

The FIRST United Methodist News

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FEBRUARY, 2017

SERVING GOD 123 YEARS

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

Chili and Dessert Cook-Off

Fundraiser for the
Mississippi
Mission Team.
February 5
following worship.
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PASTOR TO PEOPLE

Come, have a free dinner with the pastor!

Are you visiting our church and want to know more about United Methodism?

Have you been a member here for a while but want to learn more about who we are?

If so, I'm inviting you to dinner for three Sunday evenings at 5 p.m.! During dinner, I will teach a class called "Explore" for our new families and for existing members who want to learn more about our faith, Christian history, and our church.

The class and dinner are absolutely free! Come, and join me at 5 p.m. for dinner on February 12th, 19th, and 26th as we Explore:

February 12th Exploring Our Faith
February 19th Exploring Methodism
February 26th Exploring Our Church

Sign up in the church office during the week or at the Welcome Table on Sunday mornings!

Childcare will be provided.

On the journey with you,



Pastor Jim Perkin



REV. JIM PERKIN



Prayer List

(As of January 29, 2017)

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

Nursing Home/Homebound: Maxine Nyberg

Health: Landon Akins, Landa Aubree, Astarte Baker, Debbie Billy, Matthew Billy, Pat Branson, Ed Brody, Perry Carter, Jim Davis, Dale DeCamp, Genny Dorsey, Duke Dunn, Rob Ellis, Betty Evans, Mary Folsom, Dolores Fuller, Jim Gaines, Vickie Gillion, Buzz Glover, Pam Hayes, Brad Howard, Allen and Jane Ann Inge, Donna Jackson, Walter and Lorene Johnson, Jim Kersh, Colton Knight, Lloyd and Dana Lee, Arlene LeMaster, Dusti McBeth, Lucy McMillin, Sharon Mikkelson, Mason Mitchell, Mike Mounce, Sunny Muse, Steve Odom, Christy Oehlschlager, Jack Oehlschlager, Pat Pate, Kallie Peck, Sadie Perkin, Jean Potts, Beckham Prescott, Kaycee Quarry, William Quarry, Valeri Repass, Bobbie Rowland, Joe Sabatucci, Charles Saviers, Jim Shore, Pat Smith, Richard Sockey, Virginia Stanley, Earl Steimetz, Katie Strider, Dennis Thomas, Rita Thomas, Dorothy Watkins, Patsy West.

Bereavement:

Military and Law Enforcement:

Jared Baughn, Taylor Baughn, Tyler Berlin, Kaigan LeMaster Coggins, Bailey Hahn, Kyle Kinman, and all our military and law enforcement.

Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for December 2016

Average Attendance Figures for November: 129

2016 Budget Requirements: \$340,000.00

Needed through December: \$340,000.00

Year to Date received through December: \$338,587.51

December Receipts: \$49,767.51

December Expenditures: \$29,228.19

New Building Fund Figures:

Deposits: \$2,191,162.75; Expenditures: \$2,587,646.62

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Bishop

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Senior Pastor

Director of Youth Ministries

Director of Music Ministries

Director of Children's Ministries

Administrative Assistant

Lead Nursery Attendant

Organist

Facility Manager

Rev. Jimmy Nunn

Larry Bauman

Rev. Jim Perkin

Melanie Wheat

Mary Lynn Perkin

Suzanne Klutts

Melissa Ward

Jayla Craig

Bill King

Phil Smith

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

• FEBRUARY CHURCH CALENDAR •

• SUNDAY •

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Kay's Bible Study, 4 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 •

Jesus and Me Activities, 3:15-5:00 p.m.

Sr. High Small Group (Nikki Perry's) 5 p.m.

Bell Choir 5:30 p.m.

Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m.

• THURSDAY •

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

Kay's Bible Study, 12:45 p.m.

- 1 JAM family dinner, 5:15 p.m.
- 2 Women of Faith, 10 a.m.
- 3 Circle the State with Song – Children's Choir (All Day)
- 5 Chili/Dessert Cook-Off Fundraiser, following morning worship
- 11 Eagle Ceremony for Ben Klutts, 2 p.m.
- 15 Membership Care, 12 noon
- 18 Neighborhood Breakfast, 8-10 a.m.
- 19 Chubby Sunday Pot Luck/Youth Pie Auction following worship
- 20 Finance Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 27 Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

WORSHIP GREETERS

- 5 Mike and Karen Hahn
- 12 Bill and Linda Lancaster
- 19 David and Lisa Barnes
- 26 Ben and Judy Curtis

WELCOME TABLE VOLUNTEERS

- 5 David Robertson
- 12 Ted Kilgore
- 19 Cecelia Enger
- 26 Volunteer needed

ACOLYTES

- 5 Brock Call and Ryker Holt
- 12 Maggie Wheat and Kendy Traywick
- 19 Nathan Murray and Waylon Murray
- 26 Burke Perry and Brady Perry

LITURGIST: Sandra Slater

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

- 5 Tami Matos
- 12 Mary Lynn Perkin
- 19 Jim Perkin
- 26 Suzanne Klutts



Welcome!

We Love Visitors!



Chubby Sunday Potluck

On Sunday, Feb. 19 please stay after the morning worship service for our Chubby Sunday Potluck. (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.

News of Youth

By Melanie Wheat

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

FEBRUARY

- 5 Regular meeting
- 12 Regular meeting
- 19 No regular youth. We will have our Chubby Sunday Dinner. After that we will have our youth fundraiser pie auction. I need each youth to bring at least 2 pies or desserts. This is a big fundraiser for our youth. I hope everyone can stay and fellowship with us.
- 26 We will go to the Newboys Concert at the Ft. Smith Convention Center. Tickets are \$10 each. We will leave early and go eat. The concert starts at 6 p.m.

• Children's Ministry •

By Suzanne Klutts

A relationship with Jesus changes everything. All you have to do is dive in! This has been the theme of JAM for the month of January. Through the stories of the woman at the well, Nicodemus, Jesus healing the blind man, and Jesus saw the children, our kids have learned we all need a Savior.

In addition to our grade school JAM program, Melanie Wheat is leading a JAM Middle School small group. These students are drawing closer to God and one another through activities and Bible Study.

Wednesdays are truly wonderful at our church. From Pre-k to Middle School, we have students who are having fun and most of all being taught the Word of God!

A big thank you church family for supporting this ministry. As always we ask that you continue to keep the children and volunteers of JAM in your prayers.

Chili/Dessert Cook-Off for Mississippi Mission Team

The mission team to Mississippi is hosting a fundraiser Feb. 5th following morning worship. Enter your best chili or dessert in the contest by calling the church office.

Prizes will be awarded for best hot chili, mild chili, and for dessert decided by money amounts in voting jars.

There will be an auction of twelve beautiful paintings. They were painted by Cindy Darneal, Lily Shore, and Kylanna Hardaway.

Make plans to stay for the fun.

Missions Report

By Judy Peerson

This month's mission project is a copy paper challenge to support the four campuses of Poteau Schools. Our goal is to give aid to one of our community's most valuable resources by supplementing a tool by which they can continue to educate the next generation.

We are asking for money donations rather than individual copy paper donations so that we can buy in bulk and get it at a lower price. The challenge is for every dollar that is donated to this project the mission fund will match up to \$1100.00. Our goal is to buy two pallets of paper that will help all school campuses to finish this year and hopefully to start out the new school year.

Oklahoma Schools have seen some deep budget cuts over the past few years. This is a very worthy cause for our school.

We will be collecting money every Sunday in February. Mark your donation as "Paper for Schools." Thank you for your support.

The Upper Room

The Upper Room devotional guides for January/February can be picked up from the tables in the Narthex. They are provided for you free in either the regular print or large print issue.

NOTICE:

SO THAT YOU CAN STAY INFORMED:

Please get on the church email list if not on already. Email adminassistant@poteaufumc.com. You will receive announcements and information such as death notices, prayer requests, meetings and other activities that come up between newsletters.



Cards of Thanks

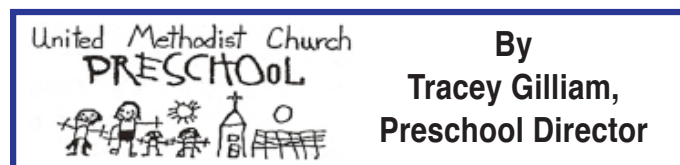
Dear Friends of the Membership Care Committee,

Thank you all so very much for the beautiful Christmas cards. I truly enjoyed reading the greetings from each one. You make me feel so very special. Thank you for your friendships, and a Happy 2017.

Bessie Moreland

Thanks to my church friends for all the greeting cards. I and my family enjoyed them so much. My love to all of you.

Janet Fox



During February the Preschool will be working with the numbers 7, 8 and 9. The colors are pink and purple. The shape is a heart. The memory verse for February is "Hear the word of God and obey it!"

Preschool themes for February include learning about groundhogs, terrific teeth, the five senses and dinosaurs.

The letters O, P, Q, R and S will be introduced with songs about Ollie Octopus, Penelope Pig, Quilla Queen, Rowdy Rat, and Silly Snake.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Membership Care Committee

The Membership Care Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the Christian 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.

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.

If you desire the church's prayer chain to pray for you, make your request known by contacting the church office at 918-647-2217.

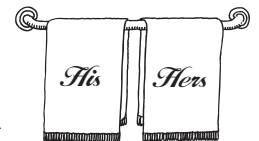
February Birthdays

- 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 and Charles Meek
- 24 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.

O what peace we often forfeit,

O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry

Everything to God in prayer!

– Joseph Scrivner

NOTICE:

If you have dishes left at the church, you are reminded that you may pick them up any time the church is open. We would like to make sure they are returned to their owners.