

**AUGUST
2008
NEWSLETTER**

**WILBURTON FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

- Aug 16th Youth "Meal & a Movie"
- Aug 19th UMMen breakfast
- Aug 19th UMMen host student luncheon at United Ministry
- Aug 23rd Youth "Wacky Game Day"
- Aug 26th UMW host student luncheon at United Ministry
- Aug 26th Family Night Dinner
- Sep 9th Administrative Council
- Sep 16th UMMen
- Sep 20th Youth Fundraiser Dinner after church
- Sep 21st UMW

See Calendar for times



The Bread of God

So they asked him, "What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you?" Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven." "Sir, they said, "from now on give us this bread." Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."

John 6: 30-35

Jesus is indeed the Bread of Life. He is the bread of God. Bread is a term used for food in a general sense. Bread is essential as food for the body. Just so, there can be no spiritual life without Jesus.

Bread satisfies hunger, and every soul without Christ is a hungry soul. Oh, poor hungry soul, come to Jesus! He is the bread that satisfies. Bread is good to the taste.

Nearly everyone thinks that his mother's bread was the best ever baked. There is no odor so pleasing to the olfactory sense as that of bread baking. Even now, in memory we can smell the delicious scent being wafted through the

house. This is one of the most pleasant memories of childhood.

Bread gives strength. Weak soul, feed upon Jesus. He will strengthen you. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil 4: 13). Surely the "bread" that God provided is good. "Oh taste and see that the Lord is good."

*My hope is built
on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood
and righteousness;
I dare not trust
the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean
on Jesus' name.
-Edward Mote-*

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Barry Collins

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United Methodist Women

August 3rd, 2009—Our first meeting of the fall was very productive and changes made are as follows: The UMW monthly meetings will be held every 3rd Monday beginning at 6:30pm. Please mark your calendars for the new nights.

New Projects

- The UMW has begun a new reading project with the book by Cathy Gohlke titled, "William Henry is a Fine Name". If you would like to join us as we each read the book and then devote an entire meeting to discussion, you would be most welcome.

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Youth

Wow! – Another summer already gone...I know most of our youth were probably hoping for a few more days of break. I, on the other hand, am excited about the opportunity to connect with new youth and watch where and how God will use our group this year.

We have 3 areas that we are planning to develop this year.

1. Involvement in Worship
2. Outreach & Group Growth
3. Community Involvement

For the month of August, we are planning to focus on outreach & group growth. On Saturday, August 15th, a group will be enjoying Frontier City as part of the Youth Service Fund fundraiser, St. Yootz Day. A special thanks to Philip, Sean and Courtney for traveling with the youth as adult leaders for this trip.

On Sunday, August 16th, the youth will unwind from their

trip with a *Meal & a Movie* to watch “Race to Witch Mountain” at the United Ministry at 6pm. All youth in grades 6 – 12 are welcome!

On Sunday, August 23rd, we will need several energetic volunteers to help us with *Wacky Game Day!* All of the details are being worked out but we know the activities will include:

- M&M Toss
- Water Balloon Volleyball
- Football Golf
- And more...

Please let me know if you are interested in providing snacks, setting up an activity or in coming to help out and enjoy some Wacky Fun!

In order to have the resources to support our activities for the coming year the Youth will be hosting a lunch fundraiser after church on September 20th. Menu to be announced...

This year promises to hold some exciting new opportunities. We hope you will decide to get involved with the youth either formally by helping with our group or by supporting our young people at school and community activities.

As usual, I welcome all suggestions, ideas & volunteers – you can contact me by phone or text at 918-465-6234.

Our regular youth night is Sunday at 6pm at the United Ministry Building on the EOSC campus. Our group is open to all young people in the 6th through 12th grades. Please contact me if you need a ride – don’t let that keep you from being a part of the FUN!

Dana Hugle

On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.”

John 7:37

Trustee’s Notes

Our church entry has a new look! The front trim and the columns have a new coat of paint. New carpet has been installed on the front steps and landing, thanks to the family of D. O. Deaver.

The garage for the church van is nearing completion. The garage door has been installed and now we are working on getting the siding on to fully enclose the garage for the van. A big thank you goes out to John Collums for heading up this project and getting it completed!

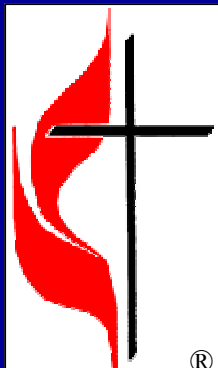
Have you tried out our new parking lot? The curb stops have been ordered and should be arriving any day. Plans are in the

works for some trees and a little landscaping once everything is done. It has been a long time coming from the removal of the old nursing home to what we have today. Ron Tarrant and his crew, including Jason Bell, have done a great job and we really appreciate all the work they’ve put into getting the parking lot finished.

You should be starting to see some construction on the West side of the church. We will be removing the side walk and installing a drain around the foundation to remove the water away from the foundation. Once this is completed, we should not have any more flooding in the Sunday school classroom



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UMW

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- Expanding our UMW duties to include becoming advocates for children of incarcerated parents.
- Supporting international missionaries featured in the 2009 prayer calendar. Each of us are selecting from the calendar using our personal birth dates.
- A "Forget you not" card program for our members who are ill, home bound or unable to attend church services.

Continuing Projects

- The UMW will be providing meals for the students at the EOSC United Ministry building starting at 11am every 4th Wednesday of each month during the fall semester. (Please note the schedule dates—August 26th, menu to be various salads and fruit; September 23rd; October 28th; November 11th; no meal scheduled in December due to holidays.)
- Take your pastor to lunch weekly sign up list on foyer table. Take this opportunity to build a close relation with Pastor Collins.

Our plans are ambitious but with God's blessings and help from everyone in our church fellowship we hope to achieve all these projects. This is an exciting time and every woman who comes and takes part will be welcomed with joy.

Suzee Puckett
UMW President

Trustee's Notes (cont.)

and then we can finish laying the floor tiles and finally call that project done!!! I know, it's about time!

Thanks goes to Rev. Barry Collins for painting behind the lettering on the United Ministry Building. The letters on the building were hard to read against the red brick, so Barry painted behind the lettering in black, making the lettering stand out better.

Thanks Barry! (I saw the building and I saw Barry - it was a toss up which had more paint on!)

I'd like to thank everyone that has helped with all our projects, both up front and behind the scenes. Without your participation and contributions, a lot of things would not get done!

Thank you!!

Neal Wood, Trustee Chairman



Our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 19th at 7:00am. Join us for breakfast and good fellowship.

At our August meeting we will be discussing a new "project" that our Pastor wants

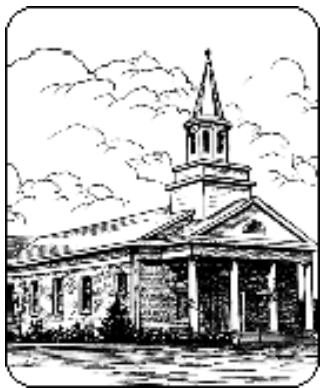
the UMMen to take-on. Come to our breakfast meeting and join in the discussion of the worthwhile endeavor.

Also, remember that we have a tradition of hosting a cook-out for the United Ministry early in the fall semester, that cook-out will be the Wednesday, August 19th luncheon at the United Ministry.

I hope to see you at our upcoming UMMen gatherings!

Philip H

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Administrative Council Mini Minutes...

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WILBURTON, OKLAHOMA**
August 12, 2009

S.P.R.C.: Mr. Hedgcoxe reported the committee has received Galena Newsom's resignation from the committee. The committee discussed placing an ad in the newspaper for a nursery worker, and discussed paying a flat fee of \$25 per Sunday morning.

TRUSTEES: Nancy Wood reported the carpeting of the front porch was delayed by the weather, but is scheduled for Thursday. Also tomorrow it is hoped the repair of the northwest basement wall can be started. The bat problem seems to be under control at the present time.

UMMen: Philip Hawthorne reported the men will meet next week and discuss their upcoming cook out at the United Ministry and the possibility of doing the cook out on a monthly basis.

UMW: Suzee Puckett reported the ladies have resumed their meetings on August 4th. Starting in September the women will be meeting on the third Monday of the month at 6:30p.m.

YOUTH: Philip Hawthorne reported the youth will continue to meet on Sunday evening. The youth will be attending St. Yootz Day in Oklahoma City on Saturday. On September 20, 2009 the youth will have a fund raiser meal following the worship service.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: Nancy Wood reported she needs to know when memorials have been given and if the gift has not been designated, the committee will determine how the money will be used.

OLD BUSINESS: C.C. Puckett stated he hoped to get the letter about the church in the newspaper soon.

NEW BUSINESS: Jennifer Tarrant offered a plan for landscaping the parking lot. Included in the plan were tree planting and a cross and flame sign. It was decided to have a dedication, tree planting and a cook-out on November 1st.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Collins reported there is a financial training seminar this Friday evening and Saturday morning. Pastor Barry informed the council that he will be starting two Bible studies. On August 16th the Bible study of Christianity's Family Tree will begin at the church. A Purpose Driven Life study will be held at the United Ministries at 7:00p.m. on Monday evening. Rev. Collins will be asking members to participate in the worship service on the fifth Sunday of August.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
16 6:00pm Youth "Meal & a Movie" (@ UM)	17	18	19 7:00am UMMen 12:00noon UM- Men host United Minis- try luncheon	20	21	22
23 6:00pm Youth "Wacky Game Day" (@ UM)	24	25	26 12:00noon UMW host United Ministry luncheon 6:00pm Family Night Dinner	27	28	29
30	31	Weekly Events Sunday: 9:30am Fellowship time 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service 6:00pm "Christianity's Family Tree" Bible Study 6:00pm Youth Fellowship (@ UM Bldg.) Monday: 7:00pm "Purpose Driven Life" Bible Study (@ UM Bldg.)				



SEPTEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Notes: Unless otherwise noted, events listed on this calendar are at the Wilburton First United Methodist Church.	1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9 6:00pm Admin- istrative Council	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 7:00am UMMen	17	18	19