

The United Methodist News

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SERVING GOD 122 YEARS

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

New Children's Program

JAM
Jesus and Me
(Formerly LOGOS)

Begins
September 9
3:15 - 5:15 p.m.
Every Wednesday

Games • Snacks • Fun
Worship • Bible Lesson

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PASTOR TO PEOPLE

Ok confession time.....

We'll do this by show of hands..... with all eyes closed and heads bowed lift your hand if you've ever said "ewww" when you've opened your refrigerator and found the leftovers that you meant to throw away 5 weeks ago. Or (in my case) turned around and found on your bookshelf a piece of Tupperware from lunch a few weeks ago that was now growing new life.

Don't get too grossed out, point your finger, go "ewww", or laugh too hard at me because I know very well we all have something we need to deal with; that thing that we keep trying to remember to do and always forget... that issue or task that needs to be done but keeps getting put on the back burner.

Maybe yours is in the fridge, on a to-do list, or something going on in your life. Maybe there is someone who hurt you that you need to offer forgiveness. Maybe there is a hard conversation you need to have with someone about a time when you hurt them...

The problem is, just like the mold that is growing on those leftovers, the issues that we are not dealing with in our lives grow if we try to ignore them.

In the Gospel of John chapter 5, we read of an encounter between Jesus and a man who had been physically ill for 38 years! Jesus simply asked the man, "Do you want to be made well?" I think Jesus asks that of us today. Many of us carry around emotional illnesses and scars and Jesus simply asks us, "Do you want to be made well?"

Well, today is as good of day as any.....so today it is.

I'm going to go rummage through my fridge.... What will you do today?

On the Journey with you,

Pastor Jim

REV. JIM PERKIN



Prayer List

(As of August 25, 2015.)

To add to or remove a name from the list, call the church office at 918-647-2217.

Nursing Home/Homebound:

Slim Durham, Maxine Nyberg

Health:

Maria Burnett, Bill Cartwright, Perry Carter, Bob Durrett, Cherri Chastain, Mary Folsom, Grady Garner, Peggy Gartner, Bobbi Gilham, Vickie Gillion, Ann Halloran, 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, Dortha O'Neal, Kallie Peck, Jean Potts, William Quarry, Lucy Richmond, Joe Sabatucci, Richard Sockey, Charles Saviers, Jim Shore, Jackie Tosto, Ann Young.

Bereavement:

The Jim DeCamp family.

Military:

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

SEPTEMBER CHURCH CALENDAR

• SUNDAY •

Youth Handbell Choir Practice, 4:15 p.m.
UMYF (CHAOS), 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

• MONDAY •

Christian Preschool Monday – Thursday
8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Education Building

• TUESDAY •

Cub Scouts, 6 p.m., CFLC
Boy Scouts, 7 p.m., CFLC

• WEDNESDAY •

JAM Children's Program, 3:15 p.m. (begins on the 9th)

Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 5:15 p.m.
Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

• THURSDAY •

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

- 2 JAM Volunteer Meeting, 4 p.m.;
- Parent Meeting, 5:15 p.m.
- 7 Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday
- 9 JAM begins at 3:15 p.m.
- 13 Church Council Meeting following worship
- 14 Children's Council Meeting, 5 p.m.
- Trustee Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 16 Membership Care, 12 p.m.
- 19 Neighborhood Breakfast, 7:30-10:30 a.m
- 20 Nursing Home Service, 1:30 p.m.
- 21 Women of Faith Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
- Finance Committee, 6 p.m.

WORSHIP GREETERS

- 6 Curtis and Dorothy James
- 13 Ken and Susan Hammond
- 20 Charles and Marilyn Meeks
- 27 Ben and Judy Curtis



ACOLYTES

- 6 Nathan Murray and Waylon Murray
- 13 Wyatt Holt and Ryker Holt
- 20 Lexe Pickle and Sadie Perkin
- 27 Kendy Traywick and Maggie Wheat



LITURGIST

Mike Lee



CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

- 6 Suzanne Klutts
- 13 Mary Ford
- 20 Taryn Shelton
- 27 Tami Matos



Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for July 2015

Average Attendance Figures for July: 137
 2015 Budget Requirements: \$340,000.00
 Needed for Budget Each Week: \$6,538.46
 Needed through July: \$183,076.90
 July Receipts: \$40,882.92
 July Expenditures: \$28,529.89

New Building Fund Figures:

Deposits: \$1,908,675.44; Expenditures: \$2,579,580.48

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Kimberly Hardaway

Director of Music Ministries

Mary Lynn Perkin

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Reenea Thompson

Lead Nursery Attendant

Jayla Craig

Organist

Bill King

Custodian

Phil Smith

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



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.

September Calendar:

- 6 No youth meeting. Labor Day weekend
- 13 Regular youth meeting
- 20 Regular youth meeting
- 27 Regular youth meeting

To finish the youth area upstairs, we have the following want/need list: floor lamps, 50" flat screen TV, cafe or bistro table sets. Used is fine on all these items.

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Parent night was entertaining. Students won the volleyball challenge winning two of three games. Tracey and Demi Gilliam took the honors in our parent/teen game (similar to newlywed game format, only with parent and teen teams).

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES!

Pastor Jim is offering two opportunities for you to join him in Bible Study beginning in September. The same study will be offered at two different times. You may choose the day that works best for you. There will be one class that meets on Thursdays at 1 p.m. and one class that meets on Sundays at 5 p.m. This study is on the Miracles of Jesus and will last for six weeks for about one hour each session. Each week we will study together one of Jesus' miracles. Signup sheets are now available on the table in the Narthex or by calling the church office. Location will be determined by class size. I hope you will join us!

The dates for September and miracles studied will be:

Sundays at 5 p.m.

- 13 Mark 5:21-34 – A Bleeding Woman Healed
- 20 John 2:1-11 – Water to Wine
- 27 Matthew 14:15-33 – Feeding the 5,000 and Walking on Water

Thursdays at 1 p.m.

- 10 Mark 5:21-34 – A Bleeding Woman Healed
- 17 John 2:1-11 – Water to Wine
- 24 Matthew 14:15-33 – Feeding the 5,000 and Walking on Water

(No Session Oct. 1 – Jim will be out of town)

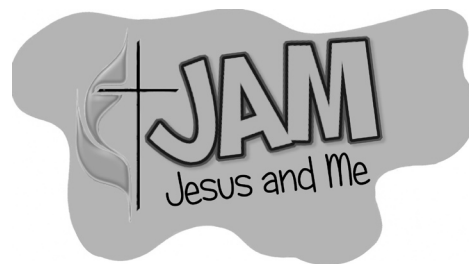
Our Sympathy



Our love and sympathy is extended to Ruth Ann DeCamp and family on the death of Jim. He faithfully served our church in many ways.

• Children's Ministry •

(Formerly known as LOGOS Ministry)



Each Wednesday, beginning September 9
3:15 to 5:15 p.m.

Games • Snacks • Fun • Worship • Bible Lesson
Free to all

NOTICE: Leaders are all in place for the various stations of JAM, our new Wednesday children's program that begins September 9. However we still need a few volunteers for the easy job of escorting the children from station to station so they will be in the right place at the right time for their activities. Call the church if you can help, 918-647-2217.

Are You On The Email 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 information that comes up between newsletters.

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.

*I'm a little pencil in the hands of a loving
God who is writing a love letter to the world.
– Mother Teresa*



Cards of Thanks

Dr. Joe K. Thomas would like to thank his church family for the card he received. He enjoyed the messages and wishes he could be here with everyone.

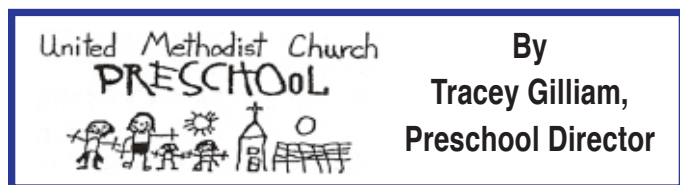
Our deep appreciation to the band of angels of Poteau FUMC for your support of our food pantry. Your help is much appreciated.

Spiro FUMC Foodbank
Laura Nell Cavin, Chair

I would like to thank the Poteau FUMC Missions Committee for the bags of hygiene products for the students.

Thank you also for the cookies you sent for our teachers at the beginning of school. It was a very nice show of support.

Joe Ballard, Principal
PKMS



Preschool has begun and students are having a super time making new friends.

In September preschool will be focusing on the color red, the shape of a circle, the numbers 1, 2, and 3, and the letters A through E will be worked on.

The memory verse for September is "I will sing of the Lord's great love forever." The September weekly themes will center on knowing that God loves everyone, God helps things grow, God wants us to take care of our classroom, God wants us to try our best, and God helps us to do many things.

**Could we with ink the oceans fill
And were the skies a parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole
Though stretched from sky to sky.
- Meir Ben Isaac Nehorai**

The Upper Room devotional guides for Sept.-Oct. are on the table in the Narthex.

Soundboard Operator Wanted

The church is looking for a new volunteer or a team of volunteer soundboard operators for worship services and special events. If you are tech savvy and would like to serve the church in this manner please contact Pastor Jim. Some operation of a soundboard experience would be helpful but further training on the system will be given to the new operator(s).

September Birthdays

- 2 Ken Hammond and Sadie Perkin
- 3 Dorothy Gail James
- 5 Aimee Baker and
Mattison Dodson
- 10 Kyle Cofer and Matt Wright
- 11 Jett Thompson
- 13 Jane Kilgore
- 14 Averie White
- 16 Kyson Hardaway, Keely Redhage and
Daniel Best
- 17 Justin Burton
- 18 David McNair
- 19 Jennifer Roberts, Jack Oehlschlager and
Wrigley Sampson
- 20 Susan Mixon
- 22 Diane Daigle and Lexi Key
- 23 Troy Talley, Todd Hallmark and
J. Sommers
- 24 Christine Harris
- 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 and Dennis Alexander



September Anniversaries

- 3 Dale and Wendy Kelly
- 7 Robert and Tami Holt
- 11 Dwight and Sharon Mikkelson
- 12 Jim and Nancy Shore
- 22 Colton and Alicia Castillo
- 24 Mitch and Sondra Sampson



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.