department will visit on October 7, 2021. Preschool will not be in session October 13 and 14 for Fall Break.

The Preschool Fall Fun Day will be October 28.

Mr. and Mrs. White



Charlee Gilliam and Justin White were married on September 18, 2021 at the Gilliam home with Erik Caldwell officiating. They will make their home in Howe.

The Gilliam family would like to thank all who came and helped celebrate the joining of these two families.

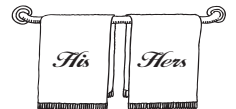
October Birthdays

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



October Anniversaries

- 3 John and Frances Boevers
- 10 Mike and Linda Lee



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.



Our Love and Sympathy

Our love and sympathy is extended to the families who have lost loved ones since the last newsletter.

We offer condolences to the families of Donna Hollingsworth, Joan Lee, David McNair, Scotty Price, and Joe Renfro.

Our dear David McNair passed away on his 100th birthday. He always mentioned he would be 100 on his next birthday everytime he talked to anyone at church. He was so excited about achieving that upcoming milestone.

We're happy he reached it.

Welcome, New Members

We welcomed our newest members on September 12, 2021. Micheal and Jaclyn Riley joined by Transfer from Other Denomination. We are happy to have them as part of our church family.



The Rileys



The Sampsons

We also welcomed Bill and Durene Sampson on September 12, 2021. They joined by Transfer from Other Denomination.

Be sure and let them know how happy we are to have them as part of our church family.

• Special Music for Worship •



Our Bell Choir performed beautifully on September 26.

Dinners With Love

SERVING:

- October 14
- October 28

Dinners with Love is a hot, complete, and nutritious meal in a to-go container that can be easily carried or delivered. It is served every other Thursday from 5:30-6:30 in front of the Blessing Box.

If you know anyone who would benefit from this service or if you would like to help in any way, please contact the church office

Youth Ministry

Youth Group continues to meet from 5:00-7:00 each Sunday beginning in the gym. Each Sunday evening we eat dinner, play some games, and focus on a lesson that helps us grow more as disciples of Jesus Christ. Sunday evening Youth Group is open to all students 6th-12th grades. We would love to see you there! Also, we want to say a big thank you to all the church members providing food for our students! We love having your support.

Oct. 1: 5th Quarter Movie after football game

All Sundays in October are Regular Youth Meetings.



Consecration Sunday



October 2011



Photos
by
Sheri
Zabala







• *Missions Report* •

By JoLynn Dixon



The Missions Committee wants to give a big shout out to everyone who helped with the Back to School Bash and also with the First Responders

Dinner--especially the two guys that grilled the hotdogs and burgers for both events. It was really hot and we are so thankful for you!

Everyone who attended the First Responders Dinner was thankful and enjoyed a good meal. Several meals were also delivered to the hospital and various places around town--thank you to our delivery driver and super smart shopper Mary Ann Ford.

As you make holiday plans, be thinking about adopting one of our Prison Ministry Angels for Christmas. We should be getting that list sometime soon. Our church has signed up to sponsor 50 angels again this year. This is such a great ministry for our church and I encourage you to be a part of it if you can.

Our next Mission Committee meeting is Monday, November 8th at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

