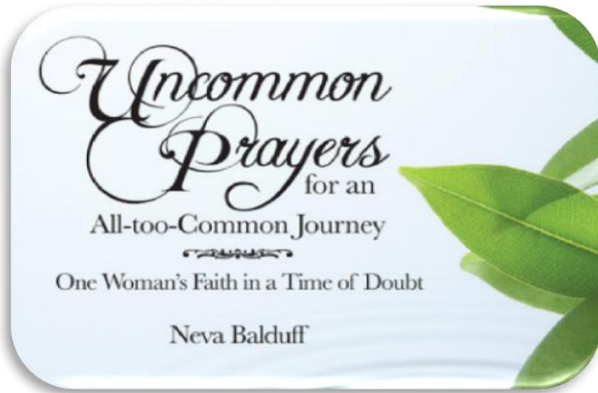


# Ponca City Christian

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Seeking, Serving, Sharing  
April 21, 2024



## Thank You for Helping!

*Thank you to all who brought fixin's and helped with the fellowship lunch on Sunday! An extra big thanks to Sandra Brown for preparing and seasoning the potatoes. The decorations were very "thyme-ly" thanks to the Early Service crew. It was fun getting to know Stephen and Angela a little better as newlyweds. The Browns and the Adams deserve extra kudos for proving yet again that wedded bliss is subject to interpretation.*

*Blessings- Arlene*



Spring is bringing warmth to the soil and buds to the trees. It is time to plant for a future harvest. The Friendship Garden, on the corner of 4th and Chestnut (the northwest corner of the FCC block), is once again ready for anyone interested in gardening. We have ground and raised plots available for a fee of \$20 and an agreement to practice safe gardening habits. It is not necessary to attend or be a member of FCC to garden with us.

If you would like more information about Friendship Garden, please contact  
Brenna @ 580.762.1667  
or email [brenna@fccponcacity.com](mailto:brenna@fccponcacity.com)

## Service Attendance ~ April 14, 2024

In Person: 73      Live Online: 19  
Social Media Hits: 118



## Sunday, April 21 ~ Service Information

1<sup>st</sup> John 3:16-24

*"We know love by this."*

Sunday School @ 9:30 ~ Fellowship Time @ 10:30  
Services @ 8:30 & 11:00

## ↔️ QUIET OF THE NIGHT ↔️

It's three o'clock in the morning,  
the alarm is set for five.  
Why is it now that thoughts are borning,  
when I'm only half-alive?  
I need my sleep, I start to panic,  
two hours is all I've got!  
Am I depressed or am I manic—  
will I sleep or not?  
Okay, I'll settle down and relax;  
maybe there's a reason  
for waking at three.  
During the day,  
when I'm stressed to the max,  
God can't get through to me.  
But in the quiet of the morning hours,  
when there's nothing to distract—  
I can access my higher power  
and separate fiction from fact—  
a time when truth can come inside  
and false things fall away,  
and in God's love I can abide  
more easily than during the day.  
So what's two hours of sleep  
compared to this quiet communion?  
From now on I'll try to keep  
my heart open to this spiritual union.  
So, Lord, please wake me at any time  
you have an extra minute.  
That's when I'll be in my prime,  
because you're with me in it!

*~Neva Balduff*

## Giving in Review

As of March 31, 2024

Income Received YTD	\$99,485.14
Actual Expenses YTD	\$71,656.13
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$76,852.17