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SERVING GOD 127 YEARS

Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30

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

Worship Bulletins
may now be picked up
on Thursdays
after 11:00.



COLUMBARIUM
CONSECRATION
SERVICE

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PASTOR TO PEOPLE



Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
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how great thou art, how great thou art!

("How Great Thou Art, The United Methodist Hymnal, #77.)
Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.
("Here I Am, Lord, The United Methodist Hymnal, #593)

There's just something about those words that stir my soul.
Do you have a favorite hymn? Are there words in one of our
worship songs that moves you whenever and wherever you hear
them? Do you know the story behind the writing of that song?

Over the past few years, we have looked at a few of the song
stories of our favorite hymns and songs and how those stories
can affect the meaning of those songs and in turn, our faith as
we sing them.

I invite you to join me again in June as we take a look at:

"I'll Fly Away"

"Victory in Jesus"

"Reckless Love"

"You Say"

On the journey with you,

Pastor Jim Perkin

*May was a
busy month in the
life of our church.
See inside!*

• **REV. JIM PERKIN** •

MORNING
WORSHIP

You can watch the morning worship service live on
our Facebook page at 10:30. Or you can watch it and
past worship services anytime at www.poteaufumc.com



Prayer List (As of May 30, 2021)

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

Health: Diana Adams, Laton Allison, Astarte Baker, Lisa Barnes, Silas Blanchard, Steven Blaylock, Caren Bogart, Cindy Brody, Ed Brody, Jeff Burton, John Carbrey, Peggy Carey, James Carter, Paul Carter, Perry Carter, Pam Cox, Ben Curtis, Darla Davis, Jim Davis, Cameron Disney, Denise Donaho, Rowdy Downs, Debbie Drake, Cliff England, Delana Luman Ester, Sam Flanary, Mary Folsom, Dolores Fuller, Brooke Gardezi, Seth Garner, Bipriano Gonzalez, Blake Gregg, Lawrence Gresham, Connie Hancock, Jeremiah Hays, Donna Hollingsworth, Allen Inge, Donna Jackson, Kay Jeffrey, Bobby Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Teri Johnson, Terri Jones, Tasha Arnette Kane, Makali Kemp, Phyllis Kemp, Jane Kilgore, Ted Kilgore, Rope King, Colton Knight, Ron Knight, Vicki LaGrand, Lloyd Lee, Arlene LeMaster, Lincoln Lester, Ty Mackey, David McNair, Keith Miller, Patricia Ogden, Janna Owens, Kevin Payne, Jean Potts, Jeremy Quarry, Paul Quirk, Joe Renfro, Lucy Richmond, Angie Shaw, Jim Shore, Coy Smedley, Marilyn Smith, Blake Standridge, Earl Steinmetz, Katie Strider, Madison Stuckey, Peggy Talley, Raegan Thomas, Jennifer Turner, Darren Ward, Barbara Wheeler, Kathryn Whitfield, Britain Wilson, Keith Wright, Lori Yarberry, Ann Young.

Bereavement: The Family of Jerry Vest (Ted Kilgore's brother) and the Family of Donna LaRosa (Mandy Mitchell's mother).

Law Enforcement: Robert and Danielle Brennard, Robert M. Brennard, 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 April 2021

Average Attendance for April: 126
2021 Budget Requirements: \$365,000.00
Needed through April: \$121,666.67
Year to Date Received: \$154,378.36
April Received: \$39,659.11
April Expenditures: \$33,693.60

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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Bishop
District Superintendent
Senior Pastor
Director of Music Ministries
Director of Youth and Young Adults
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
Rev. Amy Disney
Suzanne Klutts
Melissa Ward
Jayla Craig
Bill King
Phil Smith

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

• JUNE CALENDAR •

• SUNDAYS •

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

CHAOS Youth Group, 5:00 p.m.

• MONDAY •

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

• TUESDAY •

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

• WEDNESDAY •

Bell Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

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- 7 Missions Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 13-18 Delta Grace Mission Trip to Sunflower, MS
- 21 Finance Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 28 Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 28-1 Vacation Bible School, 9 to 12 a.m.

ACOLYTES

- 6 Anna Shockley and Morgin Shockley
- 13 Chloe Mitchell and Sam Martin
- 20 Annie Martin and Ellie Martin
- 27 Alissa Figari and Katlynn Figari



CHILDREN'S MOMENTS



- 6 Kim Hardaway
- 13 Jenci Quarry
- 20 Tami Matos
- 27 Pastor Jim



Worship Volunteers

We are looking for the following volunteers for morning worship:

- Liturgist
- Sound and Video Tech
- Children's Moments

If you would like to serve in one of these ways, talk to Pastor Jim!

Upper Room Devotionals

The Upper Room devotionals for May/June are available now.

The devotional guides are provided for you by the church and can be found on the table outside the sanctuary. Be sure and pick one up to accompany your daily Bible study. They are published every two months.



Consecration Service

Our new Columbarium was consecrated during a service on Saturday, May 15, 2021.



"We are gathered here to praise God and to witness to our faith as we consecrate this holy space. In the name of God our Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, these memorial spaces are now consecrated to be living signs of our mortality and our sure and certain hope of resurrection through Jesus Christ our Lord. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. They have rest from their labors."

Our Newest Acolytes



Chloe Mitchell



Anna Shockley



Annie Martin



Ellie Martin

• Children's Ministry •

By Suzanne Klutts



Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railroad! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.

Vacation Bible School will be June 28 – July 1, 9 a.m. to noon for kids entering preschool through grade 5.

If you are interested in working VBS, let us know!



Children's Sunday School class enjoying donuts in the Stiver's Cafe.

• Special Music for Worship •



Savannah Fabian and Mary Lynn Perkin presented a Flute Duet, "Hymn Fantasy."



Raegan Thomas and Mary Lynn Perkin, along with the choir, sang, "This I Pray."



• Missions Report •

By JoLynn Dixon



Greetings from the Mission Committee!! We are going to start back with our Monthly Mission Collections from the congregation. For June and July, we will be collecting new or gently used shoes to help with the VBS service project. Baskets will be located in the Narthex for your donations--and as always, monetary contributions are appreciated.

We are in the planning stages for our Back to School Bash which will be held next August. We are planning an outdoor event – weather pending. We will have available free haircuts, eye and dental screenings and personal care goodie bags to all students who attend. We will also have inflatables, food, and a great atmosphere to celebrate returning to school. Please plan to join us to help our community – as always helping hands are needed!

We have some other exciting things in the works and would love for anyone willing to join us. We are excited about what the coming year will bring. The next Mission Committee meeting is Monday, June 7th at 5:30 pm. All are welcome!

Youth Mission Trip to Mississippi

On June 13-18 we will be going to Delta Grace mission site in Sunflower, Mississippi.

Landon Perkin, Sadie Perkin, John Gastelum, Hannah Hicks, Luke Culwell, Caden Mitchell, Khia Brookfield, Kendy Traywick, Katlynn Figari, Colin Adams, Alissa Figari, and Haley Durant are going to experience working in the Mississippi Deltas.

We have six adults attending as well Jim Perkin, Amy Disney, Mary Lynn Perkin, Charlee Gillingham, Michael Culwell, and Jennifer Figari who will be working along side our youth.

We have a mandatory meeting June 6th in the youth room.

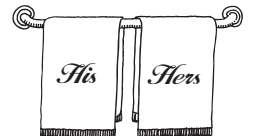
June Birthdays

- 2 R.L. Sockey, Jr.
- 3 Michael Preston
- 6 Lindsay Crane
- 7 Debby Jarrett
- 8 Suzanne Klutts
- 9 Clifford England
- 10 Hattie Jo Hancock
- 13 Mary Lynn Perkin, Phyllis Roberts, Stacey Roberts, Darrell Plummer, Jr.
- 16 Nikki Wigginton, Kenny Whitehead, Kyle Holt
- 17 Robin Mason
- 18 Jon Gaston
- 20 Keith Thomas
- 21 Mary-Catherine Hallmark, Sisnie Brookfield
- 22 Vicki Mason
- 23 Gene Wheat
- 24 Angie Culwell
- 25 Connor Matos
- 26 Victoria Nichols
- 28 Linda Brown, Jesse Barnes
- 30 Patrick Ford



June Anniversaries

- 4 Bill and Suzanne King
- 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
- 24 Ronnie and Christy Oehlschlager
- 25 Ben and Judy Curtis



Staff Appreciation Sunday was observed on May 2.

Staff, left to right – Bill King, Phil Smith, Melissa Ward, Kaycee Quarry, Suzanne Klutts, Jayla Craig, Rev. Jim Perkin, Rev. Amy Disney, Mary Lynn Perkin.

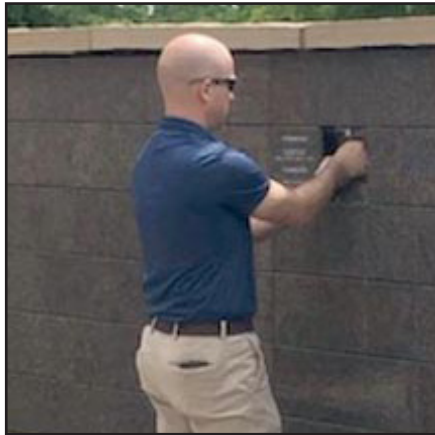


First Inurnment Service Held

On May 15 Jack, Jane and Ken Hammond were laid to rest in our Columbarium.



Susan Hammond and her girls.



The niches were sealed by Rev. Perkin following inurnment.



The Hammond Family

Congratulations to these High School Graduates, Class of 2021

“Holy God, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. Bless these graduates as they now finish this course of study. We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them and all who supported them along the way. Walk with these graduates as they move forward in life. Take away their anxiety and confusion of purpose. Strengthen their many talents and skills and instill in them a confidence in the future you plan. Amen”



Left to right: Jeremiah Eaton, Tucker Garrett, Landon Perkin, McKinlee Thomas, Haley Durant, Destini Hutchinson, and Zoie Eaton.

Congratulations to the 2021 Confirmation Class



Pictured are Caden Mitchell, Katlynn Figari and Khia Brookfield with Rev. Perkin.



The Confirmands and their families.



Prayer for the Confirmands

"O Lord Jesus Christ, who embraces children with the arms of your mercy, and makes them living members of your Church; give them grace, we pray, to stand fast in your faith, to obey your word, and to abide in your love; that, being made strong by your Holy Spirit, they may resist temptation and overcome evil, and may rejoice in the life that now is, and dwell with you in the life that is to come; through your merits, O merciful Saviour, who with the Father and Holy Ghost lives and reigns one God, world without end. Amen."

– The Book of Common Prayer

Youth and Young Adults

By Pastor Amy Disney



◦ Youth ◦

Youth Sunday was a huge success. I could not be more proud of each of you!

Congratulations to our seniors and to our confirmands – Katlynn, Khia and Caden.

Mark your calendars for June 6th at 4 p.m. We will have a mandatory mission trip meeting in the youth room. Youth if you cannot be here June 6th you need to have a parent or representative here in your behalf. Mission trip is in two weeks! The count down begins.

Also, we have a lot planned for this summer so you won't want to miss out!

Youth Sunday photos. More on next page.

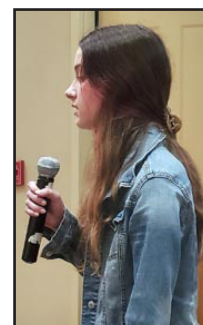
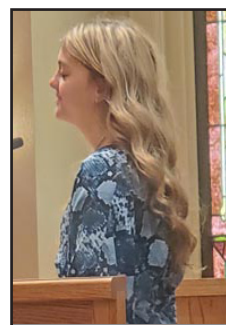


Traegan and Khia, Sermon

Katlynn, Welcome

Kendy, Prayer

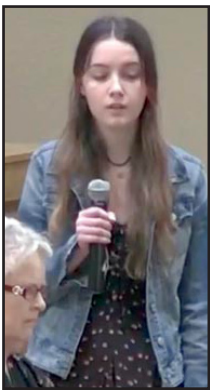
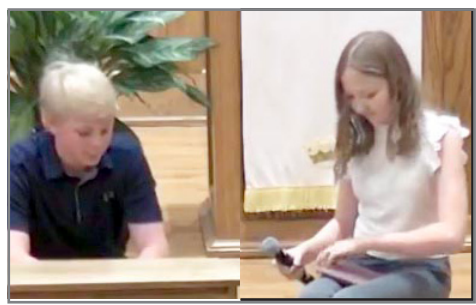
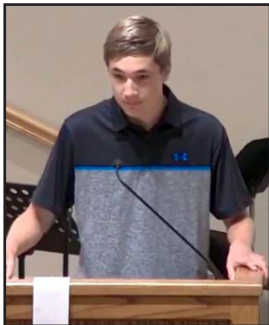
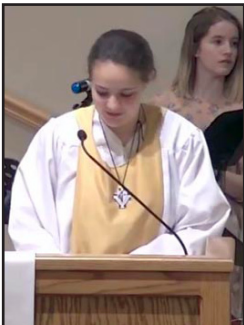
Ella, Song





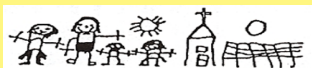
Youth Sunday 2021

On May 16 our youth conducted the entire worship service. Each and every one of them did a great job.





United Methodist Church Preschool



By Tracey Gilliam, Preschool Director



Preschool is out for the summer. Classes will resume in August.

The preschool Back to School Night is August 12th at 6 p.m.

First day back to school is Monday, August 15th,

Have a wonderful summer!

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Our Preschool Graduation Celebration was held on May 27. Here are photos from that day.

