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**GOODRICH**  
M E M O R I A L  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**APRIL 2026**

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9AM—Sunday Worship

10AM—Sunday School

11AM—Sunday Worship

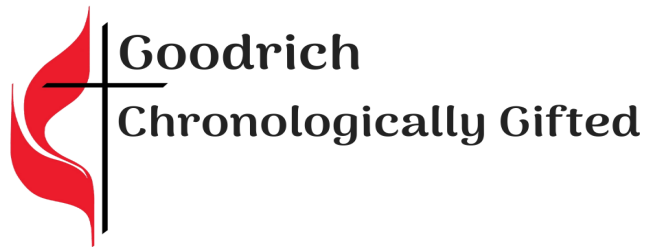
## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Beloved Community,

Every now and then I'll look at a little jar of confetti we have on our shelf and smile. It's full of orange, blue and white ticker tape Monica and I collected from the Thunder's Championship Parade last June. That parade is still one of my favorite memories for many reasons. Obviously, it's great to see your favorite team, your local heroes, be recognized as the best in the world, to be rewarded for all the hard work that goes into an NBA season. But what I really loved was seeing all these people from different parts of the state, different backgrounds, different cultures, all coming together to celebrate the same thing. It was a big unifying force that blanketed the whole state if not even further. No matter what, we had this that we could celebrate together.

As I start to watch another playoff run for the Thunder I think about what it would look like to see people through that unifying lens all the time and not just in championship moments. What would it look like if we looked for the things that brought us together rather than searching for reasons to exclude? I think our faith calls us to see people with that kind of solidarity, seeing them as part of our team no matter what else has come before and what will come after. The love of Christ binds us all together and when we begin to see that in others we begin to actually participate in the Kingdom of God. I hope we look at our community around us with that kind of celebration that brings us together, welcoming them in to a new celebration and a new life.

Blessings,  
Rev Jeff Hinton  
Email: [hintonesquire@gmail.com](mailto:hintonesquire@gmail.com)



Children's Sunday School

Teachers: Caroline Hunt and Pam Kaiser

4 years old – 5th grader

Good News!

May 3 – An Ethiopian Man Hears the Good News

May 10 – The Good News Helps the Church Grow

May 17 – The Good News is for Everyone

May 24 – The Holy Spirit Brings Good News

May 31 – Timothy Shares the Good News

Blessings,

Sherry McCurley

Email: ssemcc@hotmail.com

## Vacation Bible School

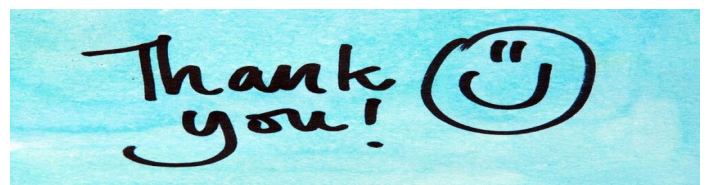
We're already planning for this summer's VBS. Let Sherry or the office know if you are interested in helping in any way. July 20 – 24, 5:30 – 8:00pm.

## United Methodist Men

The Community Breakfast will be on Sunday, May 17th from 8-10AM.

Blessings,

Kenny Presson



Thanks to everyone that helped with the Easter Egg Hunt and Cook Out: those that brought candy, stuffed eggs, and cooked. You are appreciated!

We also received a Thank You card from Kennedy Elementary regarding helping with their Book Fair. Thank you to all who participated!

Epic will be using our building on May 12th. Arraignments have been made to have our 2nd Tuesday brown bag lunch at St. Stephen's Methodist Church in their Community Hall. St. Stephen's Church is located at 1801 W Brooks St. Lunch will be at 11:30 am.

Our 4th Tuesday lunch will be May 26th at Golden Corral at 1:30. Hope to see all of you at the activities.

Remember to continue to send cards or call those that are home bound, in nursing facility or assisted living.

Blessings,  
Kathy Hooker



## Youth

Be sure to be here May 10th to say goodbye to Diamond. She graduates OU and is off to Wyoming as she will be commissioned as a 2 Lieutenant in the US Air-Force. We have loved having her work with the youth. She will be greatly missed.

That news means we are looking for a new youth intern. It pays. If you or anyone you know is looking for a part-time (approx. 3 hours a week) job and loves God and working with the youth, let Jeff, Lynda or Sherry know. They will be responsible for teaching youth Sunday School and leading UMYF in the evening.

Summer Camp is coming up.

Middle School Spark is June 20 – June 23. Cost is \$345

High School Spark is June 24 – June 28. Cost is \$435

Registration is open and filling fast. Go to [@okcamps.org](http://okcamps.org). The transfer code is 73070. Pay what you can, there are some scholarships available.

# BIBLE STUDY

Starting May 6th and running for 10 weeks we will be exploring the book Twelve Extraordinary Women by John MacArthur. Grab the book and join us. The study is led by Sherry McCurley 6:00-7:00pm on Wednesdays

## Goodrich Lunch Ladies

There is 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

# Goodrich Hospitality

## MAY & JUNE

- May 3rd:** Greeters: Gary & Janice Shockley  
Coffee Center: Billie Duncan
- May 10th:** Greeters: Nikki Mire & Kathy Hooker  
Coffee Center: Tony Eastmond
- May 17th:** Greeters: Kim Ward and Lizzie Wallace  
Coffee Center: Deanna Wasson
- May 24th:** Greeters: Larry & Debbie Anderson  
Coffee Center: Becky Aguilar
- May 31st:** Greeters: Nada Sappington & Freda Storm  
Coffee Center: Billie Duncan
- 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 and Lizzie Wallace  
Coffee Center: Tony Eastmond
- June 18th:** Greeters: Nikki Mire & Freda Storm  
Coffee Center: Kathy Hooker

## Prayer Team



Join the Monday Morning Prayer Group at 10:00 in Room 212 . We will pray for members of the church and those beyond all walls in need. All are welcome!

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# CELEBRATION CHOIR NEEDS SINGERS

JOIN THE CHURCH CHOIR AND LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!  
ALL VOICES AND PARTS ARE ENCOURAGED!

Practice:

Wednesday 7:00-8:00 PM

Service Performances:

Sundays 11:00 AM



May	
4	Zoe Copper
10	Ron Vestal
11	Samuel Owens
14	Virginia Davis
16	Pamela Kaiser
19	Matt Alexander
20	Caroline Hunt
20	Phillip Laizure
21	Kinsley McKinley
22	Ashlyn Hook
25	Linda Scott
31	Allan Copper

## 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.



May	
15	Jim & Katie Hargrove
15	Donnie & Virg Davis
16	Larry & Debbie Anderson
17	Jim & Sylvia Ryan
25	Bob & Linda Neel
30	Carmie & Anita Ashley

## Our Thoughts & Prayers

### Presently Homebound / Assisted Living

Delores Nelson, Home
JoAnn Gordonj, Home
Kay Wilkins, Silver Elms
Phyllis Gammon, Home
Ken Younkin, Arbor House Reminisce
Karen Leu, Home
Wes Curtis, Home
Linda Scott, Home



Book: "When Cicadas Cry" by Caroline Cleveland  
Discussion date: June 7th at 1PM in the Old Parlor

"When Cicadas Cry" is the Goodrich Book Club's choice for May. If you've been listening to insects chirping this spring, maybe they are sharing what they know of this mystery. The review below comes from 'Sandy's Book a Day Blog'.

"A crime has been committed in a rural South Carolina church. Zach Stander, a lawyer with a past, and Addie Stone, his indomitable detective, find themselves entangled in hidden secrets of a small Southern town. In a state already roiling with tension, their latest case is a powder keg.

Add to this, a haunting cold case— Two young women vanish on a quiet Edisto Beach, an hour southeast of Walterboro, and the suspected criminal disappears without a trace. Thirty-four years later the mystery remains unsolved. Could there be a connection to Stander's latest case?

As the suspect is watching— Stander takes on Jenkins's defense, but he's up against an attorney with powerful allies. Worse, his client is hiding a bombshell secret.

When Addie Stone reopens the cold case, she discovers more long-buried secrets in the small town. What lengths will people go to, to keep them.

"When Cicadas Cry" is an absolutely stunning debut novel. Caroline Cleveland is one of those rare authors who can hit the ball right out of the park in all three elements of the successful novel – characters, setting and atmosphere. It is impossible to read this without coming to care greatly for the characters.

She captures the tension and uses it to great advantage in "When Cicadas Cry". We have the two opposing factions, each wanting their very own brand of justice, never mind whatever the truth happens to be.

When Cicadas Cry is a beautifully written novel that held me entranced from beginning to end. The author's notes at the end are particularly interesting so don't be tempted to skip them.

In Oklahoma, Cicadas emerge only every 13-17 years. Don't wait that long to join us in our ALWAYS INTERESTING reading!

Please contact Lynda or Becky for more information.

# MAY 2026 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Anonymous 7AM Bethel 7PM	Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Book Club 1PM Cub Scouts 1-2PM Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	EPIC 8-5 TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10:30AM Delta Kappa 6PM Scouts 7PM	EPIC 8-5 Church Mice 5:30PM NOC Basketball 6PM Bethel 7PM	EPIC 8-5 Girl Scouts 6PM Bible Study 6PM NOC Basketball 7PM Choir 7-8PM	EPIC 8-5 UWF 6PM	Anonymous 7AM Book Club Game Night 5:30PM Bethel 7PM	Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM Recital 9:30-4:00 Recital 5PM- 6:30PM
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	EPIC 8-5 TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10:30AM Scouts 7PM	EPIC 8-5 GCG Brownbag 11:30AM at St Stephens Church Mice 5:30PM NOC Basketball 6PM Bethel 7PM	EPIC 8-5 Bible Study 6PM Choir 7-8PM NOC Basketball 7PM		Anonymous 7AM Cub Scouts 6- 8PM Bethel 7PM	Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Community Break- fast 8-10AM Staff Meeting 12PM Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10:30AM Delta Kappa 6PM Scouts 7PM	Church Mice 5:30PM NOC Basketball 6PM Bethel 7PM	Choir 7-8PM Girl Scouts 6PM Bible Study 6PM NOC Basketball 7PM	Care Closet 10AM Goodrich Lunch Ladies 1PM SPERO 6-8PM	Anonymous 7AM Rehearsal 11AM-12PM Bethel 7PM	Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM Recital 9:30- 11:30AM Baby Shower 1:30-5:30PM
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Board Meeting 12PM Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	HOLIDAY TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10:30AM Scouts 7PM	GCG Golden Corral 1:30PM Church Mice 5:30PM NOC Basketball 6PM Bethel 7PM	Choir 7-8PM NOC Basketball 7PM	Conference SPERO 6-8PM	Conference Anonymous 7AM Bethel 7PM	Conference Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM
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Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM						