

# The United Methodist News

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SERVING GOD 122 YEARS

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

**Chubby Sunday**  
**Pot Luck**  
**February 7**  
**Following**  
**Morning Worship**



**Ash Wednesday**  
**Service**  
**February 10**  
**6 p.m.**

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## **PASTOR TO PEOPLE**

February is an interesting month. In one month's time we will celebrate whether or not a groundhog sees his shadow, mushy gushy love, and add an extra day to our year (leap year is this year)!

But there is one more special day in February that we shouldn't let slip by us. Ash Wednesday is on February 10th. Lent is a 40-day season of fasting, reflection, and penance that ends with Holy Week and our Easter celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of that 40-day period. We will have a worship service to begin this period of preparation for Easter on Ash Wednesday (Feb 10th) at 6 p.m.

Ash Wednesday was first celebrated sometime around the 10th Century. In the worship service we are reminded of our need to repent before God. At the end of the service there is a time called the "imposition of ashes." That's a fancy title for a time when the congregation comes forward to receive a cross of ashes on their forehead. The ashes are typically made from palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday services. Ashes, throughout history have represented mourning and repentance. In this service we receive them in the form of a cross.

Rev. Arne Panula, director of the Catholic Information Center in Washington, D.C. writes, "It is a time for Christians to carry the cross. The observance is a symbol of our Lord emblazoned on the forehead of Christians."

So, I would like to personally invite you to this year's Ash Wednesday service. But I would also like to personally invite you to a season of Lent marked with fasting, repentance, and prayer. May you walk through this season so that when Easter comes you will be ready to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

On the Journey with you,

*Pastor Jim*

Pastor Jim



**REV. JIM PERKIN**



## Prayer List

(As of January 24, 2016)

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:

Debbie Billy, Matthew Billy, Ed Brody, Darrell Brown, Maria Burnett, Perry Carter, Kelly Cox, Dale DeCamp, Deborah Dee, Janet DeSpain, Bob Durrett, Duke Dunn, Mary Folsom, Janet Fox, Grady Garner, Vickie Gillion, Ann Halloran, Ken Hammond, Sam Harris, Allen and Jane Ann Inge, Donna Jackson, Virginia Johnson, Walter and Lorene Johnson, Colton Knight, Lloyd and Dana Lee, Arlene LeMaster, Don Lindeinier, Sandra Lum, Beverly Mazikowski, Jake McMillin, Marilyn Meek, Sharon Mikkelson, Sunny Muse, Dortha O'Neal, Kallie Peck, Jean Potts, William Quarry, Joe Sabatucci, Gabriella Saidleman, Charles Saviers, Jim Shore, Richard Sockey, Jackie Tosto, Carrell Vaughn, Dorothy Watkins, Ann Young.

### Bereavement:

The Peggy Gartner family

The John Brooks family

### Military and Law Enforcement:

Ashlin Hensley, Jared Baughn, Kyle Kinman, Taylor Baughn, Tyler Berlin, Victor Murray, and all our military and law enforcement.

### Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for December 2015

Average Attendance Figures for December: 142

2015 Budget Requirements: \$340,000.00

Needed through December: \$340,000.00

Received through December: \$395,493.36

December Receipts: \$54,762.61

December Expenditures: \$28,333.13

### New Building Fund Figures:

Deposits: \$1,981,057.44; Expenditures: \$2,579,908.98

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Kimberly Hardaway

Director of Music Ministries

Mary Lynn Perkin

Administrative Assistant

Melissa Ward

Lead Nursery Attendant

Jayla Craig

Organist

Bill King

Custodian

Phil Smith

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

## FEBRUARY CHURCH CALENDAR

### • SUNDAY •

Open Gym, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

UMYF (CHAOS), 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Bible Study, 5 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 Activities, 3:15 p.m.

Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 5:15 p.m.

Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Youth Worship, 6 p.m.

### • THURSDAY •

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

Bible Study, 1:00 p.m.

- 7 Chubby Sunday Pot Luck, 11:30 a.m. with Youth Pie Auction Fundraiser to follow
- 8 Women of Faith, 10:30 a.m.  
SPRC Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 10 Ash Wednesday Service, 6 p.m.
- 15 Finance Committee, 6 p.m.
- 17 Membership Care, 12 p.m.
- 20 Neighborhood Breakfast, 7:30–10:30 a.m.

## WORSHIP GREETERS

- 7 Mike and Karen Hahn
- 14 Bill and Linda Lancaster
- 21 Kip and Suzanne Klutts
- 28 Jon and Mandy Mitchell



## ACOLYTES

- 7 Waylon and Nathan Murray
- 14 Burke Perry and Brady Perry
- 21 Kendy Traywick and Maggie Wheat
- 28 Lexe Pickle and Sadie Perkin



## LITURGIST

Patty Wright



## CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

- 7 Krissy Manning
- 14 Jim Perkin
- 21 Suzanne Klutts
- 28 Mary Ford





## Cards of Thanks

Dear Friends,  
Thank you for the cards and well wishes.  
My address is now: 20010 Paloma Bay Court,  
Cypress, Texas 77433

Jean Potts

Joe K. Thomas wishes to thank the church  
and all his church friends for the Christmas  
cards and notes he received.

It means so much to him.

Thank you for all the cards, visits, and food.  
This is such a wonderful congregation.

Ann Young

Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thank you for remembering me with a prayer  
shawl. I appreciate all your prayers.

Our church is fortunate to have people who  
share their talents.

Phyllis Roberts

Pam and I and our entire family thank you so  
very much for the wonderful luncheon. You are  
all special to us.

We've grown up with most of you and if we  
didn't, we love you now.

Our church family is awesome! Thanks for  
loving us and our wonderful sweet momma,  
Peggy Gartner.

Pam and Shirley

## *You are invited to a Wedding Celebration*

*Kelsey Robinson and Bradley Hancock*

*Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.*

*Poteau First United Methodist Church*

*We would like to invite our church family to  
join us as we start our new life together.*

*Reception to follow*

*Please RSVP 918-721-9082 or tjmdph@yahoo.com*

## Chubby Sunday Potluck

On Sunday, Feb. 7 please stay after the morn-  
ing worship service for our Chubby Sunday Pot-  
luck. (Our answer to Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday).

Come enjoy jazz music, delicious food, fun  
and fellowship. Please bring a dish to share.

The youth will have a pie auction fundraiser  
following dinner.



## Our Sympathy



Our love and sympathy is extended to the  
family of Peggy Gartner who passed away  
recently.

## 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.

February Schedule:

7 Chubby Sunday Pot Luck with Youth Pie  
Auction Fundraiser following worship.

12-13 Lock In

14 No UMYF

21 Regular youth meeting

28 Regular youth meeting

The youth will be passing soup bowls for an  
offering on "Souper" Bowl Sunday during morn-  
ing worship. They are asking the congregation  
to donate a dollar for the local food pantry.

United Methodist Church  
**PRESCHOOL**  


By  
**Tracey Gilliam,  
Preschool Director**

February is full of fun for the preschool stu-  
dents.

The weekly themes are Healthy Habits, Love  
Is In the Air, Exploring God's World Through  
Our Five Senses, and Dinosaurs and Dragons.

During February we will be working with the  
numbers 11 - 15, the colors pink and purple  
and the heart shape. The letters of the month  
are P, Q and R.

The students will also be learning about their  
phone numbers. Memory verse for February is  
"Hear the Word of God and obey it."

## Membership Care Committee

The Membership Care Committee meets on  
the third Wednesday of each month in the Chris-  
tian Family Life Center 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.



## Women of Faith

A new year is here and time for planning for 2016.

Our first meeting will be Monday, Feb. 8 at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room/Library. Everyone is welcome.

Come and bring your ideas to help the new year's success. We are blessed to have members of our church always willing to help our group, the Women of Faith.

We still have cookbooks available for \$10.00 with the money given to the Kitchen Committee for use as needed, in many ways! Books can be purchased in the church office.

I hope all have had a joyous holiday season.

2 Corinthians 13:14: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

Thank you,  
Dorothy James

## Hospice Volunteers

*A Message from Peachtree Hospice*

Does your New Year's Resolution include making a difference in your community? Maybe this is the year to follow through and volunteer.

Hospice volunteers serve in a variety of capacities and help support our patients and families during a very difficult time.

Peachtree has volunteer opportunities in our community. Please call our Volunteer Coordinator at 918-647-7008 for more information if you are interested.

### NOTICE:

**Please get on the church email list if not on already. Email the church office at [adminassistant@poteaufumc.com](mailto:adminassistant@poteaufumc.com). You will receive announcements and information that comes up between newsletters.**

### Laughter

*Sense of humor, God's great gift,*

*causes spirits to uplift;*

*Helps to make our bodies mend,*

*lightens burdens, cheers a friend;*

*Tickles children, elders grin*

*at this warmth that glows within;*

*Surely in the great hereafter,*

*heaven must be full of laughter!*

*Author Unknown*

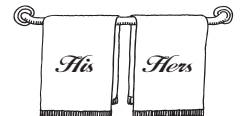
## February Birthdays

- 1 Judy Hall
- 2 Nathaniel Hallmark, Scotty Bratton and Jim Perkin
- 3 Rhonda Britton
- 4 Josh Barkley, Cole Bridges and Kelie Bandy
- 5 Dawson Perry and Bruce Darrow
- 6 Marcella Widmar
- 9 Tabitha Zabala and Cindy Darneal
- 10 Denise Sullivan and Julie Bridges
- 11 Peter Norgeot
- 13 John Luke Best
- 15 Clyda Ware
- 16 Jack Sizemore
- 17 Dale Kelly
- 18 Linda Johnston
- 19 Janell Glover and Emily Harreld
- 20 Marsha Cofer
- 21 Jean Potts
- 22 Ben Klutts, Joan McCarty and Caleb Bridges
- 23 Kaylee Kingrey and Kyle Kingrey
- 24 Sandra Slater, Dana Lee, Charles Meek and Jeannine Wilmeth
- 25 Annette Hogan
- 26 Megan Hebert
- 27 Trudy Mathies



## February Anniversaries

- 14 Loney and Myra Gregory
- 26 Bob and Louise Reynolds
- 28 Scott and Denise Sullivan



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.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Anyone who knows of someone who would benefit from a prayer shawl, whether a church member or not, should call Cindy Brody at 918-385-1542 or the church at 647-2217.

## Upper Room Devotionals

The Upper Room devotional guides are provided for you by the church and can be found on the tables outside the sanctuary. Be sure and pick one up to accompany your daily Bible study. They are published every two months.