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JANUARY 2026

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

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Beloved Community,

It sometimes seems like that brief period between the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of the Lenten journey all runs together. It's about a month of breathing before we swap from one of the Church's high holy days to the period of preparation for the next. But I think it's a perfect time as we mark a new year and new beginnings to say thank you for all that you have done as a church this year. You have shown your generosity in willing to help those in need through our food collections and our monthly hygiene outreaches. You have been welcoming to new members (and new pastors) in a way that makes them feel like they've always been a part of this church family. Together we have dreamed of new ways to meet our neighbors and be a truly incarnational ministry, bringing Christ ever closer to those who need to feel his presence most. We will continue to hope together in this new year. There may be more changes, new ideas, refining of what has always made this place special, but through it all we will celebrate the work of God in this place that takes place through us. I am so excited to go on this journey as your pastor and as your friend. May we dream with open hearts and see where the Spirit calls us next.

Blessings,
Rev Jeff Hinton
Email: hintonesquire@gmail.com

Adult Sunday School Classes

Reminder:

We offer a Sunday School class for everyone of all ages!

They all begin at 10:00am

Adult Classes

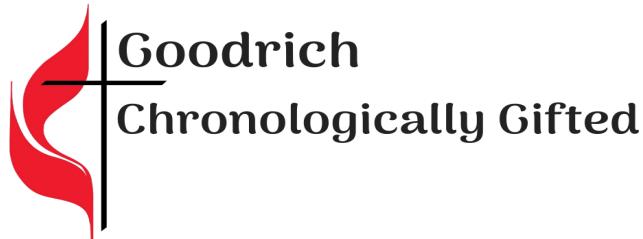
Adult Discussion class meets in the parlor led by Jim Har-
grove and Manny Aguilar.

The Richard Rohr class meets in the old parlor and is led
by Steve Kaiser.

The Seekers class meets behind the Sunday School desk
led by Linda Scott.

The Friendship Builders meet in the room next to the
library.

The Among Disciples class meets in room 218 led by
Becky Aguilar. Open to all, but especially those of varying
abilities.



Happy New Year 2026!

Hard to believe we are entering a new year! Time flies
when you are having fun and we have fun in GCG'ers!

If you have a suggestion for an activity, please contact
Kenny Presson, Sherry McCurley or Kathy Hooker.

The month of January we will NOT have a second Tues-
day lunch. January the 27th will be our lunch at Golden
Corral at 1:30pm.

Please remember those that are in assisted living, nurs-
ing facility or home bound with calls, cards or visits.

Blessings,
Kathy Hooker



CHILDREN

Children's Sunday School

Teachers: Caroline Hunt and Pam Kaiser

Sunday mornings at 10:00am

Under Construction: God's community grows & changes

Jan. 4 – Solomon Builds the Temple, 1 Kings 6:1-8:66

Jan. 11 – The Israelites Rebuild the Temple, Ezra 3:8-13

Jan. 18 – Jesus Visits the Temple, Luke 2:41-52

Jan. 25 – Jesus Renews the Temple, John 2:13-22

Blessings,
Sherry McCurley

Email: ssemcc@hotmail.com

WINTER CAMP SPARK

Winter Camp Spark

Winter Camp Spark is January 16-19. Cost is \$225. Scholarships are available. Register online @okcamps.org. Use transfer code GOOD73070 when you go to pay. Get registered today!! We will tentatively leave the church around 1:00pm. Bring lunch money for on the way home.



Our income was higher and expenses lower than ex-
pected for 2025, but we still had a loss of \$2.5K for the
year. Thank you for all of your donations, including the
year end extra donations!

Blessings,
Lynda Maney

United Methodist Men

Community Breakfast on January 18th from 8-10AM.

Blessings,
Kenny Presson

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

I am proud to inform my Goodrich family that because of your generous and dedicated support of Operation Christmas Child we packed 230 boxes. Thank you Dwight Maney and Gary Shockley for transporting these boxes to Emmaus Baptist Church in Okla. City. It took 3 vehicles to get all the boxes to the drop site. A mere THANK YOU is not enough to express how much I appreciate your abundance of support with the sharing of your time, talent, gifts and monetary donations. Please know that I sincerely appreciate all that was done to make this year an awesome success!!!! I would like to recognize and offer a special thank you to the "Church Mice" for preparing 50 of the 230 packed boxes & to Amanda (Linda Scott's daughter) for wrapping well over 100 boxes to support this mission. Thank you to everyone who attended the "packing party" to prepare the 230 boxes. It was a fun evening! Your contributions were very important to the success of this project.

You may think this mission is over for this year with a wonderful outcome. But now it's time to start planning for next year. I collect shoe boxes all year to have enough boxes. I will also need a new supply of wrapping paper, tape, toys and the much needed allowable items to fill the shoeboxes. After Christmas sales are a prime time to find bargains to start on next year's Christmas Shoebox mission. I will be glad to store any donations I receive.

I hope each of you will feel the reward of knowing you have brought happiness and a smile to many children all around the world. Also because of your generosity they will receive a message of God's love with each box they receive.

Again a sincere & heartfelt thank you to each of you for your participation in this much needed mission for the children.

This is my last year to chair Operation Christmas Child. I would like very much for someone to step up to keep this mission active. It is such a worthwhile mission knowing you are providing a box filled with toys and much needed items to children around the world. I have been rewarded year after year knowing our church has supported this mission in a big way!!! This mission also brings the love of Christ and introduces Christianity to them. I will continue to work on this mission by collecting boxes and making sure they are wrapped for the packing party. I will also be glad to work with the new chair to make sure the transition goes smoothly. Please consider becoming the new chair of this mission so we can continue to touch the lives of children in so many countries with the God's love!!!!

Please contact me with any questions you might have at 405-630-8744.

Blessings,
Janice Shockley

GOODRICH UNITED METHODIST
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CELEBRATION CHOIR NEEDS SINGERS

**JOIN THE CHURCH CHOIR AND LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!
ALL VOICES AND PARTS ARE ENCOURAGED!**

Practice:

Wednesday 7:00-8:00 PM

Service Performances:

Sundays 11:00 AM

Prayer Team



**Join the Monday Morning Prayer
Group at**

10:00 in Room 212 . We will pray

for members

**of the church and those beyond all
walls in need.**

All are welcome!



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

January	
2	Asher Worthley
6	Phong Do
7	Jill Davis
8	Carrie Baker
8	Carolyn Harrison
17	Kaiti Hagain
18	Jon Thompson
18	Kari Blanton
18	Steve Kaiser
19	Roger Hall
21	Jane Allen
22	Eric Franklin
23	Charlie Anderson
23	Lizzie Wallace
28	Tommy Boone
31	Chloe Curliss

Happy Anniversary	
January	
10	Kent & Lori Sowers

PLEASE NOTE:

If we don't list you on your birthday or anniversary, please contact Lynda Maney in the Goodrich Office and give her your birth date and/or anniversary date.

Our Thoughts & Prayers

Presently Homebound / Assisted Living

Delores Nelson, Home
JoAnn Gordoni, Home
Eric Engh, Home
Kay Wilkins, Silver Elms
Glenda VanDusen, South Park East, OKC
Phyllis Gammon, Home
Sharon Younkin, Home
Ken Younkin, Arbor House Reminisce
Karen Leu, Home
Wes Curtis, Home
Rose Elugardo, Arbor House Reminisce



The Goodrich Book Club is looking forward to 2026 reads! Don't we all need a lesson on friendship and what it means to love all others? This is the truly wonderful story of one man's quest to embrace that. Join us and read – "The Greatest Beer Run Ever: A Memoir of Friendship, Loyalty, and War". The review below comes from 'Goodreads'.

"One night in 1967, twenty-six-year-old John Donohue—known as Chick—was out with friends, drinking in a New York City bar. The friends gathered there had lost loved ones in Vietnam. Now, they watched as anti-war protesters turned on the troops themselves.

One neighborhood patriot came up with an inspired—some would call it insane—idea. Someone should sneak into Vietnam, track down their buddies there, give them messages of support from back home, and share a few laughs over a can of beer.

It would be the Greatest Beer Run Ever. But who'd be crazy enough to do it?

One man was up for the challenge—a U. S. Marine Corps veteran turned merchant mariner who wasn't about to desert his buddies on the front lines when they needed him. Chick volunteered.

A day later, he was on a cargo ship headed to Vietnam, armed with Irish luck and a backpack full of beer. Landing in Qui Nho'n, Chick set off on an adventure that would change his life forever—an odyssey that took him through a series of hilarious escapades and harrowing close calls, including the Tet Offensive. But none of that mattered if he could bring some cheer to his pals and show them how much the folks back home appreciated them.

This is the story of that epic beer run, told in Chick's own words and those of the men he visited in Vietnam."

We go off the beaten path in this book, in fact we dive into this jungle that was the 1960's. It's a good thing the Goodrich readers are fearless. We hope to see you dive in with us.

This book will be discussed on February 1st at 1PM.

JANUARY 2026 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 NOC Basket-ball 5:30-7PM	2 Anonymous 7AM Bethel 7PM	3 Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM
4	5 Book Club 1PM Cub Scouts 1-2PM Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	6 TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10AM Delta Kappa 6PM Scouts 7PM	7 Church Mice 5:30PM NOC Basket-ball 5:30-7PM Bethel 7PM	8 NOC Basket-ball 5:30-7PM	9 Anonymous 7AM Bethel 7PM	10 Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM
11	12 Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	13 TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10AM Scouts 7PM	14 Church Mice 5:30PM NOC Basket-ball 5:30-7PM Bethel 7PM	15 Girl Scouts 6PM Care Closet 11AM NOC Basket-ball 5:30-7PM Spero 7-8PM	16 Anonymous 7AM Bethel 7PM	17 Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM
18	19 Community Breakfast 8-10AM Staff Meeting 12PM Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	20 HOLIDAY TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10AM Delta Kappa 6PM Scouts 7PM	21 Church Mice 5:30PM NOC Basket-ball 5:30-7PM Bethel 7PM	22 NOC Basket-ball 5:30-7PM Spero 7-8PM	23 Anonymous 7AM Cub Scouts 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	24 Cub Scouts 8AM-12:30PM Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM
25	26 Board Meeting 12PM Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	27 TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10AM Scouts 7PM	28 Church Mice 5:30PM NOC Basket-ball 5:30-7PM Bethel 7PM	29 Girl Scouts 6PM Choir 7PM NOC Basket-ball 5:30-7PM Spero 7-8PM	30 Anonymous 7AM Bethel 7PM	31 Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM