



# Tahlequah Testament

April Newsletter of Tahlequah United Methodist Church



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## HOLY WEEK AT TUMC

### Monday, April 11th

ECUMENICAL HOLY WEEK SERVICE & MEAL

Service at 6 pm Potluck Meal at 6:30 pm

Where First Christian Church:

746 S. Cedar Ave. Tahlequah

BRING A: Side dish A Salad or Dessert

### Wednesday, April 13th 6:30 p.m.

Online Story Telling of Events of Holy Week

Premiers on YouTube and Facebook.

### Friday, April 15th, 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Service

Our Traditional Good Friday Tenebrae Service will begin at 6:30 p.m.



## Confirmation and Building Debt Celebration luncheon April 24th After Worship

Last Names that start with the Letters A-M bring main dishes,

Last Names starting with the Letters N-z Bring a Veggie dish or salad dish.

Dessert and Drinks will be provided



**EASTER AT  
TAHLEQUAH UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
APRIL 17TH**

**6:15 A..M.  
SUNRISE SERVICE  
AT NSU WESLEY TABERNACLE  
403 GOINGSNAKE ST,  
TAHLEQUAH, OK 74464**



**9:30 A.M.  
WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY  
OUR TRADITIONAL EASTER  
WORSHIP EXPERIENCE**

**11:00 A.M.  
EASTER AT CAMP EGAN  
26633 US-62,  
TAHLEQUAH, OK 74464  
EASTER EGG HUNT TO FOLLOW**

## 2022 APPORTIONMENTS

### Green Country District

\$2,989/\$2,989

### Oklahoma Conference

\$285/\$29,487

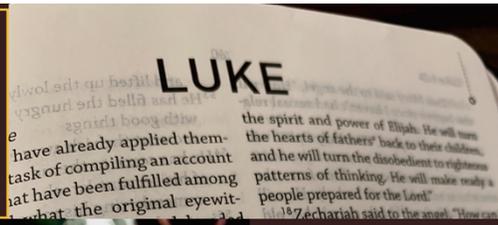
### Mission and Ministries

\$1,426/\$6,594



## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY'S  
6:30 A.M.



At McDonald's in  
Tahlequah



Want to help out with  
TUMC Family Ministries?

## EASTER EGGS

Please drop off filled eggs in the  
church office or contact Abigail!

## In 2022 Tahlequah UMC will

Discover  
Christ in our lives.

Connect  
with Christ and  
Community

Grow  
In love and  
Understanding of  
the faith

Serve  
with the attitude of  
Christ in  
everything we do.

### 2022 Church Camp Dates

You can find the 2022 Camp Egan Summer Camp Dates here: <https://okcamps.org/2021-camp-dates/> if you are interested in helping or attending a camp please contact Abigail.

### 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. Find our ministry groups here: <https://www.tahlequahumc.org/onlinegroups>

### New Photo Directory

Starting March 20<sup>th</sup> -April 24th

We will have pictures taken in the Atrium for a New Photo Directory.

This will be an in-house project. The Cost will be \$10.00 to help cover cost of printing of directory and other cost. You will be emailed a digital copy of your family picture for you to print at Walgreens or anywhere else you can print photos. Email Sara for more info at [office@tahlequahumc.org](mailto:office@tahlequahumc.org)

### Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

Help in Crisis' Walk a Mile in her shoes is fast approaching! The event is set for Saturday, April 16, at Norris Park, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The walk will begin promptly at 11 a.m. with an Easter dessert auction to follow. Walk a Mile awards will be presented after the auction.

To date we have about a dozen brave men who have committed to our church team.

Registration is \$30 for adults, \$10 for students ages 18-24 and participants ages 17 and under are free.

Contact Janet Stucky at (918) 931-2245 to register.

Forms are also available in the

Church office. Our church will again be a Stiletto event sponsor at \$1,500. We need everyone's support! Please make your checks payable to our church with "Walk a Mile" in the memo line.



## NSU Wesley News

*Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn't give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver. God has the power to provide you with more than enough of every kind of grace. That way, you will have everything you need always and in everything to provide more than enough for every kind of good work. 2Corinthians 9:7-8*

The Wesley Foundation at NSU has truly been blessed with the receiving of gifts. We express a need amongst ourselves and talk about it during our meeting and it seems that within days the need is fulfilled. We are truly blessed with the outpouring of love, support, donations, and volunteers that our parent church gives to our campus ministry on a day-to-day basis.

Our Wesley Wednesday lunches are going strong. We are serving on average 100 to 130 every Wednesday. We offer a snack supper and Bible Study on Monday evenings which is a true blessing. We are learning about the Witnesses at the Cross-, written by AJ Levine. The students have questions and voice their opinions and it a great discussion every Monday night. We are the hosts to many events to our fraternities and sororities as well as many campus organizations that want a home away from home atmosphere to help with their events. All this is to say we could not do it without you.

Our mission and service project for April is to give back to the local domestic violence shelters in the community. We will be collecting supplies that have been requested by Help-In-Crisis, and by WISH in Muskogee. There is a box in my office to collect the supplies and we will deliver them at the end of April.

Our Finals week mission will be here before you know it. May 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 6 is Spring Finals week. We will be serving Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner to those in need of a meal. Many students do not have cafeteria points by the end of the semester. This is our opportunity to show them Christ's Love with open arms, open hearts, and open doors with no judgment and a cooked meal. Please let I or one of our leadership team know if you are interested in helping volunteer that week. We will also be collecting snacks, fruit, and sandwich items as well as cash donations to help with the cost of this week.

Finally, yet importantly, a big thank you goes out to YOU our Parent Church! We are truly grateful for all that you do. Thank you, Thank You, Thank You does not seem enough.

God Loves You and So Do WE!

Peace & Love,

Shana and the Wesley Team

Hi everyone  
*Join us in our service project!*

Listed below are products needed for local domestic violence shelters.

Pillows	Orajel
Towels	Aleve
Hand towels	Muscle rub
Blankets	Ibuprofen
Soap	Denture glue
Body wash	
Shampoo	
Conditioner	
Luffas	
Toothpaste	
Toothbrushes	
Lotion	
Combs	
Brushes	
Menstrual products	

*Your time & efforts are greatly appreciated!*

Scan To Donate

**Donations due:**  
**4/22/22**

Please email [cawhorn@nsuok.edu](mailto:cawhorn@nsuok.edu) with any questions.

Drop off location: NSU Wesley Foundation  
403 Goingsnake St. Tahlequah, Ok

## TUMC Family Ministries Update

Hello Church & Happy Spring!

One of the many rewarding parts of my position is watching the young people in our congregation grab onto Big Ideas. In our Youth group, that often means getting the courage to ask questions, be vulnerable, investigate through scripture, and discuss the topics as a group. For our younger kiddos, I'm seeing it happen in little breakthroughs during Sunday School and worship. Acolytes are a very important part of our worship team, and I explain to each one that they have the significant job of carrying the flame, the Light of Christ, into our sanctuary to signify that God is with us. At the end of service, they carry it out again to remind us that Jesus, the Light of the World, is leading us as we go out into our lives. I make sure they understand that they are just as important to our worship service as any other church member, and they take this role very seriously! If your child would like to serve as an acolyte, please let me know so that Emily Franks and I can teach them about this special job!

As we are all aware, we are in the season of Lent, but Easter is on its way soon- "Yes, it's Friday, but Sunday's comin'!" After our service at Camp Egan, we will have egg hunts for little ones as well as for school-age kids. It would help us out greatly if you'd like to bring filled eggs to the church office as we get closer to the big day! Speaking of Camp Egan, Youth Camp this year 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! There are also options for younger children that I can walk you through.

Additionally, we completely understand that some kids are overwhelmed by the idea of going away to camp for the first time. Because of this, we'd like to take a group of youngsters to Egan for a picnic sometime this Spring so they can see the grounds beforehand and get more comfortable with the idea! If that sounds like a good option for your child, please get ahold of me so we can set it up.

I'll leave you with some verses from the first two chapters of 1 Peter, a book we spent time with in lay-servant training recently:

"Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart... You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of God who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." (1 Peter 1:22; 2:9). Thank you for being God's people, and thank you God for calling us into the wonderful light!



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Abigail Shaw-Bolen  
Family Ministries Director



# REFLECTIONS FROM PASTOR SHANA DRY

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***Let's hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, because the one who made the promises is reliable. Hebrews10:23***

Once there was a man who was running a business. He faced severe losses and had to sell his properties and cars to continue running the business. Seeing the situation, the son asked his father, "Why are you still running the business when you are at a loss? Why don't you shut the business? Father smiled and replied, "My son, life can bring us many challenges and even can push us down. But we have to hope that we can overcome any challenges." Son, "How can hope help us?" Father, "Ok, I will show you! Father took his son to a big well and asked him to jump. Son, in shock, "Father, I don't know how to swim, So I cannot jump. But his father pushed his son to the well and went into a hiding place. Son struggled and kept on trying to float for close to 5 minutes. Then when he was about to get drowned, the father jumped and pulled his son out of the well. The next day, the father again took his son to the well and asked him to jump again. First, he hesitated, then he jumped into the well. Father again went into hiding. The boy again struggled to keep floating, and he pushed harder. Time kept on running. Even after 15 minutes, he managed himself. Then Father came and pulled his son out of the well. Father asked his son, "Why were you pushing harder than yesterday?" Son replied, "Yesterday, I did not know what to do when you pushed me into the well. With fear, I drowned. But today, I know that you will come and save me if I am about to get drowned".

The Resurrection of Jesus gives HOPE. Hope to people who are crushed. Hope for our bodies and this created world.

For what impossible situation in your life is God inviting you to have greater faith and hope?

God loves you and So Do I.  
Peace and Love Always,

Pastor Shana

# REFLECTIONS FROM PASTOR MATT FRANKS

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If you have not heard Bishop Karen Oliveto of the Mountain Sky Annual Conference intends to appoint me as Lead Pastor at First United Methodist Church Castle Rock in Castle Rock, Colorado. My last preaching Sunday will be on June 5<sup>th</sup> we will have a moving date and other info in the next newsletter.

Please keep the Cabinet and Bishop in your prayers that they find a great next fit for TUMC. I have hope that this next chapter for the Church will be an amazing one.

Peace be with you,  
Pastor Matt



MATT FRANKS  
IS GRADUATING  
WITH HIS MBA  
FROM DAKOTA  
WESLEYAN  
UNIVERSITY

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COMMENCEMENT WITH  
ACADEMIC HOODING  
CEREMONY -  
SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022  
AT 1:30 P.M.

IT WILL BE LIVE STREAMED AT  
[HTTP://WWW.DWU.EDU/LIVE](http://www.dwu.edu/live)

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## Would You Like to Help Camp Egan on April 9

We're planning a church workday at Egan Camp and Retreat Center on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. We'll leave the church at 8:00 am in convoy for those who don't know how to get there. (We'll take our cars so that folks can leave when they need to.) If anyone needs to arrive later, that's not a problem.

If the weather's nice, we'll do some work on flowerbeds, rake walnuts and leaves, power wash the swimming pool, paint and number the disc golf "holes" or paint/stain the Founder's House deck.

If the weather's rainy or cold, we'll paint inside the buildings, mount TV's and sound system in the Tabernacle, and scrape and paint the A/C ducts in the dining hall.

These are a few of the tasks that need to be done. The tasks vary with whoever volunteers and whatever you/we feel comfortable doing and can be done with the time we have available. We won't get it all done, but we'll put a big dent in the list!

Lunch will be served at camp. A sign-up sheet is out in the Narthex. Let us know what you like doing, and we'll try to match you with the right task.

Blessings,  
George Warren,  
FUMC Missions Coordinator and Member of Egan Site Development Committee



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& Android



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