



# St. Paul United Methodist Church

# SPIRIT

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## Letter from the Pastor . . .

### “Be Part of a Miracle”

We are often unable to foresee the results of our faithfulness to God. It is difficult for us to imagine how mountains could be “cast into the sea” (Mark 11:23) or how God can change a human heart (Ezekiel 36:26). All things are possible for God (Matthew 19:26). God has chosen to invite us to be participants in miracles that God provides.

We can see that there is much need. Our world needs saving. People need the love and grace of God.

Would you like to be part of God’s miracles? Are we willing to do our part? What will each of us choose? We don’t always foresee the outcomes and sometimes can’t understand how God does things. We do know that for us, the first step is to decide whether to trust and obey. Will we be followers of Jesus? Will we scatter the seed that God asks of us?

Your Pastor,  
*Emery*

*He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come.” He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” Mark 4:26-32*

## Stewardship Campaign



# Church Meetings & News



United  
Women  
in Faith

**MONTHLY  
MEETING**

(formerly United Methodist Women)

**10:00 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 8  
meet in the Parlor**

We will discuss Tool Tyme 2022 needs for Cookson and 2023 Muskogee, St. Paul missions to participate in and possible guest speakers. Thanks to each of you who participated in packing bags, etc. for Fostering Hope. Your efforts are more than appreciated. For more information contact Joan Odell at 918-207-9067.

## **YOUTH FUNDRAISER DESSERT AUCTION SUNDAY, NOV. 13**



**Show off your baking talent!**

The youth group needs baked goods for their DESSERT AUCTION! Contact Barbara Kent to help at 918-840-0104.

**Thank you!**

**Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Tues., Nov. 1**

**Large Conf. Room**



## **Church Council Meeting**



**Church Council Meeting**

**5:30 p.m. Mon., November 7**

**in the Large Conference Room**

**Trustees Meeting**

**5:30 p.m. on**

**Thursday, Nov. 10**



**All Church Potluck Dinner  
Sunday, November 13**



**After the  
11:00 AM  
Service**

**Fellowship Meal**

**Finance Committee  
Meeting**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Tues., Nov. 15**



**GREEN COUNTRY DISTRICT**

**Charge Conference Meeting**

**6:00 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20**



St. Paul UMC will host the Annual Charge Conference for Green Country District at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20. There will be 6-8 churches in attendance. We would like to serve cookies. If you are willing to bake a tray of cookies or help serve, please let Tamra Scherer know 918-577-7459.

# Church Family Celebrations

## Birthdays

11/1	Jared Gregg	11/22	Geneva Galegar
11/1	Tammy Morris	11/22	Lisa Harbison
11/2	Jack Hewitt	11/22	Terral Graybill
11/2	Jacob Terrapin	11/23	Becky Clovis
11/2	Angela Thornton	11/23	Jeremy Jackman
11/3	Melissa Clement	11/23	Samantha Morris
11/10	Judy Hoffman	11/24	Krinna Hix
11/10	Max Jackman	11/24	Johnny Rogers
11/10	Gladys Waite	11/26	Martha Gile-Gibson
11/12	Emma Hix	11/26	Jim Hall, III
11/13	Jack Cooper	11/27	Lorraine Houser
11/13	Scott Hensley	11/28	Jentry Hodge
11/13	Beth Hinshaw	11/28	Noah Hughes
11/14	Earnie Gilder	11/29	Cheryl Sanders
11/17	Karen Wagner	11/30	Ken Beard
11/20	Kayden Noahr	11/30	Robert Galegar
11/22	Pennie Bennett	11/30	Linda Roberts

## Anniversaries

11/4	Eric & Julie Elgin
11/7	Richard & Sue Lynn Tolbert
11/20	Robbie & Shannon Evans
11/22	Cleon & Glenda McClain
11/25	Ray & Sue Henson
11/28	Ron & Barbara Wright
11/30	Carlos & Karla Sandoval



# Church Family Concerns

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

David Jones	Jim Payne	Jamie Hibbs	Debbie Tucker
Bob Pruden	Don Reed	Bob Roberts	Sidney Daniels
James Baker	Art Sanders	Gary Garrison	

**Nursing Home/Homebound:** Susan Auten, Doreen Causon, Frank Werntz, April Felts, Kay Jones, Joan Murray-Hogan, Marilyn Synnestvedt, Mardi Mose, Bill & Sue Southwick

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

## 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

Class size limited.  
Registration forms in the  
Atrium and on the website.

Class sizes are limited.  
Thanksgiving break will  
be November 21-25.



**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**  
**8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**  
**Monday-Friday**  
(Fridays closed at 4PM)

November holiday hours:  
Closed 11/24—11/25  
for Thanksgiving



# FOR YOUR CALENDAR

## Learning Tree FALL Fundraiser . . . Begins Nov. 7!

Woohoo!! Learning Tree Preschool Butter Braid orders are ready to be taken! Orders may be placed by calling the school at 918-687-3842 or the church office (918) 687-7571. **Please make checks payable to the Learning Tree Preschool, orders need to be in by Monday, Nov. 28.** The flavors are: Bavarian Crème, Apple, Blueberry & Cream Cheese, Cherry, Cinnamon, Strawberry & Cream Cheese, Cream Cheese, 4 Cheese & Herb, and Cinnamon Rolls. **Butter Braids are \$15.00 each, and payment needs to be given when ordering.**



### “Hanging of the Greens”

The decorating of the church for Christmas will happen the week of Thanksgiving. Like last year, we are asking for families or individuals to take on the various tasks: big tree in atrium; Chrismons for atrium tree, greenery in choir loft; large star in choir loft; greenery on communion rail; greenery over the arched doors in the back of the sanctuary; pew candles and greenery; large balcony wreath; large outside wreaths by sanctuary doors, Rowsey Chapel. Volunteers can pick any time on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, or Saturday (Nov. 21, 22, 23, 24, or 26).

For more information, contact Ineta Bebb (918-869-7201)



**Begins  
Nov. 27**



**ANGEL TREE®**

*A Program of Prison Fellowship®*

Angel Tree 2022 is almost here! If you prefer to give a donation and have the youth be your “personal shoppers” just mark your check/envelope Angel Tree, and they’ll take care of the shopping & wrapping.

**All Angel tags must be signed out on the list.**

Gifts need to be wrapped and the angel tag attached.

**Due back: Sun., Dec. 11**

Questions? Contact the church office 918-687-7571.



# Connecting with the Community

MuskogeeCommunity

  
FoodPantry

Food of the month:

## Thanksgiving sides

Stuffing, cranberry sauce, green beans, corn, instant potatoes, sweet potatoes.

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

### Volunteers Needed

- Curbside Greeters.
- Deliver groceries to homebound—1X 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 information.



Packing dates  
Wednesdays  
November 9 & 30  
10:00 a.m. in the  
weight room.

Come be a part of the fun as we  
"assembly-line style" pack food bags.  
To help, come on Wednesday or contact  
Glenda Broome at 918-781-2733.

9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
resumes in Rowsey Chapel  
Sunday, November 6

SHARE THE  
HARVEST

Sunday, Nov. 20  
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
Worship Services  
Bring any Non-Perishable  
Food items to place on the  
Altar to benefit the Muskogee  
Community Food Pantry.



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A Great **BIG Thank you** to all  
who volunteered and donated  
candy for the Fall Festival!  
Many children experienced  
the LOVE of GOD within our  
community because of you!

# FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thursday, November 24  
Serving 11:00 am—1:00 pm



Preparations for our annual Thanksgiving dinner are underway. This dinner serves our community during the holiday by providing a full Thanksgiving dinner to anyone who comes. In years past this dinner has served as many as 350 people. ***Volunteers are the success behind this mission and we are asking for your help.***

On **Wednesday, November 23**, volunteers will be needed to help with cooking the turkeys and other prep work such as cutting veggies and setting up the supplies. We will begin at **7:00 a.m.** and continue until done (usually around 4:00 p.m.).

On Thursday, **Thanksgiving Day**, volunteers will be needed for set up, cutting and preparing to-go desserts, cooking, packaging the food, washing dishes, and cleanup. We will start cooking at **7:00 am** and **serve from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** (or until the food is gone). Additional cleanup help is always appreciated after we have completed serving the food.

Health concerns have been addressed, and volunteers will be shown procedures that have been put into place for the safety of all who participate.

If you have any questions, or would like to sign up to help, please contact Robbie Evans at 918 -781-3898 or [evanschiropractic@yahoo.com](mailto:evanschiropractic@yahoo.com).



## YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

### Thanksgiving Community Meal




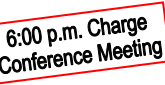
All youth volunteers helping with the Thanksgiving Community Meal can sign up with Barbara Kent. We look forward to helping with this local mission project and sharing the love of God with our community.

(The Youth Group will not meet on Wed., Nov. 23.)





# **NOVEMBER 2022**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>30</b> 10:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 & 11:00 am Worship Services in the Sanctuary Stewardship Campaign 	<b>31</b> 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool	<b>1</b>  6:00 p.m. SPPRC Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m. BRIDGES	<b>2</b> 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool 6PM Youth Group 7PM CHANCEL CHOIR	<b>3</b> 10AM Ladies Handbell Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 10:00 AM Sunday School <b>Communion</b> Worship Services 9:00 am - Rowsey Chapel  11:00 am - Sanctuary	<b>7</b> 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool  5:30 p.m. Church Council	<b>8</b> 5:30 p.m. BRIDGES	<b>9</b> 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool 6PM Youth Group 7PM CHANCEL CHOIR	<b>10</b> 10AM Ladies Handbell Choir Rehearsal  5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting 6 PM Church Growth Discussion Group	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 10:00 AM Sunday School Worship Services 9:00 am - Rowsey Chapel 11:00 am - Sanctuary <b>YOUTH DESSERT AUCTION &amp; CHURCH POTLUCK DINNER</b>	<b>14</b> 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool	<b>15</b>  5:30 p.m. Finance Meeting 5:30 p.m. BRIDGES	<b>16</b> 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool 6PM Youth Group 7PM CHANCEL CHOIR	<b>17</b> 10AM Ladies Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6 PM Church Growth Discussion Group	<b>18</b> 9am-2pm Learning Tree Preschool	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 10:00 AM Sunday School Worship Services 9:00 am - Rowsey Chapel 11:00 am - Sanctuary  6:00 p.m. Charge Conference Meeting	<b>21</b> Thanksgiving Break No Learning Tree	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> PREP COMMUNITY MEAL 7:00 a.m. start cooking!! contact Robbie to help.	<b>24</b> Help begins 7:00 a.m.  COMMUNITY MEAL 11:00 am-1:00 pm <b>CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED</b>	<b>25</b> Decorate the Church for Christmas	<b>26</b> Decorate the Church for Christmas
<b>27</b> 10:00 AM Sunday School Worship Services 9:00 am - Rowsey Chapel 11:00 am - Sanctuary  ANGEL TREE <small>A Program of Prison Fellowship</small>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 5:30 p.m. BRIDGES	<b>30</b> 6PM Youth Group 7PM CHANCEL CHOIR			

## Weekly at St. Paul:

 Church Committee Meetings

### Sunday:

AM 9:00 Worship—Rowsey Chapel (Nov. 6)  
 10:00 Sunday School  
 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  
 6:00 Emotions Anonymous (EA)

### Wednesday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)  
 9:00 Learning Tree Preschool  
 PM 6:00 Youth Group (7-12 Grade)  
 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday:

AM 7:00 Donut Hole Group (AA)  
 PM 6:00 Church Growth Discussion  
 6:30 It's in the Book (AA) Women only  
 6:30 Good Shepherd Clinic (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)

### 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



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 Monday-Friday  
 (Fridays closed at 4PM)

# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6



Communion  
Sunday, November 6  
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
Worship Services

## All Saints Day—Sunday, November 6

All Saints Day, the first Sunday in November, is set aside to honor those members who have gone on before us during the past year. In the Worship Service that day, at the “time of remembrance” we ask a family member or friend to select a rose to remember their loved one.



Set your clocks BACK 1-Hour  
Daylight Savings ends Nov. 6.



9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
will resume in Rowsey Chapel  
on Sunday, November 6.



## Sunday Volunteers

### 9:00 a.m. Ushers

**November 6:** Virgil Rose, Ben Robinson  
**November 13:** Marilyn Gilder, Jo Gibbs  
**November 20:** Omar Reed, Judy Hoffman  
**November 27:** Christina Booher, Judy Hoffman

### Greeters: 9:45 a.m.

**November 6:** Ray Griffin  
**November 13:** Ted Hine  
**November 20:** Judy Hoffman  
**November 27:** Clarence Mayberry

### 10:45 a.m.

Ed/Pam Johnson  
Gary & Linda Garrison  
Billie Flinn  
Kermit Lyday

### 11:00 a.m. Ushers

**November 6:** Weldon Key, Ed Johnson, Robert Hall, Ted Hine, Mike Pierceall  
**November 13:** Ron Wright, Todd Graybill, Bill Settle, John Griffin  
**November 20:** Tracey Szabo, Rachael Ritchie, Erin Goss, Jenée' Hensley  
**November 27:** Eric Elgin, Don Elgin, Roy Flinn, Michael Blakeslee

### Sound Crew:

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

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

**November 6:** Michele & Judy Seymour, in loving memory of Terry Seymour.  
**November 13:** Suzanne Jobe, in loving memory of Bob Jobe.  
**November 20:** Jim & Jennifer Neely, in honor of our children, Robert Neely and Rebecca Yeager.  
**November 27:** Bob & Gayle Valor, in loving celebration of our anniversary.