



# Morris First United Methodist Church

## Upcoming Events:

July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Bible Study 6:30 pm

July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration 7 pm

July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day

July 9<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> – Youth Mission Trip

July 10<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study 6:30 pm

July 12<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting 7 pm

July 15<sup>th</sup> – UMM 8 am

July 16<sup>th</sup> – Youth 5-7:30 pm

July 17<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study 6:30 pm

July 18<sup>th</sup> – UMW serving at CREOKS

July 20<sup>th</sup> – Christ's Cupboard 3-6:30 pm

July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Youth 5-7:30 pm

July 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> – VBS 6:00-8:00 pm

July 30<sup>th</sup> – Youth 5-7:30 pm

July 31<sup>st</sup> – Bible Study 6:30 pm



Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 7pm

At Rick & Anna Davis' house

800 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St, Morris



Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Bring homemade ice cream or a dessert, your lawn chairs and enjoy the celebration!



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

I've been here a year and I feel that this is home. Many exciting things have happened for me this past year: leading Bible studies, my first Christmas, Lent and Easter here, teaching the confirmation kids, and my graduation from Seminary just to name a few. It has been a transition for me, first to move here and now to be free from having to do the reading and writing for classes for the first time in four years!

This summer, I've started a Sermon Series and Bible study over the eight priorities of Jesus and how we can build habits that help us to follow Jesus more diligently and become better disciples. The first two priorities we have already discussed: Heal and Love. This first Sunday of July will be Pray and we will continue each week with a new priority.

By looking at the Gospels, we can see the truth for Christians; they are an invaluable source of faith to us. The two assumptions that guide the sermon series and Bible study are: 1. God earnestly desires us to find God. God is love and love seeks unity. As a gift, Jesus came to help us find the way to God, lead the way. He encouraged us to follow him, so it must be within our power to do so. He would not have left us instructions we could not follow. 2. Because Jesus wants us to find our way to God, he left directions, or instructions, that could be found easily. He left them in the memory of his life, in his teachings and actions recorded in the Gospels. Studying the Bible is not just for pastors, seminary students or scholars. The Good News was preached to all, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!" (Mark 4:9) The Gospels are a gift from God for all of us to use and learn from. Through study, reflection and prayer anybody can find Jesus' message.

Jesus left his ministry, the example of his life, the stories of his teachings and actions recorded for us in the Gospels and called attention to the most important things by saying or doing them many times. That is how we can know his priorities, what he values. Habits are born from our values and for us to build habits from the values and priorities that Jesus had, we are meant to explore and study them so that we understand them. Then we practice them to change our habits to be more in line with Jesus. That is what we are doing this summer.

Worship is changing a little, also. Some things have been moved around and some things have been added. I pray that they are pleasing to God Almighty and are a blessing to you. If you haven't been to worship in a while, come and check it out. It might refresh you and become a good habit to begin a stronger relationship with God, which is what we are all striving for. God bless you!

*Pastor Tracy*



## **Don't miss Vacation Bible School- Hero Central- Discover Your Strength in God!**

**When- Sun. July 23rd- Thurs. July 27th**

**Time- 6pm-8pm (Monday-Thursday we will be serving dinner at 5:30pm)**

We are still in need of volunteers. Sign-up sheets will be sent around during church and posted on the bulletin board. Supplies still needed include blue, red, and yellow table clothes, balloons, paper, and any kind of super hero figures. Any assistance would be appreciated. Look for registration forms and invitation post cards in coming weeks! Think of a child you can invite to VBS! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Tracy or Tracy Sullins.

## **Christ's Cupboard**



**The food pantry is in need of spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, and canned fruit this month.**

## **Church Camp News**

Thank you to the Methodist Women, Methodist Men, and the Church Board for the help sending kids to camp this year. We had 5 kids total go to camp this year. Three to District Camp, one to 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp, and one to elementary camp. Below are what a couple of the kids loved about camp.

Jackson – “My favorite parts of camp were the worship and the food. The food is always the best. The worship this year was the best I’ve ever been to at camp. We had a new pastor from South Africa. His name is David Player. He was funny and energetic, yet serious. I also loved playing in the creek and making tons of new friends.”

Ellie - “I loved going to the mud pit and hiking up the mountain. I liked bonding with the other campers and making new friends. This year’s camp has definitely brought me closer to God.”

Corbin – “When I went to the 2017 green county district camp I had a blast. I made a lot of new friends. I also got to get closer to God and have a good time.

**You can tithe even  
during the busy Summer  
months!**



The summer is a very busy time for everyone. However, the church is still busy doing the work it is called to do. To make it easy on you, the church has an automatic tithe withdrawal. Just fill out the form and send it back to the church office, we will take care of the rest. It's as easy as that!



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MORRIS, OK 74445

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby authorize Morris United Methodist Church to automatically deduct from my Account # \_\_\_\_\_, Routing # \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Financial Institution), \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ of each month OR \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on the following dates/days \_\_\_\_\_ of each month.

I realize that should sufficient funds not be available on the requested date that I could incur an insufficient fund fee from my institution. I also understand that, should funds not be available on the requested date, the institution will not attempt to withdraw funds until the next requested date. Therefore, it will be my responsibility to make tithe arrangements when the funds become available.

I also understand that I should contact the Church Administrator with any changes in the amount/dates of giving or account information as soon as possible to avoid any fees or inconveniences to you or the church.

Please attach a voided copy of your check or deposit slip to this form for verification purposes.

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SIGNATURE

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DATE

UPON COMPLETION, PLEASE RETURN TO CHURCH OFFICE WHERE YOUR INFORMATION WILL BE STORED IN A SECURE LOCATION.



**JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> – NO YOUTH**

**JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> – NO YOUTH**

**JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>-14<sup>TH</sup> – YOUTH MISSION TRIP**

**JULY 16<sup>TH</sup> – YOUTH 5-7:30 PM**

**JULY 23<sup>RD</sup> – YOUTH 5-7:30 PM**

**JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> – YOUTH 5-7:30 PM**



Monday's at 6:30 pm  
during the summer.



# Prayer Requests



Don Sellers	Pastor Joy	Debbie Haynes	Jennifer Roper	Crystal Nolan
Bill Patterson	Doug Dibble	Mike Vaughn	Larry Simpson	Elisha Sexton
Faye Cagle	Karan Gilliam	Joyce McDowell	Carol & Jody Schauffner	Tony Hawkins
Madison King	Pat Patterson	Barbara Young	Tara Roper	Isabelle Wissinger
Elisha & Jeremiah	Zach Zink & family	Marjory Wilson family	Christ's Cupboard	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Linda Furer
2	3 Bible Study 6:30 4th of July Celebration	4 Independence Day	5	6 Mike & Lisa Osborn Ann. Tracy Hoskins	7	8 April Vaughn
9 Youth Mission Trip	10 Bible Study 6:30pm	11	12 Board Meeting 7pm	13	14 Baylee Osborn	15 UMM 8 am Jerry & Patsy Zink
16 Youth 5-7:30pm	17 Bible Study 6:30pm	18 UMM serving at CREOKS	19	20 Christ's Cupboard 3-6:30pm	21	22 Mick & Natalie Clark
23 Youth 5-7:30pm Benny & Lori Kellner VBS 6-8pm	24 Tim Davis	25	26	27 Bill & Debby Golden Ann. Chery Rea	28	29
30 Youth 5-7:30pm Linda King	31 Bible Study 6:30pm					