

# The United Methodist News

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SERVING GOD 122 YEARS

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



*God Bless America*

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## **PASTOR TO PEOPLE**

### **Forward Motion**

One of my favorite movie lines to quote is from the character, Mater, in the Movie Cars. (Don't judge me, I have kids). Mater is really good at driving in reverse. There is a scene in the movie where Mater is demonstrating his backward driving ability to his friends and he says, "There ain't no need to watch where I'm going.... Just need to know where I've been." (Show of hands, how many of you read that in Mater's voice?)

How are you at driving in reverse? I kind of like it. But I only like going in reverse in my car. I don't like it at all in my life. It drives me crazy when I forget something that I used to know. In my life I want to be moving forward. I don't want to lose knowledge, I want to learn more. I don't want to forget people and places I have met, I want to experience more. And I certainly don't want to go backwards in my understanding of God, I want to grow in my understanding of my faith. I want a forward motion life.

In the month of July I will be preaching a sermon series called, "Forward Motion." Each week we will be looking forward in one area of our life:

- Forward Motion Life (Does God have a plan for me?)
- Forward Motion Church (Does God have a plan for our church?)
- Forward Motion Family (What do faith have to do with my relationships?)
- Forward Motion Faith (What does faith in motion look like?)

Let's go forward. Let's reach beyond where we currently are in  
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**REV. JIM PERKIN**

**PASTOR TO PEOPLE** (Continued)



**JULY CHURCH CALENDAR**

our own individual lives.....in our church...  
in our families....in our faith. Let's trust  
that if we strive to move our lives, church,  
family, and faith forward towards God, that  
God will lead us somewhere incredible!

This month invite someone you know to  
worship with you. Offer to pick them up  
and bring them so they don't have to walk  
in alone. Stretch yourselves beyond what is  
comfortable.

On the journey with you,

Pastor Jim Perkin

**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.

**Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for May 2015**

Average Attendance Figures for May: 139

2015 Budget Requirements: \$340,000.00

Needed for Budget Each Week: \$6,538.46

Needed through May: \$130,769.22

May Receipts: \$38,813.25

May Expenditures: \$28,791.81

**New Building Fund Figures:**

Deposits: \$1,892,008.44; Expenditures: \$2,579,444.08

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**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/

• **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**

- 3 Office closed for July 4th holiday
- 6 Trustee Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 12 Church Council
- 14 Finance Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 15 Membership Care, 12 p.m.
- 18 Neighborhood Breakfast, 7:30-10:30 a.m.
- 21 Happy Father's Day!
- 26-31 Youth Force

**Choir Notes**

The sanctuary choir is on vaca-  
tion during the month of July. We  
can look forward to their return af-  
ter their break. In the meantime we  
can enjoy some special music dur-  
ing the anthem time.



**GREETERS**

- 5 Randy and Tami Matos
- 12 Ben and Judy Curtis
- 19 Don Baetz and Ted Kilgore
- 26 Kip and Suzanne Klutts



**ACOLYTES**

- 5 Waylon Murray and Nathan Murray
- 12 Sadie Perkin and Lexe Pickle
- 19 Wyatt Holt and Ryker Holt
- 26 Brady Perry and Burke Perry



**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 infor-  
mation that comes up between newsletters.

## 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.

July Calendar:

- 5 No youth meeting due to holiday weekend
- 12 Regular meeting (shirt order due)
- 19 Youth Force meeting for participants after church
- 19 5 to 7 flamingo flock set free!@
- 20-25 Flocking all this week: funds to be given to missions)
- 23 Float Trip. Leave at 9 a.m.; return at 6 p.m. Cost is \$20.
- 26-31 Youth Force Henrietta. Leave July 26 at 1 p.m.; return July 31 at 3 p.m.

August

- 2 Back to School Missions Night

A BIG thank you to the Zabalas for hosting our Water Night, June 28! Water Night involves lots of messy and/or water games. Ask some youth what their favorite activity was! Our youth tried out several new water battles this year, and had a water BLAST. Sam Shore, Bryce Holt, Kylanna Hardaway, and Peyton Stubbs got the honors of top score for the evening (though it is all about "One-ness, not Won-ness," (Right, youth members?) We ended the evening with some serious time reflecting on water in the Bible and its use symbolically in church. Thanks to lots of adult help from Tracey Gilliam, Tami Matos, Matthew Houston, Kim Eaton, Jayla Craig and Kendrick Hardaway the evening moved smoothly along event to event.

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Flamingo flocks are getting restless and we are going to let them fly the week of July 19 through 25. Beware! Anyone is at risk of a flamingo attack. Anyone can send the flamingos to someone's home for \$25. The current rate for flamingo removal is \$25, which also entitles you to decide who gets attacked next. If you want to insure against an attack, the youth will be selling insurance policies beginning July 12. An insurance policy is \$35. All proceeds will go to benefit our missions committee and their service activities.

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Youth Force is July 26-31 in Henryetta. We have a total of 30 planning to attend (5 adults,



2 college, and 23 youth). Youth Force will have a prayer vigil that week for the home congregations. The prayer vigil consists of individuals signing up for a specific time to be in prayer. Those who sign up simply stop and pray wherever they may be at assigned time. Sign up for praying at a specific time will be available in the narthex over the next few Sundays.

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Float trip is through War Eagle on the Illinois River up near Tahlequah. We do the 6 mile float. Families are welcome to join us. If interested in attending with the youth group, please let Kim know by July 19. Kids under the age of 12 get a half price discount.

### VBS Report

Vacation Bible School was a great success. We had 25 adults and 30 to 40 youth who helped.

As a project during Bible School, 39 pairs of new shoes were collected for needy children for the coming school year. And we are still collecting.

If anyone wants to contribute shoes for the primary and upper elementary schools, they can them drop by the church office or give to Jayla Craig or Suzanne Klutts.

## Missions Report

By Judy Peerson

Our mission program is asking our congregation to help with the Spiro First United Methodist Church Food Pantry. We are asking for canned food or a cash donation from our church members in order to help out our cluster church in their time of need.

You can give your cash donation as a special offering in the collection plate or there will be a basket outside on the table designated for this mission.

## Welcome New Members!

On May 3 we welcomed the following into membership: Mike Hahn, Karen Hahn, David Redhage. Patricia Redhage, Katie Redhage, Jon Mitchell. Mandy Mitchell, Joseph Allen Sabatucci Jr. Joseph was also baptized.

On June 14 we welcomed Mary Lynn Perkin, Landon Perkin and Sadie Perkin.

Some of these people have been a part of our congregation for years. We are so happy to have them as official members.

# Correspondence

The Creator's Gift Community Garden really appreciates the use of the conference room for our meetings. Construction has begun and we hope to plant soon. Thank you so much.

## Prayer List

(As of June 28, 2015.)

Nursing Home/Homebound: Jim DeCamp, Slim Durham, Mary Folsom, Wayne Moore, Maxine Nyberg

Health: Chadyn Bell, Ed Brody, Maria Burnett, Bill Cartwright, Perry Carter, Ruth Ann DeCamp, Cherri Chastain, Grady Garner, Peggy Gartner, Bobbi Gilham, Ann Faught, Vickie Gillion, Donna Jackson, Allen and Jane Ann Inge Walter and Lorene Johnson, Colton Knight, Lloyd and Dana Lee, Arlene LeMaster, Sandra Lum, Jake McMillin, Sharon Mikkelson, Dorthea O'Neal, Kallie Peck, Jean Potts, William Quarry, Lucy Richmond, Joe Sabatucci, Richard Sockey, Charles Saviers, Jim Shore, Jackie Tosto, Ann Young

Military: Jared Baughn, Kyle Kinman, Taylor Baughn, Victor Murray, and all our military service men and women.

## Membership Care Committee

The Membership Care Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the Christian Family Life Center. Their meeting time is from 12 to 1 p.m.

They try to stay in contact with those in need through cards, phone calls and visits.

If you know someone they need to add to their list, please contact the church office or call Kay Thomas at 918-647-3491.

*"Watch Thou, dear Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give Thine angels charge of those who sleep. Tend Thy sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest Thy weary ones. Bless Thy dying ones. Pity Thine afflicted ones. Shield Thy joyous ones. And all, for Thy Love's sake. Amen"*

*-St. Augustine*



## July Birthdays

- 1 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
- 12 Kim Slater
- 13 Arch Glover
- 14 Jennifer Thompson
- 19 Joanne Neuharth
- 21 Kevin Morrison
- 22 Robert Allen, 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

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



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.

## 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.