

 **Ministry Opportunities**

SUNDAY, January 29

8:00-11:00 am: Come and Go Communion
 8:30 am: Praise Team Practice
 8:30 am: Choir Practice
 9:00 am: Worship
 10:00 am: Administrative Council Meeting
 10:15 am: Sunday School
 8:00 pm: AA Meeting in McBurney Building

MONDAY, January 30

8:30 am: Staff Meeting
 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts
 8:00 pm: AA meets in McBurney Bldg

TUESDAY, January 31

12:00 pm: Loaves and Fishes
 8:00 pm: AA meets in McBurney Building

WEDNESDAY, February 1

12:00 pm: AI Anon Meeting, Library
 12:00 pm: District Bible Study, District Office
 5:30 pm: Bell Choir Practice
 6:00 pm: Youth Group
 6:30 pm: Choir Practice
 7:30 pm: Praise Team Practice

THURSDAY, February 2

6:30 am: UMM Breakfast
 12:00 noon: UMW Luncheon

FRIDAY, February 3

8:00 pm: AA Meeting in McBurney Bldg.

SATURDAY, February 4

SUNDAY, February 5

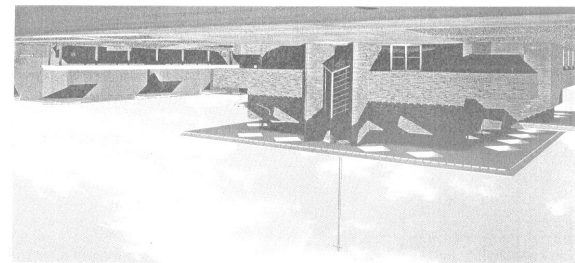
8:00-11:00 am: Come and Go Communion
 8:00 am: Praise Team Practice
 8:30 am: Choir Practice
 9:00 am: Worship
 10:15 am: Sunday School
 11 :00 am: Radical Hospitality Team
 8:00 pm: AA Meeting in McBurney Building

*Deadline for submissions to "The Sower" is 4 pm on Monday of each week.

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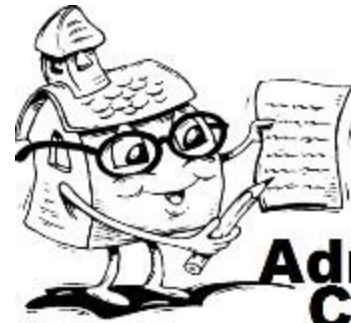
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Dear Friends,

As always, everyone is invited to our monthly Administrative Council meeting of the church. At these meetings, we hear committee reports on ministry activities throughout the church. Members of the Administrative Council have voting rights on the issues discussed each month. This month's meeting will be especially important. As you are aware, the Visioning Task Force has been meeting this last year to look at ways to better do ministry in and through the church. Jill Weedon, the Chair of the Visioning Task Force will be reporting on the Task Force findings and suggestions.



Administrative Council Meeting

As we look to the future of the church, we are always considering how we can best utilize our time and resources. So in addition to the Visioning Task Force report, we will look other suggestions that we received from the congregation. One of the topics that we will be discussing this month is the time of our worship service. We would like to have our morning worship service at a time when the most people are able and wanting to attend. Many people like the idea of a 9:00 am service and others would prefer a 10:00 am service.

If you have an opinion, you are welcome to come and share what you believe would be best as we look to grow and share Jesus' love with as many people possible, both within and outside our church walls.

Additionally we will also be approving our 2012 budget. All of this month's work will have an important impact on the life of the church so in that light, we would like to have as much input into the process as possible. So we are moving the time of the meeting to 10:00 am, right after our morning worship service this week, with the hope of having a good turnout. Please keep this meeting in your prayers, that we will discern and follow God's direction in this process and that we would lovingly do God's will so that God's Kingdom can grow and prosper in this place.

In Christ's Service,

Roland



Homebound and Persons of Concern

Below is our updated list for Valentine's boxes. Thank you to those who helped us make sure it is accurate. It is not too late to add people to the list, if you know of someone else who should be included, please contact the church office. Thanks!

Homebound or Persons of Concern

Carol Allison
Jeanette Atha
Albert Lane
Glenn and Nadine Douglas
George Powers
Kim Davis, Altus Grace UMC

UM Health Care Center

Margie Brown Marguerite Heerwald
Mary Edgar Ruth McCampbell
Udell Jones Modean Webb

The Garden Apts

Annie Belle Atha Denton Payne

Angelwood

Ruth Brinkley Mary Anne Stermer
Mary Jewell Mattingly Glea Tutwiler
Shirley Nordean

Grace Living Center

Gary Lynn Hays
Peggy Metheny
Goldie Pettie

Cordell Christian Home

Mike Patrick

Corn Retirement Community

Russell and Mary Lou Preston

Good Neighbor of Weatherford

Velma Mason

Epworth Villa, OKC

Winona Madison

Spanish Cove Retirement Center, Yukon

Elsie Hunter
Randol and Juanita Hancock
Rosemary Powell
Dee Ann Ray
Georgia Winchester



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Women

Day at the Legislature 2012

For several years some of the ladies of Clinton United Methodist Women have attended the Day at the Legislature which is sponsored by the Oklahoma Council of Churches. We would like to extend an invitation to church members who would like to join us for this enlightening experience. This event will be held at the Oklahoma Capitol and includes materials plus lunch in the Rotunda. The first 101 attendees to register will receive priority seating in the House of Representatives Chamber. DAL themes are Criminal Justice and Immigration. Rep. Kris Steele (Speaker of the House) and Father Don Wolfe (St. Benedict Catholic Church, Shawnee) will be keynote speakers. Meet with select legislators during the "Breakout Sessions." Attend the optional Advocacy Workshop to learn how the Oklahoma legislative process operates and methods you can utilize to optimize your support (or opposition) of a bill. A prayer vigil has also been added to this year's event to pray for our government leaders and our nation. Registration (with coffee) begins at 8:30 a.m. in the 2nd Floor Rotunda. All events will be completed by 4:00 p.m. Free parking is available at the Capitol. Groups and buses are welcome. Mail or fax completed registration form (one per person) to OCC by January 31. The registration form can also be downloaded at www.okchurches.org (UPCOMING EVENTS page). Payment for the DAL can be mailed to OCC or paid online securely at OCC website. Call the OCC office (405-525-2928) with any questions. If you have any questions, contact Karen Chapman 580-715-0800.

Circle of Care Sunday is Coming February 12

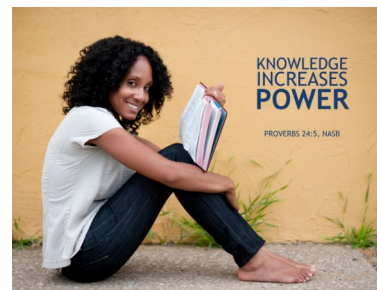
The Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care has been ministering to "at-promise" children, youth and families since 1917 through residential and foster care. Ministries of Circle of Care are:

- ◆ **Child SHARE Foster Care**
- ◆ **Pearl's Home Transitional Housing for Homeless Women with Children @ Frances E. Willard Ministry Center, Tulsa**
- ◆ **Holsinger Home for Children in Enid**
- ◆ **United Methodist Boys Ranch in Gore**
- ◆ **United Methodist Children's Home in Tahlequah**
- ◆ **Independent Living Programs (High School, High Education and Transitional Services)**

When you give to Circle of Care you can have a feeling of pride and ownership. An ownership that you know you helped a child in need - a pride that passes on to that child, and they continue passing it on through their lives by your Circle of Care Sunday Gift.



Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. -- Song of Solomon 8:7



Clinton District Bible Study
led by Dee Ann Nordean
Wednesdays
12 Noon - 1 p.m.
Brown Bag Lunch

No advance preparation necessary. Come join us!



*A Memorial Gift in Memory of
Scott Morris*

*Has been given by
C.L. and Nancy Goodwin*



Music Ministry

I was raised by my grandparents, Bill and Maggie Lowber, who adopted me at about age 8. My grandmother had all sorts of hobbies that she worked on. She made quilts with this big monstrosity of a frame that she had stretched across the guest bedroom. She had a sewing room with all kinds of fabrics and she would sew pieces of different material together and use them in the quilts. She also crocheted Afghans. I still have some of those quilts and Afghans and they are not only very warm in the winter but they are a great comfort to me. I always remembered grandma kind of half-humming, half-singing this certain melody as she worked on her crafts. She didn't make words, she sang, "Diddilly-dee-da-dee-da-dum, dee-dilly-dee-da-dum". I asked her several times growing up what song she was singing and she would always say, "I don't know honey, just an old hymn that we used to sing at the old Church of the Brethren. That melody I would remember for the rest of my life but I was never able to identify it. I would ask my Dad and my family members and everyone would remember grandma singing that song but no one knew the name of it. One Wednesday after practice, Kristi (Flies), Anne (Newcomb), & myself were talking and I sang it to them like grandma used to do it and they both immediately broke into words, "I was sinking deep in sin, far from that peaceful shore". I finally had found the name of that song, "Love Lifted Me". Well, this Sunday it will really be a special treat for me to play that song with the praise team for our "Special Music" feature. I am so excited about it and I can't wait to honor my grandmother, Maggie Lowber, with this special version of the song that I heard her sing/hum so many times! I hope that you can be in attendance to share this special moment. I think it will be a blessing to us all!

Scott Lowber
Music Director



01/31	Lillie Butcher
02/01	Jack Carpenter, Damon Ray
02/02	Sarah Wheeler
02/04	Gary Bighorse
02/05	J.W. Brown

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for those in the nursing home or assisted living

Ruth McCampbell	Mary Anne Stermer
Goldie Pettie	Ruth Brinkley
Peggy Metheny	Udell Jones
Margie Brown	R.M. and Mary Lou Preston
Winona Madison	Marguerite Heerwald
Ruth Small (Jeanette Atha's Mother)	

Prayers for healing or for comfort in difficult circumstances

Scott Hays	Harold Rehwaldt
Brenda Boyers	Tricia Riley
Les Dawson	Amanda Eaton
Carol Allison	Mary Ann Hays
Brett Gubitiz	Mary Edgar
Terry Wheeler	George Powers
Beverly Henson	Christa Miller
Lib Rosenbaum	Denton Payne
Chelsea Brantwein (brain tumor)	Lisa Lott
Dave Anthony Rouse	Dash Marshall Day
Bob Shulz (Chad Lyon's stepdad)	Kitty Fisher
Jenae Standingwater (back surgery)	Alma Mae Bennett
Jeanette Atha	Sara Curry (surgery)
Dr. Gary Hays	Carolyn Yearwood (Chemo)
Synda Miller (Suzanne Day's Mom -heart)	Kim Davis (Leukemia)
Glenn Douglas	Dex Felch (Carolyn Knisley's grandson)
Addi Lyon (foot surgery)	Dale Rodolph (cancer)
Evan Crawford (heart problems)	Carla Fiegenger Ruetinick
Donita Fey (leukemia)	Billy Barnes
The Family of Curtis Haggerd	The Family of Hal Lasley

Prayers for local ministries

AA and Al-Anon	Dan Day (Worship Service at VA)
Free Medical Clinic	Mother's Day Out

If you have a prayer request, please call the church office at 323-3179 or mail clintonfumc@cablone.net. Our prayer list will be updated on a week to week basis. Please make submissions no later than noon on



Thanks to everyone who delivered Meals on Wheels this month for our church. We will deliver again in August.

Georgine Jackson