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Pastor's Ponderings ... I absolutely *adore* our latest church t-shirt that declares, *"The Church Has Left the Building."* Every time I notice someone wearing it, I smile. It captures so perfectly who we are at SGLCC — a community whose love and care doesn't stop at the doors but spills out into the world. Lately, I've found myself collecting phrases that seem to describe our spirit and our witness — words that speak of kindness, connection, and belonging. I'm wondering... if – and that's a capital IF we were to print another church t-shirt, what might it say? In a spirit of transparency, I want you to know that I took the collection of phrases (**in bold**) and asked Chat GPT for feedback on each one (*in italics*).

"Love... it's a shore thing!" - *Perfect for lakeside dreamers and community builders alike — because love is as steady (and occasionally messy) as the waves. Bring flip-flops and empathy.*

"Beloved, Becoming, Belonging" - *This one's practically a three-step spiritual journey. Be loved, keep growing, and know you've always got a place at the table.*

"A sacred space for every soul" - *For anyone who's ever wondered if they fit in — spoiler: you do. This phrase says it all.*

"A home for every heart" - *If Mister Rogers and bell hooks co-wrote a welcome mat, it might say this.*

"Connection, Kindness, Community" - *It's the perfect trifecta of togetherness — simple, strong, and big enough for everyone. It fits perfectly across a cozy sweatshirt.*

"Love Gathers Here" - *A sweet, simple invitation for hearts that wander.*

"Life Shared, Love Multiplied" - *Math has never been this heartwarming.*

"Genuine Journeys" - *Because none of us have it all figured out — but authenticity looks good on everyone.*

"A space for stories and service" - *Part words, part work — all heart.*

"Sharing sacred stories..." *"Because storytelling is soul work."*

"Where every soul can bloom" - *Because when we water each other with grace, we all grow a little taller.*



'tis the season ...

Nov. 02 – Special Congregational Mtg.

Nov. 03

thru 10 – Pastors on Vacation

Nov. 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony

Honor Plaza, Langley @ 10 am

Nov. 15 – Executive Committee @ 10 am

Nov. 15 – Visitation for Clint & Rex

Nov. 16 – Congregational Meeting

Election of Leaders* and
approval of budget for 2026
(after worship)

* See attachment for list of nominees

Nov. 16 – Elders' Prayer Circle

after Congregational Mtg.

Nov. 17 – Elders' Study Group

Nov. 27 – Free Community Dinner

Meal Served 11 am – 1 pm

Nov. 30 – Advent begins

Dec. 09 – Red Cross Blood Drive

1st United Methodist Church

Vinita, 12 – 6 pm

Dec. 20 – Executive Committee

Dec. 24 – Candlelight Communion 6 pm

A Month of Celebration & Service



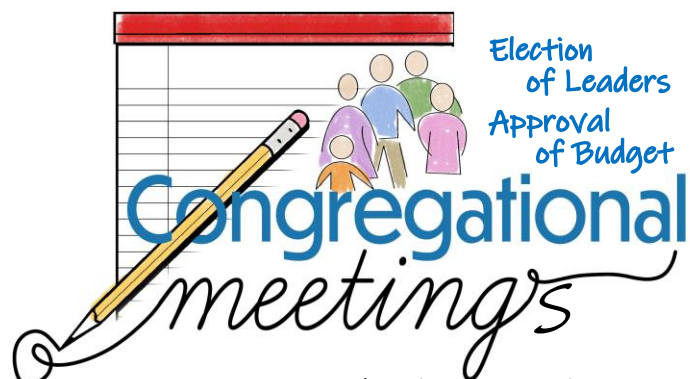
Our anniversary month proved to be a busy time in the life of our church. We opened our doors and hearts to the community for a celebration of life for Sherrie Matney and a memorial service for those who lost loved ones in the care of hospice.



Thanks to the generosity and creativity of Teena, one of our resident artists, a drawing at the COBE concert generated over one thousand dollars to benefit Grand Lake Community Ministries (aka the Blue House).



The new Tai Chi classes have been well received by the community. We're grateful to our instructor, Chrissy Swift, for helping us get things off to a great start!



Please mark your calendars for a couple of important congregational meetings. We will gather after worship on Nov. 2nd and 16th.



Our fall Bible study of The Chosen has provided a deeper understanding of the Seder meal Jesus celebrated with his disciples at the Last Supper. The class will take a break during November & will resume for a 3-week Advent study on Dec. 3rd.



PRAYER list

Janie Andrew, John & Shari Baird, Donna Belt, Melanie Browning, Ted Coombes, Carla Davis, Roby French, Forrest Graham, Karen Hendrix, Loved ones of Jack Massey, Raymond Pattison, Kathy Piery, Mary Shell, Alena Theibert, Dawn Tweedy, Gail Young, caregivers, first responders, Armed Forces, national and world leaders, those affected by acts of violence, addiction, mental illness and natural disasters.

Celebrations!



November

02 Joyce L.
11 Melanie B.
13 David T.
14 Gail Y.



December

02 Lynda G.
07 JB M.
12 Madison C.
15 Shirley H.
15 Chuck J.
17 Earnestine T.
23 Glen P.
25 Jesus Christ



Our financial health ...



December

09 Dave & Teena Momper
21 Wes & Imogene Atkinson
22 Bob & Beverly Latimer

Date	Income	Expenses	Profit/Loss
09/30/25	Budget \$117,868.50	Budget \$118,674.00	Budget -\$805.50
09/30/25	Actual \$121,702.84	Actual \$125,656.77	Actual -\$3,953.93

Blessing Quarters	
Balance Forward	\$373.80
September & October	\$115.65
Year To Date (for 2025)	Grand Total \$498.45

October Attendance			
Date	Members	Visitors	Total
10-05	20	5	25
10-12	21	5	26
10-19	22	6	28
10-26	21	6	27

Nominations for SGLCC(DOC) General Board 2026

The Nominating Committee announces this list of nominees for 2026. These names will appear on the ballot at the November 16 Congregational Meeting. Additional nominations may be made at the Congregational Meeting.

Please note: *This list does not include those Trustees, Elders, and Deacons who will remain on the General Board as they continue serving the three-year term for which they have already been elected.

OFFICERS

Board Chairman	Teena Momper
Vice Chairman	Beverly Wall
Secretary	Fran Rahn
Treasurer	Carla Davis
Asst. Treasurer	Ron Middleton
Financial Secretary	Susan Miller
Asst. Fin. Sec.	Clint Cross

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Stewardship & Finance	John Baird
Pastoral Relations	Shari Baird
Property	JB Miller
Worship	Dave Momper
Nomination	Teena Momper
Social	Diana Sellers
Membership & Evan.	Lynne Kennedy
Outreach	Susan Miller
Christian Education	Shirley Hardin
Community Hall	Jim Sellers
Historian	Rex Wood
Disciples of Christ Rep	Fran Rahn

TRUSTEES

Dave Momper *see note above

ELDERS

John Baird, Shari Baird *see note above

DIACONATE

Diana Sellers, Ellen Wolfe, Ronnie Hardin, Shirley Hardin
*see note above

JUNIOR DIACONATE