

The Springs



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...And So Much More!



"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." (Isaiah 43:19, NIV)

Yesterday morning in worship it was my pleasure to announce that my appointment to Sand Springs United Methodist Church has been renewed for another year. Linda and I are very happy for this and we are looking forward to continuing our journey together with this congregation. It seems impossible that a year has passed already since we first arrived here and I want take a minute to reflect on what we've seen this past year.

You have shown us wonderful hospitality and helped us to make our home here in Sand Springs; thank you for being so kind to us. It is this sense of hospitality that serves you well in welcoming new people who visit our church and in helping others to know the love of Christ. This is a great asset.

An extension of your hospitality is shown in your love of missions. I am so impressed with the level of concern for others that is shown by this congregation. From monthly adult mission projects last year, to youth mission trips, and upcoming church mission trips, and your commitment to reach out to Lake United Methodist Church, you have proven that you truly care about those who need God's love the most. You richly deserve the recent award you received from our Annual Conference. Jesus said that we will always have the poor with us and we

will always need more participation from our church members to meet their needs. Please consider how you might become involved in the missions of our church. Certainly we need money to fund our missions, but we also need your time, your gifts, and your presence.

We have moved through some difficult times financially this past year with broken air conditioners – another one right now! – You have met the challenges with grace and humor. As long as we remain in our current facility these kinds of high-dollar maintenance issues will come up. It is more and more obvious that our best plan of action is to move forward with the new campus. We must all renew our commitment to this effort and work doubly hard to pay-off our current debt so that we can take the next step. God is doing a new thing and we are partners with him. Our mission is to reach more people, more diverse people, more younger people and to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This work can best be accomplished in a facility that is accessible and welcoming to everyone. Our current facility does not meet this need.

Over the next few months I will be assembling a team of persons to help us craft a vision for how we will move forward and discern God's will for our church and how we will develop the courage to participate in that plan. God is making a new way for us and we must step out into the wilderness and follow.

*God bless,
Pastor Don*

What an Honor!!!



Morene is honored for her years of devotion and commitment to make a difference!

Morene Baker, Lifetime Volunteer

In May, 2012, the Lifetime Volunteer Award 2011 from Habitat for Humanity was given to Morene Baker. In order to receive this award, one must have volunteered for over 10 years for Habitat for Humanity, giving their time, passion, sweat and heart to the mission of the organization.

Morene's special interest was in the Women Build project. While working at Flintco Construction, she got the Women in Construction group involved in building Habitat homes. Morene received more nominations than any other and is only the 3rd person to receive the award. She had to be nominated and chosen by a committee based on comments received in nominations. She had more nominations than any other volunteer for this or any other award this year! Congratulations Morene.

Visitors Needed

If your Spiritual Gifts Survey showed that you love to share the love of Jesus with others, this may be of interest to you. We need people who can visit our members in the hospital and take communion once a month to our homebound. It is very rewarding and much appreciated. For more information, call Judy Bullard at 918-241-6890.

Church Calendar for June

A monthly calendar is available to anyone who would like to have one. They are on the table at the entrance of the church. This calendar has a schedule of regular monthly activities at the church as well as the June

schedule of events. Pick one up anytime.

Pie/Dessert Auction

This Sunday, June 10, the Youth will sponsor a Pie and Dessert Auction. This is to raise funds for their mission trip this Summer but also, it brings everyone together for a fun event! So don't forget to run by the ATM, grab a check book, crack open the piggy banks and come ready to bid. There will be something for everyone to bid on. If you forgot to sign up to bring a dessert, don't worry... you can show up Sunday with a pie or dessert in hand! It will sell!!!

Needlers

The needlers meet every other Thursday with June 14th as their next date. If you love sewing, any kind of sewing, come check them out. Bring any project you are working on and a sack lunch. They meet at 11 and finish up around 2 p.m. If you need childcare, call the church office and let us know. This group also does sewing projects for community needs. Call Mary Kay Schwartz or Greta Green for more information.

Summer Youth Dinner Schedule

The youth will be providing their own dinners this summer because of their busy schedule. Thank you to all who provided food so far this year. We look forward to seeing you again this Fall.



Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for VBS and consider where you might like to volunteer. If you can't volunteer, you can certainly invite all the children in your neighborhood! It takes the whole church to make Vacation Bible School a success. Let's make this year the best ever!!!

July 22-July 26 VBS at SSUMC

June 29-June 30 VBS at Lake UMC

Someone's Praying, Lord...

Our 24-hour Pentecost Prayer Vigil was a complete success, with special thanks going to Jody Seaman and Dick Ford for their help. Also, to Tim Alex who covered the wee morning hours from 12:00 midnight to 5:00 a.m.! The Prayer & Healing Service Sunday evening was beautiful in spirit as several came forth to have prayer of healing for themselves or others. The names of those on our prayer list were also lifted up for God's comfort and healing. JoNan Allen wrote on her tablet to me that "she was at peace."

Our Church has to be built on Prayer Power to be successful in fulfilling God's will on 4th & Main and

beyond. There are so many people who are hurting, not only physically but emotionally and spiritually. Let us continue to be The Church with our prayers. We must continue to do what we can, then God will do the rest. With Love & Prayers, Virginia

2012 Newsletter Schedule

Just a reminder, all articles are due by noon on Monday. Articles that arrive after noon will be put in the next newsletter or can be a Sunday announcement.

June 18, July 2, July 16, July 30

August 13, August 27, September 10, September 24

October 8, October 22, November 5, November 19

December 3, December 17, December 31 (?)

Grief Support

Grief Support is next Friday, June 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. If you have suffered loss of any kind and are grieving, this is for you! If you need help coping with loss, come see what Grief Support is all about. Also, if you know someone who is grieving, let them know we have a support group that can help.

Book Club

If you love to read, come check out the book club. A book is selected for everyone to read then a discussion follows. It is an opportunity to join a group that caters to your interests: reading and fellowship. Come see what it is all about on Monday, June 11 at 6:15 p.m. in the Parlor.

Musician Rehearsal Changes

If you want to join a music team, be it choir, bells or praise team, they have new scheduled for rehearsal. The chancel choir is still at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. However, praise team is now at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and bells are at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays. Please let Alan know if you have any questions about joining.

Crumbs From The Cracker

News:

Summer Camp Baby!

Camp books are out! Camp dates are out! Get excited! Youth will be going to Egan this coming summer **July 16th- July 20th** **Mark your calendars! Sign-up deadline June 24th!!!**

Youth Float Trip June 20th:

Are you an active part in our youth program? We would like to take you on a float trip! The cost for each youth to go on the float trip is \$30.00 and this will include the float trip and dinner on the way home from Tahlequah. Please sign up with Graeme if you are interested! **Spots are limited!**

Youth Wednesday Night Summer Schedule:

All youth are meeting @ the FLC @ 6:30pm-@ 8:30pm

Youth Mission Trip News:

Pie auction is this Sunday! Bring your \$\$\$\$ bills and pies and support our summer youth mission trip to the Quad Cities!

Musically Talented Youth?

Do you have the gift of music, whether you are able to play an instrument or you have a voice to sing? We would love to have you join us as we begin to start putting together a youth worship team! Join us June 5th @ 7pm. Bring your instrument or bring your voice! Jesus is ready to use your gift! Meet in the Sanctuary.



Weekly Youth Topics:

Our students have completed 2 weeks of our "Money Money Money" series. Week 1 we covered the topic that giving starts in our hearts and that there is a constant fight for our hearts between "God Vs. Money". Week 2 we covered the topic that we need to "Give God Our Best". Week 3 we will be completing our series with discussion of being wise with our money! Following this series we will start

our new summer series called "70's & 80's Classics." The goal of this series is to apply Biblical teachings to famous secular songs that have made through our generations in hope that our teachings will stick like a classic song in your head!

Upcoming Dates:

- June 5th - Youth Worship Practice/ Discussion @ 7pm
- June 6th - Money Money Money Wk 3 "Be Wise"

- June 10th - Pie Auction!!! Support Youth Missions!
- June 13th - Summer Series "70's & 80's Classics"
- June 16th - Youth Mission Meeting @ 4:30pm @ Stockards House

(If you are interested in being apart of any of these upcoming events please do not hesitate to call me at 918-245-5955, or email me at gcollett@sandspringsumc.org)

Fun Fact: Chewing gum boosts your brain power.

Special Thank You!

Thank you, thank you, thank you! I would like to thank Virginia, Chuck, Doug, Jan, Glenna, Mike, Alex, Jetonne, Taylor, Jarek, Don, Megan, Sarah, Alan, Janet, Don, Linda, Buster, Candice, Jim and Tracey. For all of your awesome help in making our "School's Out For Summer Bash" a tremendous success! We could not have done it with out you! Because of you we will able to welcome in 80 plus students for fun, food, and fellowship! Thank you for your support of our students and the youth ministry! Y'all are a blessing!

KidZone News



Congratulations to Gracey Kate Massey. She knew all the books of the Bible yesterday and earned 100 Bible bucks. Her brother, Jayce, is also doing a great job working on his books of the Bible. This has been a challenge that all the children have been excited about. Kids, continue to work on learning the books of the Bible. There is still time to earn the 100 Bible bucks- for shopping on Sunday June 10th.

We'll soon begin work on a series of lessons on Psalms 23.

VBS is at Lake United Methodist is June 29-July 1. VBS at SSUMC is July 22-26. If you are interested in helping please let Ms. Marty or Ms. Debbie know.

See you Sunday!!

Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers June 10

Visitors Center & Coffee-Searchers
Head Usher-8:30 a.m.-Frank Johnston
Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
Lay Reader-8:30 a.m.-Julia Henry
Lay Reader-11:00 a.m.-Dick Ford
Young Disciples Lesson-8:30 a.m.-Marty David
Young Disciples Lesson-11:00 a.m.-Marty David
Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids 11:00 a.m.-
Marty D. & Trish H.
Counters-Betty or Howard Smith & Karen Wilder
Youth Dinner for Wednesday, June 6-

Sunday Volunteers June 17

Visitors Center & Coffee-Searchers
Head Usher-8:30 a.m.-Frank Johnston
Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
Lay Reader-8:30 a.m.-Jennifer Paschal
Lay Reader-11:00 a.m.-Jan Dickerson
Young Disciples Lesson-8:30 a.m.-Jami Warkentin
Young Disciples Lesson-11:00 a.m.-Amy Miller
8:30 a.m. Children's Church-Kingdom Kids 11 a.m.-
Katherine & Julie F.
Counters-Sondra Bogert & Dick Ford
Youth Dinner for Wednesday, June 13-

Please Keep In Prayer

Walter Speed, Wilbur & Jewel Williams, Mel Jones, Ryder Herring, June Horn, Ruth Weaver, Jo Nan Allen, Virginia Vice, Martha Scudder, Don Baldrige, Earl & Lora Cervantez, Mary Lea Forsythe, Donna Woodruff, Helen Hooper, Pastor Ray White, Bishop Hayes, Roger Nelson, Jane Phillips, Pat Cheek, Adra Dobbs, Phil Cearley, Roberta Miller, Linda McCormick, Jacob Boatman, and all un-spoken requests

Acknowledgements

Thank You... for surrounding our family in a warm blanket of love during the recent death of my mother, Billye Shore. Your kind thoughts, cards and prayers have really helped. The wonderful meal of our care team was such a comfort. Blessings to you all-Daphne and the Dinsmore Family

Thank You... all for the love and support you have given to me! I thank the Lord for all of you!!! Shawn Cole

Thank You... on behalf of the Margaret Hudson Program and the class of 2012. We would like to say thank you and God Bless!

Thank You... for the beautiful flowers that were on my desk a few weeks ago. I was going to water them, they look so real!!! Others have commented on them as well. I hope to find out who left them so I can thank you properly! Tracey G.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FLC-Family Life Center

Wednesday, June 6

Project Transformation

7:30 a.m.-M/W Breakfast—Crescent Café

10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC

6:30 p.m.-The Awakening-Youth

6:00 p.m.-Praise Team Practice

7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 7

Project Transformation

4:15 & 5:30 p.m.-Weight Watchers— F. Hall

Friday, June 8

12:00 p.m.-Weight Watchers

Saturday, June 9

No Activities

Sunday, June 10

8:30 a.m.-Modern Worship

10:00 a.m.-Pie/Dessert Auction

11:00 a.m.-Classic Worship

Monday, June 11

10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC

6:15 p.m.-Book Club-Parlor

7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts 101-FLC

Tuesday, June 12

6:00 p.m.-Chancel Bell Practice

7:00 p.m.-Stewardship Meeting

7:00 p.m.-Al Anon-Upstairs

Wednesday, June 13

7:30 p.m.-Men's Breakfast-Crescent Café

10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC

6:30 p.m.-The Awakening-Youth

6:00 p.m.-Praise Team Practice

7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 24th at 4 p.m.

Family Picnic at the FLC. Dig out the home made ice cream
freezers! It's gonna be fun!!!

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