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SERVING GOD 122 YEARS

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

**Homemade
Ice Cream and
Pie
Social
June 7th
5:30 to 7:00
in the
Christian Family
Life Center.**

**This is a
Fundraiser for
Missions
(See Pg. 3)**

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PASTOR TO PEOPLE

• Letter of Introduction •

Dear Poteau United Methodist Church,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! It is with great joy that I write this introduction letter to you.

I am blessed to have a wonderful family. In 1998 I married the love of my life, Mary Lynn, and we are raising two wonderful children, Landon and Sadie.

Landon is finishing the 6th grade and loves video games, soccer, basketball, band, and punching me in the arm.

Sadie is finishing the 4th grade and loves to dance, gymnastics, singing, and wrapping me around her finger.

Mary Lynn is currently a music educator in Cache Public Schools and is an incredibly accomplished flautist having played in many churches across Oklahoma as well as in the Lawton and Oklahoma City Philharmonic. She also has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sacred Music. As incredible and accomplished professional person as she is, the best thing about her is her ability to see right into the heart of people and love them for who they are.

I graduated from Oklahoma City University in 2000 with a bachelor of Arts degree in Religion and from Phillips Theological Seminary in 2010 with a Masters of Divinity degree and high honors. I love to play my guitar and sing, sports (coaching, playing, and watching), fishing, and hanging out with my family. I love to laugh, play, and simply be with other people. I have a passion for helping people find a relationship with Jesus Christ as well as helping others connect with God in a deeper way. I accepted my calling into ministry when I was 15 years old in the outdoor tabernacle at Camp Egan. It was a very powerful experience in my life and continues to shape me today. I had a wonderful pastor that saw the same gifts in me and encouraged me to preach in Sunday Morning worship a few times a year even at 15 years old.

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REV. JIM PERKIN



PASTOR TO PEOPLE (Continued)

I have been working in the church since I was 18 years old beginning as a very part time youth director while in college at OCU. Other past ministry experiences include my current appointment as pastor at Snyder and Indianahoma United Methodist Churches, Moore First United Methodist Church where among many other things I began a contemporary worship service and band called, *The Moment*. I have been the pastor of Nowata United Methodist Church and Denton (KS) United Methodist Church and served as youth pastor for Bartlesville and Carthage (MO) United Methodist Churches. My wife and I also have had the privilege of being family counselors at the United Methodist Boys Ranch near Gore, OK.

I am very glad that God has granted me the opportunity to be your next pastor and I wait with eager anticipation to experience worship and life together with you!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jim Perkin

JUNE CHURCH CALENDAR

• SUNDAY •

UMYF (CHAOS), 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

• TUESDAY •

Boy Scouts, 7 p.m., CFLC

• WEDNESDAY •

Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

• THURSDAY •

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

- 1-5 Vacation Bible School
- 7 Ice Cream and Pie Social, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- 8 SPRC Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 9 Finance Committee, 6 p.m.
- 14 Welcome potluck lunch for new pastor Jim Perkin and family following worship
- Oaks Nursing Home Service, 1 p.m.
- 20 Neighborhood Breakfast, 7:30-10:30 a.m.
- 17 Membership Care, 12 p.m.
- 21 Happy Father's Day!
- 22-26 Youth District Camp
- 28 CHAOS Welcome to 6th Graders

ACOLYTES

- 7 Waylon Murray and Nathan Murray
- 14 Lexe Pickle and Luke Wheat
- 21 Wyatt Holt and Ryker Holt
- 28 Brady Perry and Burke Perry



Our Sympathy

Our love and sympathy is extended to Mary Ford and her family on the recent death of her mother, Marie McAlpin and also to Susan Mixon and family on the death of her mother, Elaine Thomas. Carol Baker's mother-in-law, Anna Marie Baker, grandmother of Jayla Craig and Kaycee Quarry, also passed away since the last newsletter.



Are You On The List?

Please get on the church email list if not on already! Email the church office at rogers2006@windstream.net.

You will receive announcements and information that comes up between newsletters.

Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for April 2015

Average Attendance Figures for April: 115
 2015 Budget Requirements: \$340,000.00
 Needed for Budget Each Week: \$6,538.46
 Needed through April: \$104,615.38
 April Receipts: \$32,403.20

New Building Fund Figures:

Deposits: \$1,881,505.44; Expenditures: \$2,579,378.38

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| Bishop | Robert E. Hayes |
| District Superintendent | Larry Bauman |
| Senior Pastor | Rev. Jim Perkin |
| Director of Youth Ministries | Kimberly Hardaway |
| Director of Music Ministries | Steve Clark |
| Administrative Assistant | Reenea Thompson |
| Lead Nursery Attendant | Jayla Craig |
| Organist | Wendy Kelly |
| Custodian | Phil Smith |

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

Missions Report

By Judy Peerson

Our church mission is winding down with the monthly Poteau School fill the back-pack program and furnishing socks and underwear to lower elementary students, but we are gearing up with fundraisers and donations to help support this coming year's local mission projects.

We recently had a church-wide garage sale that made around \$985.00. Thank all of you who donated your items for this event. Also, we have a homemade ice cream and pie social planned for June 7th from 5:30-7:00 in the Family Life Center. Tickets are \$5.00 each for a night of great food, fun games, and great conversation with church family and friends. Please bring a friend and join in and support our mission program.

Lloyd Lee is still offering the mission pancake breakfast on the third Saturday of each month from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Please join him and others for a little bit of this sweet heaven.

Our mission program has been asked to help with the Spiro First United Methodist Church Food Pantry. We are asking for a \$1.00 donation from our church members in order to help out our cluster church in their time of need. You can send it as a special offering in the collection plate or there will be a basket outside on the table designated for this mission.

Even though school is just over, we are in the process of fundraising for the Back to School Night that our church hosts. If you feel that you would like to be a part of the mission team, please join us.

*Not what we wish, but what we need,
O let your grace supply,
Thy good unasked, in mercy grant;
The ill, though asked, deny.*

NOTICE

Word was received last month of the death of Joe K. Thomas's nephew and Susan Mixon's cousin, Jamie Thomas.



News of Youth

By Kimberly Hardaway

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

JUNE CALENDAR:

- Need district camp forms turned in June 1st!
- 1-5 Youth help with VBS
- 7 Youth are helping with ice cream social. (We have postponed our welcome to incoming 6th graders party to June 28)
- 14 Youth council meeting rescheduled for after church
- 21 No youth meeting. Kim will already be at district camp
Need YOUTH FORCE FORMS turned in by June 21
- 22-26 District Camp at Camp Egan in Tahl-equah
- 28 Welcome Night to 6th graders

JULY

- 5 No youth meeting due to holiday weekend

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In lieu of the 30 Hour Famine, the youth group is sponsoring a child through Compassion International for the year. He is an 11-year-old boy from Brazil named Allen Vincente. Our funds enable him to attend school, receive medical care and immunizations, and help feed him. Along with our contribution, we sent letters and a picture of our group.

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Youth Force is July 26-31 this year at Henryetta. Total cost is \$200 per person. The church, its members and the youth activity fund will sponsor some of the cost; leaving the cost for each youth and adult at \$100 each. Sign up to go ends June 2nd. (Paperwork and money will be due June 21.)

Upper Room Devotionals

The Upper Room devotional guides are provided for you by the church and can be found on the tables outside the sanctuary. Be sure and pick one up to accompany your daily Bible study.

They are published every two months.

Correspondence

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, and prayers we have received during the last few weeks since my mother's death. We appreciate all of your care and concern.

Poteau FUMC had a special place in Elaine's heart and I have fond memories of my mom serving on various committees, teaching Sunday School and working with the youth there. Your outpouring of love honors her and has been a great comfort to us.

Thank you,
Susan, Josh, Sarah,
and Mallory Mixon

Church Family,

Thank you so much for the love offering. Our family has been richly blessed by your generosity. Your thoughts and prayers for Jake and our family are so appreciated. Each day we have seen God's blessings. Jake has made tremendous progress but we still have a long road ahead. Please continue to pray for complete healing and restoration.

Love,
The McMillin Family

A very heartfelt Thank You to everyone who contributed to the purchase of my new bike! I will treat it like a Cadillac! God has taught me to accept gifts graciously, with thanksgiving. A valuable lesson. Again, thank you so, so much.

Very sincerely,
Phil Smith

Thanks for the Easter greetings. They brought me blessings and many thoughts of bygone days.

Jo Gee

Your lovely and unexpected card reminded me again how blessed I am to fellowship with such a loving and caring group of Christians. Your prayers brightened my day. God bless each of you.

Nancy Butler

Thank you for making me feel so special with all the beautiful cards. Poteau has the most special group of caring women. Thank you again.

In His name,
Bessie Moreland

Thanks for your kindness. I really appreciate the book you sent. It is not an easy time but with God's help I will get through it. The book will help. Thanks so much.

Euella Spoonemore (Debbie Clark's mother)

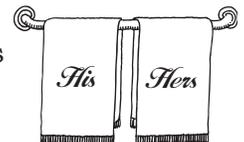
June Birthdays

- 2 R.L. Sockey, Jr.
- 3 Michael Preston and Versile Johnson II
- 6 Donna Johnston and Lindsay Murray
- 7 Debby Jarrett
- 8 Suzanne Klutts
- 9 Clifford England
- 13 Phyllis Roberts, Stacey Roberts and Darrell Plummer, Jr.
- 14 Marvin DeSpain
- 16 Nikki Wigginton, Kenny Whitehead and Kyle Holt
- 17 Robin Mason
- 18 Paul Stottsberry and Jon Gaston
- 20 Keith Thomas
- 21 Shanna Johnson, Mary-Catherine Hallmark and Sisnie Brookfield
- 22 Vicki Mason
- 23 Gene Wheat
- 25 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
- 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 918-647-2217.

Thank you for taking the time for this.