

The FIRST United Methodist News

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AUGUST, 2016

SERVING GOD 123 YEARS

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

Back to School Bash

August 7
5 to 7 p.m.

★ Meal

★ Bounce-a-Rounds

★ Free hygiene
products and
services

for the students.

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PASTOR TO PEOPLE

When I was a kid I used to love being upside down. I loved going to the playground and hanging upside down from the monkey bars and then doing a flip to dismount. Other times I would turn upside down in my living room leaning against my couch with my head on the floor and imagine what it would look like to walk around on the ceiling. It's amazing what happens to our world when it is simply flipped upside down. It's like it has changed into a whole new place entirely. The same walls are there. The same doors are there. The same furniture and items about the room are there, but everything just feels different.

Jesus liked to turn things upside down as well. But in this instance I don't mean physically (although there was that time he turned over the tables in the temple!) Jesus brought a vision of the Kingdom of God that completely turned this world upside down. He said things like, "Love your enemies," and "Blessed are those who mourn." What was Jesus really asking us to do, or how was Jesus asking us to live our life? Those who attempted to follow Jesus' teaching probably at times felt like their life was turning upside down. Sometimes we feel like our life is turned upside down by things that happen to us and our family. Maybe Jesus' way of seeing the world would actually turn it back right side up?

In August I will begin a new sermon series called, "Upside Down". Together we will be looking at what is commonly called now the "Sermon on the Mount." It is found in chapters 5-7 of Matthew if you would like to read ahead and be prepared. I hope you will join us in August as we take a look at Jesus' description of what it would look like for the Kingdom of God to come here and now.

As summer fades and we return back to school and our routines I hope that you will make the beginning of this series your return back to church as well. I look forward to seeing you again! Let's turn things upside down!

On the Journey with you,

REV. JIM PERKIN



Prayer List

(As of July 31, 2016)

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, Debbie Billy, Matthew Billy, Ed Brody, Darrell Brown, Maria Burnett, Perry Carter, Jim Davis, Dale DeCamp, Deborah Dee, Duke Dunn, Mary Folsom, Vickie Gillion, James Graham, Mike Hargrove, Fay Havlick, Allen and Jane Ann Inge, Donna Jackson, Walter and Lorene Johnson, Colton Knight, Lloyd and Dana Lee, Arlene LeMaster, Sandra Lum, Gwenda Martindale, Kyle Matos, Jake McMillin, Sharon Mikelson, Mason Mitchell, Sunny Muse, Christy Oehlschlager, Kallie Peck, Jean Potts, Beckham Prescott, Kaycee Quarry, William Quarry, Jimmy Ramsey, Valeri Repass, Bobbie Rowland, Lori Rutledge, Joe Sabatucci, Gabriella Saidleman, Charles Saviers, Jim Shore, Richard Sockey, Rita Thomas, Jackie Tosto, Dorothy Watkins, Pegee Werline, Ed Wilson, 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 June 2016

Average Attendance Figures for June: 140

2016 Budget Requirements: \$340,000.00

Needed through June: \$170,000.00

Year to Date received through June: \$169,162.19

June Receipts: \$30,339.01

June Expenditures: \$34,639.09

New Building Fund Figures:

Deposits: \$2,081,854.54; Expenditures: \$2,580,121.03

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Director of Music Ministries

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Melissa Ward

Lead Nursery Attendant

Jayla Craig

Organist

Bill King

Facility Manager

Phil Smith

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

• AUGUST CHURCH CALENDAR •

• SUNDAY •

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.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 (beginning 16th)
Boy Scouts, 7 p.m., CFLC (beginning 16th)

• WEDNESDAY •

Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

• THURSDAY •

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

- 7 Back to School Bash, 5 to 7 p.m.
- 10 Membership Care, 12 noon
- 11 Preschool Orientation (See story for times)
- 15 Finance Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 20 Neighborhood Breakfast, 7:30-10:30 a.m.

WORSHIP GREETERS

- 7 Jamie and Tracey Gilliam
- 14 Mike and Karen Hahn
- 21 Charles and Marilyn Meek
- 28 Ben and Judy Curtis



WELCOME TABLE VOLUNTEERS

- 7 Janet Sockey
- 14 Buddy and Pat Shelton
- 21 Ted Kilgore
- 28 (Volunteer Needed)

Welcome!

If you can be a Welcome Table volunteer on one of the Sundays during a month, please contact the church office.

ACOLYTES

- 7 Brady Perry and Burke Perry
- 14 Maggie Wheat and Kendy Traywick
- 21 Brock Call and Lexe Pickle
- 28 Ryker Holt and Waylon Murray



LITURGIST

Nathan Murray



CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

- 7 Mary Ford
- 14 Taryn Shelton
- 21 Tami Matos
- 28 Kim Hardaway





By
Tracey Gilliam,
Preschool Director

August is here and so is the beginning of a new school year.

Preschool will have orientation on August 11th. Parents and children will get to meet their teachers and see their classrooms. The Monday and Wednesday class orientation begins at 5 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday class orientation begins at 6; and the Monday through Thursday class orientation begins at 7.

In August the preschool will focus on meeting new friends and learning about all God's creations.

The preschool is still enrolling students for the upcoming school year.

Women of Faith

By Dorothy James, President

A reminder that the Fall Festival will be Friday, November 4 this year.

If you would like to be a vendor or know someone who would, call Mary Ford at 918-647-4271 or Terry Hall at 918-721-2245. Booth rental is \$20.

Hope you are having a wonderful summer.

A Prayer for Peace

O God, who hast made of one blood all nations of men, mercifully receive the prayer that we offer for our anxious and troubled world.

Send Thy light into our darkness and guide the nations as one family into the ways of peace. Take away all prejudice and hatred and fear.

Strengthen in us day by day the will to understand.

And to those who by their counsels lead the people of the earth, grant a right judgment, that so, through them and us Thy will be done through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

– Author Unknown

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Psalm 33:12

Missions Report

By Judy Peerson

• Back to School Bash •

While the temperature may still say it is summer, the starting of school and the revving up of the activities involved with the hustle of the school days says the lazy days of summer are at an end.

We will kick off the new school year with our annual Back to School Bash on August 7th from 5 to 7 p. m. Not only will our church be providing a free meal and bounce a rounds for entertainment, but also free dental and eye exams as well as free haircuts. We will also be handing out free bags of hygiene products.

Please invite anyone you know who would like to participate.

Our mission team met and we have great plans for the upcoming year. I hope you will consider becoming a part of any of the projects.



Linda Lee, Judy Peerson, Janet Sockey and Liz Perry are pictured placing the hygiene products into personal care bags to be given to students who attend the Back to School Bash.

News of Youth

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

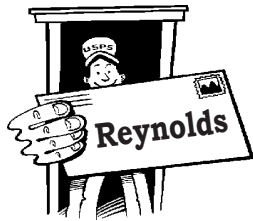
AUGUST SCHEDULE:

13: St. Yootz Day
21: Parent Night

Correspondence

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for all the sweet calls and prayers concerning my hip surgery and recovery. Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl that precious hands made. I really appreciate everything and am very thankful for my wonderful church family.

Karen Hahn



Keep in Touch

The new address for Robert and Louise Reynolds is 1044 Church St. Bldg. 6, Apt 321, Sulfur Springs, Tx 75482

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. (August meeting will be on the 10th.)

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.

Oklahoma to have a new bishop

Oklahoma will soon have a new bishop. With the retirement of Bishop Robert Hayes, our new bishop, Jimmy Nunn, was elected July 15. He will begin work as the new bishop of the Oklahoma Area on September 1.

Bishop Nunn has a wife, Mary, and two grown children.

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.

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.



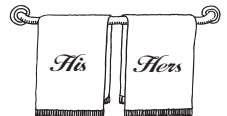
August Birthdays

- 1 Madison Slusser, Mackenzie Slusser and Allison Stone
- 2 Bryce Holt
- 4 Josie Garrett and Michael Hahn
- 5 Tanya Brown and Terry Hall
- 8 Gary Brown, Sr.
- 10 Keith Wright
- 12 Patty Wright and William Slater
- 14 Lloyd Lee
- 15 Genny Dorsey and Clint Lawrence
- 16 Shirley James
- 17 Frances Thompson, Christie Williams and Emery McDaniel
- 18 Nancy Shore, Derby Whitefield and Waylon Murray
- 19 Jake Thompson
- 20 Matt Stoughton, Kyle Hardaway and Wendy Kelly
- 21 Mallory Mixon, Haven Perry and Robert Holt
- 25 Lexie Pickle
- 26 Gary Blackshare and Taylor Darneal
- 27 Ryan Clayburn, Virginia Kidd and Janet DeSpain
- 28 Kimberly Hardaway
- 29 Gerry Roberts and Lillian Green
- 30 Tami Holt
- 31 Luke Wheat



August Anniversaries

- 1 Steve and Kristen Slusser
- 4 Steve and Nancy Clark
- 4 Lloyd and Dana Lee
- 5 Orville and Linda McDonald
- 8 Jim and Jayla Craig
- 12 David and Patty Redhage
- 19 Shannon and Amy Stubbs
- 30 Blake and Tori White



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.

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.