

THE FLAME



May 12, 2025



Monday, May 12

Chancel Bells 1
Weight Loss Group 3:30
Suzi's Singing Practice 3:30
Carillion Handbells 6:30
Scouts 6:30
FPC Bible Study 7
Tulsa Festival Ringers 7

Tuesday, May 13

Coryell Cupboard 8
Men's Coffee Group 8:30
Intercessory Prayer 9
Staff Meeting 1
Coryell Cupboard 4

Trustees 6

Wednesday, May 14

Bible Study Via Christi 10
Communion Via Christi 10
Missions Committee 11
JAM 3:30
Youth Ministry 5:30
Choir 7

Thursday, May 15

Project Transformation 4
FPC Session 6

Friday, May 16

Private Party in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 18

Sunday School 9
Church Service 10
Finance 11:30

If you feel the world owes you something, brace yourself – you'll never get reimbursed. Henry Ward Beecher said, "A proud man is seldom a grateful man, for he never thinks he gets as much as he deserves." The sky's never blue enough, the steak isn't cooked enough, the universe isn't good enough to deserve a human being like you.

Pursue gratitude. The grateful heart is like a magnet, sweeping over the day, collecting reasons for gratitude. *Thank you, God.* Your lungs inhale and exhale 11,000 liters of air every day. *Thank you, God.* For the jam on our toast, and the milk on our cereal, and the blanket that calms us, and the joke that softens us, and the warm sun that reminds us of God's love. Gratitude leaves us looking at God and away from dread. It does to anxiety what morning sun does to valley mist. It burns it up! *Thank you, God.*

Fifth Sunday of Easter



- *Acts 11:1-18*
- *Psalms 148*
- *Revelation 21:1-6*
- *John 13:31-35*



UWF Memorial Day Crosses for Sale. By donation in the Welcome Center on the ledge! All contributions go towards missions and mission projects.

Pastor Leon baptized Baby Kit Boone Sunday while proud grandpa and parents looked on. Here in God's embrace, a new life starts its grace. With water and love, blessed from above.



As their innocent voices rise, the JAM choir voices fill the skies on Mother's Day in church.

Women's Conference—this week-end! *Flaw some*—REGISTER TODAY.

Morning
CONFERENCE

Living Waters Woman's Life Group
presents

"Flawsome"
Perfectly Imperfect
May 16 & 17 2025

The Morning Conference
is for women of all ages to
come together, piece by piece,
as one body, to rejoice in our King.

Join us for this
life-changing weekend!

...for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are your works...
Psalms 139:14



Conference Fee: \$40
Unlimited Water and Coffee
Snacks, Breakfast and Lunch is included

Fill in and return this portion to Register!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

☐ Conference Ticket (\$40) ☐ "Flawsome" T-Shirt (\$25)

T-Shirt Size:
☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ XL
☐ 2XL ☐ 3XL ☐ 4XL

Payment Method: ☐ Cash ☐ Check # _____
☐ Credit/Credit (scan QR Code or go online)

www.poncacitychurch.com/events/morningconference



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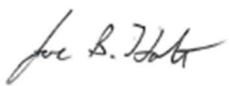
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Rev. Laura Merrill, Bishop Oklahoma Area


Joe B. Holt, Conference Treasurer

Calling FUMC/FPC Members!

Consider this your personal invitation to embark on a summer of literary discovery with us. Don't miss out on this chance to make new friends and unlock the magic within the pages of a book with a Ponca City grade school youngster. We have 100 spots to fill for Project Transformation.



Imagine summer days filled with exciting stories, captivating characters, and the thrill of turning every page. We want these children to discover the love of reading. It's only in the mornings and only for an hour and a half. Please send your name and contact to Marlys Cervantes. She is organizing the summer "listeners." Every child gets an adult to read with every day they are here. We need your help, your neighbors help, your friends help. Everyone is welcome to help! Blessings to you! Marlys Cervantes Marlyscervantes@yahoo.com

Have Yard Work to do????
Our Youth are looking for a few yards/projects to help with to fund their summer activities. Their work is by donation AND they will be supervised!
Call the office and get yours on the list.

First United Methodist Church 200 S 6th Ponca City 580-762-1681
Where First United Methodists & First Presbyterians Worship Together!
Suncay Shool 9am Worship 10am

Help the youth earn money for summer projects! This is an ongoing project all summer long.

Survivor Resource Network would love your broken or unused jewelry!

We want to provide families housed in the domestic violence shelter a fun creative activity making new jewelry. Please drop off your blessings in the basket in the welcome center!

Bracelets
Pendants
Necklace
Rings
Earrings
Watches
Cuff Links
Broken/Unwanted Jewelry

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September 3 we are taking pictures of everyone for our new online/printed directory. We do not want to miss you. They will be here one day to take everyone in church, please put it on your calendar now so you don't schedule and appointment that day!



May's Highlighted Author – Phillip Yancey



For Philip Yancey, writing is a way to explore faith. He explains: *“At times we all ask questions such as ‘Where is God when it hurts?’ or ‘Does prayer make any difference?’ As a freelance writer, I get to investigate such issues full-time. It’s my calling, to honestly explore such questions, and I feel privileged to do so in print.”*

Yancey has authored over 25 books, in which he has wrestled with God, with the Church, and with fellow believers. After surviving a church background of what he now calls “toxic faith,” he ultimately came to know a God of grace and beauty. With a journalistic, story-telling style, he invites readers to accompany him as he probes the deepest mysteries of the Christian faith, and challenges readers to live as followers of Jesus.

Many have done so. His books have sold more than 15 million copies in English, and have been translated into 40 languages worldwide. Philip’s bestselling titles include *What’s So Amazing About Grace?* and *The Jesus I Never Knew*. His most recent book is *Fearfully and Wonderfully: The Marvel of Bearing God’s Image*, released August, 2019.

Philip Yancey and his wife lived in downtown Chicago before moving to the foothills of Colorado, where they enjoy mountain climbing, skiing, wildlife, and many other delights of the Rocky Mountains.

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