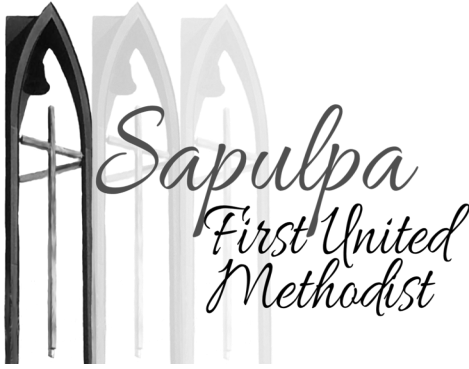


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Transitions



Dr. Allen Schneider

I don't know about you, but times of transition are difficult for me. I've never liked "moving" but being a United Methodist pastor for 46 years I have accommodated myself to expectations of change. The problem is, change tends to come whether we are ready for it or not.

Seventy-Two is the age of "mandatory retirement" in the Methodist Church. My 72nd birthday will be next February, but the reality is, if our church disaffiliates then the effective date for disaffiliation will come at the end of October so I am aware that retirement is probably just a few months away. Either way, the next months will be a time of significant change for our congregation. My only conclusion is that this is a time for prayer for us all. But in saying this, I am also confident that God will lead us all through this time of transition. The key is to keep our eyes off of all of the worries and concerns and fixed firmly on Him!

4th of July

July 2nd will be the Sunday in which we celebrate our nation's Independence. This will be a day of special music; members are encouraged to wear their "red, white, and blue." On Tuesday, July 4, the church office will be closed in recognition of this national holiday. A number of fireworks displays have been scheduled in Sapulpa and the greater Tulsa community.



We pray that this will be safe a weekend of joy of celebration for all!

Church Conference

To Consider A Motion To Disaffiliate From The UMC

An official Church Conference has now been scheduled for purpose of considering a motion for First UMC Sapulpa to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. Our Church Conference date has been set for Sunday, August 13 at 3:00. Each Professing Member will be receiving a personal letter pertaining to this Conference along with an invitation to attend. Detailed information (along with specific instructions) will soon be sent to each member by Superintendent Conning Gibson. More details will follow, at this time we simply encourage you to mark your calendars so you will be available to participate. We ask that all be in prayer as we approach this important time of decision.

Morning Messages

Jul 2 - I Believe in Jesus Christ

Jul 9 - I Believe in the Holy Spirit

Jul 16 - I Believe in the Holy Catholic Church

Jul 23 - I Believe in the Forgiveness of Sins

Jul 30 - I Believe in the Life Everlasting

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VBS: A ROARing Success!



July BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Tyler Streater
- 02 Brooklyn Milks, Gerri Holmes, Karen White
- 03 Amber Helms, Salli McCormick, Terri Wadley
- 04 Rachel Mathis
- 05 Jackie Garrett, Joanie Mullins
- 06 Jason Scott
- 08 Carol Reh, Daniel Shouse
- 11 Jay Prine
- 12 Kara Staiger, Theresa Popera
- 14 Miona Taylor, Natalie Mayberry
- 19 Pam Mozarko
- 20 Stuart Hoff
- 21 Cindy Collins, Gary Romine
- 23 Beverly Hughes, Josh Graham,
- 25 Kay Arbenz
- 27 Lana McKean
- 29 Dorothy Schwer, Julie Martin
- 30 Ashtin Shoemaker
- 31 Megan Rush

Prayer REQUESTS

- Larry Fry (health)
- Jared Murphy (health)
- Linda Trospser (Matt's Mother—health)
- Barbara Weaver (health)
- John & Lisa Newell (health)
- Sue Coonce (recovery after fall)
- Greg and Christine Archer (Friends of Nancy Green—both cancer diagnosis)
- Jim Gregory (passing of his mother, Sharon Jandhli)
- Bransgove family (loss of Cindy—friends of the Trospers')
- Alice (Heather Graham's Aunt—broken hip)
- Troy Lafevers (recovery from fall)
- Janice Pentecost (shoulder surgery)

Thank you! The generosity of the people who have been contributing to the Blessing Box, it has fed so many people. Because of this, it has become a very popular outlet in our community, which means that often times it is empty. In the past we have had extra food stored at the church, but those shelves are running low. So, we are in need of people to bring extra food. Please feel free to drop it off in church narthex.



We have some Blessing Box Angels who occasionally go shopping for single serving food items. If you would like to make a financial contribution to that, you can leave an envelope in the mailbox or in the Sunday Worship offerings. Thank you so much for helping us continue to provide for our local community's needs!

Financial Update

As usual we have experienced a slow down in giving as we have entered the summer months. Utilities and payroll, however, are still a monthly need. Any assistance you can give to help us "catch up" in our General Fund is appreciated.

Further, we have had a number of financial needs which have been addressed through our Ministerial Discretionary fund. At one point this fund balance was at \$0 but we have recently received two helpful donations to keep this fund active. With recent storm damage, however, we are anticipating needs for this fund. If you are able to make a special contribution to the Ministerial Discretionary Fund, please know that these monies are used to assist people with special emergency needs.

Please inform us of prayer requests:
 Phone: (918)224-3006
 Email: admin@sapulpafumc.org
Names on this list will be removed after 2 weeks.

Ready to Join?

We have several individuals/families worshipping with us who have not taken the step of Professing Membership. One can become a Professing member by transferring their membership from another church or by sharing their Profession of faith on a Sunday morning. Though our church is making decisions about its future affiliation, the fellowship of this church will remain the same. If you are ready we would love to have you join us.

First Annual Craft Show

Our missions team is sponsoring our first annual Craft Sale, Oct. 14, 2023 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The money raised will help fund the Blessing Box for the winter months. Our first annual craft show is open to church family and friends who are craftsmen, sowers, painters, or have any hobbies they would like to sell. Contact Cheryl Cox (918-409-7997), Kathleen Rasco (918-232-1016), or the church office if you are interested in renting booth space for this event. Applications are on the church website.



BACKPACK MINISTRY

Backpack Ministry News!

First of all, a huge thank you to all who helped make the Dinner/Auction Fundraiser for the Backpack Program a huge success! So much work went into this tremendous effort. It's all about the children and they will be blessed in so many ways. God bless you for all you have done!!! Just a reminder we will continue to collect athletic shoes for the children through these summer months.

The sizes are for boys and girls from very small size 11 Velcro laced to adult size 8. You can put them in the box clearly marked as you enter the sanctuary.

Thank you church family!!!!

For The Record

Participation in Worship

6/04 Service: 100 Online: 16
 6/11 Service: 90 Online: n/a
 6/18 Service: 45 Online: n/a
 6/25 Service: 93 Online: n/a

Summer is here and we are behind in General Fund giving. Special gifts are a huge blessing.

May Financial Update

Income:

Unrestricted: \$ 27,213.50
 Revenues: \$ 712.59
 Restricted: \$ 0
Total Income: \$ 27,926.09
Expense: \$ 31,730.51

Fund Balance (\$ 19,561.94)



United Women in Faith

What a wonderful UWIF luncheon! We had 42 ladies show up. Good food and a lot of wonderful raffle prizes! I think everyone really enjoyed themselves. At the luncheon Christi Cole was given the UWIF President pin. The speaker, David Jones, from Creek County Ambulance gave a wonderful talk about CPR and answered everyone's questions. There were 7 ladies that received their CPR Certification. Good job ladies.

On June 2, Judy James, Ann Cornelius, Christi Cole, Shirley Fletcher, Trish Prine and Kay Arbenz from our church went on a road trip to some of the places the UWIF support. We visited the Coffee Bunker (started by a mother who lost her son to war), John 3:16 Renew, Women's shelter, and Restore Hope. We lunched at The Mother Road Market on Route 66 in Tulsa. At the Coffee Bunker Kay was blessed by receiving the Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin for John and received a Service pin for family of Vietnam Veterans. It was a wonderful day of fellowship and the opportunity to see what great people our donations support. Thank you, Ann, for setting it all up and a BIG thank you to Trish for driving.



The UWF will be collecting school supplies in August, so if you are out shopping and see something on sale pick it up. We are supporting Allen Bowden!

Upcoming Events:

July 20 – 22	Mission U	OCU Campus OKC	
Sept 7	Joy Circle	Parlor	6:30 PM
Sept 14	Esther Circle	Parlor	9:30 AM
August 1	Leadership Training for all Local Unit Officers (ask Ann for details)		

summer bucket list

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sleep in a tent DATE:	make ice cream DATE:	read a book DATE:	random acts of kindness DATE:	have a pajama day DATE:
nature scavenger hunt DATE:	eat s'mores DATE:	make a new recipe DATE:	write summer letters DATE:	go to a barbecue DATE:
watch fireworks DATE:	go to the library DATE:	free space	build something DATE:	make a new friend DATE:
go to the movies DATE:	explore your city DATE:	make floam DATE:	watch the sunset DATE:	do a summer craft DATE:
make slime DATE:	try a new restaurant DATE:	watch fireworks DATE:	go swimming DATE:	unplug for 1 day DATE:



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STUDENT MINISTRIES

Hey Sapulpa FUMC!

Here is a quick look at what we have going on this month with the Youth...

Wednesday Nights: Every Wednesday night, we'll continue to have bible study and dinner at the church from 5:30-7:00pm!

Sunday Mornings: Join us in the upstairs Youth classrooms for Sunday school at 9:30am!

Other Activities: Be on the lookout for undated on mission/serving opportunity, fun events, and outings throughout the rest of the summer. Please contact Cabe if you have any questions about Youth activities or if you would like to be in the know of when Youth activities are occurring.

I hope everyone is having a great summer so far! We are looking forward to many more days full of sunshine, fun activities, missional opportunities, and especially Jesus. Know that you are constantly being prayed for at this church.

God bless,
Youth Pastor Cabe Killingsworth

We kicked off summer with a fantastic VBS. We had a blast learning about Moses and the Exodus, we had new attendees every day, and we had the most amazing crew to help pull it off: Cabe, Gina, Trish, Paul, Sarah, Heather, Kristi, Beth, Carolyn, Ken, Sally, Ashley, Claire, Marilyn, Willie, Juanita, Jeannie, Jack, Rylee, Jet, Cason, Braxton, Allyson, Elizabeth, Jake-thank you all for giving your time and energy to love on the kids.

Thank you, church family, for the prayers and support!

We are now at the halfway point of summer-can you believe it? I want to encourage you to make time to make some memories this year. Rearranging schedules for downtime is difficult, but boy, is it worth it. Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us, "There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens." I've attached a summer bingo game, and I challenge you to mark off a few squares over the next few weeks. Enjoy!

You are loved.

Ms. Sheri



Our Flock Rocks!



Please look for updates in your emails, our website, church activities and worship services.

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)
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