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Sunday, April 24

Easter  
8:30am Worship - Sanctuary  
9:30am Easter Brunch - WC  
10am Easter Egg Hunt - WC  
10:45am Worship - Sanctuary

Monday, April 25

12 noon Staff Meeting - Gault Kitchen  
6pm Cub Scouts - WC

Tuesday, April 26

Wednesday, April 27

Preschool Picture Day  
9:30am UMW Mission Team - Rm 101  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice  
7:30pm Men's Bible Study - Rm 202

Thursday, April 28

5:30pm CUFF Meal - Episcopal Church

Friday, April 29

8am - 4pm Ready Bodies Learning Minds

Saturday, April 30

8:30am - 4pm Ready Bodies Learning Minds  
9am Youth Depart for Tulsa

Sunday, May 1

8:30am Worship - Chapel  
9:30am Sunday School  
9:30am Youth Breakfast - WC  
9:30am Confirmation Breakfast - WC  
10:45am Confirmation Sunday  
10:45am Worship - Sanctuary  
5:30pm UMY  
6pm Jubilation Ringers Practice

Monday, May 2

3:30pm Girl Scouts - WC  
6pm Trustees - Rm 101  
6pm Cub Scouts - WC

Upcoming Events

Preschool Trike a Thon May 5 and 6  
UMW Attic Treasure Sale - May 7  
Mother's Day - May 8  
Graduation Sunday - May 22

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April 22, 2011



Greetings! In the name of our Risen Savior Jesus Christ!  
What a joy it is to celebrate yet another Resurrection Sunday!

Each year Christians around the world gather to celebrate Jesus conquering death, hell and the grave!

Yet, we are to be mindful that every day is Resurrection Day!  
Everyday that we have breath in our bodies, we can still celebrate Jesus' resurrection. We need not wait on a

calendar to tell us when to celebrate what God has done, to redeem humankind, through His Son Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

So, this year as you gather around with your family and friends, remember that Resurrection Day is everyday. Let us celebrate, daily, what our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ did, bringing salvation to you and me. Amen!

Pastor Dee



**Easter Services** will be held at 8:30 am and 10:45 am and will both be held in the main sanctuary upstairs. We will be asking for volunteers to help process in with our Lilies this year.

**Fresh Flowers for Easter!!** A Cross will be located in the Sanctuary on Easter Morning. Everyone is encouraged to bring a fresh flower to put on the cross. Them stem should be about 4" long.

The annual **Easter Brunch** will begin at 9:30 am on Easter Morning. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy a delicious brunch followed by an **Easter Egg Hunt** for the kids beginning at about 10am. It will be a wonderful opportunity for food and fellowship as we celebrate together the Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ!



# UMW News

## Circles will meet on May 4

Circle of Dorcas ..... Wohltman Home  
9:30am hosted by Betty Wohltman

Lunch Bunch .....  
12noon Gault Dining Room

Circle of Rebekah ..... Nelson Home  
12 noon hosted by Sandy Nelson

### UMW Attic Treasure Sale

Saturday, May 7,  
begins at 8am

everything goes half price at 11 am

Donations to the sale may be dropped off beginning 8am on Friday. Price your items if you can, but if you need help don't hesitate to ask. Don't forget proceeds from this sale, go towards our pledge to the District.

### Mission Thought:

This is a drawing by Lidija, age 11. The United Methodist Missionary Carol Partridge teaches English and writes dramas and Sunday school lessons for children at the United Methodist Church in Strumica, Republic of Macedonia. Where Lidija attends.



### Confirmation Parents, Mentors, and Students.

Confirmation Sunday is coming soon. Confirmation Service is planned for Sunday, May 1 at 10:45 am. Prior to the service we will have a Confirmation Breakfast in Wesley Center at 9:00am and then go to the Sanctuary and practice at 10am. This is a good time for any group pictures you may want. Please contact Pastor Dee or Kyle Dollins if you have any questions. If we do not hear from you we will assume you will be there and be ready!!

Pastor Dee, 331-3840, Kyle Dollins, 405-743-9424

### 2011 Spring LOGOS Children's

#### Consignment Sale. Did you know....

- Children's Council receives \$1,000;
- LIVE B.I.G. receives \$1,000;
- Missions helped set up and take down the racks and tables. So they will receive a donation of \$500;
- Haiti trip received \$75;
- Independence Boxing Club receives \$300;
- the Confirmation Breakfast is funded by the sale;
- the Overland Bike Trip Meals (total of 6 meals) are funded by the sale; and
- the sale always tithes, so \$400 will go to the budget!
- Pink ticketed items are half price at 12:15 – What a great way to buy contributions for organizations that serve kids and mothers WOW! Bet you didn't know how many ministries benefit from the sale.



Watch us on TV!!! The Live B.I.G. year end family celebration will air on Cable One Channel 10 on Thursday, May 12 at pm. This kids did a great job and you can tell how much fun they have had!!

## VBS 2011

Will be held from July 25- July 29. Our theme this year is "Shake It Up Café." We are going to have a lot of fun!!! Plan on joining us.

### We uphold First United Methodist Church:

#### by our prayers...

- **Our prayers are with** Elinor Ruberson and the family and friends of Melissa Ruberson at Melissa's death. Melissa's funeral will be at Penwell Gable at 11 am, Tuesday, April 26th in their Chapel.
- **Our prayers are with** Sandy and Bill Rollison and family at the death of their niece, Amy Steele.
- **Hospitalized:** Henrietta Taylor (Pastor Dee's mom)
- **Recovering away from home:** Jim Brown (Bradford), Lew Boys, Terry Killman (Wichita) and Jeannie Kurtz (Windsor Place)
- **Recovering at home:**
- **Also remember:** Irene Magill, Jamie Rathjen, Erica Schultz, and Dick and Phyllis Smith.
- **Military:** That they might be kept safe from all harm and used as instruments of peace.
- **Global concerns:** earthquake/tsunami victims in Japan; Haiti mission trip; our global missionaries.
- **Local and National:** our government leaders; community and school concerns.
- To be included in prayer, call the office, 331-3840; call Corky Sanford, 331-4750; place a prayer card in the prayer box or offering plate.

#### by our presence...

	April 3	April 10	April 17
Early Worship	54	44	47
Sunday School	82	83	90
Late Worship	156	169	220

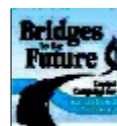
**Please welcome** Independence area guests who registered last Sunday: Michael and Emily Browning; Robert and Mindy Browning; Dan Castellanos; Judy Daugherty; Mimi Duff; Bill Gooldy; Mark Mays; Jacob and Jayme McClain; Jeff McClain; Pat McEndarffer; Christina Stapp; and David and Sharon Tweedie.

#### by our gifts...

	April 3	April 10	April 17
General Budget	\$ 6,936	\$ 8,685	\$ 3772

#### Designated Gifts

	Goal	YTD
• Pastors Discretionary	\$ 3,800	1835
• TV Ministry	3,600	630
• FAST Program	1,500	245
• Independence Food Basket		235
• Home Sweet Home Homeless	800	115
• One Great Hour of Sharing		77



Bridges to the Future — Capital improvement campaign for the Kansas East Conference. We have begun the fourth year of five to raise \$5.3 million. FUMC's goal is \$43,000. We have received in 2011 - \$755. Total gifts received to date - \$35,081.

## May Birthdays and \*Anniversaries

### May 1

Cody Beyer  
Scott Webb  
Dalana Woodward

### May 2

Jordan Fussell  
Michelle Killman

### May 3

Kelly Cox  
Nicole Taylor

### May 4

John Edwards  
Emily Farmer  
MacKenzie Strycker  
\*Mike and Mary Beth Flood  
\*Scott & Carrie Strycker

### May 5

Kyle Dollins  
Julie Hastings

### May 6

Marie Case  
Ethan Smith  
Anna Wesselowski

### May 8

Kenney Farmer  
Calisse Papan  
LaVerne Riley  
Dick Smith

### May 9

Corey Feerer  
Scott McMillin  
Maxwell Webb  
Kyle Woods

### May 10

Galen Palmer  
\*Donald & Rose Jesseph

### May 11

Karen Forrer  
Molly Turner

### May 12

Rori Carter

### May 13

Bob Sprague

### May 14

Elaine Gruver  
Jaci Hafner  
Elinor Ruberson

### May 15

Elsa Brodman  
Irene Magill  
Carla Murray  
Cale Shepard

### May 16

Nathaniel Jensen  
Ruth Leistikow  
Payton Ward

\*Barry & Lori Wesselowski

### May 17

Loren Jensen

### May 18

Lisa Gruver  
Jamie Rathjen

### May 19

Fuller Cretcher  
Gerald Finney  
Barry Wesselowski

### May 20

George Purdunn  
Stephanie Purdunn

### May 21

Joe Smith

### May 22

Michael Browning  
\*Wally & Charlene Gibson  
\*Gary & Leseley Simpson

### May 23

Dianne Stephenson  
\*Ernest & Rosella Wint

### May 24

Abigail Belcher  
Sam Hastings  
Jodi Hayse  
Melissa McDaniels  
Tayler Reichenberger  
Erica Schultz  
Burks Sherwood  
\*Tony and Molly Turner  
\*John & Martha Woodward

### May 25

Vic Gorman  
Pat Greenhaw

### May 26

Lamoin Buel  
Norma Edds  
Logan Papan

### May 27

Lori Yoakum  
\*Byrle Gross & Cindi  
Sherwood

### May 28

Kirk Bruening  
Dixie Castillo  
Robert Scott  
\*Ed & Sherry Epp  
\*Dale & Ann Russell  
\*Jason & Jessica Weimer

### May 29

Phyllis Amick

### May 31

Winston Amick  
\*Neil & Norma Edds



## Youth News from Kyle!

- April 30 ~ Youth Trip: The Youth Group will be taking a trip on April 30th to Tulsa, OK. We will be visiting the Oklahoma Aquarium and Laser Quest laser tag or Miniature Golf depending on the weather. We will be leaving the Church at 9:00am. Please let me know if you are interested in attending. The cost of the trip is \$25.
- May 20<sup>th</sup> ~ High School Lock-in: The Youth Group will be having a lock-in for 8th-12th grade youth on May 20th at 7:00pm. Pick-up will be on May 21st at 7:00am. The evening will be full of fun, games, and fellowship. The cost of the evening is \$5. Feel free to invite your friends!
- June 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Mid-High Lock-Lock in: The Youth Group will be having a lock-in for 5th-7th grade youth on June 10th at 7:00pm. Pick-up will be on June 11th at 7:00am. The evening will be full of fun, games, and fellowship. The cost of the evening is \$5. Feel free to invite your friends!
- June 26<sup>th</sup> - July 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Youth Force: The Youth will have an opportunity to attend Youth Force Perkins. Youth Force is a work camp sponsored by the Oklahoma United Methodist Conference where teens come and work on homes of the underprivileged and elderly in Perkins, Oklahoma. The week will be full of fun, fellowship, and worship. Please let me know if you are interested in attending. The cost of the camp is \$145, but scholarships may be available. A deposit of \$50 is due by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Contact the Youth Director, Kyle Dollins, 405-612-0328, with any questions.

Be on the look out for an FUMC Independence Facebook Page.



**We need you!** Greeters and Ushers for the church are often the first person our guests encounter. Without them, our guests would feel awkward. Do you know your way around? Do you like helping people feel comfortable? If so, please let the church office know, 331-3840. Andrea Sitton is our Greeter Coordinator and Dale Boyd is our Usher Coordinator. You may speak to either of these persons if you have questions. Anyone can greet or usher. It can be fun to do it as a family!

### Pastoral Care



It is important that you let us know when you have been admitted to the hospital. The hospital cannot without your specific request. Please do not assume that we know. Pastor Dee wishes to provide Pastoral Care for you but cannot do so, without knowing it is needed.

### Offering Envelopes



Please fill out your envelopes. If you don't, we have to. It only takes you a moment to fill one out. When the counters have to fill out several, it makes the time they are volunteering a lot longer.



### Pick up your Dishes.

Any dishes left after May 6 will be donated to the UMW for the Attic Treasures sale..





- **Preschool Trike-A-Thon**, Thursday and Friday, May 5 and 6. If you are driving by Wesley Center the mornings of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> or the afternoon of the 6<sup>th</sup>, you will see, preschool children riding trikes or bikes around the sidewalk. This activity is our annual Preschool Trike-A-Thon. The children will be learning about trike and bike safety in the classroom and will be put to the test on Thursday and Friday on the sidewalk. Money raised will go to St. Jude Children’s Hospital in Memphis Tennessee for lifesaving medicines, costly medical equipment, and innovative treatments for pediatric cancers.

- Preschool Music program, May 19, 6:30pm. The Preschool year-end musical program is scheduled for Thursday, May 19 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. The children will perform several songs, receive a certificate of completion, an achievement certificate and a gift.

EVERYONE is invited to attend these events as we close another successful year of First United Methodist Preschool for our 39 students and their families.

It is not too early to enroll for the 2011-12 preschool year. Call the church office fore more information.

### Sunday School News:

- The Good News Sunday School Class invites you to attend our class to learn to Experience God. We are beginning a new session entitled *Knowing and Doing the Will of God*. We will study the Bible in an extensive search to learn what God really wants us to do in our life. It is an exciting study and the authors base the lessons on Psalm 25: 4-5 NKJV. The authors Henry and Richard Blackaby and Claude King write in their introduction, “You may have experienced tragedy in your life. Standing bewildered in the middle of a broken life, you don’t know what to do. Whatever your present circumstances may be, my earnest prayer is that during this study you will be able to: Hear when God is speaking to you; Clearly identify His activity in your life; Believe Him to be and do everything He has promised; Adjust your beliefs, character, and behavior to Him and His ways; Recognize a direction He is taking in your life and identify what He wants to do through your life; Clearly know what you need to do in response to His activity in your life; Experience God doing through you what only He can do!”

We have wonderful, caring members who love to share their experiences of God working in their lives. We would love for you to visit us. Some may call me the teacher of this class, but I can tell you I am only the facilitator. We are all teachers and we all learn from each other. Join us as we Experience God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God. Corky Sanford



### Community News:

- A **Grief Support Group** meets on the Second Tuesday of each month from 7-9 pm at the Community Access Center. For further information you may obtain a brochure at the church office or contact the groups sponsors: Four County, 331-1748; Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, 251-1640; or Penwell-Gabel Webb & Rodrick Chapel, 331-3900.
- Community Access Center **First Annual “Fabulous Finds” Flea Market**, Saturday, May 7 from 8am to 1pm. Proceeds help support the mission of the Community Access Center.

### Thank you....

- ...from the church office **to Frank and Jeannie Cobb** for the donation of a used refrigerator for the church Flower Room. It is perfect for our needs!
- **...from Arlene Lester:** Thank you very much for all the kindness shown to me during the illness and death of my sister-in-law, Brenda Ross. Your thoughts, prayers, and kindness is appreciated.
- ... from the church office **to Galen Palmer and Jay Coffey** for the insulation work done on the water pipes in the lowest level of the church building.
- **... from Kathy Raub and Sandy Nelson to John Craig and Randall Bishir.** Thank you so much for the wonderful job you did to improve the storage and space in the flower room. You have created a very functional area and we can now see what we have to work with and the space to work with it!
- ...to the men and women who have helped and will help **set up tables and chairs**. I know you don’t think it is that big of deal, but it is and I thank you. Chris in the office.



## Lectionary Year A

- May 1, 2011 — Second Sunday of Easter [White or Gold]  
Acts 2:14a, 22–32  
Psalm 16 (UMH 748)  
1 Peter 1:3–9  
John 20:19–31
- May 8, 2011 — Third Sunday of Easter [White or Gold]  
Acts 2:14a, 36–41  
Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19 (UMH 837)  
1 Peter 1:17–23  
Luke 24:13–35
- May 15, 2011 — Fourth Sunday of Easter [White or Gold]  
Acts 2:42–47  
Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137)  
1 Peter 2:19–25  
John 10:1–10
- May 22, 2011 — Fifth Sunday of Easter [White or Gold]  
Acts 7:55–60  
Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16 (UMH 764)  
1 Peter 2:2–10  
John 14:1–14
- May 29, 2011 — Sixth Sunday of Easter [White or Gold]  
Acts 17:22–31  
Psalm 66:8–20 (UMH 790)  
1 Peter 3:13–22  
John 14:15–21