

THE FLAME



March 3, 2025



Monday, March 3

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

Tuesday, March 4

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

Wednesday, March 5

Bible Study Via Christi 10
JAM 3:30
PEO Chorale/Meeting 12 noon
Ash Wednesday Service at Via Christi 2

Wednesday Night Live 5:30
Youth Ministry 5:30
Choir 7

Thursday, March 6

Women's Bible Study 10
UW Faith Meeting 1
PT Planning Meeting 4

Friday March 7

Lenten Small Group Study 10

Sunday, March 9—SCOUT SUNDAY

UMCOR Sunday
Sunday School 9
Church 10
American Women Composers Concert 1:30



United Women in Faith are meeting Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited to attend. Easter is a time of renewal, joy, and a whole lot of chocolate. But for our beloved homebound church members, getting to experience the vibrant spirit of the season can be a little tricky. That's where we, the crafty crusaders of compassion, come in! Let's ditch the store-bought trinkets and dive into the delightful world of homemade Easter crosses, guaranteed to bring a smile (and maybe a little glitter) to their faces. If you have silk flowers or anything else that would be appropriate for an Easter cross, bring it with you. Glue guns are welcome too. This will be our service project Thursday afternoon.

March 10, 2025—Eighth Sunday after Epiphany



- Isaiah 55:10-13
- Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
- 1 Corinthians 15:51-58
- Luke 6:39-49



Author Highlight

Max Lucado



Max Lucado is a pastor, speaker, and best-selling author who, in his own words, “writes books for people who don’t read books.” He serves the people of Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Texas, and his message is for the hurting, the guilty, the lonely, and the discouraged: God loves you; let him.

As a writer, Max is known for combining poetic storytelling and homespun humor with the heart of a pastor. All of his trade books began as sermon series at Oak Hills Church, and his sermons all begin with Max asking himself this question: “What can I say on Sunday that will still matter on Monday?” He’s been dubbed “America’s Pastor” by *Christianity Today*, and “The Best Preacher in America” by *Reader’s Digest*.

Max’s books have sold more than 150 million copies in over 50 languages worldwide. He published *On the Anvil*, his first trade book, in 1985. His 46th trade book, *What Happens Next*, was released in August 2024. Max’s books regularly appear on bestseller lists, including *The New York Times*. His writing has also been featured in Bible studies, Bible commentaries, songs, greeting cards, and even plush toys. He is the recipient of many book awards and received the 2021 ECPA Pinnacle Award for his outstanding contribution to the publishing industry.

Max (age 71) and his wife, Denalyn now live in San Antonio, Texas. They have three grown daughters, three sons-in-law, and four grandchildren



Scout Sunday, March 9, 2026



Wednesday Night Live
March 5 @ 5:30
Ash Wednesday

**“Children of the
Topsoil”**
Pastor Leon

(Good News/Good Sams)

First United Methodist Church
200 S 6th, Ponca City
580-762-1681



Suggested Donation
\$7 Adult \$3 Child

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Presbyterians Worship Together!**

T-shirt/sweatshirt orders are being taken in the Welcome Center next Sunday after church. See Larry Williams for an order.

UNITED
WOMEN
IN FAITH



*Calling all
WOMEN!*

*Please join us for our next meeting of
United Women in Faith.*

*This meeting is open to all women of faith
and we would love to see you!*

***Thursday, March 6
1:00pm
Fellowship Hall***



We'll be making Crosses!

Questions? Call the office 580-762-1681 and talk to Sheila.

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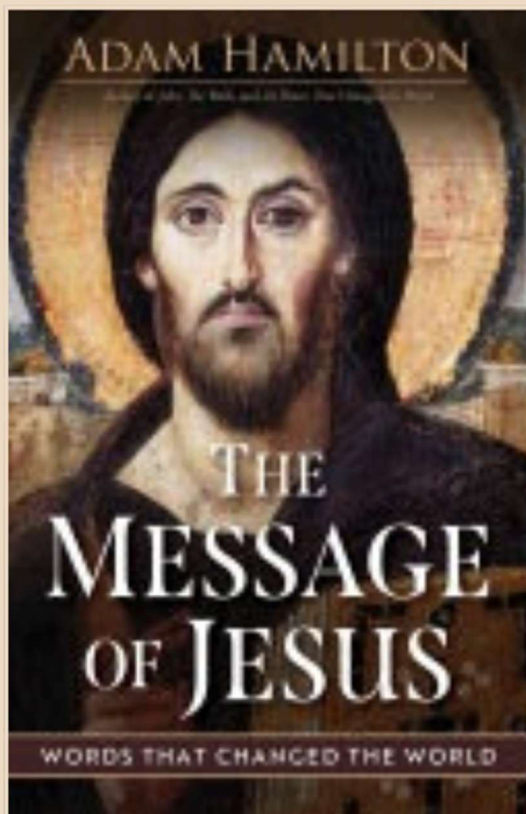
**A man who wants to
lead the orchestra
must turn his back
on the crowd.**

Max Lucado



The women extend heartfelt thank you for your incredible support of our pre-lent bake sale. Your generosity filled our tables with joy and our hearts with gratitude.

Each perfect cake, delicious pie, and cookie sold represented more than just a sweet treat. It represented your belief in our mission, your willingness to lend a helping hand, and your commitment to supporting the women and the work of our church. Whether you baked a masterpiece, purchased a delicious goodie, or simply offered a kind word of encouragement, you played a vital role in the success of our bake sale. Your contributions will directly support missions. We are so blessed to be part of such a caring and supportive community. Your kindness reminds us that even the smallest acts of generosity can make a significant difference. We are truly thankful for each and every one of you.



Lenten Study

Friday,
March 7
10 am

6 week class



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Sunday School 9am Worship 10am

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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April 9 is the dessert auction for the youth! If you want to contribute something sweet, contact Bill (fumcpc.students@gmail.com) and get your name on the list!



Mary Herrin, a long-time devoted member of the FUMC congregation, passed away on November 19, 2024. A service honoring her memory will be held March 22nd at 1:00 p.m. in the FUMC sanctuary. All are welcome and invited to attend.

A cookie reception will follow the service



Congratulations to our very own Mary Ann Holt! We are proud of you and thank you for all your service.



CDC VOLUNTEER of the year, Mary Beth Hunt, CDC Director & Mary Ann Holt & Tara Goldman, Executive Director.

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