

THE FLAME



June 3, 2024

Happy Workiversary to Pastor Leon! Two years ago this week, he blessed our congregation with his leadership and guidance. We thank you for serving us. We honor your prayers, diligence and commitment to our church and attribute much of our church's growth to you. We celebrate you and pray for your continued grace. Here's to many more. . .

Lights, Lights, lights. . . Contrary to what one might think, we do not have a light angel at the church. When you leave a room, please turn off the lights if you are the last one or the one in charge. If you turn on a light, please turn it off. We do not have an angel who comes at the end of the day and turns all the lights off. Just like home, your father doesn't own stock in the light company, turn off the lights!

If you haven't visited the former MDO floor, go take a look! The Angel Academy Board got permission from the Trustees to sell all the furnishings to the new day care in town, Under My Wing Academy, LLC. Kim Walling has cleared all the old furnishings out and Dawn and Alana are ready to move JAM and Children's Church to that floor. The nursery on the West has been refurbished, The Basket Ministry has taken over a storage room, the old rooms cleaned out and Children's Church is ready and using the rooms on the East on Sunday mornings. Things are moving along for our children. . .go visit and volunteer with them.

ZOOM MEETING INVITATION

TUESDAY, JUNE 4
10 A.M. OR 6 P.M.

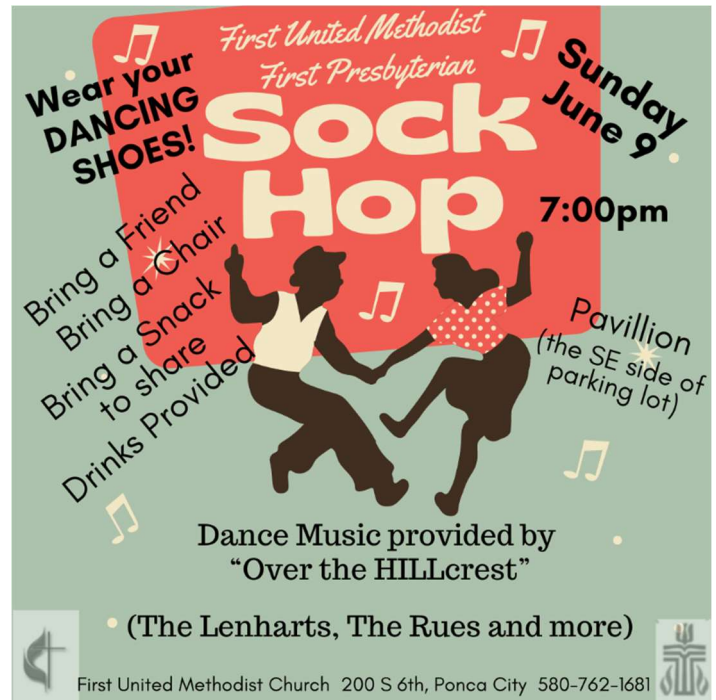
Dr. Carol Cook Moore, is inviting us to a special Zoom meeting to explain the decisions made at the recent General Conference and what those decisions mean for the local churches. So much information "out there" is not accurate or helpful. Dr. Cook Moore was a delegate & present for the sessions & can give precise reporting & assessment.

Topic: NPD Zoom Discussion of General Conference
Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime
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Come meet Brenda Stephenson, our new ministry assistant. She is grateful for the opportunity to be here. She spends her life serving the Lord and others. Brenda works from 9-12; 1-4 Monday-Thursday.





Adult Education Survey

Summer 2024

When we think about Adult Religious Education at our church, what do we think of? What do you consider included in the category of "Adult Ed"? Adult Christian Education is and can be more than what we currently offer. Experiences can also include other ways and methods we might present to educate our members in the way of life of Jesus Christ and our God.

As a church we are looking at the opportunities we currently present and things we could add or change. We would like your input to help us with future direction. Please answer the following three questions to help us better plan for our Adult Christian Education at FUMC in partnership with the FPC.

Currently we offer the following:

Sunday School classes, WNL speakers, Bible Studies and sometimes additional speakers.

1. Do you think these options are working well? Give specifics.
2. What other adult educational type experience(s) do you feel you may need or are missing? Suggestions?
3. How can our library support your spiritual formation and adult education at FUMC?

Please return survey by mail to FUMC, PO Box 71, Ponca City, OK, 74602, drop in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or bring to the church office by July 1, 2024. Thank you!



Next Sunday, we will celebrate "Music Sunday," a special day dedicated to honoring and appreciating those who contribute their musical talents to our church services, not only on Sundays but for significant holy days and events throughout the year. I encourage everyone to take a moment on Sunday to express your gratitude to those involved in Music Ministry and to share with them how their music has enriched your spiritual experience and brought you closer to God.

Sunday, June 30th marks the final offering of the Chancel Choir before their summer break. However, during their absence, special music will be provided each Sunday.

On a personal note, I want to share how grateful I am for the opportunity and privilege to direct and lead such a dedicated and committed group of musicians and to serve a congregation who values the musical gifts of its members. It is also a pleasure to work with Pastor Leon who plans worship weeks in advance allowing the selection of music to fit each Sunday's theme and Debbie Rue, who is a gifted organist and pianist.

It was a blessing to be asked to serve as your Music Director two years ago and that blessing has only continued to grow. The addition of the talented musicians from First Presbyterian to our vocal and handbell choirs has further enriched our Music Ministry and it brings me immense joy to see the choir loft filled with accomplished singers, ringers, and instrumentalists.

Let us celebrate the gift of music in our worship on Sunday and express our appreciation for those who share their musical talents with us each week. Thank you to all who contribute to our Music Ministry through your thoughts and prayers and may our music continue to inspire and uplift our congregation on this Music Sunday and beyond. ~~Marta

A vibrant orange poster for a garage sale. At the top, the words "Garage Sale" are written in large, white, serif font, flanked by yellow and blue stars. Below this, the date and times "Friday, June 14 8am-12pm 4pm-???" are listed in white. A diagonal banner on the left side reads "Everything MUST GO" in white. The main offer, "Everything 90% off! Clothing 10c", is prominently displayed in white and blue. The location "600 E Oklahoma, Ponca City" and the church name "First United Methodist Church" are at the bottom in white. A blue banner across the bottom states "ALL PROCEEDS GO TO MISSIONS!". The bottom of the poster features a colorful illustration of people browsing through various items like books, plants, and furniture at the sale.

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8am-12pm
4pm-???

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Clothing 10c

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First United Methodist Church

Thanks to all who helped with the UW Faith Barn Sale. Especially to Trish Goodman and Jan Matheson who organized everything and everyone—they are saints! Big thanks to the men who came and moved all the merchandise in and out for two days, they are true angels--Ed Goodman, Ron Matheson, Jose Cervantes, Howard Matheson. A big thanks for Barbara Bridwell who brought the workers lunch on Friday, it was a needed nourishment break and truly appreciated. The ladies made \$2,000 for mission projects. In addition to making the money, they helped a halfway house client get wheels by selling a by bike at greatly reduced price and donated all the books to a woman whose ministry takes her around town to all the little libraries. She keeps them stocked! What a blessing for two days work.



Have you ever wondered what \$6,000 in hard cold cash looks like? Well, it laying on the table in front of Sheila and Dawn as they counted the money from the Youth Fund Raiser from parking cars at The Heb Festival Saturday. Kerry got cramps in his hands from handling the large box of money—mainly one's and five's—so he couldn't pose for a photo! The youth feel so blessed for the many people who donated to them as they park cars. It was a wonderful day for the city of Ponca and our churches! Thank you and thank your friends who contributed. This is a record amount for a fundraiser for them. Good job kids and sponsors.



Monday, June 3

Staff Meeting 9 a.m.
TOPS 3:30 p.m.
Scouts 6 p.m.
Handbells 6 p.m.
FPC Bible Study 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 4

Coryell Cupboard 8-10 a.m.
Men's Coffee Group 8:30 a.m.
Intercessory Prayer 9 a.m.
Handbell Ensemble 1 p.m.
Coryell Cupboard 4-6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 5

Bible Study @ Via Christi 10 a.m.

Communion @ Via Christi
Missions Committee 11 a.m.
PEO 1 p.m.
Choir Practice 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 8

Murder Mystery Fundraiser, 5 p.m.

Sunday, June 9, 2024

Sunday School, 9 a.m.
Worship, 10 a.m.
Sock Hop, 7 p.m.

June 23, 2024

Dr. Carol Cook Moore's Retirement, Perkins, OK, 4-6 p.m.

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