

United Methodist Women Welcomed Timothy Lewis

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On April 5th, the Claude UMW were honored to have the author, Timothy Lewis speak at their meeting. Mr. Lewis' book, *Forever Friday*, was released in 2013 and has been optioned for film. The book was also chosen to be included in a Readers' Digest select volume.

Mr. Lewis moved to the Panhandle with his wife and daughter in 1990 and decided to write full-time as well as be Mr. Mom. His very interesting presentation took us through how he came upon the idea that became the *Forever Friday* book. He showed us photos of the couple who were the inspiration for the wonderful love story told about in the book.

The book follows a couple in a long, successful marriage and the great happiness they found in each other. We enjoyed learning about some of the inside details of get-

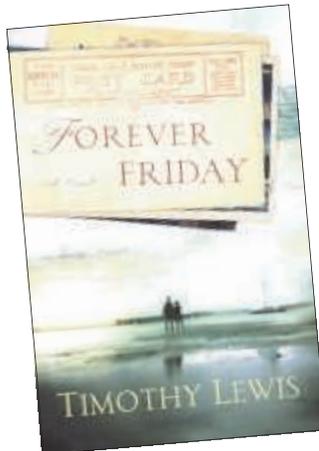


Timothy Lewis, author of *Forever Friday*, recently spoke to the United Methodist Women's group. photo courtesy of United Methodist Women

ting a book published and dealing with people in the industry who live a very different lifestyle than we do in Texas.

Mr. Lewis told us some amusing reactions that some New Yorkers had while visiting him in and around Canyon while in the process of publishing the book. Along with well-known Texas author, Jodi Thomas, Timothy Lewis is hosting the West Texas Writers' Academy June 5-9 at West Texas

A&M University. We will be looking forward to Mr. Lewis next book, *Running Down Wind*, sometime in the future.



Claude Church of Christ Welcomes New Preacher

The Claude Church of Christ has welcomed a new minister to town. Donny Stow and his family have traveled from Missouri to become the new Minister of the Claude Church of Christ. Donny and his wife Brenda are excited to be in Claude and to be at the Church. "We enjoy the small town and a small congregation. The people we met here were wonderful." The Stows have three children, Sara, Adam and Katie.



Donny Stow, new preacher for Claude Church of Christ, pictured with his wife, Brenda, and two of his children. photo courtesy of the Stow Family

Stow grew up in California. He drove a school bus until 2006 when his family moved to Edmond, Oklahoma, where he drove a trash truck. In 2013 Stow began his education at Bear Valley Bible Institute in Denver where he earned his degree in Biblical Studies.

Upon graduation the Stows went to serve at the Licking Church of Christ in Licking, Missouri. They served there for two years. When they were searching for a new position they check the website of the school in Denver the exact same day that the Claude COC

placed the opening the website. Todd Peden, church member and head of the search committee is thrilled to have the Stows in Claude. "We are very happy to have Donny and Brenda here, they have been a great addition to the church. The Stow's have also become good friends of ours and we look forward to good times ahead."

When speaking to Stow you notice a seriousness about his position. "We use the Bible only as our guide," Stow shares. "We strive to be

the New Testament church of the first century."

While the Stows have only been here a short time they are already feeling the Claude friendliness. "Everyone is welcome to come to worship with us at any opportunity," Stow shared. The Claude Church of Christ meets on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. for Sunday School and 11:00 a.m. for morning worship and at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights for Bible study.

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