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Thank You!

*All the staff would like to thank you for your
generous gifts at Christmas.*

*Pastor Leon, Sheila Foxworthy, Jordan Meador,
Lindsey McGee and Dianne Clark*



Confirmation  *Class*

Confirmation classes begin
Sunday, January 15th
at 5:00 PM.



Coming Event

Brush the cobwebs off
your vocal cords, polish
your tuba or practice your
juggling. Talent/No Talent
is making a come back on
January 29th. Potluck din-
ner at 5:00 PM in the
Fellowship Hall;
Talent/No Talent in the
Sanctuary at 6:00 PM.
There is a signup sheet in
the Welcome Center for all
who plan to perform.



It's Time for Confirmation!

January is an exciting time of the year for me, because it means I get to spend time with young people who are now old enough to confirm their faith in Christ. In infant baptism, a person is initiated into the covenant of Grace by God, but every one of us must, at some point in our lives, exercise free-will and choose to confess our faith in Christ and our intention to walk in obedience to the teachings and example of Christ. Starting Sunday, January 15th, and ending Sunday, May 21, I will meet with our young people who are grade 5 and above who have never gone through Confirmation, and whose parents or guardians approve. Some of you will be sponsors and mentors for these young people, and I thank you in advance for taking on that very important role. These classes will be at 5:00 each Sunday evening. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Lindsey or me. Blessings, Pastor Leon.

Pastor Leon's New Schedule

Well, we are one semester down and seven to go in my pursuit of a MDiv from St Paul School of Theology! Thank you for your invaluable support and encouragement! My class schedule for the Spring Semester is much different than what I just completed. All but one of my courses are on Monday even-

ing and Tuesdays from 1:00-5:00pm. So, my day off will need to change from Friday to Tuesday, so that I have Tuesdays free for classes. I will share my new schedule in the bulletin on January 15th and 22nd.

Pastor's YouTube Channel

I would like to invite you to visit my YouTube Channel, "Sacred Space," at [Sacred Space - YouTube](#) where you will find five video segments on baptism which are about ten minutes each. I intend to add other ten minute segments on other topics moving forward.



January Haiku

A New Year is here.
Let the ball fall at Midnight.
Hope rise in the Morn.

~Wayne Moore



Snow is mentioned in the Bible 25 times. But, did you ever wonder if it snows in Israel. Major cities like Tel Aviv or Jerusalem may see snow flurries, but it rarely accumulates. Mount Heron, located in the Golan Heights will get about 15 inches yearly between December and March.



The next Small-Group experience in Spiritual Formation will begin on 1/09/2023. The study time will be every Monday morning from 10:00 - 11:30am. This session we will be studying *The Way of Grace*, a small group resource that explores "the way of grace" in our lives through the lens of eight encounters between Jesus and various persons described in John's Gospel.

If you are interested in joining this group you can talk to me or just sign up on the sign up sheet.

Bill Elliott



My small group is a six week study of the Book of Romans by Max Lucado.

Week one- Romans 1-2, *The Problem We Face*

Week two - Romans 3-5, *The Gift We've Been Offered*

Week three - Romans 6-8, *The Battle We Fight*

Week four - Romans 9-11, *The Story We've Joined*

Week five - Romans 12-13, *The Path We Follow*

Week six -Romans 14-16, *The Fellowship We Find*

We will meet on Tuesdays beginning January 10 in The Good News Sunday School room at 6 PM.

Mark Doyle



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 10:00 Worship Communion Caring Fund Sunday Enlo Baumert	2 9:00 Staff Meeting	3 8:30 Men's Coffee Group 9:00 Intercessory Prayer	4 3:30 YWN Deana Varner	5 6:00 Knitgiving	6 1:30 UWF Sandwiches for the Mid High Valinda Goepinger Thomasine Rhodd	7
8 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 2:00 Workshop Rehearsal 5:00 TYT Sheila Foxworthy	9 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Bills Small Group Kathy Hughes	10 8:30 Men's Coffee Group 9:00 Intercessory Prayer 6:00 Trustees 6:00 Mark's Small Group	11 3:30 YWN 4:00 SPRC 7:15 Choir Carolyn Hopkins	12 Joyce Shrefler	13 Mary Mason	14
15 8:45 Youth Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 2:00 Workshop Rehearsal 5:00 Confirmation Class 6:00 TYT Carl Renfro	16 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Bills Small Group 5:00 Friendship Feast Martin Luther King Day	17 8:30 Men's Coffee Group 9:00 Intercessory Prayer 6:00 Mark's Small Group	18 3:30 YWN 7:15 Choir	19 6:00 Knitgiving	20 1:30 UWF Sandwiches for the Mid High	21
22 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 2:00 Workshop Rehearsal 5:00 Confirmation Class 6:00 TYT Deborah Layton	23 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Bills Small Group 10:00 Quilters	24 8:30 Men's Coffee Group 9:00 Intercessory Prayer 6:00 Mark's Small Group	25 3:30 YWN 7:15 Choir Donna Walker	26 6:00 Youth Advisory Board Joshua Flewelling-Scott	27	28
29 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 2:00 Workshop Rehearsal 3:00 Confirmation Class 4:00 TYT 5:00 Potluck Dinner/Talent Show	30 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Bills Small Group	31 8:30 Men's Coffee Group 9:00 Intercessory Prayer 6:00 Mark's Small Group		 *Birthdays Shown in Red		

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WNL will resume on February 1 and continue until April 5. Our programs will be just as exciting as the first semester.

Also, if you have any subjects and/or speakers you'd like to hear, please contact Kim Walling.

February:

The 4 G's - Grief and God's Grace to Get us thru it - Sue Lunsford

Change Your Lens - Celebrate What Is Right in the World - (Video) Dewitt Jones (National Geographic Photographer)

Estonia - Missionary Adventure, Pastor Francis Bartley

When the Dust Settles, Pastor Leon - (Ash Wednesday)

We hope to see you there! Bring a friend!

Kim Walling



Meet the Composer

You Are Invited!!

This year marks the 40th anniversary of FUMC's *Meet the Composer Workshop*. February 17-19, 2023, Pepper Choplin, popular nationally known composer of worship music, will return to Ponca City for a weekend of ecumenical music-making. People from different denominations throughout Ponca City have joined us in the past to sing inspirational music performed in a community concert. This year's concert will be held in our sanctuary on February 19th at 2:00 PM. Rehearsals start January 8th at 2:00 PM.

If you would like to participate in this event which is the "kick-off" for FUMC's 130th anniversary celebration, send the following information to Dee Kutz or Marta Sullivan. Cards are available in the Welcome Center.



MEET THE COMPOSER WEEKEND

Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

Voice Part: (Please circle)

Soprano I

Soprano II

Alto I

Alto II

Tenor I

Tenor II

Bass I

Bass II

Height:

Will you need to remain seated in the concert? Yes/No

Dietary Restrictions:

Spouse/Guest: Yes/No

In the event of inclement weather, you will be kept up to date by email and text.

The Music Committee hopes to make this a truly memorable music event!

Blessings -

Debbie Rue



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January 2023

Daily



Prayers for YOUTH

- Our Sons/Daughters, Grandsons/Granddaughters
& all the ones we love.

1

Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart
from it. ~ Proverbs 22:6

Lord, as we begin this new year, please show
me how to train (name). May Your Word
take root in her, and she not depart from it.
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2

Blessed is the one who does not walk in
step with the wicked or stand in the way
that sinners take or sit in the company of
mockers ~ Psalm 1:1
In Jesus Mighty Name,
I bless (name). He will not walk in step
with the wicked or stand in the way that
sinners take or sit in the company of
mockers. Amen!

3

... no harm will overtake you, no disaster will
come near your tent. For he will command his
angels ... to guard you in all your ways.
~ Psalm 91:10-11
In Jesus Mighty Name, no harm will overtake
(name), no evil will conquer her, and no
disaster will come near wherever she may be
for the angels of the Lord take charge of her
and protect her all the days of her life. Amen!

4

He guides me along right paths, bringing
honor to his name. ~ Psalm 23:3

In Jesus Mighty Name,
(name) will seek the Lord's leading. He
will make God-honoring decisions and
walk in the paths of righteousness as he
goes about his days. Amen!

5

But they delight in the law of the LORD,
meditating on it day and night. ~ Psalm 1:2

In Jesus Mighty Name,
(name) will delight in the law of the
Lord. She will crave it and meditate
on it day and night. Amen!

6

Yes, I have more insight than my teachers
for I am always thinking of your laws.
~ Psalm 119:99

In Jesus Mighty Name, (name) will
continually crave and meditate on
God's Word to gain a better
understanding and deeper insight
than even his teachers. Amen!

7

Do everything without complaining and
arguing, ~ Philippians 2:14

In Jesus Mighty Name, (name) will do
all that is required of her without
grumbling, complaining, or arguing.
She will work cheerfully and
enthusiastically, shining as a light in
the world. Amen!

8

He is like a tree planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf
does not wither. In all that he does, he
prosper. Psalm 1:3

This year In Jesus Mighty Name,
(name) will thrive like a tree planted by
streams of water. He will bear good
fruit in each season of life. In all that he
does, he will prosper. Amen!

9

All your children will be taught by the
LORD, and great will be their peace.
~ Isaiah 54:13

In Jesus Mighty Name, (name) will
be taught, directed, and guided by
the Lord, and great shall be her
peace. Amen!

10

Pay attention and turn your ear to the
sayings of the wise; apply your heart to
what I teach, ~ Proverbs 22:17

In Jesus Mighty Name,
(name) will pay attention to the Word
of God. He will listen to the sayings of
the wise and apply his heart to the
instructions of God. Amen!

11

May our sons in their youth be like plants
full grown, our daughters like corner
pillars cut for the structure of a palace;
~ Psalm 144:12

In the name of Jesus, (name) will flourish
like well-nurtured plants. She will be like
a graceful cornerstone, a pillar set to light
up everywhere she goes. Amen!

12

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in
favor with God and man. ~ Luke 2:52

In the name of Jesus, as (name) matures
physically, he will also grow spiritually,
increasing in godly wisdom. He will
increase in stature, and in favor with
You Lord, and with man. Amen!

13

Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate
on it day and night so you will be sure to obey
everything written in it. ~ Joshua 1:8

In Jesus Mighty Name,
(name) will continually study and meditate
on the Word of God. It will be her compass
and frame all her decisions. She will obey
everything as written so she prospers and
succeeds in all she does. Amen!

14

The LORD will make you the head, not the tail. If
you pay attention to the commands of the LORD
your God ... you will always be at the top, never
at the bottom. ~ Deuteronomy 28:13

In the name of Jesus, (name) will heed the
commandments of the Lord and be careful to
obey them so the Lord will make him the
head and not the tail in life. He will always
rise to the top, not be at the bottom. Amen!

15

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with
you and that you may be in good health, as
it goes well with your soul. ~ 3 John 1:2

In the name of Jesus, I pray (name)
will be strong, not feeble. She will
enjoy good health physically,
emotionally, mentally, and most
importantly, spiritually. Amen!

16

Their children will be successful everywhere; an entire generation of godly people will be blessed. ~ Psalm 112:2

In Jesus Mighty name, (name) will be blessed and be a blessing to others. He will be successful in all his endeavors. He and his descendants will be known as upright and mighty warriors of God. Amen!

17

They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. ~ Isaiah 65:23

In Mighty name of Jesus, (name) is not doomed to misfortune. I will not labor over her in vain. My prayers and work on her behalf will bear good fruit. She will not cause me pain or sorrow. (Name) and her descendants will be blessed and be a blessing to others. Amen!

18

Children are a gift from the LORD, offspring a reward from him. ~ Psalm 127:3

In the name of Jesus, I declare (name) a heritage from the Lord. The enemy cannot have him, he belongs to God! Amen!

19

... having been born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of God, which lives and remains forever. ~ 1 Pet 1:23

In Jesus Mighty name, (name) will be born again of the incorruptible seed of the Word. Due to her hunger and thirst for God, she will not delay in keeping the Lord's commandments. Amen!

20

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

~ 2 Corinthians 6:14

In Jesus Mighty name, (name) will be drawn only to goodly friends. Any bonds to ungodly people will be broken. He will not be unequally yoked with unbelievers or keep fellowship with those who dwell in darkness. Amen!

21

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, "Honor your father and mother" ...so that may go well with you. ~ Ephesians 6:2-3

In Jesus Mighty name, (name) will cultivate a spirit of obedience that honors her parents and all those placed in authority over her, so all may be well with her. Amen!

22

Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other high officials and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.

~ Daniel 6:3

In the name of Jesus, (name) will excel in all he does. He will stand distinguished and preferred above his peers because the spirit of excellence dwells in him. Amen!

23

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. ~ Psalm 127:4

In the name of Jesus, (name) will be like a sharpened arrow in the hands of God. The Lord will utilize her for great and mighty things all the days of her life. Amen!

24

... your destroyers and devastators will go away from you. ~ Isaiah 49:17

In Jesus Mighty name, all destroyers, seducers, deceivers, bad influences, frenemies, and those attempting to divert (name) from his divine appointment will be laid to waste. Their bonds shall be torn apart and be no more. Amen!

25

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ~ Matthew 22:37

In Jesus Mighty name, (name) will know, love, and trust You, the Lord God with all her heart, soul, and mind. Amen!

26

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. ~ Jeremiah 29:11

In Jesus Mighty name, (name) will come into the knowledge of God's plan and purpose for his life and will work enthusiastically to fulfill it. Amen!

27

Don't let me drift toward evil or take part in acts of wickedness. Don't let me share in the delicacies of those who do wrong. ~ Psalm 141:4

In Jesus Mighty name, (name) heart will not drift toward evil or take part in acts of wickedness. She will have a distaste for the delicacies of those who do wrong. Amen!

28

This is the word of the LORD, your Maker ... I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. ~ Isaiah 44:3

In Jesus Mighty name, the Spirit of God, and the blessings of God are poured out on (name) and all my descendants. Amen!

29

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ~ 2 Peter 3:18

In Jesus Mighty name, (name) will continually grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen!

30

For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength. ~ Philippians 4:13

In Jesus Mighty name, (name) will cultivate an optimistic attitude, one of joy, unbridled hope, inspiration, and enthusiasm to accomplish all he needs to do knowing it is Christ who strengthens him each day. Amen!

31

The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD— ~ Isaiah 11:2

In Jesus Mighty name, the Spirit of the LORD shall rest on (name). She will be filled with the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD. Amen!