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SERVING GOD 118 YEARS

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

**Consecration
 Service**
 September 25
 at 10:30 a.m.

**Open House
 for the
 community**
 at 4:00 p.m.

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PASTOR TO PEOPLE

There is a sense of excitement in the air at Poteau FUMC. Preschool has begun and children's voices can be heard, LOGOS plans are being made, and worship has taken place in the new sanctuary. The Wednesday night Hispanic service is growing as is the response to the monthly neighborhood breakfast. There are many good things happening in and for our congregation. I am once again amazed at the flexibility and faithfulness demonstrated here.

Our ministry with the Howe church continues each Sunday morning. Four of our laypersons share a sermon each week and that congregation is very appreciative. In September, I will have the opportunity to preach at Howe. With the addition of Pastor Obed to our staff, I will be preaching at Howe on Sept. 18 and Obed will be preaching here.

Also, the celebration of the Consecration of the sanctuary building will be on Sunday, September 25. Bishop Robert Hayes will be with us to lead in worship. We are being joined by former pastors, clergy spouses, and many former members. There will be a catered dinner after worship and then an open house for the community beginning at 4 p.m. This will be a great time, joining together in thanksgiving for God's continued guidance.

Grace & peace,



REV. DR. GREGORY J. TENER

Welcome New Members!

We are happy to welcome Holley and her son Daniel Ambriz into membership. They joined on August 7.

Be sure and let them know how happy we are to have them as part of our church family.

Membership Care Committee Meeting September 21st

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).



Rev. Alba conducts his Hispanic Bible Study at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

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

2011 Average Attendance Figures for July: 144
 2011 Budget Requirements: \$350,000.00
 Needed for Budget Each Week: \$6,730.77
 Needed through July: \$208,653.87
 July Receipts: \$28,750.21
 July Expenditures: \$31,945.66

New Building Fund Figures:

Deposits: \$928,701.50
 Expenditures: \$2,063,627.11

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m. • Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

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

Bishop	Robert E. Hayes
District Superintendent	Darrell Cates
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Gregory J. Tener
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

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



SEPTEMBER 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.

• MONDAY •

Boy Scouts, 7 p.m., CFLC

• TUESDAY •

Cub Scouts, 6 p.m., CFLC

• WEDNESDAY •

LOGOS, 3:15 p.m. (Begins the 14th)

Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m..

Rev. Alba's Hispanic Bible Study, 7 p.m.

• THURSDAY •

Girl Scouts, 5:30 p.m.

- 1 Long Range Planning Committee Meeting, 5:15, CFLC
- 5 Church office closed for Labor Day
- 10 UMM Meeting, 8 a.m.
- 17 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, 6:30-10:30 a.m., CFLC
- 20 Membership Care Committee, 1 p.m.
- 25 Consecration of Sanctuary Building, 10:30 a.m. followed by catered meal
- Open House, 4 to 6 p.m.

MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

- 4 Liz Perry and Peggy Talley
Curtis and Dorothy James
- 11 Melvin and Sue Travis
Jerry and Mary Ford
- 18 Marvin and Janet DeSpain
Robert and Tami Holt
- 25 Brian and Katie Shore
Keith and Kay Thomas



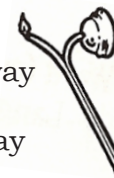
LITURGISTS

- 11 Adult Reader
- 18 Charlee Gilliam
- 25 Adult Reader



ACOLYTES

- 4 Versile Johnson and Kyson Hardaway
- 11 Jaydon Bandy and Tabi Zabala
- 18 Demi Gilliam and Kylanna Hardaway
- 25 Morgan Bandy and Lily Shore



Members of the Youth Group will be serving as attendants to assist people out of their cars in the covered drive through for morning worship.

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.

SEPTEMBER

- 4 No CHAOS - Labor Day holiday
- 11 CHAOS 5-7 p.m. Begin WIWIK study
- 18 CHAOS 5-7 p.m. WIWIK study
- 21 (Wednesday) SYATP Prayer (before school at school site) and Rally at 7 p.m. at Reynolds Event Center. Anyone who is interested can ride over in the church van.
- 25 CHAOS 5-7 p.m. WIWIK study

OCTOBER

- 2 CHAOS 5-7 p.m. Service Project evening

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LOGOS DATES

LOGOS is a Wednesday after school ministry that meets during the school year for ages Pre-K through 8th Grade. Important dates to remember:

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Volunteer meeting for those helping, 6:30 p.m., CFLC
- 14 Kids start LOGOS, 3:15 p.m., CFLC

LOGOS THEMES

- 14 Opening Celebration - It's time to come to LOGOS
- 21 D.O.G. Night - Depend on God/Bring a stuffed dog
- 28 Sport Theme for Guest Night - Bring a guest and wear your favorite sport team shirt

LOGOS Kindergarten through 5th grade kids will lead in worship on Sunday, Sept. 25th

OCTOBER

- 5 Joke Night - Bring a joke to share

UMM Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast



United Methodist Men will be having a fundraiser Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, September 17 from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Christian Family Life Center.

They will be serving pancakes, bacon, sausage and beverages.

Tickets are adults \$5.00 and children \$3.00

Proceeds will benefit the LeFlore County Youth Services.

United Methodist Women

By Mary Ford, President

The School of Missions was held in Okla. City. Mary Ann Ford and Louise Reynolds attended. Our study of The Journey, forgiveness, restorative justice and reconciliation was presented by Rev. Susan Southall, pastor at Enid. Part of the study included us walking a labyrinth and one we could trace with our finger. Rev. Southall does a study on the labyrinth. I hope that we can have her for this seminar. We plan on having a study of the The Journey as a group.

UMW's next meeting is Sept. 12, in the CFLC. Sue Travis is the hostess with Grace Dehart and Susan England to assist.

The committee is meeting to see what we can sponsor in local missions. Since we received a grant from Walmart of \$500 we can look at more things.

We also have to send district our pledge that goes for missions over the state and world. Each member will be deciding what they can contribute over the next year as a pledge. We fulfill part of that pledge with what is made from the Fall Festival, which is to be Nov. 4.

All women are encouraged to be a part of United Methodist Women. Call Mary Ford if you would like more information.

Dates to remember:

Sept. 17 Fall District UMW- Holdenville (tentative)

Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 Conference UMW Annual Meeting at Shawnee Wesley UMC.

Check out the photos at www.poteaufumc.com

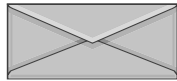
Photos of church activities are featured on the church's website.

Take a look back at the construction of the new building step by step as it unfolded.

When you get to the website, find the word "Photos" at the top and pull down to whatever category you wish to see.

You will see lots of other information about our church as well as other sources for information beyond our local church, a scripture of the day, and church newsletters.

Correspondence



To My Wonderful Church Family,

I can't get this crazy grin off my face yet! Thank you for a most BEAUTIFUL surprise during worship on my birthday. You have blessed me with your generous love.

With love,
Kim Hardaway



September themes will center around how we grow and how special God has made us. The September memory verse is "I will sing of the Lord's great love forever." All children receive a prize for saying the memory verse.

Students will be working on learning about the letters A and B and the numbers 1 and 2. The shape will be a circle and the color we will focus on is red.

A "thank you" to Peggy Talley for the paper she gave us.

Also in September, Kim Hardaway and Pastor Greg will begin "Message Time" with the preschool students. Ms. Kim and Pastor Greg devote their time and attention to the preschool on a weekly basis. We thank them for spending this time with the preschool children.

Kitchen Items Needed

Janet DeSpain reports that there are a few items that are needed for the kitchen in the new building. Following is the list if you have any of these items that you would like to donate.

- Baking Sheets
- Crock Pots
- Dish Towels
- Dish Cloths
- Serving Spoons
- Mixing Bowls
- Measuring Cups
- Measuring Spoons

Contact Janet if you have any questions and thank you for your help.

September Birthdays

- 2 Ken Hammond
- 3 Dorothy Gail James
- 4 Charlotte Greenwood and Selma Keup
- 5 Aimee Baker and Mattison Dodson
- 10 Kyle Cofer and Matt Wright
- 11 Jett Thompson
- 13 Jane Kilgore
- 14 Jane Hammond
- 16 Kyson Hardaway, Keely Redhage and Daniel Best
- 17 Justin Burton
- 18 David McNair
- 19 Jennifer Roberts and Jack Oehlschlager
- 20 Susan Mixon and Vivian Howerton
- 22 Diane Daigle and Lexi Key
- 23 Troy Talley and Todd Hallmark
- 24 Christine Harris, Dax McMillin and Braxton McMillin
- 25 Kale Kemp, Don Baetz, Grace Dehart and Caden Warren
- 26 Joe Renfro
- 27 Peggy Talley and Kyle Reid
- 28 Daniel Ware, Gary Mason, Cary Baetz, Jane Ann Inge, Jenny Allen and Tami Matos
- 30 Buddy Shelton, Dennis Alexander and Bralie Rust



September Anniversaries

- 1 Jeff and Susan Mixon
- 3 Dale and Wendy Kelly
- 7 Ernie and Barbara Owens
- 12 Jim and Nancy Shore



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.

Weekly Communion



At 9:10 each Sunday morning (except first Sunday of the month) Rev. Tener serves communion following a short devotional message. Dismiss-

al is in time for Sunday School.

Everyone is invited for weekly communion. It is an excellent way to begin your day of worship.