

THE FLAME



January 20, 2025



Monday, January 20

Office Closed

Chance Bells 1

Weight Loss Group 3:30

Friendship Feast 5

Carillion Handbells 6

Scouts 6:30

FPC Bible Study 7

Tuesday, January 21

Coryell Cupboard 8

Men's Coffee Group 8:30

Intercessory Prayer 9:00

Coryell Cupboard 4

Project Transformation Planning 4

Wednesday, January 22

Bible Study Via Christi 10

JAM 3:30

Youth Ministry 5:30

Choir 7

Thursday January 16

Soroptimist 10:30

Friday January 24

UWF Sandwiches 1:30

Sunday, January 26

Sunday School 9

Church 10

FPC Annual Congregation Meeting 12

Ecumenical Partnership Advisory 2

Looking Ahead:

January 24 Staff and Leadership Training 9

January 26 Talent/No Talent 6:30

January 29 Scout Fundraiser Chili Dinner 5:30

February 1 Czech Mission Fundraiser 5

Feb. 16th

NCD Leadership Training, Stillwater First

2 to 4:30 PM



**Reminder: Church
Office Closed Monday,
January 20 in
observance of Martin
Luther King Day**

We have no broadcasting ability until the new equipment is installed. It has been ordered. Stay tuned. . .

January 26, 2025—Third Sunday after the Epiphany



- Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
- Psalm 19
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
- Luke 4:14-21

From Mark Doyle,

January 5

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank all of you for your prayers during my recovery from my broken leg (femur). During the dark nights in the Stillwater Hospital, I could feel your concern and prayers. Also, thank you for the many cards, food, and visits you shared with Suzanne and me. A special thanks goes out to those who held the class together by teaching during my absence: Arleen Jacobsen, Pastor Leon, Kathy Hughes, and Becky Hightower.

I have not fully recovered (still doing physical therapy) but I will return to my teaching responsibilities in the Good Samaritans Class effective January 12, 2025, and I want to welcome everyone back. Also, if you are looking for a Sunday School class, you are certainly welcome to join us. We meet in the Parlor (basement) at 9 AM every Sunday.

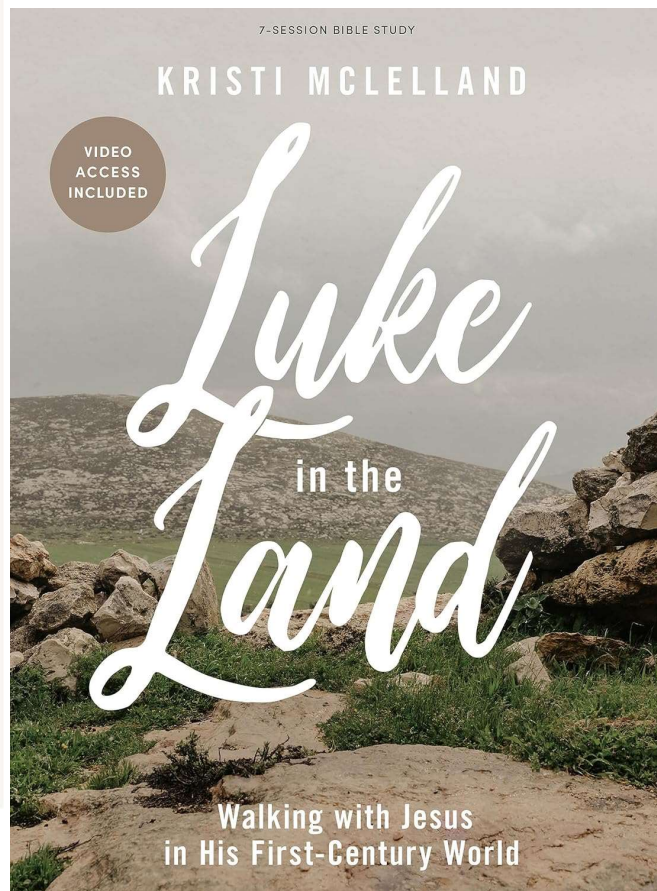
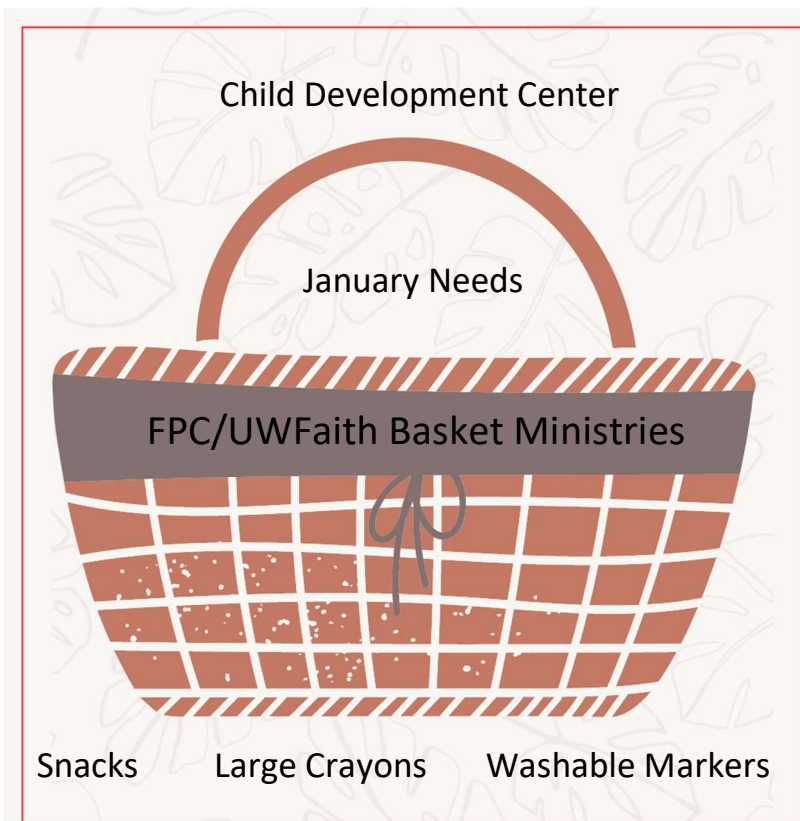
We will continue our verse-by-verse study of Genesis resuming with chapters eight and nine, which I find appropriate: God gave Noah and his family a fresh start and God is giving us a new beginning as we enter the new year together. The flood is over, the waters have receded, and God directs Noah and his sons to repopulate the earth.

The rest of Genesis tells the story of four other men and their struggles and relationships with God. The four are Abram (Abraham), Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. Like us they struggled with finding what we all seek; righteousness, the sense of being right; peace, a sense of well-being in the heart, and finally joy, not based upon circumstances but upon our relationship with God.

From the mail box. Not everyone is as fortunate as I am to have 3 families. I have a “blood family”, FUMC family and a young family at New Hope UMC in OKC. I was thinking as my granddaughter, Kim, drove me to Ponca that it had been over 7 months since I had been with my FUMC family. Oh, did I enjoy the hugs and seeing friends! I insisted on coming early so I could greet friends as you came in the door. I felt that my presentation on mission pins was not very good and then Shelia came rushing up. I was completely surprised to receive the United Women in Faith service pin. I feel unworthy to receive such an honor. I am active in New Hope's Mary/Martha mission group—at a little slower pace but I am there! One of the positive results of Facebook is that I have heard from old coworkers of my days at the district and conference level of United Methodist Women. Oh, what a joy to heard from old friends- old friends are the BEST ones as they have a special place in my heart. Thank you, United Women of Faith, for giving me such a special honor. You did surprise me! Blessings to each of you. *Mary Lou Pitts Lorett*

Contribution statements are now available in the church office. Stop and pick yours up today, save us the postage!

Worship committee meeting February 4, 3-5 pm. We will be discussing our upcoming season of Lent, Ash Wednesday and Easter.



Women's Bible Study begins

January 30-March 13; Thursdays, 10-12, it runs 7 weeks. This Bible Study will use Kristi McClelland's latest Video Series. *Luke in the Land*.

Kristi brings Israel to us as we journey in the Gospel of Luke studying geographic sights and finding the inspiring message and stories thru Luke's eyes.

We will find ourselves getting to know Jesus better than we ever have before.

As Krisi said, "I have captured my heart's goal in this wonderful study!"

Books can be picked up in the church office or the first day of the study. They are \$25.

Frankie White's Baptism, January 19



The air was filled with a sense of quiet anticipation as family and friends gathered around. Today was a special day for young Frankie, a day she would publicly declare her faith and commitment to her Christian journey. Her radiant smile and bright eyes reflected a joy that filled the entire room.

Frankie, dressed in a sparkly pale dress, stood beside her parents and grandparents. Pastor Leon spoke of the significance of baptism, of cleansing and new beginnings, and of the love that God has for each and every one of us. Frankie listened intently, her gaze fixed on the pastor, her heart absorbing the importance of this moment.

As the time came, Frankie stepped up, the water flowed over her head, a symbol of the washing away of her sins. Her smile was even brighter now, her whole being seemed to radiate with the love and support that surrounded her. The room echoed with the voices of loved ones celebrating Frankie's decision. Grandparents beamed with pride, siblings offered hugs and whispered words of encouragement, their eyes sparkling with shared happiness.

This day was not just about Frankie's baptism; it was a celebration of faith, family, and community. It was a reminder of the power of love and support, and the importance of surrounding young ones with positive influences as they embark on their spiritual journey. As Frankie's special day ended, it was clear that the memories created would last a lifetime, a testament to the beautiful beginning of a life lived in faith.

Tickets available on the church office by donation. Come support our Scouts.

SCOUT TROOP 501

Inaugural Chili Dinner



Wednesday
January 29
5:30

Donations
Appreciated!!

FUMC will be sponsoring our all Girls Boy Scout Troop 501, inaugural Chili Dinner!

All proceeds will go directly to Troop 501.
Plan to attend & generously support our troop!



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A special time of
dinner and
remembrance for our
special Pepi which just
might turn into a
murder mystery!

February 1

5:00 pm
(come at 4:45)



\$25.00

bring ticket
for door prize

First United
Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall



BRING TICKET
FOR RAFFLE

NAME

Tickets available for \$25 in the church office.
Bring ticket to the dinner for a special raffle!



**There are still some
nuts available for sale!
\$14 pound**

*First United Methodist
First Presbyterian*

*The beginning of something
beautiful!*



**Signing of The Memorandum of
Understanding*

One Year Later



First United Methodist Church 200 S 6th Ponca City 580-762-1681
Where First Presbyterians & First United Methodists Worship Together!

Save the Date! We will be celebrating the beginning of our second year together on February 23 with a catered luncheon at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Project Transformation Summer 2025

Project Transformation Oklahoma

Project Transformation Oklahoma is a summer literacy day camp serving elementary-age children who are behind in their reading and live in low-income households. Children participate without a charge to their families. There is a \$10 registration fee. See www.projecttransformation.org/Oklahoma for more information.

First UMC Project Transformation Camp

First United Methodist Church, 200 South 6th Street, Ponca City Camp Duration: 8 weeks, Monday-Thursday, 9:00-3:00. June 2 through July 24, 2025. Approximately 36 campers who have completed first through the fourth grade

Six college-age AmeriCorps members will provide leadership for the camp on a day-to-day basis. Members run the classes, supervise the children, organize field trips, etc. and participate in two service projects on Fridays. Orientation and training of members is provided by Project Transformation Oklahoma Staff. Members are paid through an AmeriCorps grant. They are provided on-site training May 27-May 30, 2025 (See AmeriCorps.gov for more information.)

Reading and Field Trip Volunteers: Partner churches/community partners provide daily volunteers to read one-on-one with campers to improve their reading skills. The partners may also provide field trip chaperones and adults to help in other capacities.

Camper Meals: Breakfast and lunches provided. Snacks are provided by partners.

Member Meals: FUMC and St. Paul's UMC will provide member dinners Monday and Wednesday evenings

General Camp Program

Daily Schedule:

Time	Red Group	Green Group	Blue Group
9:00-9:30	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9:30-10:00	Harambee/Circle	Harambee/Circle	Harambee/Circle
10:05-10:40	Book Worms	Young Artists	Movement Minutes
10:45-11:20	Young Artists	Movement Minutes	Bookworms
11:25-noon	Movement Minutes	Book Worms	Young Artists
Noon-12:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:30-12:45	Brain/bathroom break	Brain/bathroom break	Brain/bathroom break
12:45-1:20	Reading Rockstars	Afternoon Adventures	STEM
1:25-1:55	Afternoon Adventures	STEM	Reading Rockstars
1:55-2:25	STEM	Reading Rockstars	Afternoon Adventures
2:30-2:45	Closing Circle	Closing Circle	Closing Circle
2:45-3:00	Snack and checkout	Snack and checkout	Snack and checkout

Field Trips – approximately 6 field trips (often on Thursday afternoons); Family Fun Nights – 2 (dates to be determined)

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF PONCA CITY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025 AT NOON
PIONEER TECH CONFERENCE CENTER - OPEN TO PUBLIC

“You Are Not Alone”
Presentation by Captain Matt Varney,
Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics

**Awareness and
Prevention of Human
Trafficking**

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