

The Calling

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It has been at nearly every church event I have attended this week. Food! Abundant. Delicious. Sweet. Crunchy. Homemade. From the divine chocolate cake at Wednesday night worship to the hot-off-the-grill steaks at the United Methodist Men's night on Sunday. However, when I look back on this, my first full week at our church, it strikes me that the food for the body, as great as it has been, is not to be compared to the food for the soul I have received as a newcomer to our church family.

Monday night at Bible Study, one gave witness to the work of God in her home life, causing her to have trust in God when the circumstances around her screamed otherwise. Wednesday night at Celebrate Recovery, another one spoke of clinging to Christ as the one who helped him get through that one day under very hard circumstances. In the early service Sunday, Nick Carpenter, one of our youth, described how camp caused him to look at his life with Christ and grow closer to God and more devoted in his faith. Sunday night at the men's steak dinner, Joe McDonald's simple and profound testimony told of how seeing the work of Christ in the life of another man caused him to be open to the work of Christ in his own life.

Each time we speak the truth of Christ as it is lived out in our lives, we nourish one another, just as we are nourished by the food we share. Just one week with you and it is clear that God is at work in so many aspects of our lives. I will enjoy being among you as we continue to describe and experience the transforming work of Christ. We shall feast on his grace as we feed body and spirit .

Jessica

FOCUS ON FOLKS

In the Hospital, or recently dismissed:

Sunday School Greeters for June:

Main Building - FRIENDS

Colvert Ministry Center - FOUNDATIONS

Sympathy:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Monty Rist and his family with the passing of his wife Ora on Thursday, June 4th. Services were held Tuesday, June 9th.

Memorials:

In memory of **Jaylee Garland** contributions to the Memorial Fund and the Ministry Center Trust Fund have been received from: Renny Collins (Memorial), Wayne and Kay Laske (Memorial), Harry Spring (CMC)

In memory of **Sara Holden** contributions to the Memorial Fund have been received from: Sam Daube, Judy Kenaga, Bruzzy and Gloria Westheimer

In memory of **Ora Rist** contributions to the Memorial Fund and the Ministry Center Trust Fund have been received from: Wayne and Kay Laske (Memorial), Harry Spring (CMC)

A Focus on the Children: What's Next?

On Tuesday evening, June 30 at 6:00 p.m. anyone interested in dreaming about the future of our children's ministry is invited to meet with our new pastor, Jessica Seay, in the Colvert Ministry Center in room 116. It is our hope that parents, children's workers, teachers, and anyone else who would like to come, would be present as we focus on two questions:

1. What needs to be considered as we design the next chapter of children's ministry in our church?
2. What specific qualities shall we look for in a new Children's Director?

If you need child care for the meeting, please make a reservation by calling 223-5390 x317. Nursery care (birth - K) will be available and there will be activities for older children through 5th grade.

The Lectionary Readings for June 21st

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49
Psalm 9:9-20
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

Televised at 10:55am
Cable One, Channel 7

Broadcast at 11:00am
KVSO AM 1240

8:30 AM
McClure Chapel

10:50 AM
Sanctuary

11:05 AM
Colvert Ministry Center

Sunday's Music

This Sunday is the **Third Sunday after Pentecost**. It is also our third Sunday with somewhat new starting times and orders of worship for our McClure, Sanctuary and EPIC worship services. Please check these as you find them in other places in *The Calling* and pass the information along to your family and friends!

In both 8:30 and 10:50 worship services John Emery, organist, will play "**Crown Him with Many Crowns**" arranged by Chris Neal. The hymntune which is the basis for this arrangement, *DIADEMATA*, found in our 1989 Hymnal, was originally composed by George J. Elvey in 1868.

In the 8:30 worship service Sally Reser, a soprano in the Sanctuary Choir will sing "**I Lift Up Mine Eyes to the Hills**" arranged by Jay Althouse. This arrangement is found in the collection *A Song of Joy*, copyright © 2003 by Hope Publishing Company, edited by Allen Pote. Kristin Chisham will be playing oboe obbligato and John Emery will be accompanying at the keyboard.

In the 10:50 worship service the Sanctuary Choir will sing "**My Jesus, I Love Thee.**" The original hymntune used here is by Adoniram J. Gordon, 1876, with the text by William R. Featherstone, 1864, The arrangement is by Paul Sjolund. This choir favorite is copyright © 1987 by Hinshaw Music, Inc. Kelley Segler will accompany at the piano and Kristin Chisham will play the oboe obbligato.

Please read this text from Sunday's music.

My Jesus, I Love Thee

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Shalom, *Bab*

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 21 Father's Day

- 8:30 am Worship / McClure Chapel
- 9:30 am Sunday Morning Live
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am What's In The Bible?
- 10:55 am Worship / Sanctuary
- 11:00 am EPIC Worship / CMC
- 6:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth
- 6:00 pm Girl's Night Out
- 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery
- 11:00 pm Sr. High leave for Colorado

Monday, June 22 Sr. High Colorado Mission Trip

- 1:00 pm Clothes Closet Opens
- 6:30 pm David Bible Study

Tuesday, June 23 Sr. High Colorado Mission Trip

- 10:00 am Faith Circle at Elmbrook Suites
- 6:00 pm Evangelism Ministry
- 6:00 pm Finance Ministry
- 7:05 pm Church Council

Wednesday, June 24 Sr. High Colorado Mission Trip

- 9:00 am Clothes Closet Opens
- 5:00 pm Stephen Ministry
- 5:30 pm Prayer Ambassadors
- 6:15 pm Worship / CMC
- 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery
- 7:00 pm Mid-Week Youth
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 25 Sr. High Colorado Mission Trip

Friday, June 26 Sr. High Colorado Mission Trip

Girl's Night Out

Sunday, June 21st

6:00pm

Prairie Kitchen

Rebecca Reed President



Dates to Remember:

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| June 29 | Children's Summertime Ministry Begins |
| July 4 | Independence Day / Church Closed |
| July 12-17 | Jr. High Mission Trip |
| July 27-31 | Dayspring |
| August 3-6 | Growin' in Grace Camp |
| August 3-6 | Tweens Camp |
| August 14-16 | Discovery |
| Sept 7 | Labor Day / Church Closed |
| Sept 13 | Round-Up Rally |
| Sept 24-27 | Men's Emmaus Walk |
| Oct 1-4 | Women's Emmaus Walk |
| Oct 30 | Fall Fest |

FUMC Honored Military

These are the names of our Honored Military for the July 5th bulletin insert. Please contact the church office with any corrections or names that need to be added. Also notify the office of any persons on Active Duty. Deadline for corrections is Monday, June 29th.

ARMY

Duane Boardman	Robert Meek
Francis Briscoe	Dan Merchain
Douglas Brown	Waylan Morris
Harry Brown	James Motsinger
Kevin Calley	Virgil Mowbray
O.K. Cunningham	Bill Nelson
Gary Farabough	George Nison
Jimmie Garner	Dennis Riley
Tom Groeschel	Wendall Ritchey
Bob Harper	Bob Rubison
Willard Hohnstein	Curtis Rush
Harold Holden	Joyce Russell
Reed Holden	William L. Russell
Joseph Howell	David Seals
Roger Hughes	Mike Shurley
Fred Jackson	Justin Smith
Patty Jackson	Billy Thompson
Joe Johnson	Kent Tucker
Michael Larkin	Sam Veazey
Bob Longest	Lynn Watkins
Jack Martin	Kevin Wells
Bob McClendon	Rudy White
Kevin McCormick	Charles F. Williams
Delbert McGuire	Don Yeager
William R. Meacham	Steve Zink

ARMY AIR CORPS / FORCE

Bill Brady	Ralph Kampschmidt
Jay Cook	Bill Nelson
Bill Crandall	Tom Tipps
Charles Fitch	John Yarbrough
Grantham Jackson	

AIR FORCE

Andy Arnold	Gene Hill
Ray Bacon	Fred Jones
Avon Barber	Don Kidd
Glen Berry	Todd Maloney
Charles Biggs	Bill Nelson
Albert Caywood	Charles Probert
Orville Cope	Monty Rist
Charlie Davis	David D. Rose
Fred Gauthier	Glenn Sappington
Clay Genn	Bob Sperry
Robert Gornichec	Fred Statzer
Randy Haile	Kimber Ward
Bruce Hammond	Will Warner
Bill Hargis	Lee Woodside
Gus Hendrix	

AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Tim Hill

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Bill Capshaw	James Dula
George Logan	Larry Lovelace
Larry Smith	Dale Wells

NAVY WAVES

NAVY SEABEES

NAVY AIR CORPS

COAST GUARD

NAVAL ACADEMY

John Harold	Barbara Colvert
Mike Hester	Troy Sutherlin

ARMY RESERVE

Jim Bradley	Kevin Grant
Lonnie Carriker	John Mourer
Mike Castellow	Cory Sherfield

MARINE CORPS

Brian Bales	Keith Nance
Sam Brimer	Bill Parker
Michael Burkhart	Darryl Roberts
David Chaffin	Larry Steele
Daniel C. Garner	Cecil Tidwell
Bub Harvey	Levi Valdois
Tom Hayes	Eugene Vangundy
Braden Hisey	Christi Watkins
Mike Hisey	

NAVY

Justin Barrett	Wade McCharen
Eddie Bigbie	TJ Melton
Don E. Black, Sr.	Don Miller
Alan Bourne	Patrick Morgan
Tom Buck	Bill Murrah
Jim Cumpton	Robert Shirey
Bryan Dewberry	Clem Smalley
Jim Dial	John Snodgrass
Mark Douglass	W. Dale Stone
Lisa Frank	Keith Wallis
David L. Gordon	Frank Warner
Norm Hardee	Franklin Davis Warner
Eli Heatherly	Rudy White
Faith Heatherly	Ed Witt
Don Herkoltz	Steve York
Don Lemmon	Rick Zalko
Doug Loder	

Dear Friends in Christ at FUMC,

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the warm farewell reception for us May 31st. We felt overwhelmed with the good-byes spoken personally to each of us, with the kind words in so many cards and letters, and with the generosity of this great body of Christ. We offer special thanks to the Sanctuary Guild for hosting this for us.

It has been our privilege to serve Christ with you for the past three years. You will remain in our prayers and in our hearts. One of the great blessings of the United Methodist Church is that we are a connectional system and so we will stay connected with you even as we serve now in the McAlester District.

In Christ's love and service,
Darrell and Bonnie Cates

Missionary News

We just received the following thank you from Wycliffe Bible Translators—

"Dear First UMC, Thank you for your faithful support of Wycliffe Associates, worldwide Bible translation, and your generous gift in support of Project Storyteller. This Bible translation initiative will pact the lives of courageous Christians in South Asia who are determined to share their faith in spite of ongoing—and sometimes intense—hostility toward Christianity. Because of your gift, Bible translators will be able to quickly record 32 well known and redemptive Bible stories in the local languages. You are help our Asian brothers and sisters in the Lord to personally communicate the gospel of Christ to their countrymen. That will make a big difference!

I would ask you to pray fervently as Wycliffe Associates and Bible translators expand our already close partnership into this relatively new area of translation development. It is our hope that such a plan will dramatically increase the speed and effectiveness of Bible translation efforts as well. In lands where being a Christian can be dangerous, the spoken Word of God become a very valuable treasure. I greatly appreciate your partnership, your interest, and your caring spirit as we work together to reach out to the 65 million people in South Asia who have not yet heard the truth of the gospel. Thank you for all you are doing.

*In Christ,
Bruce A. Smith, President/CEO"*

First UMC, Ardmore has supported Wycliffe missionaries, Clark & Jana Teders, in Papua New Guinea since we began our faith promise in 1999. We recently sent \$1,000 for Project Storyteller. Thank you for your faith promise commitment. We are making a difference around the world.

!!Volunteers Needed!!

We need volunteers to help stuff the bulletin once or twice a month on Thursdays at 2pm.
Please call Tami @ 223-5390 x301

First UMC 2007 Men's Softball Schedule

June 1st	9:30p field 1 vs. Lone Grove Assembly of God	Ⓜ
June 8th	6:30p field 2 vs. Emmanuel Baptist	Ⓛ
June 15th	9:30p field 3 vs. Milo Baptist	
June 29th	9:30p field 2 vs. Maranatha	
July 6th	6:30p field 3 vs. Lone Grove Assembly of God 8:30p field 2 vs. Faith Center	
July 13th	7:30p field 2 vs. Emmanuel Baptist	
July 20th	6:30p field 4 vs. Milo Baptist	
July 27th	9:30p field 3 vs. Faith Center	
Aug 3rd	6:30p field 2 vs. Maranatha	

The Score Was the Same!?

The night began in a really good way, Sam handled the coin toss with great finesse and again we were the home team. The difference in the time made it possible for additional fans to attend and the usual positive cheering atmosphere and camaraderie overcame the heat of the hour. In spite of fine defensive efforts and an unwavering strength of heart, our bats, brimming with fire the week before, fell far short of our players' expectations, even with an *inside the park home run*. Our team faced some really great pitching and when the run-rule was invoked, we were on the short end of that same 11-3 score. It was a defeat in numbers only. The players and the fans had a great time and everyone kept looking around for YOU. We're saving a spot in the bleachers and hope to see you on a Monday night soon!

Please Bring Back Our 'Mike'

The microphone from the Chester Dennis Class is missing. If you have borrowed it, please return it. If you know where it *might* be, please call the church office.

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Fishes

June

Rice

1-lb bag

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to the emergency fund

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