

December 15, 2021

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Shannon Davis: Pastor
Debbie Harrington: Director of Children & Christian Education
Karen Bell: Director of Stephen Ministry & Congregational Care
Dia McGowen: Director of Contemporary Worship
Karen Stephenson: Organist
Lori Servis: Pianist
Aaron Pierce: Director of Traditional Worship
Evelina Lopez: Custodian

Emily Jett: Children's Assistant
Lora Bayliff: Administrative Assistant
Jana Walker: Accountant
Lora Bayliff: Nursery Coordinator
Shawna Grivich: Nursery Assistant
Amber Simpson: Nursery Assistant

MISSION STATEMENT
"TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST"



- 01/01 Gary & Connie Wise
- 01/06 Mark & Debra Clemence
Steve & Teresa Snider
- 01/11 Mike & Kathryn Upchurch
- 01/16 Eddie & Patty McBee
- 01/20 Denny & Marion Hopkins
- 01/24 Chris & Lauren Boring

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Recent Hospital Stays Earlene Alley, Logan Stewart, Doug Eagon, Darla Reidlinger, Jim Cummings

At Home: Mike & Kathryn Upchurch, Bruce Stout, Jim & Betty Steenberg, Earlene Alley, Don & Ramona Dauphin, Elise Solloway, Don Morris, Jim Robertson, Rusty Menefee, Lena Mae Regan, Jo Lyn Page, Betty Schneider, Barbara Arnold

In Nursing Homes or Care Facilities: Mickey Armstrong, Wanda Stricker, Marvin Junker, Linda Hunter, Lottie Lynes, Dorla Sommers, Ida Crooks, Betty Porter, LaVoinne Stricker, Virginia Glover

Other: Our Troops and their Families

Sympathy Extended to: Tammy Combs and Family (Husband-Doug), Family of Lewis Glover, Edna Coldwell and Family (Sister), Family of Ernestine Gay, Family of Glennys Shillings

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)

- 01/01 Julie Alley
- 01/02 William Domnick
Randy Glitsch
Alexa Humphries
Katie Shirley
- 01/05 Roger Hester
Evelina Lopez
- 01/06 Ray Bell
Theron Endersby
Lloyd Peck
- 01/08 Reva Parker
- 01/09 Lauren Boring
- 01/09 J.P. Shirkey
Laynee Shirkey
- 01/10 Karen Bell
Kristi Moseley
- 01/12 Maggie Clark
- 01/15 Karen Harrison
Linda Hunter
- 01/17 Rick Riddle
- 01/18 Edna Coldwell
Elle Owen
Connie Wilcox
- 01/19 Kadence Boring
Shawna Buxton
Shannon Laverty
Rocky Menefee
Lacy Moore
- 01/21 Denny Hopkins
- 01/22 Nancy Greeff
- 01/23 Nancy McCormick
- 01/24 Rhonda Hollis
- 01/27 Kyle Wilson
- 01/30 Russell Brewer
Amber Stephenson
Jordyn Wadley
- 01/31 Hillary Hurst
Gracie Johnson



Christmas Eve Services

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services
Friday, December 24
6pm - Traditional Service
8pm - Contemporary Service

There is something beautiful and inspiring to gather together with family and friends to welcome anew the Christ child as we commemorate the birth of our Lord and Savior on Christmas Eve. Both services will feature beautiful music, a special message, Holy Communion and the lighting of candles. The 6pm service will be a little more formal and feature the choir, organ and piano. The 8pm service is a little more intimate and will be more guitar led in the music. After a year hiatus due to the pandemic, it is a joy and privilege to gather together once again on Christmas Eve!



Christmas is a time to remember loved ones, both here and in heaven.

After the loss of a loved one, the holiday season brings special memories and tender moments of sadness.

Yet we trust that, through God's healing touch, Christmases yet to come will once again be filled with hope and joy.

May God hold you in love and peace during this holiday season and throughout the coming year.

On Sunday, December 12 the Stephen Ministry Team had a candlelight Memorial Service for our members who passed away this year. We also recognized those church members who had lost loved ones during this year.

We wish you and your loved ones a safe and Merry Christmas from your Stephen Ministry

Team: Pastor Shannon Davis, Karen Bell, Donna Bayliff, Ray Blakley, Sandy Craig, Lois Fessler, Kaye Groce, Pam Rogers, Tracie Grunewald, Jerry McAllister, Patty McBee, and Gregg Moore

For more information contact:

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 Director of Stephen Ministry and Congregational Care
 First United Methodist Church
 Woodward, Oklahoma 256-5515

Christ's Crew and King's Kids will begin when school starts again!



CHILDREN'S NEWS

Thank you again for the privilege of working with your children this Christmas! They did an awesome job at their Christmas program. We have a great group of kids!

We have one more thing scheduled for the Christmas Season in the Children's Department. On Sunday, December 19th the kids will sing during both services. During Sunday School we will have a birthday party for Baby Jesus. Please have your children bring a gift for a baby to be donated to the Pregnancy Center.

F.L.O.W. begins on January 5, 2022. Rockin' Kids Choir and Bible Blast will start again then!!!!

I have shared this with you before but I felt like it is worth sharing again. The author was not listed.

**"Always see the God in people.
 No matter what they do or say love them despite themselves.
 God created them with love and purpose, see that love in them and not their mistakes.
 We're not forgiven to walk around with unforgiveness in our hearts, we're forgiven so we can forgive.
 People make mistakes but no one person is a mistake.
 Let us love like Jesus loved,
 let our actions bring Glory to His name forever and always."**

Have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

Debbie



October 3, 2021
 Lynlee Pierce was baptized. She is the infant daughter of Aaron and Katlyn Pierce. Welcome Lynlee and her family. Aaron is the Choir on Fire director.

Dear Church Family, Thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls and caring expressions I have received through my surgery and recovery. Thank you Shannon for the visits in the hospital and many prayers with us throughout it all. The flowers Karen and Ray Bell delivered was a blessing for many days. WE appreciate our church family very much and look forward to joining you all in person. In Christian love, David Neely

To Shannon and all those who helped with the meal and music at Mary Bishop's service, We just want to thank you and the church for all your support and the wonderful service you provided for Mary Bishop and the family. Thank you very much Larry & Ann Bishop and Family

Dear Church Family, Thank you for the Sonic gift Card. Your love and support are appreciated especially during finals. Thank you again, Landry Wilcox

Thank you ever so much for the lovely flower arrangement that Kathryn Fanning brought to me Sunday afternoon. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness Hope to see you soon!
 Love Bettie Casteel.

On behalf of the Woodward Food pantry, I would like to thank the very generous congregational supporting the "Mountain of Food" project and especially Megan Vap and the Shield of Faith class for ramrodding the project. Thank You: David Neely, Food Pantry Board Member.

We ran out of food, but WOW, THAT IS A SUCCESS. We think around 550 plates were served. Heart filled thanks to all who gave of their time, money, food & support. You are amazing people!
 Love you, Sandy Craig



Church Shirts, Apparel, Etc. Available Order by December 30

Want to show off your pride at being a part of Woodward First UMC? Our church has partnered with Fanclath to make available various shirts, jackets and other items available for purchase. All items can be ordered by going to our special online shop at fanclath.shop/banrq It's a great and easy way to spread the word!



Church Family,
 What an awesome group of people you are. We would like to thank each one of you for your prayers and support during these difficult times we are experiencing with our fight against cancer. Final radiation treatment was on Thursday, October 7, and all we need to do now is regain some strength and stamina. We hesitate to thank any one individual for fear of missing one of you. HOWEVER.... We do want to thank Pastor Shannon for his visits and prayer sessions. Lenora Mead, only you would think of my favorite deviled eggs and the homemade loaf of bread was fantastic. Patty and David the "Patty Cakes" were so special, and provided a quick breakfast treat. Pat and Woody Hamon, your encouragement, cards and e-mails seemed to reach us at just the right times. We received a bushel basket of cards and e-mails, from all of you, and each seemed to speak specific to a difficulty we were facing at the moment. We have completed 32 radiation treatments and 32 chemotherapy treatments. I returned to OU Medical Center to replace a stent on October 6th (bladder to kidney). On November 16th, we received a call from OU Medical Center indicating that a biopsy report confirmed that there were no cancer cells. GODD IS GOOD! With humble and contrite hearts we wish to thank "THE CHURCH" Love each and every one of you, Don and Janet Matheson

First United Methodist Church,
 Thank you for the donation to the Jett and Jax Wales fund in Jesse's memory. We appreciate your thoughts, prayers and kindness during this difficult time. With sincere gratitude, Hattie Wales & boys
 I would like to thank the church, the prayer team, and Pastor Shannon Davis for the calls, prayers, and thoughtfulness to our family at the loss of my sister! I was very touched under the circumstances'.
 Edna Coldwell