

Two of Hugo's United Methodist churches, First United Methodist and Wesley United Methodist, have recently welcomed the Rev. Phil Hodson, who will be pastoring both churches.

The Rev. Hodson, his wife Joelle, and their young son, Xander have been spending the last few weeks getting settled into their new parsonage here in Hugo, and their arrival is very good news, because both congregations have been without a full-time pastor for some time.

The Hodsons come to Hugo by way of Dallas, and before that, Indiana. Pastor Hodson is still attending seminary at the Perkins Theological School at SMU, but he has already been fully credentialed by the Oklahoma Conference to offer communion, perform marriages and lead memorial services. In fact, the Rev. Hodson has most recently been the pastor of the Calera United Methodist Church in Calera, Okla., between October 2012 and January 2012. Both churches here in Hugo will once again have an experienced and fully functioning spiritual leader.

Because of the new shared pastoral arrangement, the First United Methodist Church will now have its Sunday service at 10 a.m.; and the Wesley United Methodist Church will be holding service at 11:30 a.m.