



# St. Paul United Methodist Church

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## Monthly Newsletter JULY 2022

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### Letter from the Pastor . . .

#### "Trust God"

Sometimes it feels like the troubles of life pile on top of one another. It can get very overwhelming and quite tiresome. In 1834 Edward Mote wrote the words to a hymn which remind us of what it takes to make it through such times.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

Making life work is not just on our shoulders. Our creator has not deserted us. God is always present and ready to help.

Psalm 62:6 ~ "He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken."

Eleanor Turnbull, a veteran missionary to Haiti, collected and translated the prayers of the Christians who lived in the mountains of Haiti. These profound and child-like prayers are recorded in the book God Is No Stranger. One of these prayers is simple and true:

*"Lord,*

*How glad we are that we don't hold you, you hold us."*

Allow God to hold you. Rest in the loving embrace of the Creator. God will sustain you. You are not alone.

Your Pastor,  
Emery



VBS is just around the corner!  
August 1-4  
9AM-Noon

# Summer Missions!



**Project  
Transformation®**  
Transforming Communities  
Through Relationships

## 2022 Summer Reading Camp

### 9:45 a.m. - Reading Buddies

### Mondays-Thursdays (until 7/28)

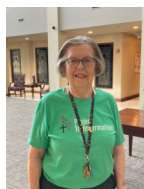
### Summer Reading Program for children 1-5 grade.

## Meet the Project Transformation Team!

Lora



Jan



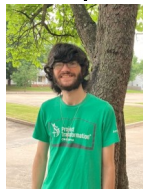
Kylie



J.D.



Cooper



Mackenzie



Gail



**Special THANKS!**  
To all the  
"Reading Buddies"  
and YVC volunteers  
for helping make this  
year such a success!



### Come celebrate PT 2022!

### 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26 in the Activity Center.

**Kylie Gioletti** is our team leader. She is from Muskogee and attends the University of Tulsa. Her major is political science and she is on the accelerated track for her law degree.

**Mackenzie Jones** is the reading coordinator. She is from Alvarado, Texas. Her major is elementary education at Bacone College. She also plays soccer for Bacone.

**Cooper Lamont** is the STEM and afternoon activities coordinator. He is from Muskogee and is majoring in psychology at Northeastern State University.

**James "JD" Eddy** is our recreation coordinator. JD is from Tuttle, Oklahoma. He attends Northwestern Oklahoma State University. He is majoring in psychology and will pursue a masters degree upon completion.

**Gail Martin** is the arts coordinator. Gail is from Broken Arrow and was born in Taiwan. She attends the University of Missouri and is working on her degree to become an occupational therapist assistant.

**Jan Wilkerson** is the Project Transformation Director and a retired reading specialist. She has continued to support the program in dedicated service for the past 12 years. Johni Wardwell, a cofounder with Jan for our site, still assist in writing the grant. Jan has a "PT" committee this year to help keep the multiple aspects of the program running smoothly.

**Lora Reavis** is the site supervisor. She has served the past seven years in this position. During the school year she works as a reading specialist for Muskogee Public Schools.

***The Project Transformation team would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers and donors! Without you the program could not provide this amazing opportunity for the children of Muskogee.***

# Church Meetings & News



Church Offices Closed  
Monday, July 4

Youth Group  
Night at the Park  
Honor Heights  
Wed., July 6  
6 to 9 p.m.



All youth (7-12 grade) are invited to meet  
at Honor Heights for food, fun, & games!  
Shout out to grill-master Robbie Evans!!

Trustees Meeting  
5:30 p.m. on  
Thursday, July 14



Finance Committee  
Meeting  
5:30 p.m.  
Tues., July 19



VBS Volunteer Lunch  
Noon - Thurs., July 14  
All helpers & volunteers.  
Meeting is in the Parlor.



looking ahead . . .



Vacation Bible School  
9:00 a.m. to Noon  
August 1-4, 2022  
preschool to 6th Grade

**MAIN EVENT**

Youth Trip to  
Main Event  
Friday, Aug. 12  
7-12 graders  
limit 18, sign up  
with Barbara Kent  
918-840-0104





# Church Family Celebrations

## Birthdays

1 Muriel Saunders	16 Mardie Mose	22 Jim Causon
1 Renee Lamb	16 Ed Johnson	22 John Griffin
3 Wes Boles	16 Ladd Elgin	24 Kyle Shores
5 Carolyn Blevins	16 Jennie Elgin	24 Caitlin Felts
5 Esther Lowery	17 Bobby Cobb	25 Blake Coburn
5 Alison Lambert	18 Douglas Boos	25 Darlene Davis
10 Lynne Wallis	19 Calvin Moore	25 Sarah Gile
10 Jane Durnil	19 Laurie Fuller	28 Fred Winters
10 David James	19 Dallas Vanderford	28 Charlotte Houser
11 Kenneth Harjo	19 Calvin Moore	29 Calen Jackman
11 Laird Armstrong	20 Jan McKinne	29 Dennis Smith
11 Kyle Kent	20 Weldon Stout	29 Jim Neely
12 Alex Yandell	20 Victor Barbosa	30 Aniston Underwood
13 Harper Wilson	22 Dr. Fred Ruefer	
15 Jeffrey Roberts	22 Kathy Dealy	

## Anniversaries

7 Johnny & Glenda Broome
14 Earnie & Marilyn Gilder
17 Joe & Athlyn Pool
21 Gary & Lynette Lambert
28 Larry & Paula Christensen
29 Brandi & Jason Jones
29 Preston & Kay Rogers



# Church Family Concerns

## Prayer Concerns

*(Please contact the church office to add or update a prayer request. Requests are on a 6-week rotation.)*

David Jones	John Schilt	Jim Payne	George Rogers
Connie Stout	Tim Dunn	April Felts	

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Betsy Kennedy at the passing of her father, Dr. C.T. Thompson.

**Nursing Home/Homebound:** Susan Auten, Doreen Causon, Frank Werntz, April Felts, Kay Jones, Joan Murray-Hogan, Marilyn Synnestvedt

**Armed Forces:** Vann Beard, Trenton Cox, Matthew Hamilton, Tyler Hinds, Cale Hughes, Ashley Lampe, Jeffrey Laughlin, Steven Mashburn

What's the best news you ever heard??  
"God loves you, you are not alone!"



There are cards to take  
and share with those who  
need this message.

Have as many as you like,  
give them to everyone you meet.

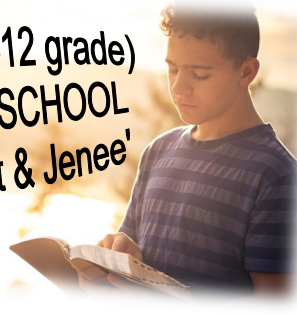


# 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes!



Children's  
Sunday School  
Kathy Eskridge  
& Donna Woods

YOUTH (7-12 grade)  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
with Scott & Jenee'



2 Classes for Adults:



Alpha  
& Omega  
Large Conf. Room

or  
New Life  
Upstairs in the  
Education Wing



## WELCOME

Nursery is provided at all services. To volunteer on Sunday in the Nursery at 9AM, 10AM, or 11AM, contact Beth Dunn at 918-577-0938.

## WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

### Adult Bible Study

6:00 p.m.  
on Thursdays  
at St. Paul, in  
the Large  
Conference Room.



7-12 Grade students

**6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesdays  
Youth Group**



Invite someone to church.  
They may say "yes" and  
won't that be fun!!

# Community Connections

## MuskogeeCommunity FoodPantry

Donations of non-perishable food can be placed in the grocery cart in the Atrium.

### Volunteers Needed

- Curbside Greeters.
- Delivery of groceries to homebound—once a month.
- Cut out Best Choice labels at home.

The MCFP is located at First UMC, 600 E. Okmulgee and is open M-Th 1-3 p.m., and 4-6 p.m. on Thursdays. All non-perishable food donations are appreciated and monetary support is tax deductible. Call 918-682-3368 for more info.



**VBS Volunteer Lunch**  
**Noon - Thurs., July 14**  
**All helpers & volunteers.**  
**Meeting in the Parlor.**



**VBS Set up & decorating last week in July!**  
**To help contact Barbara Kent 918-840-0104.**



## Learning Tree Preschool

Children 2-4 years old  
Monday-Wednesday-Friday  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Margaret Wagner  
918-869-6501














Fall 2022 Enrollment is open.  
Registration forms are in the  
Atrium and on the website.

**Register soon to  
secure your spot!  
Class sizes limited.**





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
	 <b>PROJECT TRANSFORMATION</b> 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Mon.-Thurs.)				<b>1</b> <i>Offices Closed on Fridays (July &amp; Aug.)</i>	
				8:00 PM Covenant Bible Study		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:00 AM Sunday School <b>Communion</b> 9:00 & 11:00 am Worship Services	<b>4</b> Church Offices Closed No Project Transformation 	 <b>PROJECT TRANSFORMATION</b> 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Tues.-Thurs.)	6:00 PM Youth <b>PARK NIGHT</b> @ HONOR HEIGHTS	6:00 PM Covenant Bible Study		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 & 11:00 am Worship Services	 <b>PROJECT TRANSFORMATION</b> 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Mon.-Thurs.)				<b>14</b> Noon - VBS Lunch Mtg.	
	 Growin' in Grace 3-4 Grade - Camp Egan			5:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting 	6:00 PM Covenant Bible Study	
			6PM Youth Group			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 & 11:00 am Worship Services	 <b>PROJECT TRANSFORMATION</b> 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Mon.-Thurs.)					
		5:30 p.m. Finance Meeting 	6PM Youth Group	6:00 PM Covenant Bible Study		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 & 11:00 am Worship Services		<b>ALL INVITED!</b> 5:00-7:30 PM Parent Night		<b>LAST DAY OF PT!</b>		
	 <b>PROJECT TRANSFORMATION</b> 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Mon.-Thurs.)					
	 <b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - SET UP WEEK</b>					
			6PM Youth Group	6:00 PM Covenant Bible Study		
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<b>1 August</b>				<b>5</b> <i>Offices Closed on Fridays (July &amp; Aug.)</i>	<b>6</b>
	 <b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - FOOD TRUCK PARTY</b> 9:00 AM - NOON (Mon.-Thurs.)					
				6:00 PM Covenant Bible Study		

## Weekly at St. Paul:

### Sunday:

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

### Monday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)  
 9:00 Project Transformation  
 10:15 Staff Meeting

### Tuesday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)  
 9:00 Project Transformation  
 PM 12:00 Al-Anon

### Wednesday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)  
 9:00 Project Transformation  
 PM 6:00 Youth Group (7-12 Grade)

### Thursday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)  
 9:00 Project Transformation  
 PM 6:00 Covenant Bible Study  
 6:30 It's in the Book (AA) Women only  
 6:30 Good Shepherd Clinic

### Friday: OFFICES CLOSED

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)

### Saturday:

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

 Church Committee Meetings



### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
 Monday-Thursday  
 Fridays closed

St. Paul UMC  
2130 W. Okmulgee  
Muskogee, OK 74401

*Return services requested*



## Sunday Volunteers

### 9:00 a.m. Ushers

**July 3:** Virgil Rose, Ben Robinson  
**July 10:** Marilyn Gilder, Jo Gibbs  
**July 17:** Omar Reed, Judy Hoffman  
**July 24:** Christina Booher, Clarence Mayberry  
**July 31:** Bob & Bonnie Dunkelberger

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
<b>July 3:</b>	Ray Griffin	Ed/Pam Johnson
<b>July 10:</b>	Ted Hine	Gary & Linda Garrison
<b>July 17:</b>	Judy Hoffman	Billie Flinn
<b>July 24:</b>	Clarence Mayberry	Charlene Schoeppel
<b>July 31:</b>	Bob/Donna Woods	Eric/Julie Elgin

### 11:00 a.m. Ushers

**July 3:** Weldon Key, Ed Johnson, Robert Hall, Ted Hine, Mike Pierceall  
**July 10:** Eric Elgin, Don Elgin, Calvin Moore, Roy Flinn, Michael Blakeslee  
**July 17:** Johnny Broome, Bob Woods, Ron & Will Coplan, Scott & Sam Hensley  
**July 24:** Ron Wright, Todd Graybill, Bill Settle, John Griffin  
**July 31:** Tracey Szabo, Erin Goss, Rachael Ritchie, Jenee' Hensley

### Sound Board:

Doug Hendricks, Don Anderson, Dennis & Jeannie Hendricks  
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### Altar Flowers:

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

**July 3:** Dennis Smith, in honor of Ineta Bebb and the Chancel Choir.  
**July 10:** Gloria Nicholson & Children, in loving memory of Don Nicholson.  
**July 17:** Larry & Paula Christensen, in honor of our Wedding Anniversary on July 28.  
**July 24:** Don & Jane Hammond, in memory of Nancy Wright on her birthday, July 31.  
**July 31:** Karren Rogers, in loving memory of Jimmy Rogers from his family.

### Church Office Summer Hours:

 **8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**  
**Monday - Thursday**  
**Closed on Fridays**