



**GOD, WHOSE
FARM IS ALL
CREATION**

By John Arlatt
God whose farm
is all creation,
Take the
gratitude we
give;
Take the finest
of our harvest,
Crops we grow
that men may
live.
Take our
plowing, seeding,
reaping,
Hopes and fears
of sun and rain,
All our thinking,
planning,
waiting,
Ripened in this
fruit and grain.
All our labor, all
our watching,
All our calendar
of care,
In the crops of
your creation,
Take O God: they
are our prayer.

Message from the Pastor



Dear Church Family here and far away:

August is here, the calendar is full of expectations, school start-up is in full swing, Church Conference is approaching, and soon the spring crops will go into the ground! We are truly living the motto of the Oklahoma United Methodist Conference: **“Sowing seeds of promise; reaping disciples of faith”**.

The article on page one referencing Robert Greenleaf’s book, *The Servant as Leader*, is so fitting for all the activities listed above. There is a huge difference between Leader-first and Servant-first leadership. Bishop Blake used this book twelve years ago in communicating to all Oklahoma conference preachers that in order to make an organization viable, Servant-first leadership is crucial. I believe it and I think you do too.

I want to thank all who have served our church and our conference in leadership positions. You truly are servant-first. You serve students at the OPSU Wesley Center; you serve students at Texhoma Schools; you serve young people at Gore Boy’s Ranch; you serve people here and beyond with apportionment contributions. All done in the name of Christ; none for self-glorification! That is servant-first leadership; and it is hard to find.

Christi and I have experienced the opposite of this type of leadership over the summer. We have been remodeling the kitchen in our Stillwater home. It is amazing how many people, who say they will work on a certain time frame, will not show up or complete the work to the customer’s satisfaction. And their company appears to believe they can do business that way. That is leader-first leadership. All they are interested in is getting paid, not doing the job with integrity.

I feel that Texhoma United Methodist Church is ‘doing the job’. We ‘show up’ to worship God. We lend our support in monetary ways, as well as servant participation. We ‘live’ the gospel story as we do these things, all in the name of Christ.

Thank you for being servant leaders: yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Continue to sow the seeds of promise! God will reap disciples of faith to transform His world.

Servant Leadership continued...

TUMC Church Council:

Kathy Yates, Chairperson
Maxine Woodward, Secretary
Mike Yates, Lay Leader
Fred Freeman, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference
Nancy Freeman, Alternate Delegate
Mel Yates, Treasurer

Kenneth Woodward, Financial Secretary
Diane Murphey, TUMC Rep to OPSU Wesley Foundation
Ginger Roach, Church Historian/Membership Secretary
Linda Berry, UMW Representative
Margie Pugh, OCU Representative
Sue Fleming, Communion Steward
Nancy Freeman, Sunday School Superintendent

August Bible Verses

August 4:

Hosea 11: 1-11
Psalm 107: 1-9, 43
Colossians 3: 1-11
Luke 12: 13-21

August 18:

Isaiah 5: 1-7
Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11: 29-12:2
Luke 12: 49-56

August 11:

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16
Luke 12: 32-40

August 25:

Jeremiah 1: 4-10
Psalm 71: 1-6
Hebrews 12: 18-29
Luke 13: 10-17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ⇒ **THANK YOU, THANK YOU!** To **Ginger Roach** for serving as our summer organist & pianist. We are very grateful for your talent and service to the church. Also, thank you to **Linda Kay Scott** for serving as our hymn leader whenever possible.
- ⇒ Congratulations to **Janelle Thatcher** on her marriage to Brent Jolly on July 27th. Janelle, daughter of Russ and Carolyn Thatcher, will continue to make her home in Dumas where she teaches school. Best wishes!
- ⇒ School starts August 14! Welcome to the new Texhoma PS Superintendent, Tom

Schroeder and his wife, Darla. Mr. Schroeder will be strongly supported by our great principal/leaders, **Kayla Yates** and **Greg Higgins**. Please keep all our school children, teachers and administrators in prayer during this important time. And oh yes, an extra prayer for the completion of construction would be helpful!

Please mark your calendar with the 2013 Blood Drive dates:

- ◆ **August 19, 4:30-7:00pm**
- ◆ **October 21**
- ◆ **December 16**

AUGUST MILESTONES!



Happy Birthday...

- ◆ Frank Baber—5
- ◆ Linda Berry—8
- ◆ Rylee Higgins—9
- ◆ Margie Pugh—12
- ◆ Scott Burdge—20

Happy Anniversary...

**Ken & Maxine
Woodward—1**



Please keep our list up-to-date; contact Christi Roach, 580-423-7231 with information.

May the God of hope bring you such joy and peace in your faith that the power of the Holy Spirit will remove all bounds to hope.

Romans 15:13

The Story Behind Your Favorite Hymns

Seek Ye First

Words: Karen Lafferty, 1972 (Mt. 6:33, 7:7)

Music: Karen Lafferty, 1972

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

This text was born out of Karen Lafferty's own struggle to seek God's will for her life. After attending a Bible study on Matthew 6:33: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God"; she returned home and picked out the simple melody to accompany the stanzas on

her guitar. The song quickly became a favorite with youth and young adults and remains popular today. Lafferty describes it as "a song in which people can put God's desire for their lives above their own".

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"A good sermon should have a good beginning and a good ending and they should be as close together as possible."
~George Burns



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Donors Deliver Love in Dollars by Holly McCray, www.okumc.org

Conference Treasurer Brian Bakeman opened the envelope from a business in Dubuque, Iowa. Inside was a \$2,000 check, designated for the Church to use to help rebuild lives after May's destructive tornadoes in Oklahoma.

That check is one of many money gifts that continue to arrive at the Treasurer's Office. Each gift represents a choice by someone to show love by action. Behind each donation is a special story.

The Iowa business observed a blue-jeans day. "Everyone who wore jeans contributed X number of dollars, and the company sent the check," Rev. Bakeman said.

"I just love the way people come up with wonderful ways to live out their generosity. The fact that you make it fun to give, I think, makes a huge difference. I think that's extravagant generosity ... going the extra mile and having fun giving away money!"

Bakeman became treasurer in 2006. Donations to the Conference special fund, "2013 May Tornado Relief," have topped all other Conference special funds for disasters since he started the job, Bakeman said.

As of July 8, total giving to that fund was \$807,746.84. A higher number announced earlier was the result of an accounting error.

Bakeman also reported that Oklahoma United Methodists donated \$41,994 to "One Great Hour of Sharing" before the May tornadoes struck. This special Sunday offering, typically received in March, underwrites the administrative costs for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). That frees 100 percent of other UMCOR donations for use on specific projects for which the money is designated. UMCOR is highly ranked by Charity Navigator and CharityWatch.

Between May 20 and July 2, UMCOR received global donations totaling \$2,124,833.12 for U.S. Disaster Response, according to agency official Jay Rollins.

Also opened in the Oklahoma Conference Treasurer's Office was mail with a check for \$15,502.85 from First UMC of Wellington, in the Texas Panhandle. The town of 2,000 people is west of Mangum, Okla.

Pastor Eugene Weintette wrote, "Many of us sat in front of the television with our hearts broken watching the aftermath of the Oklahoma tornadoes that killed seven children in a school.

"What can we do? That question kept coming up. UMCOR was sent out, I was sure. Then they said they needed money to buy basic necessities. That we can do.

"I know you have a fund, so please use this as needed."
The Wellington United Methodists raised that money in 12 days.

Prayer List

Please keep these special requests in your heart and mind this month.

Joyce Allard
Kevin Allard
Bert Allard
Sharon Anderson
Frank & Rose Baber
Velma Barton
Carol Beck
Amy Berry
Barb Brown
Bryce Burden
Christine Cluck
Mike & Mary Coffey
Bill Cooper
Sandy Crosse
Marvin & Anita Elliott
Niki Erickson
Connie Evans
Nick Evans
Colleen Freeman
Mima Hale
Kinley Hall
Scottie Hopson

Vernie Jenkins
Nancy Julian
Denise Keylon
George Merry
Sawyer Meyer
Tina Mills
Retta Norris
Manuel Padilla
Paula Palmer
Wade Pugh
Evan Scott
Sam Smith
Dean Starr
Brad Teegarden
Carolyn Thatcher
Roy Thompson
Cliff Trammel
Josie Willis
Cameron Wolf
Our Military Men &
Women
PEACE!

MISSION- ARIES IN SERVICE TO OUR WORLD:

Jan Flanagan
Jacob Sangster

NURSING HOMES:

Glenda Ruth Berry
Lora Church
Maxine Dawson
Yvonne Elliott
Donna Millard
Lanett Montgomery
Ann Welch



If you know of anyone who needs to be added or if this list needs to be edited, please contact Steve at the church office: (580) 423-7231 or (405) 747-4959 cell.

Opportunities for Christian Growth

Volunteers in Mission
Team Leader Training

September 7

www.okvim.org

"Called to Sent" Workshop
(Discipleship-making for the small Church)

October & November in 9 locations

Email: mdecastro@okumc.org

TUMC Church Conference

Led by District Superintendent David Burris

Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 6:00pm

PPRC Committee meets at 5:00pm

UM Game Day at OSU—Sept. 14

For information: [http://www.okumc.org/
events/detail/2559](http://www.okumc.org/events/detail/2559)

