



The SPIRIT

St. Paul United Methodist Church

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"The Proof of Easter"

I have noticed that often when Christians are in the mode of trying to convince others of the reality of the resurrection of Jesus, that they meticulously refer to the events of that time, use logic, and are as persuasive as they know how to be to show that Jesus was raised from the dead.

The power of the resurrection was demonstrated not only 2,000 years ago, however, but is also demonstrated today in the lives of people who are following Jesus Christ. God is looking for more from us than simply attending worship services for Easter. God wants us to come through Easter as a people who are born again, experiencing newness of life, and are a resurrection people who follow Jesus.

When people see your life change and see you rise to a newness of life they know that Easter is real. When they see the old you die and a new you start living, it proves to them that Jesus got up out of the grave. This is Good News, because if you can get up out of the grave and can rise to newness of life, it means that God can do this for them as well. They, too, can experience resurrection.

There is still a need for life to win out over death, for love to defeat hatred, and for resurrection. Let's live as resurrection people.

Your Pastor,
Emery



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10:00 a.m. Wednesdays
 April 3 & 17
 Meet in the weight room.



April
 10 & 24
 5:30 p.m. in
 the Activity Center

Our mid-week Dinner and Worship service is open to everyone! Join us as we gather together around the table to enjoy time with friends and family. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. and devotion begins at 6:00 p.m. This is a dine-in experience so, bring your friends! Donations appreciated.

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10
 Meatloaf, Green Beans, & Dessert

5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 24
 Loaded Baked Potatoes, Salad, & Dessert



FOOD OF THE MONTH
 Instant oatmeal & pancake mix

**Congratulations to our 2024
 Confirmands and newest members!**



"Thank You"

To all who sponsored Easter Lilies!



Thank you to ALL who donated funds and brought Easter candy. We appreciate your support of the children/youth departments.

**Quilt Show: OKLAHOMA
 Land We Love @ St. Paul UMC
 9AM-4PM on April 12 & 13**

St. Paul is excited to host the quilt show for the Muskogee Area Quilters Guild this year. Lunch & refreshments at the quilt show will raise funds for our Youth Group. If you would like to help serve or provide baked goods, please let Barbara Kent know asap at 918-840-0104. *Thank you.*

A P R I L

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool	2	3 10:00 a.m. Backpacks 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool 6:00 p.m. Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	4 10:00 a.m. Ladies Handbell Choir Reh.	5 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool	6
7 10:00 AM Sunday School Worship Services 9:00 am - Rowsey Chapel 11:00 am - Sanctuary COMMUNION SUNDAY	8 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool	9 5:30 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty	10 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool 5:30 p.m. Dinner Church 6:00 p.m. Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	11 10:00 a.m. Ladies Handbell Choir Reh.	12 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Muskogee Area Quilt Show 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Activity Center</div>	13
14 10:00 AM Sunday School Worship Services 9:00 am - Rowsey Chapel 11:00 am - Sanctuary	15 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool	16 5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m. Bridges Out of Poverty	17 10:00 a.m. Backpacks 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool 6:00 p.m. Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	18 10:00 a.m. Ladies Handbell Choir Reh.	19 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool	20
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Weekly at St. Paul:

Sunday:

AM 9:00 Worship—Sanctuary
10:00 Sunday School for everyone!
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 5:30 Dinner Church (2nd & 4th)
5:30 Youth Group
6:00 Emotions Anonymous (1st & 3rd)
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)
10:00 Ladies Handbell Choir Rehearsal
PM 6:00 Good Shepherd Clinic (1st & 3rd)
7:00 It's in the Book (AA) Women only

Friday:

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

Saturday:

AM 9:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)
PM 7:00 It's in the Book (AA) Women only

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Monday-Thursday
Friday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Ministries & Meetings

10:00 a.m. Wed., Apr. 3	Backpack Ministry
5:30 p.m. Wed., Apr. 10	Dinner Church
5:30 p.m. Tues., Apr. 16	Finance Meeting
10:00 a.m. Wed., Apr. 17	Backpack Ministry
5:30 p.m. Wed., Apr. 24	Dinner Church

5:30 p.m. Tuesdays	Bridges Out of Poverty
5:30 p.m. Wednesdays	Youth Group
7:00 p.m. Wednesdays	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Thursdays	Ladies Handbell Choir

Altar Flowers

to the glory of God

- Apr. 7** Ed & Pam Johnson, in memory of Jim Treadwell, Jr. and Roberta Johnson
- Apr. 14** Janey Boydston, in memory of her mother, Opal Hobbs
- Apr. 21** Steve & Joan Odell, in loving memory Joan's father Willis M. Revel
- Apr. 28** Kathy Durland, in memory of Glen & Phyllis Durland

Ministries

USHER MINISTRY (Monthly rotation)

9:00 a.m. Ushers

- 1st Sun.:** Virgil Rose, Ben Robinson
- 2nd Sun.:** Marilyn Gilder, Jo Gibbs
- 3rd Sun.:** Omar Reed, Kermit Lyday
- 4th Sun.:** Don Elgin
- 5th Sun.:** Bob & Bonnie Belle Dunkelberger

11:00 a.m. Ushers

- 1st Sun.:** Weldon Key, Ed Johnson, Robert Hall, Ted Hine, Mike Pierceall
- 2nd Sun.:** Ron Wright, Todd Graybill, Bill Settle, John Griffin
- 3rd Sun.:** Johnny Broome, Bob Woods, Jim Neely, Scott & Sam Hensley
- 4th Sun.:** Tracey Szabo, Rachael Ritchie, Erin Goss, Jenee' Hensley, Amber Hilfiger
- 5th Sun.:** Eric Elgin, Don Elgin, Roy Flinn, Michael Blakeslee

Birthdays

2	Becky Hearon	20	Jordan Beach
6	Charles Edwards Jr.	22	Luke Carter
8	April Felts	23	Lana Reed
11	Barbara Kent	23	Roger Hilfiger II
11	Linda Ruefer	25	Bob Dunkelberger
11	Glenda McClain	26	Seth Schoepel
12	Bud Hinshaw	27	Mary Myers
13	Robert Hix	27	Robert Hall
14	Rachael Ritchie	28	Hunter Hodge
16	Nick Fuller	29	Lyle Baker
19	Jordan Pool	30	Allen Blalock

Anniversaries

- 1 James & Tammy Morris
- 3 Donnie & Dixie Smith
- 5 Tony & Ann Morton
- 16 Kelly & Diane Beach



Can you believe that Camp Egan is just around the corner! Watch for details on how to support our kids & youth this Summer or contact Barbara Kent.

GREETER MINISTRY (Monthly rotation)

- | 9:45 a.m. | 10:45 a.m. |
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| 1st Sun.: Ray Griffin | Ed & Pam Johnson |
| 2nd Sun.: Ted Hine | Linda Garrison |
| 3rd Sun.: L. & P. Christensen | B. Flinn/B. Hearon |
| 4th Sun.: | Kermit Lyday |
| 5th Sun.: | J. Boydston/B. Hearon |

VAN MINISTRY (Monthly rotation)

- 1st Sun.:** Drivers: Kelly & Diane Beach
Caller: Linda Foster
- 2nd Sun.:** Drivers: Scott & Sam Hensley
Caller: Joan Odell
- 3rd Sun.:** Driver: Johnny & Glenda Broome
Caller: Renee McMillin
- 4th Sun.:** Driver: Kermit Lyday, Manny Ramirez
Caller: Margaret Thacker
- 5th Sun.:** Driver: Robbie Evans, Tamra Scherer
(not this month) Caller: Joan Odell