

News & Reflection from
First Presbyterian Church

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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
580-762-1681

**First Presbyterian
Ministers in Leadership**

Interim Pastor: Mark Southard
Music Director: Ann Salmons
Ministers (the entire congregation)



<u>SESSION</u>		
Bill Salmons 28	Ann Salmons 28	Joe Lessert 28
Lisa Lessert 27	Dawn Spaulding 27	
Kerry Ebbert 26	Linda Vanderburg 26	Mike Vanderburg 26
Rick Norris 25	Steve Ernst 25	
Gay Norris (Clerk of Session)		

Our YouTube channel
Livestream link is:
[Ponca City FUMC - YouTube](#)

April Birthdays

- FPC**
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
- FUMC**
6th Alexander Biery
Samantha Biery
Carole Rodgers
7th Mary Lou Loret
10th Jayne Detten
Scott Layton
17th Ruby Cervantes
18th Frankie Cervantes
20th Sally Tubbs
23rd Karrah Mariyappan
30th Jim Hughes
Shelby Swanson

PRESBYNEWS

April 2025



APRIL LECTIONARY

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



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)*

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/>



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.

Youth 5:30 Wednesdays



**Sunday School
Kindergarten through
Fifth grade.**

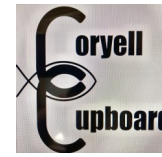
JAM 3:30 Wednesday



Beany Babies
Needed for
Friendship Feast



Friendship Feast
2nd Thursday in:
February **April** June



The Coryell Cupboard

Collaboration of:

First Presbyterian Church & First United Methodist Church

200 South 6th Street Ponca City, OK, 74601

Wonderful Blessings are happening with *The Coryell Cupboard*,
Now partnering with Feed The Children.

Who donated 6 pallets of supplies, truly a blessing.



Thank you Lord for all you do for us!



The Ponca City Chamber

Last week, Shelley visited the Coryell Cupboard to learn more about this impactful community outreach program. Established on February 7, 2023, by members of the **First Presbyterian Church**, The Coryell Cupboard provides essential hygiene products and household supplies to those in need—filling a crucial gap not covered by other amazing local organizations. Items such as diapers, wipes, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry and dish soap, and personal grooming products are available at no cost, helping families stretch their budgets in a welcoming and supportive environment. The Coryell Cupboard does not require clients to qualify for services. Anyone in need can shop for up to six items each Tuesday from 8:00–10:00 AM or 4:00–6:00 PM.

Originally located at the Presbyterian Church, The Cupboard relocated in 2024 to 200 S. 6th Street, inside the **First United Methodist Church** building, following a partnership between the two churches.

Last year, the Coryell Cupboard served 3,225 community members—representing 13% of Ponca City's population according to the 2020 Census. Of those served, 1,414 were children.

Although the church provides some support, the majority of the Cupboard's expenses are covered through private donations. Thanks to the generosity of the community, they continue to keep costs low while ensuring this vital resource remains available to those in need.

For more information, contact Kerry Ebbert at (580) 716-3280.



Installation of 1st Presbyterian Session Members for the Class of 2028 Bill Salmons, Ann Salmons, & Joe Lessert by Pastor Mark Southard & Gay Norris



Welcome of new
1st Presbyterian
Members Kay &
Linda Grant



PLEASE FEEL FREE TO: Email prayer requests to 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.

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



1/4 TEASPOON PEPPER

1 CUP SOUR CREAM

3 CUPS COOKED EGG NOODLES

CHOPPED FRESH PARSLEY

(OPTIONAL)

SEASON TO YOUR TASTE

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.

Survivor Resource Network would love your broken jewelry to provide families housed in the domestic violence shelter a fun creative activity to make new jewelry.

Please drop off your blessings for this need to the office in the welcome center.

Thank you!



Holy Week begins 13th of April



Palm Sunday Service
(Living Last Supper)
April 13th at 10am

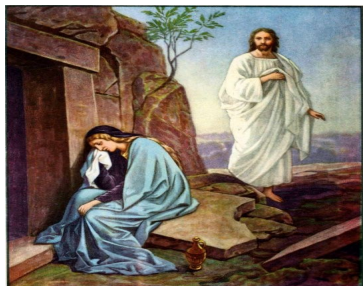
Holy Wednesday observance

during: Wednesday Night Live,
April 16 at 5:30pm



**Maundy Thursday
Communion Service
April 17th at 6pm**

Good Friday Service
Albright United Methodist Church
April 18th
6:00pm



April 20th
Resurrection of the Lord,
Easter Day
10am Worship

LENTEN, HOLY WEEK, & EASTER OPPORTUNITIES, March 5—April 20, 2025

ASH WEDNESDAY (3/5) 5:30 pm Meal, Ash Wednesday Observance with Holy Communion. [Fellowship Hall]

LENTEN SMALL GROUP STUDY Fridays, March 7 – April 11, 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall led by Bill Elliott. Based on Adam Hamilton's *The Message of Jesus*.

PALM SUNDAY (4/13) 10:00 am (Special Worship Service with Processional of the Palms, Liturgy, Music, Worship) Living Last Supper

HOLY WEDNESDAY (4:16) 5:30 pm Special Easter Meal, Message: "Resurrecting Our Vision: A Church With An Outward Movement" [Fellowship Hall]

MAUNDY THURSDAY (4/17) 6:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion, Sanctuary.

GOOD FRIDAY (4/18) 6:00 pm Worship Service at Albright United Methodist Church, 128 S. Palm.

EASTER SUNDAY (4/20) Youth Breakfast Fund Raiser @ 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Resurrection Worship Service @ 10:00 in the Sanctuary.



APRIL 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 11:00 FPC Mission Committee	3	4 Lenten Small Group Study	5
6 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT 9am Youth Sunday School 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	7 1pm Chancel Bells 3pm Weight Loss Group 6pm Carillon Handbells 7pm Bible Study	8 Coryell Cupboard 8am to 10 am & 4pm to 6 8:30am Men's Coffee Group	9 3:30 JAM 5:30 WNL 5:30 Youth 7:00 Choir	10	11 Lenten Small Group Study	12
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Thursday, April 3 at 7 pm
Princeton Public Library, Community Room
Also streaming live on YouTube

RSVP to Attend in Person or via Livestream

This event will also include a public conversation between Dr. Brandon Terry and Dr. Eddie S. Glaude, the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor at Princeton University.

Brandon M. Terry is the John L. Loeb Associate Professor of the Social Sciences at Harvard University and the co-director of the Institute on Policing, Incarceration, and Public Safety at the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research. Born in Baltimore, Terry earned a PhD with distinction in Political Science and African American Studies from Yale University, an MSc in Political Theory Research at the University of Oxford, and an AB, *magna cum laude*, in Government and African and African American Studies from Harvard College. An award-winning scholar of African American political thought, political theory, and the politics of race and inequality, Brandon is the editor, with Tommie Shelby, of *To Shape a New World: Essays on the Political Philosophy of Martin Luther King, Jr.* (Harvard University Press, 2018) and the editor of *Fifty Years Since MLK* (Boston Review/MIT 2018). His forthcoming book is *Shattered Dreams, Infinite Hope: A Tragic Vision of the Civil Rights Movement* (Harvard University Press). He is currently at work on a book on the political thought and judgment of Malcolm X, tentatively titled *Home to Roost: Malcolm X Between Prophecy and Peril* (Penguin/Random House). He has also published work in *Modern Intellectual History*, *Political Theory*, *The New York Review of Books*, *The Los Angeles Review of Books*, *Boston Review*, *Dissent*, *The Point*, and *New Labor Forum* and been interviewed by The Ezra Klein Show, Vox, the *New York Times*, and other media outlets. He currently serves on the boards of *Boston Review*, *Nomos*, and Embrace Boston.

About the Martin Luther King, Jr. Lecture
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Beyond Our Faith Family
Family and friends affected by the Stillwater and area fires, as well as all others in danger of loss, for the firefighters, churches, and agencies providing relief.

War-torn regions of Gaza, and Ukraine, as well as civil wars in Syria, Yemen, Myanmar, and Somalia. We pray for political rest in Gaza, and we pray for an end to the war in Ukraine, but that JUSTICE will prevail for the peoples of both Gaza and Ukraine who have been greatly victimized by powerful aggression.

Those who are unemployed and otherwise struggling financially.

The ministries of FUMC & FPC, including Coryell Cupboard, SCOUT Troop 501 and their endeavors, Friendship Feast, Project Transformation, The Czech Republic Mission, Pastor Yan Dus and Ukrainian Aid, East MS bagged lunch ministry.

FPC Prayer List
Family of Curtis Bradley Peter and Sharon Uhlig (Peter on oxygen; stage 3 kidney failure)
Brad Valentino (32 y.o. friend of Ebberts, stroke victim striving for rehabilitation)
Families of Brad Larimer, Wanda Vick, & Nancy Shepard
Leslie and Anne Rardin Shirley Dunster Ana Rule Chip & Jody Whipple
Dennis Poulsen Mary Gordon Rosemary Overton

FUMC Prayer List
Family of Rob Fry Theo Harbeson Susan Million
Family of Gary Davis to your prayers. Gary passed away.
Ernie Jantz and family (Sister passed away recently)
Brice Chism (Moved to Via Christi. Prayers for adapting to change)
Sue Lunsford Wayne Moore Clarke Nickles
Kaizlee, great granddaughter of Carole Rodgers (improving well)
Kay Anthony (compression fracture/osteoarthritis in her back/cancer)
Marcia Caudle (Contd. Back pain issues) Sandi Hedinger (Complications after surgery)
Dan Flewelling (Severe back pain; awaiting medical procedures.)
Claire Scott Clark Nickles' Sister-in-law whose home burned in the Stillwater fires
Crystal Hammack (Diana Rankin's Sister, cancer) Bruce Moore
Robert Pound (Moved to VA Hospital) Gary Davis
Ben Palmer (46 y.o. w/terminal brain cancer) Adler Caudle Sharla Lambring

And LORD, for those who are grieving, we pray for the...
Family of Marilyn Sanders (esp. Dennis); Families of Gene Rodgers (& of his & Carole's Granddaughter) Marge Parker, Judy Million, Jesse Gann, Bea Whitfill, Linda Heitz, Mary Heron, for Steven Fleming, and for many others grieving recent losses of loved ones.

LORD, in your mercy... **Hear Our Prayer!**