

# The Springs



Rev. Don Tabberer



*"All of you are God's children because of your faith in Christ Jesus. And when you were baptized, it was as though you had put on*

*Christ in the same way you put on new clothes. Faith in Christ Jesus is what makes each of you equal with each other, whether you are a Jew or a Greek, a slave or a free person, a man or a woman. So if you belong to Christ, you are now part of Abraham's family, and you will be given what God has promised."* (Galatians 3:26-29)

This past Sunday we celebrated Confirmation with four of our students. Two of these students also received Baptism over the weekend. These four are now full members of our congregation. It is an exciting time when we see young people come to understand their faith and make their own profession of faith. This year's class shows us a good example of how our United Methodist "system" works.

Two of these students were baptized as infants. The promises to reject sin and live according to God's will were made for these children when they had no opportunity to participate. The other two students came through the Confirmation process and then chose to receive Baptism for themselves. They were able to make their own promise to reject sin and live according to God's will. In the UMC, Confirmation brings these students to the same place regardless of when they were baptized. During the Confirmation ceremony, all four students reaffirmed their baptismal promises; they all proclaimed Jesus Christ as Savior; and they all entered the church together in full membership.

We believe that Baptism is an essential part of everyone's journey with Christ. We also believe that it is God who acts in Baptism, so that we accept a person's Baptism whether done as an infant or as an older person. Baptism is not about what we do or what the church does or the way in which it is performed. Baptism is about what God does in terms of offering us grace and forgiveness, and the salvation we receive through Jesus Christ. God's actions on our behalf are available to us at any stage in life.

Baptism and our profession of faith leads us into the community of the Body of Christ. Within this community we are nurtured in our faith, no matter how old we are. This community is vital to our growth as disciples of Jesus. We cannot be Christians all alone; we need the community to strengthen us all along our faith journey. When a child is baptized, those who answer for them are charged with providing the proper care needed to lead the child to a future declaration of faith. This is no less true of children who come to us without Baptism; we are obligated to nurture them and lead them to their profession of faith. That same nurture and care is for all of us – child and adult – we need each other.

As we celebrate with our students this year, let us also celebrate our community of faith. We are in this together as the Body of Christ. *"Remember your Baptism and be thankful."* Being a disciple is an ongoing process that should be our life's work.

*Still learning to be a disciple,  
Pastor Don*

## OUR WORSHIP SPACE

You may have noticed some recent changes in the arrangement of our worship space. If you were able to view the space from above, you would see that the center aisle (known as the “nave”) is intersected by a rectangular space (known as the “transept”). The nave and the transept form a cross. We have now located our Communion Table at the center of this intersection, placing the Eucharist – the symbol of Christ’s death and resurrection, at the focal point of our worship space. This placement also enables us to “come to the table” when we receive Holy Communion. We believe that this symbolism enhances our understanding of the sacrament and its central place in our worship.

## Restore Hope Ministries

Once again in 2015, the George Kaiser Family Foundation is providing a matching grant to Restore Hope. The foundation will match—dollar-for-dollar—cash contributions made by the local church. In order to qualify, your donations must be made to the church and then sent via a church check. Please be generous this year and make extra-mile cash donations designated for Restore Hope. Be sure to label your envelope or give online. You may place designated donations in the collection plate or you may give online at our website: [www.sandspringsumc.org](http://www.sandspringsumc.org). Please DO NOT send donations directly to Restore Hope; these cannot be included in the matching grant program.

## UMW News

DID YOU KNOW? The Sand Springs United Methodist Women host two fundraisers a year: A bake sale, held during the Sand Springs Herbal Festival in April and the Memorial Flower Sale prior to Memorial Day in May. With the funds generated by the two events (approximately \$3,415 in 2015!), the SSUMW supports various local and state missions such as: SS Community Services, Restore Hope, Project Transformation, the Methodist Manor, TU’s Wesley Foundation, Circle of Care, New Day Camp and Volunteers in Mission. Within the SS United Methodist Church, the funds help to support Youth Program and Missions,

fully funding one youth to attend their mission trip this summer; Vacation Bible School; provide the meat dishes for bereavement meals for church members and their families; celebrate our SSUMC graduating seniors from high school or college; and, purchase bibles for the young ladies we honor with a breakfast when graduating high school through the Margaret Hudson Program. In addition to these programs, we were able to purchase four new High Chairs for the Family Life Center and two 8 x 8 canopies. The canopies provide protection from the elements during the Herbal Festival bake sale but are available for church activities. For our local unit, we purchase books for the UMW Reading Program, housed in our church library within a separate section but are available for all. For any of our UMW members wishing to attend UMW District and State Events, we are able to help offset the costs of these events. Wow! It is an honor and a privilege to be able to support all of the above! Next newsletter the UMW Pledge to Mission will be reviewed!

**what is \$1 a day?**

**PIZZA**

**or \$7 towards apportionments**

**A percentage of our apportionment money goes to Restore Hope Ministries. They seek ways to meet physical, spiritual and social needs of thousands of individuals and families each year by giving financial assistance, food and spiritual counsel.**

**MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

**Could you give up something each day and give the money to apportionments?**

## *Please Keep In Prayer*

Martha Scudder, Tristan Schwartz, Darryl Muse, Jack Brown, Ruth Weaver, Destinee Tackett, Billie Schmidt, Owen Johnston, Clare Caldwell, Craig Cooper, BW Proft, Riley (McNeer grandson), Magen Stockard, Paul Waldschmidt, Sylvia Johnson, and Unspoken Requests

## *Sunday Lists*

### **Sunday Volunteers—July 5**

Visitors Center & Coffee-Discovery  
Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David  
Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids  
Teaching: Jami Warkentin  
Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Debbie Schmidt  
Counters-Betty or Howard Smith & Karen Wilder  
Youth Dinner for July 15-TNT  
Youth Dinner for July 22-Ruth Esther Circle

### **Sunday Volunteers—July 12**

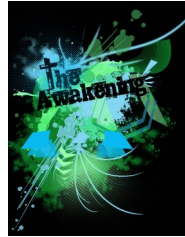
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Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids  
Teaching: Jami Warkentin  
Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Susie Honeycutt  
Counters-Sondra Allen & Dick Ford  
Youth Dinner for July 29-Seniors In Action  
Youth Dinner for August 5-Priscilla Circle



### **KidZone**

We finished our lessons on Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego-remembering what a mighty God we serve. We had fun decorating wooden crosses and a special camping treat of s'mores which were enjoyed by all. This next Sunday we will make pinwheels which will be used for VBS decorations. Remember to register for VBS-forms are in the narthex and also you can register on church website. Volunteer sign-up is also on a table in the narthex or you can register on the church website. Flyers are also available with the VBS information.

Come join us for a VBS workshop on Saturday July 11th from 9:00 a.m. until ???. We will provide lunch for all. Also we will decorate for VBS on Friday, July 17th starting at 5:30. Thanks for all who have already signed up to help.



### **The Awakening**

Hello everybody! Tristan Holt here to give you guys another update on what is going on in my neck of the woods. If you are reading this then we all made it back in one piece from our mission trip to St. Paul Minnesota. It was an incredible experience for not just the kids, but also me. This was a great opportunity for me to strengthen my relationship with the youth outside of the usual Wednesday night or Sunday morning setting. These trips create memories that the kids will remember for a lifetime. I know personally that for me some of my greatest youth ministry moments have come from mission trips. Whether that be goofy stories on the car ride, a story about one of the service projects, or a deep experience with God while you were there. There is so much potential for incredible things to happen on these trips and that is exactly what happened. This coming Sunday we will have some of the youth come up and talk about some of their experiences and share stories. It will be a great time for you to hear about some of the incredible things God did on that trip to St. Paul. Don't be afraid to come up to some of the youth that day and ask for some stories. I know the kids had a great time and they would love to talk to you more about it. It was really cool to see the kids come together each and every morning putting aside their wants and needs to take part in God's Kingdom. Now comes the fun part of working with the teens to carry over what they learned this week into their everyday lives here in Oklahoma. All of it becomes hollow if lives aren't impacted back home as well. We need to partner with the kids to keep them accountable and make sure they think about the experiences in St. Paul and how it pertains to our everyday lives. This will be an awesome opportunity for you to partner with them and hear their stories. I look forward to next Sunday! God bless you all.

Tristan Holt



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Wednesday, July 1

7:30 a.m.-Men's/Women's Breakfast—Crescent Café  
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Ringers  
6:30 p.m.-Youth  
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir

### Thursday, July 2

7:00 p.m.-\*Karate-FLC

### Friday, July 3

5:30 p.m.-\*FLC in use

### Saturday, July 4

No Activities

### Sunday, July 5

8:30 a.m.-Modern Worship; 11:00 a.m.-Classic Worship  
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School  
10:00 a.m.-Coffee with Pastor Don

### Monday, July 6

9:00 a.m.-Project Transformation  
7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts-FLC

### Tuesday, July 7

9:00 a.m.-Project Transformation  
1:00 p.m.-Staff Meeting  
5:30 p.m.-\*FLC Yard in use  
6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts-FLC  
7:00 p.m.-Praise Team  
7:00 p.m.-Al-Anon-Upstairs

### Wednesday, July 8

9:00 a.m.-Project Transformation  
7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast—Crescent Café  
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Ringers  
6:30 p.m.-Youth  
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir

### Thursday, July 9-Sr. High Day Springs Camp

9:00 a.m.-Project Transformation  
7:00 p.m.-\*Karate-FLC

### Friday, July 10-Sr. High Day Springs Camp

No Activities

### Saturday, July 11-Sr. High Day Springs Camp

7:00 a.m.-Helping Hands  
9:00 a.m.-VBS Workshop

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## Vacation Bible School

July 19-23

6:15-8:30 p.m.

4th & Main

(July 23 will be at FLC)

Ages 4 years old-6th Grade

Sign up coming soon!

### We have a few crafty needs

- Regular size canning jar rings
  - Newspapers

There is a collection bin by the door leading out to the Caleb House.

Thank You in advance!