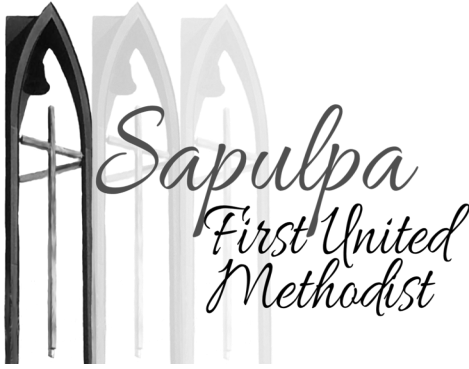


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Little Changes



Dr. Allen Schneider

On Ash Wednesday I shared a simple (but profound) math formula:

$$(1.00)^{365} = 1.00$$

$$(1.01)^{365} = 37.7$$

It is simply a way of illustrating the power of making small changes in our life. My question for you this Lent is: What small change in your life might result in a significant difference in your relationship with God or your relationship with others? Perhaps it is a small increase in your planned giving. Perhaps it is a small act of kindness which brings a sense of blessing to another. Perhaps it is a small change in your prayer life that renews your faith that God is working in your every day life. Whatever the case might be, I would encourage you to make some small changes in your life over these next 40 days. It might just change your world.

Help Change Our World

Each year, during the Season of Lent, we invite our congregation to participate in a special offering called Change the World. Change the World coin jars have been placed throughout our church and we ask our members to place their change in one of these jars each time they come to church for study or worship. On Maundy Thursday, during our service of Holy Communion, we will also take a special offering; all of these funds will go toward various missions projects supported by our church. It doesn't sound like a significant effort, but it amazing how small amounts of change, added to our Change the World coin jars each week, can add up to be a significant offering. We encourage everyone to be a part of this special Lenten offering.



Praying With Your Eyes Open

We invite everyone to join in our special Lenten Prayer emphasis of "praying with your eyes open" as we continue our Lenten Journey through the month of March. What we are simply asking is for our members to "look around" as they are standing, walking, driving and notice individuals or groups who might benefit from a brief prayer. School children playing on a play ground, a neighbor walking through the neighborhood, a person who appears stressed as you make your way through the store; these (and countless others) could benefit from your brief word of prayer. It is simply a way of making Paul's injunction to "pray without ceasing" a regular part of your life.

Morning Messages

- Mar 5** - *Worship & Prayer Ministry*
- Mar 12** - *UMW Sunday - Guest Speaker*
- Mar 19** - *Spiritual Formation & Growth*
- Mar 26** - *Fellowship & Welcoming Spirit*

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United Women in Faith

Sunday morning, March 12, is when our United Women in Faith will lead us in worship and update the congregation regarding the ministry and mission of their organization. Our guest speaker for this day will be Betty Prentice who is a long time member of the United Methodist Church in Pryor and one who has served her district and our Conference in many ways.

Betty grew up in Bartlesville and attended OSU and NSU. She was a teacher in the Chouteau-Mazie school system until her retirement. Since then she has been a professional volunteer. Betty has been a Muskogee

district president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. She has also been Conference treasurer and is currently Green Country Missions chair.



Gideon's to Share

It has been a couple of years since we have had a Gideon speaker share with our congregation but a representative of the Gideons will be with us on Sunday morning, March 19. In addition to sharing a Gideon Report, they also share a variety of testimonials of how God is at work through their ministry of distributing Bibles in our community. At the conclusion of the service we will take a special offering so that our congregation can be a part of this special work. In the past, several of our members have been active in Gideon work (Dwight Maulding & Cliff Brown). If any of our members are presently active with Gideons we hope you will be present this Sunday so we can also recognize your work and efforts.

Congregational Meetings

Before our Church Council receives a recommendation from our Discernment Team we want to be able to address as many questions as possible from our congregation. We have already had one (after church) congregational meeting and we will have more as needed. In the Narthex of our church you will find forms upon which you can write your questions regarding the possibility of our church disaffiliating or remaining a part of the United Methodist Church. There is also a box in which you can place your question forms. It is helpful if you can return your questions sometime during the week so that members of our Discernment Team can review them and prepare an accurate response. Depending on the nature of the question; forms that are received on a Sunday morning may not be addressed until the following week. There are some on-going questions (mostly business and financial in nature) that members of our Team are looking into and we plan to update the congregation when we are certain we have accurate and helpful information. We have also prepared a Q&A Sheet with answers to frequently asked questions for which we have certain answers. These too can be found on the table in the foyer.

Please continue in your prayers for this team and the Church Council as they strive to discern the best way (and timing) for our congregation to proceed.

March BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Sarah McCormick
- 03 Kristin Woolery
- 06 Donna Ogletree
- 08 Charles Bartleson, Heather Price, Joel Boots-Marshall
- 10 Melanie Scott, Susie Romine
- 12 Isela Lopez, Lauren Holmes, Roberta Sharber, Willie Garvin
- 13 Andy Tuttle, April White, Chuck Bates, Dena Keller, Krista Leedy
- 14 Joyce Rogers
- 15 Carrington Taylor, Kary Wideman, Kent Mayberry, Leigh McClanahan, Neva Wingard
- 17 Harper McClanahan, Jordan Rains, Lesa Smith, Matthew Sumner, Pat Daner, Robert McCormick
- 18 Ashley Sumner
- 19 Carleen Weisz
- 20 Joe White
- 21 James Morsey, Thaddeus Petersen
- 22 Levi Peacock, Michelle Sumner
- 23 Charlene Williams, Emily Wideman
- 24 Dennis Wadley, Katy Folks
- 25 Keryl Mason, Matthew Lewis
- 26 Paige Mayhew
- 27 Amiah Walker, Cleo Gish, Glenda Staiger, Max Lewis
- 28 Sue Warren
- 29 Dylan Patterson, Keiron Peacock
- 30 Max Dunkelberger
- 31 Bill Carver, Casey Shipman

Prayer REQUESTS

- Military
- Larry Fry (health)
- Christy Cole (health)
- Barbara Weaver (health)
- Jared Murphy (surgery recovery)
- Randy Kelley (health)
- Paul Tucker (back issue)
- Kay Arbenz (passing of her brother Greg Cook)
- Joseph (Truck accident—Laurie McDonel)
- Murphy Family (loss of Liz)
- Leslie Schmidt (health)

Please inform us of prayer requests:

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will be removed after 2 weeks.



UMM will meet at 12:00 noon March 2nd 2023 in the fellowship hall, for our regular lunch meeting. — Ken Henderson

Mission Update

I am so thankful for the great amount of interest and support our church has for Missions! And I'm happy to report we are returning to regular **6:30 PM, 4th-Monday-of-the-month** meetings. Anyone is welcome to attend, see what we are up to, and possibly find your place to get involved!

At **ALLEN BOWDEN SCHOOL** we provide Sonic drinks for the teachers and staff every **3rd Thirst-day (Thursday) through May**. We will also be assisting with their cool, new "Paws-itivity" Store the **last Friday of every month, 8:30-11:00AM, through May**. We need people to donate their time helping children make purchases in the store. They also need donations to purchase the various items they provide in the store, everything from school supplies to trinkets and toys to big-ticket items like gift cards and earbuds. If you would like to help even just once, or can commit to helping the rest of the school year with their "Thirst-day" program &/or with their "Paws-itivity Store" program, please contact Sheri Osborne!

We have also chosen to support the **SHOULDER2SHOULDER** ministry by providing supper every **1st Tuesday of the month** to accompany their gathering and worship service in the Reasor's parking lot. We begin food preparation and cooking that Tuesday around 1:00PM, transport the food to the parking lot, serve, visit among community members, and participate in their worship service, which is very casual and spontaneous. If you would like to help with any part of that process, please contact Cabe Killingsworth.

Shoulder2Shoulder is hosting a "Revival Run" to be held at Martha's Corner in Sapulpa on **Saturday, April 29th**. You may want to actually enter the run! We will also be hosting a booth where we will pass out water and Bibles. Cabe Killingsworth is again the contact for this event.

For The Record

Participation in Worship

2/05 Service: 98 Online: 15
 2/12 Service: 124 Online: 10
 2/19 Service: 125 Online: n/a
 2/26 Service: 130 Online: n/a

Family Life Loan Balance

As of Nov. 27 : \$ 0

January Financial Update

Income:

Unrestricted: \$ 29,849
 Revenues: \$ 347
 Restricted: \$ 350
Total Income: \$ 30,546
Expense: \$ 40,072

Fund Balance (\$ 33,669)



United Women in Faith

Time to SPRING into action. Spring begins on March 20th. Are you ready to spring into action and get those closets and cupboards leaned out for the Spring Rummage Sale?

Speaking of Rummage Sale, please do not bring items to the church before April 17th. That is 2 weeks before the sale and our church has so many events going on in the Family Life Center, we need to keep it as uncluttered as we can. As always, we would appreciate if you do not bring TV's to the sale. The United Women in Faith have to pay \$25.00 for every TV we have to recycle, plus we always need to get them to a recycler. We appreciate you helping us with this.

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

United Women in Faith Sunday is March 12th. We will have a guest speaker. Please join us in worship.

Upcoming Events

March 2	Joy Circle	Parlor at 6:00 PM
March 9	Esther Circle	Parlor at 9:30 AM
March 12	UWF Sunday	
April 28 - 29	RUMMAGE SALE	

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



Cross & Flame Café

March 1st:

Pork Roast/Baked Beans
 /Fruit Salad/Dessert

March 8th:

Taco Salad/Dessert

March 15th:

Slow Cooked Corned Beef
 Sliders/Cole Slaw/Dessert

March 22:

Soup/Salad/Roll/Dessert

March 29th:

BBQ Chicken Breast/Mac &
 Cheese/ Green Beans/Desserts



Hi Everyone!

We have spent the last several weeks learning about Jesus' disciples. We are learning that:

- 1) Jesus knows you by name.
- 2) Jesus calls us to be disciples.
- 3) Jesus empowers us for a mission and to do things we could not do alone.

When you see our kids be sure to ask them what they have learned about the disciples!

It's that time again.... Easter is coming!

We have several opportunities for outreach this year. There is something for everyone.

Saturday April 1st We will be hosting a community egg hunt this year! We will hold a sensory/special needs egg hunt as well as a traditional egg hunt. We are excited about this outreach- think Cross and Flame Roadshow on our home turf. We need help with setup, cooking, serving, cleanup, hospitality etc.. Watch your bulletin for more details.

Thursday April 6th We will be hosting our 2nd annual egg hunt at Allen Bowden Schools. We will arrive at the school at 1pm for set-up and we will be done by 3 pm. We need volunteers for setup, face painting, games and more. Watch your bulletin for more details.

We could use plastic eggs, candy and of course egg stuffers!

Please contact Ms. Sheri for more information.

Save the date!

March 19th -Sack Lunch Sunday (extended childcare until 2pm)

May 13th -Parent's night out -Mother's Day Edition

June 4th-8th - VBS!!!

You are loved.
Ms. Sheri



Happy Spring Sapulpa FUMC!

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

Wednesday Nights: Community dinner and Youth bible study happen every Wednesday night starting at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come for some great food, fun games, and Jesus time.

Sunday Mornings: Sunday School is every Sunday morning at 9:30am in the upstairs Youth classrooms.

Fun Activities: Spring Break is the week of March 13th-17th and the Youth will be out of town from March 11th-16th on a ski trip. This time is also the season of Lent, so check in with me (Cabe) for a fun youth competition we have going on all the way through Lent. Be on the lookout for updates regarding fun activities coming up soon and especially on Easter week plans for the church and community. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding Youth activities.

I pray everyone has a blessed month of March and beginning of Spring! Know that you are continually being prayed for by staff and leadership of this church.

God bless,
Youth Director, Cabe Killingsworth



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)
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