

November 16, 2016

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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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MISSION STATEMENT
 "TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST"



Sunday, November 20, 6:30 pm
 Hosted at
First United Methodist Church

The Woodward Ministerial Alliance invites you to the annual Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on Sunday, November 20 at 6:30 pm, here at First United Methodist Church. Rev. Nathan Twyman, the new pastor at Woodward Church of the Nazarene, will preach and the music will be led by a group from Living Word Fellowship. There will also be a time for fellowship and desserts after the service. It's a great time to come together as the Christians of Woodward to give thanks to God!

- 11/14 Vernie & Melanie Matt
- 11/26 Bill & Mae Leonard
- Marvin & Darla Reidlinger
- 11/30 Matthew & Shawna Grivich



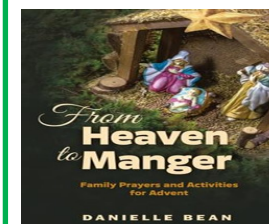
- 11/01 Ella Andrews 11/25 Jan Davis
Kathryn Laverty Cali Shirkey
Janice Trout Elise Solloway
- 11/02 Ashley Fanning Nick vonBidenfeld
Jacen Grivich 11/26 Tessa Endersby
Phyllis Meyer 11/27 Helen Riley
- 11/03 Beau Bryant Lori Servis
Shawn Moyer 11/29 Gary Wise
Janet Walker
- 11/04 Jacob Davis
- 11/05 Doug Combs
Matthew Grivich
Michelle Beaner
Debby Stine
- 11/07 Mattox Moyer
- 11/08 Khloe Clemence
Pam Rogers
- 11/09 Taryn Cordell
Rodney Martin
- 11/10 Steve Walker
- 11/11 Keslee Mills
- 11/12 Lonnie Shirkey
- 11/13 LaVina Akers
Kristel Horner
Kimberly Williams
Irene Withgott
- 11/14 Sandy Craig
Jared Wise
- 11/16 Pat Hamon
Tiffany Newell
- 11/17 Nellie Allison
- 11/18 Odalee Craighead
Matthew Flanery
Sue Williams
- 11/20 Lucas Shirkey
- 11/21 Shanna Dean
Debbie Hodsdon
Amber Riley
- 11/22 Jason Dean
Elmer Regan
Tammy Scott
Jacey Welch
- 11/23 Mike Habekott
Vernon Stricker
- 11/24 Bruce Benbrook
Brenda Webb

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Recent Hospital Stays: Roger Hester, Lora Bayliff, Ramona Dauphin
At Home: Lola Stevens, Gene Ackers, Bill & Mae Leonard, Ramona Dauphin, Kathryn Upchurch, Betty Steenbergen, Roy Best, Mary Lou Scott, Bruce Stout,
In Nursing Homes or Care Facilities: Lahoma Grunewald, Bill Stout, Max-ine Hammerstrom, Barbara Carr, Merrylou Pummel, Wilma Nelson, Faye Riddle, Harold Deever, Ernestine Gay, Hazel Gwin, Mickey Armstrong, Alford & Jolene Corcoran, Jim Robertson, Terry Groce
Other: Our Troops and their Families
Sympathy Extended to: Cindy Kemper & Family (Grandmother), Sharla Whipple & Family (Son), Robert Solloway & Family (Brother), Rick Hollis & Family (Mother), Raenell Hollis & Family (mother-in-law), Heather Harrington, Kimberly Williams, Kelli Adams, Kendra Miller & Families (Grandmother), Merrill DeWolf & Family (Wife), Merrill DeWolf & Family (Sister-in-law), Shirley Laubach & Family (Mother), Leah Barby, Jennifer, Ryan & Family (Mother-in-law, & Grandmother), Family of Artie Ware, Bill Leonard & Family (Sister)
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)

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- Sunday, November 27 Advent Worship Services 8:30 & 10:50 am
- Sunday, December 4 Advent Worship Services 8:30 & 10:50 am
 With Bishop Jimmy Nunn (preaching)
 Cimarron District Worship Service 4:00 pm
 With Bishop Jimmy Nunn, preaching
- Sunday, December 11 Choir on Fire presents Christmas Cantata 8:30 & 10:50 am
 "Joy! A Gospel Christmas Celebration"
 Woodward First Children present 4:30 pm
 "What About That Baby?"
- Sunday, December 18 Advent Worship Services 8:30 & 10:50 am
- Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service 6:00 pm
 Featuring Choir, Organ and Piano
 (Nursery provided during 6:pm service ONLY)
 Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service 8:00 pm
 Featuring Guitar, Drums, More Casual Service
- Sunday, December 25 Christmas Worship Services 8:30 & 10:50 am
- Saturday, December 31 New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil 5:00-7:00 pm
 Come and Go Prayer time in the Sanctuary



Keep the birth of Jesus the main thing in your holiday celebrations with this book of daily prayers, scriptures, devotions and suggested daily actions. These booklets give a devotion for each day from November 27(the first Sunday of Advent) through Christmas Eve. Please take one per family, a gift from Shannon, Jan, Jacob, Solomon, and Eli Davis



TOP TEN REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD BE A STEPHEN MINISTER

Reason # 7: Stephen Ministers learn to listen.

Most people think of listening as a simple, natural, and passive activity, but it is actually a powerful caregiving tool. Using Jesus as our model, Stephen Ministers learn the skill of active listening, which involves commitment, patience, and attention to body language. Stephen Ministers learn to listen for more than just words. They seek true understanding and empathy.

If you feel that Stephen Ministry might be a place where you would like to serve please contact Karen Bell for more information about the new training class to begin after the first of the year.

Reminder:

DivorceCare Tuesday 6:00-8:00 p.m.
GriefShare Thursday 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study will be hosting a Holiday Gathering for the Senior Citizens of the church on Wednesday, December 7 at 3:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. We will have snacks, drinks, and entertainment!



Welcome New Members!
On October 9th, Terry and TeNille Mulbery and children, Tinley, Payton, and McKinley, became members of the First United Methodist Church, Woodward, OK.



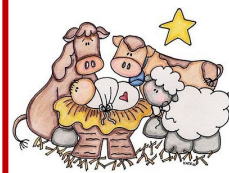
Bishop Jimmy Nunn

To Preach in Morning Services, Lead Afternoon District Celebration on Dec. 4

We are thrilled to announce that our new bishop, Bishop Jimmy Nunn, will be preaching in our morning services and helping lead us in Holy Communion during both the 8:30 and 10:50 services on Sunday, Dec. 4. Bishop Nunn was elected bishop and assigned to the Oklahoma Area of the United Methodist Church just last Summer.

In addition to the morning services, Bishop Nunn will be presiding at afternoon services in which he will lead a district-wide worship service and celebration of the Cimarron District, of which we are a part. A large choir, made up of many of the 65 churches of the Cimarron District (including ours), will be offering up praises to God as well. There will also be a procession of banners from each of the district churches and Holy Communion will be celebrated.

REMINDER: NO CHRIST CREW OR KING'S KIDS IF SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION.



All About That Baby

Please join us on Sunday, December 11 at 4:30 pm for the annual Children's Christmas Program. This year the title is *All About That Baby*.

The children are super excited to share the true meaning of Christmas with the congregation. Please make an extra effort to come and support them on the 11th.

After the program we will have cookies and a visit from a very special guest!

The children will be singing in the second church service on December 4. We will give the church a little preview of the Christmas program!

Flow is over for the first semester.

Bible Blast will resume on January 11.



Happy Birthday Baby Jesus!

We will be having a birthday party for Baby Jesus during Sunday School on December 18th. Please allow your children to bring a gift for the Pregnancy Center to be placed under the tree. These could be diapers, wipes, bottles, rattles, etc.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS DATES!!

Nov. 27, 5:15 – 7:30 (All youth ages) --- Christmas Caroling around Woodward followed by Braum's

Dec. 10, 9:30 am – late evening

---Annual Christmas service trip to OKC.

More details to follow separately

Dec. 18, 5:15 – 7:30 (All youth ages)

---Youth Christmas Party! Bring a gift, value no more than \$10 for gift exchange game. Snacks and fun will be provided.

We are in need of someone to water the Poinsettias during the Christmas season. Please contact the office if you can do this for your church. Thank You!



Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the visits, food, cards, & prayers while I was ill the past year. It meant a lot to me and helped me get through a difficult time. Shannon, thank you for your visits and prayers. Don't know what I would have done without your visits and prayers. I am blessed to have the best church family ever. Bless each and every one of you. Also thanks for the altar flowers and to Merrell and Yvonne Branstetter for delivering them.

Thank You, Linda Hunter.

To My Church Family, Thank you so much for the beautiful bouquet of flowers. A real pleasant surprise. And a special thank you to the Branstetter for delivering them. You can't imagine how much I miss getting to Sunday School and Church. I have to have breath medication or I have difficulty. Again, thank you so much for thinking of me. All of you are in my prayers. May God bless you.

Roy C. Best

Dear Church Family, Thank you for your prayers as Robert's brother battled cancer. We also appreciate the cards following Stan's death. Thank you again! Sincerely, Robert and Elise Solloway.

Please express my thanks for the flowers Marion Hopkins brought me that have been given for the church service on Sunday. It is a beautiful bouquet that I will enjoy. I am so blessed to have my church, and I feel loved. Thank you for all you do.
Love You, Wilma Nelson

Thank you for all your calls, cards, prayers and concerns for me while I was in the hospital. Also thanks to all who filled in at the office for me. Love & Prayers, Lora Bayliff



Thursday, November 24, 11am-1pm

As is our longstanding tradition, our church will again put on and host a free Thanksgiving Day feast with all the trimmings – turkey, dressing, green beans, mashed potatoes, salads, desserts, and more. We'll also have the parades and football game projected for all to see. Anyone who wants to be with others on this special day, and certainly anyone who doesn't have the resources to make their own feast, are invited to attend. If you want to help, sign up on the inserts in the church bulletin or contact the church office.