



THE TAHLEQUAH TESTAMENT



Picture from our 1st in person return in worship

Connecting, Serving, and Growing at TUMC



Upcoming Evetns

June 7 - 11th
Sr. High Camp - At Camp Egan

June 14 - 18th
Mid. High Camp - At Camp Egan

June 21st-23rd
3-4th Grade Camp At Camp Egan

June 21st- 25th
5th & 6th Grade Camp At Camp Egan

July 25th All Church VBS Kickoff Picnic at 5:30 p.m.

July 26-26th VBS starting at 5:30 p.m.

August 13 - 15th
Lay Servant Training - Egan Camp & Retreat Center If interested speak to Pastor Matt

October 8 - 10th
2021 Annual Conference

NSU Wesley News

You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love. (Galatians 5:13)

Serving each other through love. That is what the NSU Wesley is about. We could no way do what we do without the love and support of our parent church which is all of you. We had a fantastic spring semester. We were truly all about mission and showing God's love by serving others. We made 140 sandwiches every Thursday morning for the Day Center.

These sandwiches were made with love and provided to the people that came to the Day Center needing a meal. Our Wesley Wednesday's were a huge success. We served between 100 and 150 students every Wednesday for lunch. We had some amazing worship services outside around our campfire sitting in our swings. The Holy Spirit showed up time and time again. Last but not least, closing out the semester with serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner during finals week. We served over 750 meals during that week. Church this is all to say none of this could have happened without YOU! Thank you our beloved church for loving us and allowing us to do Kingdom work beside you.

We are very excited about our project this summer. We will be working on our food pantry that will be opening up this September. We will be providing weekly bags of food for students that are in need. "Love Thy Neighbor Food Pantry" will be one more way we are showing God's Love by Serving Others.

Our leadership team is very excited about the mission and ministry that is at work in our Wesley. We are so excited to see what God has planned for us next.

Thank you one more time for all of the financial gifts, food, prayers, and love you have given to this ministry.

God Loves You and So Do We!
Peace & Love Always,
Pastor Shana and The Wesley Team



Family Ministry Update

BY ABIGAIL SHAW-BOLEN
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How do we make sure VBS is out of this world? We planet ahead of time!

As we head into summer, we are very excited to announce our plans for Vacation Bible School! We're going to be having a blast putting together 'To Mars and Beyond: Explore Where God's Power Can Take You!' for the kiddos and will need volunteers!

If you're interested in being a crew member from 7/26-28 for our Mars mission, go to www.tahlequahumc.org to register.

We are going to be pausing Sunday afternoon Youth during Abigail's maternity leave for the month of July but will continue to offer Youth Sunday School each week! Keep an eye out for Family Ministries' Fall Programming.

Please contact Abigail if you would like to volunteer to teach a small group of teens on Sunday mornings- we would love to have you!



Walk A Mile Update

To all who helped with Walk A Mile in Her Shoes event, by your prayers, presence, service, and witness. Thank you the TUMC team was one of the top teams again and we could not help such a great cause had it not been for all who supported our Church.



Relay for Life Update

BY MODEAN
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Howdy Church Family
We are asking for your sweet prayers again! Our American Cancer Society, Relay for life Event will be Saturday, Sept. 18th from 4 to 9! At the Hulbert City Park. We have a Western theme this year! Yiiippee!

The survivor dinner(please tell friends), for anyone surviving cancer will be on Aug. 19 at the Vo-Tech at 6:00 p.m.

We are blessed with Carla Livesay, Janet Stucky, Teensie Eckert, Bryan Rigsby, Shana Dry, Lloyd Moden, and myself on the Methodist In motion team! We would love to have you join us!

Our site is
www.relayforlifecherokeecook.org to join
Or donate, You may Donate by writing a check to the Church and in the memo put Relay for Life
May God bless you ! Love, Melanie

Memorials

In memory of Barbie Barnard
Brad and Sue Agnew
Jerry and Joyce Fields
Larry and Melinda Hogan
Kenneth and June Parker
Steve and Jordan Worth
Gerald and Lela Stowers
Duffy and Shana Dry
Tim and Carla Livesay
Bob and Kathy Daniel
Shirley Girdner
Jo Ellen Rogers
Patsiann Smith
JJ and WD Kimball
Mark and Nelda Musser
Lorrie Archer
Tom and Teensie Eckert

In memory of Louene
Scarsdale
Jerry and Carol Choate
Mark and Gale Gish

In memory of Don Stucky
Mark and Gale Gish
Lorrie Archer
Doug and Elisabeth
Harrington

Apportionment Balance

as of 6.3.21

District Apportionments

\$3,686/\$3,686

Conference Apportionments

\$6,334/\$31,685

Mission and Ministries

0/\$7,239

Building Debt as of 6.3.21

\$221,286.08

Learn How to Give to TUMC
by going to
www.tahlequahumc.org/give



Reflections from Rev. Matt Franks

Lead Pastor at TUMC

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Love: Just Keep Swinging

“We love because God first loved us.” ~1 John 4:19 CEB

That's because love is never stationary. In the end, love doesn't just keep thinking about it or keep planning for it. Simply put: love does. ~Bob Goff, Love Does (pg. xvi.)

I am getting ready to get back into the swing of things with my slowpitch softball team this summer. This year I am going to do what I can because I am still healing and will be having my 2nd hip surgery at the end of the season. My mantra for this season will just keep swinging cause it won't be like it used to be but I know if I do I will have a great time which is why I am out there in the first place. Sometimes just showing up and doing what you can is all that is needed. It is the same thing with love. Doing simple things can go a very long way.

How are you showing love? Every interaction, every step, and breath we take is an opportunity to show love. We grow in our faith when we take the needs of others into consideration first. We can do that by asking that simple question: how can I help you? I will warn you when you ask that question, be ready to love, and remember even the smallest action goes a long way.

Our care team shows love all the time. They sent a card to my grandmother for her birthday. She just completed her chemo treatments and that card made her day. These are acts of love, simple but make a huge difference in someone's life. That is how we love. Keep it simple and manageable and you will find great joy. Just keep swinging with love.

Shana's Ordination Watch Party October 8th, 7 p.m. in the Atrium

We will host a watch party at the Church for her ordination. At this time we do not know whom they will allow at the service. So for those who do not want to travel to OKC we will show the service in the atrium. Then on that following Sunday, we will have a celebration for her. More details to come later.

Still pivoting with COVID

If you have noticed we have begun to pivot even more with COVID protocols. You can keep up with those at <https://www.tahlequahumc.org/tumccovid> As of June 3rd we are asking that if you attend in-person worship to wear a mask. This protects our children and those adults that for medical purposes cannot get the vaccine at this time. More pivots to come. Stay Tuned in.

Grace and Peace

Pastor Matt



Reflections from

Rev. Shana Dry

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He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart, yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.
(Ecclesiastes 3:11)

This verse truly touches what my heart is saying about the ministry I am so blessed and honored to be a part of. The Holy Spirit has really been working through the church and the Wesley.

I am so grateful that we can meet in person again. I am also very glad that I am making visits again to our homebound. One of the greatest honors I have is to take the holy sacraments to those who can't come to the church to receive it. I will be doing a lot more of that this summer as well as going to three camps.

I will be one of the deans at Sr. High Camp, June 7-11th, and Jr. High Camp June 14th-18th. I will also be going to Growing in Grace camp for 3rd and 4th graders June 21st-23rd. We are sending kids to camp this summer: Kynley Frazier and Ja'Lynn Kitchel-Dry who will be going to Sr. High Camp, Chloe Frazier, and Laura Franks who will be attending Jr. High camp, and Zane Frazier and Faith Justice as they will be attending Growing in Grace camp. We have four young adults who will be going as leaders that are sponsored by our church, they are; Ashley Franks, Lois Ison, Helen Teal, Matthew Stout, and Christian Dry. Please be in prayer for these youth, children, and adults as they are taking time out of their summer vacation to work on their relationship with God.

I love summer, as you can see I will still be pretty busy but these next few months I will take time to stop and reflect on what is truly important. My motto is that God Loves You and So Do I. I know this comes as no shock to you all. This summer I'm going to focus on love. I know you are thinking well she does that all the time anyway. But this summer I'm going to take to heart something I read from Bob Goff. He wrote, "God's love isn't as complicated as all our discussions about it. Keep it simple: Love everybody, always." Simple acts of love this summer that is what I will be about. Loving people, the way Jesus did is my goal. God's love doesn't have to be complicated. So let's make it simple together let's just love everybody.

I challenge you this summer, what simple act of love can you do for someone right now? Remember Church! God Loves You and So Do I!

Peace & Love Always,
Pastor Shana

VBS

DATES July 25-28th
TIMES 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.



On July 25th we will have an All-Church Potluck
Kickoff with Hotdogs & Drinks provided
Households with the Last name A-L bring Sides
Households with the Last name M-Z Dessert

To help with, find out more info or
register as a worker or your child go
to <https://www.tahlequahumc.org/vbs>



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