

# THE FLAME



July 14, 2025



## Monday, July 14

Project Transformation  
Staff Meeting 3  
Weight Loss Group 3:30  
ZOOM, Admin Committee, 5:30  
Scouts 6:30  
FPC Bible Study 7

## Tuesday, July 15

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

Intercessory Prayer 9  
Coryell Cupboard 4

## Wednesday, July 16

Project Transformation  
Bible Study Via Christi 10  
Youth 6

## Thursday, July 17

Project Transformation  
FPC Session 6

## Sunday, July 21

Sunday School 9  
Church Service 10  
Ecumenical Partnership Mtg. 1



We need everyone who walks though the doors of First United Methodist Church to worship to have their picture made and be a part of the directory! This is for members, non-members, and Presbyterians. We are all in this together.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



*. Luke 10:38-42 (CEB)*

If you participated in the Lay Speaker training held at FUMC last year, here is another opportunity to add some more classes to your arsenal. Beginning in August you can take classes the first Saturday of each month in Stroud. Contact us if you would like to sign up.



**Lay Speaker Boot Camp**  
**8 Hour Classes First Saturday of the Month**  
**At Stroud United Methodist Church**  
**9:00 am to 5:00pm**

**Upcoming Classes/Dates:**  
**August 2, 2025-Prayer - Rev. Connie Gibson and**  
**Cindy Johnson**  
**September 6, 2025- Polity- Rev. Dylan Ward**  
**October 4, 2025- Living Our Methodist Beliefs- Rev.**  
**Dr. Derrek Belase**  
**November 1, 2025- Spiritual Gifts- Erika Maxey**

Pictures will be taken in the Parlor. Everyone who wants can park in the back and walk in from the alley door to avoid stairs. There's a mirror in both bathrooms downstairs to check yourself prior to pictures. There are some evening times left on Tuesday, September 2 to sign up. There are some later afternoon and evening slots open on Monday, September 8. Tuesday, September 9 has some prime availability during the afternoon and evening. We want everyone in our directory. If you have your picture made, you get a free 8x10 as well as a printed directory. Don't delay. . .we need you.

## **Finding God in the Everyday**

It's easy to feel connected to God on Sunday mornings, when we're surrounded by the familiar hymns, the comforting words of the sermon, and the warmth of our church family. But what about Monday morning? Or Wednesday afternoon, when the to-do list is a mile long and the demands of life feel overwhelming?

Our faith isn't meant to be confined to the four walls of our sanctuary. God is not just a Sunday God; He is present in every moment of our lives. He is in the quiet calm of your morning coffee, the vibrant chaos of a family dinner, and the challenging conversations at work. The key is learning to recognize His presence in the seemingly ordinary.

Think of it like a scavenger hunt. You're searching for small glimpses of God's grace and love throughout your day. It could be the unexpected kindness of a stranger, the beauty of a sunset, or the feeling of peace you find in a moment of quiet reflection. These small things are not accidents; they are divine appointments. They are reminders that God is with us, walking alongside us even when we don't feel Him.

This week, I challenge you to look for Him. When you feel stressed, take a moment to breathe and remember that God is your refuge. When you feel grateful, give thanks for the blessings, big and small. When you feel a nudge to help someone, act on it—that might be God working through you.

Let's make our faith an active part of our daily lives, not just a weekly habit. Let's find God in the everyday, and in doing so, we will discover that our lives are not ordinary at all, but filled with His extraordinary love.

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# HIRING A DEDICATED YOUTH DIRECTOR



## Position Requirements:

- Active individual interested in leading a church youth group.
- Must be flexible in hours, able to organize and lead both Bible study and recreational activities for youth.
- Promote growth in the program.
- Position is 29 hours per week, paying \$30,000 annually. Includes day time office hours, Wednesday evening activities, and Sundays. Regular staff meetings, as well as other church meetings. Report on the program and keep up with church activities.
- Ideal person will be energetic, organized, work well with other staff, volunteers and advisory board, and able to provide spiritual training and guidance in a fun environment for the youth.
- Resumes, including a list of three references, and questions (include your phone #) should be emailed to ***fumcpc.pastor@gmail.com*** . EOE

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Where we worship together!*

“Rejection—It may be a delay. It may be a distraction. It may even be a devastation for a season but it is not your final destination.”

~[Lysa TerKeurst](#)

# 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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