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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

*Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.*

Hebrews 12:1

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I am writing this article during a quiet moment at LeFlore County Youth Force.

Over 100 youth and adults are living out their call to Christian discipleship by building relationships with local home owners and providing repairs to their homes. They are making a tangible difference in the lives of others in the name of Jesus Christ. Our church's support through prayer, leadership, food, and finances, is making a difference in the lives of many others.

A Sunday evening study for adults will begin on Sunday, August 22. The study will take place over 9 weeks and use 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 Methodists or new to this denomination.

I will begin a new sermon series on August 8. Sermons over the past few months have attempted to answer questions from the congregation. Next, we will look at questions God has for us:

- Where are you?
- Where is your brother?
- What is that in your hand?
- What are you looking for?
- Who do you say I am?
- Do you want to get well?, and
- Do you understand what I have done for you?

Grace & peace,




**REV. DR. GREGORY J. TENER**



## Membership Care Committee Meeting August 18th

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interest of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. (Phillipians 2:4-5)

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).

## WEEKLY COMMUNION



At 9:10 on Sunday mornings (except the first Sunday of the month) Rev. Tener serves communion following a short devotional. Prayer and dismissal is in time for Sunday School.

### Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for June, 2010

2010 Average Attendance Figures for June: 144  
 2010 Budget Requirements: \$326,272.00  
 Needed for Budget Each Week: \$6,274.47  
 Needed through June: \$156,861.75  
 June Receipts: \$21,830.79  
 June Expenditures: \$27,699.93

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

## AUGUST 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 rehearsal resumes Aug. 4**

- 8 Promotion Sunday  
 Choir back in Morning Worship  
 UMW Luncheon following worship
- 14 UMM Breakfast Meeting, 8 a.m., CFLC  
 St. Yootz Day in OKC for youth
- 15 Youth Council Luncheon  
 Back to School Neighborhood Bash in evening
- 18 Membership Care Committee, CFLC, 1 p.m.
- 19 Church Council, 5:15 p.m.
- 22 Blue Print for Discipleship Study, 5 p.m.  
 UMYF Parent Night, 5 to 7 p.m.

## MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

- 1 Ben and Judy Curtis
- 8 Randy and Tamy Matos
- 15 Jerry and Phyllis Kemp
- 22 Frank and Grace Dehart
- 29 Genny Dorsey and Kay Sullivan



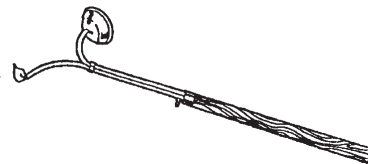
## LITURGISTS

- 8 Taylor Darneal
- 15 Sam Shore
- 22 Hayley Redhage
- 29 Connor Matos



## ACOLYTES

- 1 Jaydon Bandy
- 8 Kyson Hardaway
- 15 Baleigh Quarry
- 22 Katie Redhage
- 29 Demi Gilliam



# 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.

## AUGUST

- 1 CHAOS, 5 to 7 p.m. (Meal: Perrys)
- 8 CHAOS, 5 to 7 p.m. (Meal: Barnes)
- 14 St. Yootz Day at Frontier City. Leave at 9 a.m./return after midnight. Please sign up by August 11. \$25. Friends are allowed but a friend's cost is \$35.
- 15 Youth Council Luncheon Meeting following worship.  
Back to School Neighborhood Cookout on the church lawn, 5 p.m.
- 22 Parent Volleyball Night, 5 p.m. All youth families are invited to bring a favorite dish to share.
- 29 CHAOS, 5 to 7 p.m. (Meal: Laurie Bandy)

## YOUTH FORCE

Youth Force was a great experience like last year. Members of our congregation working on God Squad job sites were: Youth – Jesse Barnes, Justin Barnes, Josh Graham, Kanaan Hardaway, Kendrick Hardaway, Jake McMillin, Kade McMillin, Connor Matos, Kyle Matos, Heather Robinson, Kelsey Robinson, Taryn Shelton, and Connor Wheat. Adult Leaders – Kyle Hardaway, and Terri Martin; Tech Angels – Lloyd Lee and Melvyn Travis.

## LITURGISTS SCHEDULE

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

- 8 Taylor Darneal
- 15 Sam Shore
- 22 Hayley Redhage
- 29 Connor Matos

## AUGUST IS PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday, August 9th is the day all students are officially moved to their new grades for the upcoming school year. During the morning worship service, those entering 3rd grade and 6th grade will receive special literature. The service will also include an order of recognition of Sunday School teachers at all levels who have served the church with their teaching ministry.



## LOGOS DATES

LOGOS is a Wednesday after school program that meets during the school year for ages Pre-K through 8th grade.

Parents meeting for registering children, Sunday, Aug. 29, 9:30 a.m., CFLC; or Wednesday, Sept. 1, 6:30 p.m., CFLC.

Volunteer meeting for helping: Wednesday, Sept. 8, 6:30 p.m., CFLC.

## MOTHER'S DAY OUT

Mother's Day Out will begin again on August 20th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Nursery Rooms of the Education Building. Cost is \$10 per visit for children ages 1 to 4.

Note: No snack or lunch will be provided. Participants will need to provide a snack sack with child's name on it for food and a diaper bag with diapers and wipes.

## BACKYARD BACK TO SCHOOL COOKOUT

On August 15, neighborhood ministry, family ministry, along with the children and youth ministries will host a neighborhood back-to-school cookout. Volleyball, nukem', bouncy toys, and yummy food will be the features of the evening.

## Check out [www.poteaufumc.com](http://www.poteaufumc.com)

Be sure and check out the website each week. It is Mike Lee's project. Start with the Bible verse of at the top of the page for inspiration.

More photos of church activities have recently been added to the church's website. When you get to the website, find the word "Photos" at the top and pull down to whatever category you wish to see. Last Sunday's Groundbreaking Service photos are there. Also a category of various miscellaneous photos.

You will also find photos for the Last Sunday in the Old Sanctuary, New Sanctuary Construction Progress with photos added periodically as work progresses, Members and Friends There to Say Goodbye to the Old Sanctuary, 2010 Preschool Class Photos, 2010 Graduating Seniors, 2010 Confirmation Class.

The church newsletters are there 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 often to see whose photo is there. It might be you!



## United Methodist Women

There will be a UMW luncheon following morning worship on August 8.

This will be an opportunity for discussion about what UMW is all about and plan some goals for the future.

All women of the church are encouraged to attend and be a part of the United Methodist Women organization.

For more information, contact the president, Mary Ford.



## Neighborhood and Church Back To School Cookout

The neighborhood around the church is invited to join members of the church for a Back To School Cookout on August 15th at the church.

It will be an enjoyable time of food and fun for all ages.

Church members are asked to bring either potato salad, baked beans or dessert to help feed our special guests.

## • New Study •

### Blueprint for Discipleship

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## August Birthdays

- 2 Vernon Roberts
- 4 Josie Garrett
- 5 James Fruen, Jr. and Tanya Brown
- 7 Nina Ritchie
- 8 Gary Brown, Sr., Bob Bullock, and Margaret Nichols
- 10 Keith Wright
- 12 Patty Wright and William Slater
- 14 Lloyd Lee
- 15 Genny Dorsey and Clint Lawrence
- 16 Chris Neurohr and Shirley James
- 17 Christie Williams
- 18 Nancy Shore, Derby Whitefield and Waylon Murray
- 19 Jake Thompson
- 20 Matt Stoughton and Kyle Hardaway
- 21 Mallory Mixon and Haven Perry
- 23 Stan Werline
- 26 Gary Blackshare
- 27 Ryan Clayburn, Virginia Kidd, and Janet DeSpain
- 28 Kimberly Hardaway and Peggy Gartner
- 29 Gerry Roberts



## August Anniversaries

- 4 Steve and Nancy Clark
- 4 Lloyd and Dana Lee
- 5 Jerry and Carol Baker
- 8 Jim and Jayla Craig
- 9 Stan and Pegee Werline
- 10 Melvyn and Sue Travis
- 12 David and Patty Redhage
- 19 Shannon and Amy Stubbs
- 27 Ken and Susan Hammond

## Card of Thanks

*(This thank you note was inadvertently left out of an earlier newsletter. Our apologies to Eloine Crews.)*

Dear Church Family,

To the Membership Care Committee and all those who came to share my 99th birthday. What a joy! Thank you for the cards, flowers, candy and for your presence and love. I'm so thankful for my church family, for your prayers and for caring for me.

God Bless,  
Eloine Crews