

# The FIRST United Methodist News

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MAY, 2016

SERVING GOD 123 YEARS

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



**Senior Brunch**  
**May 15**  
**During the**  
**Sunday School**  
**Hour**

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## ***PASTOR TO PEOPLE***

The end of the school year is coming soon, the days are getting longer and warmer, and vacations are on the horizon! I always love it when summer comes and things start to slow down a little bit. Programs come to completion at school and church and there is a chance to catch your breath.

Sometimes we need those breaks in life but we must remember that God's work is never done. No matter what time of year or year of life we are in, God has work and calls us to be his hands.

This month in worship I will be preaching through the book of James. James' book is sort of like a how-to manual for Christianity. It is full of practical advice for what we should be doing when we take on the name of Christian. I hope that you will join together in worship to be filled with God's Holy Spirit and then feel a desire to be God's hands in the world.

One opportunity to be God's hands in the world is coming in May. Last month was Child Abuse Prevention Month and we observed Blue Sunday on April 24th. In worship I read a couple of statistics about child abuse. Did you know that over 1,600 children die annually from abuse? Did you know that six million children become victims of child abuse annually? Are you ok with that? I'm not. And I believe that God is calling us to do something about it. The first step in that process will happen on May 22nd. Following worship on that Sunday we will have a potluck dinner and Deanna Chancellor, director of the Child Advocacy Center, will be with us to speak with us about child abuse and to introduce a new training that will be available to us later this summer. I hope you will make plans to attend. There is work to be done and we can make a difference. God calls us to not simply be hearers of the word but also doers of the word. Let's shine God's light together!

On the journey with you,

**REV. JIM PERKIN**



# Prayer List

(As of April 28, 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, Kylie Carpenter, Perry Carter, Ron Cofer, Kelly Cox, Jim Davis, 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, Sharon Mikkelson, Sunny Muse, Dorthea O'Neal, Kallie Peck, Jean Potts, Beckham Prescott, 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:

### 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 March 2016**  
 Average Attendance Figures for March: 164  
 2016 Budget Requirements: \$340,000.00  
 Needed through March: \$85,000.00  
 Year to Date received through March: \$92,493.24  
 March Receipts: \$22,618.38  
 March Expenditures: \$24,782.51  
**New Building Fund Figures:**  
 Deposits: \$1,902,217.86; Expenditures: \$2,580,121.03

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Bishop	Robert E. Hayes
District Superintendent	Larry Bauman
Senior Pastor	Rev. Jim Perkin
Director of Youth Ministries	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/](http://www.gbpm-umc.org/mc-dist/)

## • MAY 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 •  
**Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.  
 Youth Worship, 6 p.m.**
- THURSDAY •  
**Senior Café, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., CFLC**

- 2 SPRC Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 5 International Day of Prayer, 9:30 a.m.
- 9 Trustees Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 14 Missions Yard Sale, 2101 Witteville Drive
- 15 Senior Brunch, Potluck, 9:30 a.m., CFLC
- 17, 18 Preschool Graduation, 10 a.m.
- 18 Membership Care, 12 p.m.
- 21 Neighborhood Breakfast, 7:30-10:30 a.m.
- 22 Potluck following morning worship.  
 Family Fun Night, Parking Lot, 5 p.m.
- 30 Office closed for Memorial Day

## WORSHIP GREETERS

- 1 Charles and Marilyn Meek
- 8 Kip and Suzanne Klutts
- 15 Don Baetz and Ted Kilgore
- 22 David and Patty Redhage
- 29 Mike and Linda Lee



## WELCOME TABLE VOLUNTEERS

- 1 Mike and Karen Hahn
- 8 Ben and Judy Curtis
- 15 Jan Thompson
- 22 Mike and Linda Lee
- 29 Ted Kilgore



## ACOLYTES

- 1 Nathan Murray and Waylon Murray
- 8 Brock Call and Lexe Pickle
- 15 Ryler Holt and Wyatt Holt
- 22 Kendy Traywick and Maggie Wheat
- 29 Brady Perry and Burke Perry



## LITURGIST

Connor Matos

## CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

- 1 Taryn Shelton
- 8 Tami Matos
- 15 Kim Hardaway
- 22 Mary Lynn Perkin
- 29 Krissy Manning





# Family Fun Night

**May 22 • 5 p.m.**  
**Church Parking Lot**

- ★ Food ★
- ★ Fun ★
- ★ Inflatables ★
- ★ Mechanical Bull ★

## Cards of Thanks

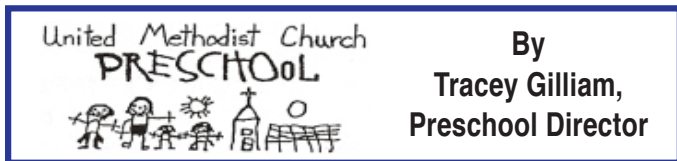
To Membership Care Committee,  
 Thank you for your kind thoughts, prayers, and the beautiful prayer shawls. We appreciate all of you.

Charles and Marilyn Meek

Dear Church Family,  
 I want my church family to know that I am stepping aside as the leader of our youth ministry, and instead taking a role of youth sponsor and mom. I have accepted a new position as biomedical instructor for KTC.

I love the people of our church and I thank everyone for the warm, generous support and appreciation I have been shown throughout the years.

Sincerely,  
 Kim Hardaway



This month at preschool the students will be learning about the Fruits of the Spirit. A treat will be given to the preschool students when they name a Fruit of the Spirit.

The end of the year celebrations for the preschool classes will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday the 17th of May and on Wednesday the 18th of May. The preschool students will sing songs and receive a certificate for completing a year of preschool. The celebration will include bounce-arounds and refreshments in the Family Life Center.

A big thank you to Pastor Jim Perkin for visiting the preschool classes throughout the year. The preschool students and teachers have enjoyed his Bible stories and songs.

Preschool enrollment for the coming year is still open. Please call the church for more information at 918-647-2217.

Have a wonderful summer!

## News of Youth

By Kimberly Hardaway

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

May Schedule:

- 1 Regular evening meeting - meal provided by Sheri Zabala. (This is the last regular meeting with Kim as youth minister.)
- 8 No meeting for Mother's Day
- 15 Graduating Seniors' Brunch Sunday. The church is invited to a potluck brunch during the Sunday School hour where our graduating seniors will be present for a celebration and sharing.
- 22 Church Family Fun Night, 5 p.m.

### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

Lake Country District Camp is June 6-10 at Cross Point.

Youth Force is June 26–July 1 in Owasso

### GRADUATES 2016

We will be celebrating these Seniors with a Senior Brunch on May 15.

High School graduates this year 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



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.

**The Upper Room devotional guides for May.-June. can be picked up in the Narthex.**



## Missions Report

By Judy Peerson

Spring is here and summer is almost upon us. This time of year brings about reorganizing and planning; clearing out what we no longer need and making plans for what will suit our future needs best.

With this in mind the Missions Committee will soon be planning the upcoming mission projects for our church. This is also the time of year for our fundraising events. So please take advantage of the reorganization of spring cleaning and donate your unwanted items to the missions garage sale on Saturday, May 14th at Terri Martin's house. You may drop your items off at 2101 Witteville Drive or the church.

Last year was a successful and exciting year for the First United Methodist Church Missions Program. Our church family helped so many families and individuals, and this year promises to be even more successful. If you would like to take an active part in the mission team, see Pastor Jim and join us at our next meeting.

## Women of Faith

By Dorothy James, President

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. This will be an International Day of Prayer for Mothers.

### SO THAT YOU CAN STAY INFORMED:

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

## 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.

## May Birthdays

- 2 Kendrick Hardaway
- 3 Jessica Bridgman
- 4 Morgan Ward and Sarah Mixon
- 5 Steve Clark and Shirley Blackshare
- 6 Ryan Neurohr, Kevin Ramirez and Makali Kemp
- 7 Kevin Griffith, Jeff Mixon and Jerry Kemp
- 8 Leslie Chastain, Mandy Wilson, Kennedy Whitefield and Jackelynn Guterrez
- 11 Robert Reed and Libby Bridgman
- 13 Tori White
- 14 Nicholas Roberts and Marie Hinton
- 15 Tucker Garrett and Austin James
- 18 Aiden Alexander and Steeve McMillin
- 19 Jenci Quarry
- 20 Hayley Redhage
- 21 Emily Norgeot and Chris Brookfield
- 22 Rhett Garner
- 24 Eva Daigle
- 25 Cash Balentine, Burke Perry, Brady Perry and Joni Griffith
- 26 Kade McMillin and Katie Rust
- 27 Freda Ogle and Kawika Santos
- 28 Joey Hall
- 30 Charley Clark, Daz DeCamp, Cora Rolens and Warrick Quarry



## May Anniversaries

- 4 Will and Kela Miller
- 15 Jerry and Mary Ford
- 19 David and Lisa Barnes
- 20 Chad and Jennifer Cravens  
Mike and Cindy Darneal
- 23 Jim and Mary Lynn Perkin
- 24 Scott and Jennifer Miller  
Jamie and Tracey Gilliam
- 25 David and Terry Hall
- 28 Jerry and Jan Thompson
- 29 Bob and Deanna Reed



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.