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Monthly

Newsletter of

First United Methodist Church

June 2017

Mission Statement: To make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

June Sermon Series

The Spirit of Christ Dwells Within

June 4th - Acts 2:1-13
Personal Growth Comes with Spiritual Growth

June 11th - Acts 2:14- 21
Renewing Our Faith in Christ

June 18th - Acts 2:22-28
God's Plan Will Not Fail

June 25th - Acts 2:29-32
Only God Knows Everything

The Administrative Council

The Administrative Council provides coordination and communication for the congregation through the leaders of the various programs, groups, and activity areas of the church. Membership on the Council includes chairpersons from the committees that plan the work and business of the church. The Council meets quarterly (at noon on the second Sundays of January, April, July, and October) to hear reports and to provide input for the various work areas. Each meeting opens with prayer, and we commit ourselves to pray for each other and the work of the church until we meet again. Meetings are announced ahead of time and non-council members are welcome to attend.



Committees represented at the meetings include Worship, Missions, Education, Finance, Evangelism, Parsonage, Stewardship, Staff-Parish Relations, Nominations, Memorials, Greater Than One, Super Seniors, Camp, Vacation Bible School (VBS), Emergency Response, and the Trustees. Also, on the agenda are reports from the Pastor, UMW, UMM, Media and Website, Church Treasurer, Youth director, and the Enlightener Editor.

Emergency Response is a new committee charged with compiling an information/instruction manual for use when building emergencies occur, such as loss of utilities, fire and severe weather, hazardous chemicals, first aid, intruders, and building lockdown.

During the Council meetings program area chairs share information on their group work during the previous three months and project goals for the months ahead. Council members ask questions and may make suggestions of how to deal with challenges the group is dealing with.

If you have questions or suggestions about the work of the Administrative Council, you may contact the chair or any member of the Council. Names and contact information for the various area chairs is available through the church office.

Bill Wood, Chair
Administrative Council



Welcome Back!



June 4th will be Pastor Keith's first Sunday back after a much deserved vacation and Annual Conference.

We want to show our appreciation with a warm welcome.

Our regular first Sunday Pot Luck will be at 12:00, June 4th

followed by a special decorated cake and ice cream for Pastor Keith.

Please make plans to attend this fellowship time.

Senior Recognition Sunday



Left to right: Ch'ree Essary graduating from Floyd High School; Malin Barnes graduating from Portales High School and Sophia Cissell also graduating from Portales High School. Jessica Trujillo graduated from PHS but could not be there on Sunday.

June



- 3rd Joyce Davis - B
- 3rd Thurman & Alta Elder - A
- 4th Dawn Kuchta - B
- 7th Kelsey Prince - B
- 7th Kenny Prince - B
- 7th Fred & Laveta Patterson - A
- 10th Vern Witten - B
- 10th Jalayna Roberts - B
- 12th Alta Dalley - B
- 13th Beverly Baugh - B
- 13th Karson Idsinga - B
- 14th Kathryn Russell - B
- 15th Elwyn & Cynthia Hulett - A
- 16th James Bradley - B
- 16th Cindy Stone - B
- 17th Matthew Lowman - B
- 17th Reta Neal - B
- 18th Jordan Roehl - B
- 19th Darren Hooker - B
- 20th David & Carolyn Sanders - A
- 21st Marion Teel - B
- 22nd Gary Bonestroo - B
- 22nd - Brittini Johnson - B
- 22nd Nate & Jennie Pierpoint - A
- 23rd Marvin Baugh - B
- 23rd Ch'ree Essary - B
- 27th Alan & Delia Anderson - A
- 28th Charley Idsinga - B
- 30th Dave & Sondra Myers - A





It's that time again! Everyone loves Vacation Bible School, and this year's program will be especially fun. It's designed for ages 4 - 10 years of age, and parents can register their child (children) at the church office or on the first day of Vacation Bible School. The dates are June 19th through the 21st from 8:30 am - 11:30 am.

Volunteers are always needed and welcome. You can let Mary Beth Williams know if you can help or call the church office at 356-8597 and tell Geri that you are available.

"Our campers will have such a great time as they Experience Micah 6:8!"



Prayer Shawl group has decided we will continue meeting through the summer. For those who would like to participate we will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. If you would like to learn to crochet or knit, come learn, we'd love to have you. More information, contact Dawn Ridenour 575-760-1839.

First United Methodist Church Staff

Pastor - Dr. Keith Wilks
 Office Manager - Gerri Bradsher
 Nursery - Melissa Borden
 Lay Leader - Linda Weems
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Church Activities



Childrens' moments led by Cynthia Hulett



Pastor Keith (center) with Ray Rosa (left) and his father, Raul Rosa



We have received word that **Clara Jo Richardson**, a surviving spouse of Rev. Gene Richardson, died on April 19, 2017 at the age of 86.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 am on June 3, 2017 at Logan United Methodist Church, with a family interment at the Logan Cemetery to follow.

Gifts to Helping Hands Hospice in Tucumcari, NM or the American Diabetes Association can be made in lieu of flowers.

Blessings, Dru Ann Kuntz
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Dominoes anyone! Check out the cake.

Teachers Needed!



Your children are asking for 45 minutes of your time for one Sunday this summer. We have combined the grades Preschool through 3rd grade. At the present time we have anywhere from one to 5 children attending. You will meet these children in the room with no furniture for time to move and/or sing. Or you could go to the playground. After a few minutes move to the room with tablecloth covered tables for a snack and story. (Snacks will be provided or you can bring your own.) After this, move to the craft room to make something, draw a picture, use playdough, or a game. Craft items are available or you can bring your own.

On a round table in the craft room you will find several leaders' guides that will provide ideas for activities stories and crafts pertaining to a Bible verse. Choose the lesson you want.

Let Laveta Patterson (575-276-8508) know what you need or if you have any questions. The signup sheet is in the Narthex. Your help will be appreciated.



Vern Witten and his daughter, Vonna.

Staff-Parish Relation Committee (SPRC) News

The children and youth programs were declared our first priority by the Greater Than One Project. The SPRC has received a budget adjustment for the last five months of this year. This will allow the SPRC to advertise for a full time Children and Youth Director. This position is open immediately. We give our warmest thanks to the Finance Committee. We have been wanting to expand this position for a long time, but now our financial position is more positive. It comes at a great time, because Amberlynn Mauldin, who graciously took on the responsibility of Youth Director on an interim basis, does not feel she can continue beyond the starting of school in August.



NOTE: Everyone is welcome to submit articles for the monthly enLightner. The 25th of each month is the deadline for submission. Please send your article and/or pictures to: sheryl.borden@enmu.edu.