



THE BEACON

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

APRIL 2025



In Our Prayers

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Peggy (Denise
Kennemer)
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Tami Ross
Jane Mitchell
Ken Jones
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Marie and Dennis
Lynch
The Ricci Family
Alex Sosa
Lynette Hayes
(Bugby)

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Armed Services

Deployed & Stateside

DEAR FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

Spring is in the air, bringing with it the beauty of new life. Buds are forming on the trees, flowers are beginning to bloom, and the world around us is awakening with signs of renewal. This season is a perfect reflection of God's wonderful work in our lives. One scripture that holds deep meaning for me is **2 Corinthians 5:17 (NRSV)**: "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

Even as we remain in the season of Lent, we are journeying toward Easter—a time of ultimate renewal and resurrection. But would we truly appreciate the fullness of spring if we never experienced winter? In the same way, the joy of Easter morning is even greater when we have walked through the depth and reflection of Lent and Holy Week.

I encourage you to take part in our upcoming Lenten and Holy Week opportunities, allowing yourself to fully embrace the journey that leads to the resurrection. Through worship, prayer, and reflection, may we arrive at Easter morning with hearts wide open to the hope and renewal that Christ brings.

The full list of opportunities can be found on page 2!

Grace and peace,
Rev. Katrina Richardson

WORSHIP LEADERS

Elder of the Month: Robin LaMons

Communion Leaders:

Leslie Nichols and Jan Harris

Sunday, April 6

Liturgist	Bette Berline
Ushers	Billy Richardson Robin Ross
Sound/Video	Ed Bugby Mike Morris

Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday

Liturgist	Jan Bugby
Ushers	Dennis Laughlin Nicole Anderson
Sound/Video	Ed Bugby Mike Morris

Sunday, April 20, Easter Sunday

Liturgist	Penny Gooch
Ushers	Jan Bugby Zoey Anderson
Sound/Video	Mike Morris Ed Bugby

Sunday, April 27

Liturgist	Steve Schwandt
Ushers	Jan Harris Stephanie Brown
Sound/Video	Mike Morris Ed Bugby

WORSHIP LEADERS NEEDED

For Maundy Thursday
and Good Friday
6:30 p.m. evening services

SEASON OF LENT

JOIN US THROUGHOUT THIS 2025
LENTEN SEASON AT FUPC

Mar 05	Ash and Dash 7-9 a.m. Ash Wednesday 5:30 p.m.
Apr 13	Palm Sunday 10:45 a.m.
Apr 17	Maundy Thursday 6:30 p.m.
Apr 18	Good Friday 6:30 p.m.
Apr 20	Easter Sunday 10:45 a.m.

Lenten Lunches Begin!

Mar 05	First United Presbyterian
Mar 12	Macedonia Baptist
Mar 19	Community Church
Mar 26	Camp Joy
Apr 02	Guthrie Christian Church
Apr 09	Noble Avenue Baptist
Apr 16	Trinity Episcopal



Meals served at 11:30
Speaker begins at Noon

'CHANGED' YOUTH GROUP END-OF-YEAR

The school year is coming to an end and so is our 'Changed' Youth group. We have: **six more youth Wednesdays, including the end of year party on May 7th.** Then the 2024/2025 youth season will come to a close! Be sure you have them marked on your calendars!

P.S. Please be on the lookout for our summer youth events!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



April 15 Liberty Brown
 April 20 Barb Sawyer
 April 21 Hunter Brown
 April 23 Billy Richardson
 April 26 Nevalee Sewell
 April 27 Persephone Thederahn
 April 28 Shu Fields

GMA

2025 Lent Lunch Schedule

11:30 am

Date & Time	Location:	Speaker:
March 5th 11:30 am	First Presbyterian Church 102 E. Noble, Guthrie, OK	Brian Frank
March 12th 11:30 am	First Baptist Church hosting at Macedonia Baptist Church, 1224 E Springer Guthrie, OK	Chad Pickens
March 19th 11:30 am	Community Church 512 E. Seward Drive, Guthrie, OK	Ruth Wooten
March 26th 11:30 am	Camp Joy 8400 N. Bryant Rd. Guthrie, OK	Ronnie Fields
April 2nd 11:30 am	Guthrie Christian Church 4318 S. Division St. Guthrie, OK	Drew Edington
April 9th 11:30 am	Noble Avenue Baptist Church 1219 W. Noble Avenue, Guthrie	Hersey Hammons
April 16th 11:30 am	Trinity Episcopal 310 E. Noble Avenue, Guthrie,	Robby Trammell

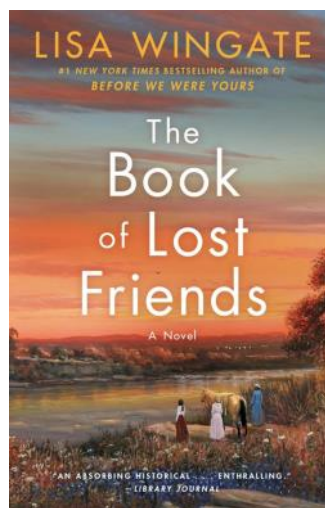
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S REMINDER:

Esther Circle Bible Study and fellowship meets at Pat Flaga's new home (1601 Prairie Vista) on Wednesday April 9th at 12:45ish following the Lenten Luncheon. Please join us to ooh and ahh at her cute new place, enjoy gathering together, and looking at the life of Bathsheba.

Please rsvp Pat at (870-335-2009)

Mother's Day is just around the corner! So is graduation! The PW Greeting Card Project has 100's and 100's of cards to choose from to make your mom or special person feel loved and remembered! Graduation cards are also available! Cards are 50 cents each. It's a bargain and supports the missions of Presbyterian Women.

APRIL BOOK TALK!



Discussing:

"Book of Lost Friends"

By: Lisa Wingate

Meeting:

11:30 a.m.

Wednesday,

April 23

In the Parlor

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MISSION STATEMENT

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GUTHRIE
IS A CARING FAMILY OF CHRISTIANS STRIVING TO
BRING INDIVIDUALS CLOSER TO GOD THROUGH
WORSHIP, EDUCATION, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP, SERVICE, PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP

RECURRING EVENTS

Mondays

1:00-4:00 p.m. Strings of Distinction (SR)

Tuesdays

1:00-6:00 p.m. Lisa's Music Studio (S)
Strings of Distinction (SR)

Wednesdays

10:15 a.m. Holy Grounds (P)
11:30 a.m. PW Wednesdays (D/FH/P)
1:00-5:00 p.m. Strings of Distinction (SR)
5:32 p.m. 'Changed' Youth Group (FH)

Thursdays

11:00-5:00 p.m. Lisa's Music Studio (S)
1:00 p.m. Strings of Distinction (SR)
4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (MR)

Fridays

Lisa's Music Studio (S)

Saturdays

10:00 a.m. Lisa's Music Studio (S)
Brunch on Noble (FH)

Sundays

9:30 a.m. Handbells (D)
9:45 a.m. Sunday School (D)
10:45 a.m. Worship Service &
Communion on 1st Sunday

D = DOWNSTAIRS

L = LIBRARY

P = PARLOR

SR = SUNSHINE ROOM

FH = FELLOWSHIP HALL

MR = MUSIC ROOM

S = SANCTUARY

U = UPSTAIRS

SPECIAL EVENTS /CHANGES

Tuesday, April 1

PEO Meeting (FH)
6:00 p.m. Brunch on Noble Teams Meeting (FH)

Wednesday, April 2

11:30 a.m. Lenten Lunch @ Guthrie Christian
4318 S. Division St, Guthrie

Tuesday, April 8

6:00 p.m. Session Meeting (D)

Wednesday, April 9

11:30 a.m. Lenten Lunch @ Noble Ave. Baptist
1219 W. Noble Ave, Guthrie

Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday

Wednesday, April 16

11:30 a.m. Lenten Lunch @ Trinity Episcopal
310 E. Noble Ave, Guthrie

Thursday, April 17, Maundy Thursday

6:30 p.m. Evening Service (S)

Friday, April 18, Good Friday

6:30 p.m. Evening Service (S)

Sunday, April 20, Easter Sunday

Monday, April 21, Easter Monday (Office Closed)

Wednesday, April 23

11:30 a.m. Book Talk (P)

Church Office Hours: 8:30-4:30 Monday –