



The Springs

September 20, 2021



Thank You Sand Springs UMC!

I'd like to switch things up this month, and instead of the usual devotional article I'd like to take a moment to say, "Thank you," to you all! As many of you are aware, I will be ordained as an Elder in the United Methodist Church on October 8th, in just a few short weeks! This is not something I could have achieved on my own. We all stand on the shoulders of giants, do we not?

The author of Hebrews in chapter 11 reminds us that our faith is informed by the faith of those who came before us. I know my faith is informed by not only those who came before me, but by my contemporaries who have supported me and encouraged me.

You, the congregation that I have the pleasure of serving, have been foremost among my supporters. Thank you so much for your love and encouragement. It means more to me than I have the ability to express in words. The path to ordination in the United Methodist Church is a difficult one, and one I'm not sure I could have walked without people who care about me cheering me on.

Now you may be asking, "What does Stephen's ordination mean for our church? Does this mean Stephen might move? What will be the difference?" Well, in truth, it won't be much of a difference for our everyday life together! My ordination has no bearing on whether I will or won't move (although I anticipate that I will NOT move any time soon). The most noticeable difference is that I will be able to wear a stole as part of my vestments in the traditional service. There are other important differences, too, but mostly related to some behind-the-scenes stuff.

In any case, I wanted to take a moment to say how much I appreciate you all. It is such a privilege to be your pastor. The last year and a half or so have been a strange time to serve in ministry, but I have been very blessed to be able to weather the storm with kind and generous people like you.

Reminder: Donate to the Building Fund

Did you know our Family Life Center, "The Well" is known in our community as a great gathering place. We host birthday parties, anniversary gatherings, ball practices, cheer practices, Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts, Karate, and our own Youth meet there on Wednesday nights. Countless family reunions have met there and we've even hosted a roller derby group! The list is endless. It is an outreach to our neighbors in Sand Springs and in order to continue to be the gathering place for our community, we need your help. Please continue or begin donating to the Building Fund. And don't forget to memo a beard style for Pastor Stephen. It's gonna happen!!! **You have until the end of September.**



Kidzone News

It Was so good to see our Kidzone Kids this morning. We finished our series of lessons on Joseph. Whatever Joseph faced, God was always with him. Next week our lesson will be about Balaam and his strange occurrence with a donkey. This Bible story is found in Numbers and we will learn how God gives us direction. Each week after our Bible story, we will work on our items for our annual Christmas fundraiser for stockings for Sand Springs Community Services.

Have a wonderful week!!

MS. Debbie, MS. Susie & MS. Marty

TO OUR VBS VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks for all your help during Bible School- we could not do it without you!! Looking forward to working with you next year too.

Ms. Debbie & Ms. Marty

Nursery

September 26

9:00 a.m.—Susie & Amanda

10:00 a.m.—Jami & Hallye

11:00 a.m.—Susie & Amanda

October 3

9:00 a.m.—Katherine & Sophie

10:00 a.m.—Lacey & Haylee

11:00 a.m.—Katherine & Sara

October 10

9:00 a.m.—Gerri & Sophie

10:00 a.m.—Katherine & Sara

11:00 a.m.—Marty & Cayleigh

October 17

9:00 a.m.—Jami & Hallye

10:00 a.m.—Jami & Cayleigh

11:00 a.m.—Debbie & Frankie

Children's Church

September 26—Jami & Marty

October 3-Communion

October 10—Jami & Sara

October 17—Jami & Katherine

Youth Dinners

September 22—Priscilla Circle

September 29—TNT Class

October 6—Faith Circle

October 13—Noah Class

October 20—CIA/Pathfinders Class

Counters

September 26—Sondra & Trena

October 3—Howard & Jami

October 10—Janie & Kent

October 17—Betty & Karen

October 24—Sondra & Trena

*To my church family-
Many thanks for your prayers,
cards and meals during my re-
cent surgery and recovery. I am
doing well- glad to be back in
church with all of you!*

Love and blessings,

Marty

Prayer Box Includes our Sick & Homebound

David Allen

Montie & Betty Box

Leonard Brehm

Gordonna Fisher

Dick Ford

Maureen Gibson

Donna Hope

Juanita Jackson

Sylvia Johnson

Suzanne & Valerie J.

Elsie & Roger Jones

Betty & Linda Lund

Vi McAllister

Ralph Rand

Louise Read

Max & Sharon S.

Bill Schwartz

Betty Smith

Bruce Warren

Ruth Weaver

June Wilborn

Joe & Donna W.

And Prayer Chains

And Unspoken Requests



TRUNK OR TREAT-

Sunday, October 31st -5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
We need your trunks and candy!! We will have a sign up sheet and tubs for candy in the narthex. This is a fun time and a great way to reach out to our kids in the community.

Ms. Debbie & Ms. Marty



Exodus House Thanks You

The Exodus House staff would like to thank our congregation for your outpouring of love and support for our fundraiser at our Annual Graduate Fun Day. Because of your generous donations we were able to provide two baskets, pictured above.

Fourth Monday

COMMUNITY MEAL

4th Monday of the Month
Fellowship Hall • 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 27
Monday, October 25

Community Meals

1st Monday—Lake UMC-7750 W. 14th St.

2nd Monday—Olivet Baptist Church—155 N. 65th W. Ave.

3rd Monday—Grace UMC—514 So. 49th W. Ave.

4th Monday—SSUMC—4th & Main Street



Sand Springs United Methodist Church

319 No. Main St.

Sand Springs, OK 74063

**Kidzone needs empty Tide pod containers.
If you have any, just leave in office.**