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## A Sure Foundation



**Dr. Allen Schneider**

Every building needs a “sure foundation.” If the foundation is unstable the building, over time, will cease to stand.

The foundations of our faith include a series of “affirmations” that were formulated by the early church as they tried to define the essence of what Christians believe. These affirmations began as simple statements: “Jesus is Lord” but became more complete and significant over time. Eventually, these affirmations found a “home” in what is known as The Historic Creeds of the Church. The two most famous of these are The Apostles Creed and the Nicene Creed.

Over these summer months (as we are still in the process of congregational discernment) I would like to focus on these foundational affirmations of our faith. I believe that it is these basic affirmations that have enabled the Church to endure the trials and tests of time!

## June

### Summer Is Coming: Be Warm In The Spirit!

#### VBS Comes Early

Vacation Bible School will come early this year. It will be held each evening (from 6:00-8:00 pm) beginning Sunday, June 4, and running through Thursday, June 8. VBS is open to children from our church and the community. Pre-enrollment is very helpful. The VBS theme this year is: Let Us Roar: Life is Wild but God is Good! To enroll your child please go to our website [Sapulpafumc.org](http://Sapulpafumc.org)



#### Father's Day

Father's Day is Sunday, June 18, and will once again highlight the work of our United Methodist Men. Antonio Porter will be returning this year as our guest speaker of our United Methodist Men. Antonio always brings an exciting message, we hope you will be with us for this special day.

#### Pentecost Sermon Series

During the summer months, the season of Pentecost, Pastor Schneider will be sharing a sermon series based on the Apostles Creed. “I Believe” will focus on the foundations of our faith which are so important for us to understand amid a culture and mindset that is rapidly changing. Each week he will focus on one of the basic “affirmations” found in this historic creed.

#### Auction Fund Raiser

We need volunteers for the Dinner & Auction event on Friday, June 16th, at 6 pm. We need assistance with the setup on June 15th from 1-4 pm, as well as with table decoration, serving, and kitchen cleanup. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Heather Graham, Cheryl Cox, Kathleen Rasco, or the office. We appreciate your help!

## Morning Messages

**Jun 4 - I Believe in God**

**Jun 11 - I Believe in God the Father, Creator of Heaven and Earth**

**Jun 18 - Guest Speaker: Antonio Porter**

**Jun 25 - I Believe in Jesus Christ**

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# Annual Conference Update

The regular session of the Oklahoma Annual Conference is being held as this newsletter is being produced. This year's Annual Conference is being held at the Boston Avenue United Methodist Church (Tulsa) and our church is being represented by Pastor Schneider, April White (Lay Delegate), Pat Graham (Extension Delegate), and Rev. David Burris (retired clergy with credentials located at Sapulpa 1st UMC). This is a "regular" session of the Annual Conference and will not involve voting on churches seeking to disaffiliate. Rather the business will be focused on: adopting a new Conference budget, approving updated reports on our health and pension plan, recognizing those who are retiring, and ordaining new Deacons and Elders. We plan to allow a few minutes (during our morning service of worship) for each of the delegates who desire to share their reflections on the Annual Conference this year.

## Honoring Our Graduates

Two members of our congregation graduated from High School this year:

Kinzie Wagner graduated from Sapulpa HS and is planning to begin service with the United States Marines. (not pictured)

James Morsey graduated from Kiefer HS and plans to continue his studies at Tulsa Community College.

We congratulate both of these and pray for God's continued guidance as they begin a new stage of their life journey. Thank you to Sue Coonce and the Prayer Shawl Team for making prayer shawl's for each of our graduates. These were presented on Senior Sunday.



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!

## Church Council Update

Our Church Council has requested a date for a Congregational Conference to vote on disaffiliation from the UMC. Our request has been acknowledged and we have been told that the date for Congregational Conferences will be set after the completion of this year's Annual Conference. We anticipate learning, sometime in June, what our Conference date will be. The congregational will be notified (by email, mail, and announcements) once this date has been set.

## June BIRTHDAYS



- 02 Brian Petersen
- 03 Stephen Haumpy
- 04 Ike Thompson, Jared Murphy
- 05 Carolyn Nicholson
- 06 Olivia Scott
- 07 Kristie Harris, Luis Pardinias
- 09 Becky Pugmire, Sarah Osborne
- 11 Dorothy Jacobs
- 12 Gerry Holmes, Lynn Rochester, Sam Johnson
- 13 Martin Thompson, Ramona Brecht, Rylee Osborne
- 14 Gwen Keller
- 15 Curtis Kennedy, Jane Hall, Janice Pentecost
- 16 Ann Cornelius
- 17 Ashley Gordon, Parker Grant
- 18 Steve Mathis
- 19 Bob Stinson, Nancy Selser, Spencer Mayberry
- 21 Emily Wagner, H.R. Goff, Kelly Bock, Linda Hudson
- 24 Lisa Newell
- 25 Parker McCormick
- 26 Ed McKean, Elizabeth Mitchell, Marisa Simmons
- 27 Sally Henderson
- 29 Matthew Lawson

## Prayer REQUESTS

- Larry Fry (health)
- Jared Murphy (health)
- Christy Cole (knee)
- Judy James (foot)
- Cheryl Cox (hip)
- Ed Mouser (foot pain)
- Judy Goff (cancer diagnosis)
- Linda Trosper (Matt's Mother—health)
- Greenfield Family (loss of Virgil)
- Willie Garvin (loss of niece, Joy Webb)
- Dana Cundiff (E. Trosper's coach—health)
- Ron Coonce (Sue's Son—surgery)
- Barbara Weaver (health)
- Marian Frasier
- Sharon Jandhli (Jim Gregory's Mother)
- John & Lisa Newell (health)

**Please inform us of prayer requests:**

Phone: (918)224-3006

Email: [admin@sapulpafumc.org](mailto:admin@sapulpafumc.org)

**Names on this list**

**will be removed after 2 weeks.**

# DINNER AND AUCTION

June 16 6pm

Music Provided by  
Jim Gregory

Bring your cash!

Ticket prices  
 Adults \$10  
 Kids \$5  
 Kids under 5 are free!

**Auction Donations:**

**Items & Desserts needed!**  
 Please turn baskets in to Cheryl, Kathleen, or Heather on or before June 14th.

Allen Bowden Backpack program



## BACKPACK MINISTRY

Backpack Program Opportunity!  
 We plan to continue the shoe drive through June and the summer for the children at Allen Bowden!

We need athletic shoes for boys and girls from the smallest size 11 to adult size 8. Little shoes can have Velcro and shoelaces for older children. Please look for a box by Sheri's classroom or a box in the narthex. Thank you to all who have already given!


Laurie Kirk

Thank you

The Trustees would like to thank the United Women in Faith for supporting the church by financing the clean up and planting of the flowerbed by the front doors. And a special thanks to SuperScapes and Mike Collins for such a speedy and beautiful job!

### For The Record

<u>Participation in Worship</u>	<u>March Financial Update</u>
5/07 Service: 115 Online: 5	<b>Income:</b>
5/14 Service: 110 Online: n/a	Unrestricted: \$ 32,495.02
5/21 Service: 109 Online: n/a	Revenues: \$ 1,142.45
5/28 Service : 97 Online: n/a	Restricted: \$ 7,272.34
	<b>Total Income: \$ 40,909.81</b>
	<b>Expense: \$ 39,976.11</b>
<b><u>Offering for Change the World</u></b>	
As of Mar 31 : \$ 1,012.34	<b>Fund Balance (\$ 23,366.36)</b>



## United Women in Faith

The UWF Luncheon is just days away. The date and time are June 10th at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We are so excited to have members from Creek County Ambulance Service as our guest speakers with some words on life-saving procedures. After our meal, they will be teaching basic CPR to those who are interested. We support the Blessing Box at this event, so bring some non-perishable items to fill up that Blessing Box. Some recommended items are peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, boxes of cereal, SpaghettiOs, Raviolis, and vegetables. All cans should have pop-top lids.

We will have a raffle at the luncheon. You will receive one ticket for attending and one ticket for each item you bring for the Blessing Box. There will be gift bags in front of each item and you can put your ticket in the bag in front of the item. You will be able to buy extra tickets two for \$1.00. Bring your mothers, daughters, granddaughters, and friends. Everyone is invited. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you can call the church office at 918-224-3006 and Trish will add you to the list!

Circles have been dismissed for the summer. The luncheon will be a great way to meet other ladies in our church!

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!

The UWF has a collection of books in the library. Every year we add new books and this year we have added:

- Cousins Connected through Slavery*. It is about a black woman and a white woman who share the same last name and discover their past and each other. By Betty Kilby Baldwin
- Pioneer Black Clergywomen*. This story is about Black Clergywomen of the United Methodist Church from 1974 – 2016. By Ph. D Josephine Whitely-Fields
- Daughter of Cana*. By Angela Hunt. UWF books are on the east wall of the library. There is a check-out sheet. Please feel free to read any of the many books we have available.

**Upcoming Events:**

June 10	Spring Luncheon Fellowship Hall	11:00 AM
Sept 7	Joy Circle Parlor	6:30 PM
Sept 14	Esther Circle Parlor	9:30 AM



Happy Summer Everyone!

We are launching into summer with a ROAR! (Roar VBS that is!) VBS is June 4-8, 6 to 8:30 pm. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to this fun-filled event! We are learning about the Exodus from Egypt and how God provides for and protects us just as He did Moses and the Israelites. It's not too late to register participants or sign up to volunteer and join the party! You can do both @ sapulpafumc.org.

Please pray for our team as we prepare. Pray for the kids to come, and for obstacles to be removed that hinder their attendance. Pray for hearts to be opened to God's love and that a foundation be laid for a lifetime relationship with Him. Pray for opportunities to minister to the families that come. Join us in thanking God for the opportunity to reach out to our community.

Be sure to pick up a Summer Bucket o' Fun from the kid's table beginning June 11th. These include treats, activity ideas, and family devotionals to get the most out of summer vacation!

Watch social media and the bulletin for upcoming summer events! ✨

You are loved.  
Ms. Sheri



Happy Summer Sapulpa FUMC!

Here is a quick look at what the Youth have planned for the month of June...

**Wednesday Nights:** This month, Wednesday nights will look a little different than usual, just because of the busy schedule we have at the church. June 7th will be VBS (whoo-hoo!). June 14th and 28th will be normal bible studies from 5:30-7:00pm, but with a summer twist. June 21st, we will NOT have bible study.

**Sunday Mornings:** Join us every Sunday morning at 9:30am for bible study, games, and fellowship in the upstairs youth classrooms.

**Activities:** Be on the lookout for announcements of service projects and social activities throughout the summer! Our focus this summer is heavy on local mission work, so we will be going around each month and serving our community in different ways.

I hope everyone has a fantastic summer with good times and plenty of sunshine! Know that you are continuously being prayed for at this church by both members and staff.

God bless,  
Cabe Killingsworth

*Our Flock Rocks!*



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




**UWF Luncheon**  
**June 10th at 11 am**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**First Aid and CPR Training**  
(To take First Aid and CPR training please sign up in the Narthex.)  
Bring None perishable food for Blessing Box.  
One ticket per item for auction.

### Ministry Team

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