



# The Fowler Flashes

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Hello my friends, I hope and pray this note will find you well...

Since the middle of July we have had to endure some changes at Fowler UMC, and we had to learn to be a little flexible during our worship time together. Yes, together, lol that is the first real change we made. But our worship space changed, and our worship time changed. But if that wasn't enough I also changed our worship style.

Instead of a planned out down to every detail worship experience I have asked you to become part of the worship and to let the Holy Spirit guide you and the worship itself.

I know that some of you really love this, and some of you are deeply challenged by it. Both are good things in my book. For those of you challenged I would suggest to give it some time and to be in prayer about it. Maybe even talk to someone about it. It does not come natural to everyone...

But I believe that listening to the Holy Spirit is critical to living out the Christian life and at time to really, really worship. The Scriptures teach us that the Holy Spirit dwells in each person who has placed their faith in the finished work of Christ. We are called His "body" and His "temple" (1Co 3:16; 16:19-20). He does not just dwell in us; he is active in our lives. He is speaking, directing, and encouraging, correcting, and giving wisdom (John 14:16, 26; Eze 36:27; Ps 143:10). We are not alone in making decisions in life, but we have the promise of God that His Spirit is directing and speaking to us.

In the Old Testament, a young boy being called by God to be a prophet was woken by the Spirit's voice, "Samuel, Samuel". He had never heard the voice of God before, so he didn't know what it was. We can be like that too.

When Elijah was depressed and felt very alone, he was looking for the voice of God. God's voice was not found in the wind, the earthquake, or the fire. But it was found in a still small voice (1Ki 19:11-12). He needed God's wisdom and encouragement and direction. He was able to

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find it, but it wasn't found in a loud and evident way. It was soft and required Elijah to filter out other distractions.

Take some time, pray for the Holy Spirit, and listen, really listen and you might just be surprised by what you will hear...

See you Sunday...live or on Facebook.

Peace, Pastor René

## August Birthdays & Anniversaries

3rd - Debbie Knutson

4th - Lance & Janet Abernathy

5th - Chris Walker

11th - Brittney Bryan

Dan Montgomery

13th - Makenzie Barton

Jennifer Devantier

14th - John & Carol Vrolson

18th - David & Cadie Olsen

20th - Larry & Sindie Price

22nd - Jeni & Cory Sherman

27th - Lance Abernathy

31st - Dan & Wendy Montgomery

Wishing our friends a "happy. . .",  
a "merry. . .",  
a "best wishes . . .",  
and a "blessings . . ."  
for their special day.

If you or your loved ones  
are in need of prayer,  
please contact the office  
to be added to the  
prayer list.



### Health and Healing

Carolyn Tobeck

Verne Arneson

Trish Tipple

Carol Ring

Prayers for Bionca Craven in hospital for bust appendix

Prayers for great grandson with possible autism

### Prayers

Prayers for our Church for what is going on

Prayers for our society for what is going on

Prayers for Clareen's grandson Anthony fighting wild fires and all the firefighters, including volunteers

Continuing prayers for grandson

Prayers for good Dr. appointments

Prayers for neighbors daughter, transgender

Thankful for rain overnight

Praise for the Sunday Worship Service

Prayer for a successful remodeling to start

# August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 12:30 pm Spring Fowler Music	6	7
8 <b>Worship Sunday at 9:30am Happy 4th!</b>	9	10 9:00 - Tops 10:00 - Prayer Group 1:00 - Koinonia Bible Study 2pn - Life's Lessons	11	12 12:30 pm Spring Fowler Music	13	14
15 <b>Worship Sunday at 9:30am</b>	16	17 9:00 - Tops 10:00 - Prayer Group 1:00 - Koinonia Bible Study 2pn - Life's Lessons	18	19 12:30 pm Spring Fowler Music  <b>Flashes Articles Due</b>	20	21
22 <b>Worship Sunday at 9:30am</b>	23	24 9:00 - Tops 10:00 - Prayer Group 1:00 - Koinonia Bible Study 2pn - Life's Lessons	25	26	27	28
29 <b>Worship Sunday at 9:30am</b>	30					



## Fowler United Methodist Women

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

WHAT AN HONOR / Special Mission Recognition is one of United Methodist Women's five channels of Mission Giving. It is unrestricted, undesignated funds available for use in all parts of the national and international program of United Methodist Women. Some conference United Methodist Women give Special Mission Recognitions to outgoing leadership team members. It's an honor to serve as a United Methodist Women officer, but it's a special honor to be recognized with a pin - and with funds for mission given in our names.

But don't stop at just honoring outgoing leadership team members with a Special Mission Recognition; consider all of the people, both women and men, United Methodist Women members or not, to whom you want to show love and appreciation. Some suggestions are a supportive pastor, someone who has led a mission study or retreat, homebound church members, supportive spouses and family members, close friends, prayer partners, a community volunteer, a helpful church staff member, event organizers and volunteers, a young person in your church who has shown special interest in mission work, or a deaconess in your annual conference. The list could go on and on!

Special Mission Recognition honorees receive a certificate and a beautiful gold, oval lapel pin to wear with pride. They also receive the joy of knowing that ministry with women, children and youth was supported because of dollars given in their names.

Special Mission Recognition pins are ordered via your unit, district or conference United Methodist Women treasurer. They are available for \$40 (basic pin), \$60 (pin with sapphire), \$100 (pin with a pearl), \$200 (pin with an emerald), \$500 (pin with a ruby), \$1,000 (pin with a diamond), or \$2,000 (pin with two diamonds). Units or individuals can order Special Mission Recognitions. What an honor it is to receive and to give Special Mission Recognition!

The next meeting of Fowler United Methodist Women will be at noon on September 2 in Corinthian Hall. Bring a sack lunch and join us for our program, a recap of Mission u. The spirituality study was Finding Peace in an Anxious World by Erin James-Brown and the issues study was Pushout: Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools by Monique Morris. Any woman, United Methodist or not, who is interested in mission work is invited to attend.

Sharon Stovall, President



from Nathan

I want to express a word of thanks to Donna Norris and Joan Morse for assisting with music for our Sunday worship on July 25 when our family was vacationing on the Oregon beaches. Donna and Joan rallied together to offer piano and accordion music before and after worship in bringing songs of praise to our corporate worship. It was such a help to me to have the music covered and in good hands and our family had a wonderful time playing on the beach and simply enjoying being beside the Pacific Ocean.

During the month of August our music ensemble will continue to meet and rehearse weekly and this team will continue to offer music for our worship services in Corinthian Hall. **Here's a specific way you all can help us and it's fun!**

If you have a favorite hymn or chorus you would like to have in one of our upcoming worship services then feel free to email me the title of it! We will be happy to rehearse it and use it during the month of August. We want to play and sing songs that you want to hear.

Thanks for the help and send your hymn/chorus titles to: [nathan.kennedy.gibbens@gmail.com](mailto:nathan.kennedy.gibbens@gmail.com)

God's peace be with each of you!  
Nathan KG

## YOUTH & CHILDREN NEWS



Our first meeting is a fun adventure activity. We are meeting Tuesday, July 27th at Friendship Park from 6:30 to 8:30. We will play some soccer, basketball, and hang out together. Please wear your masks if you have not been vaccinated. We will schedule an August event and then in the fall we will plan our service projects and meeting for fun adventures. See you soon!!

Shelley

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