

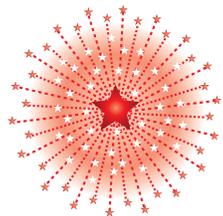
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SERVING GOD 120 YEARS

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



Happy
 4th of
 July



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PASTOR TO PEOPLE

Perspective

See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? – Isaiah 43: 19

If you have never heard of Dewitt Jones, you most certainly have seen his work. He is an award winning photographer for National Geographic and has photographed countless people, places, and things all around the globe. In addition to his immense talent as a photographer, Dewitt is a gifted speaker.

I recently watched a video in which Dewitt talked about perspective, looking anew at the world around us. In “Everyday Creativity”, Jones applies the lessons he has learned in creating the perfect picture, he calls it the “right answer”, to the way we approach everything we do. “Creativity,” he says, “is the ability to look at the ordinary and see the extraordinary,” and therefore is, “a matter of perspective.” He contends that, “every act can be a creative act.” The key is finding the right perspective. And once the first right perspective is found, once the first perfect picture or “right answer” presents itself, then another creative opportunity is born and another “right answer” is waiting to be discovered. If every act can be creative then there can always be more than one right answer.

This kind of creativity flows out of his passion which he defines as, “falling in love again with the world around us.” It’s a passion that allows Jones to be creative without fear of making mistakes, because even in making mistakes new opportunities arise, vision is broadened, problems are re-framed into opportunities. It is passion that allows him to care – really care.

Does Dewitt Jones have something to say to those of us who are not shutterbugs, especially us in the church? I think so! All of what he talks about can be, should be embraced by clergy and lay people alike. How often, in our personal lives and in our life as a community of faith, do we settle for the ordinary? How frequently do we stop looking for the right answer after we find the first right answer? Are we frozen, refusing to take action, any action, because of our fear of failure? Do we allow our vision for what the church can fully be (we are the body of Christ after all) to

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REV. KYLE CLARK

Message from Tracy

By Tracy Hoskins

Director of Children and Family Ministries

I am so excited to be here! Thank you to everyone for the wonderful reception brunch for Scott and me.

I really enjoyed Vacation Bible School and being able to help out and see the kids enjoying themselves.

I am ready to get started on my vision for the education wing and working with everyone to make LOGOS and Sunday school exceptional this year.

I invite you to come and visit with me and give me your ideas for the Family and Children's ministries. My door is open and I would love to see you!



A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

On behalf of the church a special thank you is extended to Debbie Clark who was in charge of this year's Vacation Bible School. What a wonderful job she did. Thank you Debbie!

JULY CHURCH CALENDAR

Worship Bulletin Deadline: 10 a.m. Thursday

Newsletter Deadline: Third Friday of month

• SUNDAY •

UMYF (CHAOS), 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

• WEDNESDAY •

Celebration Choir is on vacation this month.

• THURSDAY •

Senior Café, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., CFLC

- 4 Office closed for Independence Day
- 17 Membership Care Committee Meeting, 1 p.m., Conference Room
- 20 Free Neighborhood Breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m., CFLC

MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

- 7 Artie Stivers and Janell Darneal
- 14 Paul Stottsberry and David McNair
- 21 Randy and Tami Matos
- 28 Robert and Tami Holt



ACOLYTES

- 7 Luke Wheat and Aiden Alexander
- 14 Kyle Holt and Daniel Ambriz
- 21 Wyatt Holt and Nathan Clark
- 30 Katie Redhage and Jessa Craig



Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that you will keep the United States in your holy protection; that you will incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow-citizens of the United States at large. And, finally, that you will graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion and without which we can never be a happy nation. Grant our supplications, we beseech you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

– George Washington

Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for May 2013

Average Attendance Figures for May: 144

2013 Budget Requirements: \$400,000.00

Needed for Budget Each Week: \$7,692.31

Needed through May: \$161,538.51

May Receipts: \$23,540.41

May Expenditures: \$29,770.71

New Building Fund Figures:

Deposits: \$1,510,906.77

Expenditures: \$2,573,786.60

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

Bishop	Robert E. Hayes
District Superintendent	Darrell Cates
Senior Pastor	Rev. Kyle Clark
Director of Youth Ministries	Kimberly Hardaway
Director of Children and Family Ministries	Tracy Hoskins
Director of Music Ministries	Steve Clark
Church Secretary	Brenda Ferguson
Lead Nursery Attendant	Jayla Craig
Organist	Wendy Kelly
Custodian and Door Opener	Jason Dering
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(Pastor to People, cont.)



Cards of Thanks

remain narrow?

We have done a wonderfully loving thing in the ways we reach out to those in need in our community as we actively participate in ministries like the neighborhood breakfast and the LOGOS program for the children of our community. We have responded to the tragedy of the Moore and Shawnee tornados. But is there more?

How are we doing at creatively looking for the next right answer everyday in our own homes and in our own congregation? Are we challenging and affirming and growing as a congregation? Are we discipling others? Are we growing as disciples ourselves? Are we passionate about what we do when we gather together each week?

As we begin our second year together (can you believe the Clarks have been in Poteau for a year already?) I think these are important questions that need to be asked. But more important than our asking is our wrestling with the answers. I have been talking with a few of you and with our newest staff member, Tracy Hoskins, about some of these very questions. Over the coming weeks and months we will be inviting everyone of you to engage this process in some way as well, to commit to something new. It will be challenging! It will be exciting! It will be fun!

I believe God always raises up women and men to lead in new and exciting ways. Our challenge is to embrace the creative God who continues to create in our midst, to be open to the moving of the Holy Spirit as God presents us with the opportunity to see the extraordinary in the ordinary, to fall in love again with each other and the world around us, to care enough to change our perspective.

Shalom,

You can view the short video "Everyday Creativity" by Dewitt Jones on line at <http://www.everydaycreativityfilm.com>

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Anyone who knows of someone who would like a prayer shawl should call Cindy Brody at 918-385-1542 or the church office at 647-2217.

The VBS participants had a great time at the Everywhere Fun Fair! Thank you to everyone who worked to make it possible – from those who decorated, to those who taught, to those who led small groups, and to those who donated much-needed items. We could not have done it without your service and your generosity.

Debbie Clark

Dear Church Family,

The memorial service for our precious mother was exactly like we wanted it to be. We would not have changed a thing. The lunch at the Fellowship Hall was delicious. We appreciate your church providing that for us. Would you please thank the organist for us. We don't have her name.

We have thanked each lady who served but we want to thank your whole church for providing the lovely and delicious meal for our sweet Mother's memorial service. Everything was wonderful.

Your church has been so good to Mother over the years and she never forgot about you. You always sent cards which we read over and over. Many of you visited her. For all you have done, we are eternally grateful. We pray God's richest blessings on you.

Thank you so much for being a "real church" to us and to Betty also. God bless you.

Bob and Carolyn Gillson

Dear Poteau FUMC:

The outpouring of love and concern for the people of Oklahoma in response to the recent tornadoes has been simply amazing! Your recently received gift joins the flow of numerous donations that has enabled the Oklahoma Conference get to work very quickly in dealing with the enormous needs these storms have presented.

We have already sent volunteers into the field, given out gift cards and other resources, prayed and counseled with people, and been present in the midst of these disasters in the Moore, Carney and Shawnee areas. We have already opened an office in Moore and will have one in Shawnee very soon.

We are in this for the long haul! In 1999 we remained in the Moore area for over two years. We estimate it will take that long again this time, with the other affected areas being a 12-18 month commitment. To succeed we will need your continued support through prayer and gifts. We will be working in a full partnership with UMCOR (our own UM Committee on Relief) as well as our friends in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference.

Thank you again for opening your hearts and resources to help us all be God's presence in a broken and hurting world.

Yours sincerely, Rev. Jeremy M. Basset
Director, Office of Mission and Director, VIM

August Mission Event

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, August 11th from 5 to 7:30 our church will host a Back to School evening at our church where we will be helping others in our community get ready for school.

We will be offering free haircuts, free teeth and vision screenings, and goody bags with toiletries to those who need it.

We will have food and games for all. Please come join in the fun and in helping others.

Please remember our mission items for the month – full size toiletries (shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and brushes, soap, etc.) These items will be going in the goody bags.

Something New

Many of you are probably aware that we have been working for some time now on ways to enhance our worship service for those in our congregation that are hearing impaired. While our efforts to begin offering real-time closed captioning of the sermon have been unsuccessful, we are not giving up on our goal of making at least the sermon available to any who want or need it in a written format in time for our Sunday morning worship. Beginning in July, I will send a copy of my sermon manuscript by email to anyone that would like to receive it. I will send it out on Sunday mornings by 10:15 a.m. It will be sent in a Microsoft Word format. If you have an electronic device (Smartphone, Tablet or Pad) that is Wi-Fi capable, you can get connected, download the manuscript, and have it as I am preaching during worship! Pretty cool, huh?

We are offering this as an option while we continue to seek ways of better serving all of those who worship with us.

We are also seeking a tech-savvy individual or group of tech persons to help us record, electronically archive, and post our video recorded worship services as a link on our website. If you are blessed with the media know-how to do these things, your church needs you!

To sign up for the sermon manuscript or to volunteer to help out as part of our media team, please call the church office or shoot me an email at revkc2003@yahoo.com.

The Membership Care Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 17th. If you know someone in need of our care, call Virginia Stanley (647-2618) or Kay Thomas (647-3491).



July Birthdays

- 1 Dartha Garner and Patty Redhage
- 3 Chad Yandell
- 5 Randy Bridgman, Bea Cooper and Taryn Shelton
- 7 Nina Ritchie
- 9 Randy Cox, James Ford and Ernie Owens
- 11 Maci McMillin and Frank Dehart
- 12 Kim Slater
- 13 Arch Glover
- 14 Jennifer Thompson
- 19 Joanne Neuharth
- 21 Kevin Morrison
- 22 Robert Allen and Ashley Green
- 23 Alicia Castillo
- 24 Susan Hammond and Gary Hageman
- 25 Haley Durant
- 26 Luke Best and Missy Alexander
- 27 Nancy Clark
- 29 Andi Burton, Zach Harreld and Jaime Pickle
- 30 Kelsey Sconyers



July Anniversaries

- 2 Frank and Grace Dehart
- 3 Bill and Linda Lancaster
- 5 Randy and Tami Matos
- 7 Wayne and Joanne Neuharth
- 7 Josh and Melissa Reyes
- 8 Dustin and Ashley Green
- 14 Arch and Janell Glover
- 28 Chad and Kendra Yandell



We wish a belated happy birthday to Darrell Plummer Jr. His birthday was June 20. We received the information after the June newsletter was already published.

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.

United Methodist Women of Faith

Dorothy G. James, President

We wish everyone a great summer. There will be no meetings until Monday, Sept. 9.

Remember our State Conference Meeting Oct. 4 and 5 in Poteau and Fall Festival Nov. 8.