

# FIRST The United Methodist News

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POTEAU, OKLAHOMA

SERVING GOD 127 YEARS

**Sunday School 9:30**  
**Worship 10:30**

**Office Hours:**  
**Monday – Thursday**  
**8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Worship Bulletins**  
**for on-line worship**  
**may be picked up on**  
**Thursdays after 11:00.**



## Back to School Bash Photos

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## PASTOR TO PEOPLE

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen*



How many times have you read and/or prayed that prayer; or heard someone sing it? I bet you're like me and couldn't even begin to guess what that number is.

Even though I have spoken these words aloud and in my heart countless times, it seems like every time I do God speaks to me again. This morning as I was praying this prayer I felt like God was placing on my heart the words "thy" and "thine." Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done.

And as much as I hate to admit it when God is pointing out stuff in my life I need to clean up, God is always right. I live way too much of my life as if it's my kingdom. I want my kingdom to come and I certainly act like I want my will to be done. Anybody else willing to admit that?

But then later on in the prayer I'm reminded why God's kingdom and will is the one I pray for: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. It all belongs to God... not me. And God's kingdom surpasses any of my kingdom ideas. And God's power outmatches any of my own power. And God's glory outshines my glory any day.

So today, I'm going to pray that prayer. That God would help me to realize and rebuke when I try to let my kingdom ideas supplant God's kingdom ideas. He's so much better at being God than I am anyway. Thanks be to God for that!

On the Journey with you,  
Pastor Jim

• **REV. JIM PERKIN** •

**MORNING  
WORSHIP**

You can watch the morning worship service live at [www.poteaufumc.com](http://www.poteaufumc.com) or past worship services any-time at [www.poteaufumc.com](http://www.poteaufumc.com)

## Prayer List (As of August 29, 2021)

To add or remove a name call 918-647-2217.

**Health:** Diana Adams, Laton Allison, Astarte Baker, Kathy Baker, Lisa Barnes, Silas Blanchard, Steven Blaylock, Caren Bogart, Clint Bradshaw, Cindy Brody, Ed Brody, Sterling Brookfield, Jeff Burton, John Carbrey, Peggy Carey, James Carter, Paul Carter, Perry Carter, Audra Cooper, Pam Cox, Ben Curtis, Darla Davis, Jim Davis, Cameron Disney, Denise Donaho, Rowdy Downs, Debbie Drake, Emily Elkins, Cliff England, Delana Luman Ester, Sam Flanary, Mary Folsom, Dolores Fuller, Brooke Gardezi, Seth Garner, Bipriano Gonzalez, Connie Hancock, Jeremiah Hays, Donna Hollingsworth, Allen Inge, Donna Jackson, Bobby Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Teri Johnson, Terri Jones, Tasha Arnette Kane, Jane Kilgore, Ted Kilgore, Rope King, Colton Knight, Ron Knight, Vicki LaGrand, Lloyd Lee, Arlene LeMaster, Lincoln Lester, Ty Mackey, David McNair, Keith Miller, Patricia Ogden, Janna Owens, Kevin Payne, Jean Potts, Jeremy Quarry, Paul Quirk, Joe Renfro, Lucy Richmond, Angie Shaw, Jim Shore, Coy Smedley, Marilyn Smith, Blake Standridge, Earl Steinmetz, Katie Strider, Madison Stuckey, Peggy Talley, Raegan Thomas, Ed Toland, Linda Vise, Darren Ward, Barbara Wheeler, Kathryn Whitfield, Britain Wilson, Keith Wright, Lori Yarberry, Ann Young.

**Bereavement:** Families of Ann Young, Paul Quirk, Jennifer Johnson (Joni Griffith's niece), and Bill Gage (Joni Griffith's uncle).

**Law Enforcement:** Robert and Danielle Brennand, Robert M. Brennand, Jr., Brandon Durant, Bailey Hahn, Zack Hall, Kyle Kinman, Blake Wilson, and all our military and law enforcement men and women.

### Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for July 2021

Average Attendance for July: 125  
2021 Budget Requirements: \$365,000.00  
Needed through July: \$212,916.67  
Year to Date Received: \$239,802.40  
July Received: \$31,909.91  
July Expenditures: \$36,683.19

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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Director of Children's Ministries  
Administrative Assistant  
Lead Nursery Attendant  
Organist/Pianist  
Facility Manager

Rev. Jimmy Nunn  
Rev. Larry Bauman  
Rev. Jim Perkin  
Mary Lynn Perkin  
Suzanne Klutts  
Melissa Ward  
Jayla Craig  
Bill King  
Phil Smith

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## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

### • SUNDAYS •

**In-Person Morning Worship and  
Live On-Line Worship, 10:30 a.m.**

**Youth Group, 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

### • MONDAY •

**Boy Scouts, 6:00 p.m. (CFLC)**

### • TUESDAY •

**Cub Scouts, 6:00 p.m. (CFLC)**

### • WEDNESDAY •

**JAM (Jesus and Me), 3:30-5:05 p.m.**

**Handbell Practice, 5:45 p.m.**

**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.**

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2 Dinners With Love, 5:30 p.m.

6 Church offices closed for Labor Day

8 JAM (Jesus and Me) begins, 3:30 p.m.

15 Membership Cares, 1:00 p.m.

16 Dinners With Love, 5:30 p.m.

18 Charlee Gilliam's wedding, 6:00 p.m. at  
39515 Morris Creek Rd., Howe.

27 Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

30 Dinners With Love, 5:30 p.m.

**LITURGIST:** Jaclyn Riley



### ACOLYTES

5 Morgin Shockley and Addison Sockey

12 Lily Green and Chloe Mitchell

10 Lawson Sockey and Hammond Yandell

26 Anna Shockley and Sam Martin



### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS



5 Mary Lynn Perkin

12 Joni Griffith

19 Jenci Quarry

28 Kim Hardaway



### Our Love and Sympathy

Our love and sympathy is extended to the families who have lost loved ones since the last newsletter.

We offer condolences to the families of Ann Young, Paul Quirk, Jennifer Johnson (Joni Griffith's niece), and Bill Gage (Joni Griffith's uncle.)



## • Missions Report •

By JoLynn Dixon

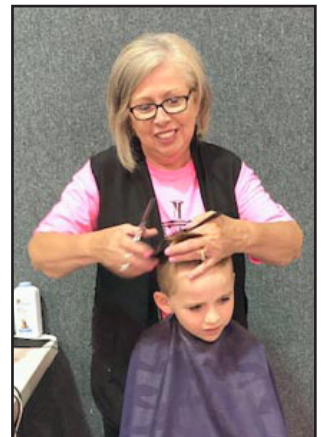
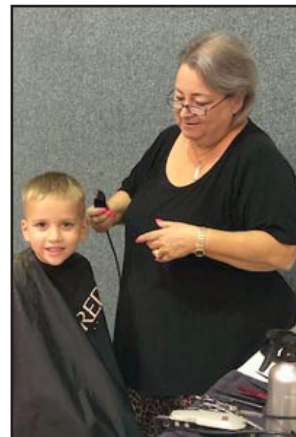
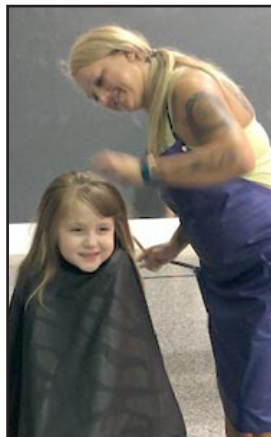


The Missions Committee thanks everyone who helped to make the Back to School Bash such a success. With your generosity and some great community partners we were able to help just under 50 students in our area.

Please consider joining us in celebrating our area First Responders with a dinner on Saturday, September 11th, 5-7 p.m. Any help with preparing, serving, or cleaning up would be appreciated. The signup sheet will be at the Welcome table in the Narthex on Sunday morning or feel free to contact Katie Shore or JoLynn Dixon.

The next Missions Committee meeting will be Tuesday, September 7th at 5:30. As always, please consider joining us. Everyone is welcome.

Following are some photos from the Back To School Bash that featured free haircuts, vision and dental screenings, meals and giveaways.



## • Children's Ministry •

By Suzanne Klutts



August has been busy with Promotion Sunday, Back to School Breakfast for our Sunday School kids and planning for JAM. Lillie Martin, Riley Sampson, Lawson

Sockey and Vincent Stout were honored for promotion to 3rd and 4th grades and presented with a devotion book. Our 6th grade girls, Lily Green, Morgan Shockley and Addison Sockey received Bibles. Watching our students grow and mature is very exciting.

Jesus and Me (JAM) will kick off on September 8 for children preschool through grade 6. If you would like to serve God in this ministry, we have a place for you!



## United Methodist Church Preschool



By Tracey Gilliam, Preschool Director



The new school year has gotten off to a great start. In September the Preschool students will be learning the memory verse "I will sing of the Lord's great love forever." The weekly themes are Awesome Apples, God Made Me, Try New Things and Doctors and Nurses. The letters focused on will be C, D, E and F. The shape is a circle and the color is red. The number this month is 2.

School pictures will be on September 28th. Have a great month!



Playground Fun

## September Birthdays

- 2 Sadie Perkin
- 3 Dorothy Gail James
- 5 Aimee Ferguson
- 10 Kyle Cofer, Steve Slusser, Matt Wright
- 11 Jett Thompson
- 13 Jane Kilgore, Jim Perkin, Sr.
- 14 Averie White
- 16 Kyson Hardaway, Keely Redhage and Daniel Best
- 17 Justin Burton
- 18 David McNair
- 19 Jennifer Roberts
- 20 Susan Mixon
- 22 Diane Daigle, Lexi Key
- 23 Todd Hallmark
- 25 Kale Kemp, Don Baetz, Grace Dehart
- 26 Joe Renfro, Tyler Westerfield
- 27 Peggy Talley, Kyle Reid
- 28 Daniel Ware, Gary Mason, Cary Baetz, Jenny Allen, Tami Matos
- 30 Buddy Shelton, Dennis Alexander



## September Anniversaries

- 3 Dale and Wendy Kelly
- 7 Robert and Tami Holt
- 11 Dwight and Sharon Mikkelsen
- 12 Jim and Nancy Shore



Help make our birthday and anniversary lists complete. If we do not have your family members' birthdays and anniversaries, please give the office that information by calling 918-647-2217.



First Sunday in the new church ten years ago. The Consecration service followed in October.



## • Special Music for Worship •



McKinlee  
Thomas



Mary Lynn Perkin and Savannah Fabian



Our Choir is back from vacation.

## ***Membership Care***

The Membership Care Committee will meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00. The next meeting will be September 15.

Anyone wanting to keep in touch with members of our church family who have health issues is encouraged to attend.

We meet in the Family Room off the Narthex.

Contact Kay Thomas at 918-647-3491 if you have questions.

**The Upper Room devotionals for August/September are available now in the Narthex.**

## • Our Newest Choir Members •



Judy Kirtley



Bill Sampson

## • Our Newest Acolytes •

Each Sunday morning two of the young people of our church symbolically carry in the Light of Jesus into our worship service. And then at the end of the service, they carry the Light of Jesus out into the world.

They begin when they are nine years old and can continue as long as they wish. They are dedicated and faithful.

When you see one, please thank them for their service in helping us worship.



Lawson Sockey



Lily Green



Hammond Yandell

## Youth Ministry

The youth meet on Sundays from 5 to 7 p.m.

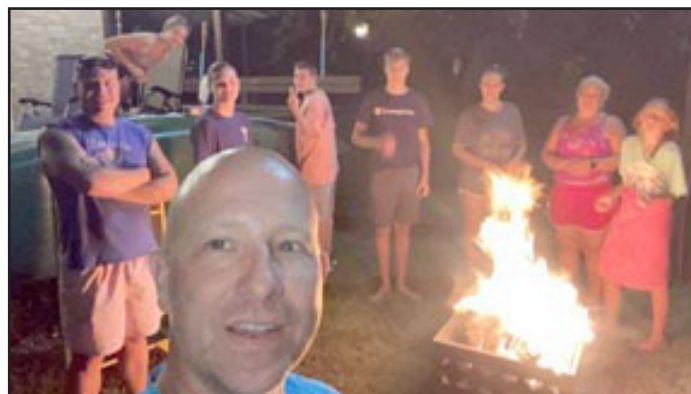
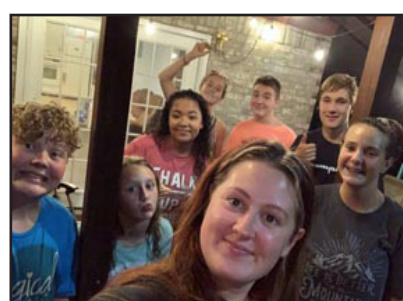
### September Calendar:

- 5 Regular Youth Meeting
- 12 Regular Youth Meeting
- 19 Regular Youth Meeting
- 26 Regular Youth Meeting

## Youth Council Retreat

Youth Council students and adults met in August for an overnight planning retreat. Friday evening was filled with lots of laughter and S'mores. Saturday morning council members planned the schedule of events for the 2021-2022 school year.

The Fall 2021/Spring 2022 calendar is out now and can be picked up in the Narthex or at a Sunday evening youth group meeting.



**Dinners  
With Love**

**SERVING:**

- September 2
- September 16
- September 30

Dinners with Love is a hot, complete, and nutritious meal in a to go container that can be easily carried or delivered. It is served on every other Thursday from 5:30-6:30 in front of the Blessing Box. Anyone wanting a meal is welcome.