

News & Reflection from  
**First Presbyterian Church**

1505 East Grand Avenue, Ponca City, Oklahoma 74604

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**Join us for :** 9am Youth Sunday School w/waffles  
9:00am Sunday School  
10:00am Worship Service at

**First United Methodist Church**

**With Pastor Leon Veazey**

200 South 6th Street, Ponca City, OK 74601

**First Presbyterian  
Ministers in Leadership**

Interim Pastor: **Mark Southard**

Music Director: **Ann Salmons**

Ministers (the entire congregation)



**SESSION**

Lisa Lessert 27	Dawn Spaulding 27	Emma Kimbrel 27
Kerry Ebbert 26	Linda Vanderburg 26	Mike Vanderburg 26
Rick Norris 25	Steve Ernst 25	Joe Lessert 25
Ann Salmons 24	Bill Salmons 24	Susan Ernst 24
Gay Norris (Clerk of Session)		



If you are unable  
to join us  
in person,  
Please Join us on

Ponca City FUMC 02/04/24

youtube.com



**April Birthdays**

2th John Cool  
10th Sara Bradley  
14th Valerie Smith  
15th John Andrew  
Shirley Dunster  
18th Jamie Meadows  
20th Marcia Nelson  
Leslie Rardin  
25th Matthew Ernst  
Iris Peterson  
26th Cathleen Wyatt

**PRESBYNEWS**

**April 2024**



**APRIL LECTONARY**

**April 7th 2nd Sunday of Easter**

Josh. 5:9-12 & Ps 32; 2 Cor. 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3,  
11b-32

**April 14th 3rd Sunday of Easter**

*(Holy Week begins)*

Palms: Luke 19:28-40 & Ps. 228: 1-2, 19-29

Passion: Isa. 50:4-9a & Ps 31-16;

Phil. 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

**April 21 4th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 10:34-43 or Isa 65:17-25 & Ps 118:1-2, 14-24

**April 24th 5th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 5:27-32 & Ps 118: 14-29 or Ps 150 or  
2 Kings 7:1-16 & Ps. 2; Rev 1:4-8; John 20: 19-31



### EASY GROUND BEEF STROGANOFF

1/2 LB GROUND BEEF

1 CUP SLICED FRESH MUSHROOMS

1 MEDIUM ONION, CHOPPED

1 CLOVE GARLIC, MINCED

1 CAN (10 3/4 OUNCES) CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP, UNDILUTED

OR 1 CAN CREAM OF CHICKEN SOUP, UNDILUTED

In large skillet cook the meat, mushrooms, onion, and garlic over medium heat until meat is no longer pink, Drain. Stir in soup, pepper, and additional seasonings. Cook until heated through, 2-3 minutes. Reduce heat. Stir in sour cream. Cook until heated through. Serve with the noodle's. Top with chopped parsley.

Enjoy, from our friends in Blackwell

1/4 TEASPOON PEPPER

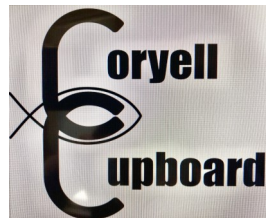
1 CUP SOUR CREAM

3 CUPS COOKED EGG NOODLES

CHOPPED FRESH PARSLEY

(OPTIONAL)

SEASON TO YOUR TASTE



## The Coryell Cupboard is moving:

When: April 30th 2024 we will be at:

Where: First United Methodist Church  
200 South 6th Street  
Ponca City, OK, 74601

Location is the only change.

Come in the main entrance at 200 S. 6th St.

# MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

## ***THE MISSION***

Items are still being collected for the Mission on South Avenue. Items needed are: clothing, bedding, towels, soap. There is a small box for plastic spoons, forks and knives, these items must be in plastic wrapper that they came in.

They now have a **shower** available for those who need that sort of thing, so soaps and shampoo are needed.

## **PONCA CITY NURSING HOME**

Soap, Toothpaste, brushes, combs, lotions, shaving cream, etc. All sizes of sweat suits, robes, gowns, socks. Puzzles, board games, cards, crossword and crypto quote books.

Books, large and small print,  
*(they have a library)*



Beany Babies  
Needed for  
Friendship Feast



## Friendship Feast

2nd Thursday in:  
February **April** June  
August October December

## Youth

Sunday School (grades 6-12th)  
Sundays at 9:00 am in the FUMC  
youth room.

We also serve waffles for  
breakfast at that time.



Find us on facebook!

For updated information and news on the  
First Presbyterian Church.

<https://www.facebook.com/First-Presbyterian-Church-Ponca-City-OK-113884925304561/>

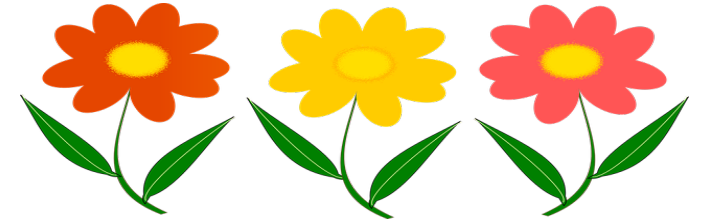


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“But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.”

1 John 3:17-18

# APRIL 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <u>10am Worship Comm.</u> 4pm TOPS 6pm Scouts 6pm Handbells FUMC 7pm Bible Study	<b>2</b> Coryell Cupboard 8am to 10 am & 4pm to 6pm 7pm CASONO Practice	<b>3</b> <u>11am Mission Comm. FUMC</u> 7:00pm Choir FUMC 5:30 Youth @ FUMC	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> There are only two days of the year that nothing can be done. One is called yesterday and the other is called tomorrow, so today is the right day to love, believe, do and mostly live.	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9am Youth Sunday School with waffles FUMC 9am Sunday School FUMC 10am Worship @ FUMC	<b>8</b> 4pm TOPS 6pm Scouts 6pm Handbells FUMC 7pm Bible Study	<b>9</b> Coryell Cupboard 8am to 10 am & 4pm to 6pm 7pm CASONO Practice FPC	<b>10</b> 7:00pm Choir FUMC 5:30 Youth @ FUMC	<b>11</b> <u>1:30pm Building Grounds &amp; Finance</u> Friendship Feast	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>28</b> 9am Youth Sunday School with waffles FUMC 9am Sunday School FUMC 10am Worship @ FUMC	<b>29</b> Miss Suzi practice 4-5:30 4pm TOPS 6pm Scouts 6pm Handbells FUMC 7pm Bible Study	<b>30</b> Coryell Cupboard 8am to 10 am & 4pm to 6pm At FUMC 7pm CASONO Practice FPC	<b>May the 1st</b> 7:00pm Choir FUMC 5:30 Youth @ FUMC Episcopal Church Garage Sale set up F.H. @ FPC	<b>May the 2nd</b> Episcopal Church Garage Sale set up Fellowship Hall Here at FPC	<b>May the 3rd</b> Episcopal Church Garage Sale in Fellowship Hall 9am to 4pm Here at FPC	<b>May the 4th</b> Episcopal Church Garage Sale in Fellowship Hall 9am to 4pm Here at FPC <i>clean up on 5th</i>

A Note From Your Treasurer  
29 February 2024

First Presbyterian finished the month of February with a bank balance of \$74,737 as a result, we will not need to draw from our investments to cover expenses during the month of March. Income for February, \$11,639, exceeded our expenses, \$10,904, meaning the church had a slight revenue surplus for the month of February. However, as the table below illustrates, the church continues to operate at a deficit.

Below are the year-to-date numbers for the month of February 2024 compared to the same month one year ago:

	As of February 29, 2024:	As of February 28, 2023:
Receipts:	\$23,651	\$31,525
Expenses:	<u>\$26,883</u>	<u>\$35,966</u>
	(\$3,231)	(\$4,441)

Having entered the partnership with the First United Methodist Church of Ponca City for worship and mission, we have agreed to support the operating budget of FUMC. Our support is a proportional share of FUMC's budget based on each congregation's active membership and is to be paid quarterly. Your tithes and offerings are still needed at First Presbyterian and can be submitted at worship each Sunday by placing your offering in the blue envelopes available in the pew racks at FUMC. The blue envelopes are forwarded to FPC's office each Monday morning for recording.

If you are unable to attend Sunday worship services in person, you may still mail offerings to the church office if you wish. Otherwise, you may donate to First Presbyterian's budget and missions by clicking on the green "Give Now" button on the church's webpage ([www.fpcponca.org](http://www.fpcponca.org)) or you may donate using your smartphone or tablet by pointing your device's camera at the QR Code appearing here.



As reported last month, FPC's property has been listed for sale but, pending any sale, we continue to be obligated to maintain the property and incur expenses for insurance, utilities, and maintenance. Until the property is sold, the building will continue to be occupied by the office staff, the Coryell Cupboard, TOPS, and the Scout troop, and be in use by others in the community as appropriate or necessary.

First Presbyterian's continues to be committed to supporting mission work and your continued faithful support through your offerings is encouraged and is greatly appreciated.

Please let me know if you have any questions.  
Peace and Grace,



Treasurer

**This is a corrected Treasurer Report.**  
Also see new information on Calendar  
Episcopal Ladies are having sale in our  
Fellowship Hall.

**PUBLISHED PRAYER LIST**

**FPC CONCERNS:**

Sandra Adkins (Thyroid Cancer Surgery, April 10)  
Sharon & Peter Uhlig (Health)  
Tom Sisson  
Rosemary Overton  
Park & Marcia Nelson  
Sey Jones  
Scott Duntser  
Elder Mark Southard (filling in at Newkirk FUMC)

Family of Ike Glass  
Dennis Poulsen  
Mary Gordon  
Family Stan Jones  
Wanda Vick

**FUMC**

Family of Phil Rice  
Jim and Kathy Hughes (Pneumonia/Dehydration for Jim, Early stages of pneumonia for Kathy)  
Wayne Moore (recovering from knee replacement surgery)  
Lesa Farlow (Loss of her mother and medical stabilization of her husband)  
Terry Huston (Parkinson's)  
Dewayne Mason (Lung Cancer)  
Jim and Kathy Hughes' 34 y.o. granddaughter (Stroke)  
Shawna Rolland (Prayers for her eyes)  
Winston L. Henry (Prayers for his health)  
Dolley M. Rolland (Prayers for her health, her family & friends)  
Suzy Hron (Homebound until hip replacement on April 10)  
Gordon Abernathy (Renal failure, seizures, hospice care)  
Ann Marie Stanford (31 y.o. w/lung cancer)  
Judy Million (cancer)  
Bea Whitfill (cancer) Kay Anthony Rice (cancer)  
Marvis Soucek (cancer, radiation treatments)  
Diane Cavett (cancer)  
Sandi Hedinger (cancer)

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO:** Email prayer requests to [pastor@fumcpc.org](mailto:pastor@fumcpc.org) OR Submit a prayer request card from the back of the pews at church during the offertory. ALWAYS make sure you have permission to share publicly before submitting a request. ALSO, please inform office or pastor when request needs to be removed from list.