

Annual and General Conference Coming Up Soon



This year, we will have four people from our church representing us at Annual Conference, the statewide meetings of the United Methodist Church. Jerry and Kitty Frech are our lay delegates, Shannon Davis will be our clergy representative, and Solomon Davis will be a youth delegate. Please be in prayer for them, especially during the days of the conference in Oklahoma City – May 30-June 2.

Also, you may be hearing things in the news about our denomination-wide meetings, which will be taking place in Portland, Oregon May 10-20. Our Oklahoma Annual Conference will have 14 delegates – 7 lay people and 7 clergy – at the meetings. Please be in prayer at these meetings as they only meet once every four years and may make some very consequential decisions.



May 3, 2016

Shannon Davis, Pastor

Debbie Harrington, Director of Children & Christian Education

Kathy Harvey, Youth and Children Assistant

Karen Bell, Director of Stephen Ministry & Congregational Care

Marita Reichenberger, Director of Music Ministries

Karen Stephenson, Organist

Lori Servis, Pianist

Jamison Rudd, Youth Pastor

Lora Bayliff, Administrative Assistant

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

13 Students Complete Classes, Were Confirmed During Worship Services

It was a wonderful couple of weeks in our worship services as 13 sixth and seventh graders gave their lives to Jesus Christ and became full professing members of First United Methodist Church in April.

This group met 18 times in all since first coming together last September. They studied the Bible, learned about the beliefs and practice of Christianity, and studied the vows they would be taking. You should be really proud as these young folk took a great step forward in living out their faith as disciples of Jesus and members of the church!

I will.



give HOPE.
give Life.

Did you know...

a single blood donation can save up to 3 lives?

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

MAY 24, 2016: 1-6PM

If you can help it would be appreciated.

Please call the office and let Lora or Shannon know!

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Sofey Burnett

Andie Croisant

Kennedi von Biedenfeld

Anna Logan

Sam Little



Remi Hyman was baptized April 17, 2016. Daughter of Matt & Jessica Hyman.

Roger & Sharyn Hester transferred membership from Beaver on April 17, 2016. Be sure to make them

Sawyer Zimmerman, Dylan & Katlyn Newell, Eli Davis, James Miller



Hudson Flower-Waldman was baptized April 24, 2016. Son of Talia Fowler and Joseph Waldman, and grandson of Bob & Lori Servis.



Tabor Marlatt, Madison Gartrell, Caroline Price





“Loneliness”

The reason Stephen Ministry was started was to fill the gap in care. People needed more focused care than a friend could offer but less than a mental health professional would provide.

Mother Theresa used to say: “Loneliness is the leprosy of the modern world.” For a lot of people today, levels of care they might have once received through tight-knit communities are not available anymore.

Stephen Ministers are attuned to those needs, stand in that gap, and provide quality care. Stephen Ministry also has the mechanism to identify when people need professional care and then help them receive it, should that need arise.

**Karen Bell*

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Mother’s Day is This Sunday!

May 8

We’ll be celebrating all of the women of the church this Sunday during both worship services. Our scripture reading and sermon will be about some strong mothers in the Bible. We even have special gifts for every woman of the church. I won’t tell you what it is exactly, but do you like to color?

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

We invite all church ladies to meet and eat with us on the evening of May 25th. We will come together at 5:30 pm for the convenience of those who are unable to attend day meetings. Whether you are a member of a circle, interested in learning more about UMW or would just enjoy the fellowship, we hope you will plan now for May 25th.

Time to turn in your soup labels! Bring them to the church office by June 1, 2016.

They help children get things need they for their schools.



NURSERY NEWS



IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE OUR NURSERY MORE SECURE WE ARE MAKING THE FOLLOWING IMPROVEMENTS.

1. WE ARE PURCHASING A CHIME SYSTEM THAT WILL ALERT THE NURSERY STAFF WHEN THE NURSERY DOOR IS OPENED.
2. PARENTS ARE ASKED TO SIGN THEIR CHILDREN IN AND OUT OF THE NURSERY EACH WEEK.
3. CHILDREN WILL BE RELEASED ONLY TO THE ADULTS THAT ARE LISTED ON THE NURSERY FORM.
4. ONLY CHILDREN FROM AGE 0-3 ARE ALLOWED IN THE NURSERY.
5. ACTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN TO MAKE SURE THAT THE DOOR TO THE NURSERY WILL SECURELY LOCK.

The safety of our little ones is our top priority! Suggestions are welcome at any time to help us in being certain we are doing our best.

THE ROCKIN’ CHILDREN’S CHOIR WILL SING IN THE 10:50 SERVICE ON MOTHER’S DAY, MAY 8.



IT’S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR CHURCH CAMP. REGISTRATIONS ARE IN DEBBIE’S OFFICE. IF YOU WISH TO GO PLEASE GIVE DEBBIE YOUR REGISTRATION BY JUNE 1, 2016.

DATES FOR CAMP

**GROWIN’ IN GRACE CAMP
UP-COMING 3RD-5TH GRADERS
JULY 18-20**

**SONSHINE CAMP-UPCOMING 1ST
AND 2ND GRADERS
JULY 23-24**



**CALLING ALL UPCOMING
3RD GRADERS**

ON SUNDAY, MAY 22 OUR UPCOMING 3RD GRADERS WILL RECEIVE a NEW BIBLE FROM THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN.

WE WILL PRESENT THEM IN BOTH SERVICES.

PROMOTION SUNDAY

OUR CHILDREN WILL MOVE UP TO THEIR NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ON MAY 22.

**There’s Still Plenty of Time to Sign Up for
2017 Israel Trip!
March 7-16, 2017**



Six people from our church are officially registered to travel together to the Holy Land next spring, and you could be next! The cost is \$3,596 and includes all travel, lodging, entry fees, gratuities and two meals daily. There is an additional discount off the trip price if you sign up early, but it goes down some each month. If you are looking for an adventure that will enliven your faith and your understanding of the bible, this may just be for you! For more information, contact Shannon Davis, who will be leading the trip, or check out the brochures on the desk just outside the sanctuary.



YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

Mid-High Clue (7th – 9th) – June 6-10 - \$145

Youth Force (7th – Grad.) – June 19-24 - \$100

Sr. High Clue (10th – Grad.) – July 25-29 - \$145

Please speak to Jamison for more information on camps and for registration paperwork.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MISSION STATEMENT

“TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST”

- 5/05 Larry & Rena Powers
- 5/12 Matt & Heather Harrington
- 5/13 Ray & Ruth Blumer
- Charles & Kristel Horner
- 5/15 Mark & Kristi Moseley
- 5/18 Clarence & Edna Coldwell
- 5/19 Ken & Jo Arterberry
- 5/22 Kenny & Dayna Wederski
- 5/24 Chris & Jennifer Cockerham
- 5/25 Ron & Karla Wilson
- 5/28 Dale & Judith Moody
- James & Jamie Sherman
- Robert & Elise Solloway
- 5/29 Lance & Teresia England
- 5/30 A.J. & Ann Laubhan
- 5/31 Max & Karen Nelson
- Ryan & Robin Price



- 5/01 Tara Burnett
- Lena Mae Regan
- 5/02 Norah Bryant
- Kristi Johnson
- 5/03 Janet Merklin
- Kelli Shirkey
- 5/08 Edana Caldwell
- 5/09 Kitty Frech
- Payton Rowley
- 5/12 Anita Patterson
- 5/14 Jo Beth Arterberry
- Debby Gore
- Bonita Morris
- 5/15 Kyle Domnick
- Tate Endersby
- Kent Parsons
- 5/17 Merrill DeWolf
- Sara Lewis
- Melanie Matt
- 5/18 Riley Moore
- Bailey Nutter
- 5/20 Greg Cook
- Maleah Stout
- Krysta von Biedenfeld
- 5/21 Ray Bayliff
- 5/23 Emily Hall
- Rick Hurst
- 5/24 Berylene Riddle
- 5/25 Lilly Mae Cole
- Jennifer Flanery
- 5/26 Tegan Marlatt
- Al Williams
- 5/27 Lori Freeman
- Michael Lewis
- 5/29 Drew Grunewald



PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Recent Hospital Stays: Linda Hunter, Pat Hamon, Alford Corcoran, J'Dena Leahy, Wilma Nelson, Derek Wiemeyer, Lori Freeman

At Home: Lola Stevens, Gene Ackers, Maureen Kitchens, Bill & Mae Leonard, Ramona Dauphin, Kathryn Upchurch, Ernestine Gay, Betty Steenberg

In Nursing Homes or Care Facilities: Lahoma Grunewald, Bill Stout, Maxine Hammerstrom, Barbara Carr, Merrylyou Pummel, Wilma Nelson, Artie Ware, Faye Riddle, Harold Deever

Other: Our Troops and their Families

Sympathy Extended to: Marie Herzer & Family (Mother), Rick & Ray Bayliff & Family (Brother-in-law), Ken Arterberry & Family (Father-in-law), Joyce Adams & Family (Uncle), Janice Trout & Family (Aunt)

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)

ATTENTION!

We have some portraits of people who did not elect to have their free 8X10 sent to their home. Please check with us.



SIGN UP FOR CAVEQUEST VBS NOW!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE JUNE 6-10 FROM 9:00 AM UNTIL NOON. CHILDREN FROM AGE 4 THROUGH UPCOMING 6TH GRADERS.

BRING YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS TO THE CHURCH.

WE HAVE LOTS OF FUN THINGS PLANNED!!!!

FAITH IN ACTION



SPORTS CAMP

JUNE 27, 28, 29

9:00 AM UNTIL NOON

We are excited to offer something new for our kids this summer. We have asked many of our adult members and youth to assist us in offering a sports camp for children in upcoming 2nd thru 5th grades. The children will be able to select two of the 4 sports areas offered at the camp. These include football, basketball, soccer, and dance. The children will receive a t-shirt, a water bottle and snacks for the registration cost of \$20.00. Please fill out the registration form and drop it off at the church before June 20 to guarantee receiving the t-shirt and water bottle.



SENIOR SUNDAY

Senior Sunday is scheduled for May 15th. Come out and celebrate all of our graduates and their accomplishments! If you are a graduate (or a parent of one) and have not received a bio sheet or information paper, please speak to Jamison.



Dear Church Family, I would like to say, "Thank You" to all who sent cards and prayed for my family in the loss of my brother-in-law. It meant a great deal to know we were in your thoughts & prayers. Rick Bayliff

Thank you to all our church family for the prayers, visits, food, plants, and cards after the death of my Mom (Margaret Lewis). I was blessed by my mom and now I am blessed to have all your prayers. Thank you because we needed strength and you were there. John & Marie Herzer.

Dear Friends at First UMC, Thank you so very much for your kindness and thoughtfulness extended to me and my family at my father's death. All the cards, phone call, visits, and the beautiful flower arrangement were special. I also want to thank you all for hosting Bishop Hayes and the Cimarron District Celebration. You all are so wonderful and generous! Please know that Karen and I and our family are very grateful for your friendship and expression of concern. We love you! Charlie & Karen Graves

Thank you for the beautiful altar flowers after my knee surgery. Your prayers, cards, and Shannon's visits and phone calls have meant a great deal to me and my family. Guy Harvey

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ALL CHURCH ICE CREAM SOCIAL WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 12 AT 6:30 PM AT BOILING SPRINGS STATE PARK. BRING \$2.00 IF YOU WANT TO SWIM. START THINKING OF WHAT KIND OF ICE CREAM AND TREATS YOU WILL BRING!!!!

