

# THE FLAME



April 7, 2025



## Monday, April 7

Stephen Ministry 9  
Chancel Bells 1  
Weight Loss Group 3:30  
Carillion Handbells 6:30  
Scouts 6:30  
FPC Bible Study 7

## Tuesday, April 8

Coryell Cupboard 8  
Men's Coffee Group 8:30  
Intercessory Prayer 9  
Staff Meeting 1  
Coryell Cupboard 4  
Trustees 6

## Wednesday, April 9

Bible Study Via Christi 10  
JAM 3:30  
Youth Ministry 5:30  
Wednesday Night Live 5:30  
Living Last Supper Rehearsal 7

## Thursday, April 10

FPC Building Grounds & Finance 1:30  
Living Last Supper Practice 6  
Windows Group 6:30

## Friday April 11,

Lenten Small Group Study  
UWF Sandwiches 4

## Sunday, April 6

Sunday School 9  
Living Last Supper Worship 10

*Thank  
You*

*We have an amazing church family! We would like to thank everyone for their calls, cards, texts, time and gifts of food. Most of all we want to thank you for your prayers during this challenging chapter of Rob's passing. A special thanks to Pastor Leon for his patience and guidance.*

*We want to recognize Brenda Stephenson and Andy Tubbs for all they did behind the scenes. Jan Matheson and the ladies in the kitchen receive extra praise for wrapping our extended family in their arms with a delicious meal that allowed our family to come together to share memories of Rob. We never know how much time we have with our loved ones, hold them tight and let them know every day they are loved.*

## Sixth Sunday in Lent



- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm 31:9-16
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49



# Friendship Feast

Benefit Spaghetti Dinner

All Donations support Friendship Feast

*First Christian Church*  
*210 North Fifth Street*

**Friday, April 11th, 2025**

**4:30 to 6:30 p.m.**



*Menu: Homemade Spaghetti & Sauce,  
Salad, Bread, Drink & Dessert*

Adult tickets in advance \$10

Adults at the door \$12

Larger Donations Welcome

*Meals served in the Fellowship Hall or Take Out*

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See Bill Salmons or Mary Ann Holt for advance tickets!

**W**  
Wednesday Night Live  
**W**  
5:30 p.m.

April  
9th



**Join us this Wednesday for:  
Fun  
Fellowship  
&  
Food**

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# The Wisdom Pattern

By Richard Rohr



A universal pattern can be found in all societies and in fact in all of creation. We see it in the seasons of the year, the stories of Scripture, and even in our own lives.

In *The Wisdom Pattern*, Father Richard Rohr illuminates the way understanding and embracing this pattern can give us hope in difficult times and the courage to push through messiness – and even great chaos – to find a new way of being in the world.

A new version of his earlier book *Hope Against Darkness*, Father Rohr offers reflections in *The Wisdom Pattern* that bring together a deep spirituality with Jungian psychology. They have been thoroughly updated for today's world, and reveal a vision of Christianity that speaks to the heart of twenty-first century society.

The Wisdom Pattern is a book for anyone looking to understand better the patterns in the world around us, and seeking hope for a divided and turbulent world. It will leave you with a vision for moving forward with faith and courage, as well as renewed empathy and compassion for those around you.





## Holy Week and Easter Sunday

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13 @ 10:00 am  
Cantata/drama: The Living Lord's Supper

HOLY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 @ 5:30 pm  
WNL Easter Dinner by the United Women in Faith  
Message by Pastor Leon  
"Resurrecting Our Vision: A Church with an  
Outward Movement."

MAUNDY (HOLY) THURSDAY  
APRIL 17 @ 6:00 pm  
holy communion in our sanctuary  
with St. Paul's and Albright UMC

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18 @ 6:00 pm  
@ Albright UMC with St. Paul's

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20 @ 8:45 am  
Fellowship Breakfast  
by Youth Ministry in Welcome Center,  
8:45-9:45  
Donations accepted  
Easter Sunday Worship @ 10



## The Living Last Supper: A Dramatic Musical Experience for Holy Week

### Marta Sullivan, Director



"The Living Last Supper," a dramatic musical experience will be presented during the regular Sunday Morning service on Palm Sunday, April 13th. Written by Ruth Elaine Schram, this unique production draws inspiration from Leonardo da Vinci's painting, *The Last Supper*, using it as a model for the set design and as a true representation of the Last Supper, celebrated by Jesus and his followers during the Passover Feast in the Upper Room.

The drama begins with the disciples gathered in the Upper Room with Jesus to observe the Passover Feast. As the meal unfolds, Jesus reveals one of his own will betray him. This startling news sets the stage for an emotional exploration of each disciple's relationship with Jesus, providing insight into their thoughts and feelings.

The performance interweaves monologues from each disciple, expressing their personal struggles and connections to Jesus with anthems that underscore the Biblical truths being shared and focusing on pivotal events in the Biblical story not covered by the script.

The cast includes Matt Biery, Jose Cervantes, Patrick Chamberlain, Mark Doyle, Bill Elliott, Steve Ernst, Ed Goodman, Josh Harbeson, David Keathley, Carroll Rue, David Swanson, Andy Tubbs, Larry Williams, and Khrystal Humble.

Chancel Choir members include Betsy Carter, Tom Carter, Elaine Costello, Geoffrey Cowan, Steff Cowan, Vern Gildhouse, Kay Grant, Kathy Hughes, Paul Kuehny, Dee Kutz, Rod Kutz, Larry LaBuz, Crystal Layton, Joe Lessert, Lisa Lessert, Suzi Lenhart, Beverly Poet, Cliff Poet, Carol Rodgers, Carrol Rue, Ann Salmons, Marvis Soucek, Vicki Stokke, Linda Vanderburg, Mike Vanderburg, Patti Ziegenhain

Accompanist, Debra Rue Production assistants include Carole Rodgers (Costumes), Khrystal Humble (Set Design and Props), Brenda Stephenson (Bulletin), Howard Matheson (AV & Sound)

"The Living Last Supper" will be a meaningful and memorable way to begin Holy Week, Don't miss this unique presentation.

## Hey Wonderful People of FUMC & FPC!



Get ready to sprinkle some extra joy and a whole lot of hospitality into your summer! This June and July, our church has a fantastic opportunity to partner with the amazing folks at Project Transformation Oklahoma. They'll be sending seven bright and enthusiastic college-aged students our way, and we need your help to make them feel right at home (and maybe even a little spoiled with some good old Oklahoma cooking!).

These incredible young leaders are dedicating their summer to serving children and families in our community through engaging literacy programs and enriching activities. They're here to make a real difference, and we have the chance to support them in a truly personal and delicious way: by inviting them over for dinner!

**Operation Fill Their Plates** (and maybe their hearts with Ponca City pride!) is simple. We're looking for families to host all seven, of these students for a casual dinner on either a Monday or Wednesday night during June or July.

**Imagine this:** Your dining room table filled with laughter and conversation as you share a meal and learn about the students' experiences with Project Transformation. It's a fantastic chance to connect with these inspiring young adults, hear their stories, and maybe even share a few of your own (embarrassing childhood tales encouraged!).

**Not a whiz in the kitchen? No problem!** We understand that not everyone is a culinary superstar. If hosting at home isn't your cup of tea (or sweet tea, as the case may be!), you could also opt to **take a few students out to dinner** at one of Ponca City's local gems! Think of it as a mini-tour of our town's tastiest spots. It's a great way to show off what makes Ponca City special and give them a night off from cooking for themselves!

**Feeling extra adventurous? If enough people sign up! Let's talk Progressive Dinners!** If we have a fantastic turnout of sign-ups, we could even organize some fun progressive dinners! Imagine the students moving from house to house for appetizers, main courses, and desserts, getting to meet even more of our wonderful church family in one exciting evening. It would be a fantastic way to build community both for our guests and for us!

**So, are you ready to open your home (or your favorite restaurant's door) to these amazing students?** This is a wonderful opportunity to show them some genuine hospitality, offer a warm welcome to Ponca City, and support their valuable work in our community.

### Here's how you can get involved:

- **Think about which Monday or Wednesday evenings in June or July might work for you.**
- **Decide if you'd prefer to host dinner at your home or take students out to eat.**
- **Reply to this email with your preferred date and time.**

Let's show these Project Transformation/AmeriCorp students the true meaning of Oklahoma hospitality! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Sheila

We can't wait to see the wonderful connections that will be made this summer!





The choir has continued to grow over the past few years and this past Wednesday at choir practice 11 men were present, a rare occurrence! And what a blessing it was! The sound the choir produces with this vocal mix is heavenly and one you will enjoy on Sunday.



The books in the library are categorized under the following labels:

- AA/Culture
- Aging
- Bible
- Biographies
- Business/Careers
- Children
- Christian History
- Church Ministry
- Death/Heaven
- Devotionals
- DVDs
- Self-Help
- Fiction

- God
- Group Study
- Health/Wellness
- Histories
- Holidays
- Easter/Lent
- Fall/Thanksgiving
- Advent/Christmas
- Humor
- Inspiration
- Jesus
- John Wesley
- Magazines
- Parenting
- People of the Bible
- Prayer
- Reference
- Relationships
- Social Justice/Mission
- Spiritual Development
- World Religions
- Young Readers
- Youth



Survivor Resource Network would love your broken or unused jewelry!

We want to provide families housed in the domestic violence shelter a fun creative activity making new jewelry. Please drop off your blessings in the basket in the welcome center!

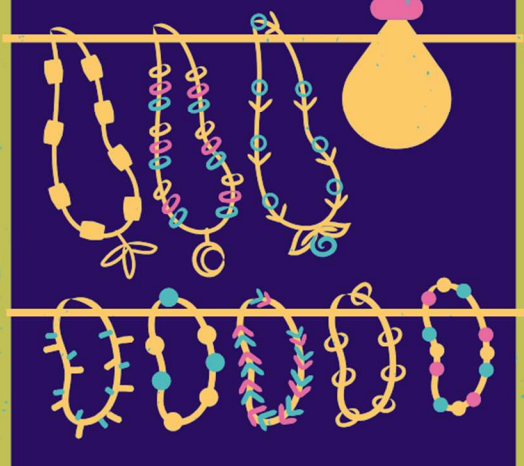
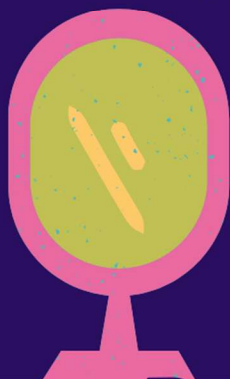


Bracelets

Pendants

Necklace

Rings



Earrings

Watches

Cuff Links

Broken/Unwanted Jewelry



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# KIDS SUMMER CAMP



June 2 - July 24  
Monday to Thursday  
8:30am - 3:00pm



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allRegistration/s/](https://ptnational.my.site.com/allRegistration/s/)







Child Development Center

# FLITE OF THE FLAMINGO *Golf Tournament*

## SATURDAY MAY 3

### WENTZ GOLF COURSE

4 Person Scramble

We invite you to support our Flite of the Flamingo Golf Tournament Fundraiser for the Child Development Center. Our 5-star facility employs certified teachers who nurture children from birth to age 5, preparing them for academic and social success. Your support helps us continue providing these essential services to our community. Thank you!

#### SIGN UP

Entry Fee - Individual	\$100
Entry Fee -Team	\$400
Sponsorship + Team	\$800
Corporate Sponsorship	\$500
Hole Sponsor/In Memory	\$100

#### SCHEDULE

8:00 - 8:45 AM	Golf Registration
9:00 - 11:30 AM	Shotgun Start
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Lunch & Awards

### Win Cash & Prizes

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