



Vol. 7, No. ◆ 704 West Ash Ave. ◆ (580) 255-5769 ◆ www.fpcduncan.com ◆ **Summer Issue 2018**

With Summer comes the abundance of the garden. As someone who loves to garden and always enjoys the feel of dirt in my hands and under my nails, even in this Oklahoma heat, I find that gardening brings me closer to the earth and closer to my Creator. I have been known to have Blessing services for community gardens, when often I remind the crowd gathered that our story began in a garden (Genesis) and ends in a garden (Revelation). Gardens bookend our lives - what better place to be in the middle of time to also be in a garden! And so, I am always on the lookout for a good prayer about creation. Here is one I recently discovered in our new Book of Common Worship (2018) by Fyodor Mikhailovich Dostoevsky (1821-1881).

*Lord, may we love all your creation,
all the earth and every grain of sand in it.
May we love every leaf, every ray of your
light.
May we love the animals;
you have given them the rudiments of
thought and joy untroubled.
Let us not trouble it;
let us not harass them,
let us not deprive them of their happiness,
let us not work against your intent.*

*For we acknowledge unto you that all is like
an ocean,
all is flowing and blending,
and that to withhold any measure of love
from anything in your universe
is to withhold that same measure from you. Amen.*

May God bless us and nourish us in the Garden of life this summer.

-Pastor Matt



Save the dates! Thursday Noon Bible Study will resume on August 23. Guest teacher John



Adams and Pastor Matt combine forces to teach ***Spirituality, Love, and Mysticism: Julian of Norwich and others.*** As usual, it will be 12:00-1:15pm. Bring a sack lunch and an open spirit!

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays of July

Starting July 5th at Noon in Fellowship Hall we will explore the Book of Ruth. Bring a sack lunch as well as open & hungry willing spirit as we feast on God's Word and enjoy fellowship together.



Be on the lookout for your new Medicare card

Beginning in April, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) started mailing replacement Medicare cards to all Medicare beneficiaries. The cards are being mailed in phases based on geographic location and other factors. You can get information about the phases and sign up for emails about the status of your card at www.Medicare.gov/NewCard. CMS is changing the Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) because it includes your Social Security Number (SSN). Instead of the HICN your new card will have an ID number called a Medicare Beneficiary Identifies (MBI). **Your benefits will not change!** Be sure to safely dispose of the old Medicare card by cutting it up or shredding it. You can start using it as soon as you receive it. If you need more information, please contact the Social Security Administration at www.ssa.gov/myaccount or 1-800-772-1213 between 7am and 7pm Monday through Friday.

Submitted by Joanne Flanders

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July 18 and August 15



Birthday lunch honoring July and August Birthdays will be held at Jimmy's Egg at noon. Please call or email me your plans to attend and I'll contact the restaurant with our reservation each month. Thank you, Eloise. Telephone (580) 251-0607 or Email elbohof@cablone.net

July

Janice Waters 07/03

Janis Hruby 07/09

Joan Drake 07/14

Beverly Moody 07/17

Matt Meinke 07/23

Coy Elliott 07/26

Martha Copland 07/26

Harper Lily Pitts 07/31

August

Judy Holtmyer 08/02

Lori Crispin 08/02

Stan Martin 08/04

MONTHLY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

July 1	Joanne Flanders	Coy Elliott
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July 22	Margo Jones	Coy Elliott
July 29	Robin Caldwell	Coy Elliott
August 5	Joanne Flanders	Coy Elliott

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