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Serving God 116 Years

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

*Open your mouth
 and taste, open your
 eyes and see how
 good God is. Blessed
 are you who run to
 him.*

Psalm 34:8
The Message

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PASTOR TO PEOPLE

Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and Church Council. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Grace and Peace,



Gregory Tener,
 Pastor



Keith Wright
 Finance Committee Chair

REV. GREGORY J. TENER



Welcome New Member!

We welcomed our newest member, Annette Hogan, who joined our church on October 25 by profession of faith. Please let her know how happy we are to have her as a part of our church family.

Advent Devotional Booklet "O Come Let Us Adore Him"

This year we are doing something very special to guide our personal devotions during the Advent season. We are creating our own book of devotions, called "O Come Let Us Adore Him," written by members of Poteau First United Methodist Church. Youth and adults have volunteered to write a daily devotion for the period from Thanksgiving Day through Epiphany (January 6). Scriptures and a theme were assigned for each day, and members chose the scripture/theme they wished to write about. Children will be given an opportunity to contribute by drawing illustrations for the devotionals during Sunday School in early November. Copies of the devotional booklet will be mailed to all church members before Thanksgiving Day.

Scriptures have been selected from the lectionary for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. Sunday devotionals will use the same scripture that will be the text for the sermon that day.

Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for September, 2009

2009 Average Attendance Figures for September: 147
 2009 Budget Requirements: \$346,911.00
 Needed for Budget Each Week: \$6,671.37
 Needed through September: \$253,512.06
 September Receipts: \$58,955.29
 September Expenditures: \$29,353.09

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Music Director	Steve Clark
Church Secretary	Brenda Ferguson
Lead Nursery Attendant	Jayla Craig
Organist	Wendy Kelly
Custodian and Door Opener	Ted Kilgore

District web page: 222.gbmg-umc.org/mc-dist/

NOVEMBER CHURCH CALENDAR

WORSHIP BULLETIN DEADLINE:

10 a.m. each Thursday

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Third Friday of each month

• **SUNDAY** •

Weekly Communion, 9:10 a.m., Sanctuary
(Except on regular communion Sunday)

UMYF, 5:00 p.m.

• **MONDAY** •

Boy Scouts, 7:00 p.m., CFLC

• **TUESDAY** •

Cub Scouts, 6:00 p.m., CFLC

• **WEDNESDAY** •

Handbells, 5:15 in Fellowship Hall
Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m.

• **THURSDAY** •

Girl Scout Troop #4034, 5:30 p.m.

(First and Third Thursday only)

• **FRIDAY** •

Mother's Day Out, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

1 Daylight Savings Time Ends.

Housewarming for Annette Hogan, 11:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall. (Gift cards are preferred for the purchase of household items)

6 UMW Bake Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., CFLC

14 UMM Breakfast Meeting, 8 a.m., CFLC

15 Consecration Sunday during Morning Worship with Celebration Luncheon following in CFLC

18 Membership Care Committee, 1 p.m., CFLC

19 UMW, CFLC

Annual Charge Conference, 7 p.m., CFLC

26, 27 Office Closed for Thanksgiving

29 Afternoon Worship Service at Oaks, 2 p.m.

MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

1 David McNair and Jerry Ford

8 Marvin and Janet DeSpain

15 Keith and Kay Thomas

22 Reedy Gothard and Genny Dorsey

29 Alan and Clyta Ware



YOUTH LITURGISTS

8 Maci McMillin

15

22 Brandon Durant

29 Taylor Darneal



MORNING WORSHIP ACOLYTES

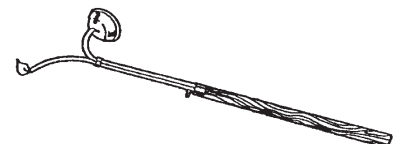
1 Lily Shore

8 Allison Matos

15 Morgan Bandy

22 Chloee Rolens

29 Katie Redhage





News of Children and Youth

By Kimberly Hardaway

UMYF (C.H.A.O.S.)

CHAOS meets Sunday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. for all youth 6th through 12th grade.

November

- 1 Carnival cleanup and chili supper; Meal: Genny Dorsey
- 8 Hayride at Gilliam's, 5:00 to 7:30; Boys bring drinks, girls bring chips
- 15 C.H.A.O.S. 5 to 7 p.m.; Meal: Linda Lee and Alison Garrett
- 22 No C.H.A.O.S.
- 29 Lead worship at Oaks Healthcare. Meet at church at 1 p.m.

December

- 6 Shopping at NW Mall in Fayetteville. (Maybe visit Jones Center ice show.) Leave at 12:30 p.m., return at 9 p.m.

Liturgists Schedule

The liturgist schedule will consist of youth who read the scripture for every Sunday except communion Sunday.

- 8 Maci McMillin
- 15
- 22 Brandon Durant
- 29 Taylor Darneal

Youth Yard Sale

Thank you for your generosity of many material goods. The sale of the donated items brought in just over \$1,180.

Some of the proceeds have already been put to use towards the diabetes fundraiser and to offset costs of the fall carnival.

LOGOS Dates

LOGOS is a Wednesday after school program that meets during the school year for ages Pre-K through 8th grade.

- 8 Middle School will lead in worship

LOGOS Themes for November

- 4 Campout - Wear your camo and bring a lawn chair
- 11 Crazy Hat - Share your craziest hat
- 18 Thanksgiving
- 25 No LOGOS due to Thanksgiving break

Monthly Food Drive

Locally there are children who do not get enough to eat on the weekends when school is not in session. We have the opportunity to help supply the food that goes into the sacks sent home with these children each week.

Boxes for collecting the food will be placed in the Chapel room adjacent to the sanctuary, and inside the gym door of the CFLC.

November's food items are: Fruit cups.

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School Walk for Diabetes

On October 24 we participated in a School Walk for Diabetes (SWFD) at the Poteau High School track. Thank you to all who walked. We had the largest team to contribute with over 30 church members participating.

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Mother's Day Out

Mother's Day Out is for 1 to 4 year olds on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the nursery rooms. Cost is \$10 per visit.

Participants will need to provide a snack sack with child's name on it for food and a diaper bag with diapers and wipes.

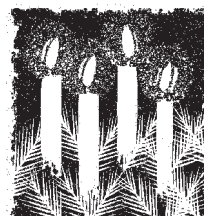
WEEKLY COMMUNION



The congregation now has the opportunity to experience communion each week.

At 9:10 on Sunday mornings Rev. Tener serves communion following a short devotional. Prayer and dismissal is in time for Sunday School.

The 9:10 communion service occurs on every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month which is the regular day for communion during 10:30 worship.



First Sunday of Advent November 29

I keep watch for the Lord, I wait in hope for God our Saviour.

Micah 7:7

Cards of Thanks



Thank you to everyone who provided the jelly jars I requested. Be sure and come to the UMW Bake Sale. There will be lots of jelly for sale!

Genny Dorsey

I would like to thank the church for the prayers, well wishes and kind thoughts extended to me during my recent illness. It is a blessing and a very humbling experience to know others care.

Sincerely,
Debbie Wood



Fall Festival Bake Sale

• Coffee and rolls will be served •

Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Family Life Center

Pies, Cakes, Cookies,
Homemade Jellies & Coleslaw

Drawing for Handmade Quilt
at 1:00 p.m.

Donation of \$5.00/one ticket,
\$10.00/three tickets

*(Please note that we will not be
serving a luncheon this year.)*

Membership Care Committee

New Day and Time

Wed., Nov. 18, 1:00 p.m., CFLC

The Membership Care Committee has changed its meetings to the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. We reach out to those who are homebound or are dealing with health issues or bereavement.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may pick up visitation cards in the Membership Care box in the church office. Make a phone call, send a card, or visit in the home and share God's love with someone. If there is anyone who could benefit from a visit, a phone call, a card, please let us know. Cindy Brody is always looking for someone in need of a prayer shawl. For information, call Virginia Stanley (647-2618) or Kay Thomas (647-3491).

November Birthdays

- 1 Keely Hambrick and Fredrick Ritchie
- 5 Kaycee Quarry
- 7 Ronna Bell and Demi Kay Gilliam
- 8 Sue Travis
- 9 Elizabeth Perry, Linda Lee,
Martha Renfro, and Roxanna Moore
- 10 Sterling Brookfield and Kay Sullivan
- 11 Jean Gaylor and Nikki Perry
- 12 Deanna Reed, Allison Matos, and
Bessie Moreland
- 13 Brad DeSpain, Justin Barnes, and
Jenny Harreld
- 15 Randy Matos
- 16 Opal Middlebrooks, Christy Oehlschlager
- 17 Lance Owen
- 19 Elissa Bridgman, Cynthia Stoughton,
and Jamie Gilliam
- 21 Henry Hardaway, Jennifer Cravens,
and Nina Sizemore
- 23 Mary Ford
- 25 Ed Brody
- 26 Connor Bandy
- 27 Kela Miller, Stephen Fruen,
and Samantha Fruen
- 28 Charlee Gilliam
- 29 Artheia Hageman



November Anniversaries

- 20 Randy and Libby Bridgman
- 20 R.L. and Janet Sockey
- 22 Mark and Sheri Zabala
- 26 Alan and Clyta Ware
- 28 Ted and Christie Williams



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PRESCHOOL



By
Tracey Gilliam,
Preschool
Director

In November the preschool students will be learning that God wants us to love and care for others. Preschoolers will be working on learning their addresses and learning about the first Thanksgiving.

The preschool students will learn about the letter G and H, the numbers 5 and 6, the colors yellow and brown and the shape is the square.

The memory verse for November is "Let us love one another."