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For Adults & Youth!

Sunday, January 31, 6pm

For the Kids!

FROM THE CREATORS OF FIREPROOF AND COURAGEOUS
WAR ROOM
PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

It's All Free!

Shaun the Sheep
MOVIE

We're going to have something for everyone! The kids are having a "drive-in movie" (see more about this on p. 3) in the gym and the rest of us are going to watch "War Room" in the sanctuary. There will be popcorn and drinks for all!



Ode to a Stephen Minister

Where will I find someone to call
when I feel like my back is against the wall?
Where will I find someone to share
the brokenness my soul does bear?
Where will I find someone who will understand
who will listen and maybe hold my hand?
Where will I find someone to help me pray
that I'll get through another day?
Where will I find someone who will help me see,
I'm not alone, it's not just me?
Where will I find someone with an open heart to
lend, someone I could even call a friend?
Where will I find a Christian brother or sister,
that would be my Stephen Minister.

----Lori Marks, 1992

Dates set for DivorceCare and GriefShare

DivorceCare Tuesday, March 1
GriefShare Thursday, March 3

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**Informational Meeting
Holy Land Tour 2017**

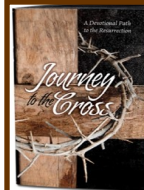
**March 7-16, 2017 Informational Meeting –
February 7, 2016, 3:00 p.m.**



Would you like to have the faith experience of a life-time? We're just starting to organize a group from our church to visit Israel in March of next year. During the trip, you'll visit the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem and much more! Cost for the round trip from Oklahoma City to Israel will be \$3596 per person, but you can save as much as 5% on that amount by registering early. At the meeting, we'll discuss the details, watch a video about the trip, and show you how you can register. Shannon and Jan Davis will be leading us in the journey to the land where most of the Bible happened!

UMW SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2016

A hearty welcome to Rev. David Stephenson as he delivers the message as both morning services on February 7, UMW Sunday. David is a former pastor from New Horizon UMC, so he is well acquainted in Woodward and brings news from Bolivia where he serves as a missionary to Oklahoma. David will be returning to his home in Tulsa just before coming to Woodward. His information will be current, interesting and important.



**Free Lenten Devotionals Available
Soon!
Lent Begins February 10
(Ash Wednesday)**

The Christian season of Lent is forty days of preparation to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is meant to be a season of introspection, a time of repentance, and a time to consider what Jesus has done for us. "Journey to the Cross" has daily devotionals for the time from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. The booklets will be available on the desk just outside the sanctuary beginning January 31.

Ash
Wednesday

Wednesday Evening, February 10, 6:05 p.m.

In place of regular Wednesday night classes on February 10, we will be having a special service to commemorate the beginning of the Christian season of Lent at 6:05 p.m. This meaningful service, which includes Holy Communion and the marking the cross on each person's forehead with ashes, is meant to foster a time of repentance from sin and introspection on our relationship with God. There will be music and Shannon will bring a brief message. The entire service will last less than an hour.



**Lenten Lunches Begin
February 10
Weekly from Noon-1pm
February 10-March 23
First Christian Church – 1316 9th Street**

The Woodward Ministerial Alliance again invites the Christians of Woodward to come together for weekly worship services and luncheons through the Christian season of Lent. We'll meet each week at First Christian Church, but a different congregation will lead the service and offer a meal during the noon hour. Our church is bringing the service and meal on February 24.

Offerings are received each week which go to benevolence efforts of the Ministerial Alliance.

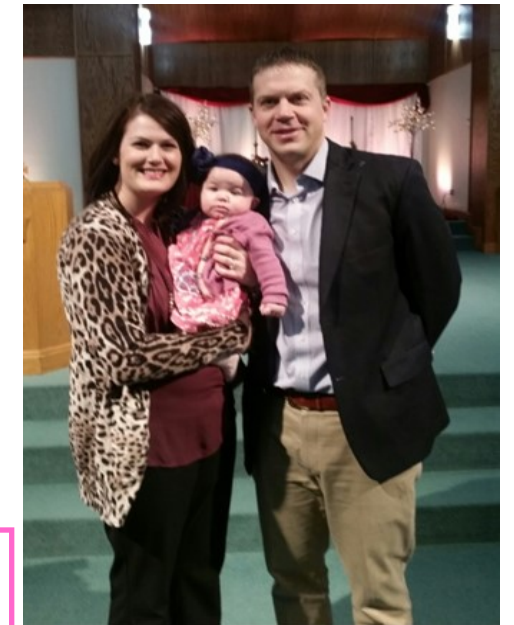
New Members and Baptisms!

We've had a couple of baptisms and a couple became members

**Benjamin Louis Williams,
son of Kim and B.J. Williams
and little brother of
Sam Williams, was baptized**



**Violet Helen Humphries,
daughter of Brian and Alexa
Humphries and little sister to
Vivienne Humphries, was**



**Rick and Lora Bayliff
transferred their
membership to our
church on**

**Youth Spring Break
Trip!**

The youth are invited to attend a trip during the first part of Spring Break to Dallas, Texas! The dates for this trip are scheduled for **March 12-15th**. The trip will include a service project, a trip to Six Flags, and some good food, among other things. The cut off to sign up is Sunday, Feb. 29th. We will also need some adults willing to attend as sponsors! If you or your youth would like to

Final Friday Feeding Frenzy

The very first FFFF of 2016 will be taking place **Friday, January 29th**! For those that don't know, FFFF is our monthly FREE lunch in the church gym for all high schoolers with off campus lunch (10th-12th grades). Everyone is welcome, and it is a wonderful opportunity to get new faces through the church doors, but also requires a good amount of support to help it go off without a hitch. You can help in two manners: 1) We can always use people there for the actual event. We begin setting up around 9:45, and are usually done serving and cleaning up by 1:00. 2) If you cannot make it at those times, we also welcome any desserts you would like to provide. They may be dropped off at the

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MISSION STATEMENT
"TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST"



- 2/08 Jim & Arlene Reed
- 2/10 Michael & Carolyn Lewis
Al & Jane Williams
- 2/11 Bob & Lori Servis
- 2/14 Jack & Stacey Croisant
Mike & Judy Habekott
David & Anita Patterson
- 2/18 Rick & Lora Bayliff
- 2/25 Jack & Taryn Cordell
Don & Janet Matheson
- 2/28 Bill & Kathryn Fanning
Terris & Kim Williams

- Birthdays of the Month**
- 2/01 Kathryn Fanning
Chace Mendell
Leslie Raney
 - 2/02 Amanda Mead
 - 2/03 Alivia Stewart
Kim Williams
 - 2/04 Karen Gottsch
Donnie Heckart
Derek Kendall
Teresa Snider
Dayna Wederski
 - 2/05 Nicole Bryant
Doug Eagon
Cliff Shirkey
 - 2/06 Karen Nelson
Chris Cockerham
 - 2/07 Jessalyn Freeman
Debbie Harrington
Curtis Kincaid
Arin Powers
 - 2/09 Lexie Mendell
Dawna Nelson
Ryan Price
Will Shirkey
 - 2/10 Charles Horner
Cathi Meyers
Caleb Shirkey
 - 2/12 Marie Herzer
David Neely
Kiva vonBidienfeld
 - 2/13 Mike Stake
 - 2/15 Landry Wilcox
 - 2/17 Cindy Bassett
Nicholas Mudd
 - 2/18 Pat Faulk
Chet Raney
 - 2/19 Dallas Donley
Corian England
 - 2/20 Josh Cook
Barbara Cunningham
Susie Sutherland
 - 2/21 Clarence Coldwell
J'Dena Leahy
 - 2/22 Dale Thomas
 - 2/23 Kris Bell
Amy Harrington
Burk Rowley
 - 2/24 Elaine Walker
Ron Wilson
 - 2/25 Mark Clemence
Jasma Kendall
Amy Miller
 - 2/28 Janet Matheson
Jo Millard

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Recent Hospital Stays: Fern Day, Guy Harvey

At Home: Lola Stevens, Gene Ackers, Maureen Kitchens, Roy Best, Bill & Mae Leonard, Ramona Dauphin, Kathryn Upchurch, Ernestine Gay, Betty Steenberg, J'Dena Leahy

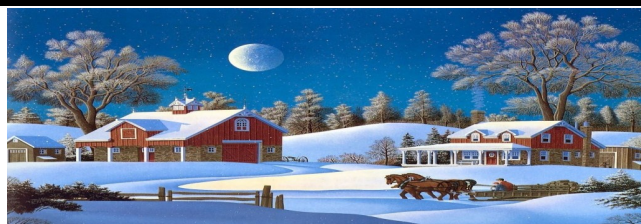
In Nursing Homes or Care Facilities:

Lahoma Grunewald, Margaret Lewis, Maxine Hammerstrom, Barbara Carr, Merrylou Pummel, Bill Stout, Wilma Nelson, Artie Ware, Faye Riddle, Dorothy File, Linda Hunter

Other: Our Troops and their Families

Sympathy Extended to: Brian Humphries and Family (Father), Susie Sutherland and Family (Sister-in-law), Janice Trout and Family (Uncle), Maxine Hammerstrom and Family (Bennie-Husband)

Prayer Requests: Our Prayer Team meets every Monday in the Library at 4:00 pm. You are invited to attend, or you may call the church office with specific prayer requests. (256-5515)



Come join us on January 31 for an evening of fun!
You and your child are invited to work together make a car for the children's movie. You DO NOT HAVE to make a car to participate. We will judge the cars at 6:00 pm for prizes. Movies will begin at 6:30 pm. The adults will watch *WAR ROOM* and the children will watch *Shaun the Sheep*. We will have refreshments, just like at the real movies!!!!

THE ROCKIN' KIDS CHOIR WILL SING IN THE 10:50 AM SERVICE ON JANUARY 31.

GOOD NEWS!
We are reordering T-shirts!!!!
It would be great if everyone had a t-shirt to wear to our special events!!!!
They come in all sizes for children and adults!!!!!!!!!! Please fill out the order form and drop it off at the church office. The Deadline is February 3, 2016.

Early Morning Exercise Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 5:00-5:45 a.m., Church Gym
FITNESS Cost: Suggested \$20 per month donation per person
A group of church folk and other friends are getting together three mornings a week for a 45 minute workout. Led by Lacy Moore, there will be a variety of exercise routines that will get you in better shape. You do not need to be at a high fitness level to participate. We'd love to see you bright and early!

We're Getting Ready for a New Church Photo Directory Photography Will Begin April 12-16
Lots of you have been asking for a while for a new photo directory to reflect the many new people in our congregation. We're hoping all church members and families will come and be photographed. It will help us all come to know one another much better. You'll be getting more details in the weeks ahead on how you can sign up for your photo session purchase is required, and all who are photographed will receive an 8x10 portrait. We'll also need people to help make phone calls and some to serve as hosts during the photography sessions.



Each Sunday after the Worship Service our altar flowers are delivered to shut-ins, people in the hospital or the nursing homes. I would like to thank the following for their time and service to this ministry: Austin & Kendra Miller, Woody & Pat Hanon, Riley & Ashley Fanning, Carolyn Riffel, Matt & Jessica Hyman, Kathryn Fanning, Merrell Branstetter, J'Dena Leahy, Bill & Mae Leonard, Eldon & Janet Merklin, Don & Carol Morris, David & Patty Neely, Pam Rogers, Terry & Kaye Groce, Marie Herzer, Denny & Marion Hopkins, Don & Janet Matheson, and Jason Harrison.

Thank all of you who participated in the "Joy" sack ministry. Many have shared with me about what a blessing they were. This was a wonderful way to share Christ's love during Christmas. Karen Bell

To my church family, Thank you so much for the wonderful "Joy" sack of Christmas cards. I really enjoyed them. I wish all of you and your families a Blessed 2016. Mary Lou Scott

FUMC,
We want to thank everyone for all the diapers and wipes we received. We also want to thank all of our dear ladies who prepared such a delicious meal. I was SO yummy and hit the spot! It was such a delightful blessing and we greatly appreciate everyone's thoughtful generosity in welcoming our sweet Ella! May God bless you! Eric & Rachel Andrews

Dear Church Family,
I would like to thank my church family for the prayers, cards and visits sing my surgery. I can feel the healing through all the prayers. Thank you also to David & Patty Neely for bringing the beautiful worship flowers to brighten my day. Though my journey is far from over I'm putting my faith in God. J'Dena Leahy

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for your prayers & flowers during my surgery and recovery. Garrett Owen

Dear 1st UMC Church Family,
Thanks so much for the Christmas bonuses for me and the whole church staff. It is a pleasure for each of us to serve alongside you all year long. In Christ's Love, Shannon, Jan. Jacob, Solomon & Eli Davis

To All of You,
I appreciate your efforts and thoughtfulness in the Christmas season. May God bless you all in the New Year. Bertha Harris

Thank you so much for the awesome finals package. It came in sooo handy. I am lucky to have such an amazing church home. Thanks, Shelbi Smithton