

THE FLAME



March 24, 2025



Monday, March 24

Quilters 10
Chancel Bells 1
Weight Loss Group 3:30
Carillion Handbells 6:30
Friendship Feast 5
Scouts 6:30
FPC Bible Study 7

Choir 7

Thursday, March 27

Living Last Supper Practice 6

Tuesday, March 25

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

Friday March 28

Lenten Small Group Study 10
UWF Sandwiches 2

Saturday March 29


UWF Mini Mission U, all day

Sunday, March 30

Sunday School 9
Church 10
Fellowship Meeting 11:15
Ecumenical Partnership Advisory 1

Wednesday, March 26

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




With hearts overflowing with joy, we're thrilled to congratulate Will Harbeson and Julie Lee on their marriage! Their beautiful journey together has officially begun, and we couldn't be happier for this sweet and loving couple. Wishing them a lifetime of happiness, laughter, and endless love.

March 30, 2025—Fourth Sunday in Lent



- Joshua 5:9-12
- Psalm 32
- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

The meaning of life. The wasted years of life. The poor choices of life, God answers the mess of life with one word: 'grace.' ~Max Lucado



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March 26

Wednesday Night Live

5:30



Youth Fund Raiser

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Jennifer Hurley
Carpe Diem

Youth Fund Raiser

Pulled Pork



First United Methodist Church 200 S 6th Ponca City 580-72-1681
Where First United Methodists & First Presbyterians Worship Together!



Let's 'pig' out for a purpose! Join our youth for a pulled pork dinner fundraiser that's sure to be 'hog' heaven. Wednesday Night Live @ 5:30 this week in the Fellowship Hall.

Become a worry-slapper. Treat frets like mosquitos. Do you procrastinate when a bloodsucking bug lights on your skin? I'll take care of that in a moment? Of course, you don't! You give the critter the slap it deserves. Be equally decisive with anxiety. ~ Max Lucado



A touching tribute has taken root in the church thanks to the thoughtful generosity of those who donated memorial money in honor of BJ (Betty) Cohenour. Instead of flowers that fade, a vibrant new tree has been planted, symbolizing the enduring life and memory of a beloved individual.

The tree, carefully selected for its resilience and beauty, now stands as a living testament to BJ's impact on the lives of those around them. When it blooms, its leaves, rustling in the breeze, will serve as a constant reminder of BJ's presence, offering shade and comfort to those who visit the Pavillion.

Arleen Jacobson, Memorial Chairman, "wanted to create something lasting." "Something that would grow and flourish, just like BJ's spirit. This tree is a way for us to remember her every day, and to give back to the church that BJ loved."

The chosen location for the tree holds special significance, providing a peaceful space for reflection and remembrance. As the tree matures, it will stand as a symbol of hope, growth, and the enduring power of love and memory. It will provide much needed shade for the Pavillion as we hold events.

Special thanks to the Cohenour family for honoring this request.

I get one hour, really 25 minutes in a sermon on a weekend, to combat all the hours of the week that people are told *you are what you have* through billboards, commercials, sitcoms and so forth ~Max Lucado Pastor Leon gets 15-20 minutes on a good Sunday. Think about that. . .

I think the church should be setting the pace for social justice ~Max Lucado



Spring Break is over and June will be here before you know it! We are collecting things for Project Transformation for our readers this summer. If you have any of the following items, please help. They can all be delivered to the Business Managers office. If you have these games and you want them back, be sure you put your name on it. We need:

50 shoe boxes
Jenga blocks
Pictures of the world
Old travel magazines??
Ocean pictures
National Geographic's??
Playdoh

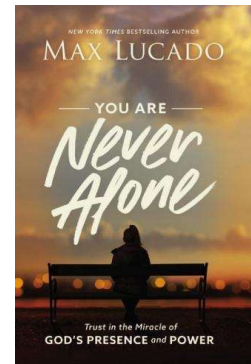
Games such as:
Chess
Checkers

Banagrams
Quiddler
Scattergories
Taboo
Sequence
Dominoes
Skip-bo
Uno
Phase 10
Code names
Yahtzee



Calling all Bakers!!!

Sweet treat seekers! We're packing sack lunches Friday and could use some yummy cookies. If you have any to spare, a little sweetness goes a long way! We need at least 6 dozen. Please let Sheila know if you are available to support this opportunity.



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).

Global Ministries EarthKeepers

Global Ministries seeks U.S.-based United Methodists to lead grassroots environmental projects that are action-oriented, antiracist, bold and entrepreneurial.

Global Ministries EarthKeepers is a training and incubator program that provides a collaborative space for United Methodists to develop and grow environmental projects in their communities. Topics include eco-theology, antiracism, community organizing and project planning. All participants plan a project during the training.

Spring Online Training May 2-17, 2025

[Apply today](#) for the Spring 2025 EarthKeepers training. Please send an email to environment@umcmmission.org to be notified of future trainings.

The Mission

March Needs



Bedding, towels, soaps, clothing



*You change your
life by changing
your heart.*

~Max

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