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May 2023

## The Need for Love



**Dr. Allen Schneider**

In the 1960's the Beatles came out with a song titled, "All We Need Is Love." It was a popular song (rose to the top of the charts) because it spoke to what many were longing for in that day. Well I would have to say, that today, many are still looking for the same thing: Love!

Love is more than an emotion or feeling; it implies a quality of behavior in which respect and caring are displayed. Love was at the very heart of Jesus ministry and the Vision statement for our church says that we are striving to be a community of God's people who are "Living the Love of Jesus!"

As we continued through the season of Eastertide, I will be focusing on the nature of love and how it can be demonstrated today. The focus of my messages will be 1 Corinthians 13; you may want to read this passage in preparation for my messages. Certainly love is something we need at this moment in our nation, families, and church.

## May A Very Exciting Month

### Heritage Sunday

May 7 will be Heritage Sunday. On this day, we will recognize, during our morning service of worship, both those who have been members for over 50 years and those who have united with us during the past year. We will have a reception, in the Parlor, following the service. Please join us to honor these two very important groups of people.

### Mother's Day

May 14 is Mother's Day. This will be a time in which we honor all of the mothers of our church and thank them for the love, nurture, and care they provide.

### Senior Sunday

On Senior Sunday, May 21, we will recognize those who are graduating from High School or College. If you have a graduate contact the church office so we can be sure we have your graduate included in our celebration.

### Memorial Sunday

May 28 is Memorial Sunday. On this day, we will read the name of our loved ones and friends who have joined The Church Triumphant during the past 12 months. In honor of their life and legacy, with the reading of each name a candle will be lit and a bell will chime.

## Morning Messages

**May 7 - The Respectfulness of Love**

**May 14 - The Joy of Love**

**May 21 - The Resilience of Love**

**May 28 - The Eternal Nature of Love**

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# Annual Conference Update

Two Annual Conferences were slated for this Spring. One of them, a Special Called Annual Conference, was held on Saturday April 22. The purpose of this Conference was to consider a report from the Conference Trustees regarding the request for disaffiliation from the UMC by 55 churches. Though there was some discussion and debate, all 55 churches were approved. Their disaffiliation will be effective as of May 6.

The regular session of Annual Conference will be held May 22 through 25. At this session the regular business of the Conference (committee reports, ordination of ministerial candidates, approval of a Conference budget, and the reading of appointments) will be conducted. Attendees from our church will include: April White (Conference delegate), Dr. Allen Schneider (pastoral delegate), Pat Graham (equalization delegate) and Rev. David Burris (retired Clergy Delegate). This Conference will be held at the Boston Avenue United Methodist Church so if you would like to visit the Conference (or any of the services of worship) this year will provide a good opportunity.

On Sunday, June 4, we will allow each of our delegates to share what they feel are the highlights or important points of information they gleaned from the Conference.

## Church Council Update

As was indicated by a letter you received from Steve Collins and Pastor Schneider, our Church Council has received the report on our church survey along with a recommendation from our Discernment Team and has voted to request a date for a Congregational Conference to receive a vote on the motion for Sapulpa 1st UMC to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. This Congregational Conference will be scheduled by representatives of our Annual Conference. To date no date has been scheduled. Once we receive our Conference date, we will notify the congregation so you can add this to your personal calendar. Once we know the date, we are also planning to schedule one (or more) days of prayer to help us prepare for this important decision.

## Help Change Our World

Thank you to all who participated in our Change the World Lenten offering. This year (by coins, bills, and checks) we received \$1,163.34 to help with our Missional Apportionments. We truly appreciate your gracious response. An updated list of our Missional Goals for the year will be provided in May.



## May BIRTHDAYS

02 Denton LaFevers, Terry Spencer  
04 Mikayla Pardinas  
05 Michael Collins  
06 Peggy Ann Kennedy  
09 Tracy Streater  
11 Ava Scott, Mike Schmidt  
12 Gary Gloden  
13 Liam Wolff  
14 Jesse Grant  
15 Gina Gardner  
16 Sara Spencer, Sue Kuehn, Violet Boyko  
17 Kevin Swift  
18 Shelley Ray  
19 Vanessah Ward  
20 Cindi Owens, Saen Fry  
22 Greg Pugmire, Kennedy Patterson, Keyton Schmidt  
23 Jim Stockard, John Newell, Phil Hershberger  
25 Elizabeth Chaffin, Kassi Bock  
27 Bill Rochester, Mollie Humphreys  
28 Gina Blansett, Hannah Taylor, Kyle Mathis  
29 Hope Tuttle

## Prayer REQUESTS

- Larry Fry (health)
- Barbara Weaver (health)
- Jared Murphy (health)
- Christy Cole (Knee)
- Virgil Greenfield (health)
- Judy James (foot)
- Cheryl Cox (hip)

### Please inform us of prayer requests:

Phone: (918)224-3006  
Email: [admin@sapulpafumc.org](mailto:admin@sapulpafumc.org)  
**Names on this list will be removed after 2 weeks.**

Please look for updates in your emails, our website, church activities and worship services.



UMM will meet at 12:00 noon every first Thursday of the month in the Fellowship Hall, for our lunch meeting.

# DINNER AND AUCTION

June 16 2023

Music Provided by  
Jim Gregory

Catered Dinner

Bring your cash!

Ticket prices  
Adults \$10  
Kids \$5  
Kids 3 and under are free

Auction  
Donations  
needed for  
Silent, Live,  
and Cake

Allen Bowden Backpack program



## BACKPACK MINISTRY

Backpack Program Opportunity!

We will have an on going shoe drive for the children at Allen

Bowden starting in May and going through the summer months!

We need athletic shoes for boys and girls from the smallest sizes 11 to Adult size 8. Little shoes can have Velcro and shoe laces for the older children.

Please look for a box by Sheri's classroom or a box as you enter the church clearly marked.

I am so thankful to be a part of our mission minded church always ready to help those in need. God bless you always!!!

Laurie Kirk

# VBS

JUNE 6TH-8TH

6-8 PM

WATCH FOR DETAILS!!!



## For The Record

### Participation in Worship

4/02 Service: 123 Online: 24  
4/09 Service: 210 Online: 34  
4/16 Service: 93 Online: 11  
4/23 Service: 97 Online: n/a  
4/30 Service: 107 Online: 12

### Offering for Change the World

As of Mar 31 : \$ 1,163.34

### March Financial Update

#### Income:

Unrestricted: \$ 24,484.13  
Revenues: \$ 497.55  
Restricted: \$ 170.00  
**Total Income: \$ 25,151.68**  
**Expense: \$ 40,599.69**

**Fund Balance (\$ 22,432.66)**



## United Women in Faith

It looks like this will be another great Rummage Sale. As I am writing this the women are busy unpacking and setting up the sale. Thank you all for your generous donations. Thank you to Paul who always helps so much and special thanks to Chris Drymon and Ken Henderson for helping with picking up furniture and being there to help.

We are planning our luncheon in June and we are growing our Circles. What a great way to get to know the ladies of the church. Watch for sign up sheets in the Narthex in the middle of May.

Thank you all for helping restock the shelves to help at DVIS.

Joy Circle has missed the last 2 months of meetings. Once for weather and once for Maundy Thursday. We will be so happy to get back together in May. Please remember to pay your pledges at your circle meeting. Please join us at a Circle meeting or a Unit meeting and get to know other women in the church.

### Upcoming Events

May 4  
April 11  
May 23  
June 10

Joy Circle  
Esther Circle  
Executive meeting  
**TIME CHANGE FROM MAY 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Spring Luncheon

Parlor at 6:00 PM  
Parlor at 9:30 AM  
Library at 1:00 PM



## UWF Luncheon



United Women in Faith

**June 10th at 11 am**  
**Fellowship Hall**

First Aid and CPR Training  
(To take First Aid and CPR training please sign up in the Narthex.)

Bring None perishable food for Blessing Box.  
One ticket per item for auction.





We are thankful for so many church members with servant hearts! Thank you for your ongoing support of the Blessing Box!! Remember, only nonperishable food products, especially with the summer heat coming! We are preparing and serving supper for and joining in worship with Shoulder2Shoulder Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Reasor's parking lot. On Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, we are reactivating the Chainsaw Gang to help Ms. Sheri and their neighbors with some tree and yard work needing to be done following the recent winds and storms. If you would like a ride to her home in Broken Arrow, please meet at the church Saturday at 8:30 AM. If you need to drive separately, please call for an address. Please bring your gloves and any hand/yard tools you may have! We ask for your involvement in and support of upcoming fundraising events. The Auction and Dinner will be Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, and the Craft Show will be Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to be involved with either event, or any of our other upcoming outreach opportunities, please contact the church or any Missions Committee member! Blessing to all!



## Allen Bowden Easter Egg Hunt



Happy May Sapulpa FUMC!

Here is what we have going on in the Youth department this month...

**Wednesday Nights:** Join us every Wednesday Night from 5:30-7:00pm for dinner and bible study!

**Sunday Mornings:** Join us in the upstairs Youth classrooms every Sunday morning at 9:30am for games, fellowship, and bible study!

**Upcoming Events:** This month is full of fun events to end the school year! May 4th is National day of Prayer and there will be a community prayer gathering at City Hall at noon. May 6th is a Chainsaw Gang work project at Mrs. Sheri's house. May 21st is Senior Sunday when we celebrate all graduating students at all academic levels. May 28th is the Memorial Weekend Community Lunch at 12:30pm at Kelly Lane Park. If anyone has any questions regarding these events, please feel free to contact me. Be on the lookout for updates throughout the month!

God Bless,  
Cabe Killingsworth  
Youth Director



*Cross & Flame Café*

### May 3rd

Ham, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert

### May 10th

Pork Sliders, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Dessert

### May 17th

Shepherd's Pie, Fruit, Dessert

### May 24th

Chicken Stroganoff, Salad, Dessert

## Ministry Team

Dr. Allen Schneider (Senior Pastor)  
Trish Prine (Office Administrator)  
Nancy Green (Financial Administrator)  
Sheri Osborne (Family/Children Dir.)  
Gina Blansett (Nursery Director)  
Cabe Killingsworth (Youth Director)  
Jim Gregory (Organist/Director of Music)  
Terri Wadley (Music Associate)  
Leslie Schmidt (Praise Team Director)  
Sarah Jones (A/V Director)  
Paul Tucker (Building/Maintenance)

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Dear Church Family,

I have been spending a lot of time reflecting on what it is to be a mother. I was lucky enough to know all of my great-grandmothers and my grandmothers. I have been blessed by the example my Mom has set as a wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandma, and great-grandma. I am the biological Mom of eight, mother-in-law to three, grandma to three, and "bonus" mom to my kids' friends who have become family. I know I don't get it right most of the time. I am so thankful for those relatives, friends, and church family who have prayed for me over the years as I navigated the many stages of motherhood. I wanted to share this prayer I found in a devotional by Kristine Brown. It is a thank you prayer for all Moms: biological, step, adopted, foster, fill-in, mentor, and spiritual Moms. A thank you prayer for the Mother figures who step in and love like you are their own. A thank you prayer for all the hopeful Moms and broken Moms. You are so loved.



Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for every mom. For the one whose little child sleeps in her arms, may she find rest from weariness and strength for her spirit. May she grasp the joy of each moment and hold tightly to the small miracles each new day brings.

For the one whose teenager is finding his way, may she stay steadfast through trials and see the amazing man of God he will become. May she also appreciate the uniqueness in him, because God created him for a special purpose.

For the one who sits in an empty nest, waiting for a visit or call. May she find solace in the quiet and listen for your loving whispers. May she discover new things within herself and realize your special plan for her did not end when her children grew up.

For the one who cares for her special needs child, may she feel your gentle arms wrapped around her when she doesn't have all the answers. I pray she knows how strong she is and how much I admire her. Send friends to come alongside her and hold her up when she grows tired from the journey.

For the foster mom, may she be blessed beyond measure for being a living example of the gospel. May her boldness affect others and her courage leave a lasting impact. Bring her energy and wisdom every day of her life.

For the one who adopted a child, may she discover the wonder of welcoming and loving a child you chose just for her. May she see your hand guiding her as she walks closely with you. I pray for protection for her family in all they do.

For the one whose precious baby rests in the arms of Jesus, no one truly understands the depth of her pain unless they've been there themselves. But You do, Lord. You know her grief, and You draw close to her, offering comfort and love like she's never felt before. May she seek solace in your loving embrace and rest in the comfort of knowing the One who holds her little one.

For the one who hopes one day to be a mom, may she trust You with her life and know "all things work together for the good of those who love You and are called according to Your purpose." (Romans 8:28) May she find contentment in today and hope for tomorrow.

Thank you, Lord, for unending grace and mercy. In Jesus' name, Amen.

You are loved.  
Sheri

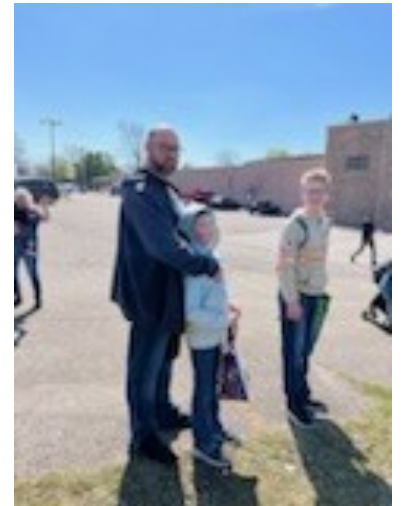




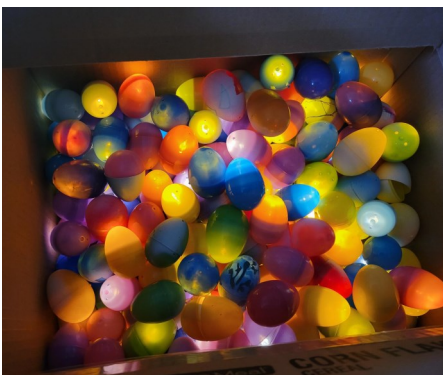
# Community Easter Egg Hunt



Traditional & Sensory  
Egg Hunts  
Food & Music



Shine God's Light in Our World!



Glow in the dark eggs on  
the front lawn!  
A reminder to GLOW!