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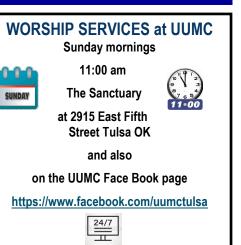
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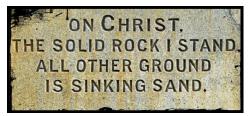
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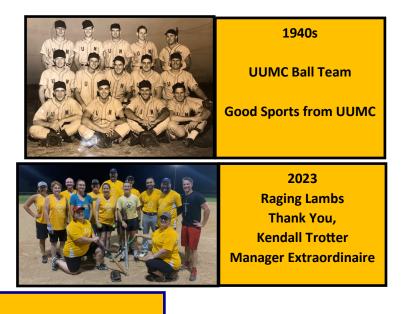


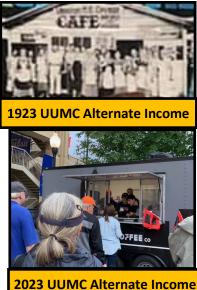
We are thrilled to commemorate 100 years of faith, community and service in the heart of Tulsa. Since our establishment in 1923, UUMC has been a beacon of love, compassion, and spiritual growth, touching the lives of countless individuals and making a positive impact on our surrounding community.

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

This fall we will come together as a church family and community to honor the legacy of UUMC. Our celebration will be a joyous occasion filled with worship, fellowship, and reminiscence. The day will commence with a special worship service and the unveiling of our Centennial Altar Cross. We will then be blessed with a sermon by Bishop James Nunn, and then experience some soul-stirring music with a unique commissioned piece just for this 100-Year event!

Following the service, we invite you to join us for a festive reception and meal in Fellowship Hall, where we will share stories, reconnect with old friends, and create new memories. Tours of the church and talks about our historical memorabilia will then continue through the afternoon.









Whistle While We Work Day

## Wednesday, September 6th 9:30-11:30am.

Volunteers will focus on cleaning the parlor, welcome center & kitchen in anticipation of centennial events. The Admin Board/Trustees is having the parlor carpet professionally cleaned.

Gardening helpers may be needed to help Terri Callaway if the courtyard flower beds need attention.



All are invited to Bill & Ruth's afterwards for lunch and conversation.



The UUMC Book Club will meet Tuesday evening, September 26th at 6:30 pm in the church parlor. The book to be discussed is About Grace by Anthony Doerr.

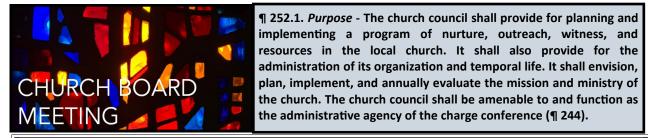
Books for October and November are:

October The Silent Sister **Diane Chamberlain** 

November The Lincoln Highway **Amor Towles** 

Amor Towles is receiving the 2023 Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished Author Award and will give a free presentation on November 30 at 5:30pm. Here is more info on that event: https://www.tulsalibrary.org/programs-andservices/peggy-v-helmerich-distinguished-author -award

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## Hello and Greetings to all from your Administrative Board!

The dog days of summer continue to plague us. Gosh, it has been hot. Nonetheless our Centennial Committee is still working hard, and a public thank you goes out to BOBBY OERTEL! All of our activities and projects are on target, and we look forward to enjoying all of them together as an UUMC family. <u>p.s.-The clock is ticking for RECIPES and MEMORABILIA</u>.



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 a special time of WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP





The biggest news, well actually one of two big announcements, is that your Board voted to accept the UMC Oklahoma designation as a LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH. In a nutshell, this designation will give us visibility to reach out and minister to people who are from disaffiliated churches and who are seeking to find a new church home. Here is the affirmation we voted to accept (more on the website Lighthouse Congregations):

Our congregation, University United Methodist Church, on this date (August 20, 2023), moves that we become a Lighthouse Church of the Oklahoma Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in partnership with Annual Conference's efforts to support and provide for persons whose churches have disaffiliated, but who also choose to remain United Methodist. In doing so, not only do we commit to remaining a part of the United Methodist Church of Oklahoma, but we also commit to serving those who have lost their church homes through disaffiliation or closure. We agree to this partnership by making a covenant with the members of this church to serve in this way:

1. **Provide a welcoming place to belong** during this time of grief and transition, which may be for a time, or forever. This includes a safe space with caring relationships, listening hearts, and an unconditional love within a congregation that is confident it is remaining in the UMC.

• Provide all forms of pastoral and laity care.

• This may also include providing physical space for groups of people who are in this situation, to gather as they may be considering what it looks like for them to stay together as a church or ministry within the UMC of Oklahoma.

2. Offer ministry opportunities in which to engage. However, there will be no pressure to do so.

• <u>Worship</u>: Providing worship opportunities either online or in person. These services should be intentional about engaging and welcoming new people into their midst. They should also include the sacraments of communion and baptism and opportunities to make a profession of faith and join the church, if desired by the individual.

• <u>Discipleship</u>: Creating space to learn and grow through small groups, like a Sunday School Class, bible study, or other small group which is a part of the church's ministry. Note: these persons may want to stay together in one of these expressions as a group.

• <u>Mission</u>: Inviting fellow United Methodists into opportunities to serve through handson ministries. These would include anything that falls under the ministry of the United Methodist Church on a local, district, or conference level.

Connect persons or groups with Conference and District resources to help them discern their next steps as they consider a new church home.

This is an opportunity to walk-the-walk in faith, and I pray all of us will do this with God's blessing and grace.

Double Flag Coffee also has some exciting news, but I won't steal our pastors' thunder. Just know that it is a VERY unexpected blessing (direct from GOD, I think), and it will bring a whole new dimension to this business we have all agreed to support, both in word and deed. (Fairgrounds contract!) Also, we installed a couple of new DFC board members, one being Bobby Oertel and the other Tami Losoncy, who is the General Manager of Propel, our leasing operation. It is important that we have savvy and experienced business folk involved so that we are ready to handle this entity independently. Please congratulate them for agreeing to serve.

That's the big stuff. We are doing all we can to ensure our two pastors are able to fulfill District responsibilities as well as local UUMC duties. One thing that we can all do is try to make an appointment with our pastors if you need time with them. They still want to spend time with you! Setting appointments when you can, will help them manage their schedules and help us on the Board know that pastoral care is readily available. TU and Wesley responsibilities take some of their time too. Another topic that comes to mind is the need for sound system support, which at this time remains all volunteer. If you would like to offer your time, we would be grateful. The current servants are really to be commended for their tenacity, and it would be very much appreciated if others would come forward. We need a deeper bench to cover the needs. If our budget grows, perhaps we can look at paying an honorarium to these very important positions.

May we go forth and live in our faith! And may it be in peace, with God's blessing, Martha





The University United Methodist Church Administrative Board

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# O Lord, Hear Our Prayer

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12

- $\Rightarrow$  Prayers for my cousin Kathi. She was just diagnosed with colon cancer.
- $\Rightarrow$  Prayers for my friend Michelle. About a year ago, she was diagnosed with colon cancer. Now she has been diagnosed with endometrial cancer.

~Jan Griffiths

⇒ Prayers needed for my lifelong friend Lou Reich. Her recent cyberknife treatment for Stage 4 lung cancer was successful; however, follow-up scans show that it has metastasized to her liver and ribcage.

~Donna Stuber

 $\Rightarrow$  Prayers for my cousin Mark who suffered a stroke and fell and cracked his skull. He is in the ICU at the Oklahoma City VA Hospital.

#### ~Rick Stuber

⇒ Prayers for my 33-year-old grandson Jim. He has been dealing with ulcerative colitis for two years and it He recently had an infusion treatment and will be has become very serious. rechecked in two weeks. If the treatment hasn't worked, he will require a major, life- changing surgery.

 $\Rightarrow$  Continued healing prayers for Donna Baker. She saw an orthopedic doctor for her broken arm. Fortunately, she did not require a cast, but he did refer her for physical therapy. Donna's break is in her dominant arm, and that has hampered her independence!

~Linda Baker

~Carolyn Pense

- $\Rightarrow$  Prayers for Glenda McCullough, my daughter-in-law's mother. Glenda has been hospitalized with pneumonia and has been very sick.
- ⇒ Continued prayers for the Blair family as they grieve the tragic drowning of ten-month-old Declan.

~Saletha Fuller

 $\Rightarrow$  Prayers for my sister Cherie. She received a questionable medical test result and needs follow-up for a proper diagnosis.

~Melanie Nelson

- $\Rightarrow$  Prayers of concern for Donna Brock. She is 87-years old and is hospitalized with COVID.
- $\Rightarrow$  Prayers for our soon-to-be daughter-in-law Michelle. Her grandmother, who was recently hospitalized for COVID, passed away.

~Louis and Lynn Bordwine

 $\Rightarrow$  Prayers for Rev. Sandy Wylie and caregiver Susan as Sandy recovers from last week's hip replacement surgery.

#### ~Martha Humes

 $\Rightarrow$  Prayers for Gary as he suffers from severe back pain. Hoping the doctors are able to find some answers. ~Tere Talley

 $\Rightarrow$  Traveling mercies for the Oertels, who will be vacationing in Michigan and Chicago this week (August 7th), and also for Owen, who will head back to college in San Antonio afterward.

~The Oertels

⇒ Prayers for Deidra Kirtley as she starts the Camino de Santiago on August 21. She plans to be hiking in Spain for six weeks to complete the trail I hiked in 2015, so I was able to give her a few tips! May she have clear skies and ~Laura Weatherholt a smooth road!

 $\Rightarrow$  I finished my AP Chemistry final this weekend. Pray I passed the class!

 $\Rightarrow$  Pray for our country-that we would start to love one another once again.

 $\Rightarrow$  Pray also for Noah's job hunt and that he gets a great job!

⇒ Pray for Hawaii...hoping UMCOR is in Maui helping.

 $\Rightarrow$  Prayers for my depression.

- $\Rightarrow$  Prayers for my improv class show on August 17th.

- $\Rightarrow$  Please pray for David and Kendel Hall's move to the Philtower lofts downtown soon.

 $\Rightarrow$  Pray for Fernando and Jose'. They both have leukemia.

wildfires.

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 $\Rightarrow$  Prayers for the residents and tourists on the island of Maui who are being affected by the horrific

 $\Rightarrow$  Continued prayers for Harrison Moseby as he fights his cancer battle.

and fun time welcoming everyone back on August 17th!

Prayers for all of the TPS teachers, students and parents. May we stay accredited!!

 $\Rightarrow$  Prayers for the teachers, staff, children and college students returning to school.

 $\Rightarrow$  Prayers for justice in our schools and that cooler heads prevail.

on August 19, 2022.

bones.

- school year!  $\Rightarrow$  Prayers for the people of Maui. The devastation is unbelievable.

- ~Jolynn Dotson ⇒ Prayers for Gary Talley to find relief for his back pain. He has an MRI scheduled for Wednesday, August 16th.

 $\Rightarrow$  Keeping Sherry Hobbs close in thought and prayer. Her uncle, Ronnie Lowther, passed away in August of 2022. ⇒ Keeping Mike and Cathy Hittle close in thought and prayer, as well. Cathy's sister, Marcie Dunfee, passed away

Prayers for my college buddy Wesley Ard. He has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and it is already in his

Keep the students and staff of Tulsa Public Schools in your prayers during this time of uncertainty. Hope for a safe

- ~Ruth Ives

- ⇒ Prayers for fellow resident of Cedarhurst Esther Lynch, who is hospitalized with vertigo and is also being tested for other issues.
- ~Lynn Sampsell

Prayers for our daughter Alex as she returns to OSU for school. Pray for safety and guidance this new

~Matt and Sevan Roberts

~Gary and Tere Talley

~Jan Griffiths

~Raul Vasq

~Rob Detrick

~Susan Goins

~Drew Druzynski

~Rev. Matt Patrick

~Amber Turner

~UUMC Family

~Harvey Humes

# O Lord, Hear Our Prayer

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- $\Rightarrow$  Prayers of healing for my niece Melissa.
- $\Rightarrow$  Traveling mercies for me from August 9-16 (Mystery Tour).
- ⇒ Traveling mercies for me on Friday, September 1st as I fly to Portland, Oregon for a Columbia River cruise.
- $\Rightarrow$  Prayers that my artwork is selected for a show at Liggett Studio.
- ⇒ Prayers of celebration for my sister Sharon's successful heart surgery and for her 79th birthday!
- ⇒ Continued prayers for Jan Talbott, who is adjusting to life without Bob. Lance and Leslie are, too. Cards and calls are appreciated.

~Harvey and Martha Humes

~Diana Farmer

Prayers for my son-in-law Gary Talley-that his doctors find pain management solutions for his debilitating  $\Rightarrow$ back pain. ~Lynn Sampsell  $\Rightarrow$  Pray for my job search and that I get the best role. ~Amber Turner Please pray for my dad and sister to find work.  $\Rightarrow$ ~Brianna Wong Prayers for guidance and provision as we consider new employment opportunities. ~Brandon Irby Prayers for Martha Humes, as she has been dealing with pain issues. May her physical therapy provide relief. Prayers for Cindy Hartman as she recovers from pneumonia.  $\Rightarrow$ ~Tere Talley ⇒ Prayers for my child Sam Stambaugh who is recovering from kidney stone surgery on Friday, August 25th. ~Cindy Hartman ⇒ A prayers request for Jackie Farar (my daughter-in-law Shelly's father) who has a bad infection and kidney stones. His treatment is affected by heart issues. ~Lori Hibbard  $\Rightarrow$  Prayers for this congregation, so filled with God's love and spirit. Thanks be to God!  $\Rightarrow$  Praying for our commitment to tearing down barriers in our midst and in the world.  $\Rightarrow$  Praying for relief from pain for Gary Talley.  $\Rightarrow$  Praying for my son, that he may receive work, meaning and purpose in his life.  $\Rightarrow$  Praying for my dear friend who faces all that life brings to her with faith and hope, but too often encounters barriers preventing her from attaining the life she needs and deserves. ~Kendel Hall  $\Rightarrow$  Prayers for the teachers, staff and children going back to school.  $\Rightarrow$  Prayers for college students returning to school. ~Susan Goins ⇒ Celebrating a wonderful 4-day visit from my Austin, Texas family-Greta, Christina, Caroline and Juliet. ~Aunt Martha Humes  $\Rightarrow$  Thank God for the break in the weather! ~David Glover My left knee-a titanium wonder-turned one year old on August 3! ~Cindy Hartman  $\Rightarrow$  Thank you for all the prayers and thoughts and the plant on the passing of my dad, Bob Talbott. ~Lance, Janice, Leslie and Nick Talbott 10

- $\Rightarrow$  Thank you for the prayers for my family. My parents and grandmother have all recovered from COVID.
- ⇒ My friend Terri English received this information from her recent doctor's visit. Her kidneys are damaged and readings are inching up towards critical. We will return to Oklahoma City to see what treatment is needed.

~Martha Humes

~Brianna Wong

- $\Rightarrow$  I have been driving so angry lately. Lord, calm my spirit and keep me alive!
- ⇒ Celebrating the opportunity to minister to TU students as they return to campus. May they feel God's love in all we are doing to welcome them back.
- ⇒ Celebrating the church raising \$3870 with people supporting the ministries of UUMC by parking on our lot Wednesday night (August 16th)!

~Rev. Matt Austin

~Rob Detrick

- $\Rightarrow$  Prayers of celebration that my Aunt Joyce is home!
- $\Rightarrow$  Celebrating my 24 pound weight loss since May 1st.
- ⇒ My nephew Mike Masullo, who suffered a stroke several weeks ago, is doing very well and is able to get back to his pre-stroke activities. Hallelujah!
- ⇒ Prayers for fellow resident of Cedarhurst Esther Lynch, who is hospitalized with vertigo and is also being tested for other issues.

~Lynn Sampsell

- ⇒ Prayers for our homeless brothers and sisters and the city workers during this excessive heat. Please keep them safe.
- $\Rightarrow$  Prayers for our church as we move toward our Centennial Celebration next month.
- ⇒ Prayers for all of the first-time and returning TU students. Keep them safe and give them encouragement and excitement as they begin their journeys this year. Help us to welcome them.
- $\Rightarrow$  Travel mercies for the Cody family on their trip to Branson.

~Rev. Matt Austin

⇒ Prayers for my friend Marion Gardner. She has been diagnosed with stage 2 endometrial cancer.

~Tami Losoncy

⇒ Prayers for the victims involved in the mass shooting in Jacksonville, Florida on Saturday, August 26th, and for their families and friends who are grieving their loss.

~UUMC Family

⇒ Prayers for former preschool teacher Emily Stegall and her family. They are dealing with a tragic situation involving one of their sons. They are in need of many prayers.

~UUMC Preschool Family

- Please pray for our uncle Bill Sampsell. He has Parkinson's, had a fall, was unable to get up and lay for 12 hours until his neighbors finally found him. He is hospitalized now and is unable to move his legs. He has also been diagnosed with pneumonia and COVID.
- ⇒ Please pray for our aunt Rita Sampsell and cousin Don Sampsell. They both have been diagnosed with COVID.
- $\Rightarrow$  Prayers for Lynn Bordwine. She will be having cataract surgery Friday, September 1st.
- $\Rightarrow$  Prayers for Kendel Hall. She and David are in the midst of a move and Kendel is facing some struggles.

~Gary and Tere Talley

 $\Rightarrow$  Congratulations on the success of Double Flag Coffee Company!

⇒ Celebrating 85 in worship on Sunday, August 27th, including 14 visitors! Also celebrating a wonderful turnout at the Breaking Bread + Breaking Ground Luncheon!

~Tere Talley

~Lana Howard

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