

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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November 21, 2019

Shannon Davis: Pastor  
Debbie Harrington: Director of Children & Christian Education  
Karen Bell: Director of Stephen Ministry & Congregational Care  
Marita Reichenberger: Director of Music Ministries  
Karen Stephenson: Organist  
Lori Servis: Pianist  
Corey Shirey: Youth Director

Kristel Horner: Children  
Lora Bayliff: Administrative Assistant  
Vicki Harzman: Financial Secretary  
Lora Bayliff: Nursery Coordinator  
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MISSION STATEMENT  
“TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST”

12/05 Dale & Connie Barnett  
James & Ashley Moelling  
12/07 Don & Ramona Dauphin  
12/17 Bill & Debbie Hodsden  
12/21 Lonnie & Jamie Shirkey  
12/28 Del & Betty Roberts  
12/29 Bruce & Sheryl Benbrook  
Randy & Janet Glitsch  
Aaron & Selena Marlatt  
12/31 Kent & Judie Parsons



PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

**Recent Hospital Stays:** Sue Williams, Taryn Cordell, Dale Arnold, Karen Stephenson, Larry Powers

**At Home:** Mike & Kathryn Upchurch, Bruce Stout, Linda Hunter, Mary Bishop, Gene Cook, Jim & Betty Steenbergen, Glennys Shillings, Ernestine Gat, Lucille Stocking, Steve Martin, Bendena Wirz, Wilber & Zona Cheap, Earlene Alley, Helen Sundstrom, Don & Ramona Dauphin, Lynn Duvall, Bob Meyer, Elise Sol-loway, Don Morris, Jim Robertson, Rusty Menefee, Lena Mae Regan, Jo Lyn Page, Yvonne Branstetter

**In Nursing Homes or Care Facilities:**  
Barbara Carr, Mickey Armstrong, Wanda Stricker, Lawrence Rauch, Marvin Junker, Jim & Barbara Parish

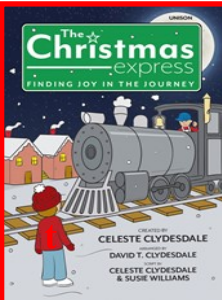
**Other:** Our Troops and their Families

**Sympathy Extended to:** Sam Little & Family (Grandmother), Virginia Glover & Family (brother), Jane Williams & Family (Al- husband), Amber Stephenson & Family (uncle)

**Special Prayer Request:** All Government Leaders

**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)

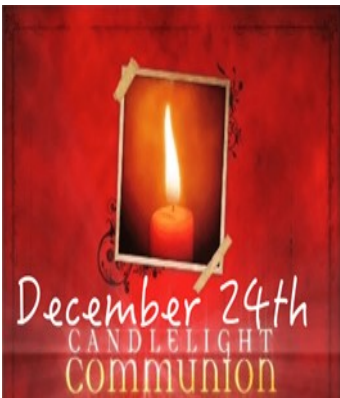
Birthdays of the Month	
12/01	John Riley Connie Wise
12/03	Clayton Shirley
12/04	Malaya Bodin
12/06	Adely Friend Vivi Humphries
12/07	Howard Adams
12/09	Ella Bouse
12/10	Harper Hayes
12/12	Laura Toellner
12/13	Tracie Grunewald
12/14	Claudia Donley Sarah Hall Jim Parrish
12/16	Warren Gore Pat Grunewald Afton Wilson
12/17	Dale Barnett Harper Johnson Brody Province Gail Reiss
12/18	Merrick Moyer Mandy Rowley Susan Sims Aurora Sims
12/19	Raquel Razien
12/20	Ryan Hayes
12/21	Tyler Bryant Jared Parsons
12/22	Steve Snider
12/26	Heather Harrington
12/27	Kayla Wilson
12/28	Wilber Cheap Ted Craighead Shawn Grunewald Isla Stephenson
12/29	Jake Mead Jane Williams
12/31	Donna Toellner



**The Christmas Express**  
will be arriving at our church  
on December 8 at 4:30 pm.!  
The children are super excited  
to share the true meaning of  
Christmas with the congrega-  
tion. Please make an extra effort to come  
and support them on the 8<sup>th</sup> for our annual  
Children’s Christmas Program!  
After the program we will have cookies and a  
visit from a very special guest!

Choir on Fire Presents “Love Made a Way” on Sunday, Dec. 15

Our fantastic choir director, Marita Reichenberger, and the “Choir On Fire” will bring a whole morning of Christmas music to our worship services on Sunday, December 15 at 8:45 and 10:50 a.m. “Love Made A Way” highlights the message at the heart of Christmas—God’s love through Jesus Christ. You’ll find a bit of everything here, including original songs, familiar carols, fresh settings of timeless Christmas favorites, and ministry songs that will reach the heart of every listener. You won’t want to miss it!



Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services  
Dec. 24, 6pm and 8pm

There is not much that brings the joy and peace of Christmas to our hearts and the center of our attention like a great celebration of the Savior’s birth. And that’s just what we’ll be doing at 6pm and 8pm on Christmas Eve. Great music, a Christmas message, Holy Communion and a candlelight finale to the service will help all of us feel the love that came down from God that first Christmas and is still with us today. Bring your whole family!





### When All the World is Rejoicing, Why am I the Only One in Pain?

The Holidays are supposed to be a time of joy, but for many people it brings only sadness and painful memories. Your heart aches to think about it. During this season and beyond, a Stephen Minister will care for you, listen to you, and help you find the resources to make it through this time of pain.

For information to find out how you can have a Stephen Minister please contact: Karen Bell 580-256-5515

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**Free Advent Devotional Books Now Available!**  
With daily scriptures, readings, and thoughts to contemplate for each day from Dec 1-27, these daily readings will keep you focused on the true meaning of Christmas this holiday season. Published by Christianity Today, several well-known authors and theologians contributed to this volume, which is ready for you on the desk just outside of the sanctuary!

## DECORATE the Church

Wednesday, December 4, 9am

Valerie Heckart and her crew are looking for your help to decorate the church for Christmas! They could especially use help on Wed., Dec. 4 at 9am. Thanks to everyone working together to make the church look spectacular as we await and celebrate our Savior's birth!

### NEW YEARS EVE PRAYER VIGIL

DECEMBER 31 5-7 PM

This come and go event is quite simple, yet profound. Our sanctuary will be open from 5-7 pm on New Year's Eve for you to come and pray for the new year --- for yourself, the church, community, and world. As the first day of 2020 approaches, make a special commitment to God to live more fully as a disciple of Jesus Christ in the coming year. There will be no formal service. Just come as you are and pray.

We want to "Welcome" our newest member, Carol Hamilton. She joined the 3rd of November. She transferred from Panhandle Centenary UMC in Goodwell, OK! Welcome!



### REMINDER: No Monday Blast, Christ's Crew, or King's Kids if school is not in session!

ROCKIN' KIDS CHOIR WILL SING THIS COMING SUNDAY (Nov. 24) AT BOTH SERVICES! PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILDREN HERE TO HELP US OUT!



**Happy Birthday Baby Jesus!**  
We will be having a birthday party for Baby Jesus during Sunday School on December 22nd. 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.

I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Fall Festival/ Trunk or Treat! I could not pull these things off without the people who pitch in and help me out!!! A special thanks goes to Shield of Faith class for decorating and setting up!



Bible Blast will resume on January 8. During the break between semesters please do Bible Blast #13 & 14 and be prepared to answer the questions for Bible Blast #15 when we resume after Christmas.



Dear Woodward FUMC,  
The Cimarron District Choir would like to thank you for the use of your bus in going to Cheyenne UMC for our Fall Concert. Thank you Nancy McCormick for arranging it. And thank you especially to David Patterson for driving us and being with us-such a kind and generous spirit. Carol Bradley & Karen Graves

Dear FUMC,  
Thank you so much for the donation to our new Woodward Senior Nutrition Program. We now have almost 50 on our home delivery program and not all can afford the meals. So it is great to have donations that keep our program going!



**December 6, 2pm-6pm  
December 7, 9am-6pm**

It's that time of year, and our church has committed to cover the bell ringing at both Walmart entrances on the dates and times listed above. Signups are in the hallway outside the church sanctuary. You can sign up for two-hour periods, by yourself or with a buddy. All of the funds raised through the bell ringing locally stays local, helping lots of people with rent, utilities, and other needs throughout the year. This is the December First Saturday project for the Outreach committee. With lots of hours to fill, we could sure use your help!