

The United Methodist News

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Serving God 117 Years

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

PASTOR TO PEOPLE

*Happy Fourth
 of July*



*We thank God
 for our freedom.*

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Most of you probably remember the excitement of many youth and adults from around Oklahoma being with us last summer for Youth Force. That excitement and time for mission work is returning very soon. During the week of July 18 through July 23, there will be about 80 youth and their sponsors working out of our Family Life Center. They will be housed at Carl Albert State College and working at 10 worksites in the area. As that week approaches, we will make available those work location addresses so that you can stop by with words of encouragement, cold water, or some other form of appreciation.

Of course, the corner of Harper and Rogers is a work site in progress. The ground work will continue for the next week or two and then we will have groundbreaking for the new sanctuary. It will take place during worship on Sunday, July 25. Our District Superintendent and other Conference leaders have been invited. Officials from the City of Poteau, The Community State Bank, and Central National Bank will also be on hand. After the groundbreaking we will gather in the Family Life Center for a luncheon.

Several of you have asked for an adult “confirmation” class. I will begin leading a 9 week study on Sunday, August 22 that uses the book *A Blueprint for Discipleship*. The group will meet at 5:00 p.m. each week and will last about an hour. The cost of the study book is \$10.00. This study will be offered at least once per year and I would encourage the participation of all members, whether long-time Methodist or new to this denomination.

Thank you to the many people who have assisted in the move into the Family Life Center. I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of a congregation that works so well together for the kingdom of Christ and First UMC of Poteau.

Grace & peace,



REV. DR. GREGORY J. TENER



JULY CHURCH CALENDAR

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 regular communion Sunday)

UMYF, 5:00 p.m.

• MONDAY •

Boy Scouts, 7:00 p.m., CFLC

• WEDNESDAY •

Celebration Choir on Vacation this month

- 5 Church office closed for 4th of July
- 10 UMM Breakfast Meeting, 8 a.m., CFLC
- 21 Membership Care Committee, CFLC, 1 p.m.
- 25 Groundbreaking Ceremony and Luncheon

MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

- 4 Wayne and Joanne Neuharth
- 11 Jean Gaylor and Andi Burton
- 18 Lloyd and Dana Lee
- 25 Charles and Marilyn Meek



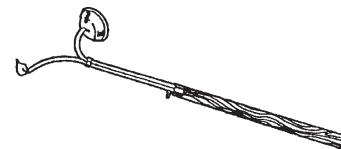
LITURGISTS

- 11 Kelsey Robinson
- 18 Connor Matos
- 25 Josie Garrett



ACOLYTES

- 4 Demi Gilliam
- 11 Morgan Bandy
- 18 Charlee Gilliam
- 25 Lily Shore



Birthday Celebration

Alline Logan will be 90 years old on July 17th. Alline's son, Larry and wife Debbie, are having a birthday celebration for her on Saturday, July 17th in the Christian Family Life Center from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

The church is invited to attend and help Alline celebrate her 90th birthday.



Our Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Wayne and Joanne Neuharth on the death of Wayne's mother, Emelia, on June 21.

Membership Care Committee Meeting July 21st

Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.

(Matthew 25:40)

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. Under the direction of the pastor, volunteers may offer Holy Communion to those who desire to receive it. They make a phone call, send a card, or visit in the home and share God's love with someone.

Church members are encouraged to let us know of persons who are in need of our care. For more information, call Virginia Stanley (647-2618) or Kay Thomas (647-3491).

Welcome New Member!

We happily welcomed Wendy Kelly, our long-time organist into membership when she officially joined our congregation on Sunday, June 27.

Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for May, 2010

2010 Average Attendance Figures for May: 166
 2010 Budget Requirements: \$326,272.00
 Needed for Budget Each Week: \$6,274.47
 Needed through May: \$131,763.87
 May Receipts: \$24,996.94
 May Expenditures: \$24,132.34

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Sunday School 9:30 – Morning Worship 10:30

Bishop	Robert E. Hayes
District Superintendent	Darrell Cates
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Gregory J. Tener
Youth & Children's Director	Kimberly Hardaway
Music Director	Steve Clark
Church Secretary	Brenda Ferguson
Lead Nursery Attendant	Jayla Craig
Organist	Wendy Kelly
Custodian and Door Opener	Ted Kilgore

District web page: 222.gbgn-umc.org/mc-dist/

News of Children and Youth

By Kimberly Hardaway

UMYF (C.H.A.O.S.)

CHAOS meets Sunday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. for all youth 6th through 12th grade.

July 4 – No CHAOS

July 11 – CHAOS, 5 to 7 p.m.

July 13 – Float Trip. \$20; Leave at 9 a.m. and return at 6 or 7.

July 18 – Youth Force begins; registration at 1:00

July 18 – Mystery Dinner, 5:00 for all the C.H.A.O.S. Youth Group

July 23 – Youth Force ends

July 25 – No CHAOS

Aug. 1 – CHAOS, 5 to 7 p.m.

Aug. 8 – Promotion Sunday

Aug. 8 – CHAOS, 5 to 7 p.m.

YOUTH FORCE

We will be hosting Youth Force once again from July 18 to 23. Youth Force is a teen mission effort to repair and assist various elderly or in-need homeowners with maintenance of their home. The volunteers spend July 18th preparing through training and setting up the work site. They then work on the homes from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day Monday through Thursday (July 19 to 22). July 23 is spent cleaning up the CASC dorms (where they stay), filling out evaluations, and having a final worship. The following is a list of the homeowner addresses we will be assisting and a brief idea of the help we are giving.

We invite the congregation to visit these sites with words of encouragement for the teens and adults who are giving their time and hard work in this mission effort:

God Squad A – 18744 Stoney Point Rd., Spiro (paint home)

God Squad B – 312 Buck Creek Road, Panama (shingling roof)

God Squad C – 500 Main Street, Panama (build ramp and small porch)

God Squad D – 403 B Sanders Street, Pocola (build porch roof, ramp, and deck)

God Squad E – 181 Riverside Drive, Poteau (metal roof installed)

God Squad F – 203 Sunset Drive, Poteau (paint home)

God Squad G – 21493 E. Forest Ave., Howe

(paint home)

God Squad H – 100 Reeves Avenue, Heavener (back porch repair, clean up of area)

God Squad I – 206 Walker Street, Heavener (paint home)

God Squad J – 47491 Dowell Rd., Hodgen (build front porch, repair wall damage)

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PRAYER VIGIL FOR YOUTH FORCE WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

For the entire time of Youth Force, the different churches participating hold a prayer vigil for the safety and witness of the youth working, and for the people who are receiving this mission work. Our church is asked to be in prayer Wednesday, July 21, midnight to noon. Please consider signing up for a thirty minute prayer session. Your time of prayer can be at your home or wherever you are. You are also welcome to come to the church sanctuary currently located in the Christian Family Life Center. To sign up, prayer vigil sign-up sheets will be available July 11 and 18 during the worship hour or come by the church office during the week of July 11.

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LITURGISTS SCHEDULE

The liturgist schedule will consist of youth who read the scripture for every Sunday except communion Sunday.

11 Kelsey Robinson

18 Connor Matos

25 Josie Garrett

Check out www.poteaufumc.com

Photos of church activities are being added periodically to the church's website. This is a project undertaken by Mike Lee. When you get to the website, find the word "Photos" at the top and pull down to whatever category you wish to see. Currently you will find photos for the Last Sunday in the Old Sanctuary, New Sanctuary Construction Progress, Members and Friends There to Say Goodbye to the Old Sanctuary, 2010 Preschool Class Photos, 2010 Graduating Seniors, 2010 Confirmation Class. The Sanctuary Construction photos will be ongoing as work develops.

The church newsletters are also on the church's website along with lots of other information about our church as well as other sources for information beyond our local church. To see the newsletters, click on "Info Center" at the top of the home page and pull down to Church Newsletters.

Check it out!



July Anniversaries

- 2 Frank and Grace Dehart
 5 Randy and Tami Matos
 7 Wayne and Joanne Neuharth
 Josh and Melissa Reyes
 14 Arch and Janell Glover



July Birthdays

- 1 Dartha Garner and Patty Redhage
 5 Randy Bridgman, Bea Cooper and Taryn Shelton
 7 Nina Ritchie
 9 Randy Cox, James Ford, Ernie Owens, and Judy Tener
 11 Maci McMillin and Frank Dehart
 12 Kim Slater
 13 Arch Glover
 14 Jennifer Thompson
 16 Jeanne Burton
 17 Alline Logan
 18 Lena Morehead
 19 Joanne Neuharth
 21 Kevin Morrison
 22 Robert Allen
 23 Alicia Gilliam
 24 Susan Hammond and Gary Hageman
 26 Luke Best
 27 Nancy Clark
 29 Andi Burton, Zach Harreld and Jaime Pickle
 30 Kelsey Sconyers



United Methodist Women

Poteau First Methodist Church Survey of Women

Would you like to see United Methodist Women group grow? Please give some ideas of what you would like to see happen in this group.

Best meeting time and date: Monday or Thursday, 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.? Give best time and date for you _____.

Would you attend an organizational meeting after church service with a meal provided? Yes or No

How often would you attend a meeting: once a month__ every 3 months__ or twice a year__? The meetings are usually held September-May. Would you be interested in summer meetings? Yes or No

What would you like to do at the UMW meeting: Bible study, devotional, special project, etc.?

Would you be interested in having secret prayer sisters? A person for one year would pray for you, send cards for birthday, holidays, anniversary etc. You would also be a prayer sister to some one else. Yes or No

For you younger ladies, would you prefer to be involved with a group of younger ladies and still get together with the mature group for work projects? Yes or No

Do you need child care provided? Yes or No
 What ages and number of children? _____

Please help us to create a women's group that helps us grow in faith and share among our selves and community, Christian love, friendship and acceptance.

Please turn the survey and any other suggestions in to the church office or to UMW President, Mary Ford.

Thank you.

Cards of Thanks

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the great food and all your cards and phone calls. Your love and prayers were a blessing to us during this difficult time.

Marvin and Janet DeSpain

To Everyone,

Thank you so much for the Bible you presented to Dalton. I was so touched by all the love and prayers that we've received over the past years. We're so blessed to have such a wonderful and loving church family!

Thank you so very much again.

Shirley, Dalton, Austin and Gary

I would like to thank everyone who helped move the music library, office and studio out of the old educational building and sanctuary. It will be a blessing to have everything in one central location in the new building. Thanks again for your help.

Steve Clark

Mary Ford was contacted by another UMW group asking if anyone would like to donate toilet tissue, trash bags or cash for the Youth Force project. You can take it to the church office.