

The Tahlequah Testament

September Newsletter of the Tahlequah United Methodist Church



COME AND RECIEVE HOLY COMMUNION

SEPTEMBER 6TH
11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Baby Shower for the Matt and Katy June

September 6th from 11-12:30 p.m.

We will host a Come and Receive Baby Shower for the June's as we celebrate the recent birth of Jeffrey. We will have a table for gifts and package cookies will be given. You can pick up Amazon gift card .

<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/katy-june-matt-june-september-2020-tahlequah/OCGJCSD95V01>

Relay for Life

The Relay for Life Event will be a virtual event. On Friday, September 18 from 7:00 PM to 9 :00PM. Come to the Parking lot of The 29:11 Church to see the drive through luminarias (bags - to honor or in memory of loved ones who have had cancer) displayed.

Thank you to our Methodists in Motion Team members: Shana Dry, Lenora Williams, Carla Livesay, Julie Culver, Janet Stucky, and Lloyd Moden. And all who donated. Please contact Melanie Moden if you want to buy a luminaria or donate. (918) 316-8179

Connect into a Small Group

Join one of our studies to help you grow in your faith. You can register for the Zoom gatherings on the Church website at www.tahlequahumc.org Also keep an eye out for our Facebook live studies at www.facebook.com/tahlequahumc

Online Prayer Request

You can send the Pastor an online prayer request by going to <http://www.tahlequahumc.org/prayerrequest/>

Operating Out of Love

Join us online for worship and other gatherings during the global pandemic.

www.tahlequahumc.org

Our Plan Forward for TUMC During the Global Pandemic.

COVID19 is still bad in our area. We are still working toward being able to provide safe places for people to gather. Please keep an eye out in your emails for any pivots we will make.

In the June newsletter which if you don't have a copy you can find here you will find our current plan.

<http://www.tahlequahumc.org/newsletters/>

We love you and we miss you all, but we want to operate out of love by keeping as many people safe as we can.

Connectional Giving

As part of the United Methodist Church we have what are called Apportionments that support various ministries all over the world. Here is what we have paid to date.

District Apportionments \$3,686.00/\$3,686.00
Conference Apportionments \$7,213.00/\$24,802.00
Mission and Ministries \$2,406.00/\$7,576.00

If you want to help support these ministries contact the Church office.

Executive Team Meeting
September 8th 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom

Nominations and Leadership Development Team
September 10th 7 p.m. VIA Zoom

Church Board Meeting
September 13th Via Zoom at 4 p.m.

Charge Conference October 5th 6 p.m.

This week's Discipleship Opportunities Schedule

Sunday

9 a.m. Zoom Sunday School Register on Website
10 a.m. Worship Online at www.facebook.com/tahlequahumc then the service is uploaded online to our YouTube Channel by 5 p.m.

Monday

9:30 a.m. Pastor's Study (Facebook Live)
6:30 p.m. Adult Zoom Bible Study (On Zoom)

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Youth Zoom Study (On Zoom)

Thursday

12:00 p.m. Zoom Prayer Time: Now you can register for prayer time on our website www.tahlequahumc.org



Connect with our Church Digitally

<https://linktr.ee/tahlequahumc>

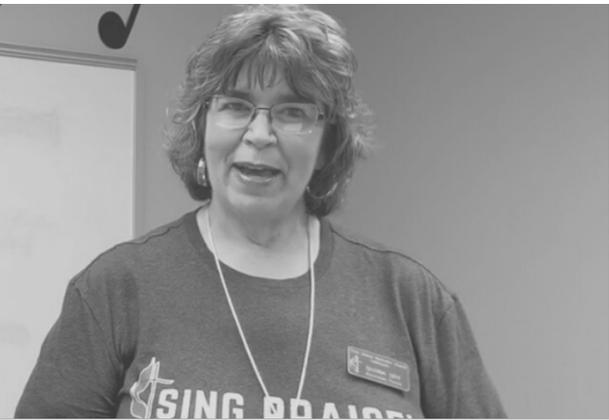
Family Ministries Update

As our youth and children begin the school year (either in person or virtually), we are looking for ways to support and encourage them and their families! We gave out coloring sheets focusing on the Beatitudes at the drive-thru Back to School Blessings event. These coloring sheets will coordinate with the packets we plan to pass out along with communion on 9/6!

The Youth have been following along at their own pace with the Wesley Challenge book study, reflecting on their relationships with God, themselves, and others. We've continued practicing covenant discipleship as a group, actively listening and supporting one another. This has helped us to discuss enjoying prayer, feeling defeated, the "realness" of Jesus in our lives, and how we can help each other to grow.

Youth now meet on Zoom each Wednesday from 6-7pm! Email me at youth@tahlequahumc.org to join us!

REFLECTIONS FROM PASTOR SHANA DRY



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The NSU Wesley Foundation has been very busy in the past two weeks. We had a great turn out at our welcome freshmen night. We grilled hamburgers and hotdogs and served Sno-Cones. It was so great to meet new students that have just come to campus as well as see some familiar faces that we haven't seen in a very long time. Monday and Tuesday we had our lemonade stand set-up in the breezeway of the campus and welcomed the students back to class with a cold bottle of water or a refreshing cup of lemonade and a bag of chips. We had our first lunch last Wednesday and it was a success! The number of students is down but that is to be expected with the pandemic.

We have a full schedule throughout the week during this semester. We are open Monday through Thursday 11am to 7pm. We offer a discipleship group called Table Talk with pizza on Monday evenings, Tuesday evenings we offer some form of fellowship whether it be game night, movie night, cooking class, or a craft. Wednesday of course we serve lunch from 11 -2 and then we have outside worship at 6pm. As you can see we are blessed to be open. We are maintaining CDC guidelines and practicing all precautionary measures.

We are so very grateful for all the gifts you give to the NSU Wesley Foundation. Thank you, Thank you for all the delicious cookies and all other gifts you have so freely given to make the beginning of this school year the best it could be.

We are excited for this school year and already have welcomed so many to the Wesley so they too can experience and feel the unconditional love that we represent through Christ our Savior.

Thank you all again and again. God Loves You and So Do !!

Peace & Love Always

Pastor Shana



REFLECTIONS FROM PASTOR MATT FRANKS

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Guiding Principles

Wesleyan Theologians tend to practice theology by the following core influences of scripture, tradition, experience and reason. During this global pandemic I feel like I have been leaning more into the balances of these influences to help me make decisions on the best way for us to be the Church now.

So, I will start with this scripture: **1 Corinthians 13:7 (CEB)**

“Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things.”

Through love we will endure this season. Ask yourself, “how do we share love in the pandemic?” We wear a mask, wash our hands and practice safe distancing practices. We show love to our neighbors by getting to know them better, we remember our five people to connect with daily. These things help share and show love.

The Tradition I connect into is that of Methodist tradition where we are called to follow what we sometimes call the Three Simple Rules.

1. Do No Harm,
2. Do Good,
3. and by attending upon all the ordinances of God; such as: Rueben Job in his Book the *Three Simple Rules*: labeled it, “Stay In Love with God.”

This leads me into experience: I do my best to abide by these rules as they guide my being a follower of Jesus. I do look upward toward God when needing to figure out how to Do No Harm, Do Good and to Stay in Love with God. Then, when I fall short, I look inward to see what I can do to practice following Jesus better. Looking outward, I find connection to God and neighbor by sharing love and practicing these rules to show my faith. We can also grow in our faith by attending to the 21 questions that we have been looking at during the month of August. You can find those questions on the next page.

My reasoning for **Operating out of Love:**

I see our church as **Operating Out of Love** to prevent community spread. We are not closed we are just operating differently. I want you to connect with us digitally and if you can't or need help please let us know we have some creative solutions that have helped people be connected to the church. I am doing all that we can to abide by The Three Simple Rules to keep our community safe during the global pandemic. I am listening to the medical professionals, denominational leaders and community leaders on how to best operate as a Church during this time. I do not want us to be a reason for a community spread. Operating out of love is how we are being the Church during this pandemic. This is not easy but sometimes love can be a hard journey, but we will endure together through love.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Matt Franks

How To Call Into Zoom with just your Telephone

- 1) On Your Phone Dial: +1 346 248 7799 US
- 2) You will be prompted to enter the [meeting ID](#) - the nine (9), ten (10), or eleven (11) digit ID provided to you by the leader, followed by (#) button.
 - a) If you want a meeting id call the church office and we can provide you the meeting id and Passcode number. We do not post these to limit the chances of the meeting being hacked.
- 3) You will then be asked to put in your participant id. **Use your Phone Number** then hit (#) button.
- 4) Last, you will put in the Passcode Number provided by the leader. Then hit (#) button.

In the meeting

If you are asked to mute or unmute just hit (*) (6) on your phone - Toggle mute/unmute. To end the call just hang up.

September Birthdays

Janet Prewit	09/05
Sue Bingham	09/05
Josie Moffitt	09/06
Elizabeth Wiley	09/09
Peggy Kaney	09/09
Susie Williams	09/09
W Neil Morton	09/10
Lanny Joe Reed	09/11
Norma Henderson	09/11
Kris Cooper	09/13
Joy Boren	09/14
Connie Parnell	09/16
Patsy Eads Morton	09/16
Marcus Ryan	09/17
Marissa Ryan	09/17
Andrea Taylor	09/19
Britney Barnard	09/20
Patty Hall	09/22
Robert Johnson	09/22
Jackie Catron	09/24
Margaret Vardeman	09/24/
Pam Stern	09/25
Scott Wright	09/27
Mary Geasland	09/30

the WESLEY challenge

1. Is Jesus real to me?
2. Am I enjoying prayer?
3. Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?
4. Did the Bible live in me today?
5. Did I disobey God in anything?
6. Do I pray about the money I spend?
7. Do I give time for the Bible to speak to me every day?
8. Am I proud?
9. Am I defeated in any part of my life?
10. Do I go to bed on time and get up on time?
11. Do I grumble or complain constantly?
12. Am I a slave to dress, friends, work, or habits?
13. How do I spend my spare time?
14. Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?
15. Do I thank God that I am not like others?
16. Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I am?
In other words, am I a hypocrite?
17. Do I confidentially pass on to others what was told to me in confidence?
18. Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy, or distrustful?
19. Am I honest in all my actions and words, or do I exaggerate?
20. Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold resentment toward, or disregard?
21. When did I last speak to someone about my faith?



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