

The United Methodist News

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Serving God 115 Years

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

PASTOR TO PEOPLE

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9
 NRSV

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The summer season of vacations and travel, rest and relaxation is quickly coming to a close. The public schools will be greeting students and staff in just a few days. At the same time parents are thinking about public education, I would encourage them to consider the Christian education and faith formation of their children as well. Kim's article in this newsletter outlines important changes in how we will be experiencing Sunday morning in the children's Sunday school.

For those adults who might be bringing children to Sunday school but don't currently participate in an adult class, I will be starting an informal time of conversation. "Church Chat" will be held in the Family Life Center each Sunday from 9:35 until 10:15. If you have questions that you've always wanted to ask a preacher and haven't had an opportunity, this is it. If you want to know what the church thinks about current events or social issues, don't hesitate to ask. "Church Chat" will begin the same Sunday as the children's rotation model, September 7.



Also, in a recent survey, the study *Living the Questions* was selected by the congregation. Registration forms will be in future bulletins or through the office. This study is a 21-week study, but will be broken into three sections of 7 weeks, so if you can't commit to the full time, there will be two other times to join in. The class will begin on Sunday, September 14 at 5:00 p.m.

Grace and peace, *Greg*

REV. GREGORY J. TENER

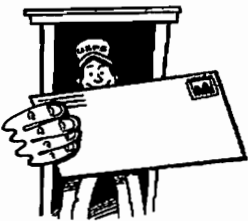


Announce Birth

Keith and Patty Wright announce the birth of a new grandson, Charles, son of Matt and Erika Wright.

Happy Birthday

Andi Burton's family would like to wish her a Happy **50th** Birthday.



New Addresses

We have been notified of new addresses for Mary Folsom and Evelyn White. Please make a note of them in your church directory.

Mary Folsom, The Bee Hive, 604 Jay St., Sterling, CO 80751

Evelyn White, 2880 Central St., Poteau, OK 74953

NOTICE: A small freezer is needed for LOGOS food supplies. If anyone has one that you no longer need and would like to donate it to the church, it would be greatly appreciated. Also, a computer (Windows 95 or later) is also needed. Contact the church office. Thank you.

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

2008 Average Attendance Figures for June: 140
 2008 Budget Requirements: \$336,245.22
 Needed for Budget Each Week: \$6,466.26
 Needed thru June: \$168,122.76
 June Receipts: \$29,569.69
 June Expenditures: \$24,302.47

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Custodian and Door Opener

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Robert E. Hayes

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Gregory J. Tener

Kimberly Hardaway

Steve Clark

Brenda Ferguson

Jayla Craig

Wendy Kelly

Ted Kilgore



	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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	31						
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WORSHIP BULLETIN DEADLINE:
 10 a.m. each Thursday

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
 Third Friday of each month

- 9 United Methodist Men, 8 a.m.
- 3 UMYF, 5 p.m., CFLC
- 7 Mother's Day Out, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 9 Youth trip to Magic Springs
- 10 Promotion Sunday
 Children's Council Meeting and Luncheon, 11:45 a.m.
- 13 Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- 15 Mother's Day Out, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 17 Youth Council Luncheon and Meeting, 11:45 a.m.
- 20 Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- 22 Mother's Day Out, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 24 (or Aug. 27) Logos Parent Meeting 9:30 a.m.
 UMYF, 5 p.m., CFLC
- 27 Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- 29 Mother's Day Out, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 31 No UMYF - Labor Day

September

- 3 Logos Volunteer Meeting, 5:15 p.m.
- 7 Children's Rotational Sunday School begins

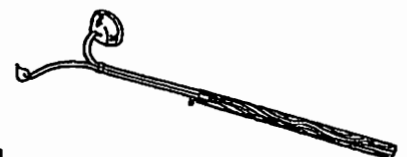
MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

- 3 Ben and Judy Curtis
- 10 Pete and Renee Stottsberry
- 17 Frank and Grace Dehart
- 24 Jerry and Mary Ford
- 31 Aaron and Betty Ridenour



MORNING WORSHIP ACOLYTES

- 3 Josie Garrett
- 10 Noah Sumpter
- 17 Maci McMillin
- 24 Connor Matos
- 31 Charlee Gilliam





News of Children and Youth

By Kimberly Hardaway

The youth fundraisers this summer have been hugely successful thanks to the generosity of our church family and friends in the community. Youth Force was 100% funded by your investment shares which included gas, supplies for the mission, and room and board for the youth laborers. The difference made in the lives we helped as well as the impact it made on those attending is priceless. A Stockholders Dinner was held July 20 in the Fellowship Hall to give a report on the investment.

"Shares for Missions" are still being sold for the youth who plan to attend the Spring Break 2009 United Nations/Washington D.C. Study Tour. This mission opportunity is once again through the OK Conference VIM for youth. We have 2 to 5 youth who are interested and willing to cover a percentage of the costs. Fundraising will determine how many are actually able to attend since airfare is a considerable part of the cost.

Beware of the Flamingo!

Many of you have had an attack of the flamingo as this newsletter comes out. Our flamingo handlers (aka youth) have been busy nightly watching over the flocks. Those flamingos are tricky little birds and just when you think you're in the clear, watch out!

The youth are very appreciative of the good-humored support the flamingos have received and plan to have them tamed and out of all yards before school starts

If a flock should happen to show up in your yard before then, \$10 will make it go away or \$25 will make it go away to someone else you choose! If you are interested in protecting your property from flamingos in your yard, you can arrange to have a particular someone receive them for \$35.

All funds raised from the flamingos will be put into the individual youth church accounts. This is to help with costs for the various church sponsored activities in which that youth participates. The more a youth helps with the fundraiser, a bigger percentage of the fundraiser that youth will receive.

UMYF

August

- 3 Regular UMYF; Youth Leader election night (Meal: Liz and Nikki Perry)
- 9 Youth trip to Magic Springs Theme Park's Christian Youth Day in Hot Springs. Leave

at 8 a.m. Return late night. Cost is \$55 and is all inclusive for 2 meals, gas, admission to the park and concert.

- 10 Promotion Sunday (No UMYF)
- 17 Youth Council luncheon and meeting, 11:45 a.m.
- 24 Regular UMYF (Meal: Becky Bell)
- 31 No UMYF. Labor Day

Other Important Dates

Promotion Sunday will be August 10. Children entering third and sixth grades will receive special literature during morning worship.

Children's Council meeting and luncheon will be August 10th at 11:45.

LOGOS begins September 10th for all children and youth.

LOGOS parent meetings are August 24 at 9:30 a.m. or August 27 at 7:00 p.m.

LOGOS Volunteers meeting is September 3rd at 5:15 p.m.

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We had a lot of children and youth attend Methodist church camps this summer. The total number was 38. In addition, Kim, Greg, Kyle Hardaway, and Katie Johnson (Terri Martin's niece) attended as adult leaders. Thank you to Ted Kilgore, Melanie Wheat, and Judy Tener for helping in transportation.

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

What we have always loved about Sunday School is the teaching of biblical content, interaction among children and adults within the church, and finding ways for children to feel nurtured spiritually and emotionally. In this new model, the biblical content is intensively taught and repeated over several weeks in five different stations.

Adults can be involved in the lives of the church's children and youth as station leaders, working in their area of giftedness, one unit at a time. Or adults can be shepherds whose purpose is to provide a consistent, nurturing person for the children and youth from week to week. The time commitment at any given time is five to six weeks.

Please be in prayer for our Sunday School as we enter into a period of transition to a model that promises to enhance what Sunday School has provided in the past.

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Mother's Day Out will return to Fridays beginning the week of August 10th.



Correspondence

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concern while I have been recuperating from my broken arm. I miss you all.

Mary Folsom

Word has been received of the recent death of Kelly Plumlee.

United Methodist Women

By Jane Kilgore, President

What does UMW accomplish?

Is it just those meetings each month – a group of ladies having a good visit? UMW is that and much, much more. It is praying together for the needs of our church family and the community we live in. It is giving financial support to our community as well as our church.

So far this year, the Poteau unit of United Methodist Women has donated \$300 to the Christian Free Clinic and the same amount to LeFlore County Youth Services. The Ministerial Alliance received \$500, and \$1,000 was donated to the Womens Crisis Center. We also met our pledge to McAlester District UMW in the amount of \$1,500. This money in turn goes to the Oklahoma Conference UMW. Some of the money is used in the District and the Conference for administrative costs. Five hundred dollars has been pledged toward the purchase of more bells for the bell choir. We also contribute to missions such as Cookson Hills.

Education is one goal for UMW members. One of the most important tools in realizing the wide scope of UMW is our Spring and Fall district meetings. Our members' base of knowledge is increased by this means and also by our local meetings and reading programs.

We enjoy becoming closer within our church family through UMW fellowship and are proud of our accomplishments, always hoping and praying to have a larger outreach to souls in need.

TRAVEL CLUB NEWS

Travel club members went for fine dining the evening of July 11. Eleven members traveled to Fin & Feather Resort on Tenkiller Lake. The buffet was delicious, almost too many choices. And many of us really enjoyed the gift shop, too!

For more information on future trips of the Travel Club, contact Jane Kilgore.

August Birthdays

- 2 Vernon Roberts
- 4 Josie Garrett
- 5 James Fruen, Jr. and Tanya Brown
- 8 Gary Brown, Sr., Bob Bullock, and Margaret Nichols
- 10 Keith Wright
- 12 Patty Wright and William Slater
- 14 Lloyd Lee
- 15 Genny Dorsey and Clint Lawrence
- 16 Chris Neurohr and Shirley James
- 17 Christie Williams
- 18 Nancy Shore and Alex Baker
- 19 Jake Thompson
- 20 Matt Stoughton and Kyle Hardaway
- 21 Mallory Mixon
- 23 Haven Perry
- 26 Gary Blackshare
- 27 Ryan Clayburn, Virginia Kidd and Janet DeSpain
- 28 Kimberly Hardaway, Peggy Gartner and Dula Baker
- 29 Gerry Roberts



August Anniversaries

- 4 Steve and Nancy Clark
- 4 Lloyd and Dana Lee
- 5 Jerry and Carol Baker
- 8 Jim and Jayla Craig
- 12 David and Patty Redhage
- 13 Jim and Judy Hall
- 14 Warren and Roxanna Moore
- 19 Shannon and Amy Stubbs
- 27 Ken and Susan Hammond
- 29 Jack and Virginia Stanley



Evelyn's Inspiration

By Evelyn White

Our Creator

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thou art the master potter. You chose the clay for my body. A certain clay for a certain time and a certain place for a certain life. Thank you, Dear Lord, for my life. May your will be done. Grant me your love, your forgiveness, and wisdom. In your name I ask. Amen.

Love and God's peace to all, Evelyn