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## AUGUST 2025

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9AM—Sunday Worship  
10AM—Sunday School  
11AM—Sunday Worship

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Beloved Community,

It's hard to come to grips with the fact that summer is almost over. The heat sure hasn't let up, but we're only a few short days away from the start of a new school year and all the excitement it brings. As much as I always dreaded the end of summer vacation, I'll admit I was usually excited to go back to school. It was an excuse to bring all my friends back together (particularly once I got to college) but the real admission is: I really liked learning. It was exciting to see what would come next, what new things we would discover, what kind of fun things we could dig into and discuss together. I miss that part of school, the organized discovery, and it's why I still get so excited about teaching and sharing things as part of my role as pastor. If I get to learn something, we can talk about it together.

It's why we're going back to school this month. I thought it would be a good time to dig into our United Methodist heritage and see how our history continues to speak to us through the generations. We're looking at the "Five Marks of a Methodist" and unravelling what aspects of our faith should be our focal points as we step into this new era of the UMC. There is so much rich history in the Methodist movement through the ages and I am so excited to get to dig into it with all of you. Join us as we head back to school and learn a little more about where we came from and where that leads us.

Blessings,  
Rev Jeff Hinton  
Email: [hintonesquire@gmail.com](mailto:hintonesquire@gmail.com)



July was another busy month for GCGer's. We had our 2nd Tuesday brown bag lunch and our 4th Tuesday lunch at Golden Corral. In addition to those activities, a group of 15 toured the National Weather Center. It was a very interesting tour.

On August the 12th will be our second Tuesday brown bag lunch at 11:30 at the church. After lunch, we will play games. August the 22nd will be our lunch at Golden Corral at 1:30.

If you are 55+ years old or older, we welcome you to join us.

Please remember those that are in nursing facilities, assisted living or home bound with calls, cards or visits.

Blessings,  
Kathy Hooker

## Care Closet

The Care Closet originated over 30 years ago by Freda Storm and is still a much needed mission for our community. Each month 40 to 50 bags are prepared to be distributed on the third Thursday of each month. It varies from 40 to 50 bags to be handed out each time. To prepare 50 bags with 8 items in each bag cost \$400.00. These toiletry items are provided because sometimes people just don't have enough money to purchase these items. Please keep this in mind next time you make a donation to the Care Closet which is totally funded by your donations. Any amount is very much appreciated. Without your support the Care Closet would not be able to provide this mission to our community.

I sincerely appreciate Freda Storm and Linda Scott for joining this mission to hand out the bags each month. Thank you both for your willingness to serve on this project.

Please contact me with any questions you might have.

Janice Shockley

Phone: 405-630-8744



## United Methodist Men

The men's group would like to thank Sherry and our youth for preparing breakfast the last 2 months. The men will be making breakfast the rest of the year.

The next Community Breakfast will be Sunday, August 17th from 8-10AM in the gym.

Blessings,  
Kenny Presson



In July our expected tithe budget is 19K but we only received 16K. Our expenses for July were over the budget by 1K, so overall for July, we were 4K worse than expected. So far for the year, we are doing a little better than expected.

Blessings,  
Lynda Maney



## Mark Your Calendars

Blessing of the Backpacks is Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 Worship service. Everyone going to school is invited to bring their

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backpacks, brief cases, and tote bags to the service and have them receive a blessing. That includes students of all ages, teachers, and support staff. If your child is in need of a backpack, let Sherry know, she has some extras. Norman Public Schools begin Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>. Let's get the new year started off right.

Blessings,  
Sherry McCurley  
Email: ssemcc@hotmail.com



Big THANK YOU!  
Thank you to everyone that helped in any way to make Vacation Bible School a success. We had around 30 children attend including several first timers. Everyone from the teachers, guides, kitchen crew, assembly leaders, décor makers, and the parents all deserve big pats on the back for jobs well done! I'll say it again, I love our Goodrich family.

Thanks also to those who donated money for VBS!

Blessings,  
Sherry McCurley  
Email: ssemcc@hotmail.com



## Goodrich Church Mice

The church mice will be back at it on Tuesdays at 5:30. Come with some ideas to make for the bazaar. We welcome everyone that likes to create.

Blessings,  
Sherry McCurley  
Email: ssemcc@hotmail.com

## Goodrich United Methodist Children's Department



### Children's Sunday School

This month's theme is Transformed.

Teachers: Caroline Hunt & Pam Kaiser

Aug. 3 – Transformed by Peace – Psalm 23

Aug. 10 - Transformed by Patience – Luke 2:21-38

Aug. 17 - Transformed by Kindness – Acts 9:21-25

Aug. 24 - Transformed by Goodness – 1 Samuel 18:1-5; 20:1-42

Aug. 31 – Transformed by Faithfulness – Daniel 3:1-30

Blessings,  
Sherry McCurley  
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## Youth

Thank you to Brandon & Kaiti Hagain and Larry & Debbie Anderson for hosting the youth group at their homes for swimming & hot dog cookout and banana foosball & hamburger cookout this summer. It was greatly appreciated. Thank you Michelle for hanging with us. We're happy Diamond has returned from ROTC training in Alabama.

Aug. 3 the Yukon Church of the Good Shepherd have invited us to a volleyball tournament and evening of food and fun from 3:00 -7:30. We will meet at 2:15 to get on the bus and will return approx. 8:15.

Blessings,  
Sherry McCurley  
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August	
1	Billie Duncan
3	Wilfred McMurphy
7	Melissa Anderson
8	Eli Hunt
10	Kenny Presson
12	Wesley Curtis
16	Anita Tanner
21	Bob Neel
25	Kao Laizure
26	Shirley Franklin
28	James Wasson
29	Debbie Rucker
31	Linda Neel



August	
21	Gary & Janice Shockley
22	Charles & Jolene Craddock
23	Abbie & John Rose

## Our Thoughts & Prayers

### Presently Homebound / Assisted Living

Delores Nelson, Home
JoAnn Gordoni, Home
Eric Engh, Home
Lucille Clark, Brookdale, OKC
Kay Wilkins, Silver Elms
Glenda VanDusen, South Park East, OKC
Phyllis Gammon, Home
Sharon Younkin, Home
Ken Younkin, Arbor House Reminisce
Karen Leu, Home
Jane Gay, Grace Living
Wes Curtis, Home
Rose Elugardo, Arbor House Reminisce
Linda Scott, Home



For the month of August, the Goodrich Book Club has chosen the novel, "A Prayer for Owen Meany", by John Irving. The review below comes from Book Nook.

"Owen Meany, is an intelligent, small-statured, shrill-voiced, 11-year-old son of a quarryman. He grows up in Gravesend, New Hampshire, with his best buddy John Wheelwright, whose family comes from old money. John narrates the twists and turns of their relationship, from the Little League baseball game during which Owen's foul ball kills John's mother to Owen's death, a divinely crafted occurrence that Owen adamantly believes he has foreseen. This novel is one of predestined heroism and a boy determined to curate his life experiences in preparation for his final act. (The vagueness concerning Owen's fate is necessary—spoilers! I can say, however, that in his role as the Ghost of Christmas Future for a production of "A Christmas Carol," he inexplicably sees his name and date of death on Scrooge's gravestone, which fortifies his ideas about his purpose and his link with God.) The majority of the story takes place throughout the 1950s and 1960s, so readers get to follow Owen and John as they transition from days composed of TV viewing and rounds of armadillo hide-and-seek (read the book to see what I mean – it is a whole thing) to days composed of collegiate activities and wartime rhetoric.

Several themes are unmissable. Perhaps the most notable motif that Irving explores is that of friendship. (Example "aww" moments include 1) the trustful sharing of treasured baseball cards between Owen and John and 2) Owen's voluntarily repeating grade nine when he learns that John was held back, all so that they might attend Gravesend Academy together.) Also prominent are the concepts of religion and faith as well as the corresponding concept of doubt. In addition, Irving cleverly integrates insights into the stateside turmoil associated with the Vietnam War. Though these topics hold the story together, they are arguably tangential to a larger theme, that is, the loss of one's childhood and the beautiful tragedy of maturing."

It's easy to see why this book is still a Best Seller that speaks to many generations. We hope to have you join us for this end-of-summer read.

# AUGUST 2025 CALENDAR

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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					Anonymous 7AM Bethel 7PM	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Board Meeting 12PM Book Club 1PM Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10AM Scouts 7PM	Church Mice 5:30PM Cheer 6PM Bethel 7PM		UWF 6PM Cheer 6PM	Anonymous 7AM Bethel 7PM	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Blessing of the Back- packs Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10AM Scouts 7PM	GCGers Brown Bag 11:30AM Church Mice 5:30PM Cheer 6PM Bethel 7PM		Cheer 6PM	Anonymous 7AM Bethel 7PM	Gym Rental 1-5PM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Community Breakfast 8-10AM Staff Meeting 12PM Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10AM Scouts 7PM	Church Mice 5:30PM Cheer 6PM Bethel 7PM		Care Closet 11AM Cheer 6PM	Anonymous 7AM Bethel 7PM	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10AM Scouts 7PM	GCGers Gold- en Corral 1:30PM Church Mice 5:30PM Cheer 6PM Bethel 7PM	Choir 7PM	Cheer 6PM	Anonymous 7AM Bethel 7PM	
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