

CENTRAL CONNECTION

Upcoming Events

May 15 -

**11am - Senior Saints Lunch
at Orange Giraffe**

UPCOMING

**May 20 - Texoma Emmaus
Meets at Central, Nocona**

**May 22 - Blood Drive at
FUMC - 1-6pm**

**May 28 - Pentecost Sunday
Potluck Lunch**

**May 29 - Memorial Day
Office Closed**

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our website or Facebook
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more!**



I have been pondering the Holy Spirit this past week as I've been working on John's Gospel for our sermons the last couple of weeks. And I must admit that my pneumatology (the study of the Holy Spirit) is quite weak compared to other areas of theology. I just didn't grow up in a Spirit-heavy tradition.

And it's no wonder. Spirit is comforting and tender when we need care in the midst of grief or sorrow. But Spirit - She can also be wild and untamed, unpredictable and uncontrollable. And for a people who thrive on control, She just doesn't fit into our neatly planned lives sometimes. She doesn't fit into our bow-tied boxes of how God works in the world. And so it's easier to ignore Her, isn't it?

But I wonder if we've missed what it means to live abundantly (with passion) in the process of doing that? What if we've missed the full extent of God's presence and power here and now by neglecting the reality of the Spirit who is within us and around us because we are afraid of what abundance might be? How it might feel? What it might require of us? How it might change us?

I encourage you to spend time pondering how Spirit might be present in your life and see if She isn't offering abundance.

Pastor Lory

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Nation and World, Tammy Brockman, Nancy Atkison, Madison Wardell, Charlotte Reagan, Brylie, Bob Miller, CASA Kids, Laura Hunt, Tony Barker, Rios Family, Vivian Contareas, Sharon Brown, Dieter Stratemann, Shirley Miller, Jerry Don Maness, Ken Backus, Reese Handley, Christy Hoff, Chris Tettleton, Chad Brown, Mary Walker, Patty Johnson, Kal Luke, Joe Kalal, Jimmie Sue Foster, Vickie Baker, Connie O'Neal, Tina Ortiz Giger, Morgan Heck, Ben and Sharon Robertson, Mary Lou Davis, James Carminati, Patty Dunn, Jana Bremenkamp, Joe Benton, Tom Morrow, Charlotte Reed, Carolyn Tapley, Emily Dickerson,

Families of: David Dennis, David Sappington, Michael Hewitt, Doug Murphey

Worship This Week:

Elders: Lierly
Deacons: Saunders
Communion: Lierly
Sermon Text: Acts 1:1-11
Sun School: Luke 24:44-53

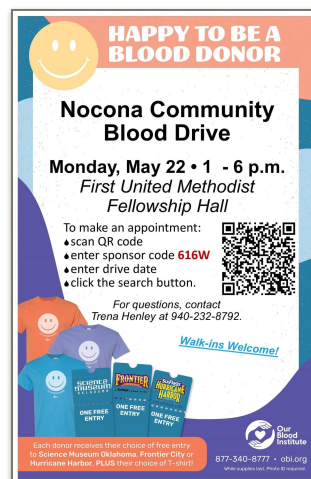
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Join us for a fun time of lunch (dutch treat) and fellowship at the Orange Giraffe inside Gibb's Pharmacy downtown.

Summer Reading Group

I'd love to get a summer reading group together. Even though I'll be gone a couple of weeks, I'd love to read a fiction or non-fiction work with a group and discuss it. There will be a sign up sheet on the podium in the sanctuary, as well as a place for suggestions for reading options. I'm open to pretty much anything y'all would want to read - except partisan politics! ;)



Blood Drive
May 22nd at FUMC
1-6pm