

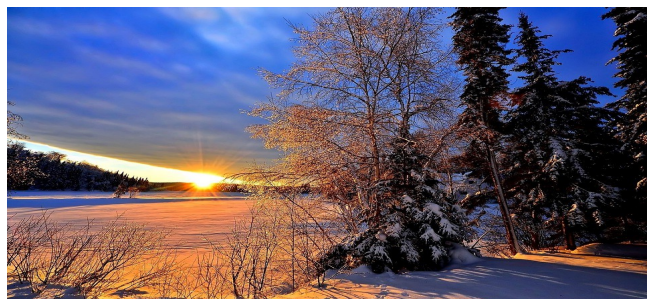
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9AM—Sunday Worship

10AM—Sunday School

11AM—Sunday Worship

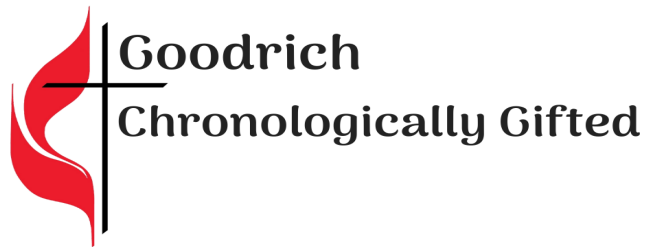
From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Beloved Community,

In Matthew 4, Jesus begins the process of calling those who would become disciples. He's moved from Nazareth to Capernaum and has taken up the message his cousin John started: "Repent, for the Kingdom of God has come near!" This begins to attract some attention and eventually people begin to claim the role of "follower of Jesus." He starts with two brothers who he finds in the Sea of Galilee casting out nets so that they might be able to make a living. He makes a confusing pitch to these brothers, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." There's something about this that's so compelling that they leave behind everything they've known and follow Jesus. They want to know what it's like to fish for people, to let them know that God has come near again.

I've been thinking a lot about fishing and what this might mean for us. Sometimes we look at "fishing for people" and modernize it a little bit. We think it's about having the right kind of bait or lure to bring people in, that if we just change something or add something people will flock to us. But that wasn't the fishing the disciples were doing. They used nets, they dropped them into the water and waited. Nets don't discriminate, nets don't specialize, they catch what they catch. I think there's something beautiful about that as the metaphor for what we are called to do to make disciples. We add the net, the love of God, the service to one another, into the waters that we find ourselves in and allow people to come and see. We welcome in anyone who would come. If we call ourselves fishers of men, we have to realize that God desires to draw all people together. There is no category of in and out, no right bait or right line, but rather we are called to be present where the people already are and show them what love looks like.

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



Sorry I had to cancel our lunch at Golden Corral. I miss our lunch times together, so I want to have a brown bag lunch on February the 10th at 11:30 in the gym. We will have a 4th Tuesday lunch at Golden Corral on February the 24th at 1:30.

It is time for our yearly dues. Dues are \$12.00 per person. This money is used to help support activities at Goodrich or wherever we feel there is a need. If you are unable to pay this amount, do not let that keep you from joining the GCGers. You may give cash or check to Pam Cook in an envelope with your name on it.

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

Blessings,
Kathy



Children's Sunday School

Teachers: Caroline Hunt and Pam Kaiser

Feb. 1 – Jesus Teaches Nicodemus, John 3:1-17

Feb. 8 – Jesus Shows a New Way to Love, Matt. 5:43-48

Feb. 15 – Jesus Brings Good News to Everyone, Luke 4:14-30

Feb. 22 – Jesus Heals Bartimaeus, Mark 10:46-52

Blessings,
Sherry McCurley
Email: ssemcc@hotmail.com



Youth

UM Youth Fellowship

Fun, fellowship, lessons, and service projects for 6th graders through 12th graders. We meet on Sunday evenings 6:00pm – 8:00pm down in the gym. Come check us out. Adult volunteers always appreciated. See Diamond or Sherry for more info.

United Methodist Men

Community Breakfast on Sunday, February 15th from 8-10AM.

Blessings,
Kenny Presson

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.

Church Mailboxes

Please check your Church Mailbox near the church offices. There are many Christmas Cards that have not been picked up yet.



February	
4	Stephanie Lozano
5	Manuel Aguilar
6	Sam Daley
9	Dolores Nelson
9	Mike Sappington
19	Bryan Perillo
20	Brittany Boone
23	Renee Liggins
23	Mary Daley
24	Dwight Maney
25	Debbie Ihbe



February	
2	Harold & Jewel Hill

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.

Our Thoughts & Prayers

Presently Homebound / Assisted Living

Delores Nelson, Home
JoAnn Gordoni, Home
Eric Engh, Home
Kay Wilkins, Silver Elms
Glenda VanDusen, South Park East, OKC
Phyllis Gammon, Home
Sharon YOUNKIN, Home
Ken YOUNKIN, Arbor House Reminisce
Karen Leu, Home
Wes Curtis, Home
Rose Elugardo, Arbor House Reminisce



The Goodrich Book Club loves reading and February is the perfect time to read more about our state's history. Edna Ferber's book "Cimmaron" is a fictional tale of Oklahoma that we will love this month! A little background about her – In addition to "Cimmaron", the movie "Giant" and musical "Showboat" all began as epic books of hers. The review below is from the review site, 'Cannonball Read'.

"The thing about Ferber's books is that they always read like big Technicolor grand movies, way before such a thing existed. They certainly didn't in 1929, when this was published. But so many have been turned into such, like this book (twice, first time winning an Academy Award), *Show Boat*, *Giant*, and *Saratoga Trunk*, to name a few.

"Cimarron" is a classic often read for its historical importance and strong storytelling, but readers are frequently challenged by its outdated, racist depictions, making it a book with significant impact but requiring critical engagement.

The Book's hero, Yancy Cravat, is a hot bull-headed force of nature. He is an eloquent lawyer, a newspaper publisher, and an ace shot. What is not to like? He swans into 1880s Wichita Kansas, and sweeps lovely Sabra Venable, daughter of well-bred Southern aristocracy, off his feet. And in no time, she is married against her family's will, the Oklahoma Land Rush is on, and they are looking for their own bit of land. But it turns out to not happen, because Yancy, ever the gentleman, unknowingly allows the quick-witted and duplicitous Dixie to snatch the property away from him.

The worst sin Yancy commits in Sabra's eyes is that he considers the indigenous people of Oklahoma as admirable and worthy of full citizenship, and what's more, has a newspaper to use as a bully pulpit. Sabra has the opposite view, and throws herself instead into civic improvements of the newborn Osage, Oklahoma.

Considering the publishing date of this book, 1929, I would imagine that a considerable portion of the readers were absolutely on Sabra's side, who is portrayed as hard-working and trying her level best to do what's right.. But Ferber definitely wasn't."

Join us in reading this story which challenges us still today. You may find a new Valentine in Ferber.

FEBRUARY 2026 CALENDAR

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Book Club 1PM Cub Scouts 1-2PM Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10:30AM Delta Kappa 6PM Scouts 7PM	Sunhive 1-2PM Church Mice 5:30PM Bethel 7PM	Choir 7-8PM	Sunhive 1-2PM UWF 6PM SPERO 7-8PM	Anonymous 7AM Bethel 7PM	Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10:30AM Scouts 7PM	Sunhive 1-2PM Church Mice 5:30PM Bethel 7PM	Choir 7-8PM Girl Scouts 6PM	Goodrich Lunch Ladies 1PM Sunhive 1-2PM SPERO 7-8PM	Anonymous 7AM Bethel 7PM	Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Community Breakfast 8-10AM Staff Meeting 12PM Cub Scouts 1-2PM Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10:30AM Delta Kappa 6PM Scouts 7PM	Sunhive 1-2PM Church Mice 5:30PM Bethel 7PM	Ash Wednesday Service 7PM	Care Closet 11AM Sunhive 1-2PM SPERO 7-8PM	Anonymous 7AM Bethel 7PM	Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Board Meeting 12PM Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10:30AM Scouts 7PM	Sunhive 1-2PM GCG Golden Corral 1:30PM Church Mice 5:30PM Bethel 7PM	Choir 7-8PM Girl Scouts 6PM	Sunhive 1-2PM SPERO 7-8PM	Anonymous 7AM Cub Scouts 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM