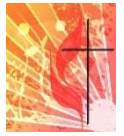


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Thanks to First United Methodist Church's sponsorship, we have been able to do more activities because the church has provided us with the use of their van. With the help of the church, we have been able to be more active. Using the van, we were able to attend summer camp at Quivira Scout Ranch in Sedan, KS, take a day trip to the Oklahoma City Science Museum, had a camp out at Osage Hills, and attended an Order of the Arrow election at Oklahoma State University. The church has assigned us two rooms here, a meeting room and a room to store our camping supplies and for scout related activities.

We have been active in the community by serving breakfast at the monthly fly-in breakfasts, serving dinner at the church's Cinco de Mayo dinner, and we helped with Ponca City's National Day of Service.

Future plans for the troop include continuing to serve at the Ponca City Fly-in Breakfast, having a dinner at the church sometime after the first of the year, and becoming more active in some of the church's activities.

We would like to thank church members for their support. We love our new "home".

A "Lunch and Learn" Program

Join Us for a "Lunch and Learn" program hosted by our Oklahoma Methodist Foundation to learn more about how to sustain Ponca City First United Methodist Church through legacy gifts. Our time together will be a discussion where we will learn both theological and practical methods of charitable legacy gifts to sustain children ministry, youth and camping ministry, music ministry, missional outreach ministry, and how your passion for Ponca City First UMC may continue.

The "Lunch and Learn" will provide information about:

- o Ways you may remember the church in your will or estate plan
- o The various charitable options to effectively impact the ministries you cherish
- o How to make your IRA provide charitable gifts to your church
- o New information about charitable giving you may not know currently
- o Ways to give back to your church and receive lifetime income
- o and much more. . .

WHEN: Thursday, October 26th

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Ponca City First U, FELLOWSHIP HALL

RSVP: fumc.business@gmail.com by October 20th so lunch may be planned.

Alan Herndon, Oklahoma Methodist Foundation

About the Presenter: Alan D. Herndon, CPGA currently serves as the Director of Planned Giving for Oklahoma City University through a partnership with the Oklahoma Methodist Foundation. Through this partnership, Alan focuses on connecting with the members of the Gold Star Legacy Society, promotional materials for legacy giving and strengthening the current planned giving program for Oklahoma City University. He also works with individuals and churches providing estate planning presentations, charitable giving options and understanding how they may sustain ministry for their local churches.

♪ ♪ Music Notes. . . *from Marta Sullivan*

To begin, I wish to thank everyone who has supported me through my health issues. All your prayers, cards, food, and well-wishes have brought me through a difficult time. I am happy to report my hip replacement surgery went well and I am about halfway through the recovery process. Thank you for being there for me. You are a very caring and loving congregation.

On to music...

As part of the 130th anniversary celebration, the choir has been singing some of the many commissioned pieces purchased in conjunction with the Meet the Composer events. We sang a couple of them in September: *Let All God's People Come Together and Praise!* By Pepper Choplin, Commission 2023 in memory of Joycelynn Davidson and *Let There Be Peace*, commissioned in 2018 for Mike and Linda Smith. The following have been sung or are scheduled to be sung in October: *Worthy of Our Highest Praise* by Lloyd Larson, Commissioned 2003; *Come, Christians Join to Sing* arr. Arnold Sherman, Commissioned 1990; *This Little Light of Mine* arr. Mark Hayes, Commissioned in 2013 in memory of Judy Jones. In November the following are scheduled: *Spin the Wheel Toward Heaven* by Pepper Choplin, commissioned in 2015 to honor Sue Lippert; *A Fourfold Act of Praise* by A. Lovelace, commissioned for the Chancel Choir in 1987; *Love Has Made a Difference* by J. Rouse; Commissioned in 2020 to honor Kenneth Jones; *Sing a Joyful Song* by J. Horman, Commissioned in

1988 for Vesper-Chapel Choir. The Meet the Composer series is a wonderful part of the history of the church, and I hope hearing these anthems sung again will bring back fond memories.



Monday, October 16, 9 a.m. Staff Meeting
5:30-7:30 p.m. Friendship Feast
6:30-8 p.m. Scouts
6:30-7:30 p.m. Hand Bell Choir

Tuesday, October 17, 8:30-9:30, Men's Coffee Group, Country Café
9 a.m. Intercessory Prayer
10 a.m. Handbell Choir

Wednesday, October 18, 8:30 a.m. Angel Academy
3:30 p.m. Kids JAM
5:50 p.m. Wednesday Night Live
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 19, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Ladies Bible Study

Friday, October 20, 2 p.m. UWF Sack Lunches

Saturday, October 21, 130th Celebration Picnic, 11-3ish

Sunday, October 22, 130th Celebration Church Service, Cookie Reception following church
3-4 p.m. Charge Conference
4-5:30 p.m. Wedding Shower for Lyric Cervantes
6 p.m. UMY

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

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