



The United Methodist News

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Serving God Our Second 100 Years

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



Let us therefore come boldly into the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16
 KJV

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PASTOR TO PEOPLE

With the beginning of the new month, there are also new opportunities to participate in faith formation ministries at Poteau United Methodist Church. Starting on Sunday, October 7th there are three new groups geared for younger adults, but persons of all ages are invited. During the Sunday school hour at 9:30, a new young adult class will meet on the second floor of the Christian Education building. The studies will be topical, beginning with that of "Balance: Living with Life's Demands." At this time, teaching will be shared between Matthew Houston, Susan Mixon, and myself.

Later that evening, two parenting classes will begin: Growing Kids God's Way and Reaching the Heart of Your Teen. These classes are being facilitated by Alan Ware and Tami and Randy Matos. The two groups will meet during UMYF time and the plan is to have a shared meal with all the groups.

Also, during the month of October, the emphasis in worship will be on Stewardship. For the past several years our stewardship time has been after the first of the New Year, but it seems that it would be more helpful to take place now as we move into the planning stages for next year. The Stewardship theme is based upon John 15:15 where Jesus says to us "I have called you friends."

Finally, next year will be the 115th Anniversary as a congregation and the 100th in our current location and sanctuary. We have a great and rich heritage, and know that the future is exciting. So that we can continue to think about our long term goals and visions beyond next year, there will be a leadership retreat held on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1 and 2. Rev. Craig Stinson, the Director of Congregational Development for the Annual Conference will be here to offer his leadership. I know of at least two other churches in our district who have utilized Rev. Stinson's retreat event as springboards for a clearer focus and re-prioritization of ministry plans. One pastor told me at a recent meeting, this same opportunity transformed the Church Council and congregation in ways that he had never expected. So if you are part of the Church Council, one of the working committees, or just interested in helping set priorities for our future, reserve Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Dec. 2 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. There will be more information available as the retreat approaches.

Grace and peace,

REV. GREGORY J. TENER

United Methodist Church
PRECHOOL



By
Tracey Gilliam,
Preschool Director

The Preschool has an enrollment of 38 students this month. The Monday/Wednesday class still has six openings. The tuition is \$65.00 a month with a \$25.00 enrollment fee. If you know someone with a child who is 3, invite them to visit our Preschool. Preschool is a great way to begin the education process.

The October memory verse is "God has been good to me." We will be exploring the letters C, D, E and F and numbers 1 and 2. The color for the month is Orange and the shape is the Triangle.



Come Sail Away With Your Church Family

Join the youth and other members of the church on a cruise during Spring Break, March 15-22. If you would like to go, a deposit is due now.

Contact Kim Hardaway or Tami Matos for further details.

Poteau F.U.M.C. Report For August 2007

2007 Average Attendance Figures for August: 159

2007 Budget Requirements: \$317,292.00

Needed for Budget Each Week: \$6,294.00

Needed through August: \$213,996.00

August Receipts: \$30,106.32

2007 Receipts through August: \$275,933.86

August Expenditures: \$31,788.42

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Sunday School 9:30 — Morning Worship 10:30

Bishop	Robert E. Hayes
District Superintendent	Sanford (Sandy) Wylie
Pastor	Gregory J. Tener
Youth & Children's Director	Kim Hardaway
Music Director	Steve Clark
Church Secretary	Brenda Ferguson
Lead Nursery Attendant	Jayla Craig
Organist	Wendy Kelly
Custodian and Door Opener	Robin Morrison

District web page address: www.gb-gm-umc.org/mc-dist/

OCTOBER



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WORSHIP BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Sunday Worship Bulletin, 10 a.m. each Thursday

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

In order to provide an informative newsletter, information must be turned in by the **third Friday of every month** so the newsletter can be prepared and delivered by the first of the month. Thank you.

• SUNDAY •

Youth Bell Choir, 4:00 p.m.

Methodist Youth Fellowship, 5:00 p.m.

• MONDAY – FRIDAY •

Christian Preschool, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Ed. Bldg.

• MONDAY •

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

• TUESDAY •

Cub Scouts, 6:30 p.m., CFLC

• WEDNESDAY •

LOGOS, 3:00 p.m., CFLC

Handbell Rehearsal, 5:15 p.m., Bell Room

Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

• THURSDAY •

GriefShare Support Group, 10 a.m., CFLC

5, 6 Church-Wide Yard Sale

7 Youth Pecan Sales following Morning Worship

13 United Methodist Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m., F.H.

14 Youth Pecan Sales following Morning Worship
Youth trip to Tulsa; leave at 12:30

19 UMW Meeting, 9:30 a.m., F.H.

25 Silver Bullets trip to Queen Wilhelmina Lodge

28 Halloween Carnival and Chili Supper, 5 to 7 p.m.

MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

Oct. 7 Brian and Katie Shore

Oct. 14 Jean Gaylor and Andi Burton

Oct. 21 Dora Baldwin and Dula Baker

Oct. 28 Bill and Linda Lancaster



MORNING WORSHIP ACOLYTES

Oct. 7 Josie Garrett

Oct. 14 Sam Shore

Oct. 21 Taylor Darneal

Oct. 28 Connor Matos

Thank you boys and girls for your important part in our worship service.





Youth and Children's News

Kim Hardaway, Youth and Children's Director

For more information about any activity, please call Kim at the church office, 647-2217.

The youth are deeply thankful for the generous outpouring of donations recently at our Spaghetti Dinner and Pie Auction. The net amount was \$2557.93! There were 23 youth present who will have this divided and put into their church accounts for their use in church activities. Thank you very much, church family!

Youth-sponsored Churchwide Yard Sale!

On October 5th and 6th the youth are having a yard sale. We need your help in the following way: Clean out what is no longer needed around your home and choose to 1) have the youth sell it for you and keep the proceeds; OR 2) have the youth provide you a space for 10% of your profit. Either way you'll be helping out!

Please bring donated items to the CFLC Sept. 30th thru Oct. 4th. Contact Kim if you need a space provided.

UMYF OCTOBER SCHEDULE

- 5, 6 Fundraiser: Yard Sale at the Church
- 7 Regular UMYF - The Game of Life: Hide and Seek Study at 5 p.m. Our meal will be shared with those attending the parenting studies, "Growing Kids God's Way" and "Reaching Heart of Your Teen."
- 14 "The Big Fun Thing" – Youth who sign up will attend "The Big Fun Thing" at Will Rogers UMC in Tulsa. We will leave at 12:30 and return at 9 p.m. Please eat lunch before we leave. Supper is provided. Cost is \$8 per person – Youth can use some of their church account on this event.
- 21 Regular UMYF - Finding You, Finding Me Study at 5 p.m.
- 28 Halloween Carnival and Chili Supper - 5 to 7 p.m. Please share your jack-o-lantern creations with us and feel free to wear your costume!

On Nov. 4th There will be a Fall hayride and worship at Gilliam's Farm. Meet at church at 6 p.m. for a ride or meet us at the Gilliam's.

The youth will be selling pecans just in time for the fall festival! Your opportunity to purchase them will be October 7th and 14th in the chapel room immediately after the worship service.

For those youth interested in the youth bell choir, it

will begin Sunday evening, Sept. 30 at 4 p.m.

Logos Update

Logos has a current enrollment of 61 from preschool through 12th grade. Energy and enthusiasm abound as the kids play, study, sing, and eat on Wednesday evenings. Thank you to all the volunteers who have made this possible!

The upcoming themes for October are:

- 3 Farm Hoedown
- 10 Rainbow Night - Table families wear their family color!
- 17 Sport Team Night
- 25 Crazy Hat Night
- 31 Halloween Fun Night. Logos ends at 5 p.m. with no meal served on this night.

Silver Bullets Travel Club

The Travel Club enjoyed the trip to Mount Magazine for dinner in the lodge. It was a beautiful drive over there. Fifteen members went on the trip. Thanks to Elva Oehlschlager for driving six members in her van.

Our next trip will be up Talimena Drive, with lunch at Queen Wilhelmina Lodge. We will leave at 10 a.m., which seems to work better for everyone than 3 p.m. The planned date for this trip is Thursday, October 25, but we'll be keeping an eye on the fall foliage in case it peaks much earlier or later than that date.

If you want to go on the next trip, be sure to call Jane Kilgore, Virginia Stanley or Reedy Gothard and let them know. Any change in the date will be noted in the church bulletin.

Church Directory Note

If you missed having your picture taken during the scheduled photograph sessions and you have a photograph you would like to submit to be included in the directory, you need to get them to Tami Matos or the church office by October 3.

Tami has announced that the award drawing will be October 7.

Reminder: New Classes Beginning

There are several new classes beginning. There are two parenting classes, Growing Kids God's Way and Reaching the Heart of Your Teen. These will meet on Sunday evening and include a meal.

A new Sunday School class for young adults, explained in Rev. Tener's column (on page 1), will be meeting upstairs in the Education Building at 9:30 a.m. Call the church for more information.



Card of Thanks



I would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, calls, food, memorial Bibles, memorial gifts to our church and to the library in Phil's memory, and for every other expression of sympathy during this sad time. Thank you to Elva and the funeral dinner committee for a job well done. Also thanks to Steve and Wendy for the music at the funeral. A special thanks to our wonderful pastor who was such a comforting presence. Thank you all so much. We appreciate everything.

Phil loved his church and his community and was very active in both. He always said he wanted to leave this world better than he found it. We think he did.

Genny Dorsey and family

United Methodist Women

Four UMW members traveled to Broken Bow on Saturday, Sept. 22, for the UMW Fall District Meeting. Two members from the Heavener UMW accompanied us on the trip. It was an excellent meeting. The project for this district meeting was money for "Nothing but Nets" for Africa, to protect against malaria. The units of our district donated \$1,000 to this project.

The regular unit meeting of UMW was held September 19 in the Fellowship Hall with 13 attending. Planning for the Fall Festival was carried out. It's coming sooner than you think – on November 2nd! We're looking forward to the usual wonderful response from our Methodist cooks and bakers. You'll be getting a call in a couple of weeks to ask what you want to prepare. Thanks in advance. We'll be talking to you soon.

Jane Kilgore, UMW President



It's a Big, Big Boy!

Jake and Ashley Thompson announce the birth of their son, Jet Ryan, on Sept. 11. He weighed 10 lbs., 10-1/2 ounces and was 21-1/4" long. He is the grandson of Jerry and Jan Thompson, and great grandson of Jean Gaylor.

So if we look at our lifework as appointed by God, if we can hear the voice of Jesus saying, "Do this for Me," there is no further thought of hardship or distaste. Remember to do all your lifework for Jesus. Do all in His name and for His glory. You will find that when you introduce the personal element of service to Christ into the most ordinary acts, they will glisten like a piece of gold tapestry.

– F.B. Meyer



October Birthdays

- 1 Joe K. Thomas
- 2 Peyton Stubbs
- 3 J.J. Hall
- 5 Pamela Cox and Cindy Brody
- 6 Jim DeCamp
- 7 Ben Sizemore
- 8 Andrea Traywick, Aaron Ridenour, and Mark Zabala
- 12 Lloyd Swinford and Jarrod Garrett
- 13 Phyllis Kemp
- 15 Tiffany Mason and Judy Curtis
- 16 J.L. Ford
- 17 Drew Baker
- 20 Jack Hornbuckle and Steven Cherry
- 22 Tracey Gilliam
- 24 Alison Garrett, Jim Shore and Lisa Barnes
- 26 Rozelle Hardaway
- 28 Susan Oehlschlager
- 29 Katie Shore
- 30 Ruth Ann DeCamp and Bob Reed
- 31 Bill Cupp, Ben Curtis, and Kendra Yandell



October Anniversaries

- 10 Mike and Linda Lee
- 18 Cody and Sarah Bradshaw
- 18 Matt and Cindy Stoughton
- 24 Vernon and Phyllis Roberts
- 28 David and Gerry Roberts



United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men meet the second Saturday of each month at 8 a.m. for breakfast and a program in the CFLC. All men of the church are invited to attend this enjoyable activity.

On the Prayer List

PRAYER



CONCERNS

Following are the prayer requests listed in the worship bulletin on Sunday, September 23: Grayson Bradshaw, Ken Hammond, Lucy McMillin, Lois Robison, Jan Graham Family, Mike Anderson and Family, Gerald Aaron, Don Hutton, Tina Burton, Jack Rose, Keith McCarver, Brent Crocker, Linda Lancaster, Emelia Neuharth, Bailey Thompson, Darrell Hamilton, Marcus Youngblood, Mark McMillin, Kris Clark, Wes Anderson Family, Mary Folsom, Phil Dorsey Family.