



# The Spirit

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## “Waiting on Something to Change?”

Many people are waiting.

Eventually, maybe the pandemic will be over and we won't have to wear masks. Things can be "normal."

Eventually, I will have more time and will be able to spend it with my family and be a better parent and spouse.

Someday, I will have more money and will be able to give money to the work of God and causes I believe in.

I will get in touch with people I love and whom I miss (later) and see how they are doing. It will be good to be connected again. Hopefully I will have time someday.

I am going to start reading the Bible and praying each day, but I

don't feel like it today.

Sometime soon, I will probably have some important conversations but today isn't a good time.

I would like to help with some projects to make the world better. Maybe when I retire, I will have time. Maybe when I get younger, I will feel like it.

Everyone can make choices within certain parameters. We may not have every choice open to us we would like, but that should not stop us from fully living. How is God calling you to "become?"

Muskogee St. Paul wants to be a part of your journey. We have two

worship services every Sunday

morning for persons who wish to worship in-person or online.

Sunday School classes are meeting and we are about to start a new adult class in mid-September.

Another weekday Bible Study will be starting soon for persons both in-person and online. Service projects are

happening.

Consider the possibility that part of what needs to change is our minds and our hearts.

Your Pastor,

Emery



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**View our Worship Service on Facebook or YouTube**



# Welcome! Terry Koehn, Guest Preacher Green Country District Superintendent Sunday, Sept. 12

Rev. Dr. Terry Koehn is in his 28<sup>th</sup> year of ministry in the UMC. He served in Missouri as a student pastor, graduating from Saint Paul School of Theology (M.Div.) in 1997. Following that time, he served as an associate at Church of the Servant in OKC, moving on to serve the Pond Creek, Marlow First, and St. Paul's (Lawton) UMCs. Most recently, Terry served as senior pastor at Elk City UMC for eight years before being asked by Bishop Nunn to serve as the Green Country District Superintendent where he is in his third year.

Terry holds a Doctor of Ministry from Ashland Theological Seminary (Ashland, OH). His focus was on how people integrate their Christian discipleship into their workplace settings.

Dr. Koehn is married to Daena Koehn, and they have two children, Brendin and Ashley. Brendin serves in the U.S. Army, and Ashley is in the National Guard and is the mother of the Koehns' two grandchildren. Terry enjoys spending time in their travel trailer, kayak fishing, gardening, and various building projects as hobbies.

"I love the Lord, I love the church, and I love life," Terry says, "and I'm grateful to have had a lot of love in my life."

## Disaster Relief



### Compelled by Christ

As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Committee on Relief assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need.

visit [UMCMISSION.ORG/UMCOR](http://UMCMISSION.ORG/UMCOR)

**COMING SOON**

**New Sunday School Class**

**Robbie Evans & Barbara Wright**

**Contact Robbie or Barbara to offer ideas or to help.**



**5:30 p.m. every Tuesday**

**Empowering low income families to radically change their lives by discovering and overcoming barriers to success.**

# Happy Birthday

9/01	Michael Hart	9/14	Dice Dawson
9/01	Penelope Rogers	9/14	Lisa VanHauen
9/01	Evelyn Hibbs	9/16	Allie Goss
9/01	Frank Werntz	9/16	Cody Clovis
9/02	Leslie Dause	9/16	Ward Wagner
9/02	Virgil Rose	9/17	Elizabeth Hart
9/03	Kelly Beach	9/17	Mike Kent
9/03	Jace Smith	9/21	Cortny Beach
9/04	Glenda Broome	9/22	Joseph Sambrano
9/04	Jim Coburn	9/23	Will Coplan
9/04	Craig Hine	9/23	Hillary Hamilton
9/04	Robert Pool	9/23	Kim Hine
9/06	Kate Hewitt	9/23	Shirley James
9/06	Donnie Smith	9/24	Katie Kolb
9/07	Barbara Key	9/24	Roger Hilfiger
9/08	Trinity Clemens	9/25	Laura Hilton
9/08	Nannette Morrison	9/26	Ian Underwood
9/11	Dixie Smith	9/27	Alex Reynolds
9/11	Betty Williams	9/29	Sue Gaston
9/13	Heather Hilfiger	9/30	Kai Garrison
9/13	Amanda Schilt	9/30	Kira Garrison

# Happy Anniversary

9/03	Carl & Mary Beth Scott
9/10	Joe & Linda Foster
9/21	Donnie & Renee Lamb
9/26	Jim & Kathy Hall
9/27	David & Sue Vanderford
9/29	Bob & Bonnie Dunkelberger

Learning Tree  
OPEN HOUSE  
6:00-7:00 PM  
Tues., Sept. 7

  
Learning Tree Preschool  
2-4 years olds  
Mon-Wed-Fri  
9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fall 2021 classes begin  
Wednesday, Sept. 8

Margaret Wagner  
918-869-6501



# School's in!



Pray for the students,  
teachers, & administration!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



### Prayer Concerns

Gladys Waite	Kristi Wilson-Harris	Dan Myers	Bob Pruden	Mary Willhite	Jamie Hibbs
Raymond Sewell	Larry Christensen	John Ross Maloy	Barbara Fillman	Ellen Roberts	Anne Pringle
Barbara Synar	Phyllis Coplan	Greg Hoggard	Joe Landon	Maida Ryker	Pam Stevens
Barbara Parker	Bill Gilder	Elliott Miller	Curtis Jackson	Donna Garrison	Tim Dunn
Diane Beach	Pam Jestice	Jan Wilkerson	Bobby Cobb	Susan Asquith	Hatfield Family

**Nursing Home/Homebound:** Virginia Riede, Fred Bliss, Nita Keys, Edna Terpening, Susan Auten, Doreen Causon, Lavell Bailey, Frank Werntz, Herman Ensign, Al Green, April Felts

**Armed Forces:** Vann Beard, Trenton Cox, Matthew Hamilton, Tyler Hinds, Col. Kimberly Howerton, Cale Hughes, Cpt. Ashley Lampe, Jeffrey Laughlin, Steven Mashburn, Devin Riede, Kaylin Riede



We are carefully getting back in the groove of things! There is lots to add to your calendars, so take a minute and update your schedule. You don't want to miss a single thing!

**Children's Council Meeting**  
6:00 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7  
Resource Room - Ed. Bldg.

**Trustee Meeting**  
5:30 p.m. Thurs., Sept. 9  
Large Conference Room



**Lay Leadership Meetings**  
(Nominating Committee)

6:30 p.m. on Mon., Aug. 30  
6:30 p.m. on Thurs., Sept. 23  
6:30 p.m. on Thurs., & Oct. 7  
*(All meetings are in the YOUTH ROOM)*



**United Methodist Women**  
**UMW 10:00 a.m.**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 14**

We welcome all the ladies of the church to join us for the monthly meeting of the UMW group. The meeting is upstairs in the Children's Chapel. Face masks and physical distancing is required.

**Ladies Handbell Choir**



The Ladies Handbell Choir's first rehearsal will be on **Thursday, Sept. 9**, at 10:00 a.m. We have at least one opening for a regular ringer and we are always looking for substitutes.

**Finance Committee**  
**5:30 PM**  
**Tuesday,**  
**Sept. 21**



**6:30 p.m. Tues., Sept. 21**  
**Youth Council Meeting**  
**Small Conference Room**

**Church Council Meeting**  
5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27

**BACKPACK**  
*Ministry*

**Packing Date!**  
**10AM - Wednesdays**  
**September 1, 15, & 29**

# Backpack Ministry Fundraiser Fall 2021 Aug. 22 - Sept. 5 Local Mission Project



Remember to call the church office  
918-687-7571 BEFORE scheduling  
a meeting or resuming SS Classes.

## Virtual Conference opportunities:

The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection's

# LEADERSHIP

INSTITUTE 2021

equip. strengthen. inspire.

Sept 29 - Oct 1, 2021

You're invited to Leadership Institute 2021 for inspiration, practical ministry tools and proven strategies to strengthen your church and your own leadership.

Register at [ShareChurch.com](http://ShareChurch.com) Cost: \$99

# RESILIENCE

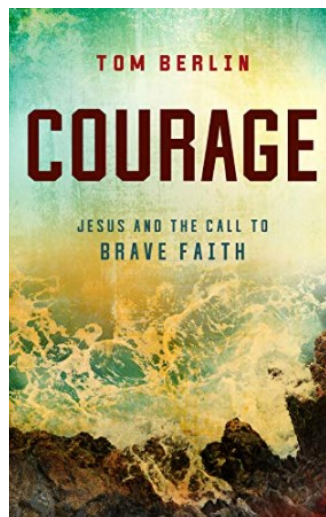
Healing Practices for Mind, Body, & Spirit

September 30 - October 2, 2021

Registration cost is \$175.

Learn more at [UpperRoom.org/resilience](http://UpperRoom.org/resilience).

Registration is now open (Virtual Event) for [RESILIENCE | Healing Practices for Mind, Body, and Spirit](#). Join us as we explore a fresh array of spiritual practices to help with healing from trauma. This time of gathering offers spaciousness—time for reflection and interaction, and an introduction to spiritual tools that you can use in your own healing journey or the healing journey through which you lead others.



**6 Week Bible Study**  
Online:  
Noon, Tuesdays  
starting October 12

In Person:  
6:30 p.m. Thursdays  
starting October 14

Emery will be leading a  
6 week class based on  
*Courage: Jesus and the Call  
to Brave Faith*  
written by Tom Berlin

Courage is the foundational virtue required for the Christian life. But often we wonder if we have what it takes to live the vital life Jesus offers his disciples.

In *Courage: Jesus and the Call to Brave Faith*, pastor and author Tom Berlin challenges us to unlock the courage that we already possess as Christ followers. By examining the life of Christ, we will begin to understand what true courage is and how God works in the lives of Christ followers as they exhibit a brave faith. Once we have eyes to hear what Jesus is showing us, once we have ears to hear, we can begin to find the remarkable life Jesus offers us.

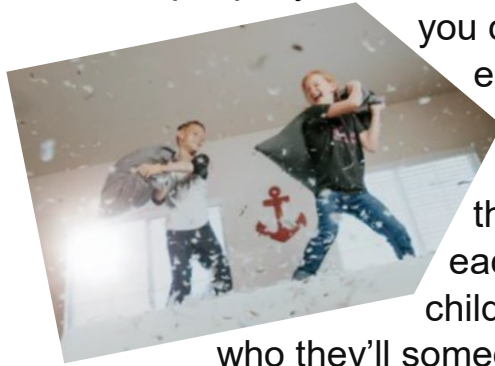
To sign up contact the church office or follow this online link:

<https://forms.gle/mGDhupausXGymGqF8>

# Children

Children's Corner:

As God's children we are sent to "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." I



encourage all of our children to do just that and as each and every child dreaming of who they'll someday be and sometimes unknowingly giving us adults an encouraging armor against the worries we tend to gather, I say we give them a little fun in this mantra!!



So as you embark on a new school year while there is lots of learning, listening, and growing you will all be doing don't forget make a little time to also "Do all the **good FUN**

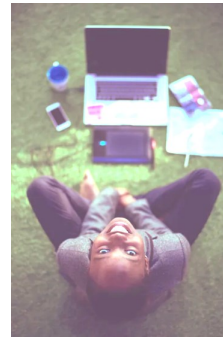


you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the time you can, with all the people you can, as long as you ever can."

*Ashley*

# Youth

Another school year beginning. New friends to make, new interest to explore, new teachers, new classes and after a long summer of new experiences maybe



even a new you too!! So with all the new I send you off to school this year with a Gospel message that is old as time and stands tried and true!!



- believe in Christ, and to love others. Response and result - it's as simple as that. Now rush off to class, find your friends in the hall, know that God is always with you!!



*Ashley*

# SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29 <b>Backpack Fundraiser</b>  Worship Services 9:00 & 11:00 am Sanctuary 10:00 AM Sunday School	30 6:30 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting	31 5:30 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty	1 10:00 a.m. Backpack Ministry  7PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	2	3 Church Offices closed (last day)	4
5 <b>COMMUNION SERVICE Backpack Fundraiser</b>  Worship Services 9:00 & 11:00 am Sanctuary 10:00 AM Sunday School	6 New Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Labor Day Offices Closed	7 5:30 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty 6:00 p.m. Children's Council 6-7 pm Open House Learning Tree Preschool	8 Learning Tree Preschool FIRST DAY!  7PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9 10:00 a.m. Ladies Handbell Choir 5:30 p.m. Trustee Mtg	10	11
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## Weekly at St. Paul:

### Sunday:

AM 9:00 Worship—Sanctuary  
 10:00 Sunday School Hour  
 11:00 Worship—Sanctuary

### Monday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)  
 9:00 Learning Tree Preschool  
 10:15 Staff Meeting

### Tuesday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)  
 PM 12:00 Al-Anon  
 5:30 Bridges Out of Poverty

### Wednesday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)  
 9:00 Learning Tree Preschool  
 PM 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)  
 10:00 Ladies Handbell Choir  
 PM 6:30 It's in the Book (AA) Women only  
 6:30 Good Shepherd Clinic

### Friday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)  
 9:00 Learning Tree Preschool

### Saturday:

AM 9:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)  
 PM 6:30 It's in the Book (AA) Women only

**Starting Sept. 7**  
**CHURCH HOURS:**  
 Monday-Friday  
 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

St. Paul United Methodist Church  
2130 West Okmulgee  
Muskogee, OK 74401

*\*Return Services Requested*

## Sunday Volunteers

### 9:00 a.m. Ushers:

**September 5:** Virgil Rose, Ben Robinson  
**September 12:** Marilyn Gilder, Jo Gibbs  
**September 19:** Omar Reed  
**September 26:** Christina Booher, Oleta Smith

### 9:45 a.m. Greeters

**September 5:** Ray Griffin  
**September 12:** Ted Hine  
**September 19:** Judy Hoffman  
**September 26:** Charlene Schoeppel

### 10:45 a.m. Greeters

Ed/Pam Johnson  
Charlene Schoeppel  
Billie Flinn  
Charlene Schoeppel

### 11:00 a.m. Ushers:

**September 5:** Weldon Key, Ed Johnson, Robert Hall, Mike Pierceall, Ted Hine  
**September 12:** Johnny Broome, Bob Woods, Scott Hensley, Ron & Will Coplan  
**September 19:** Ron Wright, Todd Graybill, Bill Settle, John Griffin  
**September 26:** Tracey Szabo, Melissa Raper, Rachael Ritchie, Erin Goss

### Altar Flowers:

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

**September 5:** Shirley James, in loving memory of her husband Joe James.  
**September 12:** Bill & Sue Southwick, in loving memory of our daughter Carolyn Sue Southwick and son William Clay Southwick.  
**September 19:** Margaret Wagner, Lynn Wallis, & Laura Hilton, in honor of Steve's birthday.  
**September 26:** Janey Boydston, in loving memory of Brock Ferguson.

### Sound Board & Video

Doug Hendricks, Don Anderson, Dennis Hendricks, Noah Hughes, Eric Hall  
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