



SPIRIT

July 2020

“A New Day”

Lisa and I are excited about beginning a journey with you at Muskogee St. Paul. We already have friends there and look forward to forming new relationships. During a time of pandemic this is a bit more challenging, but I am confident that God will help. I want to be the best pastor I can be to each of you. Getting to know you and having the opportunity to hear of your hopes, dreams, and needs will help with that.

We are grateful for the way that David and Ann Burris have assisted us in this time of transition. We have been friends for many years, and it is an honor and blessing to follow them. Several of the laity in the church have made us feel welcome even before our arrival. Thank you! The staff have been kind and helpful and I look forward to working alongside them.

I have some familiarity with the strong traditions and ministries of St. Paul. I have been impressed with the capable lay leadership for several years. There is much that is exceptionally good.

Our world is experiencing a new time in history. The year 2020 has been quite different. We are all still learning what this means. A part of our shared challenge will be to discern how God wishes to lead and use us in this new day. There is probably a part of many of us that sometimes feels like whimpering, “... but I didn’t want this new day.” We do not get to pick the times, though. Also, God has a way of growing and blessing people even in unwanted times.

I am confident that God’s love and help is as readily available as ever. Our world needs it. Muskogee needs it. I invite you to join with me in prayerfully seeking the guidance of God. None of us really knows what the future holds, but we do know who holds the future. These words are still true: “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won’t perish but will have eternal life.” John 3:16 (CEB)

Prayer is not just speaking to God; it is also listening to God. Join me in listening to the one who created and loves us all.

Yours in Christ,
Emery



Patriotic Mini-Concert

**10:40 AM on
Sunday, July 5
ONLINE STREAMING**



The annual patriotic concert will not take place this year because of the need for social distancing and the problem of rehearsals. However, the Chancel Choir would like to sing a few patriotic songs in a mini-concert before the 11:00 worship on Sunday, July 5. Those who have been worshipping in house are invited to come at 10:40 a.m. to hear the music. Those who have been live-streaming the service can tune in at 10:40 on Facebook. It will also be available on YouTube.

Recipes

From the kitchen of Gloria Nicholson

A summertime dessert memory I have as a child was a cake, called "Lazy Daisy Cake", that my mother would make right before lunch and then serve hot for dessert. My mother was a teacher so during the school year desserts were none existent except for canned fruit. But the summertime it was different! It is a simple cake with a brown sugar and toasted coconut topping. I loved it then and still do! Nancy Mayberry and I talked once about our mothers and cake recipes and her mother made Lazy Daisy Cake too! (Nancy and I were raised about 80 miles from one another in small Oklahoma towns.) So I think it might have been a popular dessert in the 1940s-50s.

Lazy Daisy Cake

- 1 cup flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Topping

- 6 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons milk
- coconut



Sift flour with baking powder. Warm butter and milk together. Beat sugar and eggs. Add together with milk mixture and vanilla. Combine with flour mixture. Pour into small buttered Pyrex cake pan and bake 20 minutes at 350 degrees until done. For the topping; Heat brown sugar, butter and milk until dissolved. Pour on hot cake. Top with coconut. Broil until coconut is browned. Serve warm. Good with fruit...and probably whipped cream too!☺



Happy Anniversary

- 7/01 Renee Lamb
- 7/01 Muriel Saunders
- 7/03 Wes Boies
- 7/05 Carolyn Blevins
- 7/05 Alison Lambert
- 7/05 Esther Lowery
- 7/07 Cheryl Daniels
- 7/10 Jane Durnil
- 7/10 David James
- 7/10 Lynne Wallis
- 7/11 Laird Armstrong
- 7/11 Kenneth Harjo
- 7/11 Kyle Kent
- 7/12 Rick McQueen
- 7/12 Alex Yandell
- 7/13 Cameron Hine
- 7/13 Harper Wilson
- 7/14 Nathan Belair
- 7/14 David Cole
- 7/15 Jeffrey Roberts
- 7/16 Jennie Elgin
- 7/16 Ladd Elgin
- 7/16 Ed Johnson
- 7/16 Mardie Mose
- 7/17 Bobby Cobb
- 7/18 Doug Boos
- 7/19 Kelly Cole
- 7/19 Calvin Moore
- 7/19 Dallas Vanderford
- 7/20 Sydnie Broome
- 7/20 Jan McKinne
- 7/20 Weldon Stout
- 7/22 Jim Causon
- 7/22 Kathy Dealy
- 7/22 Bernadette Feickert
- 7/22 Fleet Griffin
- 7/22 Fred Ruefer
- 7/24 Caitlin Felts
- 7/24 David Riede
- 7/24 Kyle Shores
- 7/25 Blake Coburn
- 7/25 Darlene Davis
- 7/25 Sarah Gile
- 7/26 Maggie Rogers
- 7/28 Hudson Roberts
- 7/28 Fred Winters
- 7/29 Calen Jackman
- 7/29 Dennis Smith
- 7/30 Haynes Reynolds

- 7/07 Johnny & Glenda Broome
- 7/14 Earnie & Marilyn Gilder
- 7/16 Phillip & Sonia Roark
- 7/17 Joe & Athlyn Pool
- 7/21 Gary & Lynette Lambert
- 7/23 Bobby & Terri Cobb
- 7/25 Paul & Holly Miner
- 7/28 Larry & Paula Christensen
- 7/29 Jason & Brandi Jones
- 7/29 Preston & Kay Rogers



Learning Tree Preschool
Accepting applications for
Fall 2020 School Year
9 months to 3 years old.
Mon/Wed/Fri - 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
4 year olds
Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Will follow the Muskogee Public
School District Calendar
Applications in the Atrium.
Turn in to the church office.



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View our Worship Service on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#)

PRAYER LIST



Jonann Synar
 Ralph Williams
 Bob Pruden
 Terry & Judy Seymour (Michele's parents)
 Mildred Noblin-Henderson (B. Flinn's mom)
 Kristi Wilson-Harris (Mary Pat's niece)
 Charlene/Johnny Cook
 Dan Myers
 Steve Nelson (P. Christensen's nephew)
 Susan Asquith

P.J. Sloan
 Taylor Robinson-Cobb
 Mary Willhite (G. Broome's sister)
 Susan Gourd (R. Evans mom)
 Jamie Hibbs
 Jan Houlihan
 Charles Bradley
 Diane Beach
 Marcia Asquith
 Jennifer Fenley

Raymond Sewell
 Gladys Waite
 John Ross Maloy
 Kevin/Julia Sanders
 Beth/Tim Dunn
 Sidney Daniels
 Bob/Diana Crawford
 Larry Christensen
 Barbara Fillman
 Anne Pringle

Memorial Gifts

Wayne Felts: Tom/Betsy Kennedy, Jolene Kirkes, Carole Elliott, Jim/Susan Thompson, Oleta Smith, Suzanne Jobe, Mary Ann Couch, Tracy/Leasa Stewart, Patricia Stewart, Rosalyn Russell

Tom Settle: Suzanne Jobe, Robert/Carol Hewitt

COVID-19 Essentials: (and many, many others . . .)

Stay Home Services Employees	James Hilfiger	Sarah Ruefer	Allison Ruefer-Roberts	Joe Broome
Lindsay Nicholson	Kathy Beene	Aaron & Krissy Ritchie	Tom/Cherie Baker	Sue May

Nursing Home/Homebound

Virginia Riede, Edward Warren, Fred Bliss, Nita Keys, Edna Terpening, Margaret Procter, Susan Auten, Mable Eagan, Doreen Causon, Sandy Hine, Lavell Bailey, Myra Stretch, Wanda Jean Gile, Frank/Lucy Wertz

Armed Forces

Vann Beard, Trenton Cox, Matthew Hamilton, Tyler Hinds, Col. Kimberly Howerton, Cale Hughes, Briana Hull-Moreno, Cpt. Ashley Lampe, Jeffrey Laughlin, Steven Mashburn, Devin Riede, Kaylin Riede, Kevin Winters



To My Loving Church Family,

We are so thankful for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls during this time of significant loss. Your love shown to us has truly blessed our family and given comfort during a difficult time.

May God bless you all, as you have blessed us.

April Felts & Family

Stay safe & healthy keep up with your pledge online.

To keep up with your pledge online, go to our [website](#) and select **online giving** on the home page.

Or mail in your pledge to:
2130 W. Okmulgee St. Muskogee, OK 74401

ST PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WELCOME TO ST PAUL UMC MUSKOGEE



To call and equip Christian disciples by transforming the world!

ONLINE GIVING



JULY

918-687-7571
 St. Paul UMC
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 CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
 Monday-Thursday 8AM-5PM
 (closed Fridays)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Patriotic Mini Concert Sunday, July 5 10:40 a.m. Online			1 JULY	2	3	4 Happy 4th!
5 Worship Services 9:00 AM - Sanctuary 11:00 AM - Sanctuary & Livestream (Facebook)	6	7	8	9 5:30 PM Trustees Meeting	10 Church Offices closed	11
12 Worship Services 9:00 AM - Sanctuary 11:00 AM - Sanctuary & Livestream (Facebook)	13	14	15	16	17 Church Offices closed	18
19 Worship Services 9:00 AM - Sanctuary 11:00 AM - Sanctuary & Livestream (Facebook)	20	21 5:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting	22	23	24 Church Offices closed	25
26 Worship Services 9:00 AM - Sanctuary 11:00 AM - Sanctuary & Livestream (Facebook)	27	28	29	30	31 Church Offices closed	

Returning to Worship

We are excited to be returning to "in house" worship.

Here's a few things to know:

- Wearing a face mask is encouraged.** We will have disposable masks available.
- Social Distancing will be observed.** Please maintain a 6' distance from other family groups as you enter the building and locate your seating area. Pews will be sectioned off for safety.
- Attendance will be done electronically.** We will have a person available to take attendance as you enter for worship.

Please arrive 15-20 minutes early to allow the check-in process to go smoothly for everyone. Thank you for your patience and kindness as we adjust to this new process.



Weekly at St. Paul:

Sunday:

AM 9:00 Worship—Sanctuary
11:00 Worship—Sanctuary

Monday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)

Tuesday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)
PM 12:00 AI-Anon—Small Conf. Room

Wednesday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)

Thursday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)
PM 6:30 It's in the Book (AA) Women only
6:30 Good Shepherd Clinic

Friday:

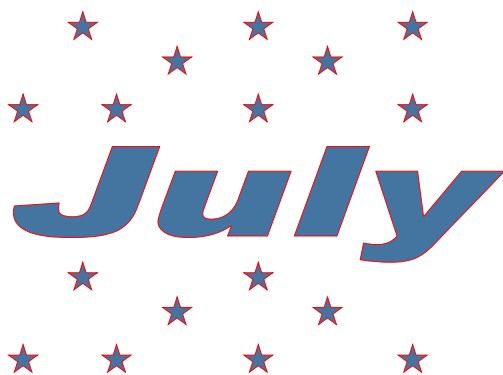
AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)

Saturday:

AM 9:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)

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**Return Services Requested*



Sunday Volunteers

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

Ushers/Greeters/Helpers

- July 5:** Virgil Rose, Ben Robinson, Ray Griffin
July 12: Marilyn Gilder, Jo Gibbs, Jim & Darlene Davis
July 19: Larry & Paula Christensen, Lyle Nelson, Judy Hoffman
July 26: Christina Booher, Oleta Smith, Charlene Schoepel

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Ushers/Greeters/Helpers

- July 5:** Weldon Key, Ed Johnson, Robert Hall, Ted Hine, Mike Pierceall, Jack Hodge, Greg Eby, Ed & Pam Johnson, Carl & MaryBeth Scott
July 12: Eric Elgin, Don Elgin, Calvin Moore, Bob Valor, Roy Flinn, Bob & Gayle Valor
July 19: Johnny Broome, Jerry Lowery, Kelly Beach, Bob Woods,
Scott Hensley, Becky Hearon, Janey Boydston
July 26: Ron Wright, Jim Payne, Todd Graybill, Bill Settle, Sam & Ann Cox, Becky Hearon, Billie Flinn

Sound Board:

Sound Board & Videographer Doug Hendricks, Judy Moore

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Altar Flowers: To the Glory of God and in; honor/memory of. . .

- July 5:** Nick Fuller in memory of his parents James & Katherine Fuller, and in memory of Betty Lou Upsher, and E.J. Davis.
July 12: Al Green in loving memory of my wife Anita.
July 19: Ray Griffin in loving memory of Nancy Griffin on our Wedding Anniversary, August 7.
July 26: Don & Jane Hammond in memory of Nancy Wright on her birthday, July 31.

