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SERVING GOD 121 YEARS

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

*All-Church
 Ice Cream
 Social
 July 20
 6 p.m.*



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PASTOR TO PEOPLE

By Tracy Hoskins, Associate Pastor

Hi, Everyone! I wanted to write and thank all of you for being so supportive this past year! I have been truly blessed and am so happy to be here. I realized that I have not really told all of you about myself, so here is my life story in a nutshell.

I grew up in different parts of the country and my parents finally settled in Bixby, Oklahoma when I was in the 6th grade. I graduated from Bixby High School and Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. At SOSU, I majored in Drafting and Design Technology which allowed me to become a teacher many years later.

After college, I joined the Air Force where I met Scott. I lived in England and then we were transferred to Arizona where he was stationed. We fell in love and married a couple of years later. We were both divorced and had children from previous marriages, and were blessed with our daughter making our family 7.

We raised 4 of the 5 children and found out how difficult it is to do with both parents in the military, so I chose to get out of the Air Force. I worked for the Air Force as a contractor until we moved to Japan.

We enjoyed our three years in Japan and I taught ice skating lessons to American children. I also worked for the Air Force chapel as the Religious Education Director. This was probably the first time I realized that God was calling me. I just wasn't sure what He was calling me to do.

When Scott retired, we moved back to Oklahoma to my childhood home to help maintain my parent's property. I had always dreamed of being a teacher and found out that I could get a teaching certificate through the alternative certification process. I became a Technology Engineering teacher for Tulsa Public Schools. While living in Bixby, Scott and I attended the Leonard United Methodist Church and the pastor there encouraged me to become a Lay Speaker and I filled in when he was gone. And so it began . . . my journey to becoming an ordained minister.

At Annual Conference in May, I reached a milestone in my journey to ordination. I received my Local Pastor License and was appointed as Associate Pastor, here at Poteau First United Methodist Church. Part of my journey includes attending Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa. This past year, travelling to Tulsa every Tuesday, I successfully completed 20 credit hours toward my Masters of Divinity degree. My journey continues as I continue with my seminary education and I serve as your Associate Pastor.

Thank you for a wonderful year.

United Methodist Study begins August 6

How do we know God? What is the meaning of the resurrection of Jesus? Do people have free will? What are prevenient, justifying, and sanctifying graces? What do good works have to with salvation? How does United Methodist theology differ from other theologies? Is the Bible infallible? What are the different types of Methodists? Who was John Wesley?

Whether you were born and raised in the Methodist Church, or if you have come from another tradition...whether you were raised going to church everytime the church doors were open, or if you never set foot inside a church until just recently...or if you just want to know what's going on with all those crazy Methodists, have I got a deal for you!

Beginning Wednesday, August 6, Rev. Kyle Clark will be leading a course based upon F. Belton Joyner's book *United Methodist Questions, United Methodist Answers*. It is for anyone who is interested in what United Methodists believe, practice and teach. Questions and topics will cover everything from the Trinity to intenerancy (the way United Methodist clergy are moved and appointed), from evolution to backsliding and anything in between.

If you are interested an informal introduction will be held Wednesday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Books are \$13.00 each - please call the church office to order your copy now.

It will be fun! It will be interesting! It will be biblical! And there is sure to be lively conversation!

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

Bishop	Robert E. Hayes
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Senior Pastor	Rev. Kyle Clark
Associate Pastor	Tracy Hoskins
Director of Youth Ministries	Kimberly Hardaway
Director of Children and Family Ministries	Tracy Hoskins
Director of Music Ministries	Steve Clark
Administrative Assistant	Reenea Thompson
Lead Nursery Attendant	Jayla Craig
Organist	Wendy Kelly
Custodian and Door Opener	Jason Dering
District web page: www.gbgn-umc.org/mc-dist/	



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.

• TUESDAY •

Boy Scouts, 7 p.m., CFLC
Treble Choir Rehearsal, 6:30, Choir Room

• WEDNESDAY •

Celebration Choir will be on vacation beginning July 9

• THURSDAY •

Senior Café, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., CFLC

• FRIDAY •

Church office closes at noon

- 4 Office closed for Independence Day
 - 7-9 Children's Cooking Camp, 9 a.m. to 12
 - 14 Trustees Meeting, 6 p.m.
 - 14-18 Children's Music Camp, 9 a.m. to 12
 - 16 Membership Care, 1 p.m., CFLC
 - 19 Neighborhood Free Breakfast, CFLC
 - 20 All-Church Ice Cream Social, 6 p.m.
 - 28-30 Children's Science/Technology Camp, 9 a.m. to 12
 - 30 Introduction to new study, 6:30 p.m.
- (See Children's District Camp dates on page 3)

MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

- 6 Wayne and Joanne Neuharth
- 13 Keith and Patty Wright
- 20 Keith and Kay Thomas
- 27 Liz Perry and Peggy Talley



ACOLYTES

- 6 Aiden Alexander and Luke Wheat
- 13 Nathan Murray and Wyatt Holt
- 20 Demi Gilliam and Maryanne Attee
- 27 Tabitha Zabala and Baleigh Quarry



Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for May, 2014

Average Attendance Figures for May: 128

2014 Budget Requirements: \$402,000.00

Needed for Budget Each Week: \$7,730.77

Needed through May: \$162,346.17

May Receipts: \$50,599.21

May Expenditures: \$30,572.48

New Building Fund Figures:

Deposits: \$1,668,967.94; Expenditures: \$2,578,852.78



From Tracy's Desk

By Tracy Hoskins, Associate Pastor and
Director of Children and Family Ministries
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KID'S KORNER

WOW – That was our theme for VBS: Workshop of Wonders and WOW it was fun! We transformed the church into a world of science and technology with a little bit of construction. We had robots, LEGOS, paint, tools and a friend named Rivet; a very industrious ant who helped the children see into Dr. Wow's lab. Sandy (alias Kim Hardaway) helped the children learn Wonder Words and Vision Verses that gave the children building blocks to build their faith. The children visited 6 stations where they learned, created, built and sang songs that reinforced the Wonder Words for each day. We had 87 children registered with our largest number during the week on Thursday with 83 children enjoying our Workshop of Wonders. We partnered with First Christian Church to provide this wonderful experience. We would not have been able to provide such a quality experience without our 56 volunteers.

Thank you to all the volunteers that made VBS a success!

Art Camp

We had our first Kid's Kamp in June and it was amazing! We started out with only 13 children signed up and ended up with 29 children! The children got to create different art projects and we ended the week with a field trip to Ft. Smith Regional Art Museum to see art work created by local artists. I want to thank Bailey Baker, Haley Clark, Alyssa Cooper, Kim Cooper, Taylor Darneal, and Katie Redhage for helping. Especially Haley, Kim, and Taylor for coming to my rescue after we were swamped with children on Monday! I called and they responded! Thank you!

With the response to the Art Camp being so wonderful, I will need volunteers to help with the Cooking Camp and Science/Technology Camp in July. If you would like to help, please call me.

OTHER SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Music Camp

July 14 -18, 9 a.m. to 12 noon each day
Summer Musical Fun Camp for children

grades 2nd and up. Snacks will be provided.

KIDS' KAMPS

These camps are open to PreK through 5th grade from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Snacks will be provided.

Registration for the day camps is required. There may be a slight fee for supplies or field trip admission.

Cooking Camp

July 7- 9

Science/Technology Camp

July 28 - 30

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DISTRICT CAMPS

Contact Tracy for more information.

SonShine - grades 1-2, July 12-13

Growin' in Grace - grades 3-5, July 21-23 and July 23-25

Tweens Discover - entering grade 6, July 21-25

Check out the website for more information about these activities or contact Tracy at the church or thoskins@poteaufumc.com

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.

The schedule is as follows:

JULY

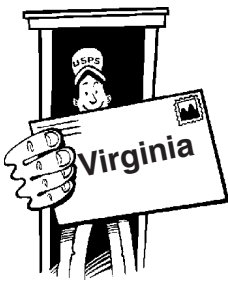
- 6 Regular Meeting
- 13 Regular Meeting
- 20 Regular Meeting
- 22 Church Summer Float Trip at Diamond-head Resort, Tahlequah
Cost: \$20 Leave at 9 a.m. - return around 6-7 p.m.
- 27 Regular Meeting



I'd like to thank my church family for all the gifts and money for my senior graduation.

Your generosity is overwhelming. Thanks again.

Connor Wheat



New Contact Information for Virginia Stanley

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Youth Force 2014

By Kim Hardaway

More than 25 young people from Poteau and Howe Methodist Churches spent the week of June 8th-14th at Youth Force Oklahoma City, a mission event in the inner city of Oklahoma City.

Joining over 200 other youth and adults, the teams worked to repair and repaint homes of elderly and families in need.

Those participating were: Missy and Aiden Alexander, Daniel Ambriz, Maryanne Attee, Deven Bond, Kyle, Haley and Nathan Clark, Jessa Craig, Allison and Emily Ford, Brittany Fox, Charlee and Demi Gilliam, Kyle, Kim, Kendrick, Kanaan, Kylanna, and Kyson Hardaway, Kyle Holt, Allison and Connor Matos, Nikki, Haven and Dawson Perry, Pedro Rojas, Melanie, Connor, and Luke Wheat, and Tabi Zabala.

"Youth Force is an incredible, life-changing experience. We are excited about having had the opportunity of working and helping those who really need our help," said 18-year-old Connor Wheat.

Each youth spent the week divided up and working in a God Squad, a group of eight youth and two adult leaders. They worked on their job site from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and, after showers and rest time, spent the evening doing recreational activities and attending worship services. Participants were housed at dormitories at Oklahoma City University in Oklahoma City.

"We just want to help people and make a difference in the lives of a needy family," said 17-year-old Haven Perry.

This marks the 26th year Youth Force has been in mission to Oklahoma communities. Since its creation, hundreds of homes have been repaired and restored. Youth Force is sponsored by the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church and Volunteers in Mission.

This was Kendrick's, Connor's and Haven's sixth year to participate.

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 and Jim Craig
- 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
Josh and Melissa Reyes
- 8 Dustin and Ashley Green
- 14 Arch and Janell Glover
- 28 Chad and Kendra Yandell



Church Family:

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Anyone who knows of someone who would benefit from a prayer shawl, whether a church member or not, should call Cindy Brody at 918-385-1542 or the church office at 647-2217.