

Ministry Opportunities

SUNDAY, September 11, Sock it to Me Sunday

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
 10:15 am: Children's Sunday Sing at Angelwood
 8:00 pm: AA Meeting in McBurney Building

MONDAY, September 12

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

TUESDAY, September 13

12:00 pm: Loaves and Fishes
 5:30 pm: Finance Meeting
 6:30 pm: Foster Parent Association Meeting, Fellowship Hall
 8:00 pm: AA meets in Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, September 14

12:00 pm: AI Anon Meeting, Library
 12:00 pm: Pray for Rain, First Baptist Church Chapel
 5:30 pm: Handbell Practice
 6:30 pm: Choir Practice
 7:30 pm: Praise Team Practice

THURSDAY, September 15

6:00 pm: Trustee's Meeting

FRIDAY, September 16

8:00 pm: AA Meeting in McBurney Bldg.

SATURDAY, September 17

SUNDAY, September 18

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
 11:15 am: Administrative Council Meeting
 3:00 pm: Wesley Foundation Board Meeting
 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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The day everything changed By Bishop Robert Hayes Jr.

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me."—Psalm 23:4

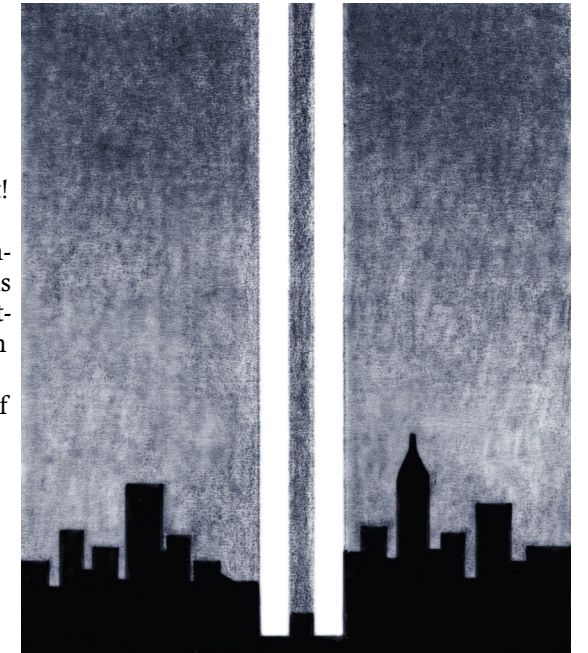
Typical routines on that September morning were shattered by unbelievable news. A plane had crashed into one of the landmark World Trade Center towers in New York City. Initial thought: What a horrible accident! Only minutes later came the report of another plane hitting the second tower. More startling news followed, of a third plane crashing into the Pentagon at Washington and a fourth plane over Pennsylvania. We Americans suddenly found ourselves facing the unthinkable. We felt vulnerable, frightened. Not since Pearl Harbor had our nation experienced a tragedy of such magnitude. "Who did this?" and "Why?" raced through our minds. Sept. 11, 2001, was the day that everything changed—our innocence, our way of life, and our feelings of security. The reality of cruelty in the world caught us off-guard. We called our family members to tell them we loved them. We drew together in shared grief. We flocked to our churches to make sense of it all. On this 10th anniversary, I ask:

What happened to us as a nation when we came face-to-face with an evil beyond our comprehension or imagination?

We discovered that, as Americans, regardless of past divisions, we united. We responded to the disaster as one people.

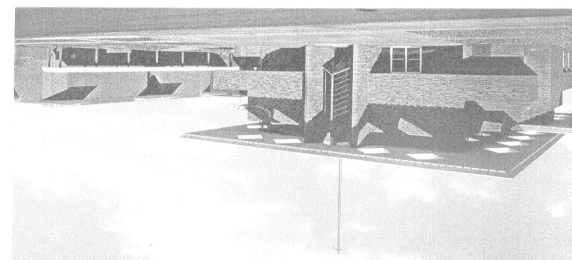
What lessons have we learned?

I believe one lesson we learned was that the way of life to which we were accustomed will never return. Living in the greatest nation on earth does not make us immune from catastrophes or cowardly acts such as what happened 10 years ago. In fact, because we have the freedoms to speak our minds, to worship as we choose, and many more liberties, there always will be forces opposed to our way of life, willing to go to any extreme to destroy our freedoms. We also learned that all lives are fragile and unpredictable, that we should not be lulled into thinking unexpected tragedy cannot happen to us. The way we handle the unanticipated has a lot to do with our faith, and that is another lesson I pray we learned. Upon this 10th anniversary of 9/11, let us be mindful that there is one certainty to which we can cling. It is God! If we truly understand this, we can face unpredictable demands that confront us—without fear or flinching. We have a huge advantage if we remember this as we prepare to face each day. Throughout the Old and New Testaments, God's words assure us that God is with us always. Although the world and the times change, God doesn't! When we read the simple, yet powerful lyrics of the 23rd Psalm, we are reminded that all who read it, regardless of circumstances, find in it a depth of spiritual insight that satisfies the most anxious soul. The *Interpreter's Bible* describes these verses: "Here there is no elaborate ode, smelling of midnight oil. This is no sundial recording only sunny hours; it faces faithfully the dark defile and the lurking foes. At the same time it honestly and thankfully remembers life's delights. In short, it sees life steadily and sees it whole, and leaves no doubt as to the master force governing all." We find more comforting words in Romans 8, where the Apostle Paul reminds us, "We are more than conquerors through him who loved us, and neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." My prayer is that 9/11 taught us we are not alone in this unpredictable world. I also pray that in the 10 years since that day we have learned to put God first in everything we do, and that we do a much better job of loving our neighbors as ourselves. Finally, I fervently pray we have come to understand that because we believe in a God whose grace is sufficient for all, good will overcome evil, and love ultimately will triumph over hate. Remember where you were on 9/11? That date falls on Sunday this year, and I pray you already know where you will be—in a house of worship—as you remember the day everything changed.



IN REMEMBRANCE OF

SEPTEMBER 11



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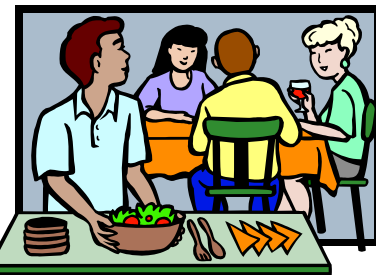
Sock It To Me Sunday —September 11th

This Sunday, we are asking everyone to bring packages of new socks for children and teens in need. We will distribute them to local elementary schools, OKDHS and

the Multi County Youth Services. Last year, we collected 408 socks...can we beat that record? Call the office if you have any questions, 323-3179.

Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship to Start in 2 weeks

We are trying something new this Fall at Clinton FUMC. One Wednesday night a month, you and your family are invited to enjoy a Fellowship Dinner and stay for the Pastor's Open Bible Study afterwards. The kids are welcome to come to the Mollie Pickens Bible fun hour while parents are at Bible Study. The schedule will be as follows:



5:30 p.m. Dinner provided by the Family Life Committee

6:30 p.m. Pastor's Open Bible Study—this will be an opportunity for adults to spend time in the Word, learning and discussing what it means for our lives. No preparation, no homework, just bring a Bible if you've got one, and come and enjoy an hour of study time together.

6:30 p.m. Mollie Pickens Bible Hour—(K-6th) We will be enjoying the next installment of the Molly Pickens series. This time the Tiny Pirate will show us the way to be better friends and to grow closer to God. It's so silly it will appeal to little kids in a completely different way than the big kids.

Our first Family Fellowship Night will be on September 21st.

Mark your calendars!

Volunteers needed to help in the nursery 6:30pm-8:00pm this Tuesday, September 13th during the Foster Parent Association meeting. Please contact Jalynn at 323-3179 if you can help.



Job opportunity: Mother's Day Out Daycare Assistant needed. Part time, must be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Roland at 323-3179 or ryoungberg@cableone.net.

Alive NOW!
"Faith Like Potatoes"
Senior Adult Retreat

Sponsored by Oklahoma Conference of The United Methodist Church
<http://www.okumc.org>
Sept. 20-22, 2011
canyon camp
For adults 55+, come and bring your friends!




Don't wait for someone to be friendly, model it for them.

THANK YOU!
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you for the lovely reception you gave me. I will miss my church that I joined when I was 15 years old. I appreciate and love each one of you!

Winona Madison



Memorial Gifts in Memory of
Eleanor Dawson
Barbara Wiebe
Allen and Eda (Leen) Vineyard
Have been given by
Larry Dawson



I hope everyone had a great Labor Day Weekend. This cooler weather is definitely a welcome change! We had some wonderful music in last Sunday's service. I always love to hear C.B. Ingham and Angie Brinkley sing "Born Again". That song has always been one of my favorites and they sounded wonderful on it. You certainly don't want to miss this Sunday's service because we have a really exciting morning of great music planned. We will be performing a "Special Music" number that I am confident everyone is going to love. It features Angie Brinkley on vocals and is entitled "Down In The River To Pray". Angie & I played this song as an acoustic duet number back in April. This time we have an excellent production planned that will involve most all members of the praise team. We hope it will be entertaining as well as inspirational. I encourage everyone to be there... on time! To commemorate 9/11, the choir will be performing our version of "America the Beautiful". It is a fantastic version of the song, arranged by Buryl Red. We love this version and I know that everyone in attendance will too. I am truly excited about this service as I know that everyone in the congregation will feel blessed by the end.

Hope to see you there! Scott Lowber



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| 09/12 | Betty Percy, Betty Hill |
| 09/13 | Linda Burton, Carla Cruson |
| 09/14 | Terry Matlock |
| 09/16 | Amy Hunter, Zachary Edwards |
| 09/17 | Paul Deutschendorf |
| 09/18 | Bob Marcy, Caleb Blanchard |

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for those in the nursing home or assisted living

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| Mary Ann Stermer | Ruth McCampbell |
| Goldie Pettle | Ruth Brinkley |
| Peggy Metheny | Udell Jones |
| Margie Brown | C.W. Atha |
| Winona Madison | |

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 | Carolyn Yearwood (cancer) |
| Denton Payne | Glenn Douglas |
| Chelsea Brantwein (brain tumor) | Ryan Parman |
| Dave Anthony Rouse | Dash Marshall Day |
| Bob Shulz (Chad Lyon's stepdad) | Melissa Goodblanket (Mother sick) |
| Jenae Standingwater (back surgery) | Shawna Ayala (cancer) |
| Ima Mae Bennett | Matthew McCornack |
| Leroy M Mandell, Jr. (burn victim) | Lisa Lott |
| Kitty Fisher | Billy Barnes |
| Pray for rain | John Jordan (back surgery) |
| Mike Garthright, Jr. | Joyce Covey |
| Jeanette Atha | |

Prayers for ministries

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| Free Medical Clinic | AA and Al Anon |
| Children's Ministry | Foster Care Assn |
| Visioning Task Force | Dan Day (Worship Service at VA) |
- If you have a prayer request, please call the church office at 323-3179 or mail clinton-fumc@cableone.net Our prayer list will be updated on a week to week basis. Please make submissions no later than noon on Monday.



"Good Family Recipes" are needed for United Methodist Health Care Center cookbook. Anyone who would like to submit a recipe may call 323-0912, ext. 114.