



First United Methodist Church

Weatherford, OK

"Love God, Love Others"

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August 2026

From the Pastor:

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." - Lamentations 3: 22-23*

Truth without grace is cold and empty. But grace without truth is shapeless — warmth simply Jeremiah lived and served as God's prophet during one of the ugliest times in the history of the Jewish people. He witnessed the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple, and witnessed the horrors the people experienced at the hands of the Babylonians as God's people were exiled. All of this suffering was brought on because God's people had failed to be faithful – especially in caring for the least and the last among them - especially the widow, the orphan, and the outsider. Yet in the midst of such a dark hour, Jeremiah's faith shined in a way that reminds me of John 1 – "The Light shined in the darkness and the darkness could not overcome it."

He knew that even as bad as it was, all hope was not lost. Even though God's people had failed God, he trusted that God would not fail them. He believed somehow God would show up to redeem them, that their suffering would not last forever. He believed that a new day would dawn, and in this new day God's compassion for his people would be renewed as well.

There are times in our lives when we face pain, grief, suffering, loss. We may be tempted to lose all hope. In these moments, may our faith mirror the faith of Jeremiah. May we know as he knew, God will not fail. This faith led Jeremiah to pen these most familiar words, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11.

No matter what you're facing, know that God is with you. Know that God's love is real and is for you. Even in the darkest hour, know that God's love will shine through!

Blessings!

Pastor Allen

August Sermon Plan

August 2	Matthew 14: 13-21	When Not Enough Becomes Plenty
August 9	Matthew 14: 22-33	In the Storms of Living
August 16	Matthew 15: 21-28	Teaching Jesus
August 23	Matthew 16: 13-20	Who Is Jesus?
August 30	Matthew 16: 21-28	What Lies Ahead

Good Neighbor Fund
current balance

 **\$7** 
Consider donating today to
help our neighbors.

Many Voices, One Spirit is a monthly gathering of the Oklahoma Conference, inviting clergy and laity into meaningful conversation shaped by the season and the moment. Each webinar centers on a shared theme, creating space to listen, reflect and grow together. With many perspectives and one shared Spirit, we seek connection that strengthens our witness and deepens our life together. These happen on the third Sunday of each month at 6 PM. You can link to the webinar [here](#) or by scanning the QR code. The next webinar will take place on August 16th at 6pm.



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■ Church Calendar

July 2026							August 2026							September 2026						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:30AM Worship Service 9:30AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship Service 26	10:00AM Prime Timers 27	9:30AM Sunrise Adult Respite 28	29	30	5:00PM Youth Murder Mystery 31	1
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Back to Church/School Sunday 16	SWOSU Classes Start 17	9:30AM Sunrise Adult Respite 12:00PM UWF 18	6:00PM Welcome Picnic 19	20	21	9:00AM UMCOR ERT Training 22
8:30AM Worship Service 9:30AM Sunday School 10:30AM Blessing of the Backpacks 10:30AM Worship Service 6:00PM Many Voices, One Spirit 23	5:30PM Finance 6:30PM SPRC 24	9:30AM Sunrise Adult Respite 10:00AM Staff Meeting 25	SWOSU Org. Fair 26	11:30AM Wesley lunch 6:00PM Wesley Back to School Bash 27	28	29
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KID STUFF



Welcome Picnic - 6pm on Wed, Aug 19, at Means Park

Join us on Wed, August 19 at 6PM at the East Pavilion at Means Park (by the splash pad). Whether you've been coming for years or this will be your very first visit, we'd love to have you! The church will be providing all the food, so just bring yourself, a lawn chair, and a friend if you'd like. Everyone is welcome—we can't wait to see you there as we kick off the new school year together!



Wed Night Kids activities begin Aug 26

We will resume our weekly Midweek Miracle meal on Wed 8/26 at 5pm in our Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to eat, and we will have activities for kids and preteens from 6pm to 7:30pm. Please scan the QR code to register your children if they plan to attend.

Register Here



Teen Talk

The youth will meet on Tuesday, August 4th at the Lackey home for a **Back to School Pool Party** starting at 5pm. Come cool off and have a splash before school starts up again!

Everyone is also invited to the church **Welcome Picnic** which will take place on Wednesday, August 19th, at 6pm at Means Park. We have reserved the East Pavilion (by the splash pad and mini golf). There will be lots of food and games and a great time to spend with our church family!

Our regular Wednesday night Youth activities will begin on Wednesday, August 26th when we resume our **Midweek Miracle** meals. The meal will be served from 5pm-6pm, and youth will meet from 6pm-7:30pm. It'll be great to get to spend time with each other on a regular basis again!



FUN FOR ALL AGES!

Welcome Picnic



August 19
6pm-8pm

FREE
Food, Fun, & Fellowship
at Means Park



with your friends at
First United Methodist Church
www.weatherfordfumc.com



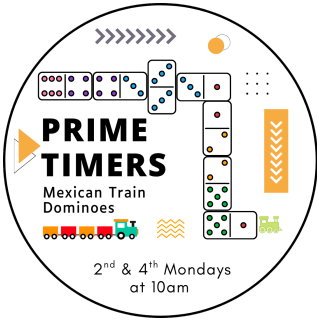
Laity Gathering: Deep Dive into Social Principles

The Arkansas Conference Board of Laity is hosting a free Zoom gathering on **August 8** from 9:30a.m. to 12p.m. featuring a study of the newly assembled Social Principles. The event opens with a devotional by Bishop Merrill by a presentation and then four breakout groups covering creation care, political community, economic justice and social community. [Register here](#) to attend.



SWOSU Football Team Dinner on Sun, Aug 9th

On Sunday, August 9th, we will food the whole SWOSU Football team and their coaching staff in our Fellowship Hall at 7pm in our Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to help cook or serve, talk to Pastor Allen. The past few years this meal has been a big success!



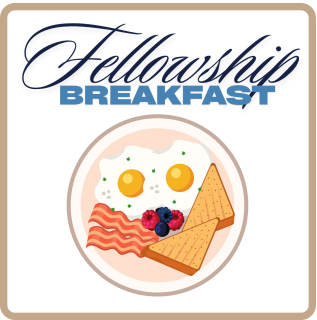
PRIME TIMERS - Mondays 8/10 and 8/24 @ 10am

The 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month is when the Prime Timers meet to play Mexican Train dominoes in the Fellowship Hall at 10am. It's always a fun time, and if you don't know how, the regulars are always happy to teach you how to play!



Back to School Time

Weatherford Public Schools begin classes on Thursday, August 13th. August 14th is SWOSU Move-in Day, when we help new students get settled in. August 15th is SWOSU Freshman Orientation. SWOSU Classes start on August 17th, and their annual Organization Fair is on August 26th. The Wesley will restart their Thursday lunches 8/27 and have a Back to School Bash that night!



Fellowship Breakfast - August 16th

We will have our Fellowship Breakfast this month on the third Sunday - August 16th. Meet at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall to share food and one another's company. August 16th breakfast will be provided by the Inquiry Class. Then stick around for the 10:30am service to Blessing of the Backpacks and Keys as part of our Back to School Sunday!



Back to School Sunday - August 16th

Join us for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am. Then come to the 10:30am service where we will have a special **Blessing of the Backpacks and Keys** for all our kids, youth, and college students, and teachers as they begin another year of learning. It's a wonderful way to start the school year right!



The Wesley - Back to School Bash on Aug 27th

The Wesley will resume providing their regular Thursday lunches on August 27th from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Then that evening they will hold a big Back to School Bash on the Wesley lawn starting at 6pm. Last year they went until quite late—we pray that this year will prove just as popular a way for students to get to know each other and interact in a fun and safe environment!



Food Fellowship Faith

Midweek Miracle IS BACK!

**WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS
STARTING
AUG 26**

- 4:15PM **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL**
- 5 - 6 **MEAL & FELLOWSHIP**
(DEVOTION @ 5:30)
- 6-7:30 **KIDS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES**
- 6-7PM **COLLEGE WORSHIP @ WESLEY
STUDIES FOR ADULTS**
- 7-8PM **CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL**

Fill your plate & fill your soul!

FUMC Family,

Our sincere appreciation for your cards, hugs, love and prayers during this time of the loss of my mother, Darlene Gray.

God Bless,

Robin & Bill Kelly

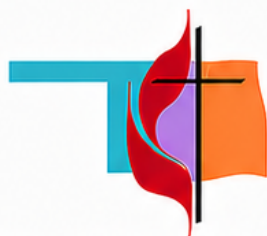
Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry

August Needs: Tomato Products

diced, crushed, whole, ROTEL, spaghetti sauce, etc.

TRUSTEES REPORT

The Board of Trustees has continued to do work around the church maintaining and repairing our facilities: the outside siding is in the process of being replaced; we requested and received money from the Memorial Committee for a ramp in the sanctuary to access the chancel area. We hope to obtain a grant to get the rest of the funds necessary for the ramp so we can proceed.



Oklahoma Conference
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

UMCOR ERT TRAINING

Be the hands and feet of Christ in times of crisis.



SAT.
AUG. 22
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM



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Elk City, OK 73644



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EARLY RESPONSE TEAM

UMCOR Early Response Teams (ERT) are trained, organized volunteers who provide hands-on support in the aftermath of disasters. Whether it's storms, floods, or other crises, ERTs bring hope, healing, and the love of Christ to our neighbors in need.

TRAINING WILL INCLUDE:

- ✓ UMCOR ERT Overview
- ✓ Disaster Response Basics
- ✓ Safety & Spiritual Care
- ✓ Teamwork & On-Site Ministry
- ✓ How to Get Involved

COST: \$25

Includes lunch
and a T-shirt!



READY TO SERVE?

Join us for this important training and become part of a network of compassionate, prepared responders.

TO REGISTER, CONTACT:

Dana Parker

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SCAN THE QR CODE

to register or
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Faith in Action. Hope in the Midst of Disaster.

UMCOR ERT – Responding in God's Love

CJAMM - Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries

Dear Friends of First United Methodist Church,

On behalf of Criminal Justice & Mercy Ministries and New Day Camp, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donations of \$850 to sponsor a child for camp.

Your gift provides a child with the opportunity to attend New Day Camp and experience a week of encouragement, friendship, personal growth, and fun. Through your generosity, a young person will have the chance to build confidence, create lasting memories, and experience the support of a caring and positive community.

We are deeply grateful for your commitment to investing in the lives of children and families through this ministry. Your partnership helps make New Day Camp possible and allows us to continue providing opportunities that inspire hope and make a lasting impact.

Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your support of New Day Camp. We truly appreciate your partnership and the difference your gift will make in the life of a child.

With sincere appreciation, *Brittani Thomas*, Assistant Director, CJAMM



**The money we raised
during Vacation Bible
School went to CJAMM**



United
Women
in Faith

Women's Crisis Center
August Needs

Please fill the basket in the church hallway with
dishwasher soap, dish soap, or liquid hand soap, etc.

August Circle Meeting

August 18, 2026 in the Church Parlor at 12:00noon

The Daytime UWF circle will meet from 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. in the FUMC Church Parlor. Bring a brown bag lunch. The church parlor will give us access to the kitchen for support for any food you are bringing, and we will have coffee and water available. There will be a short program emphasizing our National Mission Institutions, one of which is Neighborhood Services Organization (NSO) in Oklahoma City. We will be planning our Phantom Walk for Missions after getting approval from the Church Council on August 2, 2026. Plans for those travelling to the West District UWF Annual Meeting in Woodward on Aug. 22nd will be finalized. All women are welcome, invite a friend. Come have an informative meeting with good fellowship.

Mission u 2026!

Mission u 2026 focuses on a study of "Experiencing Emmanuel." The event was held July 16-18, 2026 on the Oklahoma City University campus, OKC., OK. Faye Henson and Madella Shelton were able to attend. The study sessions were informative, thought provoking, and good fellowship time was had by all.

New Reading Program Books have arrived!

There are five (5) topic areas to read in if you would like to reach a level 1 certificate for recognition. Even if you don't read in all five areas, you can get a Participant Certificate. Also there are books for Youth and Children in our collection. Find the books in the Library. Weatherford UWF has added new books for 2026 in the following areas. There is a complete listing in the church library of all the current books eligible for the 2026 Reading Program.

Education for Mission	Grace Can Lead Us Home: A Christian Call to End Homelessness
Leadership Development	See No Stranger: A Memoir & Manifesto of Revolutionary Love
Nurturing For Community	The Women
Social Action	Seventy Times Seven: A True Story of Murder and Mercy
Spiritual Growth	A Deep Knowing: Experiencing Emmanuel Through Parts of Our Lives



Phantom Walk Fundraiser

The UWF will be holding a **Phantom Walk** fundraiser to support various mission projects, including CJAMM (Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries). The fundraiser will last from August 18th to September 17th, 2026.

You can be a **Phantom Walker** to help support these worthy causes. Simply donate \$1 for each step you would like to walk. Our goal is to raise \$2,000 to complete the mission projects we have adopted for 2026. If you donate \$50 or more, you can receive a special t-shirt.

Mission areas supported by the Phantom Walk include: CJAMM, Neighborhood Service Organization (NSO), & Cookson Hills, plus local needs at the Women's Shelter, Circle of Care, WPS Student Assistance Fund, FUMC GEMS, Skyline Urban Ministries, Wesley Foundation Meals, and Weatherford Caring & Sharing.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

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- Sat Aug 8 Laity Gathers: A Deep Dive Into Social Principles 9a-12p Zoom mtg
- Sun Aug 9 Worship at Homestead at 2pm
SWOSU Football Team Dinner at 6pm
- Mon Aug 10 **Prime Timers** at 10am
- Sun Aug 16 Back to School / Back to Church Sunday
Blessing of the Backpacks and Keys at 10:30am service
Many Voices, One Spirit webinar at 6pm
- Mon Aug 17 **Finance** at 5:30pm / **SPRC** at 6:30pm
- Tue Aug 18 **UWF** (United Women in Faith) 12pm-2pm every 3rd Tuesday

- Wed Aug 19 **WELCOME PICNIC** at Mean Park at 6pm
- Sat Aug 22 UMCOR ERT Training at FUMC Elk City
- Mon Aug 24 **Prime Timers** at 10am
- Wed Aug 26 SWOSU Organization Fair - all day
4:15pm Bell Choir
MIDWEEK MIRACLE RETURNS! — Meal from 5pm-6pm
6pm Kids and Youth activities
6pm Pastor’s Study — Methodism 101 in the Fellowship Hall
7pm Chancel Choir
- Thu Aug 27 Wesley lunch from 11:30am-1:30pm
Wesley Back to School Bash for SWOSU students 6-8pm
- Sun Aug 30 **Mission Team** meeting at 6:30pm
- Mon Aug 31 **Nominations Committee** meeting at 5:30pm