



Excalibur!

In the 1992 movie *Wayne's World*, the main character (the titular "Wayne") is obsessed with a 1964 classic white Fender Stratocaster electric guitar. He approaches it in the shop and calls the guitar, "Excalibur!" For Wayne, this is the ultimate guitar; the ultimate tool for rock and roll.

One question that people often ask when they are beginning to learn to play the guitar is, "Does it matter what the guitar looks like?" In one sense the answer is, "No," because for the most part (with some exceptions) the shape of a solid-body electric guitar doesn't affect the sound at all. However, most guitar salespeople will tell you that it *does* matter, but not for the reason you might think. If you *love* the way your guitar looks, if you think that it looks cool, then you are going to be more likely to pick it up and play it more often. And that's a good thing! You want to have a guitar that you like the look of so that you will stick with it and remain passionate about playing it.

So while the look of a guitar doesn't change the sound much, it does change *the way that we think about it*. For Wayne, that '64 Stratocaster probably doesn't sound that much better than a lot of other guitars, but it was the guitar that he loved and wanted! "It will be mine," he deadpans into the camera. "Oh yes, it will be mine!"

The early Methodists applied this same trick of psychology to the development of their faith. We all know that prayer, confession, taking care of people in need, reading the scripture, fasting, and all the other "means of grace" are important things that Christians ought to do. The early Methodists knew that, too! Yet, like many of us, they had a hard time putting many of those things to practice in their life. So, much like the trick of getting a guitar you like the look of to make you play it more often, they developed tricks to help them engage in the means of grace more often! In fact, they became quite "methodical" in their approach to their faith, which is how we got our name.

Do you want to read the Bible more? What's your method? What's your trick for engaging with the scripture more often? Do you want to pray more regularly? What's your method? What are you going to do to make that a reality? A 1964 classic white Fender Stratocaster doesn't do anyone much good if no one plays it, much the same way a Bible doesn't do anyone much good if no one reads it.

My encouragement to you this month, if you want to grow in your faith, is to develop a method in your life for doing so. Find a way to routinize seeking the means of grace. Much like playing the guitar, you will only get better with practice!

Ashley and myself would like to say a special thank you to everyone for their cards, gifts, and words of encouragement at my ordination. It means so much to us and we are so blessed to serve such a wonderful congregation! --Stephen



Kidzone News

We hope that you all had a great Fall Break. Join us next Sunday as we continue our "Pumpkin Patch" lessons and learn how we share the love of Jesus with others.

We will continue to work on

our items for our annual Kidzone fundraiser to be held in November. Have a great week—see you on Sunday!!

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



Also, don't forget...

Trunk or Treat—10/31/21—5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sign up sheet and candy drop off in the narthex.

Nursery

October 24

9:00 a.m.—Susie & Amanda

10:00 a.m.—Cayleigh & Sara

11:00 a.m.—Susie & Amanda

October 31

9:00 a.m.—Katherine & Sophie

10:00 a.m.—Katherine & Sara

11:00 a.m.—Katherine & Sara

November 7

9:00 a.m.—Gerri & Jami

10:00 a.m.—Jami & Hallye

11:00 a.m.—Marty & Cayleigh

November 14

9:00 a.m.—Jami & Hallye

10:00 a.m.—Cayleigh & Sara

11:00 a.m.—Debbie & Frankie

Children's Church

October 24—Jami & Debbie

October 31—Jami & Amanda

November 7—Communion

November 14—Jami & Katherine

Youth Dinners

October 20—CIA/Pathfinders Class

October 27—Priscilla Circle

November 3—TNT Class

November 10—Faith Circle

November 17—Noah Class

Counters

October 24—Sondra & Trena

October 31—Howard & Jami

November 7—Janie & Kent

November 14—Betty & Karen



Prayer Box Includes our

Sick & Homebound

Betty & Howard Smith

Bill Schwartz

Bruce Warren

David Allen

Dick Ford

Donna McLain-Hope

Elsie & Roger Jones

Faye Lee Posey

Gordonna Fisher

Howard & Betty Smith

Joe & Donna Woodruff

Juanita Jackson

June Wilborn

Leonard Brehm

Louise Read

Maureen Gibson

Max Schuermann

Montie Box

Ralph Rand

Ruth Weaver

Suzanne & Valerie Jones

Vi McAllister

And Prayer Chains

And Unspoken Requests

28th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Mission

Here we go again! Another year of delivering hot, delicious meals to our neighbors.

We are going to need volunteers and pies! Lots of pies! Everyone knows, the pie is the best part of leftovers so we like to give a whole pie to each family. We also need \$. You can make a check out to SSUMC and write, "Thanksgiving Meals" in the memo line. Watch for more information in the November NL.



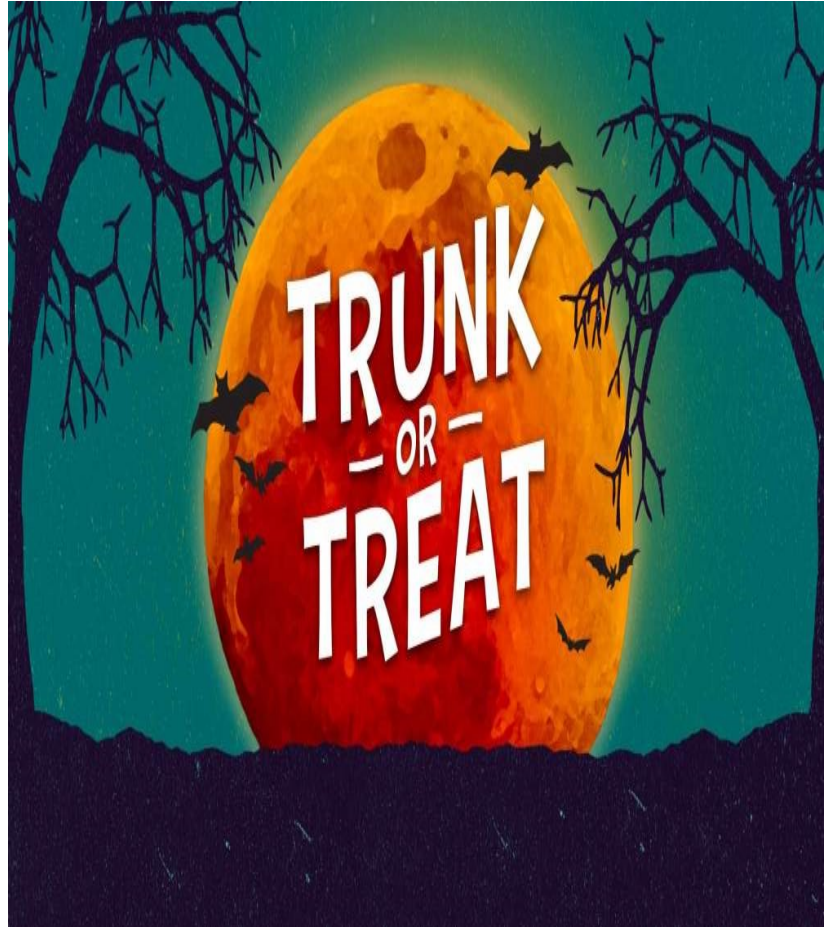
TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 31st
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

We need your trunks and candy!!

There is 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



Fourth Monday

COMMUNITY MEAL

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

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 Sunday Schedule
9:00 a.m.—Contemporary Worship
(Also streamed live online and uploaded to YouTube)
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Traditional Worship



Sand Springs United Methodist Church

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Sand Springs, OK 74063

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