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April 2023

Good News



Dr. Allen Schneider

The celebration of Easter and words of Jesus, "I am the resurrection and the Life" are such wonderful words of victory and comfort. During this past month two long-time friends (one a physician who has served me for over 50 years ago and one for whom I married he and his wife 46 years ago) were placed on hospice and now one of them has died. I was able to visit with both of them (one in a hospital and the other at their home) just two weeks ago. As I prepare my Easter message I am also preparing my remarks for the Memorial service for Dr. Phil Cook. In his obituary it was mentioned that Phil often talked about his anticipation of one day visiting with friends and family (in heaven) who had gone before him. His desire has now, through Jesus, become a reality in his life. And for all of us we can celebrate the Good News that because He lives we too, one day, shall live forever with Him. Easter is not just a holiday, it is a day of great comfort!

Join Us For Holy Week

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday will be celebrated April 2nd. We will begin our service with a "Procession of Palms" and continue in a service of celebration and praise. Palm branches will be available for each of our children following the service of worship on this day.

Maundy Thursday

A Service of Holy Communion will be shared on Thursday, April 6th, at 7:00. At the service, a special offering will be taken, all gifts will go towards our Change the World Lenten offering. Maundy Thursday is a devotional service with hymns, scriptures, and special music. All are invited.

Good Friday

The Sapulpa Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a Good Friday service on Friday, April 7th. The service will begin at 7:00 and will be held at the 1st Presbyterian Church. This will be a community service of Holy Communion along with scriptures, special music, and several devotionals.

Easter Sunday

April 9 @ 10:45

**Celebrate the Resurrection
A Special Musical Sunday!**

Morning Messages

Apr 2 - Three Simple Rules

Apr 9 - The Day of Resurrection

Apr 16 - Guest Speaker

Apr 23 - The Importance of Love

Apr 30 - The Gentleness of Love

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We Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome our newest members:

Mike and Carolyn Clark united with us on Sunday, March 19, They have been “in and out” of the Sapulpa community (due to business and travels) but have now settled once again into Sapulpa as their retirement home. They have been worshipping with us for some time and already have many friends in our church. They unite with us in membership by transfer from another denomination.



Mike & Carolyn Clark

Penny Woolery has also transferred her membership to Sapulpa First UMC. She is married to Judge Rick Woolery and has been active for some time in our church and fellowship. Penny transfers from the St. Mark’s church in Bethany, Oklahoma.



Penny Woolery

Welcome to Sapulpa 1st UMC!

Our Newest Married Couple

We celebrate the union of Sam Kirk and Laurie McDonel in Holy Matrimony. Sam and Laurie were united in marriage on Saturday, March 18, at a private family wedding, officiated by Pastor Schneider, which was held in our chapel. We rejoice as this couple begins their life together as husband and wife.



Sam & Laurie Kirk

Help Change Our World

Our Lenten “Change the World with our Change” offering will conclude on Easter Sunday morning. In addition to our “change jars” an offering will be taken at our Maundy Thursday service of worship. All proceeds from this offering go towards various missions projects sponsored by our church. Check for this offering can be made out to the church with the note “Change the World Offering” written in the memo line. We appreciate the generosity of all!



April BIRTHDAYS

- 05 Benson Woolery,
Jeffrey Dale Fletcher
- 06 Paul Inbody
- 07 Natalie Fletcher
- 08 Cheryl Cox, Logan Van Maren,
Luanne Denton
- 09 Jordan Tuttle
- 10 Greg Weisz
- 12 Amy Rogers
- 13 Griffin Hershberger
- 14 John Taylor
- 15 Angie Chaffin, Brenda Evans,
Michelle Gordon
- 16 Hannah Reeves, Rachael Short
- 17 Perry Collins, Sam Johnson
- 18 Cory Kelle
- 19 Chris Drymon, Jackie Robertson
- 20 Brenna Mullins, Tom Lucas
- 21 Amy Morgan, Jennie Bock
- 22 Sue Coonce
- 25 Phil Stickler
- 26 Evan Jackson
- 27 Amanda Shirey, Angela Shirey
- 28 Dakota Neal
- 29 Muriel Helms, Rose Bean
- 30 Heather Ozbirn

Prayer REQUESTS

- Military
- Larry Fry (health)
- Christy Cole (health)
- Barbara Weaver (health)
- Jared Murphy (health)
- Pat Stevenson (Sheri Osborne’s aunt—needs a lung transplant)
- Ray Trosper (Matt’s Uncle—family removing him from life support)
- Oaklyn (Sheri’s niece—colon surgery)
- Kadence Wood (Wolfram Syndrome—starting experimental treatment)
- Allen Cox (passing of uncle)
- Karen (Pat’s business partner—lymphoma on hospice)
- Stella Dobson (health)
- Kathleen Rasco (loss of her dog, Amy)



UMM will meet at 12:00 noon
April 6, 2023 in the Fellowship Hall,
for our regular lunch meeting.

DINNER AND AUCTION

June 16 2023

Music Provided by
Jim Gregory

Catered Dinner

Bring your cash!

Cake Auction
(Cakes made by church members)

Ticket prices
Adults \$10
Kids \$5
Kids 3 and under are free

**Auction
Donations
needed**

Allen Bowden Backpack program

Rummage SALE

April 28th & 29th

Drillers Game

Hey, batter, batter, batter!
Time for some baseball!


April 22, 2023
The game starts at 7:05 pm
Tulsa Drillers vs.
Wichita Wind Surge
Fireworks after the game!!



Tickets are \$13 for section 103 by the dugout. Kids and Youth are \$8 if they want to sit in the lawn section. Kids under 3 are free. ADA seating is available (let Cheryl Cox know if needed.)

For The Record

<u>Participation in Worship</u>	<u>February Financial Update</u>
3/05 Service: 105 Online: 15	Income:
3/12 Service: 100 Online: n/a	Unrestricted: \$ 32,734.20
3/19 Service: 103 Online: n/a	Revenues: \$ 504.25
3/26 Service: 100 Online: n/a	Restricted: \$ 201.00
	Total Income: \$ 33,439.45
	Expense: \$ 29,212.98
Family Life Loan Balance	Fund Balance (\$ 37,880.67)
As of Nov. 27 : \$ 0	



United Women in Faith

Easter is almost here. Do you remember getting a new dress and bonnet for Easter Sunday?

There are a lot of exciting things going on in the United Women in Faith. We are getting ready for our Rummage Sale in April. We are planning our luncheon in June and we are growing our Circles. What a great way to get to know the ladies of the church.

We have been asked to help restock DVIS. So from April 1st until April 17th there will be a place in the narthex to drop those needed supplies. The needs we have chosen to supply are:

- Tissues
- Hand Soap
- Antibacterial Wipes (Clorox, Lysol, etc.)
- Dish Soap
- Cooking Utensils

Please join us at a Circle meeting or a Unit meeting and get to know other women in the church.

Thank you to all who helped with United Women in Faith Sunday. The speaker was wonderful, we learned a lot!

Upcoming Events:

April 6 Joy Circle Parlor at 6:00 PM
April 13 Esther Circle Parlor at 9:30 AM
April 28 - 29 RUMMAGE SALE
May 23 Executive meeting` Library at 1:00 PM
★TIME CHANGE FROM MAY 30th★
June 10 Spring Luncheon



Cross & Flame Café

April 5th:
Hamburger Casserole, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

April 12th:
Breakfast Casserole
Cinnamon Rolls

April 19th:
Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Cake

April 26:
Hamburgers, Chips, Macaroni Salad, Three Bean Salad, Dessert



Hey everyone!

We have a lot of ways to celebrate the joy of Jesus this Easter!

April 1st: We are hosting our 1st Annual egg hunt ! We are providing an egg hunt for those with special needs in addition to a traditional egg hunt. Shoulder 2 Shoulder ministries will be on hand with live music and their clothing bus. We are looking forward to starting off Holy Week with worship and fun!

April 2nd: We are celebrating Palm Sunday with our Palm Sundae kits! Inside each kit are the ingredients for ice cream sundaes and devotional activities for Holy Week.

April 6th: Egg hunt at Allen Bowden. We are providing an egg hunt for preK-3rd graders, 2pm at Allen Bowden. We would love for you to join us at this fun event ! We will be putting out our glow in the dark eggs for Easter weekend to shine God's Light in Our World (GLOW).

April 9th: (9:30am)We will have Stations of the Cross set up for Easter Sunday (FLC). We hope you can all join us as we journey through the stages of the cross and celebrate the joy we have in Jesus! We will worship together in the sanctuary at 10:45

Please pray with us as we serve our community this season, that we shine God's light and love for all to see.

Remember, no bunny loves you like Jesus!

Ms. Sheri

Survey Results

123 Surveys were returned in our Church Survey regarding disaffiliation. On question 4: "Are you ready for a congregational vote and will you be present to vote" the results were:

Yes, let's disaffiliate - 85%

No, let's remain UMC - 15%

These results will be discussed at our next Church Council meeting. We are presently waiting for the new estimated disaffiliation costs which should be considerably less than the original estimated \$250,000. We will inform the congregation regarding next steps.



Hey Sapulpa FUMC!

Here is a quick look into what is going on in the Youth this month...

Wednesday Nights: Community dinner and Youth bible study happens every Wednesday night from 5:30-7:00pm. Come for some great food, fun games, and engaging bible study.

Sunday Mornings: Every week on Sunday at 9:30am, the Youth meet in the upstairs Youth classrooms for bible study, games, and fellowship.

Easter is upon us and with that we have so many fun events coming up in the first part of this month. I pray everyone is safe in this season and can experience the joy of Easter time this whole month. Please know you are always being prayed for at this church.

God Bless,
Youth Director, Cabe Killingsworth



Ministry Team

Dr. Allen Schneider (Senior Pastor)
Trish Prine (Office Administrator)
Nancy Green (Financial Administrator)
Sheri Osborne (Family/Children Dir.)
Gina Blansett (Nursery Director)
Cabe Killingsworth (Youth Director)
Jim Gregory (Organist/Director of Music)
Terri Wadley (Music Associate)
Leslie Schmidt (Praise Team Director)
Sarah Jones (A/V Director)
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Jackie Robertson

Join us to celebrate Jackie's 100th birthday!

Wednesday, April 19th, 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall

The celebration will take place as part of our regular Wednesday evening schedule.

Jackie wrote of her church memories in the Centennial Book (1995):

In looking back on my early days in the church, I become very nostalgic. My parents , Otis and Lorena Rule moved to Sapulpa when I was about one year old, and soon started attending the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. As a very young child, I remember sitting in church and imagining that the big pipes in front of the sanctuary for the pipe organ were big giants with big mouths. They were all sizes, and rather awesome. I remember the excitement at Christmas time when we would wrap two apples or oranges in white tissue paper and take them to the altar. I thought I was so big and important.

As a small child, I recall the special church birthday dinners when we got to sit at the table of our birth month. That seemed so special. I think I had a small part in encouraging this to be don in or church a the present time.

My first recollection of being in Sunday School was in Mrs. Smeitzer's department. We would all meet together for a short story and then go into individual classes. Boys would be in one classroom; girls in another. As I progressed through the years there, some favorite teachers were Mrs. Boulton, Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Routsong, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones.

I was in high school when I started singing in the choir . Mr. Saviano was the director. The choir came in from the back of the sanctuary and took seats in the choir loft at the front. As I got older, I was a member of the Epworth League and, occasionally, got to go to what was called "Zone Meetings."

When I graduated from high school in 1941 our baccalaureate services were held in the North Methodist Church. A couple of years later, that would be my home church when the North and South churches were united. There, I also sang in the choir, and did so for many years, up to the move to the present building when VeDon Law was director.

The war can along and, after I was married, I moved around with my husband during his time in the service. Our two children, David and Debbie, were baptized in this church. When they were small, I taught a class of small children for a couple years. One of my favorite Sunday School teachers was John Frank. He made the Bible stories so alive and interesting.

I love my church and am proud to be of the Methodist faith. I currently am a member of the Victory Sunday School class, Pearl Pickett Fellowship, United Methodist Women, Board of Trustees, Administrative Board and the weekly Teller's committee.

I'm sure there are many who say, "Thank goodness she no longer sings in the choir," but I thank the Lord for our church and the love and fellowship of our members.



BACKPACK MINISTRY

What an outstanding year we've had! It's hard to believe another school year is coming to a close and the summer months will be upon us. Our last day to deliver our 75 bags of food weekly will be Wednesday, May 3rd. We have made a big difference in the lives of the Allen Bowden students with the healthy snacks they've received on a weekly basis.



We had a very successful coat drive for any student in need of a warm winter coat plus hats and gloves as well. Most recently the school counselor informed us of a need for shoes for some of the children so we very happily filled that need!

We could not do this ministry without God's blessing and the help of many of our church members who regularly pray, and assist with the operation of the program to make it all work! Thank you to those who contribute financially too! We are living the life of Jesus as we serve those in need and who are so precious in His sight. If you want to help when school starts up again please contact Laurie Kirk or see me at church. God bless you all!!!

"We at AB are so thankful that your church is willing to do this. Students going hungry is a big deal, it makes it very hard to educate them when all they think about is where their next meal is coming from. Thanks again for loving on our kids." -- Principal Bill Adams from Allen Bowden Schools

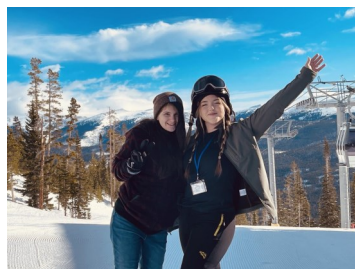


YOUNG
Dinner
ADULT

APRIL 27, 2023
6:30-8:30
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
WORSHIP MUSIC
DINNER & FELLOWSHIP
CHILD CARE PROVIDED



Spring Break
Winter Park



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Domestic Violence Intervention Services April 1st – April 17th

Items needed:

- Tissues
- Wipes
- Hand Soap
- Dish Soap
- Cooking Utensils