

# The Springs



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*"As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him."*  
(Psalm 18:30)

On Sunday I was pleased to announce that Bishop Hayes and the Cabinet have re-appointed me to Sand Springs UMC for a fifth year. I am happy and humbled at the opportunity to continue to serve this congregation in mission and ministry. The past year has not been without challenge for our church, but I truly believe we have turned a significant corner and that our journey forward is filled with excitement and blessing.

Next Sunday, your Lay Delegate, Buster Hall will share with you his observations and insights from last week's Annual Conference. Our gathering time each year is always filled with inspiring ministry stories and important information to help us be the church in our local community. Buster will bring you his report at both services next Sunday.

Annual Conference is a time each year when we are invited to reflect on what all our churches are doing in mission and ministry across the state. We are encouraged to learn from one another and to share both the successes and the challenges of being the local church. We can learn much from each other and this conference gives us the time to listen for the shared mission we have for Jesus Christ in Oklahoma and the wider world. It also encourages us to reflect on where we are in terms of answering God's call in our particular ministry setting. Looking at what is happening in the wider

church and then bringing our focus onto our specific situation helps us to see how we can do our very best in serving Jesus Christ.

It is interesting to me where Annual Conference falls on the calendar. About five months ago we celebrated the New Year and used that as a "starting point" for all the things we do in our church. At mid-year, we again find ourselves at a "starting point" of sorts, as the Annual Conference sends us forth to re-invigorate existing ministries and to begin new endeavors for the church. It is a "re-boot", in a way, that reminds us that we should always be looking at what we do in the local church to see what is going well and what can be improved. From New Year to New Conference Year the process of renewal and re-imagining should become a natural part of the life of our church.

So, here we are – re-booted and ready to move forward into the next steps in our journey together. I pray that our emphasis this year on what it means to be a United Methodist is resonating with you. I hope you are seeing the wonderful things our church is doing to reach our community with the saving love of Jesus Christ. The theme for Annual Conference this year was: **"On Fire to Serve"**; keep that in mind as we go forward and help us keep the fire of the Holy Spirit burning.

On fire to serve,  
*Pastor Don*



## UMW News

June has a lot of church activities that we are involved in but UMW still has a few activities too.

June 11-UMW Executive Meeting- 5:30 in the Parlor.

June 23 – Priscilla Circle-Ladies Night Out- check web page for more info.

-Faith Circle does not meet

June 25 – Ruth Esther Circle- 1:00 in Fellowship Hall (Barbara Fisher has program)

July 17-20 at OCU- Registration due by July 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Registration forms are on line at [www.okumc.org](http://www.okumc.org), select UMW Program tab. Scholarships are available. Contact Judy Bullard or Susan Edwards by June 11 if you are interested. Study book is included in registration fee.

THANKS to Trish House and her fellow workers who helped make our Memorial Flower Sale a great success. We earned more than last year! Your great effort has made it possible to meet our mission budget, and this project counts as our environmental action project.

Have a great summer. VBS and Project Transformation will be here soon.

## Camps and Mission Trips

A most important need for youth going to camp and on mission trips is prayer. Our prayers will guide them safely to their destinations and safely home. Please remember our kids this summer during all their travels.

Also...

It is never too late to give a financial contribution designated for youth mission and camps. This money is used to assist and scholarship kids who otherwise would not be able to participate. Everyone deserves a chance.

Thank you so much for your generosity already. Kids are already benefitting.



## Vacation Bible School

July 19-23

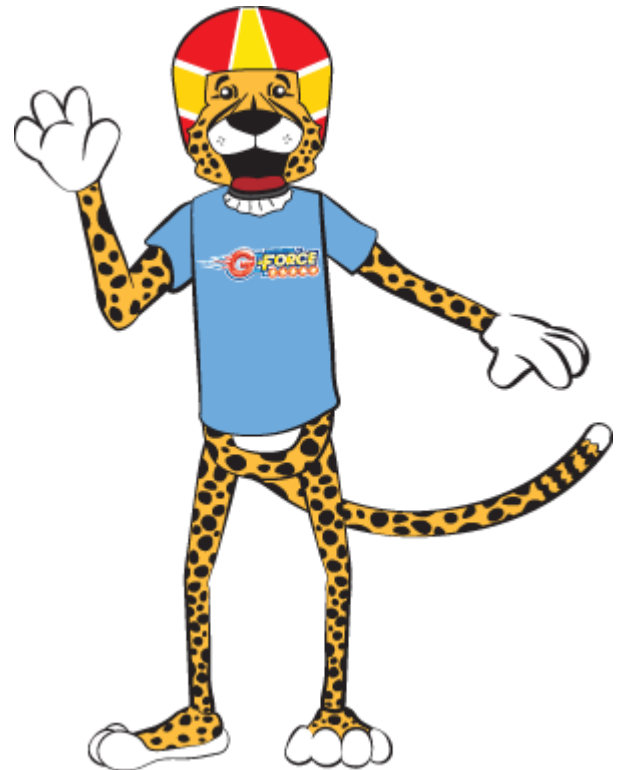
6:15-8:30 p.m.

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

And

Newspapers

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

Thank You in advance!



## THE AWAKENING

Hey guys this is Tristan! I hope everyone stayed somewhat dry these last couple of weeks. I know that was probably nearly impossible with how much rain we received over the last couple of weeks. At first it was very refreshing, but by the time it was all said and done it became gloomy and saddening. As I type this though the sun is shining and it is nice and warm. These are the days that I

look outside and am able to see the beauty of God's creation. I try my best each day to stop and listen to creation in a moment of silence. Sometimes our days become so hectic that our surroundings become a blur. It is on those days that staying still will do us much good to see the beauty in this world. This does us good for the simple reason that sometimes our lives are consumed with so much despair, cynicism, and anger that we fail to realize all the joy, compassion, and beauty. I would urge you all to try that moment of silence and seek out beauty. If any of you all were wondering my Cardinals still hold the top spot in the NL central and I believe the best record in baseball. It is looking like a promising season. If any of you are Chicago Cubs fans I apologize for the dominance brought about by my ferocious birds. I also want you all to know that this newsletter has come at a perfect time since the pie auction was just yesterday. I want you all to know that we raised over two thousand dollars for the kids mission trip to St. Paul, Minnesota! You guys are awesome and I can't thank you enough for all the generosity in the money raised, but also the delicious treats that were baked with love and lots of sugar. You guys really went above and beyond for these kids and I know that they really appreciate it. I was very glad that you were able to put a face to the teens for those who don't get to see them that often. I now ask that these next few weeks leading up to the mission trip that you lift up these teens in prayer that when they arrive in St. Paul they are able to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the ones we will be ministering to. These teens have an amazing opportunity to show Christ's light in the lives of those who might be consumed in darkness. I thank you all for the things you do and love to be called your youth director.

## Acknowledgements

### CONGRATULATIONS...

...We congratulate David Allen and Sondra Bogert on their wedding last weekend. May you be blessed.



## KIDZONE

We just completed our lessons on Deborah. We learned how God gave Deborah wisdom, knowledge and understanding. In our next lesson, will learn how God delivered Shadrach, Meshach

and Abednego.

VBS will be here before we know it. We will be recruiting helpers over the next several weeks. VBS is July 19 – 23 from 6:15 – 8:30 for ages 4 yrs thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade. A nursery will be provided for children of volunteers who are too young to participate.

If anyone has extra regular size canning jar rings they would be willing to donate, we will be needing them for a craft for VBS. We are also in need of newspapers for use in VBS. There is a collection box next to the door going out to Caleb House for these items.

## Please Keep In Prayer

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

## Sunday Lists

### Sunday Volunteers—June 7

Visitors Center & Coffee-Harmony  
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.-Jan Dickerson  
Counters-Sondra Allen & Dick Ford  
Youth Dinner for June 3: Priscilla Circle  
Youth Dinner for June 10: Discovery/Crossroads

### Sunday Volunteers—June 14

Visitors Center & Coffee-Harmony  
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.-Lisa Massey  
Counters-Sheree Buttler & Jami Warkentin  
Youth Dinner for June 17: Noah/Searchers  
Youth Dinner for June 24: Harmony

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Wednesday, June 3

7:30 a.m.-M/W Breakfast—Crescent Café  
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Ringers  
6:30 p.m.-Youth  
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir

### Thursday, June 4-Jr. High Disciple Camp

5:30 p.m.-\*FLC in use  
7:00 p.m.-\*Karate-FLC

### Friday, June 5-Jr. High Disciple Camp

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

### Saturday, June 6-Jr. High Disciple Camp

No Activities

### Sunday, June 7-Jr. High Returns from Camp

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, June 8

5:30 p.m.-\*FLC in use  
7:00 p.m.-A Family Affair Rehears-Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts-FLC

### Tuesday, June 9

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, June 10

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, June 11

5:30 p.m.-\*FLC in Use  
5:30 p.m.-UMW Executive Meeting-Parlor  
7:00 p.m.-\*Karate-FLC

### Friday, June 12

5:30 p.m.-FLC in use

### Saturday, June 13

7:00 a.m.-Helping Hands

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