

Ministry Opportunities

SUNDAY, May 29—Promotion Sunday
 8:00-11:00 am: Come and Go Communion
 8:00 am: Praise Band Practice
 8:30 am: Choir Practice
 9:00 am: Worship
 10:15 am: Sunday School
 4:00 pm: NO Middle School Youth
 6:00 pm: NO High School Youth
 8:00 pm: AA Meeting in McBurney Building

MONDAY, May 30, Memorial Day, Annual Conference
 Office Closed
 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts
 8:00 pm: AA meets in McBurney Bldg

TUESDAY, May 31, Annual Conference
 12:00 pm: Loaves & Fishes
 8:00 pm: AA meets in McBurney Bldg.

WEDNESDAY June 1, Annual Conference
 12:00 pm: AI Anon Meeting, Library
 5:30 pm: Handbell Choir Practice
 6:30 pm: Choir Practice
 7:30 pm: Praise Team Practice

THURSDAY, June 2


FRIDAY, June 3
 8:00 pm: AA Meeting in McBurney Bldg.

SATURDAY, June 4

SUNDAY, June 5
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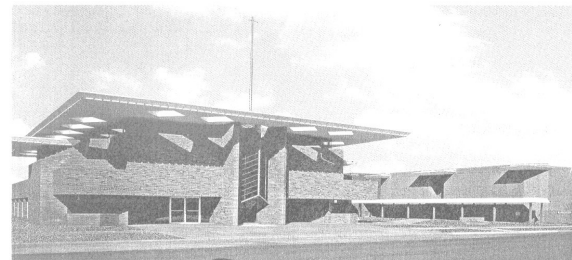
*Deadline for submissions to "The Sower" is 4 pm on Monday of each week.

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Dear Friends,

I'm excited about a number of things that are coming up in the next two weeks. Annual Conference is next week, and it is always one of the milestones in the year for United Methodist preachers. I'm looking forward to spending that time as we practice Christian conferencing. I look forward to reconnecting with friends and colleagues throughout the Oklahoma Conference. I am also thankful Yvonne Carpenter will be there, representing Clinton as our Lay Delegate. If you would like to experience the Oklahoma Annual Conference this year without actually making the trip to Oklahoma City, Annual Conference will be live online. Simply go to www.okumc.org to get further information on how to watch and for a schedule of the important events of Conference.

I'm also excited that the week after Conference, six youth and I will be attending Junior High CLEW Camp. CLEW camp is the district camp for Clinton, Lawton, Enid and Woodward Districts of the OKUMC. I am truly looking forward to being a part of the district camp experience this year. I haven't worked camp for a few years, but it is always one of the greatest blessings in ministry to serve God at church camp. God always has a way of showing up at camp in life changing ways and I love to be where God is working. There are a few things that I could use as an adult leader. The first is appropriate old magazines. If you have some to spare, please drop them by the church office before June 5. The camp staff also share snacks during the week to help keep the adult leaders' spirits and energy levels high, so if you would like to help provide snacks that would be a great blessing as well. The most important thing that I would request of you though, is your prayers for camp. Please lift all of the campers and staff up to God during the week. Campers from Clinton FUMC include: Brandon Arvelo, Colby Engel, Kaylee Oyler, Addi Ray, Chayse Sandoval, and Carly Youngberg. If you would like to send a letter of encouragement to the campers, send it now, to: "Camper's Name" c/o CLEW Junior High Camp, Canyon Camp, 31600 Camp Road, Hinton, OK 73047-2401.

In Christ's Service,

Roland



Spring has sprung! Warmer weather means trips to summer camps, mission events and fun times on the play-



The Visioning Taskforce wants your input. We will devote a few minutes at the beginning of the service on June 5, 2011, to responding to a survey prepared by the Taskforce. Everyone is invited to complete the survey – members, anyone who attends FUMC regardless of membership, employees, guests and children. The responses will be anonymous unless you choose to identify yourself. If you cannot attend on June 5, 2011, the survey forms will be available throughout the month of June. Your response to the survey is vital to the Visioning Taskforce. Please take a few minutes to thoughtfully respond.—Jill Weedon

As gasoline and grocery costs have continued to rise, the church has been inundated with daily requests for assistance. By noon on Tuesday, 6 different people had contacted the office for help. We strive to be good stewards of the funds God has provided, helping as best we can and also making referrals to the food pantry at Opportunities, Inc. and Mission House. As a reminder, when you give to the alms fund, you are directly helping people in need. When you volunteer, or give food to local food drives, you are a part of the ministry to people in our community who are hungry. In the last couple of weeks, we have been able to purchase diapers for foster children, and even a fishing pole for a foster child in need. We have helped pay utilities, provide transportation, and offered lots of prayer support for people who have reached the bottom and need a hand up until they can get on their feet. God multiplies every gift when it's given in the right spirit and for the right reasons. Thank you for your faithfulness and thank you, God for your wonderful provision! - Jalyynn Youngberg



HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED



This Sunday, May 29th
 Help us celebrate our graduating third graders as they make the transition to fourth grade Sunday School class.
 Cassidy Blanchard
 Harley Brinkley
 Kate Dowdell
 Jacob Fast
 Ty Newcomb
 We will honor them in our morning worship service and have a party in the Elementary Sunday School classes afterwards!



Oklahoma Annual Conference of the UMC
 May 29- June 1
 @ Oklahoma City



ABOUT "THE DAY"

"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." (Matthew 24:36)

We must never speak to simple, excitable people about "the Day" without emphasizing again and again the utter impossibility of prediction. We must try to show them that that impossibility is an essen-



A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Clinton Ministerial Alliance "Spring Sing" last Sunday night. It was great!



Dear Sunday School Singers,

I had so much fun Sunday helping you learn some new songs. Each of you did such a good job.

The next day I received a wonderful surprise. A lovely yellow rose bud vase. It is beautiful! Thank You.

Looking forward to seeing all of you next time.

Mary Ann Stermer



Thank you to all the wonderful, tireless workers who are transforming the grounds, the narthex, the sanctuary, etc., making them look absolutely beautiful. Special thanks to Donna Snider for her leadership in this multi-volunteer effort. We appreciate all of you and smile every time we see the next awesome thing you've done. The trustees are looking at more ways to spruce things up in the coming months, and we just wanted to say thanks for all you do! — Your church family



- 05/30 Suzanne Day, Gary Roller
- 05/31 Joyce Allison
- 06/01 Laura McKinsey
- 06/03 Rachael Fast
- 06/05 Luke Sewell

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for those in the nursing home or assisted living

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| Mary Ann Stermer | Ruth McCampbell |
| Goldie Pettie | Ruth Brinkley |
| Peggy Metheny | Udell Jones |
| Modean Webb | Margie Brown |

Prayers for healing or for comfort in difficult circumstances

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| Scott Morris | Harold Rehwaldt |
| Brenda Boyers | Tricia Riley |
| Les Dawson | Amanda Eaton |
| Carol Allison | Larry Holder |
| Press Small | Brett Gubitz |
| Terry Wheeler | Mary Edgar |
| George Powers | Beverly Henson |
| Lib Rosenbaum | Fred Atha |
| Denton Payne | Glenn Douglas |
| Chelsea Brantwein (brain tumor) | Ryan Parman |
| Dave Anthony Rouse | Jeff and Jaci Heaton |
| Bob Shulz (Chad Lyon's stepdad) | Melissa Goodblanket (Mother sick) |
| Jenae Standingwater (back surgery) | Winona Madison |
| Vicki Littke (back surgery) | Alma Mae Bennett |
| Bob Lorenz | Dick Dodge |
| Family of Donna Covey Roper | Elise Cornell (surgery) |
- Those in Missouri and Oklahoma who are suffering after the tornadoes, including Rob Fiegenger's parents who lost their home in the tornado that stuck Piedmont, OK.
- Prayers for ministries
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| Dan Day (Worship Service at VA) | Free Medical Clinic |
| Foster Parent Association | AA and Al Anon |
| OK VIM Team to Tanzania | Vacation Bible School |
| Loaves and Fishes | Visioning Task Force |
| Ministries to the Poor-Alms | Mission House |



In Memory of
 Curtis and Fay Covington
 and Eleanor Dawson

Have been given by
 Mr. Larry Dawson