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First United Methodist Church, Hennessey, Oklahoma

April 2017



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We're going to have our annual Easter Brunch on April 16th around 10 a.m. Be sure to sign up during worship to bring a casserole, juice, fruit or milk! The United Methodist Men will be making and serving delicious pancakes.



	At 9 and 11 a.m.
Easter Morning Worship	
	At 10 a.m.
Easter Breakfast	
	At 10:30 a.m.
EASTER EGG HUNT	



HOLY WEEK
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 13th

7 pm Maundy Thursday Service
First United Methodist Church

Friday, April 14th

7 pm Good Friday Service
First Christian Church

Update on Property Purchase

The HUMC Special Church Council met on Sunday, March 12 at noon. The body approved a motion to purchase the property on the NW corner of 2nd and Cherokee. Since then, we have signed a contract to purchase. We have raised (either in hand already or pledged) enough to pay for the property itself. We are waiting on a title opinion before the deed is executed and money changes hands.

The original plan was for the Hennessey Fire Department to burn the house, after they use it for lifesaving training. However, we are still looking at the possibility or having it torn down. There would be less risk of a fire getting out of control and we won't do as much damage to the property itself (like the pecan tree). Continue to pray about this project.

Easter Lilies For Sale!

If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one by placing a Lily in the sanctuary this Easter, please sign-up on the sign-up sheet in worship or call the church office 853-2569. Prices per lilies will be \$12.50.



Offer Support Through Prayer . . .

We offer our prayers and support to those of our church family that are homebound:

Deloris Lovell, Marjorie Scott, Dorothy Hawk , Naomi Stinson and Earlene Riddle.

And to those ill, injured or needing prayers:



Pat Cosper	3
Mackenzie Cooper	3
Joe Hladik	4
Lisa Bossa	9
Feiman Meza	10
Dolores Lovell	11
Linda Bryan	14
Claire Ullery	17
David Woodruff	20
Wendy Tilson	22
Brianna Bryan	22
Koda Franklin	23
Bill Walter	27
Robery Stotts	27
Audry Seiger	28
Dusty Ann Seiger	28
Sabrina Meza	30

Peggy Collier	David Collier	Tesha Collier
Bobby Collier	Sharon Collier	Kay C Green
Joe Cox	Earlene Riddle	Trey Williamson-
Jeff Cain	Ray & Rachel Hladik	Jean Scruggs
Green Family	Denham Cramer	Pat Gorrell
Jeff Cain	Matthew	Rick Swart
Jeff Wiedner	Tony Cerny	Braden Hunt
Wanda Choate	Terry Armour	Bob Gritz
Jaxon Kretchmar	Michael Kroll	Gladys Oswald
Dorothy Hawk	Jimmy Green	Marjorie Scott
Ashley Zielny	Lori Bohnstedt	Gene Green
Laddie Fuksa	Deloris Lovell	Roger Lee
Nelda Conway	Shirley Fuksa	Naomi Stinson
Leland Herron	Terry Pitchford	Walter Bloom
Jack Funderburg	States Family	



If you are in the hospital or face some other type of crisis and want the pastor to be with you, please call.
His cell number is (405) 514-1954.
(Call office(405)853-2569 to add or remove a name.)

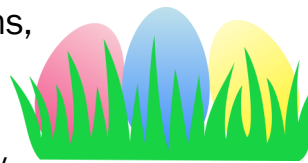


Buck and Carrol Parker 23rd

Children's Corner



Spring has sprung and we are so excited to be moving towards summer and all the fun activities it brings for our children! We are learning about the symbols of Easter in Sunday school and Children's Church and on Wednesdays for Dive In we are using a curriculum called "Touch the Water, Taste the Bread" which is all about communion. On Easter Sunday, we will have the egg hunt around 10:30 a.m. We still need candy and items to give away for those who find the prize eggs. The donation box is in the Narthex. If you have any questions or would like to donate money instead of items, please let me know.



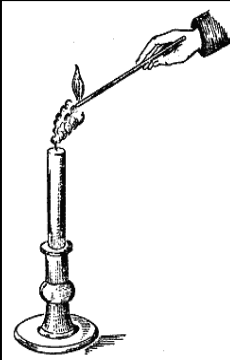
I plan to have all the camp information and packets available on the 17th of April so we can get children and adults registered in time for the early bird rates. For our children entering 1st grade up to those going into 5th grade, we have funds available that make it possible for us to send every child who wants to go to camp for \$25 per child. If your child requires an adult to attend with him or her, you will need to make arrangements for this and make sure the appropriate paperwork is completed and returned to the church office by the due date.

In a minute it will be summer which also means Vacation Bible School is right around the corner! Our dates are July 9 through July 13 and our theme this year is The Bible According to Disney. The curriculum has been written just for us and I think it's going to be great. We will be having a Disney themed costume party on the closing night so we would love to see all children attend and participate. A planning meeting will be scheduled for May; if you would like to help, please let me know so I can make sure you are included on the email list.

Thanks to everyone for all you do and I look forward to working with more of you in the future!
-Brittany



Acolyte Schedule for April:	
April 6	Laura & Alice
April 13	Lily & Coltun
April 20	Tayler & Laura
April 27	Alice & Lily



Dear Hennessey UMC Family of Faith,

At one church early in my ministry, a member of the congregation asked me how long we would be staying at their church. I explained to her that because we are in an Episcopal system, I serve at the pleasure of the Bishop (and by extension, the Cabinet). You never know when the call will come telling you that you are moving. And when it comes, as a minister, you go where you are sent.








The Hill family arrived at Hennessey in June of 2010. I have now served at HUMC longer than any other minister in the modern history of the church (in the last 50 years). In my 7 year tenure, we have accomplished some amazing things. We designed and installed a beautiful stained glass window in the west window of the sanctuary, as well as updated the audio/video system for worship. We have seen a number of ministries come and go. We received a grant for Music 2 My Ears, an after-school children's ministry (and we have all the items that would be needed to start that in the future). We hosted AA and Ala-non for almost five years. We have continued to be an integral part of our community, working very closely with the other neighborhood churches through the Hennessey Ministerial Alliance. And we have a couple of fairly major building remodeling projects that will be done over the next few months that will equip us to more effectively minister. I believe that we have a terrific base of young adults and families upon which Hennessey will grow in the future.

More important than the things that we have done are the relationships that we have developed. When I came to Hennessey from Oklahoma City, I was concerned that you would be very small town minded...rejecting someone who is an outsider. What I found instead was one of the greatest groups of people in the world. You are a very loving, caring faith community and your attitude has been tremendous. You have never said "No" when change has been proposed. You see each new situation as an opportunity to grow for Christ. Even when things have failed, it hasn't gotten you down. You are up beat and positive in all that you do...a true testament to the concept of loving God and loving your neighbor as yourself.

On Wednesday, March 15th, I received the phone call that I knew would come some day. At the 2017 Annual Conference, I will be appointed to serve as the pastor of the United Methodist Church in Stigler. This is a bittersweet time for me. I am sad that I am leaving you, but I look forward to the challenges and new experiences of a new congregation. I trust that the Holy Spirit has guided this appointment and I ask that you pray for me and my family as we make this transition.

I believe that you will be experiencing the same bittersweet experience. While you will grieve my departure, I know that you will have great expectations of what will come with your new pastor. All I ask is that you give your new pastor the same love and respect that you have given me...if you do that, I believe that there is no limit to what you can do as you go about making disciples for Jesus Christ in Hennessey. You will, forever, be in my heart and in my prayers.

Rev. Dr. Jim Hill

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
2 <i>Communion Sunday</i> 5th Sunday of Lent 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Noon Church Council 4 pm Pulse youth	3 8 am Exercise	4 8 am Exercise 6 pm Pastors book Study	5 8 am Exercise 6 pm Mothers Club 7 pm Choir	6 8 am Exercise 6:30 TOPS	7 8 am Exercise	8
9 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 4 pm Pulse youth	10 Holy Week 8 m Exercise 	11 Holy Week 8 am Exercise 10 am Food Bank Delivery	12 Holy Week 8 am Exercise 9:30 UMW 4-6 pm Food Bank	13 Holy Week 8 am Exercise 6:30 TOPS 7 pm Finance Meeting 7 pm Holy Week Services—HUMC	14 Good Friday 8 am Exercise 7 pm Holy Week Services—First Christian. 	15 Holy Saturday 
16 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 9 am Easter Morning Worship 10 am Easter Breakfast 10:30 am Easter Egg Hunt 11 am Easter Morning Worship	17 8 am Exercise	18 8 am Exercise 6 pm Pastors Book Study	19 8 am Exercise 7 pm Choir	20 8 am Exercise 6:30 TOPS Band Boosters	21 8 am Exercise	22 Earth Day 
23 8 am UMM Breakfast 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 4 pm Pulse youth	24 8 am Exercise	25 8 am Exercise 10 am Food Bank Delivery 6 pm Pastors Book Study	26 8 am Exercise 4-6 pm Food Bank 6:30 pm. 7 pm Choir	27 8 am Exercise Band Boosters	28 8 am Exercise	29 