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Serving God 115 Years

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

PASTOR TO PEOPLE

**Praise the Lord your
God; worship before
his throne! Holy is
he!**

**Psalm 99:5
GNT**



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Over the past few weeks there have been a few opportunities to hear about a strategic plan being developed for the Oklahoma Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. As a conference and local church, United Methodists desire to make and multiply disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. We want to reach more people, more diverse people, and more younger people. The congregation of Poteau UMC has the potential to do that.

To help strengthen such a calling in this congregation and others throughout our area, the McAlester District is holding a rally on Sunday, September 14 at Grand Ave. UMC, McAlester. It will begin at 3 p.m. and so the van will be leaving at 1:30. The rally will include statements from Bishop Robert Hayes. This will be a good opportunity to rally around our own strategic statements for the continued strengthening of our children and youth ministries, outreach to our neighborhood, communicating with the community, and strengthening the faith formation of all members.

Earlier I had announced that I would begin a new study on the 14th, but due to the above-mentioned rally, will begin *Living the Questions* on the 21st at 5 p.m. The 21-week study will be broken into three groups of 7 weeks so that persons can adjust schedules as needed. There are no study books to purchase because all materials are downloaded from the internet. Copies can be made available through the church office. Registration forms are in the office and in future worship bulletins.

Finally, as the church begins a new endeavor in our children's Sunday School area, I want to remind you of a new adult opportunity. "Church Chat" will meet in the Family Life Center each Sunday morning at 9:35 and will be conversation based upon any questions you might have about the church, our beliefs, social gospel, etc. I want to especially invite those persons who are not part of one of our adult classes.

Grace and peace,

REV. GREGORY J. TENER

Welcome New Member!

Chris Brookfield joined the church on August 24 by transfer from another United Methodist Church. He has been part of our congregation for awhile and we welcome him into official membership.

Baptism

Jenci Kayte Quarry, daughter of Jeremy and Kaycee Quarry, was baptized on August 24th.



Sympathy Extended

The congregation extends their love and sympathy to Peggy Talley and family on the recent death of Joel; to Roxanna Moore and family on the death of Warren; to Dee Kemp and family on the death of her mother; and to the Barbara Thompson and family on the death of Bailey Thompson.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Sherri Zabala for earning her Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting with a minor in Marketing from Franklin University.

Your church family is proud of you!

Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for July, 2008

2008 Average Attendance Figures for July: 137
 2008 Budget Requirements: \$336,245.22
 Needed for Budget Each Week: \$6,466.26
 Needed thru July: \$193,987.80
 July Receipts: \$23,152.62
 July Expenditures: \$26,410.88

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Sunday School 9:30 – Morning Worship 10:30

Bishop	Robert E. Hayes
District Superintendent	Sandford (Sandy) Wylie
Pastor	Gregory J. Tener
Youth & Children's Director	Kimberly Hardaway
Music Director	Steve Clark
Church Secretary	Brenda Ferguson
Lead Nursery Attendant	Jayla Craig
Organist	Wendy Kelly
Custodian and Door Opener	Ted Kligore
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	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
SEPTEMBER		1	2	3	4	5	6
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	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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WORSHIP BULLETIN DEADLINE:
 10 a.m. each Thursday

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
 Third Friday of each month

- **SUNDAY** •
 Methodist Youth Fellowship, 5:00 p.m.
 - **MONDAY - THURSDAY** •
 Christian Preschool, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Ed. Bldg.
 - **TUESDAY** •
 Cub Scouts, 6:00 p.m., CFLC
 - **WEDNESDAY** •
 LOGOS, 3:30 p.m.
 Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary
 - **FRIDAY** •
 Mother's Day Out, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 3 Logos Volunteer Meeting, 5:15 p.m.
 - 7 Children's new Sunday School begins, 9:30
 - 13 United Methodist Men, 8 a.m.
 - 10 LOGOS begins, 3:30 p.m.
 - 17 UMW Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
 Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
 - 20 UMW Fall District Meeting at Atoka
 - 21 UMYF, 5 p.m., CFLC
 - 25 Church Council, 5:15 p.m.
 - 28 Youth Pie Auction following worship
 Mission trip orientation, 4 p.m.

MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

- 7 Artie Stivers and Genny Dorsey
- 14 David and Patty Redhage
- 21 Charles and Marilyn Meek
- 28 Gene and Dana Wheat



LITURGISTS

- 14 Connor Wheat
- 21 Rachel Ware
- 28 Cynthia Stoughton



MORNING WORSHIP ACOLYTES

- 7 Maci McMillin
- 14 Charlee Gilliam
- 21 Josie Garrett
- 28 Taylor Darneal





News of Children and Youth

By Kimberly Hardaway

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

Our youth have decided to call our UMYF group "C.H.A.O.S.". It is an acronym that represents what our mission at UMYF is.

We at UMYF

Challenge ourselves to

Honor God, our parents, and all people

Accept responsibility in

Outreach of Christ to all and

Service to others in God's holy name.

The schedule is as follows:

- 7 LOGOS Mission Night (We will be going into the neighborhood around the church to invite them to LOGOS starting Wednesday)
- 14 C.H.A.O.S. meets from 5 to 7
- 21 C.H.A.O.S. meets from 5 to 7
- 28 Annual Pie Auction immediately following morning worship

October

- 1, 2 Getting ready for Garage Sale in Fellowship Hall
- 4 Garage Sale, 7:00 a.m., (Saturday only)

LOGOS

A volunteers' meeting for those helping with LOGOS will be Sept. 3rd at 5:15 p.m.

LOGOS for kids begins September 10th from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.. A snack is offered at 3:15 p.m.

LOGOS themes for September:

- 10 "Construction Zone" (Bible focus: The Tower of Babel)
- 17 "Farm Hoedown" Bible focus: Elisha and the Widow). Wear your overalls, jeans and bandanas
- 24 "Color Power Night" (Bible focus: Nehemiah). Wear the color of your Table Family

Oct.

- 1 "Guest Night" (Bible focus: The Centurion's Servant). Bring a guest to a picnic on the lawn.

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Mother's Day Out is back to Fridays for the school year.

Time: Friday mornings from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: nursery rooms of the education building.

Cost: \$10 per visit or \$35 per month

Ages: 1 to 3 years old

Note: No snack or lunch will be provided. Participants will need to provide a snack sack with child's name on it for food and a diaper bag with diapers and wipes.

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ROTATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin the first Sunday in September for Kindergarten through Middle School.

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PICTURES, PICTURES, PICTURES for a good cause.

An opportunity to have your holiday pictures made is coming to our church! On November 14th and 15th there will be time slots available to come to the church and have a professional photography session. You leave with pictures in hand since pictures are selected and printed as part of your session! For every page of pictures sold, the church receives a commission. The money raised will go toward the renovation of the education building upstairs.

Please call Randee Hallmark at 649-1031.

<p>United Methodist Church</p> <p>PRESCHOOL</p>	<p>By Tracey Gilliam, Preschool Director</p>
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Preschool is off to a great start.

In September, the Preschool will be learning about the color red, the shape circle, letters A and B and the numbers 1 and 2.

The September memory verse is "I will sing of the Lord's great love forever." Children receive a prize for learning the memory verse.

Monthly Food Drive

Locally there are children who do not get enough to eat on the weekends when school is not in session. In response to this need, a clearinghouse in Ft. Smith coordinates with local schools in making "sacks" of food to be sent home with these children each week. We have an opportunity to help supply the food that goes into the sacks. Each month two different items are collected so a steady supply of the necessary foods is maintained.

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

September's food items are: Packaged fruit snacks and individual applesauce servings.



Correspondence

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the prayer shawl. It was so kind of all who were involved in making it.

Thank you,
Jeanne Reed

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your acts of comfort and encouragement during Joel's illness and home-going. Your many prayers and kindnesses will long be remembered by our family. Having such support and love gives us courage and strength as we go forward. Joel found family in the church and the J.N. Ross class, loved working with Logos and Bible School and cared so much for the kids and for all of you. Thank you Greg, Judy and Brenda for caring for us, and accept our appreciation to you Greg, Stacy and Wendy for the beautiful service of celebration. How blessed we are.

Peggy Talley and family

United Methodist Women

By Jane Kilgore, President

September will be a busy month for UMW. Our first unit meeting will be on September 17 at 9:30 a.m. At this meeting several spending decisions will be made. All members are urged to attend this important business meeting.

On Saturday, Sept. 20 several of our members will be on the road to Atoka to attend the McAlister District UMW Fall Meeting. The Oklahoma Conference UMW President, Donna Roberts, will be our morning speaker. For those women who have not met Donna, this will be a real treat.

The District Project for Fall is backpack food items for Cookson and/or socks and underwear (boys and girls sizes 4-16) for local schools. When a child at school has a spill or an accident which messes up their clothes, there is someone on staff (in Poteau it's nurse Mary Ford) who can give them a replacement.

Planning for Fall Festival will begin very soon.

If you have never participated in UMW and would like information, call me or come to our next meeting.

Looking forward to a new season of service.

Jane

September Birthdays

- 2 Ken Hammond
- 4 Charlotte Greenwood and Selma Keup
- 5 Aimee Baker
- 8 Kelli Atchley
- 10 Kyle Cofer and Matt Wright
- 11 Jett Thompson
- 13 Jane Kilgore
- 14 Tommy Wright
- 15 Rachel Jaden
- 16 Kyson Hardaway and Keely Redhage
- 17 Justin Burton and Ellis Whigham
- 19 Jennifer Roberts and Jack Oehlschlager
- 20 Susan Mixon
- 23 Troy Talley and Todd Hallmark
- 24 Christine Harris
- 25 Kale Kemp, Don Baetz, and Grace Dehart
- 26 Joe Renfro
- 27 Peggy Talley and Kyle Reid
- 28 Daniel Ware, Gary Mason, Cary Baetz, Jane Ann Inge, Jenny Allen, and Tami Matos



September Anniversaries

- 1 Jeff and Susan Mixon
- 7 Ernie and Barbara Owens
- 12 Jim and Nancy Shore
- 27 Jim and Martha Kidd



Mission Opportunity

There will be a mission trip to Cameron, La. to help build a church which was destroyed by Hurricane Rita.

The trip is scheduled for Oct. 12-18. The van will leave on Sunday and return on Saturday. We will be housed by Sweet Lake UMC, where we'll stay in the church.

The costs are estimated at \$250 per person, which includes gasoline, meals and lodging while there. We will need to pay for our own meals while traveling.

There will be plenty to do for both skilled and unskilled workers.

Registration forms are in the church office. They must be completed, notarized, and fees paid when we have a mission trip orientation on Sunday, Sept. 28 at 4 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact the office or Peggy Talley.