

**Lectionary Scriptures For July**

**July 5, 2015**

**6th Sunday after Pentecost**  
2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48 (UMH 782); 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

**July 12, 2015**

**7th Sunday after Pentecost**  
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24 (UMH 755); Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

**July 19, 2015**

**8th Sunday after Pentecost**  
2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37 (UMH 807); Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**July 26, 2015**

**9th Sunday after Pentecost**  
2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14 (UMH 746); Eph 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

**Lectionary Scriptures For August**

**August 2, 2015**

**10th Sunday after Pentecost**  
2 Sam 11:26-12:13a; Ps 51:1-12 (UMH 785); Eph 4:1-16; Jn 6:24-35

**August 9, 2015**

**11th Sunday after Pentecost**  
2 Sam 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Ps 130 (UMH 848); Eph 4:25-5:2; Jn 6:35, 41-51

**August 16, 2015**

**12th Sunday after Pentecost**  
1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Ps 111 (UMH 832); Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

**August 23, 2015**

**13th Sunday after Pentecost**  
1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43; Ps 84 (UMH 804); Eph 6:10-20; Jn 6:56-69

**August 30, 2015**

**14th Sunday after Pentecost**  
Song of Sol. 2:8-13; Ps 45:1-2, 6-9 or Ps 72 (UMH 795); Jas 1:17-27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



**Love. Grow. Serve.**



# SOAR TO THE HEIGHTS

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## Micah's Meditations

There is just something special about a good book. Summer is a great time to sit outside and just get lost in a mesmerizing story. From time to time, we read something in a book, or in the newspaper, or even in such places as the church newsletter or Sunday morning bulletin that really surprises us. These surprising announcements were found in church bulletins: 1. "A worm welcome to all who have come today." 2. "Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days." 3. "The ushers will come forward and take our ties and offerings." 4. "The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy." 5. "Helpers are needed! Please sign up on the information sheep."

Surprises come in many other forms, too - a surprise birthday party; a surprise visit from a dear friend; the surprising beauty of a summer sunset; a joyful, surprising answer to prayer. Jeremy Driscoll writes, "God arrives and appears as Surprise.... And something new is grasped in the surprise; something is learned; experience—it could be called experience with God—is gained." May we experience excitement and learning from the surprises that God has in store for us. There are surprises and new discoveries for us as we read the ultimate love story, the Bible. There are surprises and new discoveries for us during Sunday morning worship services. So, let us join together to be surprised and amazed by God's loving presence in our lives and in this congregation.

Grace & Peace,

*Micah*  
Pastor Micah



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Worship @ 10:55 am



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## Sunday Night F.I.R.E. (Faith In Reaching Everyone)

The Youth Group is on summer break for July and part of August. We will start back with a Back to School Pizza Party. Stay tuned for more details and have a great summer!

We are in need of volunteers for F.I.R.E. If you can help please contact Sharla at [sharladowelcher@gmail.com](mailto:sharladowelcher@gmail.com) or call 580-916-8088.





### UMW Meeting Schedule

Just a friendly reminder ladies there will be no meeting in July.

The next meeting will be August 12th at 2:00 pm. We will continue our book study over *How Is It with Your Soul?* Chapter 3: Mentor, discuss the pumpkin sale, and choose a nomination committee.

### The Real Ice Cream Social

The UMW will host the real Ice Cream Social on August 23rd at 6:00 pm. Get ready for some more good homemade frozen treats!



### UMW Missions Cookbook

We are still in need of recipes for our missions cookbook. If

we want to have these ready to sell in time for the Holiday House Bazaar, we need to get more recipes. Please turn in your recipes to Sharla as soon as possible. Everyone is invited to participate. Thank you!



### F.R.O.G.

### Fully Rely on God

Leaping into the future of UMW!

### Thank you!

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the US Disaster Response, UMCOR Advance #901670. It supports UMCOR's work with Oklahomans and other US communities dealing with disaster over the months and years to come. We collected \$35.77 from the canister in the Narthex.

### Missions

We are currently collecting fans for our fan drive.

In August, we will have our Undie Sunday. For the month of August we will be collecting NEW underwear, socks, and T-



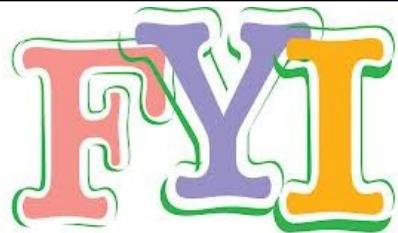
shirts for children seven and under in the Altus Headstart program. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

Also, we are starting a new year long Hotel Toiletry Drive for Restore Hope Ministries. RHM is a non-profit United Methodist Ministry in Tulsa County.

While you are traveling remember to get your hotel toiletries daily. Then bring them back to the church and place them in the tub located under the table in the Narthex. If you don't plan on traveling, we can also accept travel size or full size items such as bar soap, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, etc. For more information about RHM you can visit their website [www.restorehope.org](http://www.restorehope.org)



And don't forget about the ongoing project thru the year of collecting eye glasses.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pastor Micah and Sharla will be on vacation from Wednesday, July 8th until Wednesday, July 22nd. If any pastoral care, calls, or visits are needed during that time, please contact Rev. Bruce Davis, pastor of Blair UMC/ Grace UMC, at (580)482-4093 (church) or (580)482-5662 (home). Thank you!

### Shepherd Visit

As the new conference year has begun, Highland Heights UMC is now located in the Wichitas District. Our new District Superintendent, Rev. Chris Tiger, will be with us for worship on Sunday, August 2nd. After worship, we will gather with Rev. Tiger for a "Shepherd Visit." This meeting will be a time for Rev. Tiger to get to know us. This is primarily a "meet and greet" time with a tour of the church and parsonage. During the meeting, Rev. Tiger will ask a few questions of those gathered and he will share a few things about him-

self. He is looking forward to meeting the people of Highland Heights UMC!



Please join us Sunday, August 9th for the Blessing of the Backpacks at 10:55 am. Come celebrate the beginning of a new school year with this very special event. We hope to see you there and don't forget your backpacks!

### "Each photograph is a story captured in a single moment" ~ M. Lopez



Top Left: UMW Mother/Daughter Banquet 5/12/15



Bottom Left: Practice Ice Cream Social 6/28/15



Graduation Sunday Nina Boucher May 17, 2015