



The SPIRIT

Monthly Newsletter | St Paul United Methodist Church | MAY 2020

David's Slingshot

This is my last newsletter column here at Muskogee St. Paul United Methodist Church. We have walked and worked together over these last five years in wonderful outreaches: we offered free hot chocolate on the streets of our city before Christmas; we made a trial attempt at having an off campus worship service at the Roxy; we knocked on doors in the neighborhood inviting the children of the area to VBS; we put mission materials together before and after church on Sundays; we continued to gather with other churches in our Journey to Easter time; we gathered with our new friends in Dinner, Church feeding them a free meal and sharing God's Word; we worked hard as volunteers in the kitchen to provide wonderful nourishing meals; we worked together as the worship team to bring new experiences in worship that was not only sung and preached but visualized by our dancers, lighting our candles of prayer and the wonderful drama presentations; we celebrated our teachers and administrators with gifts for their classrooms, etc. I'm sure other experiences come to your mind. All of these and others are treasured in our hearts as we enter retirement.

The fact is that when I came to Muskogee St. Paul, I truly came with fear and trembling for I did not know whether I would be up to the task of pastoring and preaching after my administrative experience as a District

Superintendent. My thought in 2015, was to take early retirement and enjoy reflecting on the previous successful ministry experiences. Yet I can truly say I am glad Ann and I chose to be assigned one more appointment. Other than the Pandemic quarantine I have loved every minute of my time here.

Our love to you and thanks for all you have done to enable us to walk alongside you in ministry.

We love you and know that on our last Sunday here at St. Paul; June 21, will be sad for us, but we feel blessed to now place our stole of ministry upon Rev. Emery Mason and his wife Lisa.

Please remember Emery is your new pastor. Please call him for all your ministry needs.

You will be in our prayers, and remember, if you are in Broken Arrow feel free to give us a call.

"The Lord bless you and protect you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his face to you and grant you peace."

CEB Number 6:24-26

David

Many Thanks!



Welcome ✓

👍 **Ready to worship?**

Let's be cautious, let's move forward.



SOCIAL DISTANCING

To support public health, please maintain a **minimum distance of 6 ft/2 m**

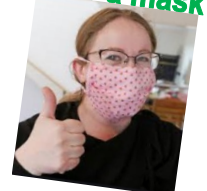
clear of any fever



NO handshakes or hugs



wear a mask



Returning to Worship

We are excited to be returning to "in house" worship on May 31. Please arrive **15-20 minutes early** to allow the check-in process to go smoothly for everyone. We have Ushers/Greeters in place for each step of the process.



Here's a few things to know:

1. **Wearing a face mask is encouraged.** Wearing a face mask helps those who may be more vulnerable within our own membership. Please be considerate of others as we return to social activities. We have disposable masks available as you enter the facility.
2. **Social Distancing will be observed.** Please maintain a 6' distance from other family groups as people enter the building and locate their seating. Pews are sectioned off for family groups. Please know that you may be asked to sit in a place different than your "usual pew" for worship. We thank you in advance for your flexibility during this time of transition.
3. **Attendance will be by electronic check in.** We will have a person available to take attendance as you enter for worship.

This new entrance process may take a few times to get all the kinks worked out. Thank you for your kindness, compassion, and understanding during this unique time in history. We are looking forward to being together to praise God as a church body once again.



Church Council Meeting
5:30 PM on Monday, June 15
via ZOOM or in Large Conf. Room



**PRAYING FOR
 OUR COMMUNITY**

For the latest updates check out our Facebook St. Paul UMC Muskogee Prayer Concerns and Joys.

Jonann Synar	Terry/Judy Seymour	Mildred Noblin-Henderson	Kristi Wilson-Harris	Johnny/Charlene Cook
Dan Myers	Susan Asquith	Bob Pruden	Steve Nelson	P.J. Sloan
Taylor Robinson-Cobb	Sally Gold	Mary Willhite	Susan Gourd	Jamie Hibbs
Jan Houlihan	Charles Bradley	Lyle Nelson	Diane Beach	Gary Sparks
Marcia Asquith	Jennifer Fenley	Rhonda Beard	Glenda McClain	John Ross Maloy
Anne Pringle	Gladys Waite	Raymond Sewell	Tim Dunn	Kevin/Julia Sanders
Clarence Mayberry	Glenda Broome	Braden Frix	Wayne Felts	Beth Tucker-Dunn

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, Ashley Lampe, Jeffrey Laughlin, Steven Mashburn, Devin Riede, Kaylin Riede, Kevin Winters



Chancel Choir Rehearsals resume
7:00 p.m. each Wednesday
Join us in Fellowship Hall

Altar Flowers



6/7	Janey Boydston	In loving memory of her sister Jenny O'Dell
6/14	Michele Seymour	In honor of David and Ann Burris and their ministry at St. Paul.
6/21	Mary Pat Cole	In memory of parents, Joy & Olivia Cole, and in memory of her brother Sam Wilson and niece Samantha Wilson Lindsey
6/28	Larry & Paula Christensen	In honor of their Wedding Anniversary on July 28.

Stay safe & healthy
keep up with your
pledge online.

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Joanne Nilsson
Barbara Kent/Patricia Jones/Laney Edwards
Marsha Alexander (Philippines)

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

JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31 <i>please join us</i> Worship Services 9:00 AM - Sanctuary 11:00 AM - Sanctuary & Livestream (Facebook)	1 Summer Office Hours begin Mon.-Thurs. 8-5	2	3 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	4	5  Nat'l Donut Day! Church Offices closed	6
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