

Sand Springs United Methodist Church

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The Springs

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UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

SSUMC Mission Statement

Love God.

Love Others.

Change the World.

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)



When you Google "*The Great Commission*," you get over 18 million results. It seems like there are a lot of people out there with a lot of opinions on how this scripture applies to our lives. Books and articles

have been written by the pound, sermons have been preached, and missions have been started – all in the name of this scripture. Yet, the church has seen steady decline over the past 50 years; our efforts do not seem to be working.

What keeps me going amid this trend is that we are planting seeds. I think we get too wrapped up in seeing the results of our evangelism and we fail to understand that God is using us in big and small ways to reach people whom we may never see become disciples. The seeds we plant may simply move that person down the road to the next seed-planter. In a way, it's like planting a beautiful garden in your backyard and then moving to a new house before the harvest. Pastors are put in that predicament all the time; they plan and participate in starting something new and then get moved to a new church before the result is realized.

We are about to come to our annual conference. May 29-31, we will gather at Oklahoma City University to do the business of the church. This year, however, Bishop Nunn has planned a few things differently from past years. We will spend much less time talking about our past and more time focused on our future. Bishop Nunn has arranged for several top teachers to be with us this year to help us learn new ways to *"go and make disciples of all nations."* The theme this year is **QUEST** and it is our quest to see people transformed through the love of Jesus

Christ. The plan is to offer this training to pastors and lay delegates, so they can return to the local church and share information that can be tailored to individual circumstances.

Buster Hall is your Lay Delegate. He and I will be attending Annual Conference, hoping to gain valuable knowledge that we can bring back to our local church. We want to strengthen the ministries currently in place at our Main Campus and we want to find new ways of reaching new people through activities at our South Campus. All of this is aimed at fulfilling the Great Commission. The reality is that much of the decline in our churches is due to the aging of our membership. As church members pass on to life eternal or move to other living arrangements, attendance, membership, and giving declines. The church is duty-bound to continue the work of Jesus, not only to minister to faithful members as they mature, but also to the least, the lost, and the lonely who have no church connection. It is our job to balance these two needs. Please pray for our Annual Conference and for our church as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission.

Annual Conference Offering: Each year, local churches take up a special collection for the Annual Conference Offering. This year that money will benefit an outreach effort that can help each church build relationships with firefighters, police officers, and other first responders in a community. The donations will purchase copies of the devotional book "Strength for Service to God and Community" at a discount, for distribution by Oklahoma churches to those crucial community leaders. We will have a basket available at the back of the Sanctuary for the next several weeks leading up to Annual Conference. Please be generous so that we might support the first responders in Sand Springs.

*On a quest to plant seeds,
Pastor Don*



Hey Kids

We missed seeing you on Sunday. Next Sunday, we will finish our lessons on "Doubting Thomas". Remember we will be singing for Mother's Day on May 13th. In a couple of weeks, we will study and learn some fun facts about the history of our United Methodist Church. Have a wonderful week-see you next Sunday!

Miss Debbie and Miss Marty

UMW Memorial Flowers!

This week we will be reassembling Memorial wreaths from 10am to 12pm at the Family Life Center. It's basically a sitting down endeavor! The wreaths are needed more than the vases, when we have this accomplished, we will start washing flowers for the vases. Vases and inserts are already clean!

Memorial Flower sales will begin May 15th. Sign up sheets will be available at FLC when I am there and also on Sundays during both services and Sunday School. If you would like to call, text or email me about signing up, please do so at 918-245-5508 or 918-857-2419. My email is:

thouse77347@aol.com

Our sale hours will be the same as last year: 10am until 6pm, Monday through Saturday.

We will be setting up on Sunday, May 13th as well as Monday, May 14th. As that Sunday is Mother's Day do not think we would ask you to forego plans with your family! If you can assist on Monday, please let me know.

I would like to ask for assistance on taking flyers around to Sand Springs businesses several days before sales begin. Thursday, May 10th or Friday, May 11th, would not be too early. Again, give me a shout! I have a list of the businesses who have allowed our flyers to be posted the last few years.

Thank you in advance!



UMW News for May

UMW Executive Meeting in CIA/Pathfinders Classroom on May 3rd at 5:30 pm.

Circle Meetings:

Faith – May 17, 6:30 pm, Ladies Night Out at Colton's

Priscilla-Ladies Night Out in June.

Ruth Esther – May 24th, 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Hostess – Joyce Stewart, Devotion – Joyce McFall, Program – Cynthia Alex

Memorial Flower preparation – check you e-mail or call Trish House.

Memorial Flower Sales – May 16-26 at the Christian Church. We need workers!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

To all of you who helped in any way with the Herbal Affair, a heartfelt Thank You! The weather was not in our favor this year but the money we raised will still be used to support various UMW missions. The state needed the rain and a little inconvenience on our part was only a small part of God's overall plan..

God is good!

Report from Trustees

Maintenance Needs for the Church

At the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Church, consideration was given to several maintenance needs. These needs were prioritized.

First priority was to move the storage building behind the church closer to the sidewalk that runs to the Caleb House. Also, construction of a fence between Caleb House and the main church building, that would provide a more secure area for the children.

These two projects were completed during the previous week.

After these completed projects we have approximately \$2,000.00 remaining in funds designated for these projects.

Second priority is to construct a Handicap Ramp from the street in front of the Sanctuary and a Handicap Ramp at the basement entrance from street to the current sidewalk. The estimated cost of these two items is \$3,500. We still need at least \$1,500. to complete these two projects.

OTHER PROJECTS NEEDED INCLUDE painting of Caleb House and the storage Building. (No estimates have been secured.)

Security system for the North campus building: Approximately \$5,500.

New roof on the education wing of the main church building: Cost in excess of \$40,000.

Painting of the cross and tower on the front of the church. (No cost estimate has been secured.)

If you are interested in helping with any of the unfinished projects please speak to one of the Trustees.

Happy May!

Amid tumult of 1968, a church came together
By Heather Hahn, United Methodist News Service

The year 1968 convulsed with assassinations, riots, war in Vietnam, and student protests against that war. The Troubles revved up in Northern Ireland, and Soviet tanks rolled into Czechoslovakia. Fifty years ago this month, when it seemed much of the world was violently splitting apart, a group of Wesleyan Christians peacefully and joyfully were coming together in Dallas, Texas. On April 23, 1968, two bishops followed by two children, two youths, two adults, six ordained ministers, two church officers, and ultimately all the 10,000 people present joined hands and repeated in unison: "Lord of the church, we are united in thee, in thy church, and now in The United Methodist Church. Amen." With those words in an auditorium, the 750,000-member Evangelical United Brethren Church and the 10.3 million-member Methodist Church became one. The merger also brought people together in another way: the official dissolution of the Methodist Church's racially segregated Central Jurisdiction. Amid a tumultuous year — and just weeks after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. — The United Methodist Church was born. "It felt like the restoration of the Methodist movement," said clergyman Joseph Evers, a Methodist delegate to the 1968 Uniting Conference. He is now 91 and lives in Quincy, Illinois. Standing at a doorway into that Uniting Conference was Gilbert Caldwell, a district superintendent. He was among demonstrators promoting integration. They held signs silently reminding delegates the church still had work to do. Caldwell's sign quoted the title of Rev. Dr. King's final book, "Where Do We Go from Here... Chaos or Community?" "We knew even though we eliminated the Central Jurisdiction, issues of race and racism were still there," he said. As the United Methodist Church celebrates its 50th birthday, church historians see lessons for a denomination facing questions of unity anew. U.S. Methodism in its first century saw a structural split about every decade, according to church historian Russell Richey. Most dramatically, northern and southern Methodists ruptured over slavery in 1844. By the early 20th century, John Wesley's spiritual descendants had gone from breaking up to making up — but at great cost. In 1939, three Methodist denominations reunited to form what was then the largest Protestant denomination in the United States. But to make that union possible, Methodist Protestant clergywomen had to surrender their clergy rights. Most notoriously, the Methodist Episcopal Church South required the creation of the Central Jurisdiction, which enshrined the segregation of African Americans in that new denomination's constitution. In 1946, the merger of the United Brethren and Evangelical Church featured its own setback. While the United Brethren approved full clergy rights for women in 1889, the Evangelicals wanted to halt their

ordination. While never an official ban, women's ordination slowed greatly in the resulting union. "The mid-20th century marked a broad movement toward church unity," said Thomas Frank, a church historian at Wake Forest University. Other denominations embarked on similar dialogues that led to formation of the United Church of Christ in 1957, the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1983, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 1988. The path to The United Methodist Church wasn't without roadblocks. Bishops from both denominations in 1957 identified possible impediments to union, said Ted Campbell, church history professor at Perkins School of Theology. One issue was that the Methodist Church gave bishops life tenure, while the Evangelical United Brethren had term limits. Other concerns included overlapping church agencies and finding a name that honored the heritage of both. The denominations made compromises. United Methodists in the United States adopted the Methodist practice of life tenure for bishops. The EUB Council on Ministries structure was adopted. The word United became part of the new name. The Central Jurisdiction was not on the bishops' initial list of trouble spots in 1957, Campbell pointed out. But efforts to end it date from its 1939 inception. The Evangelical United Brethren ultimately made abolishing the segregated institution a condition for union, said Steven O'Malley. An ordained EUB pastor at the time of the 1968 merger, he is now a professor at Asbury Theological Seminary. "This move reflects longstanding EUB opposition to segregation and, before that, slavery," he said. Four years before the merger, Methodist conferences within the Central Jurisdiction began transferring to geographical jurisdictions. The 1968 union also assured women the right to be ordained and have full clergy rights. However, the UMC sometimes has struggled to live up to its teachings. Church leaders say the lessons from 50 years ago seem especially relevant as the church prepares for a special General Conference in February 2019, as delegates face questions about homosexuality and decisions could be church-dividing. "People had to listen to each other across differences and learn how to value the other" five decades ago, said Bishop Hassinger, now bishop-in-residence at Boston University School of Theology. O'Malley thinks the church can benefit from its EUB heritage by taking a more "irenic" approach to conferencing, church order, and social principles — that is, aimed at reconciliation and peace. Ian Straker, a former Howard University School of Divinity professor, has yet another lesson in mind. While uniting a church is hard, he said, breaking up is even harder. The split in 1844 was not as simple as the amicable declaration made so long ago. "Stuff was tied up in litigation for decades," he said. "It made a bunch of lawyers happy, but it was not neat and easy." (March 29, UMNS)

What's Going On?

Head Ushers

8:45am-Amanda Honeycutt
11:00am-Eddie David

Children's Church

8:45am-Kingdom Kids
11:00am-Jami Warkentin
5/6-Communion
5/20-Debbie Schmidt
5/27-Amanda Honeycutt

Sunday Counters

5/6-Sondra Allen & Dick Ford
5/13-Bob Barnes & Jami Warkentin
5/20-Janie Moore & Kent Warkentin
5/27-Diana Pond & Jack Vest
6/3-Betty or Howard Smith & Karen Wilder
6/10-Sondra Allen & Dick Ford
6/17-Bob Barnes & Jami Warkentin
6/24-Janie Moore & Kent Warkentin

Youth Dinners, Served 6:30, Wednesdays

5/2-Priscilla Circle
5/9-CIA/Noah/Searchers
5/16-CIA/Pathfinders
5/23-Faith Circle
5/30-TNT

Welcome Center

January & May & September-CIA/Pathfinders
February & June & October-Harmony
March & July & November-Discovery
April & August & December-TNT

Fourth Monday Community Dinner

5/28-5:30pm-Fellowship Hall
6/25-5:30pm-Fellowship Hall
7/23-5:30pm-Fellowship Hall
8/27-5:30pm-Fellowship Hall
9/24-5:30pm-Fellowship Hall

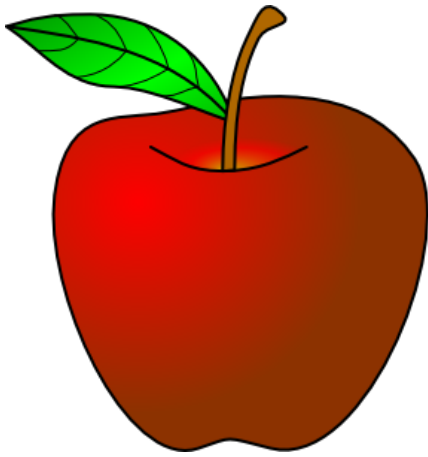
All Church Mission Strategy Team Event

5/25 at 5:00pm
Worship Encounter-5/27-FLC-6:00pm
6/22 at 5:00pm
Worship Encounter-6/24-FLC-6:00pm
7/27 at 5:00pm
Worship Encounter-7/29-FLC-6:00pm
8/24 at 5:00pm
Worship Encounter-8/26-FLC-6:00pm
9/28 at 5:00pm
Worship Encounter-9/30-FLC-6:00pm
10/26 at 5:00pm
Worship Encounter-10/28-FLC-6:00pm

Prayer List

Leonard & Lodema Whisenhunt, Martha Scudder, Linda Tabberer, Andrew Walczak, Charlene Reeves, June Brown, BW Proft, Sue Shaw, Keri Bostwick, Greta Green, Bob & Cathy Hula, Bill & Clare Caldwell, John & Sylvia Johnson, Barbara McClintock, Montie Box, Owen Johnston, Albert Kahl's mom & sister in law, Ruth Weaver, Angy Krebs-Warden, Joey Parrish, unspoken requests

If someone needs to be added to the prayer list or someone was taken off too soon, please contact Tracey in the front office to update prayer list.



Teacher Appreciation Week

May 7-May 11

We are still needing donations for teacher gifts, wish list and collection tub are in the Narthex. We will be providing a meal for the teachers each day that week. The schedule is as follows:

Monday 5/7: Providing Breakfast

Tuesday 5/8: Providing Lunch

Wednesday 5/9: Having a Dessert Day!

Thursday 5/10: Providing Breakfast

Friday 5/11: Providing Lunch

We are asking for desserts to be brought on Sunday May 6th. That way we will be able to divide them up and have a better idea of what we will have. We would like to have enough to offer dessert with lunch on Tuesday and Friday while still having a nice quantity for Wednesday's Dessert Day. For breakfast, we will be providing Muffins, Bagels, Donuts, Cinnamon Rolls, etc. We would love to have donations of those items. If you wish to bring those items, please bring them on the 6th or on the 9th before 3:00pm. We would like to have some monetary donations to allow us to buy fresh fruit for them each day. We are not wanting fruit donated, in hopes to avoid having too much at one time, or it going bad before we need it.

As always, we appreciate all your help! The teachers and staff at Central Ninth Grade Center have been overwhelmed by your generosity. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Don, Katherine Reeves, or Julie Simpson.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SAND SPRINGS UMC

Monday, May 30

10:00am-Al-Anon-Upstairs
10:00am-UMW Memorial Flower Assembly-FLC
7:00pm-Boy Scouts-FLC

Tuesday, May 1

7:30am-Men's/Women's Breakfast-Crescent Café
10:00am-UMW Memorial Flower Assembly-FLC
6:00pm-Cub Scouts-FLC
7:00pm-Praise Team Practice

Wednesday, May 2

7:30am-Men's/Women's Breakfast-Crescent Café
10:00am-UMW Memorial Flower Assembly-FLC
4:00pm-Kappa Kappa Iota-F. Hall
5:45pm-Y4Y
6:30pm-The Awakening—Youth-FLC
7:00pm-Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, May 3

10:00am-UMW Memorial Flower Assembly-FLC
5:30pm-UMW Executive Meeting-CIA/Pathfinders Class
7:00pm-*Collins Karate-FLC

Friday, May 4

10:00am-Memorial UMW Flower Assembly-FLC

Saturday, May 5

4:00pm-Owasso Boy Scouts-FLC until 9am Sunday

Sunday, May 6

8:45am-Contemporary Worship-Confirmation Sunday
10:00am-Pie Auction
11:00am-Traditional Worship

Monday, May 7

10am-Al-Anon-Upstairs
7:00pm-Boy Scouts-FLC

Tuesday, May 8

6:00pm-Cub Scouts-FLC
7:00pm-Praise Team

FLC-Family Life Center

*Not sponsored by SSUMC but welcome

**Bring Pies Sunday, May 6th
Pie Auction-10 a.m.**

SSUMC

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WE NEED PIES Sunday, May 6th
It's the 7th Annual Pie Auction for
Youth Missions.

Please bring a Pie, Dessert, Small
Servings dessert/pie and your
wallet!

The auction will start at 10am in
the Narthex and all money goes
to Youth Missions.