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SERVING GOD 123 YEARS

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

*Lent begins
with
Ash
Wednesday,
March 1*

**Pray for the Mississippi
Mission Team
March 12 – 17.**

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PASTOR TO PEOPLE

Have you ever made an embarrassing mistake? I have. Many times. (You can act more surprised if you want.) One time I even got a U-Haul truck stuck in a tree.

In 2003 Mary Lynn and I were preparing to move from Carthage, Missouri to Bartlesville, Okla. Landon was about 3 months old. At the time we lived on some property with a pole barn in the back and after loading some of the house on the truck I decided to drive it back to the barn. I turned around a tree too close and I wedged the truck under a low hanging branch. I couldn't move forward or in reverse. I was stuck. A long story short, I ended up having to load a lot of the furniture by carrying it across the yard to add weight to the truck and release some air from the tires, but we got it unstuck and we moved on.

I used to be embarrassed by that story, and many of the other mistakes that I have made that were far more consequential, but in time I have learned that it's just a part of my past. Mistakes happen. It's how we respond to those mistakes that matter.

As we begin this season of Lent and take the journey once again through our sin and mistakes in our life, I invite you to respond to your mistakes. Respond to your sin instead of hiding it and hoping it will go away on its own. Repent, ask for forgiveness from each other and from God and allow God to remove the marks from your life. God is not waiting on you to be perfect before he will love you. God loves you now. And God wants to free you from the sin that is weighing you down. "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners Christ died for you." Romans 5:8

On the journey with you,



Pastor Jim



REV. JIM PERKIN



Prayer List

(As of February 26, 2017)

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

Nursing Home/Homebound: Maxine Nyberg

Health: Landa Aubree, Don Baetz, Astarte Baker, Debbie Billy, Matthew Billy, Pat Branson, Ed Brody, Perry Carter, Jim Davis, Dale DeCamp, Genny Dorsey, Rob Ellis, Betty Evans, Mary Folsom, Dolores Fuller, Jim Gaines, Buzz Glover, Pam Hayes, Allen and Jane Ann Inge, Donna Jackson, Walter and Lorene Johnson, Jim Kersh, Colton Knight, Lloyd and Dana Lee, Arlene LeMaster, Dusti McBeth, Lucy McMillin, Sharon Mikkelson, Mason Mitchell, Mike Mounce, Sunny Muse, Steve Odom, Christy Oehlschlager, Jack Oehlschlager, Pat Pate, Kallie Peck, Judy Peerson, Jean Potts, Beckham Prescott, Kaycee Quarry, William Quarry, Valeri Repass, Bobbie Rowland, Joe Sabatucci, Charles Saviers, Jim Shore, Pat Smith, Randy Smith, Richard Sockey, Virginia Stanley, Earl Steimetz, Katie Strider, Dennis Thomas, Rita Thomas, Patsy West.

Bereavement: Family of Duke Dunn

Military and Law Enforcement:

Jared Baughn, Taylor Baughn, Tyler Berlin, Kaigan LeMaster Coggins, Bailey Hahn, Kyle Kinman, and all our military and law enforcement.

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

Average Attendance Figures for January: 172

2017 Budget Requirements: \$345,500.00

Needed through January: \$28,791.67

Year to Date received through January: \$28,760.22

January Receipts: \$28,760.22

January Expenditures: \$20,748.12

Amount Owed on New Building Loan: \$548,657.45

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Mary Lynn Perkin

Suzanne Klutts

Melissa Ward

Jayla Craig

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

• MARCH CHURCH CALENDAR •

• SUNDAY •

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study, 4 p.m.

UMYF (CHAOS), 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

• MONDAY •

Christian Preschool Monday – Thursday
8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Education Building

• TUESDAY •

Cub Scouts, 6 p.m., CFLC

Boy Scouts, 7 p.m., CFLC

• WEDNESDAY •

Jesus and Me Activities, 3:15-5:00 p.m.

Sr. High Small Group (Nikki Perry's) 5 p.m.

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, 12:45 p.m.

- 1 Ash Wednesday Service, 6 p.m.
- 5 Oaks Nursing Home Sunday Service, 2 p.m.
- 12-17 Mission Trip to Mississippi Delta
- 15 Membership Care, 12 noon
- 18 Neighborhood Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.
- 27 Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

WORSHIP GREETERS

- 5 Jon and Mandy Mitchell
- 12 Jerry and Mary Ford
- 19 Hank and Barbara Harris
- 26 Charles and Marilyn Meek

Welcome!

WELCOME TABLE VOLUNTEERS

- 5 Hank and Barbara Harris
- 12 David and Lisa Barnes
- 19 Keith and Patty Wright
- 26 Dorothy Gail James and Jean Whigham

We Love Visitors!

ACOLYTES

- 5 Nathan Murray and Waylon Murray
- 12 Brock Call and Ryker Holt
- 19 Maggie Wheat and Kendy Traywick
- 26 Burke Perry and Brady Perry



LITURGIST: Linda Lee



CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

- 5 Taylor Darneal
- 12 Sadie Perkin
- 19 Mary Ford
- 26 Taryn Shelton





News of Youth

By Melanie Wheat

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

MARCH

- 5 Regular Meeting
- 12 No Meeting - Spring Break
- 19 Regular Meeting
- 26 Regular Meeting

The youth would like to thank everyone that purchased a pie or made a donation in the youth fundraiser pie auction. Your generosity is beyond gracious!

• Children’s Ministry •

By Suzanne Klutts

Did you know that the fruit of the Spirit isn’t a watermelon, strawberry, or banana? This is from a fun song that Pastor Jim is singing with the JAM kids on Wednesdays.

During February and March the children are learning about love, self-control, faithfulness and kindness. Some of the Bible stories used to illustrate these fruits of the Spirit are The Good Samaritan, Daniel Stands Firm, and Naomi and Ruth.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such thing there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23. Let us all remember these attributes in our daily walk with God.

Wesley Garrett and Brock Call, members of our church and JAM family, have recently lost grandparents. Please keep these boys and their families in your prayers.

The Upper Room

The Upper Room devotional guides for March/April 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.

NOTICE:

SO THAT YOU CAN STAY INFORMED:

Please get on the church email list if not on already. Email adminassistant@poteaufumc.com. You will receive announcements and information such as death notices, prayer requests, meetings and other activities that come up between newsletters.

Mississippi Mission Team

The mission team trip to the Mississippi Delta will be March 12 - 17. The team includes Jim Perkin, Mary Lynn Perkin, Landon Perkin, Sadie Perkin, Melissa Ward, Rece Ward, Nikki Perry, Dawson Perry, Jeremiah Loggains, Sheri Zabala, Tabi Zabala, and Tristin Riley.

Winners of the recent fundraiser for the trip were: Best Chili - Kay Thomas, First; Suzanne Klutts, Second; Terry Hall, Third. Best Dessert- Jenci Quarry, First; Kylanna Hardaway, Second; Peggy Talley, Third. Jenci Quarry was also the Overall Winner for her Rocky Road Cheesecake.

After expenses we made \$1,450.00 from the Cookoff fundraiser.

Jenci Quarry, Overall Winner of the Cookoff for her Rocky Road Cheesecake. Pictured with Pastor Jim.



Our Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Linda Lee and family on the recent death of her father, Duke Dunn.

Sympathy is also extended to Mishelle Fry and her family on the recent death of her mother.



Missions Report

We are still a little short on donations for copy paper to support the four campuses of Poteau Schools. We are asking for money donations rather than individual copy paper donations so that we can buy in bulk and get it at a lower price. The challenge is for every dollar that is donated to this project the mission fund will match up to \$1100.00. Our goal is to buy two pallets of paper that will help all school campuses to finish this year and hopefully to start out the new school year.



It's a Boy!

Landon and Mishelle Frye announce the birth of their son, Wick Robert Frye, on January 6, 2017. He weighed seven pounds, ten ounces and was 20 inches long.

Wick's big brothers are Brock, Dax, and Finn.



Preschool students this month will be introduced to the letters T, U, and V. They will learn about Tony Tiger, Uncle Ugbee and Victor the Vulture.

The shape of the month is a diamond.

The weekly themes are Wonderful Weather, Swing into Spring, Awesome Astronauts and Whose Habitat?

The March memory verse is "I will be glad and rejoice in your love forever."

Enrollment for the upcoming school year 2017-2018 begins this month. Preschool is an excellent opportunity to begin the transition from home to school.

The first enrollment night is April 3rd between 5 and 7 p.m.

Please share the Poteau FUMC Preschool Facebook page.

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 they need to add to their list, please contact the church office or call Kay Thomas at 918-647-3491.

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.

March Birthdays

- 1 Tommy Clark, Jan Thompson and Ryker Holt
- 2 Jeff Roberts, Sarah Bradshaw and Josh Graham
- 3 Carol Garner and Mollie Forsberg
- 5 Janet Sockey, Maci Pickle and Jim Coggins
- 6 Jeff Shore, Jake McMillin and Melanie Wheat
- 8 Daniel Ambriz
- 9 Samantha Bell and Matthew Houston
- 12 Dalton James
- 13 Bailey Baker, Kelsey Hancock and Dee Carsello
- 14 Todd Wright and Jean-Anne Shankle
- 16 Connor Wheat and Shannon Stubbs
- 18 Mike Lee, Tim Renfro, Jacob Sconyers and Gaytra Coggins
- 21 Devin Griffith
- 22 Joseph Sabatucci, Jr. and Hank Harris
- 23 David Barnes and Dwight Mikkelson
- 24 Carol Baker, Debbie Wood, Susan England and Carol Darrow
- 25 Bob Greenwood, Joshua Sconyers, Nathan Murray and Heather Robinson
- 26 Robert Greenwood, Jr.
- 29 Coni Rayburn and Mike Murray



March Anniversaries

- 12 Jim and Gaytra Coggins
- 17 Jeremy and Kaycee Quarry
- 17 Jason and Kelie Bandy
- 18 Jim and Andrea Skelton
- 21 Bill and Sandra Slater
- 22 Gary and Artheia Hageman
- 27 Ted and Jane Kilgore



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.

NOTICE:

If you have dishes left at the church, you are reminded that you may pick them up any time the church is open. We would like to make sure they are returned to their owners.

Always look for ways to act upon the faith you display in your prayers.

- Anonymous