

✠ OUR PRAYER LIST TODAY ✠

L: Lord, in Your mercy,
P: Hear our prayers!

All those living with cancer—Muriel Boden, Ann Widener, John Chapman, Sherri Horst Clark, Jimmy Parker, Trent Lubers, Wanda Landers, Craig Dobrinski, Garry Howard, Ronnie Schulz, Danny, Rev. Larry Masoner, Jimmy Cole, John Fleming, Lambert Dunn (father of Jamie Sisson), Bobby Cornelson, Kristi Lamle, 34 y/o son of Terry Turner, Michael Chase (Lisa Clay's bro.), Troy Lee, Roy Ford, Hanson Sisson (Bob's bro.), Gloria Loken, Amy (sister of Dana Hoffman), Kay Tautfest, Janice Dupree, Cierra Musick Jennings.

Joys & Concerns—Thanks for rain; Rev. Ken Tobler; Stephen, Kari, & Wyatt Buddy; Vernell Snider; Barry Blagowsky (medical); Wanda Avant; Rose Ratcliffe; Cherrie Payne (Brookdale); continued healing for Bryan Baxter's arm; Joyce Hamburger; our church & Sunny Lane UMC during pastoral transition; all state & world leaders/God's wisdom; MAC Amber Morrison serving on USS Wasp stationed in Japan; Kaye Zimmerman (begins dialysis end of June, mother of Shauna Rhoads); All care-givers serving loved ones; Kenny & Karen Day (parents of Kim Blanton); Joy Blanton; Archer George; Jeanne Rookhuyzen; Kirk Milligan; those with addictions/mental illness/depression; Jason Mills; James Ediger (staying at Ft. Leavenworth for heart rehab); Armando; all those incarcerated and their families.



FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

Weatherford, OK

May 20, 2018

8:30AM & 10:30AM

Pentecost Sunday

Liturgists: Terry Fuller (8:30AM);
Witten Beam (10:30AM)

✠ Please Stand As You Are Able

❖ 10:30AM Service Only

I. GOD'S FAMILY ENTERS INTO WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S CHILDREN FOR WORSHIP

You are invited to light a candle at one of the Prayer Stations, located at the far ends of the Chancel railing.

Servant Leader Opportunities Please View the Screens

Gathering Chimes . . . Let the people enter into silence

Greeting & Opening Prayer

Prelude "Morning Trumpet" arr. Robert Powell
Marti Bessinger, organ

Words of Welcome

✠ "Feet and Greet" (Let's get out of our seat, move our feet, and greet our sisters & brothers in Christ.)

❖✠ Gathering Song "Mighty To Save" W. & S. No. 3038
(v. 1 soloist only; congregation sings only the "Refrain")

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Holy Spirit, come. **We are ready and waiting.** Come, Holy Spirit, come. **We yearn for Your presence and power.** Come, Holy Spirit, come. **Bring Your gifts and Your guidance.** Come, Holy Spirit, come.

✠ THE PROCESSIONAL

Hymn of Praise U.M.H. No. 98

"To God Be the Glory" (all 3 vv.)

Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Together, let us confess . . . **Come into our presence, Holy Spirit. Speak truth to our troubled hearts. Discomfort us in our complacency. Stir up a yearning within us for justice and love. Come into our hearts, Holy Spirit, with Your power and love. Cleanse us and make us new. In Your mercy and grace, we pray. AMEN.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE WE have called. God has listened. We are saved from despair, forgiven and created anew through the power and love of the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God!

❖ ANTHEM "River in Judea" Feldman & Leavitt
Chancel Choir; Maxine Page, director; Sophia Lee, piano

II. GOD'S FAMILY HEARS & RESPONDS

❖ 3-M (Mini-Methodists Moment) Rev. Brack

As children enter the Chancel, **ALL SING . . .** W. & S. No. 3163

"Walking in the Light of God" (first page only) [see screens]

As children return to their seats, **ALL SING . . .** W. & S. No. 3163

"Walking in the Light of God" (first page only) [see screens]

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 8:22-27

❖✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION U.M.H. No. 356

"When We Are Living" (all 4 vv.)

✠ THE GOSPEL LESSON John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

"Behold, the wisdom of God's Word!"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

✠ GLORIA PATRI U.M.H. No. 70

THE HOMILY "The Work of the Holy Spirit" Rev. Brack

THE RESPONSE Psalm 104:24-35 See Lectionary Insert

VIDEO CLIP Marti & David Bessinger to Ghana, Africa See Screens
OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

LIFTING UP OTHERS IN OUR PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD U.M.H. No. 895

❖ "The Lord's Prayer" (page 3, choral version) W. & S. No. 3070

III. GOD'S FAMILY GIVES THANKS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Fugue in G Major" J. S. Bach

Marti Bessinger, organ

✠ DOXOLOGY U.M.H. No. 94

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION OVER OUR GIFTS

Together, let us pray . . . **O God, through these gifts and the lives they touch, send Your Spirit into the world. Through these gifts we now bring, cause wonders to occur. With this hope, we pray. AMEN.**

IV. GOD'S FAMILY IS SENT INTO THE WORLD

✧ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP U.M.H. No. 369

"Blessed Assurance" (all 3 vv.)

✧ COMMISSION and BLESSING

Go to dream dreams of a new creation. Go to make God's visions a reality in our world. Go with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.
Amen? **AMEN!**

✧❖ PARTING SONG & RECESSIONAL W. & S. No. 3180

"As We Part For the Towns and Cities" (both vv.)

**As we part for the towns and cities,
Where You summon us to go,
Guide us, Lord, give us strength and courage,
Teach us all we need to know.
Keep us humble, fixed on You, forever seeking, born anew.
Kindle holy fires within us; may Your Holy Spirit glow.**

POSTLUDE

"Antiphon"
Marti Bessinger, organ

Gordon Young

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal-low-ed be your
name. Your king-dom come, your will be done on earth as in
heav - en. Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For -
give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a -
gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de-
liv - er us from e - vil, for the king-dom, the power, and the
glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er.



*Divided tongues, as
of fire, appeared
among them, and
a tongue rested
on each of them.*

ACTS 2:3, NRSV

TODAY, MAY 20th . . .

. Ms. Marti has a list of mission school items being requested for her trip to Ghana, Africa this summer. Please check the list and sign-up if you can donate any of these items. Marti will take them with her and David.

. You may mail a card of encouragement to Rev. Ken & Carol Tobler at: 3221 S. Pittsburg Place; Tulsa, OK 74135. Pastor Ken is battling lymphoma.

. Nar-Anon is now meeting on Tuesdays at 6:30PM at the W'ford Food & Resource Center, 122 S. 8th Street (enter thru the volunteer door). Nar-Anon is a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. As a 12 step program, they offer their help by sharing their experience, strength, and hope.

Coming Up . . .

. This Wednesday, May 23rd . . .
7:30PM—Memorial service in the church Chapel in honor of LONA SCOTT.

. Next Sunday, May 27th . . .
2:00PM—Devotional service at WeatherFORD Living Center

. Sunday, June 10th . . .
Pastor Margo's first Sunday here. Join us for an informal "Meet & Greet" during Fellowship Coffee time in the Fellowship Hall (9:30AM).

. Vacation Bible School, "Shipwrecked: Rescued By Jesus," will be Sunday July 15th thru Thursday July 19th, 5:30PM to 8:00PM. Light snack supper each evening at 5:30PM. Krista Brooks, director (580-603-1658).

. Sunday, June 24th . . .
6:00PM—Church-wide Ice Cream Social in the Angel Courtyard; "Meet & Greet" Pastor Margo and her spouse, Ron.
7:00PM—Church Council meeting in the Neonate Classroom (not June 3rd)