

# THE FLAME



September 18, 2023

**QUILT SHOW.** The "Stitches Through Time - 1893-2023" quilt show was quite a Challenge for me. I had NEVER done an event like what we planned. There are so many that helped me: Jane Thomason, Carole Rodgers as committee members that pushed, shoved and suggested many ideas that I appreciated. To name a few others that made sure that we had advertisements, Shelia Foxworthy, Trish Goodman, Marlys Cervantes. A special thank you to all the workers, men and women, and especially those in our church and community that provided over 180 special and unique quilts for us to enjoy as we celebrate 130 years of Methodism in Ponca City.

Thank you again and blessings to each of you. *Mary Lou Loret*



Thank you Mary Lou! What a beautiful way to celebrate 130 years!  
Thank you to all the volunteers that made the quilt show such a success!



Stitches Through Time

First United Methodist Church 200 S 6th Ponca City



**VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED:** Do you have approximately one hour each week you could *primp the pews* and get them ready for the next Sunday? If so, we could use your help! Please call the church office if you think this sounds like something you could fit into your schedule. You decide the day and time.

**FINANCIAL GIVING:** Thanks to the 35 people who turned in their pledge cards!!! The 2024 Church budget will be based on the pledge cards received. If you are planning on turning in a card, please do so this week, budgeting will begin next week.

We have several options to financially contribute:

**By Text:** Just text the donation amount to 1-580-324-3101 (no need to include the "\$" sign – just text the numerical amount). You'll receive a text back from Vanco requesting your payment info. The funds will be transferred to the FUMC bank account and you'll receive a confirmation text back from Vanco. Easy as 1-2-3.

**Online:** Visit our website, [www.fumcpc.org](http://www.fumcpc.org), click on the DONATE tab, enter the amount and follow the prompts. You can donate by PayPal, credit or debit card.

**By Monthly Auto draft:** Call Sheila and I'll get you set up for a monthly draft from your checking or savings account. We draft the 5<sup>th</sup> and/or 20<sup>th</sup>, you choose the date that fits your schedule the best

**By Stock Transfer:** We have an account with TD Ameritrade for easy transfer of stock to the FUMC account.

**"Get Fit" with Kera Kester**

*(dress comfortably)*

**Baked potato bar with all the fixings and homemade UWF desserts (UWF will make taco soup next month)**

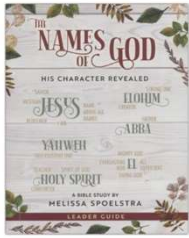
To ensure the success of the opportunity for us to enjoy our time together and listen to relevant topics and speakers, we're adjusting our donation amounts to \$7 per person for adults and \$3 per person for children.



**KIDS' JAM** Wednesday after school program started September 6. We can pick the children up from school if you let the church office know. The van and the bus are both working and we are ready to pick up kids at their respective grade schools. Kids' JAM ends at 5:15 p.m. just in time to drop down to the Fellowship Hall and have dinner!

**WE STILL NEED HELP!!!** We need two route drivers to help pick up kids after school. One of these will replace Pastor Leon on route two and the other be a substitute for the two routes when either regular driver is not available on a particular Wednesday. We also need **VOLUNTEERS** to help with the program on Wednesdays! If you need more information contact Dawn Spaulding or ask one of the volunteers who help. It's a blast!





Betsy's Women's Bible Study will begin September 28 in the Fellowship Hall. **The Names of God** will be a six-week Bible study. Melissa Spoelstra leads women on an exploration of the many names of our triune God. Books are in the office @ \$15 each, please see Mary on W-T-W 9-12 or 1-4. This study will be in the Fellowship Hall.

**KEEP UP-TO-DATE.** Access our online calendar with current dates and times @ [www.fumcpc.org](http://www.fumcpc.org) under the heading of **calendar**.

**IN-HOUSE DIRECTORY.** Picture days are coming soon! Reply to this email to schedule your photo for the in-house directory. The dates our wonderful photographer (Dee Kutz) has selected are October 1, 8, and 15 after church or you can come in on Tuesday afternoon, October 3. Other dates will be added as necessary. Smile you'll be on camera. 😊😊😊😊😊

Does your child enjoy stuff like...



and other **messy** things? Bring them to

## Messy Play Day

A free family activity by The Family Resource Program

Perfect for  
ages 3-5 years!

**Saturday, September 23rd**  
**9 AM - 11 AM**

The Pavilion at Ponca City First United Methodist Church

The corner at South 7th St & E. Oklahoma St.

Call Jeremy at 580-304-8242 for more info.



*Let's Help*  
**THOSE IN NEED**

United Women in Faith are sponsoring a clothing closet drive!

**SOCKS**  
**UNDER-WARE**

**What We Need**  
**New Socks & Under-ware for East Middle School clothing closet.**  
**They also need kleenex, back packs and 1" binders.**

Please bring your items to the mission barrel or you can make a monetary gift and we'll do the shopping.

Betsy Carter's famous Wednesday Night Live Soup. . .

### Chicken Enchilada Soup

- 2 cans black beans
- 2 cans pinto beans
- 2 cans diced tomatoes
- 1 can white chicken meat
- 1-2 cans sweet corn
- 2 cans cream of chicken soup
- 1 can green enchilada sauce
- 1 pkg taco seasoning

Heat on stove top until warm or in crockpot 3 hours on low.

Serve with corn chips, salsa, chopped onions, and grated cheese.

- September 20, 9 a.m. Good Sam's breakfast at Frazier's Osage Restaurant
- September 20, 5:15 Finance, bring your plate to the Conference Room for the meeting
- September 22, 2:30 Feed the High School Football Team
- September 22, Sandwiches for West Middle School Students

September 23, Messy Day for 3-5-year old's in Pavillion

September 28, 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 26 Lunch and Learn with Alan Herndon, Director of Gift Planning, Oklahoma Methodist Foundation

If you receive this email, and would prefer to be taken of the list, 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!

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