

METHODIST MESSENGER

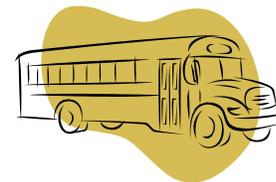


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BACK TO... BUSINESS AS USUAL!



UMW meeting:

TUES, Aug. 14 at 1:30pm

Finance Committee meeting:

TH, Aug. 16 at 7:00pm

Please join us on regular Sundays:
9:45am Sunday School



10:55am
Worship Service

At the end of a busy and relaxing summer, comes a busy and bustling new school year. Many of us mark this as the real “new” year; with the 10 months of school representing our structured, normal life routine. It is also time to resume our worship routine and we invite each one of you to celebrate each Sunday at TUMC and bring a friend with you! As we strive to be better people, and a better congregation in this “new” year, we can reflect on these *characteristics of a vital church community* and seek ways to improve:

1. People are welcomed, honored and cared for.
2. God's story, which is our story, is always told.
3. Jesus is experienced as present in love and power.
4. The people and the community are changed by the power of the Holy Spirit.
5. People are active in singing, praying, and responding.
6. There is passion in the pastor's presiding and preaching and the congregation's response.
7. Varied ages and cultures participate actively.
8. Things (food, water, candles, furnishings, fabrics, vessels) are used generously to point to the presence of God.
9. Actions (rituals) point to the presence of God.
10. People offer their whole bodies in worship in culturally appropriate ways.
11. Worship space is arranged so the people can be together and see one another.

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Everyone is invited!
Sunday Celebration
 Every first Sunday of the month...
 Breakfast and fellowship at 9:45am
This month: August 5
Next month: Sept. 19

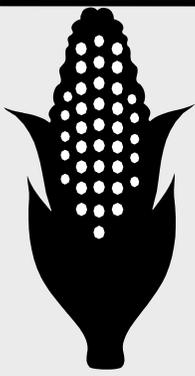
FUN DAY SUNDAY!

AUGUST 19

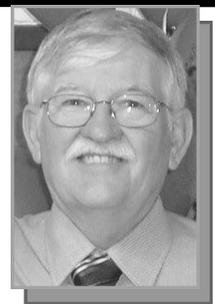
Special Worship Service at 11:00am

Cookout in the Methodist Park immediately following

Group outing to the movie theater in Guymon, 1:30pm



Message from the Pastor



OUT OF A FUNK

After summer break we should be ready to resume our routine with a new sense of purpose and energy.

But I have been in a real funk. Maybe because summer is nearing another end; maybe because it is hot and dry; or maybe because the Cubs are losing [again].

Then I go outside and it is a still day with a glorious blue sky, and I remember ***This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*** [PS 118:24]

Which leads me to remember the amazing lyrics of ***It Is Well With My Soul*** [hymn 377]: “When peace like a river, attendeth our way, when sorrows (or funk) like a sea billows roll; whatever our lot, thou hast taught us to say, it is well, it is well with our soul.” So I...we, can once again “***turn our eyes upon Jesus***, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace”.

Now my funk is gone and I can resume my day with renewed energy and purpose! I hope your day is filled with beautiful blue skies and Jesus’ amazing grace.

*Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.
Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.*

Psalm 51: 8-12

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- 12. There are calls and responses; leaders work in concert to prompt the participation of all the people.
- 13. Leaders are prepared and expect to hear God’s word and experience God’s power.
- 14. Leaders act with the people more than for the people.
- 15. Everyone acts in ways that say “worship matters”.
- 16. People who are experiencing hurt and isolation receive a healing touch.
- 17. All the people have a sense of belonging and know how to participate.
- 18. There is energy, and the way worship unfolds makes sense.
- 19. The worship reveals the planning, gifts and preparation of the people.

Let’s resume our routine with a new sense of purpose and energy...and bring increased vitality to TUMC!

*~Excerpt from *Worship: Guidelines for Leading Your Congregation*, 2008, Abingdon Press*

August Bible Verses

August 5:

2 Samuel 11:26– 12:13a
Psalm 51: 6-13
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 12:

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 19:

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 26:

1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

ANNOUNCEMENTS

⇒ A special thank you to **Maxine Woodward** and **Kathy Yates** for hosting our July **Family Fun Night** at TUMC. They served a light supper and then led the group in a lively game of Bunko. Our next **Family Fun Night** will be **Wednesday, August 22 at 6:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall, with Sue Fleming and Rosalie Ingram serving the meal.

⇒ **Sunday, August 19** will be **FUNDAY SUNDAY** at TUMC! Bring your family and friends as we celebrate the beginning of school with a special worship service, cook-

out in the Methodist Park and a group outing to the movie theater in Guymon. The church will provide hot dogs and buns for the cookout...please bring a side dish to share!

⇒ **THANK YOU, THANK YOU!** To **Ginger Roach** for serving as our summer organist & pianist. We are very grateful for your talent and service to the church.

Please mark your calendar with the 2012 Blood Drive dates:

- ◇ **October 8**
- ◇ **December 10**

“Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever.”

John 6: 57-58



AUGUST MILESTONES!



Happy Birthday...

- ◆ Frank Baber—5
- ◆ Linda Berry—8
- ◆ Margie Pugh—12
- ◆ Scott Burdge—20

Happy Anniversary...

Ken & Maxine Woodward—1



Please keep our list up-to-date; contact Christi Roach, 580-423-7231 with information.

The Story Behind Your Favorite Hymns

Fill My Cup, Lord

Words: Richard Blanchard, 1959 (Jn 4:5-15; 6:35)

Music: Richard Blanchard, 1959; arr. Eugene Clark, 1971

Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

Richard E. Blanchard was born in 1925 of missionary parents in China, studied in Georgia, and served for many years as a United Methodist pastor in the Florida Conference. In 1958, while pastor of Wesley Church in Coral Gables, FL, he wrote “Fill My Cup, Lord” while waiting for a couple who were very late for their premar-

ital counseling appointment after having been late for their previous meeting. Blanchard says that he “was not in a mood to be used by God, but God was in a mood to use” him. The text reflects the words of Jesus in Jn. 6:35: “I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst.” This chorus lends itself for use in Holy Communion as a prayerful request for spiritual nourishment.

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Prayer List

Please keep these special requests in your heart and mind this month.

Joyce Allard
Kevin Allard
Carol Beck
Jim Berry
Rod Bird
Christine Cluck
Mike & Mary Coffey
Niki Erickson
Nick Evans
Jim Freeman
Mima Hale
Kinley Hall
Nancy Julian
Denise Keylon
Donna Kuykendall
Ray Loosemore
Monica Martinez
Colton McMurry
George Merry
Sawyer Meyer
Tina Mills

Ron Murphey
Retta Norris
Manuel Padilla
Paula Palmer
David Pugh
Wade Pugh
Roy Thompson
Ann Welch
Maurine Williams
Mildred Yates
Our Military Men & Women
Moisture for your creation

MISSIONARIES IN SERVICE TO OUR WORLD:

Keith and Jan Flanagan
Brian and Robin Flanagan
Jacob Sangster

ASSISTED LIVING CENTERS:

Alice Hollis, in
Weatherford, TX

NURSING HOMES:

Corky Bain
Glenda Ruth Berry
Lora Church
Maxine Dawson
Yvonne Elliott
Donna Millard



If you know of anyone who needs to be added or if this list needs to be edited, please contact Steve at the church office: (580) 423-7231 or (405) 747-4959 cell.

Opportunities for Community Service

FOSTER FAMILIES NEEDED!

Our children need us! Will you be willing to help a child for a few days, a few weeks, or a few months? The need is great and the adults are few. Please consider serving as a Foster Parent for a child who needs your love and care. You can be single, married, male, female, young or young at heart! Any person with a love for chil-

dren can be perfect for their needed care. If you feel a call to serve the Texas County community in this way, please call for more information:

Christine & Carl Kirk, 580-338-1106 or email: kirk@ptsi.net

For application information, contact **Laura Newby** at 580-334-3290.

