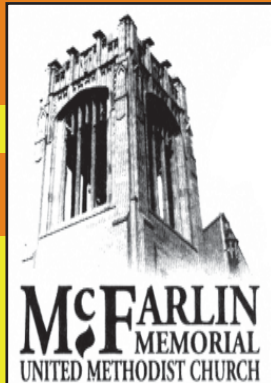


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Pentecost Sunday

This Sunday, May 23 is Pentecost. Pentecost means “fiftieth day.” It was taken over into Christian use from the Jewish religion. For the Jewish people, Pentecost was the Feast of Weeks, a celebration of the conclusion of the grain harvest. Christians celebrate Pentecost not as a thanksgiving for the fruits of the earth, but as the date of the empowerment of the church, 50 days after Easter. It is associated with the tongues of fire as mentioned in the Book of Acts, thus the liturgical color for this Sunday is red. We hope you will be with us this Sunday in worship as we recall the coming of the Spirit in the life of the church.



*Responding
to God's call,
we seek to
live lives
shaped by
Christ,
to reach
people for
Christ,
and to
develop
deeply
committed
Christians.*

Congratulations to the 2010 Confirmation Class!

Alex Dhrberg; Aubry Burgan; Blaine Hodges; Brooke Stout; Cameron Greer; Christopher Gray; Hannah Harrell; Madeline Armor; Madolyn Phillips; Melena Perry; Cecilia ReCord; Hannah Belusko; Kat Lloyd; Makenzie Sieber; Aaron Pitts; Carson Paskowski; Barrett Howard; Garrett Obermiller; Kevin Hollcroft; Megan Gentry; Naomi Rodgers; Oliver Franklin; Samantha Huckabay; Tanner Calloway; Mackenzie Veal.

Special Offering Opportunity

Each year the United Methodist Annual Conference receives an offering for an important ministry or ministries. This year's offering will go toward two projects. One is the Global Health Initiative which seeks to raise \$75 million by 2015 to eradicate malaria in Africa. This is a project supported by United Methodist leaders from around the world.

The other project is the Cookson Hills Ministry Center in northeastern Oklahoma which ministers to Native Americans and others who have great needs socially, physically, educationally, and spiritually. The portion of the offering that goes to Cookson Hills will go toward the construction of a much needed \$600,000 ministry center.

Our episcopal leader, Bishop Robert Hayes, has asked that each church in the Oklahoma Conference take this offering prior to Annual Conference. This Sunday you will have the opportunity to do this in addition to the regular offering. Please mark your check accordingly, or put your contribution in one of the offering envelopes and indicate it is for this offering. The amount we receive on Sunday will be presented during Annual Conference, May 30 - June 2.

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From My House to Your House



Annual Conference will be held May 30 - June 2 in Tulsa at Boston Avenue Church. Each year at Conference an equal number of laity and clergy gather to hear and vote on reports, hear and make speeches, vote on resolutions, and make plans for the future. As always, there is the renewing of acquaintances one has come to know over the years. Even better than the renewing of acquaintances, however, are the inspirational moments that occur every year at Conference. Some of the best worship services I have experienced have been at Conference. Sometimes you will hear great preaching, and always there will be great singing.

I have always found Conference to be a positive experience. Often you will hear powerful stories relative to ministries United Methodists support across the state. Conference shows Methodism in one of its richest forms, and it is an event that always kindles my enthusiasm for ministry. For those of you who have been to Conference, you know it can be an engaging and energizing event. This is why many people show up at Conference year after year, even though they are not delegates. As you might expect, a number of people from McFarlin, both lay and clergy, will be attending this year's Conference.

In addition to the things I have already mentioned, there are a couple of things that will be happening at Conference that relate to people on our staff. George Shepherd, who ministers in the areas of adult education and missions, will be among those who are retiring at this Annual Conference (actually George will still be on staff at McFarlin through June 30). The Retirement Service is scheduled for Tuesday, June 1 at 11 AM. Also, Harriette Kemp, who ministers in the areas of pastoral care and singles, will be ordained as a Deacon in the Ordination Service scheduled for Tuesday, June 1 at 7 PM. Anyone is welcome to attend these services. The Retirement Service always has some touching moments, and the Ordination Service is always a powerful service with a lot of pageantry.

As far as the other clergy on staff, Cal Brannon, Randy Wade, and I will be returning to McFarlin for another year. We are a part of the appointive system, and these appointments have been set. As always, we are grateful for your support and participation, and we feel honored to serve as your pastors. We look forward with enthusiasm to the new conference year. There is much yet to do, and much yet to accomplish. May we be faithful in our efforts as we go forward.

For Christ's church,

Dick House

Life _____ _____ **Line**



Let me get right to the point - we need 20K as quickly as possible. As hard as this is to believe, Fenn Hall is coming up on its 10th birthday and things are showing their wear. In many ways this is a good sign. Buildings are built to be used and Fenn Hall is used extensively nearly every day of the year. It has become not only a crucial worship space, but also a vital church and community gathering place. For hundreds of people Fenn Hall is the first and primary place of interaction with McFarlin, and for hundreds more it is a place of great utility and usefulness that furthers the mission of the church. It is simply a space vital to our church. But it is also a fact that many things will need to be replaced in this vital space over the next few years and some of these replacements will be expensive.

Our immediate need has to do with some rewiring and replacing of worn and/or outdated equipment having to do with the video system. This improvement will accomplish many things. First, it will make the whole system much more user friendly for volunteers to run. Our current system is far more complex than necessary, making use by ordinary people nearly impossible. This upgrade will make the video system accessible to far more people. Second, it will make the video system far more reliable.

Ministry Updates

Youth Works...

I am pretty proud of the people of McFarlin who have once again stepped up in a time of need, helping several families who were affected by last week's tornado. This includes a crew of over 40 youth who helped clear a bunch of yard debris Sunday evening during youth group. If you have never seen our youth in action, trust me when I say you would be impressed!

There's only a little over a week left of school, and that means summer programming will hit full swing. We have some great mission opportunities again this year! The middle schoolers are off to Denver, June 20 - 26, where they will be doing some light construction and painting at a couple of churches.

Our high schoolers are off to the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Montana, July 15 - 25. On the Blackfeet Reservation our group will be leading a couple of Vacation Bible Schools as well as working on a community center and doing light construction and painting of homes.

Juners, our extended immersion mission to Rio Bravo, Mexico, will take place June 18 - July 8. This is the 4th year for this mission and its impact has been tremendous. Once again this year the group of 8 to 10 will have the chance to interact with people in Rio Bravo, as well as to do some work on the school in Nuevo Progreso.

Our summer will also be filled with local mission opportunities as well as fun outings.

Thanks to all who ate at Boomerang this past Sunday; we had another great turnout. This Saturday, May 22 is our youth garage sale in Meyer Hall (you can bring items for us to sell through Friday afternoon). And, this summer we will once again have a *Buy A Mile* fundraiser to help raise money for our summer mission trips.

Scott Meier

Music News

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that the interim status of the Music Department can now be designated as permanent. Boyd Hamilton will continue in his role as Coordinator of Music. Dr. Rick Zielinski will continue to lead the Chancel, Canticle and Chapel Choirs. In addition to the leadership of Dr. Zielinski, the high school Chapel Choir will have the benefit of an assistant conductor who will be a music student from the University of Oklahoma. Libby Waldenville will expand her current role to the full time position of Director of Children's Music and Director of Handbells. We are confident the Music Department will continue to enhance the worship services at McFarlin in an outstanding fashion.

Lynne McGuire, Chair
Staff Parish Relations Committee

Join us for Lunch!

The next "Let's Do Lunch Bunch" will meet Monday, June 7 at O Asian Fusion, 105 12th St, SE around noon. Everyone is invited!

Deacon's Corner

I will be officially ordained (I have been "commissioned" and on probation for the past 3 years) on Tuesday, June 1 at Boston Avenue UMC in Tulsa at 7 PM. You are invited to view the service on your computer at www.okumc.org/annualconference. Dan is driving a church van to Tulsa that day, leaving the church parking lot at 4 PM and returning that evening if you would like to witness the event in person. Please call him at 823-1958 to arrange a ride. I want to thank you for your support during this 6 1/2 year journey from the call, through seminary, and with all the events leading up to this moment. I treasure the time I have spent in small groups, teaching, interacting, praying, offering spiritual guidance, participating in worship, and serving communion. Obeying God's call to ordained ministry has been a unique experience - I still do not know exactly WHY God wanted me to be a Deacon in the United Methodist Church (the call was that specific). I do know that discipling and shepherding are gifts that the Holy Spirit has developed within me, and I will continue to be faithful to what those gifts mean to the church. I ask for your prayers for this sacred time, and for me as I continue on my journey.

Grace and Peace,
Harriette Leigh Kemp

Summer Women's Bible Study

All women are invited Wednesday evenings beginning June 9 at 7:10 PM in room 222. We will be using the study guide *A Woman of Worship* by Dee Brestin which comes with a CD of psalms set to music to aid us in memorizing the scriptures. Contact Eve Hawley to reserve a book at 321-3488 or hawleyhouse@cox.net.

Ministry Updates

Senior Adult

Hi to Everyone!

We had to change our trip to the State Capitol to Wednesday, May 26. We will leave the church at 9:15 AM (meeting in the south parking lot at 9 AM). Cost is \$10 plus lunch. We will also be touring the Governor's Mansion and the Oklahoma Historical Museum.

We had planned on touring OU's campus in June. However, the Switzer Center will be closed until August so we will schedule it as soon as they re-open.

Our trip to Palo Duro Canyon to see the play, *Texas*, is still on for June 22-23. We will also stop in Groom, TX to see the beautiful statues of the Cross depicting the last hours of Jesus' life. We will be taking private cars and will be ordering the tickets this week. If you are interested, please contact me at 321-3484, ext 108.

We will soon begin planning our programs and trips for next year. There are survey forms outside my office. Please pick one up to give me your input; you do not have to sign them.

Our last Bonus Years program for this season is June 2. Shelley Anne Richter, aka Outhouse Annie, will be presenting her poetry on outhouses. This program is a hoot, and could keep you laughing for the summer. Keeping in the 'country' theme, we will have fried chicken and all the picnic trimmings.

Keep smiling!
Carol Dean Schreiner

Care Ministries

This past week, many of you turned in your commitment card to serve in a ministry area of the church. By the end of this month, the staff will receive printouts of those willing to serve in the various programs under our responsibility. I'm looking forward to contacting each of you who have volunteered to serve in Care Ministries and working with you this next year.

If you have not yet turned in your card but have ever pondered whether to serve as a Stephen Minister, I want you to know that a training cycle for new Stephen Ministers will be held this fall. Stephen Ministers provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges. Their role is to listen and care, not to advise or give counsel, and to recognize when a person's needs exceed what they can provide. Stephen Ministers maintain only one caring relationship at any given time and usually meet with their referral on a weekly basis. Confidentiality is preserved at all times by not discussing care receivers by name or by implication. During training, Stephen Minister candidates will be provided fifty hours of training in Christian caring skills, including topics such as effective listening, acknowledging feelings, utilizing the traditional resources of Christianity in caring, and maintaining confidentiality.

Please contact me if you are interested in training as a Stephen Minister. I always look forward to the training as I always have more to learn.

Serving with you,
Jane Cook, Congregational
Care Coordinator

CHILDREN'S CHURCH-HOUSE

I was reading a devotional the other day in which the writer, Marybeth, had read an e-mail requesting prayer for the sender, who was giving her testimony in front of a large group. Marybeth realized that she was reading the message too late. It was 6:47, and the testimony was scheduled for 6:30. She began to beat herself up about not checking her messages earlier, but instead decided to pray anyway. She later heard from her friend that by the time everyone had settled in, she began her testimony... at 6:47!

Isn't it amazing how God puts us where we need to be when He needs us there? Sometimes we think we're too late or doing too little, but the truth is that He uses us with what we have where we are. This devotional went on to mention the story of the fish & loaves, the same story our children just presented in their musical. Jesus took what the boy had brought and turned it into a miracle. "Small things - done with great love - can change the world."

You may think that what you're doing isn't sufficient. You may believe that you don't spend enough time with your family or that what you give to the church, your time, talents, and treasure fall short. If we lean on God and seek His guidance, He will provide the wisdom we need to share our gifts. Listen to His voice. Even if we think we're late, He may have placed us right on time.

Beth Carter
Elementary Children's Director

Kristy Varva
Early Childhood Director

There will be a memorial service for Barbara Mathis on Friday, June 4 at 2:30 PM in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow in the Atrium. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to McFarlin, the OU College of Journalism, the Pioneer Library System, Second Chance Animal Sanctuary or the charity of your choice.

Ministry Updates

1 Perspective

As I move toward retirement, I have been reflecting on my 7 ½ years at McFarlin. Especially in this column I am reflecting on educational ministries. One of the first things I was asked to do when I arrived was to encourage Rotation Sunday School for our elementary children since I had experience with that approach. Rotation has certainly been successful for McFarlin. Over the years I have been here, I have worked with seven different children's directors. Each one has been a joy.

Financial Peace University has been one of the significant ministries for McFarlin since I initiated it. We have had four different trainers and over 100 different people have new handles on their finances as a result. Recently, this has become more of an outreach ministry as many non-McFarlin people have participated.

Disciple Bible Study has continued to be strong. In addition to Disciple I, II, III and IV, we have offered Christian Believer, Jesus in the Gospels and three different short-term Disciple courses. Many new leaders have stepped up to lead groups.

Seven new adult Sunday school classes (which are still continuing) have been started in these years. To be healthy, a church always has to be starting new groups and McFarlin's record has been strong in that department.

Academy, Advent Festival and the church Library are three other education ministries that have continued strong. Finally, Abundant Life Academy involved many of our people in deepening their discipleship. While I am pleased with all these ministries, they all show the necessity for many people to be involved in a church's ministries and I know many of those leaders will remain involved in coming years. I am glad for the small part I played but I really celebrate and appreciate all of those who made all this possible over these years.

For educational ministries,
George Shepherd

Final Coffee Fundraiser until August

After Sunday, May 23, the next scheduled sale of fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate to benefit McFarlin's Missions Ministry will be in late August. Stop by the Atrium before and after Sunday school to try a sample, purchase products or enter a six-month subscription. Members of McFarlin's Volunteers in Mission construction team will go to Soldotna, Alaska, June 3-13. Your purchases (among other things), help provide partial scholarships for some team members going on this trip.

Blood Drive this Sunday, May 23

McFarlin's spring Blood Drive in partnership with the Oklahoma Blood Institute is this Sunday, May 23 from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM. There is still time to make a reservation by contacting George Shepherd at church: 321-3484, ext. 109 or gshepherd@mcfarlinumc.org. The blood-mobile will be parked on the south side of Fenn Hall and walk-ins are welcome but it makes the wait shorter for everyone when appointments are made and observed. Early appointments (until about 8:45 AM) are already full. Thanks for giving the gift of life.

Life _____ _____ **Line**

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We currently have to troubleshoot problems related to old equipment far too often. Third, it will consolidate all the equipment into one area, freeing up office space for our Director of College and Young Adult Ministries. Right now, David Hawley's only company in his office is electronics, and we'd like to give him room for people. Fourth, some pieces are simply not working properly which hinders our ability to use the video system to its full potential and causes our volunteers to spend vital time finding ways around problems.

The Trustees of the church are aware of these problems and sympathetic to them but are out of money for a fix. Therefore, we need everyone to pitch in to help get this taken care of. We need to collect \$20,000 dollars by July 1 in order to make sure we have the fixed system up and running by the time school begins. We'll need large gifts and small gifts from people all over the church. If everyone pitches in and does their part, we'll have no problem getting this done. If paying by check, make it out to McFarlin as normal and put "Fenn Hall Video" on the memo line.

Grace, Peace & Joy,
Randy Wade

McFarlin News

A Blueprint for Discipleship Book Study

A *Blueprint for Discipleship* Book Study will be held on Mondays from 7:10 -8:30 PM starting June 7 in room 227 at McFarlin. We've just been blessed by some great sermons about why it matters how we choose to live our lives in reference to this helpful book written by Kevin M. Watson. Let's learn together how we can grow in our faith and discipleship. Bring yourself, your book, and your Bible to join us for some great lessons. Questions and interest, please contact Mike Hawley (leader) at mike@mikehawley.com or 317-1314.

McFarlin Music Presents the 2010 Summer Choir

You are invited to join with us to sing and lead worship this summer. We will sing only 4 times! If you currently sing in the Chapel Choir, Canticle Singers, and Chancel choir we are counting on you to be the founding members of the group. If you have been interested in music at McFarlin this is your chance to give us a try. The choir is open for high school students, college age and adults. We will sing and lead worship in the Sanctuary services June 27, July 11, July 25 and August 15. We will rehearse for 1 hour on the Wednesday prior to singing from 7-8 PM. Rehearsals are: June 23, July 7, July 21 and August 11. Contact Boyd Hamilton at bhamilton@mcfarlinumc.org for more information.

Summer Mid-Week Connection Wednesdays: June 9 - July 7 5:15 - 7 PM in Fenn Hall

We are inviting our neighbors around the church to be our guests!

June 9 will feature chef's Dan's homemade pizza.



Please invite your friends and neighbors to experience McFarlin's Wednesday night hospitality and fellowship.

Sign up to be a table host or greeter. We need singles (of all ages), families (all ages of kids), empty-nest families, and seniors.

Let's welcome new faces and make some new friends!

Contact Harriette Leigh Kemp at 245-9874 or hrleigh@cox.net or call the church office to volunteer at 321-3484.

McFarlin Family

Welcome McFarlin New Members: Kurt and Wendy Williams; Teresa Eoff Walsh. **Confirmands:** Alex Dührberg; Aubry Burgan; Blaine Hodges; Brooke Stout; Cameron Greer; Christopher Gray; Hannah Harrell; Madeline Armor; Madolyn Phillips; Melena Perry; Cecilia ReCord; Hannah Belusko; Kat Lloyd; Makenzie Sieber; Aaron Pitts; Carson Paskowski; Barrett Howard; Garrett Obermiller; Kevin Hollcroft; Megan Gentry; Naomi Rodgers; Oliver Franklin; Samantha Huckabay; Tanner Calloway; Mackenzie Veal; Brooke and Ran Oliver; Lynne Shell; Nichole Estrada.

Baptized Into the Family of Faith: Sophie Jeane, Scarlett Angeline and Nash Oliver, children of Kurt and Wendy Williams; Kat Lloyd; Brooke Stout; Kevin Hollcroft; Megan Gentry; Hannah Harrell; Blaine Hodges; Nichole Estrada and her children: Isabella Danielle Estrada, Antonio Rayez Estrada, Ryan Lee Beeler; Kathryn Elliana Walls, daughter of Steve and Lauren Walls.

Welcome McFarlin New Baby: Madilyn Grace Hawkins, daughter of Lindsay and Jon Hawkins.

Entered the Church Triumphant: Clarence Lewis, father of Vicki Dorrough; Emma Klabzuba Holasek, grandmother of Trina Gibbons.

Meetings & Activities

May 23rd - 29th

Sunday, May 23

8:00AM	Men 2 Pray 4 Pastors	Room 200
8:30AM	Early Sanctuary Worship*	Sanctuary
9:35AM	Communion*	Martin Chapel
9:40AM	Sunday School*	Various
10:55AM	Sanctuary Worship*	Sanctuary
10:55AM	LifeLine Worship*	Fenn Hall
12:00PM	Senior Recognition Lunch	Atrium
12:05PM	Communion	Martin Chapel
3:00PM	Financial Peace University	Room 209
4:30PM	Chapel Choir	Choir Room
5:30PM	Singles Bible Study/Dinner	615 E. Boyd
6:00PM	Agape Handbell Choir	Bell Room
7:00PM	High School Baccalaureate	Fenn Hall
8:00PM	Baccalaureate Reception	Atrium

Monday, May 24

9:00AM	Children's Day Out	Room 102, 104
10:00AM	UMW #11	Offsite
7:00PM	Boy Scout Patrol Meeting	Room 329, 403
7:00PM	Boy Scouts	Meyer Hall

Tuesday, May 25

10:45AM	Communion at Rivermont	Rivermont
11:30AM	Prayers for Our Church	Church Offices
1:00PM	Senior Adult Line Dancing	Fenn Hall
5:30PM	Leaders Plus Alumni Dinner	Atrium
6:30PM	Celebrate Recovery	Meyer Hall
6:30PM	Missions Ministry Team	Room 226
7:00PM	Faith & Finance Committee	Room 209

Wednesday, May 26

6:00AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast	Fenn Hall
9:00AM	Children's Day Out	Room 102, 104
9:30AM	UMW Circle # 5	Room 320
11:30AM	CMT Staff Meeting	Room 222
5:15PM	Festival Bell Choir	Bell Room
6:00PM	Thimbles & Thistles	Room 328
6:15PM	Canticle Singers*	Choir Room
6:15PM	Sanctuary Bell Choir	Bell Room
6:30PM	Emmaus Reunion*	Room 227
7:10PM	Women's Bible Study	Room 222
7:30PM	Wednesday Bible Study	Room 401
7:30PM	Battlefield of the Mind Book Study	Room 223
7:30PM	Chancel Choir*	Choir Room
8:00PM	Al-Anon	Room 405

Thursday, May 27

8:30AM	Utilities Assistance	Room 209
10:30AM	UMW #12	Room 224
12:00PM	Chancel Handbell Choir	Bell Room
6:15PM	Carillon Handbell Choir	Bell Room
7:00PM	Evangelism Ministry Team	Room 228
7:00PM	The Core Bible Study	Room 227

*Child care Available

7:00PM	Child SHARE Support*	Room 226
7:00PM	Sooner Toastmasters	Room 401
8:00PM	Youth Praise Band Practice	Fenn Hall

*Child care Available

Children's Summer Events

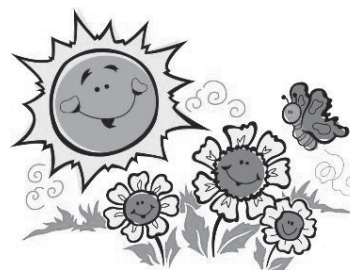


Vacation Bible School and Summer Worship Arts Camp are right around the corner!

VBS will be July 11-14 from 6-8:30 PM. This summer we are setting sail for VBS fun on the high seas! Kids will feel the sea spray on their face and experience the deep rolling waters of God's love.

SWAC will be July 26-30 from 9 AM-noon. Children will participate in singing, Bible stories, arts and crafts, drama, dancing and many other fun activities.

Sign your kids up today! Visit the children's website at www.McFarlinChildren.org for more information.

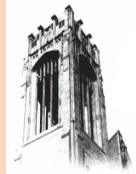


Summer S'Cool

Children's Day Out is excited to offer **Summer S'Cool** for children 1 year - 5th grade. Our focus will be on seeing God's presence in our natural world. In addition to regular CDO activities, children will play in the water outside and elementary students will focus on conserving God's nature with fun science and recycling projects. **Summer S'Cool** is available from 9 AM - 2 PM on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of specified weeks in the summer. Registration forms are available at <http://www.mcfarlinchildren.org/forms/>. For more information please contact Kristyn Erickson at 361-6570 or cdo@mcfarlinumc.org.

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Every Member in Ministry

The 2010-2011 **Every Member in Ministry Commitment Card and Book** should have arrived at your home last week. Please take time to look at the opportunities and fill out your commitment card. You may turn it in to the church office anytime during the week or bring it with you on Sunday.



8:30 & 10:55
AM
Sanctuary
Traditional
Worship

10:55 AM
LifeLine
Contemporary
Worship

The 33rd Annual Green Grass Festival



The McFarlin Annual Green Grass Festival will be June 20 starting at 6 PM at the corner of Pickard & Boyd. Family Ministries will be cooking hamburgers, hot dogs and baked beans. Bring blankets and lawn chairs and join others for great food, games and fellowship.

