

THE FLAME



March 17, 2025



Monday, March 17

Chancel Bells 1
Weight Loss Group 3:30
Carillion Handbells 6
Friendship Feast 5
Scouts 6:30
FPC Bible Study 7

Tuesday, March 18

Coryell Cupboard 8
Men's Coffee Group 8:30
Intercessory Prayer 9:00
Staff Meeting 1
Coryell Cupboard 4

Wednesday, March 19

Bible Study Via Christi 10
JAM 3:30
Youth Ministry 5:30

Wednesday Night Live 5:30
Choir 7

Thursday, March 20

FPC Session 6
Living Last Summer Practice 6

Friday March 21

Lenten Small Group Study 10

Saturday March 22

Memorial Service Mary Herrin
Cookie Reception for Herrin Family

Sunday, March 23

Sunday School 9
Church 10



March 23, 2025—Third Sunday after Lent

- Isaiah 55:1-9
- Psalm 63:1-8
- 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
- Luke 13:1-9



Last year's Oklahoma wind left a gaping hole by the Pavilion, a stark reminder of the tree that once stood sentinel. This spring, we're rewriting that story. Another vibrant maple, chosen for its fiery autumn hues, will soon take root, promising shade and beauty for generations. And to chase away the lingering chill of those windy nights, a new portable fire pit will join the scene, inviting gatherings under the stars, where stories and s'mores will fill the air, transforming loss into warmth and renewal.



Monday Night Bible Study has begun a new study:

Psalms Book 1 (Psalms 1-41) you are invited to come join us as we read through and study this first set of the Bible's Hymn book. The psalms challenge and comfort us - they speak to the heart.

This book has blessed the hearts of many down through the ages. Ambrose, one of the great saints of the church, said, "The Psalms are the

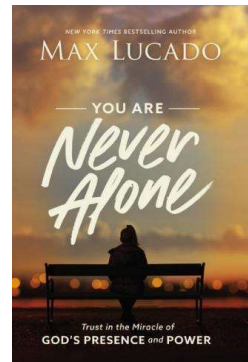
voices of the church.” Augustine said, “They are the epitome of the whole Scripture.” Martin Luther said, “They are a little book for all saints.” John Calvin said, “They are the anatomy of all parts of the soul.”

You are welcome to join us in person in the 4th floor conference room or by Zoom. We meet Monday evenings at p.m. Just click on the link below. It will work from most any laptop, tablet or smartphone.

Hope to see you there, Mark

Join Bible Study Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82796429487?pwd=SY2db8EOFKWerFLYSbY1pPEyNvRN6.1>



Book Review: Never Alone

When life feels depleted, does God care? When I'm facing an onslaught of challenges, will God help? When life grows dark and stormy, does God notice? When I'm facing the fear of death; will God help me? The answer in the life-giving miracles in the Gospel of John is a resounding yes!

In *You Are Never Alone*, Max will help you:

- Realize that Jesus is walking with you and lifting you out of your storms.
- Dwell in the grace of the cross, the miracle of the empty tomb, and the assurance of restoration power.
- Believe that God is your ever-present source of help.
- Recognize that you are never without hope or strength because you are never, ever, alone.

Today, take courage that you are stronger than you think because God is nearer than you know.

Max Lucado has written this book that's infused with hope and encouragement as he guides us through the book of John and highlights the miracles of Jesus. This book is comforting,

convicting, encouraging, inspiring, warm and humorous. It would be difficult to choose a favorite chapter, because each one has its own special application to our lives.

This book holds a much-needed message for all of us:

“The message of the miracles is the Miracle Worker Himself. He wants you to know that you are never alone. You are never without help, hope, or strength. You are stronger than you think because God is nearer than you might imagine.” (Quote from Chapter 12).

March 19

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Wednesday Night Live
5:30

Cystal Layton &
Singers

Singing the
Oldies with the
Goldies

Suggested Donation:
\$7 Adult/\$3 Child

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FOOD DRIVE

LETS FEED THE HUNGRY STUDENTS AT WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

**WHAT
WE NEED?**

March 9 Bring Food
March 23 Last Day to Bring Food

**Individual Mac-n-Cheese/Peanut Butter/Cereal
Boxes/Chips/Pringles/Juice Boxes
Boxes of Mac-n-Cheese
Soups/Roman Noodles
Cereal bars/Poptarts/Crustables
Peanut butter crackers/Cheese crackers
Canned Veggies/Fruit/Meat/Beans/Ravioli/
Milk/Spaghetti Sauce/Spaghetti O's/Beanie
Weinies/Tuna
Peanut butter
Plain crackers
Pasta
Applesauce pouches
Beef Jerky/Slim Jims
Fruit gummies
Gold fish/Pretzels/Popcorn
Hamburger, Chicken, Tuna Helper**

Matthew 25:35, 40
"... for I was hungry and you gave
me food, I was thirsty and you
gave me something to drink".



Sunday, March 9
We will begin
collecting food for
West Middle School.
Sunday, March 23
will be our last day
to collect food
items.

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Sunday School 9am Worship 10am
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Child Development Center

March Needs



Kleenex, Snacks, Playdough

Beautiful one of a kind Crosses



United Women in Faith created these beautiful crosses. Made from old fencing and no longer used decorations, they are wonderfully earth friendly & each one is unique.

These are located on the office window shelf and are for sale by donation (\$10 minimum?).

The crosses would make a lovely Easter gift or just a thinking of you gift. ♡

Have Yard Work to do????

Our Youth are looking for a few good yards for their service project!

Call the office and get yours on the list.



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of Home Health & Hospice



Reserve your spot
by calling the
Senior Center at
580-763-8051

Come and have fun with us as we socialize,
learn together, and enjoy some tasty food!

 Carolyn Renfro Event Center
445 Fairview Ave. Ponca City, ok

 Friday, April 4th, 2025

 11 am - 1 pm



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