

**JUNE
2009
NEWSLETTER**

**WILBURTON FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

- Jun 15th-19th Still-water/McAlester District Church Camp (Egan)
- Jun 17th UMMen
- Jun 20th-21st Son-Shine Camp (Egan)
- Jun 24th Family Night Dinner
- Jun 28th-Jul 2nd Vacation Bible School
- Jul 8th Administrative Council
- Jul 15th UMMen
- Jul 22nd UMMen's Annual Ice Cream Social

See Calendar for times



To Love and to Cherish

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves God has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4: 7-12

“A feeling of strong personal attachment induced by sympathetic understanding” is the way Webster defines love. But we know love as that tender, considerate affection that we all need. It is the greatest of these three: faith, hope, and love.

Christians should walk in love. We should love God supremely, and our neighbor as ourselves. One indication that we have eternal life is that we love God and the brethren, for he that loves, has God and knows God.

Does your heart ever feel bereft with love? Benjamin Franklin said, “If you wish to be loved, be lovable.”

Remember that love is a fruit of the Spirit and that love must be shared abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. So if you want more love, you must be filled with the Spirit. If you are filled with God’s love, you will become a channel and God will love others through your love.

“Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another” (Romans 12: 10).

*Love lifted me!
Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.
-James Rowe-*

Peace,
Rev. Barry Collins

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UNITED METHODIST



Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 17th at 7:00am. We will meet for a breakfast prepared by John Shero with the assistance of any men who are willing to join in the cooking. Join us for good food and good fellowship. We will be discussing projects for the summer, including our Annual Ice Cream Social to be held July 22nd.

I hope to see you at our UMMen prayer breakfast in June! Invite someone to come with you and join our fellowship this month.

Philip H

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Wilburton First United Methodist Church is located five miles south of beautiful Robbers Cave State Park, in Wilburton, Oklahoma. If you are visiting the park, come and worship with us. If you live in the area, please make your church home with us. The church was organized in 1895 and is housed in a nicely air-conditioned building one block north of the U.S. Post Office in Wilburton. We are a warm and friendly church and we would love to have you join us Sunday morning for Sunday School and Worship!



Administrative Council Mini Minutes...

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WILBURTON, OKLAHOMA**
June 10, 2009

Philip Hawthorne made a motion to split the contingency fund with half transferred to the Publications fund to allow enough money to cover the cost of the directory plus anticipated needs from the Publications budget. Motion approved.

EDUCATION: Marcia Davis reported a new Sunday school teacher, Sandi Mahoney, is teaching the upper elementary class. Mrs. Davis stated she has enough VBS teachers but needs helpers and is hoping some of the youth can help. Philip Hawthorne reported the adult class is sharing the teaching duties this quarter.

S.P.R.C.: Leonard Hedgcoxe reported the new District Superinten-

dent will be welcomed at the Quentin church 7-15-09. Mr. Hedgcoxe stated that Neal Wood is looking into building and fire security for the church building.

TRUSTEES: Rev. Collins announced that following Rev. D. O. Deaver's funeral, the family approached him about a memorial and requested an estimate of what it would cost to refurbish the front steps and porch of the church. Rev. Collins reported that the estimate to re-carpet the steps and porch was \$1,500.00. As a possible second choice, it would cost \$1,142.00 to re-carpet the stairwell and hallway. The Deaver family agreed to do both if a letter and pictures of the completed work was sent to them. The council gratefully accepted the memorial in Rev Deaver's memory.

YOUTH: It was reported the youth will be meeting on Sunday evening in hopes of a better attendance.

OLD BUSINESS: Philip thanked the church on behalf of the Cub Scouts for recent use of the fellowship hall.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Collins reported the Mothers' Day Out was a success and there will be three more this summer. Pastor Collins will be leaving for District Church camp 6-14-09 after the worship service.

We are in need of cookies for Bible School. Drop your cookies by the church kitchen by Sunday, June 28th. If you have questions, please contact Judy Hawthorne.

JUNE 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14	15	16	17 7:00am UMMen	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24 6:00pm Family Night Dinner	25	26	27
28 Bible School	29 Bible School	30 Bible School	Weekly Events Sunday: 9:30am Fellowship time 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service 6:00pm Youth Fellowship (@ UM Bldg.)			

JULY 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 Bible School	2 Bible School	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8 6:00pm Admin- istrative Council	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 7:00am UMMen	16	17	18