

News & Reflection from  
**First Presbyterian Church**

P.O. Box 31, Ponca City, Oklahoma 74604  
(580) 762-2431      [www.fpcponca.org](http://www.fpcponca.org)

**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)**



**SESSION**  
Bill Salmons 28      Ann Salmons 28      Joe Lessert 28  
Lisa Lessert 27      Dawn Spaulding 27  
Kerry Ebbert 26      Linda Vanderburg 26      Mike Vanderburg 26  
Gay Norris (Clerk of Session)

Our YouTube channel  
Livestream link is:  
[Ponca City FUMC - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

**June Birthdays**

**FPC**  
9th Kerry Ebbert  
20th Nancy Cool  
20th Gay Norris  
24th John Kline  
24th Ben Southard  
29th Laura Southard  
30th Matt Ernst

**FUMC**  
5th Katie Larssen  
8th Becky Hightown  
10th Tommy Barton  
16th Paul Kuehny  
17th Earl Behara  
18th Ron Matheson  
20th Desta Parks  
24th Diane Cavett  
25th Dianna Dawdy  
26th Henry Moore  
29th Jean Jennings

**PRESBYNEWS**  
*June 2025*



**JUNE 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





## Baptism of Kit Marsally Scott Boone

SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MAY  
2025

Parents: Gavin &  
Brittany Boone

Great Grandfather:  
Robert Boone



### PRAYER LIST

#### FPC Prayer List

Peter and Sharon Uhlig  
Shirley Dunster  
Dennis Poulsen

Brad Valentino  
Ana Rule  
Mary Gordon

Leslie and Anne Rardin  
Chip & Jody Whipple  
Rosemary Overton

#### FUMC Prayer List

Cheyenne Harbeson  
Theo Harbeson  
Marcia Caudle

Kay Anthony  
Sue Lunsford  
Sandi Hedinger

Norma Hurd  
Clarke Nickles  
Dan Flewelling

Carolyn Meers  
Wayne Moore

Clark Nickles' Sister-in-law whose home burned in the Stillwater fires

Susan Million

Crystal Hammack (Diana Rankin's Sister, cancer)

Robert Pound

Adler Caudle

Sharla Lambring

Ben Palmer (46 y.o. w/terminal brain cancer)

Rick Anthony (Cancer)

Family of Rob Fry

Ernie Jantz and family (Sister passed away recently)

As well as the ...

Families of Richard Welborn; Marilyn Sanders; Gene Rodgers (& of his & Carole's Grand-daughter), of 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!*

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, our outreach ministries including home-bound communion, and the intercessory prayer ministry.



**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.



### 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



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



## The Coryell Cupboard

Collaboration of:

First Presbyterian Church  
& First United Methodist Church



200 South 6th Street  
Ponca City, OK, 74601



## 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.



Beany Babies  
Needed for  
Friendship Feast



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### 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*)

### 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.



Sunday  
School  
Kindergarten  
through Fifth  
grade.

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/>





# June 2025



Wednesdays starting on the 11th in June and July 5pm Doctrinal Study with Pastor Leon in F.H.

No Choir in July

Project Transformation 8:30am to 3:00pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9am Youth Sunday School 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	<b>2</b> 3pm Weight Loss Group 7pm Bible Study	<b>3</b> Coryell Cupboard 8am to 10 am & 4pm to 6  8:30am Men's Coffee Group	<b>4</b> 11:00 FPC Mission Meeting  7:00 Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Office Closed	<b>7</b> Herb Feast Parking
<b>8</b> 9am Youth Sunday School 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	<b>9</b> 3pm Weight Loss Group 7pm Bible Study  Youth Camp Starts	<b>10</b> Coryell Cupboard 8am to 10 am & 4pm to 6  8:30am Men's Coffee Group	<b>11</b> 5pm Doctrinal Study with Pastor Leon in F.H.  7:00 Choir	<b>12</b> 1:00 Building Grounds & Finance FPC FRIENDSHIP FEAST	<b>13</b> Office Closed	<b>14</b>
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# A Note From Your Treasurer

30 April 2025

First Presbyterian Church ended the month of April with a bank balance of \$25,937 compared to \$73,970 at the end of April 2025. Our income for the month of April, \$9,158, compared to only \$28,312 one year ago. Through the end of April, we transferred \$41,216 from our investments at Texas Presbyterian Foundation in order to have on hand adequate funds for anticipated expenses. Expenses for April, \$5,604, were substantially lower than for the same month in 2024, \$14,486. Below are the year-to-date numbers for the month of April 2025 compared to the same month one year previous.

	As of April 30, 2025:	As of April 30, 2024:
Receipts:	\$85,036	\$60,555
Expenses:	<u>\$93,826</u>	<u>\$91,476</u>
	(\$8,791)	(\$8,921)

The mail continues to be received at the Grand Avenue address for the foreseeable future but as reported previously, **our mailing address is now P.O. Box 31, Ponca City, OK, 74602.**

For submitting weekly offerings in the worship service, use the blue envelopes in the pew rack. As always, you may mail offerings to the church office to the address above. You may also, if you choose, go online to the church’s webpage ([www.fpcponca.org](http://www.fpcponca.org)), click on the green “Give Now” button and present your offering, using your credit or debit card. You may also donate using your smartphone or tablet, once again using your debit or credit card, by pointing your mobile device’s camera at the QR Code appearing here.



First Presbyterian Church is committed to mission and your continued faithful support through your offerings is encouraged and greatly appreciated.

If you are unable to attend Sunday worship services, you may follow online at <https://www.fumcpc.org> and click on the “Watch on Facebook Live” button. There are also links on our homepage, <http://www.fpcponca.org>, for YouTube videos of each Sunday’s worship service at First United Methodist Church.

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

*Reck Norris*

Treasurer



Good morning, Family!

The schedule I recently sent out for the Wednesday evening Doctrinal study did not take into account that June 4th is the Project Transformation Kickoff Celebration at the Pavilion. So, I have adjusted the schedule accordingly.

We want everybody to be able to attend the PT Kickoff, so that you can meet some of our elementary kids enrolled in the summer camp and their families, as well as our college-age Team Leaders.

Also, to remind you about the doctrinal study, it is in part for my accountability to get my doctrinal papers all written before the end of the summer in preparation for my District Committee On Ministry interview in October. The writing is due at the end of July. This Wednesday evening study group will give me a spread out due date structure to complete that work. Your participation may be in-person or virtually via Zoom, and if it's not something you're interested in, there's no expectation of you to do so.

The format will be that you will receive an email a week in advance of each session with the doctrinal subject matter, a brief synopsis, and some scriptures for your reading/study before the session. I will present a summary of my writing to open each session, and then we will have an open dialogue about the subject. Each session will cover two separate doctrinal issues. We will finish within an hour. Even if the discussion is still going at 5:55, we will close by 6:00. The schedule is included below.

I look forward to worshipping with you tomorrow!  
Blessings,  
Pastor Leon

## Summer Series on Doctrine      Wednesdays at 5:00 pm

### June

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|----|--|--------------|
| 11 | God; and Evil  |              |
| 18 | Humanity & Need for Grace; and Lordship of Christ      |              |
| 25 | The Holy Spirit; and The Kingdom of God, Resurrection, | Eternal Life |

### July

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| 2  | The Scriptures; and the Theological task of the Church   | (Quadrilateral)                                  |
| 9  | The Nature and Mission of the church today; and          | United Methodist Polity                          |
| 16 | The Distinctive Vocation of Elders and Deacons; and      | the meaning of Ordination in the context of gen- |
|    | eral ministry of the Church.                             |  |
| 23 | The meaning of an inclusive church and ministry; and the | role and significance of the sacraments.         |

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