

THE FLAME



June 16, 2025



Monday, June 16

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

Tuesday, June 17

Project Transformation
Coryell Cupboard 8
Men's Coffee Group 8:30
Intercessory Prayer 9
Coryell Cupboard 4

Wednesday, June 18

Project Transformation
Bible Study Via Christi 10
Pastor Leon's Doctrinal Study 5
via you tube
Youth Ministry 6
Choir 7

Thursday, June 19

Office Closed for Juneteenth
FPC Session 6

Saturday, June 21

Baby Shower for Lyric Pameticky

Sunday, June 8

Peace With Justice Sunday

Sunday School 9
Church Service 10

After June 29th the choir will take a much-deserved summer break. However, the church will continue to have beautiful music during the summer through the talents of individual choir members and others. If you or someone you know plays an instrument or sings and would like to offer music while the choir is on vacation, please let Marta know. She is scheduling Summer Music now!



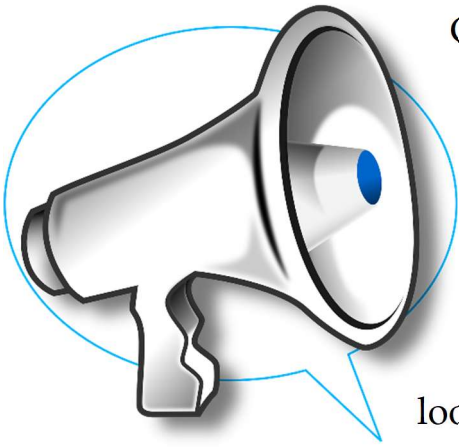
You can reach me through my email

addresses: fumcpc.music@gmail.com or martasullivaln64@gmail.com or text or call me at 580-761-1147.

Second Sunday after Pentecost



- *1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a*
- *Psalms 42 and 43*
- *Isaiah 65:1-9*
- *Psalms 22:19-28*



Calling all Ushers/Communion Servers. The Worship Committee would like to invite you to a quick luncheon meeting immediately after church service on Sunday June 29th in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss proper procedure for Ushers and Communion servers. Please let the office know if you will be attending so we can get a number for our lunch. Thank you for your service and we look forward to getting together.

Our Project Transformation college leaders who are leading the small groups took a moment to pause for a picture at the Lake when they were treated to a cookout courtesy of Andy, Sally and Susan.



The United Methodist Church uses next Sunday as a day to speak out for peace and justice. Our Social Principles call us to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as peacemakers in resolving conflict. We renew our commitment that to live into our mission of transforming the world, we must prioritize collaboration among nations, work to reduce the use and need for weapons, and foster just, equitable and durable solutions to the root causes of conflict.

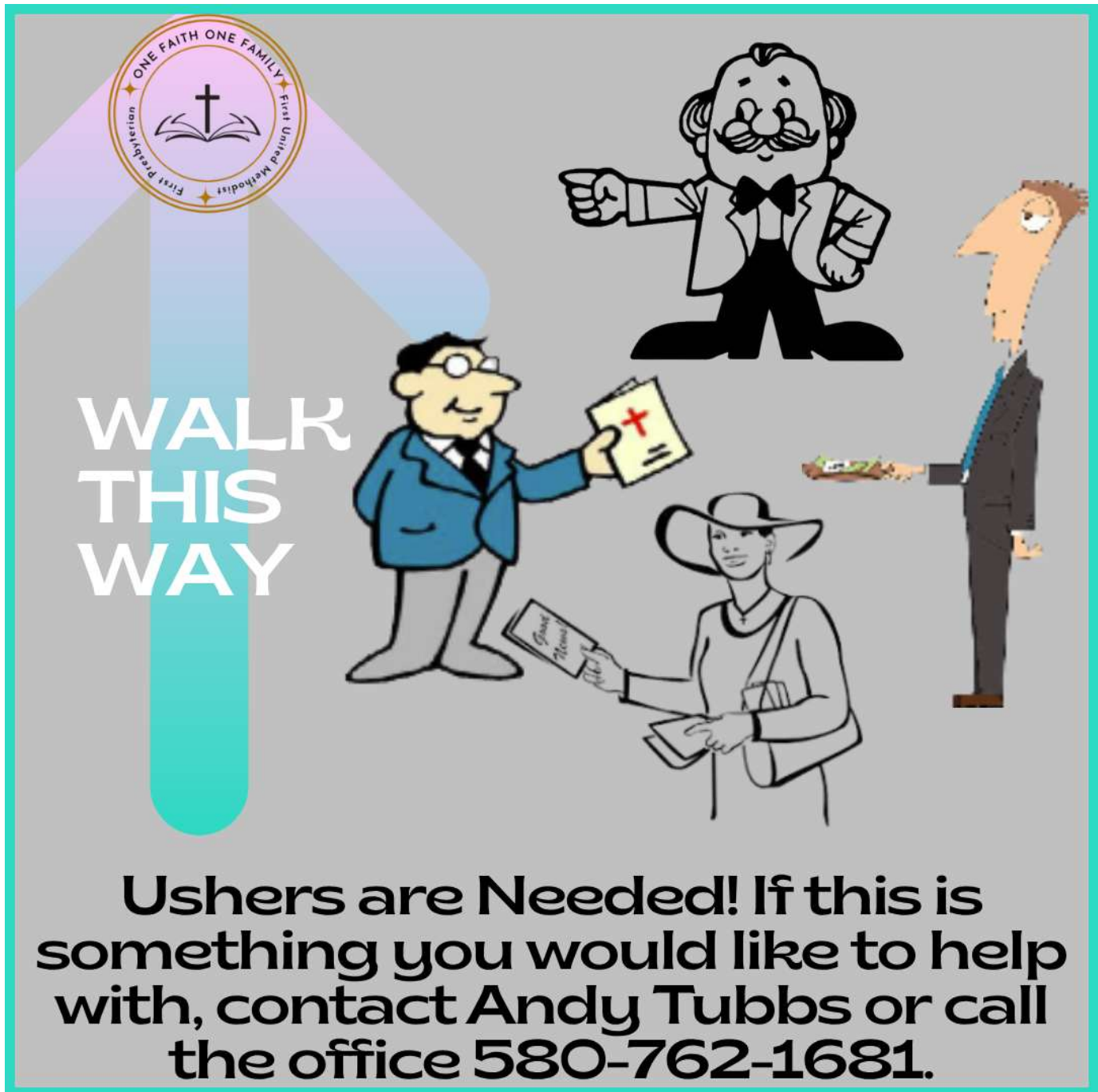
Contributions support programs that witness to God's demands for a faithful, just, disarmed, and secure world.

In 2024, a Peace With Justice grant was awarded to contribute to the "Guns to Garden Tools" gun buy-back program in Tulsa. OKUMC Peace With Justice coordinator Vernona Dismuke and her team are eager to receive project proposals from congregational leaders for local projects. Proposals will be evaluated and funds dispersed according to criteria available on the Church & Society page on the OKUMC Conference website. Questions may be submitted by email to Vernona Dismuke at vernona@live.com or by phone or text at 405-882-6434.



FUMC office will be closed, Thursday, June 19.

“I used to think God guided us by opening and closing doors, but now I know sometimes God wants us to kick some down.”



**WALK
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Ushers are Needed! If this is something you would like to help with, contact Andy Tubbs or call the office 580-762-1681.



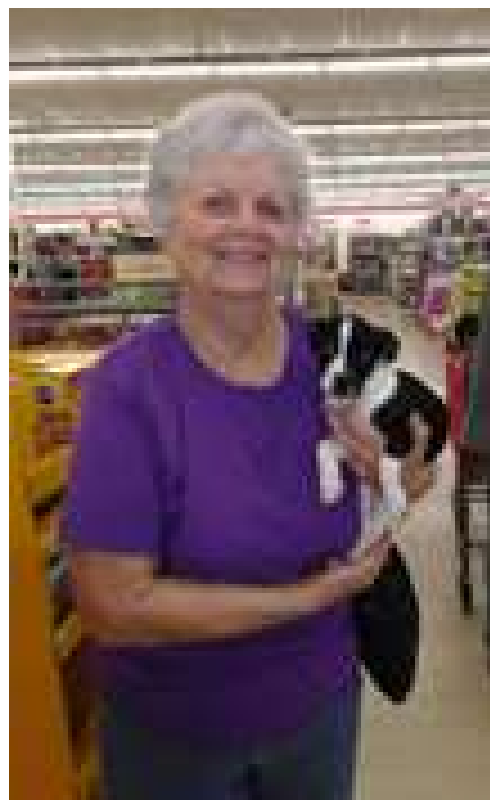
Meet Bill Salmons who has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for 34 years. He serves on the Session, the Committee on Ministry, and heads up the Mission Committee. If you drive down El Camino, you can often see him walking. He also likes to fish and has plenty of stories to tell. He is a retired Project Engineer from the Ponca City refinery where he worked for 34 years. He does a lot of volunteering, mostly for church. In his past he has been an Engineer for 40 years in various industries. His favorite job was working in South Plant in Refinery.

He is married to Ann; the talented musician and they have two lovely daughters.

Pictured to the right is Marvis Johnson Soucek.

She was raised in and around Lamont, OK—half of her growing up years were on a farm with a house that had no indoor bathroom. She went to a country school until fourth grade. She has taught school in New Jersey, Illinois, and Texas before moving to Ponca City in August of 1985 where she taught third grade at Roosevelt Elementary School. She joined the church shortly after moving here and started singing in the choir about ten years ago when she retired from Wal-Mart. She started working at Wal-Mart, in the photo lab, after retiring from teaching--which led to a hobby in photography.

She also enjoys reading, gardening, just being outdoors, watching Thunder (Thunder up EVERYONE) basketball, and genealogy. She enjoys going out to eat with some of her retired teacher friends. And is very proud of her two sons and five grandchildren. Her favorite thing to do is watching her grandchildren in their activities. She lives with her spoiled eight-year-old rescue dog, Molly, who is pictured with her.



Book Review – “Love Does”

By Bob Goff



Can a simple concept shift your entire world? When it comes to loving your neighbors, rather than focusing on having the "right answers" or checking the "right boxes", what if you decide to simply do love? To shamelessly show love and grace to those around you? What would that look like?

Bob says: It might look like spending 16 days in the Pacific Ocean with five guys and a crate of canned meat. It might look like taking your kids on a world tour to eat ice cream with heads of state. It might look like taking a road trip with a stressed-out college student—even though you just got married a few days before.

In Love Does, Bob shows you:

- how to live a fully engaged life;
- how to stop putting things off until “next time” and instead find your place of imagination, whimsy, and wonder today;
- that God usually chooses ordinary people to get things done.

When love does, life gets interesting. Light and fun, unique and profound, the lessons drawn from Bob's life and attitude in this collection of stories just might inspire you to be secretly incredible, too. If you love Love Does, don't forget to check out Everybody, Always and Dream Big for more of Bob's delightful and inspiring stories!

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