



# THE CALLING

NEWSLETTER OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, ARDMORE

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## FROM THE PASTOR

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Prov. 3:5-6*

I love to quote these verses. It's the application that can be challenging in my daily life. Maybe it's because the Lord is really teaching me to truly trust Him. Or it's that I might be relying too much on my own experiences as a son, husband, dad or pastor. Or it could be the Lord is calling me to submit my heart and life to His lordship in every area of my life. You can pick any point in these two verses and know that it's easier quoted than lived out many times.

When we do trust the Lord Jesus Christ, it's absolutely amazing what the Lord can do in our lives, even in the most difficult of circumstances. It's when we trust in Him and not our own devices that our faith becomes living and real. You know, I've doubted throughout my time as a pastor my effectiveness in ministry. But I'll tell you this: I've never doubted my call from God into full time ministry. I'm more excited about what the Lord has in store for our congregation in the days ahead than I've ever been in my ministry.

I want to say thank you to our leadership team that has guided our community of faith through this time of becoming a congregation in the Global Methodist Church. Please write a note, give these folks a hug or take them to lunch in the days ahead.

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Our leadership team includes: Pastor John Hollon, Holly Joy, Clayton Lodes, Mike Dees, Roger Hughes, Bob Humphrey, Renny Collins, Steve Wells, Dale Wells, Barbara Carter, and Clayton Benjamin. Since March these folks have given their hearts and dedicated their time to seeking the Lord and His plan and purpose for our church. Words of gratitude simply fall short for all that this team has done for you and me.

A few things I want you to know as we move into a new season of ministry and into (God willing) a new Methodist denomination: 1. We have paid the monies that the Oklahoma Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church have determined that we needed to pay; 2. This means your tithes and offerings are now going to our local church only. Eventually monies for apportionments will go to the Global Methodist Church. If you have been waiting to give, please give your tithe and your very best offerings! 3. We will be welcoming Bishop Mike Lowry and Pastor Walter Fenton on November 13th during our Sunday services. It will be a great day for our church.

Jesus is Lord,

Rev. Dr. David L. Daniel



**Veteran's Luncheon**  
**November 11th**  
**1 p.m.**  
**Colvert Ministry Center**

**Guest Speaker:**  
**SSG Jerold Phillips, US Army**  
**Desert Storm Veteran**

*All Veterans will receive a gift in honor of your service.*



# Calling All Singers

Christmas is just around the corner and that means we are busy preparing and practicing music for this wonderful time of year. This will be our first Christmas as First Methodist Ardmore in a very long time and what a great way to celebrate Christ's birth and the beginning of this new chapter in the life of our church than to be a part of the choir at Christmas time.

We have a small men's ensemble that meets on Wednesday nights from 6:00-6:45 and the sanctuary choir practice that starts right after at 7pm. There is also children's choir practice on Sunday afternoons from 3:00-4:00 for 2nd grade on up. Our concert will be on Sunday, December 18th in the traditional service and we will sing again for the Christmas Eve Services. Please contact me if you are interested.

**Becca Glaser**

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A little potluck, a little singing, a little mission project time and  
a lot of fun - all in Jesus' name!

**Gospel and Goodies**

**OCTOBER 30, 2022**

**5PM - 7PM**

5th Sunday Potluck and Fellowship  
CMC Fellowship Hall

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# *Mark Your Calendar!*

October 26 - Fall Festival

October 29 - Hay Maze (11 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

October 30 - Baptism Sunday

Gospel & Goodies (5 p.m. - 7 p.m.)

November 6 - All Saints Sunday

November 11 - Veteran's Luncheon (1 p.m.)

November 13 - Hosting Bishop Mike Lowry & Pastor Walter Fenton, Global Methodist Church

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day 2022:

December 24th - Services at 12 p.m., 4 p.m. & 6 p.m.

December 25th - Come & Go Communion 11 a.m. - Noon  
In McClure Chapel

## **Berry Trust Student Loan**

Mrs. Gladys Berry created a trust at BancFirst to be used as a loan fund by FUMC youth pursuing a degree of higher education. Applications for loans may be obtained from Susan Henderson in the trust department at BancFirst. Repayment terms are extremely generous. A few restrictions apply.

Call **Susan Henderson** with questions @ 580-221-5321.





# All Saints List

Mrs. Jean Buck  
Mr. Darryl L. Burton  
Mr. Thomas R. (Tom) Carlock

Mr. Don Clowdus  
Mr. Norman Edgar (Norm) Hardee

Mr. Gene Hill  
Mr. Gary L. Keith  
Mrs. Alicia Key  
Mr. Stanley (Stan) Key

Mrs. Dixie H. Lovell  
Mr. Virgil Mowbray  
Mrs. Betty Murrah

Mrs. Dru Nall  
Mrs. Andrean Pittman

Mrs. Barbara Ross  
Mrs. Linda Shumaker  
Mr. Keith Lloyd Sumner

Mrs. Janice M. Weaver  
Mr. Joel Williams

*If you know of changes or additions to this list,  
please call our office at 580-223-5390*



# Congregational Care

Our condolences to the family of Gary Keith, with his passing on August 17th.

Our condolences to the family of Betty Murrah with her passing on September 19th.

## Memorials

A gift was given by the Dickson HCE Group in memory of Betty Murrah for the Memorial Fund.

A gift was given by Dale & Cheryl Wells in memory of Gary Keith for the Memorial Fund.

A gift was given by Jerry & Susan Henderson in memory of Gary Keith for the Memorial Fund.

A gift was given by Helen Thompson in memory of Robert Hughes for the Memorial Fund.

A gift was given by Wayne & Kay Laske in memory of Gary Keith for the Memorial Fund.

A gift was given by Wayne & Kay Laske in memory of Marilyn Koontz for the Memorial Fund.

A gift was given by Roger & Diane Gary in memory of Gary Keith for the Memorial Fund.

A gift was given by Louise Daniels in memory of Marilyn Koontz for the Choir.

## Prayer Needs

Susan Mertes  
Dana Murrah  
Rich Darner  
Janet Culley

Barry & Vicki Ross  
Mary Lou Bacon  
Joan Harper  
Pat Castellow

Jarod Boyer  
Joe and Debbi Rison  
Louise Daniels  
Waylan and Sandra Morris





# MILITARY



Christian Joy - Air Force (Great Britain)  
 Jerry Bright - Navy (Chesapeake, VA)  
 Col. Thomas Hutton - Air Force  
 Paxton Killblane - Army (Tacoma, WA)  
 Wesley Patzkowsky - Army (Deployed)  
 Michael Marshburn - Air Force  
 Julie Miller - Air Force (Little Rock AFB)  
 Silas Howell - Army (Belgium)

Jonathon (JD) Frank - Army (South Carolina)  
 Major Ben Winston - Air Force (Ramstein AFB)  
 Jeremy Simpson - Navy  
 Erik Marshburn - Navy  
 Todd Marshburn - Army  
 Caleb Myers - Army (Fort Sill)  
 Joshua Tolbert - Army (San Antonio, TX)

## REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE THROUGH THE MONTH OF AUGUST

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Receipts:	\$1,108,286.64,	\$993,528.34
Expenses:	\$1,108,286.96	\$1,083,513.62
% of Apportionments Paid:	67%	67%

We ended the month of August with a year to date deficit of (\$89,985.28). Although we have this deficit, our giving is up by over \$18,000 compared to August of last year, and all of our bills and apportionments are paid in full. We sincerely appreciate the generous support of the congregation and those who gave and continue to give in support of the ministries of the Church.

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John Hollon, Associate Pastor

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Broadcast at 9:00 a.m. on KVSQ 1240 AM and 107.5 FM

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Sunday Services

9:00 a.m. Traditional

10:00 a.m. Sunday School


11:05 a.m. Epic

Prayer Chain

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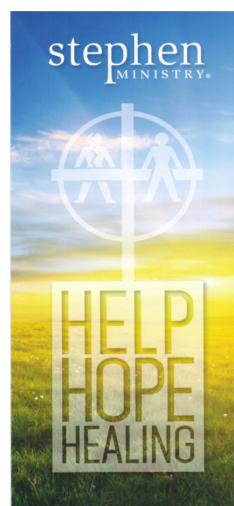
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In quietness and trust  
is your strength.

Isaiah 30:15



If you need a listening ear,  
call a Stephen Minister today:  
Louise Daniels  
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