

The United Methodist News

YEAR 24 VOLUME 4

APRIL, 2016

SERVING GOD 123 YEARS

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

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***This month
 marks
 123 years
 of our
 church
 having a
 congregation
 in Poteau.***

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PASTOR TO PEOPLE

Are you a fool? Have you ever been called stupid? Not a great feeling is it? The funny thing is that this is exactly the image that Paul was invoking when he made his opening statements to the Corinthians in 1 Corinthians 1:18, “For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” (NRSV)


Paul is reminding the Corinthian Christians that those who don’t understand the grace of God may very well think the whole concept is foolish. God, the ultimate being who has control over the entire universe would have such an intimate care for us that he would be willing to enter into the form of a human and be crucified all for the purpose of releasing us from the punishment of our sins? Wow! What kind of God would do something like that!

But for those of us who understand and have experienced the deep love of God that covers even the not so lovely parts of our lives it makes perfect sense. But the problem that we face as Christians is that most of us don’t like to look like a fool in our day to day lives. So it becomes hard for us to live out the radical love and forgiveness of God because we know to some it will make us look like a fool. “Why are you forgiving them when you know they are just going to hurt you again?”

Well friends, we are simply reminded that the way this world works is not always the way God wants the Kingdom to work.

So I want to call you as we pass another April Fools Day, to be a fool. Will you join me in saying to this world, I will follow my Christ, my savior, even if it makes me look foolish?

On the journey with you,


 Pastor Jim Perkin

Follow Christ

REV. JIM PERKIN



Prayer List

(As of March 27, 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, Leroy Blair, Ed Brody, Darrell Brown, Maria Burnett, Kylie Carpenter, Perry Carter, Kelly Cox, Dale DeCamp, Deborah Dee, Janet DeSpain, Bob Durrett, Duke Dunn, Mary Folsom, Vickie Gillion, Ann Halloran, Allen and Jane Ann Inge, Donna Jackson, Walter and Lorene Johnson, Colton Knight, Lloyd and Dana Lee, Arlene LeMaster, Sandra Lum, Beverly Mazikowski, Jake McMillin, Marilyn Meek, Sharon Mikkelson, Sunny Muse, Dortha O'Neal, Kallie Peck, Jean Potts, William Quarry, Jimmy Ramsey, Valeri Repass, Joe Sabatucci, Gabriella Saidleman, Charles Saviers, Jim Shore, Richard Sockey, Rita Thomas, Jackie Tosto, Dorothy Watkins, Ann Young.

Bereavement:

The Carrell Vaughn 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 February 2016

Average Attendance Figures for February: 161

2016 Budget Requirements: \$340,000.00

Needed through February: \$28,333.33

Year to Date received through February: \$69,874.86

February Receipts: \$44,958.45

February Expenditures: \$33,751.63

New Building Fund Figures:

Deposits: \$2,011,552.66; Expenditures: \$2,580,040.38

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

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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

Facility Manager

Phil Smith

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

• APRIL CHURCH CALENDAR •

• SUNDAY •

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 •

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

- 1, 2 Youth 30-Hour Famine activities
- 3 Pink Basket Day for Macklin Sullivan following morning worship
- 4 Women of Faith, 10 a.m., CFLC
- 6 Last day of JAM. Dinner at 5:15.
- 9 Treble Choir Concert, 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Treble Choir Concert, 1:30 p.m.
- 11 SPRC Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 16 Neighborhood Breakfast, 7:30-10:30 a.m.
- 17 Youth Sunday. Youth will lead in worship.
- 18 Finance Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 20 Membership Care, 12 p.m.
- 25 Evangelism Meeting, 6 p.m.

WORSHIP GREETERS

- 3 Hank and Barbara Harris
- 10 Jon and Mandy Mitchell
- 17 Jerry and Mary Ford
- 24 Brian and Katie Shore



WELCOME TABLE VOLUNTEERS

- 3 David and Lisa Barnes
- 10 Randy and Tami Matos
- 17 Curt and Dorothy James
- 24 Keith and Patty Wright



ACOLYTES

- 3 Lexie Pickle and Sadie Perkin
- 10 Burke Perry and Brady Perry
- 17 Nathan Murray and Waylon Murray
- 24 Wyatt Holt and Ryker Holt



LITURGIST

Linda Lee

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

- 3 Tami Matos
- 10 Jim Perkin
- 17 Suzanne Klutts
- 24 Mary Ford





Cards of Thanks

Poteau FUMC,

We would like to say thank you along with our family for all the love and support that was shown in making our wedding day so special.

Thanks to everyone who helped host the shower. Thanks to all who gave many hours decorating, preparing, serving, and cleaning up before and after the wedding.

God's love truly shines through this wonderful church family.

Love,
Kelsey and Brad Hancock
Terri Martin
Dwight Robinson
Connie and Larry Hancock


Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank you for all the prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy for me and the entire family.

The food that was provided was wonderful.

Know that we will miss Ken but he is no longer in pain and can praise his God.

Cheerfully,
Susan Hammond

<p style="text-align: center;">United Methodist Church PRESCHOOL</p> 	<p>By Tracey Gilliam, Preschool Director</p>
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This month at preschool the students will be introduced to the letters V, W, X, Y and Z. The colors of the month are black and gray. Themes for April include Manners Matter Everywhere, Interesting Insects, Beautiful Butterflies, and Fantastic Frogs. The oval and the diamond are the shapes for the month. Preschoolers will learn the memory verse, "Sing praises to the Lord."

Enrollment for the coming year is set for April 21 between 5 and 7 p.m. in the preschool rooms. A child needs to be potty trained and 3 years old before September 1, 2016 to attend preschool. Please call Ms. Tracey for more information at 918-839-7424.

King George V wrote the following on the fly leaf of the Bible of a friend:
"The secret of happiness is not to do what you like to do, but to learn to like what you have to do."

Welcome New Members!

We welcomed our 2016 confirmation class on Easter Sunday as they were confirmed as full members. They are Jeremiah Eaton, Tucker Garrett, Kyson Hardaway, Nick Martin, Landon Perkin, and Luke Wheat. Congratulations.

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.

April Schedule:

- 1-2 (Fri./Sat.) 30 hour famine activities
- 10 Regular evening meeting - meal provided by Tami Holt and Ann Young
- 17 Youth led worship during Sunday morning worship hour. Regular evening meeting - meal provided by Missy Alexander and Holley Ambriz
- 24 Trip to High Rise and Crystal Bridges; Leave at noon and return around 9 p.m.
- May 1 Regular evening meeting - meal provided by Zabalas

CHAOS youth group appreciates those who provide our meals on Sunday evenings. In addition to those listed for this month, we'd like to thank the following families and individuals for providing meals for this spring's youth meetings:

Mary Ford, Terri Martin, MaryLynn and Jim Perkin, Melanie Wheat, Jayla Craig and Suzanne Klutts, Lloyd and Dana Lee.

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR YOUTH FORCE AND DISTRICT CAMP BY MAY 1. See Kim for forms and more information.

Youth Force is June 26-July 1 in Owasso

District Camp is June 6-10 at Cross Point Camp

We have an exceptionally large graduating Senior class. They are Daniel Ambriz, Jesse Barnes, Keely Carsello, Taylor Darneal, Brandon Durant, Josie Garrett, Mason Grimm, Kanaan Hardaway, Zachary Harreld, Bryce Holt, Kyle Holt, Makali Kemp, Connor Matos, Jennifer Marvin, Sunnie McConnell, Maci McMillin, Sam Shore, Austin Skelton, Allison Stone.

We will be celebrating these Seniors with a Senior Brunch on May 15. On that day we also like to acknowledge those graduating from college programs as well. Please contact the church office if you know of anyone that needs to be included on that list.



Did you know?

The Living Lord's Supper drama presented for our church and the community during Holy Week involved a total of 27 people from our church family to make it possible. That's a lot!

They deserve to be acknowledged and thanked for devoting their time to this beloved presentation and I, for one, appreciate them all.

Contributing behind the scenes in a variety of areas were Andi Burton, Jan Thompson, Judy Peerson, Sheri Zabala, Cliff Dixon, Tami Matos, Randy Bridgman, Tabi Zabala, Melissa Ward, Lloyd Lee, Jayla Craig, and Kaycee Quarry.

The men appearing in the drama were David Barnes, David Redhage, Steve Clark, Jason Bandy, Jason Morrison, Dustin Green, Rev. Jim Perkin, Kelly Carroll, Mike Lee, Bill King, Mark McMillin, Jon Mitchell, Randy Matos and Phil Smith. Some of these also helped in other ways.

I also wish to thank those who attended.

Carol Baker, Director/Coordinator

Women of Faith

By Dorothy James, President

Our April meeting will be Monday, April 4 at 10 a.m. with a special guest, Mrs. Jo Nickles. She was selected Volunteer of the Year 2016 for the Poteau Chamber Banquet. She started and serves the homeless meals each day at the Poteau Seniors building, named the Soup Kitchen. What a courageous lady! She had and has faith to succeed.

The Women of Faith were pleased to purchase for the sanctuary the beautiful carpet that is under the new piano.

Our meeting in May will be Thursday, May 5 from 9:30 to 10:30 for the Day of Prayer in the church sanctuary. There will be prayer and a short program by Pastor Jim Perkin.

Our plans are for the Fall Festival to be held Friday, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a luncheon, vendors, quilt drawing, door prizes, bake sale and fellowship.

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.

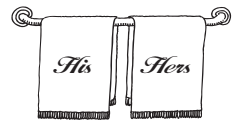
April Birthdays

- 1 Janell Darneal
- 3 April Remy
- 4 Dorthea Sue O'Neal
- 5 Kendy Jo Traywick and Nathan Clark
- 6 Rece Ward and Haley Clark
- 7 Dana Wheat and Bill Lancaster
- 10 Jaxon Bradshaw and Jace Bandy
- 11 Drew DeCamp and Landon Perkin
- 12 Rachel Ware
- 13 Chad Bridges and Ted Bandy
- 14 Jean Whigham and Cindy Woolbright
- 15 Brian Shore and Kylanna Hardaway
- 16 Pat Shelton and Myrna Davis
- 18 Ron Cofer, Wayne Neuharth, Lily Shore and Kay Thomas
- 19 Melissa Reyes, Katie Cox and Joshua Mixon
- 20 Brandon Fruen, Jaimie Downing and Dustin Green
- 22 Melissa Ward
- 23 Marilyn Meek
- 24 Khia Brookfield
- 26 Ashley Plumlee
- 27 Katie Redhage and Laurie Bandy
- 29 Kody Whitehead, Dorothy James, Kyle Clark and Ryan Ward



April Anniversaries

- 9 Gary and Linda Brown
- 11 Charlie and Katie Rust
- 11 Hank and Barbara Harris
- 18 Keith and Patty Wright
- 24 Bruce and Carol Darrow
- 28 Preston and Laney Plumlee
- 29 John and Nikki Perry



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.

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.

The Upper Room devotional guides for Mar-Apr. can be picked up in the Narthex.