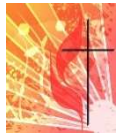


THE FLAME



July 21, 2025



Monday, July 21

Project Transformation
Widows Group Day Trip 9
Staff Meeting 3
Weight Loss Group 3:30
Friendship Feast 5
Scouts 6:30
FPC Bible Study 7

Tuesday, July 22

Project Transformation
Coryell Cupboard 8
Men's Coffee Group 8:30

Intercessory Prayer 9
Coryell Cupboard 4

Wednesday, July 23

Project Transformation
Bible Study Via Christi 10
Youth 6

Thursday, July 24

Project Transformation
PT Party at the Pavillion 3
FPC Session 6

Sunday, July 27

Sunday School 9
Church Service 10
Rev. Robert Montgomery Preaching

Hey, North Central District Churches & Lay Servants,

The North Central District is rockin' it with the trainings we have offered this year! Your enthusiasm is contagious! Spread the word!

The best part is there is no cost other than the book for the course!

<https://okumc-reg.brtapp.com/NCDLayServantTraining>

On Saturday, September 13, at New Hope UMC in ENID, we will be offering a one-day training. We tried a new one-day format (with prior homework assignment), this last spring and it was very successful.

If you don't have a Certified Lay Servant in your church, the Basic Course is a great way to begin within UMC Lay Servant Ministries. Kristen Harlin, our Conference LSM Director has a great message! Check us out at:
<https://www.okumc.org/layservantministries>

Thanks so much for being a supporter of your laity, and Lay Servant Ministries!

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



• *Luke 11:1-13 (NRSV)*



Janitor Needed

First United Methodist Church
200 S 6th, Ponca City

- ✓ up to 20 Hours weekly
- ✓ Maintain Public Areas & Bathrooms
- ✓ Clean Office Areas & Kitchen Weekly
- ✓ Keep Janitorial Supplies Inventory
- ✓ Hours may be some what flexible
- ✓ \$13-\$15 Hour EOE

Contact FUMC

fumcpc.pastor@gmail.com

for an application or further
information.



Project Transformation's report the annual conference by Rev. Marla Lobo:

We would like to express our gratitude to the four churches that hosted PT in 2024: Muskogee St. Paul, El Reno Wesley, Tulsa Southern Hills, and OKC Southern Hills. 70% of the 136 children who participated in our day camps in 2024 improved their reading while 96% maintained their reading level, avoiding the summer slide.

Van and Bus Drivers needed
Wednesday afternoons
2:30-3:30



Pick up our JAM students from school and bring to church!
First United Methodist & First Presbyterian Church
200 S. 6th 580-762-1681

Children enjoyed 8121 meals and read 4220 books. 220 volunteers from 29 churches and organizations read with children and helped in many other ways. 21 college-age young adults built relationships with children, volunteers, and parents while growing professionally and personally during their summer of service.

For summer 2025, we are preparing to serve 300 children at our six host sites! We welcome two new host sites: Ponca City First and Shawnee Wesley. Rejoining PT as a host site is OKC Chapel Hill. Longtime sites Muskogee St. Paul, El Reno Wesley, and Tulsa Southern Hills continue their commitment to serve the children in their community:

In 2024, PTOK was the recipient of three new grants. A grant from the Lemon Family Foundation will enable us to improve the training and resources available for emerging readers and to provide updated STEM curriculum. A Petree Grant will help with the creation of reading rooms at our two new PT sites and improve the training of our young adults. A Lilly Foundation grant will provide new and deepened opportunities for young adult spiritual formation and vocational discernment as part of the PTOK experience.

Kathryn Witzel joined PTOK as our part-time Administrative Specialist in April 2024. She has been an outstanding contributor and has become an invaluable part of the PTOK team.

Tuesdays 8-10 & 4-6

CORYELL CUPBOARD

Items Needed

- DIAPERS & WIPES •
- TOILET PAPER •
- SANITARY PRODUCTS •
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT •
- SHAVING CREAM •
- CLEANING SUPPLIES •
- SHAMPOO •
- SOAP •
- MONETARY DONATIONS •

TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS GREAT MINISTRY, CONTACT
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Whoever loves God must also love his brother. 1 John 4:21

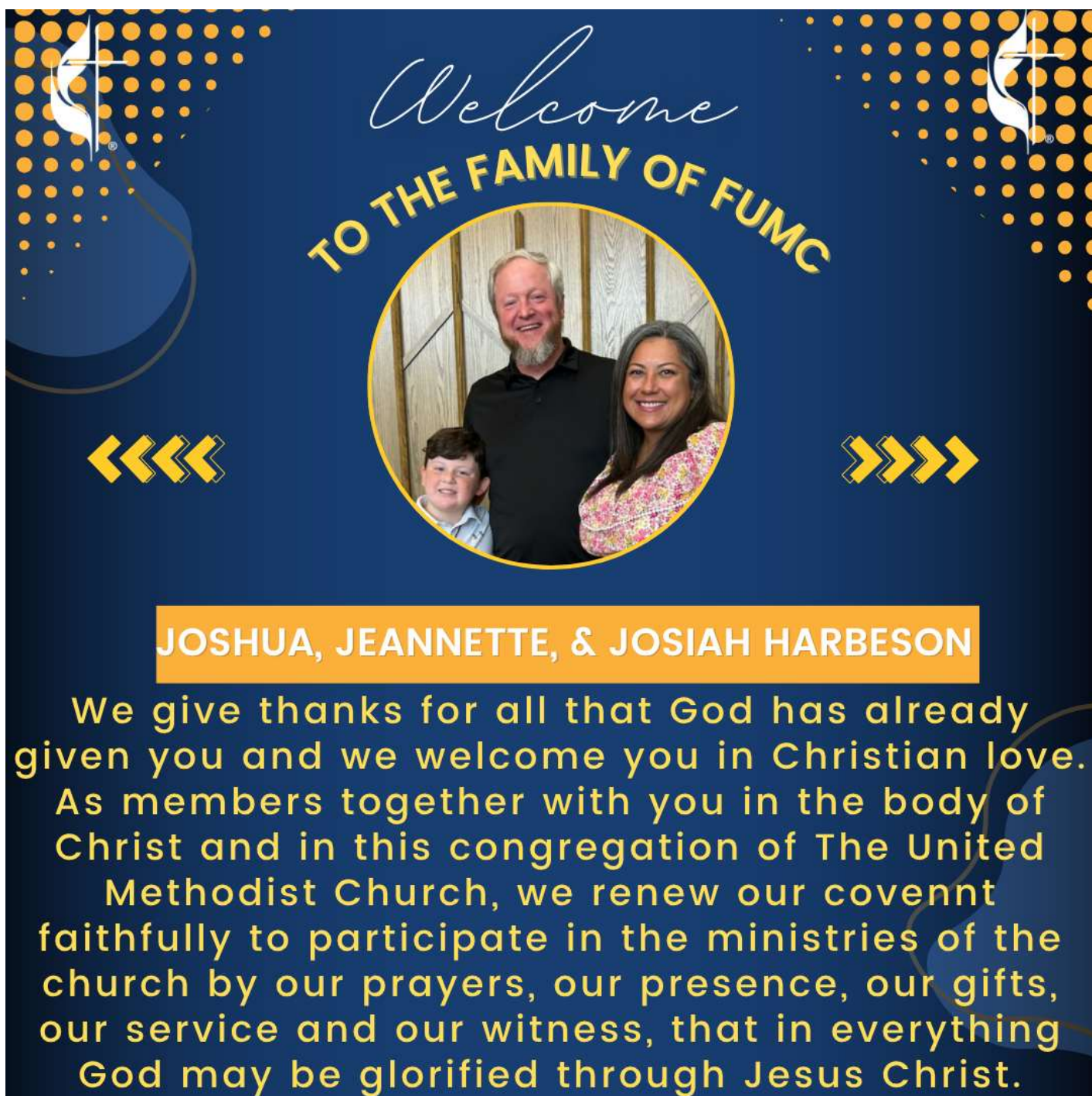
*Coryell
Cupboard
needs your
shopping bags!
Drop off at
church!*





Project Transformation Field Trip: Ponca City Flight Academy. Students made airplanes and flew them off the balcony and in the fellowship hall. What a fun time!





Graphic with a dark blue background, orange polka dots, and white crosses. A central circular photo shows a family of three. Text reads: "Welcome TO THE FAMILY OF FUMC". Below the photo, an orange box contains the names "JOSHUA, JEANNETTE, & JOSIAH HARBESON". A large block of yellow text follows.

Welcome
TO THE FAMILY OF FUMC

JOSHUA, JEANNETTE, & JOSIAH HARBESON

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.



Project Transformation celebration party!

If you can bear the heat, come join us Thursday at 3 to celebrate with the campers!

Book Review: It's Not Supposed to be This Way

By Lysa TerKeurst



In *It's Not Supposed to Be This Way*, Lysa invites us into her own journey of faith and, with grit, vulnerability, and honest humor, helps us to:

- Stop being pulled into the anxiety of disappointment by discovering how to better process unmet expectations and other painful situations.
- Train ourselves to recognize the three strategies of the enemy, so we can stand strong and persevere through unsettling relationships and uncertain outcomes.
- Discover the secret of being steadfast and not panicking when God actually does give us more than we can handle.
- Shift our suspicion that God is cruel or unfair to the biblical assurance that God is protecting and preparing us. Know how to encourage a friend and help her navigate hard realities with real help from God's truth, the Bible.
- Whether you're dealing with little disappointments or devastating heartbreaks, this book will help you honestly deal with your pain before God. Lysa doesn't sugarcoat anything. She tells it exactly like it is: messy, conflicting and tough to face. You may not have fixed the problem after your talk, but you feel uplifted and stronger afterward. She uses interesting metaphors to get her points across. You'll never look at dust, tan feet, or the Garden of Eden in the same way after reading [It's Not Supposed to Be This Way](#). And you'll be better for it!

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