



Sunday School Returns

Did you know that the word “methodist” was originally intended as an insult? When John and Charles Wesley started the “Holy Club” at Oxford University, they committed themselves to developing spiritual discipline in their lives. They did so in such a regimented way (using various “methods” to engage in spiritual discipline) their detractors called them “methodists.” Of course, John and Charles thought this was actually quite an appropriate name for what they were doing, so they took the name “methodist” for themselves.

One of the methods that was so important for the early Methodists was small groups. Long before there was a Methodist Church, the Methodist movement was centered around the formation of small groups. Wesley’s classes and bands functioned as a place where people could be encouraged to engage in the means of grace and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. Small group ministry has been a cornerstone of Methodist practice ever since.

While small groups have met throughout the pandemic, the structure of the Sunday School hour has not been available. With the recent change in CDC recommendations, I am pleased to announce that Sunday School will return to the church building at 10:00 am on May 30! Nursery and children’s programs will also return on this day. The next couple of weeks should give our class leaders time to plan their lessons and get ready for the return.

COVID guidelines for Sunday School echo the CDC and our guidelines for corporate worship: those who are fully vaccinated may choose not to wear a mask, and we encourage those who are not fully vaccinated to continue to wear masks. If you are fully vaccinated but would prefer to continue wearing a mask, you may certainly do so! We ask that people are considerate of one another’s personal boundaries.

I am very excited about this news, as this represents one more step in rebuilding the walls of our city (to borrow some imagery from Ezra and Nehemiah). There is still work to do and milestones to accomplish, but it is incredibly heartening to be able to take this step forward!

LOOK FOR...

CHURCH PICNIC NEWS INSIDE THIS EDITION OF The SPRINGS!!

CHURCH PICNIC **JUNE 13, 4 PM-7 PM**

Chandler Park Shelter #2

(adjacent to the splash pad and the playground!)

The church will provide chicken and drinks.

Please plan to bring sides and desserts to share!

Bring your lawn chairs and yard games, if you have them.

It will be a fun time of fellowship to celebrate being together again.

We'll see you there!

Congratulations to our seniors



Bryce Gregory, Tyler Herndon, Daphne Mason, Ayla Nerren, and Trey Warkentin! They've worked very hard through a particularly difficult year, and we are excited to see how they are going to leave their mark on the world. Let's pray for them as they transition to this next stage of life.

Almighty God,

Thank you for your love, freely offered for us all.

**Thank you for this time,
and for Bryce, Tyler, Daphne, Ayla, and Trey,
our graduating seniors.**

**May they feel a sense of achievement in this milestone,
and excitement for what lies ahead.**

**May each one know your presence in their lives,
and find ways to use their abilities for your glory
and for the furthering of your kingdom on earth.**

**May they continue to live lives of curiosity and discovery,
of dedication and discipline,
of compassion and generosity,
and in doing so bring great blessings to the world. Amen.**

Rev. Stephen Cagle
Senior Pastor

Sand Springs United Methodist Church



KidZone News
GREAT NEWS TO OUR
KIDZONE KIDS!!!

We are excited to let you know that on

Sunday, May 30th we will once again be meeting in the Caleb House for KidZone Kids at 10:00 a.m. We are ready to celebrate being together once again. Our kids' team leaders -Ms. Susie, Ms. Amanda, Ms. Debbie, and Ms. Marty will be there to welcome you back. Another exciting event is Vacation Bible School - Knights of North Castle on July 18th-July 22nd. Have a great week-know you are all counting down the days till Summer break!!

See you all soon!!!

Ms. Susie, Ms. Amanda, Ms. Debbie & Ms. Marty



UMW FLOWER SALES
(While supplies last)



Due to COVID-19, the ladies were not able to get together last year to prep flowers the way they have in the past. But individuals have worked on cleaning and arranging and the sales started today!

May 17-29

10a—6p, at The Christian Church—5th & Main

THANK YOU...

I wish to thank Karen Wilder and Trish House and their crews (of son-in-laws and husbands and UMW members) who put so much time into pulling all the things together that are needed to do for Herbal Affair. Major projects on Thurs, Fri, and Sat last week from preparing all the cinnamon rolls (thanks to David and Sondra Allen) and all the coordination of packaging and getting the tent up then down and put away again plus going early enough to get a parking spot to be able to drag all the goodies out of Karen's van and to our booth. Whew! What a few days and I for one, am very thankful to all those who helped plus these two fabulous women. Betty Smith

THANK YOU!!

Thank you everyone, for the cards and phone calls with condolences upon the sudden and unexpected death of my daughter, Tina. Thanks so much.

Barb Fisher

You're invited
to the wedding of
Lauren Kelly Miller
and

Justin Dillon Giddens

May 22, 2021

One o'clock in the afternoon
First United Methodist Church
1115 South Boulder Avenue,
Tulsa, OK 74119

Due to Covid-19 there will not be a reception to follow
Masks will be required

Prayer Box

Bert Woodward, Dick Ford, Maureen Gibson, Sylvia Johnson, Ralph Rand, Donna McLain-Hope, Betty & Linda Lund, Suzanne and Valerie Jones, Gordonna Fisher, Barbara McClintock, Montie & Betty Box, Bruce Warren
Prayer Chains And Unspoken Requests

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