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SERVING GOD 119 YEARS

PASTOR TO PEOPLE

By the Grace of God

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

Hebrews 13:16

A few years ago, in an article to The First United Methodist Church in Ada, Dr. George Warren touched on the issue of all the overwhelming needs of millions of people worldwide. Issues like the AIDS pandemic around the globe; the crisis of substance abuse and addiction and the crimes associated with the habit; the crumbling of strong, loving family relationships; the greed run amok and the ever increasing refusal to take responsibility for actions that is so prevalent in our society; corruption and irresponsibility by those who have been entrusted with our money, our jobs, and in some cases even our children; the senseless religious violence and wartime atrocities all perpetrated in the name of God. How can we as individuals with our limited resources have any discernable impact on any one of these issues much less all of them? Each of us is only one, and one person can't do anything, right?

Dr. Warren wrote, “But I AM One...I don't have all the authority and power to change everything, but I do have some authority and power to change something...What I can do, I ought to do...What I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do.”

Good stuff, huh?

One of the ways we can increase our power to make a difference is by joining our resources together with other like-minded people. As United Methodists, the best way to do this is in contributing and donating to the church. Through our Apportionments (our local church's portion or fair share of the total United Methodist mission and ministry efforts in Oklahoma and in the world) we join together with every other United Methodist congregations in the Oklahoma Annual Conference to fund many wonderful ministries. Let me mention just a few:

Circle of Care

The Oklahoma Circle of Care has agencies that take in children and youth who have been identified as “at risk” and reclassifies them as “at promise.” By providing a healthy, safe, Christian environment these young people are better equipped to become healthy, productive, responsible adults.

Missionaries

Our denomination is sending out into the world more missionaries this year than last. Some are going to Africa where they will have a profound impact on people's lives as they tackle the AIDS epidemic there. Others are going to be sent out to various places around our country, even here in Oklahoma, where they will work to reverse the epidemic of drug dependency that is ravaging so many lives in our state.

Lydia Patterson Institute

The Lydia Patterson Institute is owned by the South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church and is located in El Paso, TX. LPI is a secondary school that provides a high quality education to Hispanic students, many from the barrios of Juarez, Mexico. These students cross the bridge every day to attend classes in a decidedly Christian environment. For most, this is the first toward college and an improved standard of living. And there are many other ministries your giving supports.

When you make a contribution to the Poteau First United Methodist Church, not only are you helping to “keep the lights on and doors open” and fund our own local church programs and ministries

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REV. KYLE CLARK



NOVEMBER CHURCH CALENDAR

Worship Bulletin Deadline: 10 a.m. Thursday
Newsletter Deadline: Third Friday of month

that impact the lives of people in our community, you are also helping share the love of God in Christ to others in our state and around the world. For every dollar given, 90 cents remain at our church to fund the ministries, activities, and operations here. A portion of each dollar received, about 8 cents, goes towards our District and Conference Apportionments, and about 2 cents goes to fund our denomination's ministries. So, while most of the money you give stays here at our church and in Oklahoma and some goes to our global church, you can see that all of it makes a difference. Our church continues to do an outstanding job of supporting our United Methodist ministries and missions through the Apportionment system. We are once again on track of paying 100% of our 2012 Apportionments. For that I say "Thank you!"

This month (November) begins our annual Stewardship Campaign. Many of you are familiar with this, others may not be. So here's the deal. In a few weeks you will receive a letter detailing our opportunities and our vision and a Commitment Card in the mail. When you receive them, we ask that you prayerfully consider your giving level, fill out the card and seal it in the enclosed envelope, then bring it to church on Commitment Sunday (Dec. 2) or mail it to the church office. The process is confidential. Our goal is to have all the cards returned to the church office by Dec. 5. Ideally everyone would commit to tithe (give 10%). However, I know that every family situation is unique. Some can and do give more than 10%, others simply cannot. One way to grow into being a tither is to increase your giving in small increments (1% or 2% each year). Regardless of your commitment level, faithfully striving to meet your commitment is the important thing. By the grace of God we are doing and will continue to do what we can do and what we ought to do. Above all, may God be glorified.

- **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**
- Handbell Practice, 5:15, Sanctuary**
- **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.**
- (NO ACTIVITIES THANKSGIVING WEEK)**

- 2 UMW Fall Festival and Luncheon, 9 - 3 p.m.
- 3 Treble Choir Fall Concert, 7 p.m., Sanctuary
- 4 Daylight Saving Time Ends. Fall back 1 hour
- Treble Choir Fall Concert, 2 p.m., Sanctuary
- Youth Hayride at the Gilliams, 5 to 8 p.m.
- 9 Cavanal Chorale Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Sanctuary
- 10 UMM Breakfast and Meeting, 8 a.m., CFLC
- Cavanal Chorale Concert, 7 p.m., Sanctuary
- 11 Church Council Meeting, 11:45 a.m., CFLC
- Cavanal Chorale Concert, 2 p.m., Sanctuary
- 12 Women of Faith Meeting and Luncheon, 10:30
- Annual Church Conference, 7:30 p.m., CFLC
- 17 Free Neighborhood Breakfast, 8 to 10, CFLC
- 22, 23 Church Offices closed for Thanksgiving
- 25 Afternoon Worship Service at Oaks, 2 p.m.
- 28 Membership Care Committee, 1 p.m., CFLC
- Last Women's Bible Study, 6:15 p.m.

MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

- 4 Lloyd and Dana Lee
- 11 David and Patty Redhage
- 18 Liz Perry and Judy Moore
- 25 Jerry and Mary Ford



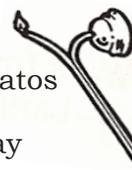
LITURGISTS

- 11 Baleigh Quarry
- 18 Adult Reader
- 25 Connor Wheat



ACOLYTES

- 4 Kylanna Hardaway and Allison Matos
- 11 Angela Price and Tabi Zabala
- 18 Demi Gilliam and Kyson Hardaway
- 25 Aiden Alexander and Luke Wheat



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

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:

NOVEMBER

- 4 Fall hayride at the Gilliam's farm, 5 to 8 p.m. Boys bring drinks, girls bring chips.
- 11 CHAOS 5 to 7 p.m.
- 18 Thanksgiving week. No meeting
- 25 Oaks nursing home youth-led service, 1 to 3 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 2 Christmas shopping trip to NW Arkansas, 12:30 to 9 p.m.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL FOLLOW-UP

The carnival held on October 28 was lots of fun and even raised a little money for the youth program due to the generous contributions by those attending! Thank you to all those who donated candy to be given at each booth, all the youth families that donated food and desserts, and of course all those who came and enjoyed the games and activities. This year's costume contest was tough with so many great costumes in the costume parade! What fun to see all the dressed up folks! Here are the results of the contest:

Cutest - Hammond Yandell and Jenci Quarry;
 Prettiest - Kendy Jo Traywick and Haley Durant;
 Funniest - Lillie Green; Scariest - Sisnie Brookfield;
 Most Creative - Jessa Craig; Best All Around - Warrick Quarry.

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:

- Nov. 7 Sports Night (wear favorite team shirt)
- Nov. 14 Thanksgiving Celebration
- Nov. 21 No Logos - Thanksgiving break
- Nov. 28 Happy Birthday Jesus local mission project. More info will be announced.
- Dec. 5 Final LOGOS for fall semester. Christmas worship program.

October has been fun and busy! Children have learned how to cook pizza pockets, sopapillas, cheddar biscuits, and applesauce muffins.

The middle school constructed an egg capsule and experimented dropping a raw egg from different heights to see if they would remain whole. The K/1 class made slime and did a sink/float experiment. All grades are learning scriptures to strengthen character, enjoying playing with friends in recreation, and singing/ringing in worship skills. Thank you to all of the volunteers that continue to demonstrate how to be faithful children of God.



United Methodist Church
PRE-SCHOOL



By
Tracey Gilliam,
 Preschool Director

In November the preschool will be learning the memory verse, "Let us love one another."

We will learn about the letters G and H, the colors yellow and brown, the numbers 5 and 6 and the shape square. The themes for November are 1) Our addresses; 2) Thanksgiving; 3) God loves us!

A big thank you to Pastor Kyle Clark for sharing with the preschool his wonderful stories about Jesus.

Cards of Thanks

Dear Friends,

We want to express our sincere appreciation for your expressions of food, cards, calls and concern during the illness and recent passing of our husband, Dad and Hoppa Stan. Your love and support has been invaluable. You are an amazing representation of God's love.

Pegee Werline and the
 Murrays: Mike, Lindsay, Nathan and Waylon

Dear Church Members,

To all of your giving and warmth, there is no way to say enough thank yous or express how much Mom (Reedy) loved the church and you. I hope you know how much we children also appreciated your generosity and kindness.

Our best always,
 Cherlyn, Arch and Tina

Christmas Poinsettias

The Pirate Soccer team is selling poinsettias for a fundraiser. The poinsettias are \$10 per plant (6" pot). They come in red, pink, or white. They will be delivered the first of December. (If you would like a poinsettia placed at the altar in memory of a loved one, that can be arranged.)

There are several soccer players that are members of this church, and would appreciate your support. (Hardaway boys, Matos boys, Barnes boys, and Kayla Alexander).

The orders are due by Nov. 15th. The players will have order sheets the next two Sundays, or you can contact Tami Matos 647-9071.

Thank you for your loving support.

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

2012 Average Attendance Figures for September: 142
 2012 Budget Requirements: \$397,000.00
 Needed for Budget Each Week: \$7,634.62
 Needed through September: \$297,750.18
 September Receipts: \$27,689.92
 September Expenditures: \$28,206.72
New Building Fund Figures:
 Deposits: \$1,304,340.66; Expenditures: \$2,552,744.10

Missions Report

By Terri Martin, Missions Committee

Our community is blessed by the generosity of our congregation. Another distribution of diapers was made to Grace Cottage and Women's Crisis Center, 7 more pillows, and another large sack of personal hygiene products were donated to the LCYS new facility. During the month of October the bins have been filled with pudding cups for the Clearinghouse back pack program. Thank you to all who donate so generously.

November "Mission of the Month" will be reaching national and global needs, and will give you an opportunity to do some fall cleaning. Do you have shoes you don't really wear, old or new? Bring them along with \$1/pair (to help cover shipping costs). "Mission of the Month" will be collecting shoes in conjunction with the Logos musical "The Christmas Shoe Tree". This musical was produced by a company that has partnered with a non-profit organization known as "Soles4Souls". This organization has a simple concept: procuring shoes and getting them to those in need; from victims of disaster, to supporting micro-business efforts helping to eradicate poverty, and sending shoes to those in poverty-stricken areas around the world which also helps to fight infections obtained from walking barefoot. Any and all types of shoes may be donated. To read more about this company visit their website www.soles4souls.org/

Mark 4: 24-25 "Listen carefully to what I am saying and be wary of the shrewd advice that tells you how to get ahead in the world on your own. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity. Stinginess impoverishes." (MSG)

Thank you for being such a giving, caring and generous congregation.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the monthly free pancake breakfast at the church on Saturday, November 17 from 8:00-10:00.



Our Sympathy

Our love and sympathy is extended to Pegee Werline and family on the recent death of Stan.

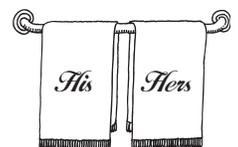


November Birthdays

- 1 Keely Hambrick and Fredrick Ritchie
- 3 Wesley Garrett
- 4 Josué Alba
- 5 Kaycee Quarry
- 6 Sondra Sampson
- 7 Ronna Bell, Demi Gilliam and Barbara Harris
- 8 Maci White
- 9 Elizabeth Perry, Linda Lee, Martha Renfro and Angela Price
- 10 Sterling Brookfield and Kay Sullivan
- 11 Jean Gaylor and Nikki Perry
- 12 Deanna Reed, Allison Matos, Bessie Moreland and Mandy Roberts
- 13 Brad DeSpain, Justin Barnes, and Jenny Harreld
- 15 Randy Matos
- 16 Christy Oehlschlager
- 17 Lance Owen
- 19 Elissa Bridgman, Cynthia Stoughton and Jamie Gilliam
- 20 Keely Carsello
- 21 Henry Hardaway, Jennifer Cravens and Nina Bowen
- 23 Mary Ford
- 25 Ed Brody
- 26 Connor Bandy
- 27 Kela Miller
- 28 Charlee Gilliam, Gary Price and Jason Dering
- 29 Artheia Hageman

November Anniversaries

- 20 Randy and Libby Bridgman
R.L. and Janet Sockey
- 22 Mark and Sheri Zabala
- 26 Alan and Clyda Ware
- 28 Ted and Christie Williams



Membership Care Committee request for Christmas cards

Each Christmas, the Membership Care Committee collects Christmas cards from the congregation to send to those on our Care List. If you have Christmas cards that we could use, please leave them with Brenda in the church office before November 28th.

The Care Committee will meet on the Fourth Wednesday in November (the 28th) after Thanksgiving week.