



First United Methodist Church

Weatherford, OK

"Love God, Love Others"

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November 2025

From the Pastor:

All Belong To God

Now when the Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner." Luke 7:39

Look with me at this story of the woman who interrupts the private dinner party at the home of Simon the Pharisee. As much as her actions of washing and anointing Jesus' feet, her invasive presence is very disruptive to the meal. It's obvious that Jesus "knows" this woman very differently than the others in the room do. Simon knows her by her actions, or maybe just her reputation – what others have said about her. Jesus knows who she really is, something that transcends anything that others may think they know about her. She is a precious child of God who has extended kindness and hospitality to Jesus, things not shown to him by Simon his host. She washes Jesus' feet not with a basin of water and a towel, but with her tears and her hair. This conveys a level of intimacy that is scandalous. She doesn't just anoint Jesus with oil, but she uses very costly perfume, by some accounts costing as much as a whole year's salary! Her actions are extravagant. Her actions confound and disturb Simon and his friends. But for Jesus, her actions mirror the intimacy and extravagant generosity of God. She gets it! She belongs! She has immeasurable worth! She is a true daughter of the Most High God!

I pray we get it, too! You belong! I belong! ALL belong to God! ALL were created as beloved children of God! We live in "in between" times. We live in between the way things are intended and they way things shall be. By the way we live, by the way we treat one another, we get closer or farther from the way God created life to be. May we see each other with the same eyes that Jesus sees! May we continue to ***Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously!***

Blessings!

Pastor Allen

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November Scriptures and Sermon

Nov 2 All Saints	GPS+PW: Witness Commitment Sunday	Acts 1:8
Nov 9	<i>What if Love: To Be Known</i>	Genesis 1: 26-31 1 John 4: 7-13
Nov 16	<i>What if Love: To Know</i>	Hebrews 10:24-25
Oct 19	<i>What if Love: To Live</i>	1 Peter 4:10
Oct 26 1st Sun Advent	<i>Holly & Ivy</i> Choral Christmas Cantata	A Hanging of the Greens Service

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Celebrated in
Honor of
All the Saints

**Please return your Estimate of Giving
Cards at the Nov 2nd Commitment
Sunday service, or as soon as possible.**



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Teen Talk

The youth had a great time helping with the Fall Festival on Oct 29th! There were lots of cool costumes, fun games, excellent face painting, and great Trunk or Treat displays! We could not have hosted over 200 people for this fantastic night without the help of the youth and their parents!

We will continue with our regular Wednesday night activities, except Wed, Nov 26th all activities are cancelled for Thanksgiving. Then in December we will have our annual **Progressive Dinner** on December 17th, and then take a trip to see the **Christmas lights at the OKC Zoo** on December 18th, so please save those dates on your calendars.

If you know a youth that is in the 7th to 12th grades that is looking for a youth group, we would love to welcome them! Each Wednesday night we begin with worship in the Chapel and follow that with a lesson that is held in the youth lounge.



KID STUFF



Kids Khaos and Preteens on Weds nights!

Every Wednesday night we have a free Midweek Miracle Meal in our Fellowship Hall from 5pm-6pm. We then have various activities, games, lessons, and a choir program for Kids and Preteens until 7:30pm. If you have not yet registered your child, please use the QR code at the right so we have the correct contact information and other necessary details.

There will be no meal or activities on Wed, November 26th due to Thanksgiving.



Register Here



Children's Christmas Musical on Wed, Dec 10th

"The Mystery of the Missing Manger" is the new Children's Christmas musical they will perform on Wed, Dec 10th, at 7pm. Get dinner at Midweek Miracle, then the adults play bingo while the kids have their final rehearsal before the 7pm performance. If you are a parent, and you have not already responded to when your kids are available for an extra rehearsal, please respond ASAP! We have a limited amount of time to prepare!

Midweek Miracle Thanksgiving Dinner
November 19th

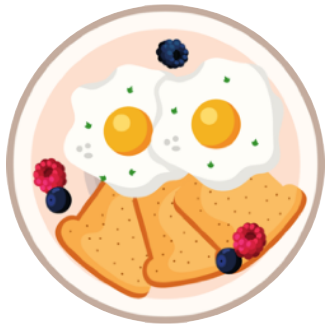
NO Midweek Miracle or other activities
November 26th





Feed the SWOSU Marching Band, Nov 8 at 11am

On Saturday, November 8th, we will feed the SWOSU Marching Band in our Fellowship Hall before they play for the home game across the street. We have enough people signed up to provide food, but we can always use more smiling faces to greet the band members, serve the food, and show them we care!



Fellowship Breakfast, Sunday Nov 9th, @ 9:30am

On the 2nd Sunday of each month, we meet for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour. Each month the food is provided by a different Sunday School class or study group. This month's food is courtesy of the **Connections** Sunday School Class. Please join us for some delicious food and hearty fellowship! Everyone is welcome!



PRIME TIMERS, Nov 10th and 24th @ 10am

The 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month is when the Prime Timers meet to play Mexican Train dominoes in the Fellowship Hall at 10am. Anyone is welcome to join—the regulars are always happy to teach you how to play! This group occasionally meets for other extra-curricular activities.



Connections Food & Resource Center

With government SNAP benefits ending or being reduced, food banks everywhere are under stress helping all those who need assistance. We have set up a donation box in the back of the sanctuary, or you can give to the “special offering” tile on our online giving. All money received this way will go directly to Connections and help feed families in our immediate area. Connections is now serving double their usual number of clients, and expects that to increase.

CHARGE CONFERENCE
SUN, NOV 16
6:30PM IN ELK CITY

December Newsletter
articles due Mon, Nov 17



Recycling Day

Weatherford Recycling Event

November 15th 9am - 3pm



Come to the Materials Processing and Education Building at 602 E. Clark (corner of Illinois & Clark St) to participate in the Weatherford Environment Group special recycling event.

PAPER SHREDDING will be available. \$5 donation to shred personal papers.

LARGE METAL ITEMS & APPLIANCES accepted. NO TVs or Monitors.

LIGHT BULBS, BATTERIES, and PHONE BOOKS all accepted.

DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT for pills, tablets, etc (NO nuclear meds, aerosols, injectors, or syringes)

If you have questions, please contact Faye Henson, WEG volunteer, at 580-772-5984.

CARING & SHARING



What It Is

Each year in November and December, our church participates in Caring & Sharing, a program organized by the Weatherford Ministerial Alliance. The program collects gifts for children of all ages, and then the parents of underprivileged children are able to “shop” for gifts for their kids, that they can give to their kids for Christmas. It helps to make the season more joyful for kids, and less stressful for the parents.

How to Qualify

If you are a parent of limited means, please sign up at the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce on a Monday evening in November. They will stay open from 5pm-7pm on Nov 3rd, 10th, and 17th to register participants. Parents will need to bring a report card from Power School App for proof that their kids attend Weatherford Public Schools. For those below school aged or home

schooled, a photo ID and current utility bill are required to register. The name and/or address must match on the photo ID and the utility bill.

What Our Church Is Doing

We will be providing gifts for girls in the age range of 8 to 12. Since prices have risen, toys and other items can range in price from \$20 to \$50. The gifts will be arranged in three categories based upon price, so there will be a nice variety of choices. It is important to remember that the gifts must be new, and clothing is not to be given.

If you are not sure about what to purchase, it will be wonderful for you to make a monetary donation. Just leave cash or check in the church office with a designation for Caring & Sharing, and the shopping will be done for you. It is important that we have gifts that will fit into each price category.

If you are bringing gifts to the church, large bins marked for Caring & Sharing will be set up outside the sanctuary beginning in November. **We will need all donations by Sunday, December 7.** The setup day for the event is December 12, so we will need to have everything ready by that Friday so that all gifts can be delivered to the Pioneer Center.

Remember that providing gifts for this community project is a wonderful way to share God’s love with others here in Weatherford. It is certainly a reminder of God’s great gift given to us as we celebrate the Christmas season.

When

The event will be **Saturday, December 13th**, from **9am to noon**.

Where

Pioneer Senior Center at 1000 Gartrell Place, Weatherford, OK 73096



Thank You



From the Cross Country
Booster Club:

Dear Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for providing our Cross Country State Team Meal. We truly appreciate your generosity and support of our athletes! Thank you so much!

From Helen Barnes and several other church members:

Dear Church Musicians,

You do so much to enhance the quality of our church services! The piece the bell choir played last month with the drum was so cool! We love to hear the chancel choir sing those gospel tunes, and we are always so grateful to Sophia for her musical gifts every week. It is also wonderful to have all of the college students who have been blessing us with their musical talents, both singing and playing instruments! Thank you for making our worship so special!



SWOSU Brass Ensemble Concert, Nov 5 @ 7pm

On Wednesday, November 5th, after our regular Midweek Miracle meal, the SWOSU Brass Ensemble will be giving a concert in our sanctuary starting at 7pm. Please consider sticking around to support these talented university students and enjoy an evening of great music!



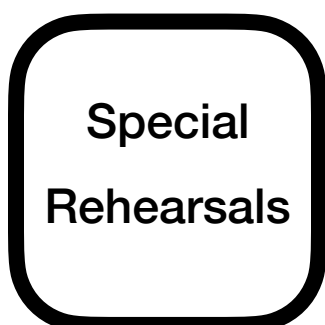
Midweek Miracle

On Wednesday, **November 19th** there we will have a **Thanksgiving Dinner** with all the fixins at our weekly Midweek Miracle. However, the following week, on **November 26th there will be NO meal**, NO Classes, and NO activities. Our final Midweek Miracle of the semester will be December 10th, when we will bring in Eischen's Chicken and the Children's Choir will perform their musical "*The Mystery of the Missing Manger*" at 7pm.



Decorate the Church for Advent

Advent comes early this year! We will decorate the church on Sunday afternoon, November 23rd, from 2pm-5pm. Help us get the sanctuary ready for our hanging of the greens service and special choral cantata that will take place the next Sunday.



Bell Choir and Chancel Choir SPECIAL REHEARSALS on Tue, Nov 25th

We will not have any rehearsals on Wednesday, November 26th, since that is the day before Thanksgiving. However, both choirs do still need to rehearse that week, so we will rehearse on Tuesday, November 25th. We will rehearse the **Bell Choir at 6pm** and the **Chancel Choir at 7pm**.



Children's Choir Musical on Wed, Dec 10th @ 7p

The Children's Choir will perform a new Christmas musical, *The Mystery of the Missing Manger*, on Wednesday, December 10th, at 7pm. This is the night of our final Midweek Miracle of the semester. We will have Eischen's Chicken, and then adults can play bingo while the kids have their final dress rehearsal, before the performance at 7pm. You don't want to miss it!



The Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata

The Chancel Choir will perform their annual Christmas Cantata on the first Sunday of Advent, which is **November 30th**. This will be a *Hanging of the Greens Service* with a mixture of scripture, reflective texts, and beautiful arrangements of familiar Christmas carols as we decorate our church and prepare for the Advent season. I hope you will be able to attend this year's cantata:

Holly & Ivy



United
Women
in Faith

November Circle Meeting **November 11, 2025 in the CHURCH PARLOR**

The Daytime UWF Circle will meet from 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. in our church parlor. Bring a brown bag lunch or your lunch from the Pioneer Center meal. We have entered the 4th quarter of the year focusing our faith journey on Water as Hospitality. Our program will emphasize "World Thank Offering and Giving as an Expression of our Faith." The UWF Program book also has a program emphasis of "How does giving cultivate hope?" World Thank Offering boxes were passed out at the October meeting, or you can find them on the UWF table in the east hallway heading towards the church office. We have elections for Officers position in Nov. We are working on our Yearbook so members will be contacted to be sure we have correct information for them. Individuals who would like to be members are encouraged to return the information on the two-sided handout on the UWF table. **Weatherford UWF will deliver Thanksgiving Meal to Women's Shelter in November. Planning will start at the Nov. meeting.**

New Books added to the Reading Program Selections in the Library!

The new books and the reading area they focus on are listed below. You can find them on the round table in the church library. There is a sign-out list if you would like to explore and read one of the new books.

Education for Mission area

The Witness Blanket – Truth, Art & Reconciliation

by Carey Newman and Kirstie Hudson — *Youth Book*

Leadership Development area

My Body is Not A Prayer Request: Disability Justice in the Church by Amy Kenny

We're In This Together: A Young Readers Edition of We Are Not Here To Be Bystanders

by Linda Sarsour — *Youth Book*

Until Someone Listens: A Story About Borders, Families, and One Girl's Mission

by Estaela Juarez w/ Lissett Norman Roaring Bokk Press — *Children's Book*

Nurturing For Community area

The First Advent in Palestine: Reversals, Resistance, and the Ongoing Complexity of Hope

by Kelly Nikondeha

You Are Here: Connecting Flights Edited by Ellen Oh — *Youth Book*

Grandpa's Window by Laura Gehl — *Children's Book*

Social Action area

An Asian American A to Z: A Children's Guide to Our History

by Cathy Linh Che & Kyle Lucia Wu — *Adults to read and share with Children*

Spiritual Growth area

Spiritual Practices for Soul care: 40 ways to Deepen Your Faith by Barbara L. Peacock

Gift to Mission and Special Mission Recognition recipients

Each year Weatherford UWF recognizes individuals who have shown a special focus on Missions as a member of our church. We would like to announce that Kirk Fast will be honored with a Gift to Mission and Carol Paxton with the Special Mission Recognition pin and donation to be presented some time in November.

Registration is open for Assembly 2026 in Indianapolis, IN

Registration for Assembly 2026 is open at www.uwfaith.org/assembly Early registration of \$365 is available through Nov. 29, 2025. Registration fee will be \$365 from Nov. 30, 2025 – April 14, 2026. OK-UWF is organizing a bus trip that will stop in Branson to see the play David and then continue on to Indianapolis, IN for the meeting. See the website for registration or Faye Henson for information on the bus trip.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Happy
THANKSGIVING

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sun Nov 2 **All Saints / Commitment Sunday / Daylight Savings Ends Church Council** at 6pm
- Mon Nov 3 **Care Team** at 4:30pm / **Trustees** at 5:30pm
- Wed Nov 5 SWOSU Brass Ensemble Concert at 7pm
- Sat Nov 8 Feed the SWOSU Marching Band at 11am
- Sun Nov 9 **Fellowship Breakfast** at Nov 9 by Connections Class
- Mon Nov 10 Prime Timers 10am / **SPRC** at 6:30pm
- Tue Nov 11 **UWF** at 12noon in the *Church Parlor*
- Sat Nov 15 Weatherford Recycling Event 9am-3pm

- Sun Nov 16 **Charge Conference** at 6:30pm in Elk City
- Mon Nov 17 December Newsletter Articles due
- Wed Nov 19 **Midweek Miracle *Thanksgiving Dinner*** from 5pm-6pm
- Thu Nov 20 **Finance** meeting at 5:30pm
- Sun Nov 23 **Decorate the Church for Advent** 2pm-6pm
- Mon Nov 24 Prime Timers at 10am
- Tue Nov 26 ***Special Rehearsals: Bell Choir*** at 6pm; ***Chancel Choir*** at 7pm
- Wed Nov 27 NO MIDWEEK MIRACLE MEAL, ACTIVITIES, OR REHEARSALS
- Sun Nov 30 Chancel Choir **Christmas Cantata: Holly & Ivy** at 10:30am
- Sun Dec 7 Caring & Sharing gift due date
- Wed Dec 10 Children's Choir: **The Mystery of the Missing Manger** at 7pm