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SERVING GOD 119 YEARS

**Weekly Communion**  
**9:10 A.M.**  
**Sunday School**  
**9:30 A.M.**  
**Morning Worship**  
**10:30 A.M.**

**Welcome Brunch  
for new pastor  
June 10 at 9:30  
in CFLC.**



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## **PASTOR TO PEOPLE**

Dear Friends of Poteau UMC,

It is hard to believe that Judy and I have been part of this great congregation for six years. So many church congregations like to say that they are friendly, but they usually mean to one another. This congregation is truly friendly, warm, and welcoming. It has been a great privilege to serve along side you as we have dreamed and built for the future.

When we first entered the ministry in 1993, a family friend and member of Moore 1st UMC, wrote the following poem/prayer. We think the words are just as appropriate for you now as they were for us.

**AS YOUR DAY CLOSES** by Alene Mitchell Trent

Dear friends, we love you and we pray  
You find each day a joy filled day  
No pain nor tears to dim your eyes  
Nor any deep heartbreaking sighs.  
We pray for you a road that's clear  
Of detours, nothing bad to fear  
And out as far as you can see  
You walk a land where you are free.  
We wish for you, your family  
Be knit as one, and totally  
Where you may gather, laugh and joke  
And live as gentle loving folk.  
But most of all we pray that you  
Know the Lord Jesus, fully too  
And that you see him every place  
In nature and each person's face.  
May his warm smile reach out to you  
From people whom you never knew  
With faithful friends, ones that are real  
Those gracious souls with Christ's appeal.  
When your day closes as it will  
May you be found in Jesus still  
As you walk into brighter light  
To never know another night.

Thank you for sharing your lives with us. May God bless and keep you always!

Grace and peace,  
Greg and Judy

**REV. DR. GREGORY J. TENER**


# Welcome Brunch

There will be a potluck Welcome Brunch for the new pastor, Rev. Kyle Clark and his family on June 10 in the Christian Family Life Center during the Sunday School hour.

Come and meet Kyle and Debbie and their children, Haley and Nathan.

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## PRESCHOOL



By  
**Tracey Gilliam,**  
Preschool  
Director

Our preschool is on summer vacation until August 9.

We will continue enrollment throughout the summer. A child needs to be potty-trained and three years old by September 1st to attend. (Exceptions possible.)

Anyone interested may call the church office at 918-647-2217 or Ms. Tracey at 918-839-7424.

**Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for April 2012**

2012 Average Attendance Figures for April: 180  
 2012 Budget Requirements: \$397,000.00  
 Needed for Budget Each Week: \$7,634.62  
 Needed through April: \$129,788.54  
 April Receipts: \$36,112.24  
 April Expenditures: \$31,095.55

**New Building Fund Figures:**  
 Deposits: \$1,192,938.66  
 Expenditures: \$2,548,002.67

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 Weekly Communion 9:10 a.m. except first Sunday

Bishop	Robert E. Hayes
District Superintendent	Darrell Cates
<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Rev. Kyle Clark</b>
<b>Youth &amp; Children's Director</b>	<b>Kimberly Hardaway</b>
<b>Music Director</b>	<b>Steve Clark</b>
<b>Church Secretary</b>	<b>Brenda Ferguson</b>
<b>Lead Nursery Attendant</b>	<b>Jayla Craig</b>
<b>Organist</b>	<b>Wendy Kelly</b>
<b>Custodian and Door Opener</b>	<b>Joe Powers</b>

District web page: [www.gbpm-umc.org/mc-dist/](http://www.gbpm-umc.org/mc-dist/)



# JUNE CHURCH CALENDAR

JUNE	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1	2
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

**WORSHIP BULLETIN DEADLINE:**  
10 a.m. each Thursday

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**  
Third Friday of each month

- SUNDAY •
- Weekly Communion, 9:10 a.m., Sanctuary**  
(Except on first Sunday of the month)  
**UMYF (CHAOS), 5 p.m.**
- MONDAY •
- Boy Scouts, 7 p.m. (until 18th)**
- WEDNESDAY •
- Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.**
- THURSDAY •
- Senior Café, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., CFLC**
- 4-8 Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. - 12 noon for ages 3 years to 6th grade
- 9 UMM Breakfast and Meeting, 8 a.m., CFLC
- 10 Potluck Welcome Brunch for new pastor and family, 9:30-10:15 a.m., CFLC
- 16 Free Neighborhood Breakfast, 8 to 10, CFLC
- 20 Membership Care Committee, 1 p.m., CFLC
- 24 Church Council, 11:45 a.m.

## MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

- 3 Liz Perry and Virginia Stanley
- 10 Charles and Marilyn Meek
- 17 Ben and Judy Curtis
- 24 Jerry and Mary Ford



## LITURGISTS

- 10 Kyle Holt
- 17 Adult Reader
- 24 Josie Garrett



## ACOLYTES

- 3 Demi Gilliam and Katie Redhage
- 10 Luke Wheat and Jaydon Bandy
- 17 Angela Price and Tabi Zabala
- 24 Kyson Hardaway and Aiden Alexander



## News of Children and Youth

By Kimberly Hardaway

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

The schedule is as follows:

### JUNE

- 3 CHAOS 5 to 7 p.m.; VBS Mission Night
- 10 No CHAOS. Kim will be at District Camp
- 11-15 McAlester District Camp at Camp Egan
- 17 Youth Council Meeting  
CHAOS 5 to 7 p.m.
- 18-22 6th Grade Camp at Camp Egan
- 24 CHAOS 5 to 7 p.m.

### JULY

- 1 CHAOS 5 to 7 p.m.
- 8 CHAOS 5 to 7 p.m.

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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's theme: OPERATION OVERBOARD! Dare to Go Deep with God. VBS will be June 4 - 8, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., located at our church. For anyone interested in helping with decorating, decoration in the education building will begin May 30. Decoration of the sanctuary and narthex will be June 3 following the worship service.

A VBS volunteer meeting for all adults and teens who will serve as "Dive Guides" will be June 3rd at 6 p.m. Come be a part of a ministry that reaches many kids for God.

Thank you to all who have volunteered time and money and supplies! You are so very much appreciated and we couldn't offer VBS without you!

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### SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

**JULY 9 - 13**

The week of July 9 - 13 a summer music camp will be offered from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. This is open to first - 12th grade students. During the camp, the students will put together a light-hearted musical for presentation on the evening of July 13 at 6:30 p.m. The students will be involved in all aspects of the production: sets, costumes, drama and song. Please contact Matthew Houston for more information at 405-706-1016 or the church office at 918-647-2217.

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**LOGOS midweek ministry has concluded and will resume in the fall.**



## About our new pastor, Rev. Clark and his family

Rev. Kyle Clark has served the congregation of FUMC and the people of Hobart for the past 5 years. And before that he served as pastor at Asbury United Methodist Church in Ardmore.

He is a native Texan, born in Dallas and raised in the West Texas community of Ballinger. His wife, Debbie, a native New Mexican from Hobbs, NM and he met while attending McMurry College in Abilene, Texas. They have been married almost 27 years and have a 16 year old daughter, Haley, an 11-year-old son, Nathan and a dog named Molly.

Rev. Clark says:

While Debbie is an avid scrapbooker, I am all about sports (football, basketball, baseball, golf, hunting, fishing, NASCAR). Haley and Nathan are in FFA and 4-H respectively. For the past three years we have chased them across the state from hog show to hog show. Haley also runs cross country, plays the saxophone and is taking up golf. Nathan's other passion, besides show hogs, is baseball (playing baseball, talking baseball, watching baseball). So we go to a lot of games and tournaments during the summer.

I am a second career clergy having responded to God's call to ministry at age 36 when I began the process as a candidate for ordination in the United Methodist Church. It is my greatest desire to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with people in a real, relevant, practical, joyful way.

Methodist Theologian and Oklahoman from Altus, Thomas Oden, has said, "The most enjoyable of all subjects has to be God, because God is the source of all joy."

I believe he is right. The love of God in Jesus Christ is not a dull stodgy thing. It is an exciting, joyful thing that is to be shared with enthusiasm, with **shared** being the key word.

John Wesley puts it this way, "We see the numberless follies and miseries of our fellow creatures. We see, on every side, either men of no religion at all, or men of a lifeless, formal religion. We are grieved at the sight; and should greatly rejoice, if by any means we might convince some that there is a better religion to be attained . . ."

I am looking forward to meeting you all, hearing about your expectations and dreams for FUMC Poteau, and sharing Christ with all we meet as we journey together in service to God.

## Missions Report

By Terri Martin

Thanks to those that helped in the 2012 City Wide Trash Off. We had 16 come out and pick up trash and received recognition for having the largest church group to participate.

The diaper drive collected close to 2,000 diapers, 800 wipes and over \$700 in cash donations. A huge thank you to all who donated.

Over 1,200 diapers were delivered to Grace Cottage and Women's Crisis Center. The remaining stock will be stored at the church for future delivery or distribution for anyone needing assistance obtaining diapers. The cash donations will be used to purchase more diapers for both Grace Cottage and Women's Crisis Center, as this will be an ongoing mission. Our hope for the future is to work with both agencies in putting together a diaper bank for the community.

Another need has been identified where we can be of assistance in helping the LeFlore County Youth Services for youth at the Reed House. They are in need of travel size hygiene products. Since the length of stay is never certain, travel size works best. For around \$5, you can purchase the following travel size items:

- toothbrush
- toothpaste
- shampoo
- conditioner
- comb
- deodorant (non-aerosol)

If you have un-used travel size items that have been collected from hotels, these will work also. Bring what you can and place items in the collection bin located in the Narthex.

Thank you for being so generous and helping those in need in our community. We have many exciting opportunities to go beyond the doors of the church to serve those in need.

### Membership Care Committee Meeting June 20

The Membership Care Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. in the Christian Family Life Center. They reach out to those who are homebound or are dealing with health issues or bereavement.

If you know someone in need of our care, call Virginia Stanley (647-2618) or Kay Thomas (647-3491).



## Correspondence

Thank you for sharing your beautiful facility for our "Music of Joseph Martin" Concert.

We love singing here!

The Cavanal Chorale

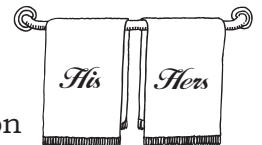
## June Birthdays

- 2 R.L. Sockey, Jr. and Jace Renteria
- 3 Michael Preston and Versile Johnson II
- 4 Dora Baldwin
- 6 Donna Johnston and Lindsay Murray
- 7 Debby Jarrett
- 9 Clifford England
- 12 Gavin Garrett
- 13 Phyllis Roberts and Stacey Roberts
- 14 Martha Kidd and Marvin DeSpain
- 16 Nikki Wigginton, Kenny Whitehead and Kyle Holt
- 17 Robin Mason
- 18 Paul Stottsberry and Jon Gaston
- 19 Kaden McBeth
- 20 Keith Thomas
- 21 Shanna Johnson, Mary-Catherine Hallmark and Sisnie Brookfield
- 22 Vicki Mason
- 23 Gene Wheat
- 25 Betty Gillson, Amy Stubbs, Connor Matos and Janet Fox
- 26 Victoria Nichols
- 28 Linda Brown and Jesse Barnes
- 30 Patrick Ford



## June Anniversaries

- 5 Ron and Marsha Cofer
- 6 Gene and Dana Wheat
- 8 Brian and Katie Shore
- 10 Jake and Ashley Thompson
- 14 Dennis and Missy Alexander
- 15 Buddy and Pat Shelton
- 17 Curtis and Dorothy James
- 18 Ronnie and Becky Bell
- 21 Kevin and Joni Griffith
- 22 Wayne and Judy Moore
- 24 Ronnie and Christy Oehlschlager
- 25 Ben and Judy Curtis



We would like to make our Birthday and Anniversary calendar complete. If we do not have your family members' birthdays and anniversaries, please give the office that information by calling 647-2217.