

MARCH 2025

THE CALLING



**FIRST
METHODIST
ARDMORE**



A WORD FROM YOUR SENIOR PASTOR

*"Let us examine our ways and test them and let us return to the Lord."
~Lamentations 3:40 NIV*

This past Wednesday we celebrated Ash Wednesday. For our noon and 6 pm services, we totaled around 375 people. Both services were anointed, and I am grateful for our staff that helped us begin our Lenten journey. Here, again, are some terms that are used for the Lenten season:

- Lent is: a period of fasting, moderation, and self-denial traditionally observed by Catholics and some Protestant denominations. It begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with Easter Sunday. The length of the Lenten fast was established in the fourth century as 46 days (40 days, not counting Sundays).
- Ash Wednesday is: a day of repentance, prayer, and fasting, where Christians reflect on their mortality and seek forgiveness for their sins.
- The Palms that were waved last year in the Palm Sunday processional are the ashes that we used for ashes this past Wednesday.
- The ashes represent our mortality and a call to repent and believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
*"From dust you came and to dust you shall return.
"Repent and believe the Gospel"*
- The sign that will be imposed upon our foreheads is the sign of the cross.
"1 Corinthians 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

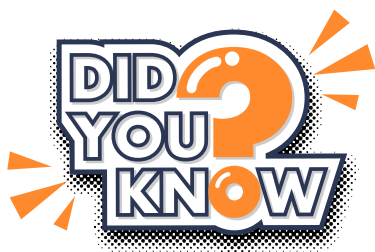
Even if we have observed Lent for many years, this time is a moment of grace that God gives us, as His children, to ask the Holy Spirit to examine our hearts and lives. Our goal is to dig in and seek the Lord's heart and face in such a way that when we gather on Easter Sunday, our hearts will be full of gratitude for all that the Triune God has done for us throughout this Lenten season. May we observe and practice a Holy Lent.....

Jesus is Lord,

Pastor David L. Daniel

Welcome!

We would like to welcome our newest staff member, **Walton McMurry**! Walton is our new A/V Director. Please help us congratulate him!



We have an app for FMC Ardmore! Download Church Center in your app store and use the app to check-in on Sundays, online giving, check the church calendar and more!



Church Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a time of spiritual reflection and preparation leading up to Easter. During the service, ashes are placed on the forehead in the shape of a cross as a sign of repentance and devotion. Join us **Wednesday, March 5** for Ash Wednesday. There will be a noon service in the McClure Chapel and a 6 pm service in the Sanctuary. Nursery will be available during the 6 pm service for children ages 6 weeks - PreK.

Palm Sunday EPIC Kids Choir

We invite all kids from 3rd-5th grade to join our Palm Sunday kids choir. Practice starts Sunday, March 9 at 10 am.

Palm Sunday Processional

Children ages 3 years to 5th grade are invited to participate in the Palm Sunday processional on April 13 during the 9 am and 11 am services.



SAVE

SUMMER 25 KIDS & YTH

KIDS

VBS - JUNE 2-5

4yrs (by 9/1/25) - entering 5th

DECLARE - JULY 18-20

Entering 1st - 5th

THE

YTH

DAYSPRING - May 27-31

Entering 9th - Grads

DISCIPLE - JULY 23-26

Entering 6th-8th

Volunteers Needed!

We are currently looking for volunteers for our week at the Food & Resource Center.



FOOD & RESOURCE CENTER

SOUTH CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

March 31 - 2p - 4p; 4p - 6p
April 2 - 10a - 12p; 12p - 2p
April 3 - 10a - 12p; 12p - 2p



Please call/text **Sandy Hammerstrom** at 580-254-1598 to volunteer.



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Mission UPDATE

We are so thankful to our church for going above and beyond their church budget tithing to the mission field. Your Faith Promise pledges of \$79,676 will go a very long way to give to those who are being the hands and feet of Christ here in Ardmore as well as across the world.

Our church Youth Group and Adult sponsors will be serving on the mission field in Western Kentucky over Spring Break. Rebecca Reed will be serving in the country of Panama on a medical mission to the Kuna Indians March 15th through March 25th. Please keep the team members in prayer for health and safety during this time. Pray for God to be present in every moment of encounters with others and that God's Kingdom will increase while serving.

Rev. Fuxia Wang and the International Ministry at OU Wesley has been a mission partner with First Methodist Church for many years. She sent highlights of the Fall semester and I wanted to share with you.

The International Ministries continue to thrive as we practice radical hospitality to the international students' community at OU. Here are some ministry highlights of CONNECT, INVEST & SERVE & TRANSFORM:

- Thanks be to God for a wonderful and fruitful campus outreach during the New International Students Orientation & Resource Fair on the OU campus in August 2024, meeting and welcoming 300 new international students from 30 countries and 5 continents. The harvest is plentiful. God is good!
- We took a total of 27 different students on hiking trips to OKC Cowboy Museum, a Chinatown grocery trip and Hefner Lake hiking trip with wonderful fellowship time. 139 (over 20% increase from 107 in 2023) different students attended our weekly worship & Bible study so far this semester. This semester worship & Bible study is focused on being a follower of Christ through Leaning

on the Everlasting Arms through prayer and being faithful in doing small things and expect multiplication of God's grace. In total, so far, we've ministered to 184 different students from over 21 countries through our weekly worship, Bible study, ESL class, monthly trips and special outreach events. "Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn." (Isaiah 60:3) God is good! May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

- Our children's ministry has returned and continues to grow at the Wesley. The children's Bible study program starts at 6 pm on Thursday evenings to be followed by dinner at 6:30pm. A unique aspect of our ministry is the active involvement of parents and grandparents. This intergenerational approach not only enriches the learning experience but also strengthens the bonds within our church family. It's a beautiful sight to see different generations coming together, united in their faith and eagerness to learn. It's a perfect opportunity for spiritual growth and community bonding. Let's nurture the next generation together. "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6) We invite you to join us in shaping our children's future through continuous prayers and support.
- 112 people joined us for our annual International Cultural Night with dinner and a talent show to celebrate the uniqueness and diversity represented at Wesley and OU campus on November 20. Also, we had a Christmas worship with love feast on December 5. We gave away dozens of Christmas gifts to the children and students and we finished this semester better and stronger with a heart full of thanksgiving & faith, hope, love & joy. God is good!

Please keep this ministry and mission in your prayers as International students go back to their countries and share the love of Jesus to their family and friends.



Rev. Fuxia Wang
International Ministry at the OU Wesley

Rebecca Reed
Mission Outreach Coordinator
Global Outreach Team



REPORT FROM ETHIOPIA

Rev. John Hollon and Holly Joy



Rev. John Hollon serves as the lead for the Heartland Conference missions team. He and Holly Joy had the privilege of traveling to Ethiopia in January (Holly's second trip) on behalf of Heartland Missions. Their purpose was evangelism and pastoral training as we partner with our brothers and sisters in Ethiopia to further God's movement through the Global Methodist Church.

Our partner Conference in Ethiopia is formerly a large group of Nazarene Churches who decided the GMC was the right path for them. As you can imagine, this has been a process for them and we have walked hand in hand through it all.



The bulk of our time was spent in the classroom. We taught four courses including worship and sacraments, Methodist Doctrine & Polity, Methodist History, as well as Church Finance and Administration. We trained over 160 pastors during our weeklong course. Of that group, we recognized 60 Elders who were ordained in the Nazarene Church and ordained 29 new Elders and 1 new Deacon.



Our favorite part was the people. They are so beautiful and faithful to God - it blows you away. They worship with no clock, and it's a beautiful practice of being present with our Creator and Maker. They have such a love for people and God's word that you can tell it's a precious gift not to be taken for granted.

Rev. John Hollon
Holly Joy



STAFF SPOTLIGHT



JASON HENDERSON

FACILITIES TECHNICIAN

- » Started working at FMC in 2015
- » Graduated from Dickson High School in 2003.
- » Hobbies include working out, studying the Bible, and playing video games.
- » Jason and his wife, Ezra, have two daughters, Kandace and Sherry.

“NEXT TO THE LORD DYING FOR MY SINS, MY WIFE AND MY KIDS, WORKING AT FMC HAS BEEN ONE OF THE BIGGEST BLESSINGS OF MY LIFE. ”



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Cude Clothes Closet

Sort and hang clothes.

Assist individuals in
finding what they need

Mondays: 1:00p-3:00p
**Wednesdays 9:00am-
11:00am**

Barb Barton
580-223-1815

Hand-Out Lunches on Wednesday

**Come to the CMC
to hand out food
sacks.**

Wednesday
9:00am-11:00am

Carolyn Graysneck
580-221-4623

Waymaker & Jail Ministry

**Help send out monthly
lessons to jails**

Attend Wednesday Group
5:30-7:00p

Attend Sunday Group
10:00-11:00a

Kim Hunt
580-504-7943

Food Resource Center

Guest Support
Sorting/Stocking
Organizing

M, W, TR, F
9:00a-2:30p

Shawna Carnahan
580-798-2293

Ardmore Soup Kitchen

**Prepare food and
serve to the
clients**

Dinner is served
Monday- Friday
6:00p-6:30p

Laura Akers
580-319-6175

Other Serving Opportunities

**Mercy Volunteer Services,
Oklahoma Blood Institute,
Oklahoma Baptist Homes for
Children, The Family Shelter of
Southern Oklahoma, Sara's
Project, CASA of Southern
Oklahoma, Elara Caring,
Sunshine Services, Salvation
Army, Community Youth
Services, Safe Families of
Oklahoma**

#connectinvestserve

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CAMPUS MINISTRY
momentumcampusministry.org

2025 MOMENTUM CAMPUS MINISTRY GOLF TOURNAMENT

PROCEEDS USED FOR CAMPUS OUTREACH
WITH THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST'S LOVE.

MCM Mission Statement: To Know Christ & To Make Christ Known

APRIL 28, 2025



OAK HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
519 NORTH COUNTRY CLUB RD.
ADA, OKLAHOMA 74820

- Various Hole Competitions
- Drink Carts Available
- Mulligans Available

SCHEDULE

8:00 AM: Check in; Practice Range open

8:55 AM: Rules / Last minute info

9:00 AM: Shotgun Start

12:30 PM: Lunch & Awards

\$500 for Team Entry

**SCAN HERE TO
REGISTER ONLINE!**

<https://bit.ly/mcmgolf>



Get More Info : **405-651-4191**

Janey Thomas, Campus Minister

momentumcampusministry.org

Momentum Campus Ministry

P.O. Box 1421 Ada, OK 74821



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

\$1500
Platinum

4 Member Team + Signage &
Event Promotion with swag bag

\$1000
Gold

4 Member Team + Signage with
logo displayed during event

\$500
Silver

Signage with Logo displayed
during event

\$300
Bronze

Signage with business name
displayed during event

WHAT IS MOMENTUM?

It's about connecting, investing and serving students. We equip students to grow in these areas through regular worship during the school year in small groups, bible studies, mission opportunities, fellowship events and more!

Watoto

February 6, 2025

Pastor David Daniel
Ardmore First United Methodist Church
501 W Main St
Ardmore, OK 73401-4796

First Methodist Church
Dear ~~Pastor David,~~

Thank you for your generous donation to Watoto Neighborhood of \$1,250.00 that we received on 1/15/2025. We couldn't do this without you!

Watoto Neighborhood is a discipleship and training program that gives a hand-up to women who have been widowed or abandoned by their husbands. In nearly all cases, she will have never finished school and therefore has no practical skills that would allow her to get a job or start a business.

Betty found herself in that situation. Through the training and discipleship she received at Watoto Neighborhood, she was able to start a retail stand selling fresh produce. She is now earning \$115 on average per week which is enough to pay her rent and health expenses and put her children through school. She is even able to save a little each week and hopes to one day build her own home.

Your generosity and compassion are making a profound difference in the lives of women like Betty, thank you!

In Gratitude,



Eugene Stutzman
Executive Director

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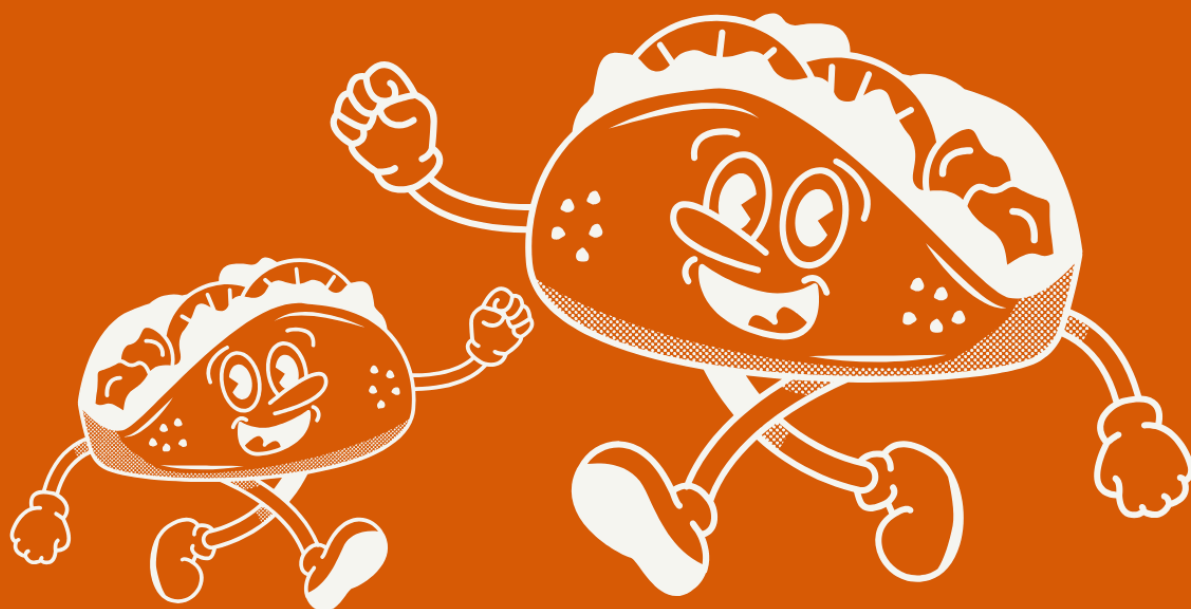
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March 5	Sack Lunch Ministry - 9 am CMC Ash Wednesday Service - 12 pm McClure Chapel Ash Wednesday Service - 6 pm Sanctuary Mid-week Youth - 5:30 pm Youth Room Sanctuary Choir - 7 pm Choir Room
March 9	Parent/Student Mission Trip Meeting - 4 pm Youth Room Sunday Night Youth - 5:30 pm Youth Room
March 11	Follow the Healer Bible Study - 12pm CMC 116 Celebrate Recovery - 6 pm CMC
March 12	Sack Lunch Ministry - 9 am CMC Mid-Week - 5:30 pm CMC Mid-Week Youth - 5:30-7 pm Parent/Student Mission Trip Meeting - 7 pm Youth Room Sanctuary Choir - 7 pm Choir Room
March 16-22	Spring Break Mission Trip
March 18	Celebrate Recovery - 6 pm CMC
March 19	Sack Lunch Ministry - 9 am CMC Sanctuary Choir - 7 pm Choir Room
March 21	Friendly Neighbors - 10:30 am CMC
March 23	Administrative Church Council - 12:15 pm CMC 115
March 25	Celebrate Recovery - 6 pm CMC
March 26	Sack Lunch Ministry - 9 am CMC Mid-Week - 5:30 pm CMC Mid-Week Youth - 5:30-7 pm Sanctuary Choir - 7 pm Choir Room
March 30	Sunday Night Youth - 5:30 pm Youth Room

INDIAN TACO THURSDAY

10 AM - 2 PM



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THURSDAY**
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SPRING BREAK YOUTH MISSION TRIP



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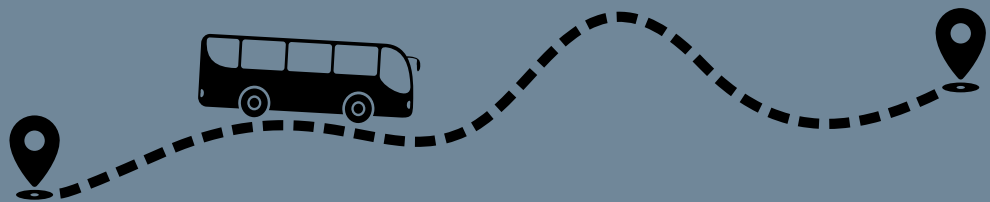
THANK YOU

FOR YOUR

SUPPORT!

KENTUCKY

**FMC YOUTH
MISSION TRIP**



DAVID DANIEL, SENIOR PASTOR
JOHN HOLLON, ASSOCIATE PASTOR
KIRA CALHOUN-WILSON,
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

SUNDAY SERVICES

9 AM TRADITIONAL
10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:05 AM EPIC

PRAYER CHAIN

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FRANK.LENNYLISA@YAHOO.COM

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(580) 223-7272

501 W. MAIN
ARDMORE, OK 73401
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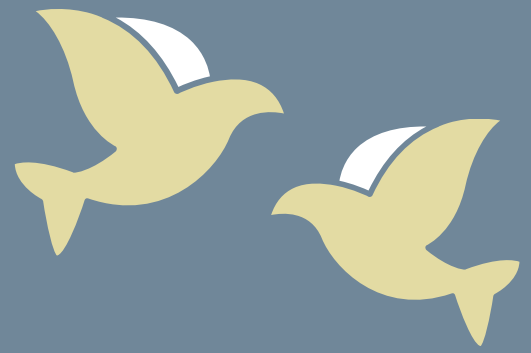
Clothes Closet Hours

Mondays 1-3 pm
Wednesdays 9-11 am

114 F Street NW



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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Current Prayers Needed: Ongoing Prayers Needed:

Betty Sue Clarke
Carolyn Lemmon
Gay Morgan
Mary Pruitt
United States of America
Local & National Leadership

Mary Berhend
Lanie Chambers
Beverly Enderby
Neal Hill
Greg Lohden
Susan Mertes
Audrey Peters
Kim Thompson
Don & Carolyn Yeager
Nation of Israel

Our condolences to Pam Bean with the passing of her mother.

WEBSITES TO CHECK OUT

- First Methodist Church Ardmore - ardmorefirst.org
or find us on Facebook at First Methodist Ardmore.
- Global Methodist Church Heartland Conference
heartlandgmc.org
- seedbed.com
- Wake-Up Call Daily Devotional
seedbed.com/wakeupcall/
- firebrandmag.com
- <https://www.111project.org/>

Do you know?

Pastor David is on the
radio, **7:38-7:50am** daily,
with "Perceptions"

**GTO/KYNZ – 107.1
KTRX – 92.7
KKAJ – 95.7**

