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Bishop Hayes Will Visit and Preach At First UMC on March 8!

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 & Stacy 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

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

**Recent Hospital Stays:** Laura Hayes, Irene Withgott, Elmer Hosier, Ken Arterberry, Woody Hamon, Linda Kessinger, Dean Hensley, Merrell Branstetter, Norman Nelson

**At Home:** Tony Billings, Lola Stevens, Gene Ackers, Maureen Kitchens, Roy Best, Kathryn Upchurch, Mike Dean, Ray Lynch

**In Nursing Homes or Care Facilities:** Lahoma Grunewald, Maxine & Bennie Hammerstrom, Margaret Lewis, June Thornton, Barbara Carr, Merrylou Pummel, Bill Stout, Wilma Nelson, Artie Ware, Faye Riddle, Raymond & Dorothy File,

**Other:** Our Troops and their Families

**Sympathy Extended to:** Susie Sutherland & Family (Sister-in-law & Brother-in-law), Gene Cook & Family (Brother), Susan Jacques & Family (Mother), Sheryl Benbrook & Family (Mother), Ramona Dauphin & Family (Sister-in-law), Randy Glitsch & Family (Uncle), Ryan & Laura Hayes & Family (Infant)

**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

2/01 Kathryn Fanning

Chace Mendell

Leslie Raney

2/02 Amanda Mead

2/03 Kim Williams

2/04 Karen Gottsch

Teresa Snider

Dayna Wederski

Derek Kendall

2/05 Nicole Bryant

Doug Eagon

Cliff Shirkey

2/06 Karen Nelson

2/07 Chris Cockerham

2/08 Jessalyn Freeman

Debbie Harrington

Curtis Kincaid

Arin Powers

2/09 Lexi Mendell

Dawn Nelson

Ryan Price

Will Shirkey

2/10 Charles Horner

Cathi Meyers

Caleb Shirkey

2/12 Marie Herzer

David Neely

Kiva vonBidenfeld

2/13 Mike Stake

2/15 Laundry Wilcox

2/17 Cindy Bassett

Nicholas Mudd

2/18 Pat Faulk

Chet Raney

2/19 Dallas Donley

Corian England

2/20 Josh Cook

Susie Sutherland

Barbara Cunningham

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

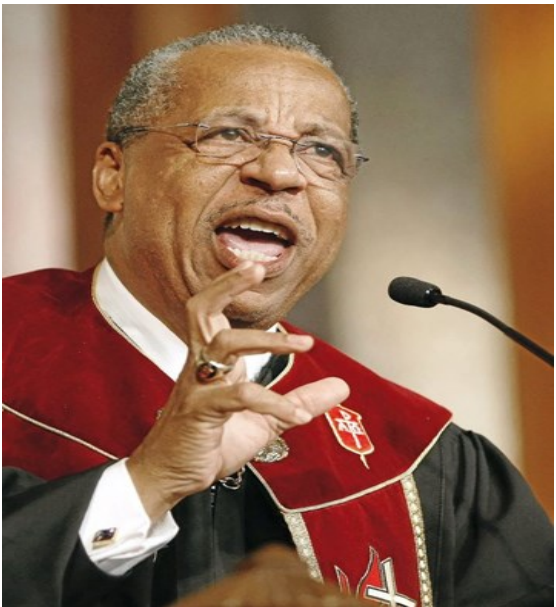
2/27 Haley Reidlinger

Jasma Kendall

2/28 Amy Miller

Janet Matheson

Jo Millard

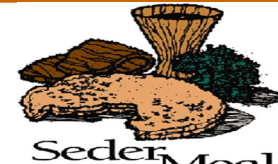


8:30 and 10:50 Worship Services  
All Church Potluck Brunch at 9:45 A.M.

Our esteemed Bishop for the Oklahoma Area of the United Methodist Church, Bishop Robert E Hayes, Jr., will be making a special visit to our church and Woodward on Sunday, March 8. In addition to preaching in both services, he will also be joining us for a special brunch at 9:45 a.m. Make sure you are present to hear this dynamic preacher and man of God who has provided stellar oversight as Bishop in Oklahoma for over a decade!

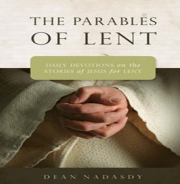


**Ode to a Stephen Minister**  
Where shall I find someone to call  
when I feel like my back is against the wall?  
Where will I find someone to share  
the brokenness my soul does bear?  
Where will I find someone who will understand,  
who will listen and maybe hold my hand?  
Where will I find someone 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-Darien, Connecticut)  
**New Sessions to begin:**  
**DivorceCare Tuesday March 3**  
**GriefShare Thursday March 5**  
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**Seder Meal**

**APRIL 2**  
The Seder meal is the feast that Jesus and his disciples ate together the night before his crucifixion. It is the highlight of the Passover holiday celebration mandated in Scripture for Jews to commemorate the last of the ten plagues that led to their freedom from slavery in Egypt. It was after this meal when Jesus instituted Holy Communion. Although this meal is a couple of months away yet, we need to put together a team that will help with preparation. Contact the church office if interested.



**Free Lenten Devotional Booklets Now Available!**

“The Parables of Lent” is a daily devotional book with daily readings from Ash Wednesday (Feb. 18) through Easter (April 5). The readings will also flow with the themes of the sermons and worship services throughout the season of Lent. You can pick up your family’s copy on the desk just outside the sanctuary.




Ash Wednesday

**Ash Wednesday Service**  
**Wednesday, February 18, 2015**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
In place of regular Wednesday night classes on February 18, we will be having a special service to commemorate the beginning of the Christian season of Lent at 6:00 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 also be music and a brief message from Shannon. The entire service will last less than an hour.



Kyle and Brianna Domnick And daughter Elizabeth transferred their membership on January 11. Brianna has been hired as the nursery assistant.	David Patterson formally transferred his membership on January 11. He and his wife, Anita (long time member) are very active and helpful in the church.
Eddie and Patty McBee transferred their membership on January 25. Patty sings in the choir and Eddie is our church plumber.	Terris and Kim Williams (also known as Terry ) transferred their membership on February 1. They help out in various ways.





**Sunday School News**  
Our first through fifth graders are studying Friendship during the month of February. Along with this study, they are learning to reach out to others by doing a couple of servant projects. They will be making valentines for the residents of Providence Place and decorating cookies to sell before and after the 10:50 am service on February 22. The proceeds from the cookie sale will be donated to the Homeless Shelter. (We will be asking parents to assist us with making sugar cookies for the children to decorate.) It will be a fun month that your children will not want to miss!!!!

**Rockin’ Kids Choir**  
Mark your calendars!!!!!! Our Rockin’ Kids Choir will sing at church on February 15 and on March 8! We practice on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00. Please come join us!!!! We have a lot of fun praising God with song!!!!!!



**NURSERY NEWS**  
We are so excited! We have hired Brianna Domnick to be our new assistant in our nursery!! Welcome Brianna!!!!



**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
It seems crazy to be thinking of spring and summer events but it will be here before you know it. Here are some dates to be thinking about and marking on your calendars.  
February 15 Kids sing in 10:50 service  
March 8 The Bishop will be here and the kids will sing  
March 29 Palm Sunday  
April 5 Easter Egg Hunt during Sunday School time  
June 8-12 Vacation Bible School  
July 11-12 Sonshine Camp (1st - 2nd Grade)  
July 15-17 Growin’ In Grace Camp ( 3rd—5th Grade)

**Final Friday Food Frenzy**  
The final Friday of February, the church will be hosting for the first time, a free lunch for all high schoolers allowed off campus (10th-12th grade). This fun new program will allow outreach to many youth who would otherwise never step through our doors. If you would be interested in helping this to be a huge hit, and a regular event simply contact Shannon or Jamison.

**The Gathering**  
The next Gathering is on the calendar for February 22nd, at 6:00pm. Everyone is invited out for an evening of worship, prayer, fellowship, and fun. If you would like volunteer your services for this wonderful event, let Jamison know in person or [jamison@fumcwoodward.com](mailto:jamison@fumcwoodward.com).

**Youth Group**  
With the new year, it is time for youth to begin looking ahead to summer, and start planning for summer camps. Some dates to place on your calendars are: June 1-5 for mid-high CLEW camp, July 20-24 for senior-high CLEW camp, and we will also be taking a group to Youth Force Perkins, which is all youth currently in 6-12th grade, June 14-19. On March 7th, the youth will be traveling to OKC for Youth Service Day, an event where United Methodist youth groups gather at OCU for games and lunch, then go out into the community for an afternoon of service at various local churches and schools, then gather that evening for closing worship. Finally, plans are being made for spring break, more details to come shortly.



To My Church Family,  
I appreciated receiving the many Christmas cards. It was so nice of our members to take time to provide them for us, wo are either shut-ins or in nursing homes or assisted living facilities. May the good Lord Bless You.  
With my love, Wilma Nelson  
Dear Church Family,  
Thanks for the generous Christmas bonus. We are so happy and blessed to be part of this church family. Shannon Davis Families  
The Senior High Youth wanted to say thank you to the church for supporting our project for the homeless shelter. We were able to raise \$250 from the silent action, which was given to them, along with the paper goods and cleaning supplies. Our class also purchased a set of cookware and cookie sheets for them. Thank you for always supporting us!  
Thank you so much for remembering me with all the Christmas cards. I appreciated the thoughtfulness. Blessings to all, Bendena Wirz  
To the First United Methodist ,  
Thank you so much for the lovely Christmas cards. Your loving spirit of generosity brought joy to Tony and to the whole family this season. She also celebrated her 93rd birthday this month, so we have much to be thankful for. Tony Billings & Family  
Lora & Church Family,  
I want to thank you for your awesome idea and wonderful donations of hats & gloves! The idea of decorating a Christmas tree was marvelous Lora! They have already been put to use and will continue to help keep others warm and feel loved.  
Kim Williams  
Margaret & I certainly thank all of the church family for the card and best wishes we received. A “Happy New Year” to all.  
Jerry & Margaret Rizley  
To My Church Family.  
Thank you for all the beautiful cards and notes that made my 102 birthday so special. I pray God’s richest blessing for all of you. Sincerely, Mary Spears  
Dean & I want to thank each of you for your prayers, cards & phone calls during Dean’s transplant surgery and as he continues to recover. A special thanks to Pastor Shannon for his visits, prayers & phone calls. We also want to thank Carolyn Riffel for the beautiful altar flowers she delivered to us.  
Thankful for church family,  
Dean & Eileen Hensley