

February 2022 Newsletter of Tahlequah United Methodist Church Connect with us online at www.tahlequahumc.org



Help us finish our building debt by Easter Sunday April 17th. We have had a gift of \$80,000 towards our Building Mortgage.

We want to use this as a matching gift so your \$1.00 becomes \$2.00.

As of 1.30.22, we are currently sitting at \$118,000. Anything we raise over the debt will go towards our *Building Fund* which will help us with various projects we have around the Church.

Our hope is that we can make the announcement of finishing the debt by Easter and have a celebration of the retirement of the debt on April 24th.

For questions please contact Pastor Matt.

Our annual flower fundraiser is fast approaching and will be here in just a couple weeks!

Sedan Floral has asked that we have our order in before March 1st due to supply-chain issues.

Flowers will still be delivered in April as usual, but please have all orders to me by February 25th!

Get ahold of one of the youth members or myself if you have any questions or are ready to order, and there will be an order form located in the church office.

Your orders will help us send Youth to church camp this summer, which is also coming up soon!

Contact Abigail at Email: youth@tahlequahumc.org

Ways to give during the COVID-19 Pandemic







You can send us checks, or work out arrangements with your Bank or Financial Institution to mail it to 300 W. Delaware Tahlequah, Ok 74464



This year, Youth Camp at Egan is combining junior and senior high students into one week from June 13th to June 17th. Same great activities, same great spiritual experiences, just a wider age group of campers! Register by April 15th for the early bird price of \$315, regular pricing is \$335 (adult price: \$145). Get in touch with me for the registration guide if you need help!

Thank you for being flexible and understanding about having to push our **Reconnect Wednesday** start date due to spiking COVID-19 cases in our community. We are looking ahead to starting **February 23rd** and will adjust as needed after that if there are safety concerns.

As a refresher: Reconnect Wednesdays will offer evening activities from 5:30-6:30 for parents, youth, and younger children!

For \$15, parents can pick up a copy of Love-Centered Parenting in the office to participate in our book study group while youth and kiddos enjoy snacks and games!

Circle Talk info:

Do you have a loved one who is currently or has been incarcerated? Would you like to share your story with others in a similar situation and hear from others how they are coping with the system? Text or leave a message for Phyllis Spears at 520-471-1701 or Jane Bond at 918-822-7791.

Abigail Shaw-Bolen Family Ministries Director 918.456.6141

Email: youth@tahlequahumc.org





Dear Church Family, words cannot express how grateful we are for all the texts, phone calls, cards, food, and the outpouring of love that has been given to us during the passing of our beloved mother and nana.

Thank you all so much for the love and patience you have given to my family and me during this time. We are truly grateful. You all truly have blessed us, and we are blessed to call you family.

Thank you again. God Loves You and So Do We.

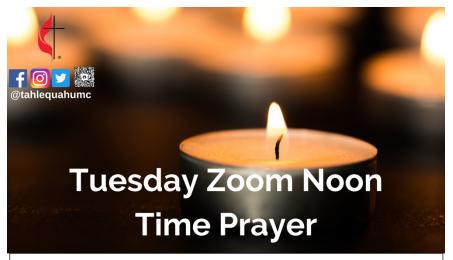
Pastor Shana, Duffy, Christian, Ja'Lynn, Angelea, Faith, and Truxton.



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY GATHERING

FEB. 13TH at 1 p.m. in Room 301

- We will dream, plan, and establish a team to help lead this new ministry.
- The goal of the Senior Adult Ministry is a connection point in the church for Older Adults to gather and grow in life together.



Online Ministry Groups

When the pandemic hit, we shifted and created some ministries to happen via zoom and other platforms as we begin to return, we will shift to more of a hybrid approach for ministry.

To register for the zoom study by going to https://www.tahlequahumc.org/onlinegroups



We have spent the last month welcoming students to the spring semester here at the NSU Wesley! Our mission of showing God's love by serving others is a part of everything we do, from offering free lunches, hosting study hours with snacks, meeting for cozy small group discussions, and tackling new service projects.

We've been lucky enough to add to our student leadership team with Camryn Jackson, sophomore and media studies major, who is handling outreach. We're beginning a Care Team ministry, so if there are any members of the NSU family you'd like us to reach out to or send some encouraging mail, let us know!

Our latest service project is one of our very favorites: making Valentine's Day cards for senior living centers. We like to get as many students involved as possible by providing the craft supplies during lunch so everyone can make Valentines when they finish their meal!

Thank you for all the ways this church supports the NSU Wesley! We are so appreciative of the time, gifts, and prayers given to us.

Remember: God loves you and so do we!



BEYOND THE BROKEN HEART



Grief is not a crisis of faith; it is a crisis of the heart.

This class is good for anyone who has experienced loss or is grieving. Pastor Shana will be leading an eight-week support and grief ministry program, readers will find comfort and both spiritual and practical guidance during their grief journey. This study will begin on March 6th and will go six weeks. This study will be after service at approximately 11:00 am and will go for one hour each week. The cost of the book is \$6.00 and they are available in the church office.

Please sign up in the Narthex beginning this Sunday, February 6th.

In March we will do a
Church Photo Directory.
This will be an in-house
project. We will have more
info, cost, and dates next
newsletter.

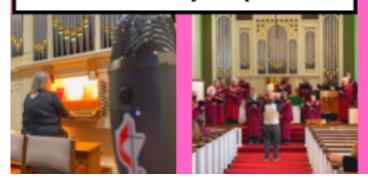
If you are interested in helping with this, please let Pastor Matt know.

Email:

matt.franks@tahlequahumc.org



Join Chancel Choir Wednesday's 7 p.m.

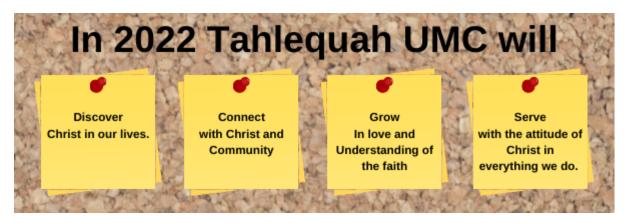


Join Bell Choir Wednesday's 4:30 p.m.



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| 15 | 655 | Project Transformation | 655 | 5 139 | 615 | Cookson Hills Center | 615 |
| 352 | 650 | Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference | 650 | 0 1173 | 610 | Circle Of Care | 610 |
| 1466 | 645 | Oklahoma City University | 645 | 5 1411 | 605 | Campus Ministry | 605 |
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| 143 | 430 | AFRICA UNIVERSITY | 430 | 293 | 325 | HISPANIC / LATINO MINISTRIES | 325 |
| 637 | 420 | BLACK COLLEGE FUND | 420 | 3061 | 320 | NEW & REVITALIZED FAITH COMMUNITIES | 320 |
| 1598 | 410 | MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND | 410 | 0 367 | 310 | CAMPS AND CONFERENCES | 310 |
| 4731 | 400 | WORLD SERVICE FUND | 400 | | 300 | SHARED CONFERENCE MINISTRIES | 300 |
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If you are interested in adopting an apportionment, please let the Church office know.



Some TUMC Updates

<u>COVID update:</u> We are keeping an eye on the recent COVID surge and our ministry leaders are doing what is best for their ministries to keep people safe. Please continue safe precautions as advised by the CDC. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/about-covid-19/caring-for-children/families.html

Church Board Meeting Feb. 6th After Worship In the Parlor

Tuesday's Morning Men's Study Will meet at 6:30 a.m. at McDonald's.

<u>Easter 2022 Sunday, April 17th, 2022,</u> We had such a good response for our Worship Experience at Egan we want to offer that again. So, we will have worship at TUMC at 9:30 a.m. and we will have worship at Egan 11 a.m. We will have an Easter Egg Hunt and we will offer a Catered Lunch at Egan following worship more information will be shared later but we wanted to get this on people's calendars now.

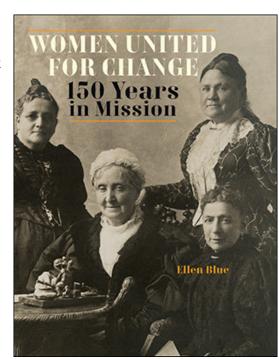
<u>Want to learn more about how to use technology?</u> Pastor Matt would love to offer his limited knowledge on helping you navigate new technologies you may have been given over Christmas. Or if you want to learn how to zoom, get emails on your phone or navigate social media. He would love to help. He would prefer a 1 on 1 approach to this because it is easier to help you better understand. Just let him know if this is something you would be interested in.

Connect To TUMC

Feb. 27th after Worship. We will gather to learn where there are opportunities to serve at Tahlequah UMC from various groups and make connections with leaders of various ministry teams. If you are a ministry team and want to be a part of this event, please speak to Pastor Matt.

UMW General Meeting: Our next UMW General Meeting will be **Tuesday, February 8 beginning at 9 a.m.** We will be studying a book written by Ellen Blue which is "Women United for Change- 150 years in Mission". Ellen Blue has been a professor at Phillips Seminary in Tulsa. We will end with a light lunch and will end in time for people to get to the Care Team meeting. Ellen Blue states "Despite serious resistance from churchmen, these women formed foreign missionary societies to provide education and health care for women and girls internationally and home missionary societies that tackled racial justice and other pressing social issues at home."

We hope everyone will join us for this interesting look at our past.





Donate to receive your choice of t-shirt and one free adult admission to the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.*

One Lucky School will WIN \$500 courtesy of Celeste Looney Insurance Agency

3rd Annual Cherokee County School Challenge Blood Drive Saturday, February 5th 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Tahlequah First United Methodist Church Activities Center Gym To schedule an appointment, contact Oklahoma Blood Institute at 877-340-8777or visit obi.org.



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