

# The United Methodist News

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Serving God 116 Years

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

*As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor – this is the gift of God.*

*Eccl. 5:19  
NKJV*

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## PASTOR TO PEOPLE

A few days ago I saw a television commercial that I hadn't seen in a while. There is a father with two school-age children dancing down the aisle of an office supply store. As he is loading the shopping cart with school supplies, the background music is playing, "It's the most wonderful time of the year."

There is something exciting about the beginning of a new school year. New friends, new opportunities, another clean slate. It's also time to rebuild routines and schedules. The summer is a great time for rest and relaxation, and now is the time to be ready to move forward again. This is a great time to return to worship and Sunday school because it is in the community of faith we truly get to put new beginnings and new life into practice.

In a few weeks, we will have the experience of a Fall Revival and Preaching Series. Jennifer Long is a good friend who has served the United Methodist Church and is currently leading an outreach ministry in the Lawton, OK area. Jennifer is full of passion for proclaiming the good news of Christ and full of energy to share with others. I know that you will be blessed by her messages. She is also a great banjo player and will be bringing some bluegrass friends along with her. Jennifer will be with us September 13-15. There is more information elsewhere in the newsletter.

Finally, one result from the study on Holy Communion that was just completed was the voiced desire to receive communion more often. To help facilitate that, I will be sharing a short devotion and serving communion each Sunday morning in the sanctuary at 9:10. This will give you time to be in Sunday school afterwards. Weekly communion will begin Sept. 13. This early communion time will not occur on the first Sunday of each month since it will be served in the morning worship service.

Grace and peace,

**REV. GREGORY J. TENER**



# SEPTEMBER 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**  
(Beginning Sept. 13)

**United Methodist Youth Fellowship  
(C.H.A.O.S.), 5:00 p.m.**

• MONDAY •

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

• TUESDAY •

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

• WEDNESDAY •

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

• THURSDAY •

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

• FRIDAY •

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

- 2 LOGOS Parent Meeting, 6:30 p.m., CFLC
- 7 Church Offices Closed
- 9 LOGOS Training for Volunteers, 5:15 p.m., CFLC
- 10 Capital Campaign Committee Meeting, noon, (lunch provided), CFLC
- 12 United Methodist Men's Breakfast and Meeting, 8:00 a.m., CFLC
- 13 Revival begins with Jennifer Long; Potluck following in CFLC  
Evening Revival Service, 6:00 p.m.
- 14 Revival Service, noon, bring your own lunch  
Evening Revival Service, 6:00 p.m.

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
SEPTEMBER			1	2	3	4	5
2009	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30			

- 15 Revival Service, noon, bring your own lunch  
Evening Revival Service, 6:00 p.m.
- 16 Capital Campaign Committee Mtg., noon, CFLC  
Membership Care Committee Meeting, 1:00 p.m., CFLC  
LOGOS Program Begins, 3:30 p.m., CFLC
- 17 UMW Meeting, 9:30 a.m., CFLC
- 19 UMW District Meeting, Stigler
- 24 Church Council Meeting, 5:15 p.m., J.N. Ross Classroom
- 26 UMM Benefit Pancake Breakfast, 6:30-10:30 a.m., CFLC

## MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

- 6 Jack Oehlschlager and Versile Johnson
- 13 Keith and Patty Wright
- 20 Ken and Susan Hammond
- 27 Brian and Katie Shore



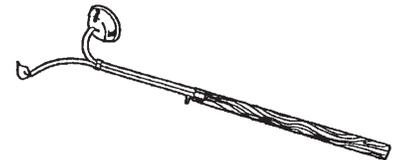
## YOUTH LITURGISTS

- 13 Allison Stone
- 20 Heather Robinson
- 27 David Oehlschlager



## MORNING WORSHIP ACOLYTES

- 6 Allison Matos
- 13 Charlee Gilliam
- 20 Katie Redhage
- 27 Lily Shore



## Our Sympathy



Our love and sympathy is extended to the family of Ellis Whigham and the family of Jeanne Reed. You are in our prayers.

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|--|--------------------------|
| Bishop                                 | Robert E. Hayes          |
| District Superintendent                | Darrell Gates            |
| <b>Pastor</b>                          | <b>Gregory J. Tener</b>  |
| <b>Youth &amp; Children's Director</b> | <b>Kimberly Hardaway</b> |
| <b>Music Director</b>                  | <b>Steve Clark</b>       |
| <b>Church Secretary</b>                | <b>Brenda Ferguson</b>   |
| <b>Lead Nursery Attendant</b>          | <b>Jayla Craig</b>       |
| <b>Organist</b>                        | <b>Wendy Kelly</b>       |
| <b>Custodian and Door Opener</b>       | <b>Ted Kilgore</b>       |
- District web page: 222.gbmg-umc.org/mc-dist/



# News of Children and Youth

By Kimberly Hardaway

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

CHAOS meets Sunday evenings and is for all youth in 6th grade through 12th grade. September

- 6 Slip N Slide Kickball and other lawn games for Labor Day (weather permitting), 5 p.m.
- 13 C.H.A.O.S., 5 to 7 p.m.; Study: The Naked Truth
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- 23 See You At the Pole activities at school. Pray at your school's flagpole at 7:45 a.m. and rally at Poteau football field at 6:30 p.m.
- 27 C.H.A.O.S., 5 to 7 p.m. Set up for Garage Sale

October

- 2 Garage Sale in Fellowship Hall, 4-7 p.m.
- 3 Garage Sale continues 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and East parking lot

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### Youth Churchwide Garage Sale Oct. 2 & 3

If you have things you want to donate, please bring them between Sunday, Sept. 20 and Sunday, Sept. 27. We will gather the stuff in the Fellowship Hall for pricing. If you would like to set up your own area for the sale, please let Kim know. Booth space is available at 10% of your sales.

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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. 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 back with diapers and wipes.

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### Middle School Sunday School Class

Those students entering sixth, seventh, and eighth grades will no longer be a part of the rotation Sunday School, but instead will meet in their own Sunday School classroom beginning August 9th. That classroom is located in the CFLC and is the middle classroom off the

gym. Nina Sizemore, Brian Shore, and Jason Bandy will be the adults teaching the middle school for the coming year.

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### LOGOS Dates

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

Important dates to remember are:

- Parent Meeting for registering children: Sunday, August 30, 9:30 a.m., CFLC or Tuesday, September 2, 6:30 p.m., CFLC
- Volunteer meeting for those helping: Wednesday, September 9, 5:15 p.m., CFLC

### LOGOS Themes for September

- 16 Opening Celebration
- 23 Crazy Sock - Wear your craziest socks
- 30 Fiesta - If you've got a sombrero or Mexican clothing, get into the spirit by wearing it Oct.

7 Penny Carnival and Guest Night - Bring your guests and your pennies for missions. (Remember to let the church know if you are bringing a guest so we'll set them a plate!)

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### Monthly Food Drive Begins Again

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 clearing house in Ft. Smith coordinates with local schools in making "sacks" of food to be sent home with these children each week. We have the opportunity to help supply the food that goes into the sacks. Each month food 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: Applesauce cups.**

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### Liturgists Schedule

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

- 13 Allison Stone
- 20 Heather Robinson
- 27 David Oehlschlager



## Fall Revival Preaching Series With Jennifer Long

We will have a Fall preaching series on September 13, 14, and 15. Jennifer pastored the United Methodist Church in Cache, OK for the past 5 years, and now serves as an evangelist and a prayer warrior with a heart for the hurting.

The sermon schedule is:

Sunday Morning - Why the church plays a relevant and necessary role in the scope of eternity

Sunday Night (6:00 p.m.) - Remembering the JOY of our Salvation!

Monday Noon - Healing Prayer Time

Monday Evening (6:00 p.m.) - Christ's Promise

Tuesday Noon - Prophetic Prayers

Tuesday Evening (6:00 p.m.) - The Power

The church and community outside the church walls are in need of revival! Are you willing to come and pray for real revival? Are you willing to come and return to the JOY of your salvation? Are you willing to share the VICTORY that Christ offers with those who desperately need a Savior? If you are, then let's encourage one another, set ourselves apart and declare our faith in Jesus Christ. We are called to discern what God would have us do, to play our part in a time such as this, and be an active member of the Great Body of Christ!

The Sunday morning service will be followed by a potluck dinner. The church will provide meat and drinks. Both noon sessions will be bring your own brown bag lunch from home.

**The Women's Crisis Center has reported a need for small sized women's/girls clothing. (Sizes 2, 4, 6)**

### Poteau First United Methodist Men's Benefit Pancake Breakfast Saturday, Sept. 26, 2008



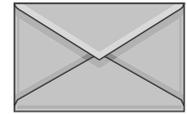
**6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**  
**Christian Family Life Center**

*Pancakes - Bacon - Sausage - Beverages*

**Adults \$3.00 • Children \$2.00**

*Bring the family for breakfast and help the men with their fundraiser.*

## Cards of Thanks



The family of Vida E. Wright want to thank the Church Family for their help and support in preparing for and having Vida's memorial service there in her church. We especially thank Rev. Tener for such a fine service and to Brenda for 'always being there'.

We appreciate the cards, memorial donations, and kind words from each of you. Vida always thought of the Poteau United Methodist Church as HER Church.

The family of Vida E. (Mrs. John) Wright

Thank you so much for the linen donation you recently made to our shelter. Your kindness is truly appreciated.

Women's Crisis Services Staff

A great big thank you goes to Rhonda Britton for embroidering the aprons for UMW and LOGOS. They look so beautiful now. Thank you for creating something we can all enjoy for a long, long time.

Janet DeSpain

United Methodist Church  
**PRESCCHOOL**



**By**  
**Tracey Gilliam,**  
**Preschool**  
**Director**

The preschool is off to a great start. The teachers are Tracey Gilliam, Kim Cooper, Bekah Smith and Suzanne Brennan. Classes are full with an enrollment of 49 students. If you know of anyone wanting to attend next year, now is the time to call.

We welcomed new students and their families with an orientation held on August 12th.

In August the memory verse was "God made the world and everything in it." All the children receive a treat for trying to say the memory verse.

In September we will begin learning a new memory verse, recognizing alphabet letters A and B, finding things that are the color red, and we will start going to Story Circle at Buckley Public Library.



# United Methodist Women

By Jane Kilgore, UMW President

## Membership Care Committee

**Meeting September 16,  
1:00 p.m., CFLC**

Come take a look at the Fall Festival quilt to be given away at drawing at the Fall Festival November 6th. It will be on display Sunday, August 30, in the chapel room at the rear of the sanctuary. This is a beautiful queen-size quilt, entirely handmade by Grace Dehart. The proceeds of the quilt will be donated to the new church building fund. Donations for the quilt drawing are \$5 each, or 3 for \$10.

Five of our local members traveled to Heavener on Saturday, August 22nd, for a cluster meeting with the Heavener UMW. We had lunch with them, and then had presentations of two Mission studies for this year. They are: Food and Faith, and Native American Studies. We also took the quilt with us and received \$65 in donations toward it.

Our first meeting this fall will be on Thursday, September 17, at 9:30 a.m. We will meet in the usual classroom in the Family Life Center.

McAlester District Meeting will be on Saturday, September 19, in Stigler. We will plan to take the van. We will meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. and leave from there. The project this fall is new socks and underwear for children and youth served by Cookson Hills Mission.

Hope to see all our members on September 17th. If you haven't been to United Methodist Women before, new members are always welcome!

Call if you wish more information.

Your sister in Christ,  
Jane Kilgore



## Save Your Aluminum Cans!

Genny Dorsey is still collecting aluminum cans for recycling. The money is used to help the needy. When the cans are sold, Genny matches the amount with her own money so that makes your cans worth twice as much.

There is a collection barrel at the church. Please save your cans for this ministry. If you have questions, call the church office or Genny Dorsey. Thank you for your contributions.

The Membership Care Committee reaches 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. Just sign the sheet to let us know whom you'll be contacting. Make a phone call, send a card, or visit in the home and brighten someone's day. Visitation cards may be returned to the office, or bring them with you to the next meeting. Also, if you know of someone who could benefit from a visit, a phone call, a card, or a prayer shawl, please let us know by calling Virginia Stanley (647-2618).

## *Evelyn's Inspiration*

By Evelyn White

Morning Dear Friends,

Did you have a good breakfast this morning? "They" say we should always start the day with a good breakfast.

Times are changing so fast. It is even affecting our food supply. The Little Red Hen is doing her part – an egg a day, but what is that streak on my plate? My, my – that poor pig. Is it almost time for it to be put into someone's Pork Barrel? It was so stressed out that when it heard that shot, he was so scrunched up that when the butcher was looking for a slab of bacon, there was only a streak. Where did the remaining parts go? Oh, didn't you hear? There is a Great Big Pork Barrel on "Air Force One." Maybe what they left is here. At least there will be a shadow of a piece of bacon in the morning.

Do have a good breakfast and a very happy day! May God's blessings fill your life.

Sincerely, Evelyn

### **Poteau F.U.M.C. Report for July, 2009**

2009 Average Attendance Figures for July: 137

2009 Budget Requirements: \$346,911.00

Needed for Budget Each Week: \$6,671.37

Needed through July: \$200,141.10

July Receipts: \$27,454.67

July Expenditures: \$24,447.15



## *Psalms Facts . . .*

Q. What is the shortest chapter in the Bible? A. Psalms 117

Q. What is the longest chapter in the Bible? A. Psalms 119

Q. Which chapter is in the center of the Bible? A. Psalms 118

There are 594 chapters before Psalms 118.

There are 594 chapters after Psalms 118.

Add these numbers up and you get 1188.

Q. What is the center verse in the Bible?

A. Psalms 118:8

### **I**

I am God's child (John 1:12); I am Christ's friend (John 15:15); I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17); I am bought with a price (1 Cor. 6:19-20); I am a saint set apart for God; (Eph. 1:1); I am a personal witness of Christ (Acts 1:8); I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt. 5:13-14); I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:27); I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8:1-2); I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil. 3:20); I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31-34); I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor. 5:17-21); I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18); I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6); I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom. 8:35-39); I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor. 1:21-22); I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28); I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16); I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3:12); I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13); I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15:1-5); I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3:16); I am complete in Christ (Col. 2:10); I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3); I have been justified (Romans 5:1); I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor. 6:1); I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10); I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected (Phil. 1:5); I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col. 1:14); I have been adopted as God's child (Eph. 1:5); I belong to God.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

## *September Birthdays*

- 2 Ken Hammond
- 3 Dorothy Gail James
- 4 Charlotte Greenwood and Selma Keup
- 5 Aimee Baker
- 8 Kelli Atchley
- 10 Kyle Cofer and Matt Wright
- 11 Jett Thompson
- 13 Jane Kilgore
- 16 Kyson Hardaway and Keely Redhage
- 17 Justin Burton
- 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
- 30 Buddy Shelton



## *September Anniversaries*

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



## **Carillon Repair**

Perhaps you have noticed that the church's carillons have been silent for the past few months. It seems that a recent lightning strike severely damaged the outside speakers and amplifier. We are currently having them replaced but the cost is about \$1,000.

During the summer months, our attendance and offerings have experienced a seasonal drop. If you are able to assist in helping get the carillons ringing again, please note that on your check. Also, please consider making your pledges and tithes to the church current. Thank you.