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JUNE 2026

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9AM—Sunday Worship

10AM—Sunday School

11AM—Sunday Worship

From the Pastor's Desk

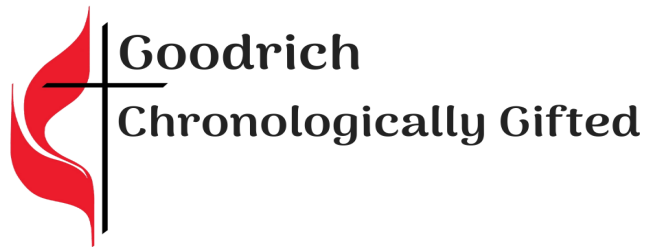
Dear Beloved Community,

As we wrap up the school year, you might be tempted to imagine that things are slowing down around here at Goodrich Memorial. It's time for us to take it easy for a little bit and start planning for our next big push in the fall. You would, of course, be wrong. There is so much happening this summer at Goodrich that I would love for you to be involved in! In June, we'll be hosting a group from UM Army, a United Methodist camp out of Texas who will be coming to work in our community and share love with our neighbors. We would love for you to be in prayer for these students and leaders as they come to be in service here in Norman and the surrounding area. We are so thankful for this partnership and connection that we can foster across conferences.

We also have our own camps coming up! There is still time to sign up as a student or a leader for a wide variety of camps. I want to point out two in particular. The first is Camp Spark (June 20th-23rd for 6th-8th graders, June 24th-28th for 9th grade-grads). Spark is a great time to spend making new friends out at Canyon Camp, worshipping and exploring faith together and building bonds that will last a lifetime. Camp has made such a big difference in my life of faith and I would love for our students to have that opportunity as well. In July we have LEAD Camp which will be July 13-17th at Cross Point Camp. LEAD is a smaller camp than Spark and it has a particular focus on building up the next generation of leaders from our youth. If you know someone in our church who you think would be a good fit for LEAD, Monica and I would love to talk to them about it! We ask that you would please pray for all of our conference campers and for the transformative work that happens at all of our campsites every summer. Registration is open for anyone who wants to attend or assist with camp this summer!

If you want to help share God's love in a transformative way but don't want to leave Norman boy do I have an opportunity for you! We've got Vacation Bible School on July 20th-24th. We'll have the opportunity to help our children here at the church as well as others from around town learn about God's love and how to share it with others. I think that this is such a great way to be involved in the lives of our children and to show them how much our church community cares about them while teaching them how big God's love is. No matter where you can or want to serve, we have opportunities for you this summer at Goodrich. Together we can make a difference in the lives of so many people and show that we can be a blessing here in Norman and beyond.

Blessings,
Rev Jeff Hinton
Email: hintonesquire@gmail.com



GCGer's 2nd Tuesday brown bag lunch in June will be June the 9th at the church at 11:30. Sherry will have trivia questions for us so you better "study"! June the 23rd will be GCGer's 4th Tuesday lunch at Golden Corral at 1:30. If you would like information about the GCGer's ,please contact Lynda in the church office or Kathy Hooker at 405-664-0366.

Please remember those that are in nursing facilities, home bound or assisted living with cards or phone calls.

Blessings,
Kathy Hooker

Children's Sunday School

Teachers: Caroline Hunt and Pam Kaiser

4 years old – 5th grader

June 7 – Faith of Abraham & Sarah Hebrews 11:8-12

June 14 – Faith of Isaac, Jacob, & Esau Hebrews 11:20

June 21 – Faith of Moses Hebrews 11:23-29

June 28 – Faith of Rahab Hebrews 11:31

Blessings,
Sherry McCurley
Email: ssemcc@hotmail.com



Youth

In SS this month we will be looking at some of the uncommonly taught stories in the Bible.

May – Ehud, the left-handed judge

June 7 – Elisha & the bears

June 14 – Jonah's plant

June 21 – After the furnace

June 28 – The bronze snake

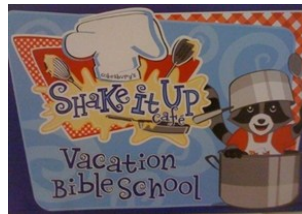
Evening youth group meets Sunday nights 6:00 – 8:00

June 7 – Sam and Matt's swim party

June 14 – Banana Foosball at the Anderson's with First Moore

June 21 – No youth, Camp Spark Jr.

June 28 – Quest for the Truth at church



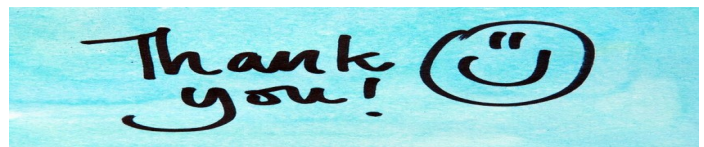
Vacation Bible School
Worknights
Tuesday, June 9 th & 23 rd
5:30 – 7:30

We will be making signs, prepping crafts, and creating decorations. No skills required. Come join the fun!

VBS dates are July 20-24. 5:30pm – 8:00pm.

Ages 4 years old – going into 6 th grade

Register online @goodrichmemorial.org



Project Transformation Book Drive

Thank you to everyone that has contributed. We were able to take 85 books to Annual Conference. These books will be used this summer to help elementary children to improve their reading skills! These books will be used in the summer program and during the new after-school programs in churches around the state. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Goodrich Lunch Ladies

There is a group for Ladies that is going to meet for lunch on the third Thursday of each month at 1PM . All women are welcome, but we need a headcount before the event in order to make a reservation.

The two contacts for information about where we are meeting for lunch and to let us know if you will be there are as follows:

Janice Shockley 405-630-8744
Pam Cook 214-906-3121

Blessings,
Lynda Maney

BOARD MEETING DISCUSSION POINTS

- 1) They are interviewing for the Administrative Support position. Two resumes have been received.
- 2) There have been two resumes received so far for the Custodial position.
- 3) We are looking for a Youth Intern since Diamond left.
- 4) A TV in the nursery was purchased and hung up so that the Nursery Attendants can watch the 11AM service.
- 5) The Steeple needs to be shifted as there is water coming into the sanctuary during heavy rains.
- 6) EPIC testing has been completed!



Goodrich Hospitality

JUNE

- June 7th:** Greeters: Gary & Janice Shockley
Coffee Center: Kathy Hooker
- June 14th:** Greeters: Deanna Wasson & Tony Eastmond
Coffee Center: Becky Aguilar
- June 21st** Greeters: Kim Ward & Lizzie Wallace
Coffee Center: Tony Eastmond
- June 18th** Greeters: Nikki Mire & Freda Storm
Coffee Center: Kathy Hooker



United Methodist Men

The Community Breakfast will be on Sunday, June 21st from 8-10AM.

Blessings,
Kenny Presson



June	
1	Lynda Maney
1	Addi Hagain
3	Jack McHughes
5	Brandon Do
6	Arwen Laizure
6	Quinn Wasson
7	Ray Elugardo
8	A.J. Laizure
9	Lori Sowers
11	Gene Gilliland
11	Donna Smith
16	Matt Daley
16	Henry Olayiwola
25	Peggy Laizure
27	Jane Chupco
30	Anita Ashley

PLEASE NOTE:

If we don't list you on your birthday or anniversary, please contact Lynda Maney in the Goodrich Office and give her your birth date and/or anniversary date.



June	
9	Phillip & Kao Laizure
16	Mike & Belinda Jain

Our Thoughts & Prayers

Presently Homebound / Assisted Living

Delores Nelson, Home
JoAnn Gordoni, Home
Kay Wilkins, Silver Elms
Phyllis Gammon, Home
Ken Younkin, Arbor House Reminisce
Karen Leu, Home
Wes Curtis, Home
Linda Scott, Home
Marie Pierson, Noble Nursing Home



Book: "The Outsiders" by S.E.Hinton
 Discussion date: July 5th at 1PM in the Old Parlor

"The Outsiders" by S.E. Hinton is the choice of the Goodrich Book Club for June. You may have read it in High School, but it's themes still apply today, maybe even more than then. The review below comes from Ava Marcelline at Book Suite.

"I've read "The Outsiders" five times, and here's what still blows my mind: a 16-year-old girl wrote one of the most honest books about growing up between cultures, ever published. Why does this book from 1967 still make grown adults cry?"

"The Outsiders" follows Ponyboy Curtis, a 14-year-old poor teen living in 1960s Oklahoma. He's caught between two rival groups/gangs: the working-class(Greasers) and the wealthy(Socs -short for Socials). The story kicks off when Ponyboy and his friend Johnny get jumped by Socs. Things go wrong. Johnny kills a Soc in self-defense.

What follows is a story about loyalty, survival, and trying to find your place when society has already written you off. The boys go on the run. Lives change forever.

S.E. Hinton wrote this when she was just 16. That raw teenage perspective comes through on every page. The core themes hit on class conflict, friendship that feels like family, and what it means to grow up fast. Hinton's characters feel real because they're contradictions, tough but vulnerable, loyal but reckless.

Each Greaser represents a different response to poverty and violence, while the Socs show how privilege creates its own emptiness.

Ponyboy serves as our narrator and the most introspective of his group. He loves books and sunsets, things that set him apart from stereotypes. His journey involves reconciling his sensitive nature with the tough image expected of him. He processes trauma through storytelling, showing that intelligence and sensitivity aren't weaknesses even in violent circumstances. The voice is what makes this work. Ponyboy sounds like a real 14-year-old trying to make sense of chaos. His observations feel genuine, not manufactured.

Hinton creates characters who feel three-dimensional despite the short page count. Dallas, Johnny, and Sodapop; they all have depth. You understand their choices even when they're destructive. The pacing moves fast. At under 200 pages, nothing drags. Every scene serves the story and character development.

The emotional gut punches land because Hinton earns them. She doesn't manipulate. She just shows you what happens when kids have to survive in a system that doesn't care about them. Hinton's ability to show humanity in everyone, regardless of their background, stuck with me. Nobody is just their circumstances. That lesson matters now more than ever."

If you've never read this book – Do it now. If you read it young, try again as an adult. You'll see it through a different lens!

