

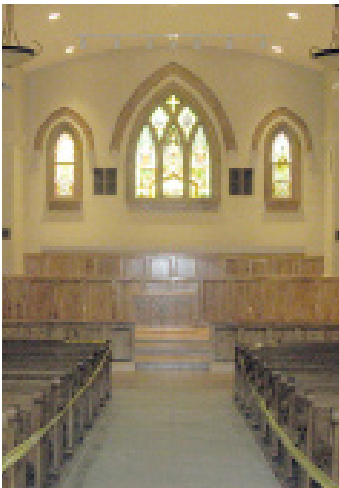
The United Methodist News

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AUGUST, 2011

SERVING GOD 118 YEARS

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



We hope to be in the new sanctuary sometime this month!

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PASTOR TO PEOPLE

This summer has gone by very quickly. Many of us are wrapping up last minute vacations, summer camps, and back-to school shopping. The to-do lists are being set aside for cooler weather. The “relaxed” pace of June and July are almost a memory and it is time to make a “Fresh Start.”

During the month of August, our sermons will be focusing on new beginnings as students and faculty return to school. This is a good reminder that God is always giving us the opportunity to begin again. God is at work in new situations to bring new results. The scriptures for August are:

August 7: Hebrews 10:19-25 – “A Fresh Start”

August 14: Psalm 139:1-8, 23-24; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 – “Fitting In or Becoming Fit”

August 21: 2 Corinthians 4:7-12; Mark 4:35-41 – “When the Lead Breaks”

August 28: Lamentations 3:23-33; Mark 6:25-34 – “Each Day is a New Beginning”

There will be many new beginnings in our life together in the weeks ahead. I hope that this prayer from the United Methodist Book of Worship is a resource you will use throughout the month.

“At the beginning of a new school year, O God of wisdom, we offer thanks and praise for the gift of new beginnings and for the opportunity to learn and to wonder. We pray for teachers, students, and staff that this year might be rewarding for all. Be with us as we face the challenge of new tasks, the fear of failure, the expectations of parents, friends, and self. In our learning and our teaching, may we grow in service to others and in love for your world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.”

Grace & peace,

REV. DR. GREGORY J. TENER

Welcome New Members!

We wish to welcome our newest members. Jim and Andrea Skelton joined on July 3rd and Barbara and Sondra Harris joined on July 17th. Be sure and let them know how happy we are to have them in our church family.



Our Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Lea Bender and family, Ron and Marsha Cofer and family, Marie Hinton and family and David and Lisa Barnes and family.

Membership Care Committee Meeting August 17th

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

Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for June, 2011

2011 Average Attendance Figures for June: 162

2011 Budget Requirements: \$350,000.00

Needed for Budget Each Week: \$6,730.77

Needed through June: \$175,000.02

June Receipts: \$50,006.85

June Expenditures: \$36,844.10

New Building Fund Figures:

Deposits: \$911,980.50; Expenditures: \$1,765,079.42

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

Bishop	Robert E. Hayes
District Superintendent	Darrell Cates
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Associate Pastor	Rev. Obed Alba
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	Darren Waggoner
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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 first Sunday of the month)
UMYF (CHAOS), 5 p.m.

• WEDNESDAY •

Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m., Ed. Bldg.
Rev. Alba's Hispanic Bible Study, 7 p.m., CFLC

- 7 Promotion Sunday
- 9 Work evening at the church, 6 p.m.
- 11 Cub Scout Kick-Off Meeting
Preschool Orientation beginning at 6 p.m.
(See Preschool Report for exact times)
- 13 UMM Breakfast Meeting, 8 a.m.
St. Yootz Day for Youth; leave at 8:30 a.m.
- 14 Church Council Meeting, 11:45 a.m.
Joplin Relief Effort Mission Team Meeting
- 15 Preschool begins
- 20 Free Neighborhood and Church Breakfast,
8 - 10 a.m.
- 17 Membership Care Committee, 1 p.m.
- 28 Youth Council following worship
Parent/Youth Volleyball Night

LOGOS resumes Sept. 14th

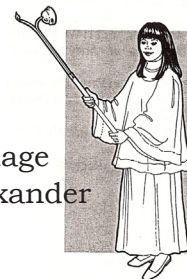
MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

- 7 Ted and Jane Kilgore
Lloyd and Dana Lee
- 14 Henry and Rozelle Hardaway
Peggy Talley and Liz Perry
- 21 Jerry and Phyllis Kemp
Ben and Judy Curtis
- 28 Charles and Marilyn Meek
Frank and Grace Dehart



ACOLYTES

- 7 Demi Gilliam and Tabi Zabala
- 14 Jaydon Bandy and Katie Redhage
- 21 Baleigh Quarry and Aiden Alexander
- 28 Jessa Craig and Luke Wheat



• Cookbooks •

The new cookbooks are still available in the church office. They are \$15.00 each.

News of Children and Youth

By Kimberly Hardaway

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

AUGUST

- 7 Promotion Sunday
CHAOS 5-7 p.m. (Meal: Melissa Ward)
- 13 St. Yootz Day at Frontier City. Leave at 8:30 a.m./Return between 10 and midnight. Cost is \$25 and includes one meal, transportation, park admission and concert
- 14 Joplin Relief Effort Mission Team meeting (No CHAOS)
- 19-21 Joplin Relief Effort Mission (More information to be announced later)
- 28 Youth Council meeting following worship Parent/Youth Volleyball Night; Potluck meal

SEPTEMBER

- 4 No CHAOS
- 11 CHAOS 5-7 p.m. (Meal: Misty Haney)

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LOGOS FOR KIDS RESUMES SEPT. 14TH

The Wednesday after school ministry begins at 3:15 p.m. each Wednesday. It is for ages Pre-school through High School. In order to enroll, parents are required to attend a parent meeting (exception: high school parents). Parent meetings will be held in the CFLC and are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 28 and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Returning and new volunteers for LOGOS will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 7. Letters to all volunteers will be sent in mid-August confirming how each is helping and the meeting date.

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JOPLIN RELIEF EFFORT

Sign up now for a weekend of helping with the Joplin Tornado Relief Effort. The dates currently being negotiated with the Joplin Volunteers Relief coordinators are the evening of August 19 through the afternoon of August 21. Medical/liability and Americorps forms must be filled out before leaving on the mission and they are available at the church office.

If you would like to help with the effort but are unable to attend, emergency clean-up and

health kits are needed. Donations must be received by August 18 as the mission group will take them on the 19th. Please contact Kim Hardaway or Tami Matos for more information and the list of items for the health kits.

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BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

The following items have been submitted as items needed to help school children whose families are unable to provide for the children's back-to-school lists:

- Wide-ruled notebook paper
- Boxes of tissue
- Sanitary hand wipes
- Pencils - number 2 lead

Nina Sizemore has more information if needed.



We are anticipating another great year of preschool. Orientation will be on August 11 with the Monday and Wednesday class at 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday class at 6:30 p.m. and the Monday through Thursday class at 7 p.m. Classes begin on the 15th.

Teachers are Tracey Gilliam, Kim Cooper, Suzanne Brennen and Bekah Smith.

Families needed to host international exchange students

Academic Year in America (AYA), a not-for-profit organization founded in 1981, places hundreds of international high school exchange students with American families. Cultural exchange enriches the lives of host families and their community by promoting mutual understanding and good will.

AYA is seeking families in our area to host exchange students and are offering this opportunity to our congregation.

As a show of gratitude they will provide a donation of \$500 to our church for each host family. AYA will also help spread the word by providing more information about hosting opportunities, their organization, as well as brochures and posters.

Students must be placed with American families by August 15th



Church Council News

The last Church Council meeting was held on June 26th. Much of the meeting focused on the Trustees' report and all the hard work they have been putting in on the new building. The Trustees met a total of six times during April, May and June. Some of the items they discussed and made decisions on included:

- Cross and Flame emblems for the exterior of the building;
- Sprinkler system bid and the architect's payment of \$20,000 towards this cost;
- The parking lot;
- Landscaping; and
- Some matters relating to the Education Building.

Also, it was reported that the new pews are expected to be delivered soon. *[Editor's note: The pews are now in.]*

Also discussed during the Council meeting were the results of the survey recently performed by the Long Range Planning Committee. Keith Thomas reported that, so far, the results were developed into six areas under which our church programs and services will fall

- Radical Hospitality
- Passionate Worship
- Risk-Taking
- Intentional Faith Development
- Communications.

There will be more to come on the survey results in the near future.

In other council business, the church council nominated Judy Tener as our new Worship Chairperson.

Pastor Greg will be attending a Methodist Church Conference in Australia September 5-13.

This is just a brief overview of the meeting. For more detailed information, please join us at the next Church Council Meeting which will be in August.

Hope to see you there!

Susan Mixon
Church Council Chairperson

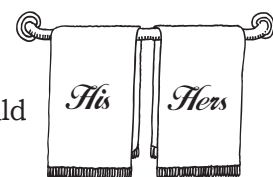
August Birthdays

- 1 Allison Stone
- 2 Vernon Roberts and Jack Hammond
- 4 Josie Garrett
- 5 James Fruen, Jr. and Tanya Brown
- 8 Gary Brown, Sr., and
Bob Bullock
- 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, Kyle Hardaway,
and Wendy Kelly
- 21 Mallory Mixon and Haven Perry
- 23 Stan Werline
- 25 Lexe Pickle
- 26 Gary Blackshare and Taylor Darneal
- 27 Ryan Clayburn, Virginia Kidd
and Janet DeSpain
- 28 Kimberly Hardaway, Peggy Gartner
and Wanda Doty
- 29 Gerry Roberts and Lillian Green
- 31 Luke Wheat



August Anniversaries

- 4 Steve and Nancy Clark
Lloyd and Dana Lee
- 5 Jerry and Carol Baker
Orville and Linda McDonald
- 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



We would like to make our calendar complete. If we do not have your family members' birthdays and anniversaries, please give the office that information by calling 647-2217.

The Crisis Center has asked if we could help with clothes for a 12 year old girl who is a size 22. UMW gave a donation, but if you know someone who might have clothes that size to give to her, please take them by the church or to the center.