

# THE FLAME



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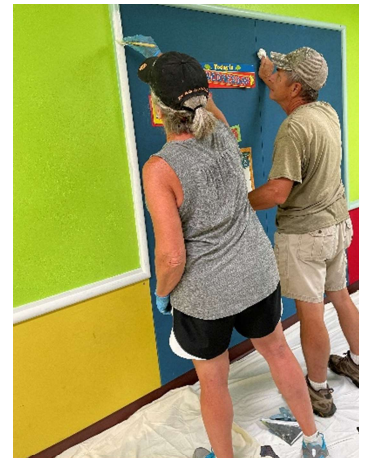


We have a new face at the front desk as Ministry Assistant and we are so excited! Please help us welcome Mary Navarro. She was born and raised in Lubbock, Texas where she worked for Community Health Systems (CHS) until she moved to Oklahoma in March 2008 to work at Ponca City Medical Center. She has a daughter and a son, three grandsons and two great-grandchildren. Her mission is “to serve the Lord a servant, yes as he wants me to.” Mary will be working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9-12 and 1-4. Stop by and give her a warm FUMC welcome!!! Her email is [AdmAsst@fumcpc.org](mailto:AdmAsst@fumcpc.org). We are so glad Mary is here.

Wayne Moore is hosting a table at the annual Living Hope banquet on Thursday, September 28, 2023. You will be blessed to attend as the guest speaker is David Bereit, Founder of 40 Days for Life. The event will be in the Renfro Center at NOC in Tonkawa. The evening is free to you but donations are appreciated. There will be a choice of a regular entree or a vegetarian option. Let Wayne know which you prefer.

Please respond by Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> to Wayne at [imbobalso@aol.com](mailto:imbobalso@aol.com) with the names of those coming as the caterer requires a three-week notice. Should you be unable to attend, Living Hope (425 Fairview Ave. Suite 3, Ponca City, OK 74601) would appreciate a generous donation to continue serving families in north central Oklahoma.

Angel Academy has two ANGELS updating their area. A BIG thank you goes out to Kim and Barry Walling for painting the walls a bright new colorful lime and orange with highlights of white. The second room is bright yellow with hints of orange and white. The rooms are bright, clean and welcoming for the first day of classes—which will start next Monday. Angel Academy meets Monday’s and Wednesday’s from 8:30 to 3:30 on the days Ponca City Public Schools is in session. There are openings for children of all ages. For an application email [AngelAcademy@fumcpc.org](mailto:AngelAcademy@fumcpc.org) and let Ashley get you enrolled.



United Women in Faith will be making sandwiches for East Middle School students to be handed out after school the first Friday of school and every other Friday thereafter. If you can’t make the sandwich building volunteers, please join the group at 3 p.m. to hand them out to students. It is so rewarding. See you in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, August 25 at 2 p.m. If you would rather financially contribute, donations are always welcome.

At our staff meeting, Monday, August 21, we decided in order to better communication and have the information presented to the congregation be up-to-date on happenings we are going to send a weekly

Flame to the email addresses we have on file. If you have information you would like to contribute, please send it to [info@fumcpc.org](mailto:info@fumcpc.org) at least one week prior to publication. We welcome photos as well as articles pertaining to church activities. It is our plan to send the communication every Monday after staff meeting with the happenings for the coming week and a preview of calendar items we think are of interest. We will be mailing the information to our homebound residents. You can always access our online calendar with correct dates and times at [fumcpc.org](http://fumcpc.org) under the heading of calendar.



The 130<sup>th</sup> Committee has the birthday party on the books! Come help us celebrate our existence for 130 years as the first church in Ponca City. Please plan to attend the celebration on the week-end of October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a picnic complete with birthday cake on Saturday and church service on Sunday. J.D. Ward will be preaching God's word and we will hear the treat of Tom Howard once again singing the Lords Prayer. Hear other voices of the past as we celebrate everything we have accomplished in the last century. More information to come as plans are solidified.

We are in the beginning stages of making an in-house church directory. No high-pressure sales to buy photos, just a directory we can all use to identify our church family. We are currently distributing information sheets for church attendees to fill out for needed information. After we get the information sheets from the majority, we will be scheduling photos to be taken after church on several Sundays in the near future. The information sheets are on the tables in the Welcome Center before and after church or in the church office with Mary if you stop in during the week. If you would like to have one sent to you via email, please request one from [BusMgr@fumcpc.org](mailto:BusMgr@fumcpc.org) and Sheila will email you the form. We can't wait to get all the up to date information on everyone! Please help us get the needed information by filling out the form as we want to include everyone.

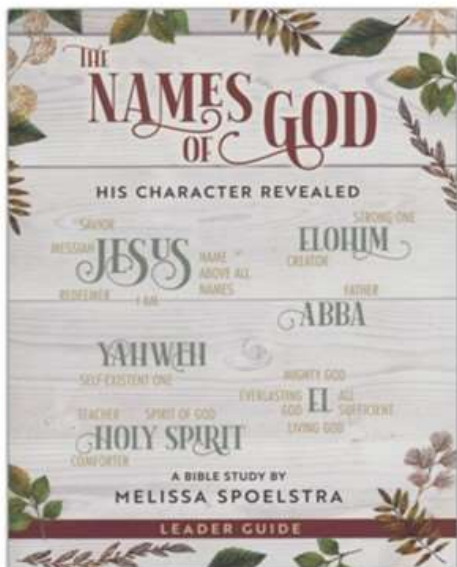
**Welcome New Members!** We want to extend a warm welcome to five new members who have joined the church during the last two weeks. Carl and Carol Bottoms joined our congregation officially Sunday, August 21. They have worshiped with us for the last ten years. We are so glad, they made it official! Welcome to the flock. On Sunday, August 19, Yvonne Wehrle along with Robert and Elaine Costello joined the church. Elaine is on our SPRC committee. We can't wait to get the others involved.



Plan to Attend the **Stitches Through Time** Quilt Show on Saturday, September 16 from 1-4 p.m. in the sanctuary. Quilts will be gathered at the church on Thursday, September 14 from 10-5 p.m. If you are able to help with this event or need additional information, please contact Mary Lou. This is one of the occasions helping us celebrate our 130<sup>th</sup> birthday!



With the change in attendance sheets for church on Sunday mornings, we now have prayer cards in the pews and on the table on the south side of the church as you enter the sanctuary. If you have a prayer concern you would like to share with your church family, simply fill out the card. Please put your name on it so the pastor and intercessory prayer team knows who to pray for—there are lots of sisters-in-law in the church and it would be nice to pray for **Ginny's sister-in-law**.



Join the Women's Bible Study as they gather this fall for **The Names of God**. In this six-week Bible study, Melissa Spoelstra leads women on an exploration of the many names of our triune God—from El and Elohim to Yahweh and its many combinations to names such as Abba, Jesus, and Holy Spirit along with many others.

As women study the names of God, their ideas will become more grounded in what His names tell them, and thus more personal, allowing a greater trust in Him to share the details of their lives. Whether having walked with God for many years or just starting out in a relationship with Him, by the end of this study women will not only know more about God but will know Him better—because through the discovery of God's names, they will discover Him!

This study will be in the Fellowship Hall and will begin September 28 and run through October. Sign up sheets are in the Welcome Center office if you want to purchase a book. They will be \$15. For more information, contact Betsy Carter.

Rebekah Simon-Peter will be leading the Creating a Culture of Renewal® (CCR) worship this Saturday at FUMC. The information she is presenting has been life-changing for many church leaders:

- Reaffirming the experience to which God has called them
- Recognizing they have God-gifted leadership qualities that are unique to them
- Communicating with more clarity and focus—even when there are differing personalities, priorities, and opinions
- Uniting their congregations and seeing their God-given vision come to life



After school JAM (Jesus and Me) will be starting the first Wednesday in September. If you would like to have a child picked up from school, please let the church office know at least 24 hours in advance. September 6 will be here before you know it and we want to make sure we have a comprehensive list of children we need to pick up so we can share God's love. We encourage families to stay for Wednesday Night Live after JAM.



August 28, 8:30 a.m. Fall semester begins for Angel Academy  
August 28, 5:15 p.m. Finance Meeting  
August 28, 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting  
Sunday, September 3, Communion and Caring Fund Sunday  
September 6, Wednesday Night Live begins  
September 28, 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

If you receive this email, and would prefer to be taken of the weekly communication, please reply to the email with your request and we will honor it. If you have a church friend who would like to receive the weekly communication, please have them email [info@fumcpc.org](mailto:info@fumcpc.org) and we will gladly put them on the list!