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THE GATHERING

The next Gathering will be on the evening of March 15th. The Gathering is a monthly Sunday evening event where we *gather* for a time of worship, prayer, and fellowship. Any and everyone is invited! We will gather for refreshments, which will be provided beforehand at 5:15 pm, and then migrate to the sanctuary at 6:00 for the worship portion of the evening.



DivorceCare

Sessions March 3-May 26
6:30-8:00 p.m.

DivorceCare is a support group that meets weekly. You'll find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an "oasis" in an otherwise difficult season of your life.

GriefShare

Sessions March 5-May 28
6:30-8:00 p.m.

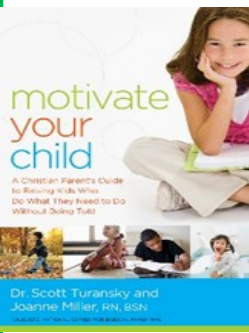
GriefShare is led by caring people who have experienced grief and have successfully rebuilt their lives. We will walk with you on the long path through grief toward healing and hope for the future.

For more information about either of these groups please contact: Karen Bell

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Wednesday 25, 1:00-6:00 p.m.
You can come help save lives by giving blood at the church! Sign up to give by going to redcross blood.org or by calling the church office. We could also use some help with registration, canteen, and helping set up and take down all of the equipment. Let Shannon or Lora know if you can help!



I am so excited about this upcoming event! Mark your calendars for this!!!! On September 26, we will be hosting a parenting seminar! The speakers are Dr. Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller, RN. Dr. Turansky founded the National Center for Biblical Parenting. We are so fortunate to be able to schedule him! Look for more information to be coming closer to September!!!!

EASTER SUNDAY POTLUCK BRUNCH
April 5, 9:45 am



In addition to great services to praise Jesus, the resurrected savior of us all, we will enjoy a potluck brunch together during the Sunday School hour. There also will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids.

A PRICELESS LEGACY
March 23 is designated as a Day of Giving by the organized United Methodist Women. Beginning with a small group of women in a Boston church in 1869, the UMW is in a five year celebration marking us 150th year by endowing The Legacy Fund to support future generations and ensure addressing the needs of women, children and youth.

All women are welcome and invited to participate in UMW. Circles meet as follows:
Sept-May
Sarah Circle-10am each first Wednesday of the month in Cokesbury Room.
Guild Circle-11:30 am lunch each first Thursday of the month in the Parlor.
Madaleine Klepper Circle-7 pm second Thursday of each month in the Parlor.
Hannah Circle-noon on the fourth Sunday of the month in the Parlor.
General UMW Meeting-9:30am, third Wednesday of January, February, August, September, November, and 11:30, third Wednesday of May.



Order an Easter Lily for Someone Special!

It has long been a tradition of our church to decorate the sanctuary with lilies on Easter. If there has been someone in your life who you would like to honor, remember, or celebrate, you are invited to do so with an Easter Lily. The cost is \$12.00 each.

You may order Easter lilies in memory or in honor of someone by turning this order form in to the church office, or you may place it in the offering plate. Please make checks payable to First United Methodist Church and indicate on the memo line that the check is for Easter lilies. Thank you.

Name _____

Phone No. _____

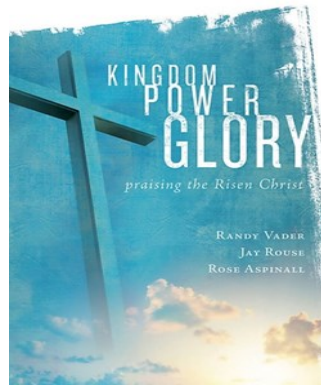
Number of Easter lilies (\$12.00 each)_____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

In Celebration of _____

**Orders are due no later than:
Sunday, March 22, 2015**



Easter Cantata
Sunday, April 12, 10:50 & 4:00 pm
 You'll want to be at church on the Sunday after Easter as the Choir on Fire presents "KINGDOM, POWER, GLORY: Praising the Risen Christ" both Sunday during the 10:50 service and during a special afternoon performance. There will also be a live orchestra to accompany them. What a beautiful way to celebrate what Jesus did at the cross and at a now empty tomb!



EASTER LILIES


If you would like to order an Easter lily to honor, remember or celebrate someone, you are invited to do so. Orders are due by Sunday the 22nd of March. You may come by the office or use the order form in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate. The cost is \$12.00 per lily. They are used on Easter Sunday morning to decorate our sanctuary. If you write a check please write on the memo line for Easter Lilies. Thank You



Crystal Beach Park
Near Miniature Golf Course
Easter Sunday, April 5, 7:00 a.m.

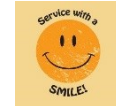
What a great way to begin your celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the most important moment of history! In the space of thirty minutes or less, we will sing, read the account of the resurrection, pray and praise the risen Lord in a beautiful setting.

Children's News.....
 The 1st-5th grade Sunday School classes did two service projects during the month of February. They made valentines for the residents and employees of Providence Place and then decorated cookies and sold them to raise money for the Homeless Shelter. \$100.00 was raised !!!!! Our kids and teachers are awesome!!!



VBS

Plans are firing up for Vacation Bible School! This year it is scheduled to be June 8-12. We are looking for volunteers to help us with this endeavor. The theme for this year's VBS is EVEREST Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power. Please prayerfully consider helping with this worthwhile week. We need people in all areas. Please call Debbie at the church to volunteer your help! Or if I call you, please accept the challenge with a smile!



Upcoming Dates
for your children are.....

March 29: Palm Sunday Children will wave Palms and sing with adult choir during second service.

April 5 Easter Bring your Easter Basket for the annual Easter egg hunt after the Easter Brunch during Sunday School.

YOUTH

Plenty of fun stuff going on in the life of our youth program! The very first Final Friday Feeding Frenzy, held on February 27th, was a hit, despite the less-than-perfect weather. We have one FFFF left in this school year, slated for April 24th. If this is something you would like to help out with just let Jamison or Shannon know!

Also, it is now time to begin looking forward to this summer. For info, or to sign up for youth summer camps please see Jamison. We are going to three camps this summer, and have something for everyone, entering 7th grade through just graduated!



Dear Church Family,
 Thanks so much for all your calls, card, and prayers offered on my behalf. The prayers I have truly felt, as there has been very little pain and my surgery wound is healing very nicely!! Thanks to Matt and Jessica Hyman for bringing the altar flowers for me to enjoy. You have made my convalescence so much easier. Just 8 weeks to go. Again thank you. Blessings to all my church brother & sisters in Christ. Woody Hamon

To My Church Family,
 We appreciated your concern and the love that has been shown to us this past year. The flowers always lift my spirits. The Christmas cards are just filled with love, thank you. Thank you Pastor Shannon for the visit, I enjoyed it so much. Thank you to Riley Fanning for bringing the altar flowers. In Christ's love, Louise and Gene Cook

Thanks for the beautiful flowers! They are beautiful and brightened our day.
 Ellen & Ernie Walcher.

What a comfort it is to be surrounded by the family of God,. Your love and care was such a blessing to us while Ray was in the hospital and we were ill. The cards, visits, calls, food and especially the prayers engulfed us in your wonderful love. A special thanks to Shannon ad Stan who bravely donned the mask and gown to enter the hospital room. Thank you all so very much.
 In Christ's love, Ray and Donna



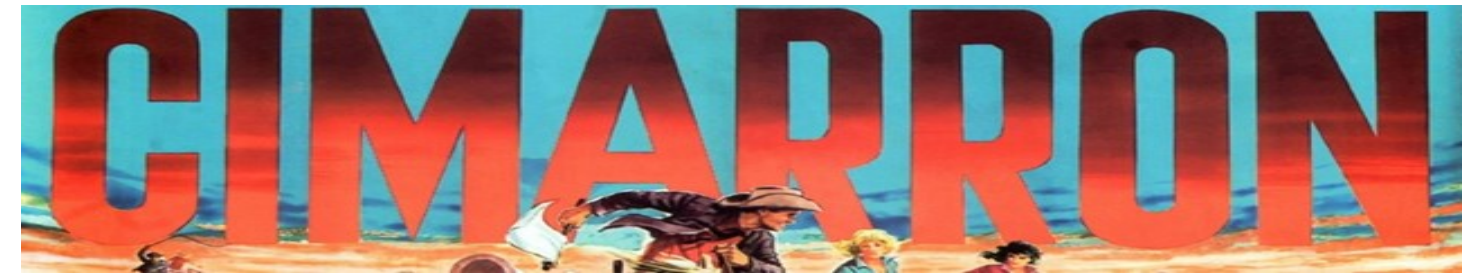
Information will be mailed out soon for Church Camp! Sonshine Camp for 1st and 2nd graders will be July 11-12 and Growin' in Grace Camp for 3rd-5th graders will be July 15-17. Mark your calendars!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



NEW CIMARRON DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

APRIL 11, 10:30 am-1:30 pm

As you may have heard, the Oklahoma Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church is re-organizing from 12 to 8 districts, effective June 1. Also, our former pastor, Rev. Charlie Graves, is going to be the first District Superintendent of our newly forming Cimarron District. In order to establish the new district, elect officers and establish a budget, an organizational meeting will be held at our church on April 11. Bob Jones is coordinating a lunch that will include pork loin, potato casserole, green beans, salad, and cobbler!

Who should attend? Those who will be lay delegates and alternates to Annual Conference, those who are involved in district and conference boards and committees, clergy, and anyone else interested.

Reservations are requested by Monday, April 6. Cost is \$10 for lunch. Call the church office to reserve your spot!

MISSION STATEMENT
"TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST"

- 3/05 BJ & Kim Williams
- 3/07 Jerry & Janis McAllister
- 3/11 Tom & Marsha Hoock
- 3/15 Frank & Debbie Harrington
Doug & Moira Waggoner
- 3/16 Russell & Cindy Brewer
- 3/25 Howard & Joyce Adams
Larry & Carolyn Thornton
- 3/27 Merrill & Yutona DeWolf



- Birthdays of the Month**
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| 3/01 Bruce Stout | |
| 3/02 Michael Sims | |
| 3/03 Fern Day | |
| Elmer Hosier | |
| Tacy Hurst | |
| Marcus Stephenson | |
| 3/04 Pat McVicker | |
| 3/05 Brianna Domnick | |
| 3/06 Emalee Friend | |
| Vi Jackson | |
| Derek Mills | 3/23 Joyce Adams |
| 3/07 Tim Bell | Larry Thornton |
| Garrett Owen | 3/24 Gary Sweet |
| 3/08 Robert Solloway | 3/25 Shirley Yost |
| 3/09 Dax Grunewald | 3/26 Glennys Shillings |
| Leslie Miller | Wyatt Gunther |
| Gage Owen | Bill Leonard |
| 3/10 Jennifer Cockerham | |
| Diane Oliver | 3/27 Katherine Cockerham |
| 3/11 Elizabeth Hall | 3/30 Vic Terbush |
| 3/12 Eileen Hensley | Jolene Corocan |
| 3/14 Barbara Arnold | 3/31 Leah Oakes |
| Abbey Burnett | Emma Lewis |
| Lottie Lynes | |
| Robin Price | |
| 3/15 Marisa Endersby | |
| BJ Williams | |
| 3/16 Rachel Benbrook | |
| Ed Kinney | |
| 3/17 Matt Hyman | |
| Raylynn Kendall | |
| Dian Martin | |
| 3/20 Jack Crosiant | |
| Carolyn Riffel | |
| 3/21 Priscilla Mead | |
| 3/22 Elise Dean | |
| Orphi Grunewald | |
| Vivian Marvel | |
| Reva Parker | |
| Jillian Sherman | |
| Gentry Wilcox | |

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Recent Hospital Stays:

At Home: Tony Billings, Lola Stevens, Gene Ackers, Maureen Kitchens, Roy Best, Kathryn Upchurch, Mike Dean, Elmer Hosier

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: Helen Lynch & Family (Husband-Ray), Maci & Katie Miller & Family (Grandpa), Jena Jones & Family (Mother), Judy Sampson & Family (Father), Curtis Kincaid & Family (Wife-Carolyn)

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)



Seder Passover Meal
Maundy Thursday, April 2,
6:00 p.m.
Suggested Cost: \$8 per person

On the night in which Jesus instituted Holy Communion, washed the disciples' feet, and was arrested before his crucifixion the next day, Jesus and his disciples celebrated the Passover feast. Often referred to as the Seder meal, this will be approximately 1 ½ to two hour event which will include a break for the main meal. The service is based on longstanding Jewish celebrations of Passover. Other portions of the event include special foods which symbolize the events of God's delivery of the Jews from slavery in ancient Egypt. Holy Communion will conclude the evening. Because of the extensive setup required, reservations will be required by Sunday, March 29. You can sign up in the church office or in the narthex on Sunday mornings.