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From Dianne's Desk

NEWSLETTER

FOLLOWING GOD'S LEAD

Do you have a list of special places that you'd like to visit before you die? What's on your "bucket list"? My list of places I'd love to see is fairly long, and I'm beginning to notice that I'm getting really close to the final third of my life! I may never have the resources and time to travel to all of them. Four of those destinations fit in the "spiritual pilgrimages" category. I want to visit the Holy Land, including some sites in Turkey and Egypt as well. I long to visit the island of Iona and other sites that gave birth to Celtic Christianity. I do dream of visiting the Chartres Cathedral in France and walking the ancient labyrinth that is preserved in their floor. And I would really like to do the "Wesley Tour" of the key places in England that shaped John Wesley, who turned out to be the founder of Methodism.

I may never be able to go in person, but I'm delighted to tell you about the special study we are beginning this Sunday, April 3rd, at 9:50 am in the parlor. Rev. Adam Hamilton, the senior pastor of the very large United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City, has gotten to do the Wesley tour at a leisurely pace. He took with him his own camera crew and used the different buildings and locations as the starting points for six chapters in his book, *Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It*. Each week we'll see a DVD that shows us the sites and helps us grow in our knowledge and understanding of John Wesley. He was an amazing man, though not without his faults. His sermons are hard to read, given the differences in English from his time to ours, but he also kept daily journals, wrote a number of books and wrote lots of letters. In these writings we have windows into his

faith, his worries, and his strong opinions. In the early days he tended to be too critical of the practices and scripture interpretations of others, leading to the point where he was no longer allowed to preach in Anglican churches in England. That's when he started preaching outdoors, eventually drawing huge crowds. His ministry took many forms—teaching students at Oxford, setting up a small group system to help new Christians grow in their faith, visiting regularly in the prisons, setting up Sunday Schools so children could learn to read, setting up medical clinics where he could, and feeding the poor. His understanding of the gospel continued to widen and deepen throughout his lifetime. He was exceptionally well-educated for his time, but he learned how to communicate with people who had no formal education—coal miners, debtors, people living on the streets. Somehow God was able to use this stuffy Anglican priest to move the church out of buildings, into the New World, out into the rural areas and into the heart of London. He trained his own cadre of lay preachers who went from place to place, sharing the good news of Christ, both in America and England. Thanks to his devotion to prayer at 4:00 am every day, his receiving communion as often as possible, and his constant love for learning while helping the poor, John Wesley managed to come up with the "Middle Way." He was gifted at building bridges between different theological approaches, combining head and heart, explaining basic theology, and being sure to balance his love and hunger for God with his determined approaches to improving the society of his day.

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I could go on and on, but you'll enjoy it a lot more if you come to our weekly discussions on Sunday mornings. We start April 3rd and will conclude on May 15th. Let's go check him out!

Blessings, Dianne



OKC MEMORIAL MARATHON WEEKEND

Worship on **Saturday**, April 23 at **10:00 a.m.**
No services on Sunday, April 24

ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK BRUNCH

In celebration of spring and new beginnings, you're invited to come to our annual CHUM Potluck Brunch, immediately following worship on April 10th! Feel free to bring your favorite breakfast or brunch foods—egg casseroles, fresh fruit, delicious pastries, a quiche, potatoes, salads, or oatmeal with all the toppings! If you need suggestions, contact Brigitte Gean. This would be a great Sunday to invite a friend to join you!

APRIL 2016 SERMONS

Please plan to join us for worship each week during this Easter season!

- April 3 Communion Sunday John 20:19-31 and Philippians 4:2-7
Christ's Presence Confirmed: The Gift of Peace
 Jesus' inner circle was still trying to absorb the news of his resurrection, which left them confused, stunned, and blessed. Christ responds with three specific gifts to help them (and us) to know this is for real! Have you experienced Easter yet?
- April 10 Potluck Brunch at noon John 21:1-14 and John 6:32-40
What's for Breakfast?
 Peter was really hoping that everything could get back to "normal," but Jesus wasn't finished with them yet. Sometimes food can help. Come and see what the risen Christ is up to this week!
- April 17 Acts 27:1-2, 18-19, 21-27, 33-36 and 1 John 4:11-12, 17-19
Don't Be Afraid!
 Are you living in fear? Frequently the first thing that messengers from God say is, "Do not be afraid!" The things of God can be really overwhelming, not to mention all the daily worries we carry. In Paul's final journey to Rome, he is pressed on all sides but remains calm, trusting and confident. What scares you? How do you keep your fears contained?
- April 23 **Saturday morning, 10:00 a.m.**
 OKC Memorial Marathon weekend
 Crown Heights is located in the middle of the marathon course, making it impossible to get to church on Sunday, so we meet on Saturday instead! There will be only **one** service and **no** Sunday School. Come dressed in your favorite Saturday clothes and be ready for a fun worship service!
 Jonah 1:1-6, 11-12, 15-17 and Jonah 3:1-10
Smells Fishy to Me!
 This is one of those Bible stories where you're supposed to laugh! Cheer on your favorite runners on Sunday, after we worship on Saturday.



UMW SPONSORED LADIES FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH

by Charlotte Trobaugh

A wonderful time was had by all who attended the CHUM Ladies Fellowship Brunch on February 20th!

A great big "thank you" for all those amazing persons (Anita Roesler & George Clevenger, Carol Barrymore and Henrietti Gordon) who helped prepare the outstanding meal under the coordination of Sally Hayes! Though Brigette Gean was not able to attend the Brunch, she put her talents to work in the days prior to put together our lovely table decorations. Dianne's meditation focused on the roles of Mary and Martha. We were reminded that though there are times when we find ourselves so involved in the role of "server", that we need to keep our focus on Jesus' word and take time to "sit at His feet" in order to be energized physically, mentally and spiritually. We all enjoyed the fellowship and time to get reacquainted through a game of Social Bingo. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to all who stayed to help with clean-up of the kitchen and the hall. This service is much appreciated!

At the end of our Brunch the UMW members took time to discuss and approve our budget for 2016. We also talked about our plans for having a Rummage Sale, probably in the Summer months (although, we will probably wait till the roof repair is complete). We will also plan to participate in some sort of Hands-on Mission project this year. So, stay tuned for times and dates of these happenings!

Blessings,
Charlotte Trobaugh,
UMW Co-Chair



YOUTH MEETINGS by Wayna Tyner

Our Youth will be meeting on the following Sundays in April from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. along with the following adult volunteers:

- April 3** Brigette Gean and Lee Endicott.
- April 17** LuWayne Irwin and Wayna Tyner.
- April 24** Brigette Gean and Lee Endicott.



CHUMC BIG EVENT DAY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Saturdays, April 2 & April 9 - 10am to 2pm

A friendly reminder from the Trustees about **Saturday's Big Event Day**. We have 40 kids from UCO and OU coming the next two Saturdays. **Saturday, April 2 and April 9, 10am-2pm**

We need tools, volunteers to supervise students on fence and yard clean-up projects, and hospitality workers.

TOOLS WE NEED: Loppers • Hand pruners • Post hole diggers • sharp shooters • leaf/debris scoops
and on 4/9 we will also need cordless drills to drive Phillips-head screws

Tools brought during the week can be left in the breezeway or on the back porch.

HOSPITALITY: We need volunteers to distribute water and snacks and lead guided tours to the restrooms when necessary.

Any amount of time you are able to spare on these Saturdays will be appreciated.

Please **let Elizabeth or Jared know** if you are able to come, and wear your CHUMC t-shirt!

Arts Academy Gets Ready to Show Off

by Janet Basler

The annual Arts Academy Recital and Art Showcase is coming **May 10th**. The students and teachers at the Arts Academy are officially in the 'perfecting' part of their year. Piano pieces are being memorized, fingers get more nimble and quicker on the guitar, watercolors are put just right on the paper, and sculptures are changed over and over to be just as the artists see it in their minds.

The students and teachers ask for your prayers as they make everything just right for their audience. They also ask that you set aside May 10th, at 5:30 pm, to come see all they've been able to do this year.



TEAMWORK MAKES THE DIFFERENCE!

April 10th, 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

You are invited to a special opportunity to help Crown Heights as we move into our future! On Sunday, April 10th, following the potluck brunch, we are hosting a workshop on *Strengths Based Leadership*, taught by Bob Spinks. Bob utilizes the book by Tom Rath and Barry Conchie, which gives you your own special code so you can take the leadership inventory online and bring the results with you that afternoon. We have many different kinds of leaders in our congregation, including people who prefer working behind the scenes, rather than up front. Others really enjoy being a part of our teams here at CHUM (aka "committees"), and many are generous in sharing their leadership gifts in multiple settings. Knowing your strengths will help CHUM put together more effective teams and will help us get to know each other better. This positive, strengths-based approach is ideal for churches! Knowing your strengths can also be helpful in your family and work settings too. "Followers" are definitely needed as well as leaders. Bob comes to us with high recommendations! He served on staff with the Boy Scouts for 16 years in OKC. He then moved to being in charge of the United Way for 10 years. He currently serves as the Director of the Masters' Program for Non-Profit Management at OCU and is deeply involved with the United Methodist Church's efforts across Oklahoma.

We have ordered ten books for this event, so please let Stacy know if you're planning to attend: 524-8428 or stacy@crowheightsumc.org. Our next Pastor, Rev. Trina Bose North, will be able to join us for the afternoon, so this would be a great opportunity for you to start getting to know her too! Please **reserve your spot** in the workshop **by Thursday, April 7th**.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH & SUNDAY SCHOOL GROW EACH WEEK

by Janet Basler

Each week our church holds worship services for adults and children. The children begin their worship with a common meal together, then continue with the adults in the sanctuary. After children's time in adult worship they go to their special spaces to complete the worship experience in a way designed just for them. For the older ones that includes in-depth bible study and discussion, including a special prayer time where they share their joys and concerns for the week. For the younger ones, their worship includes reading a scripture together, doing an

activity designed to help them discuss and remember the scripture, and they pray for their week. It is a very special time for everyone involved. It is a time when the Holy Spirit is clearly involved with the teachers and the kids.

Please be in prayer for all involved in this ministry. Also pray for people to help with cooking the meal that begins this worship experience each week. Call Janet Basler if you can help in anyway, cooking or working with the kids.

MONDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB
by Jared Pickens

The April "Monday Night Supper Club" is going to be 6:30 PM, WEDNESDAY, April 13, 2016, at Sauced on Paseo. (2912 Paseo, Oklahoma City, OK)



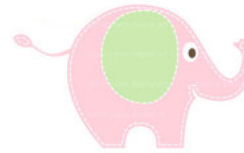
Monday Night Supper Club at Top Golf in March

NEW WESLEY STUDY

The Journey Sunday School class meets each week in the parlor, starting at 9:50 am. On April 3rd we are beginning a new six-week series on the founder of Methodism, John Wesley. Adam Hamilton, the senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City area, has written a very readable book about Wesley, based on his travels to places in England that were part of John Wesley's journey in faith. Each week we get to go with Hamilton, (through his DVD for the class) to new locations. The course is titled, *Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It*. If this is your first chance to learn about Wesley or if you're a life-long Methodist, you'll enjoy this class, facilitated by Pastor Dianne. Join us this Sunday.

PIANO FOR ARTS ACADEMY

We would like to say "Thank You" to Mike Mager for the donation of a piano, and to Greg Cochran, professional piano mover, who donated his services to get the piano to the church.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| Brenda | Marcus |
| Chelsey | Mark |
| Cy | Mary |
| Frances | Paul |
| Gail | Sally |
| Jacob | Samuel |
| James | |

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- Ed & Paige
Robert & Charlotte

CHURCH CAMPS CAN CHANGE KIDS LIVES!

Trina Bose North, our next pastor, is one of the adult leaders for Camp Spark, the youth church camp for our district, to be held June 27-July 1 at Canyon Camp. This is for students in the 7th through 12th grades. The cost: Early Bird: \$260, After June 6 \$280 See more info at:

<http://www.okumcministries.org/Camps/youth.htm#district2>

Pastor Trina is also willing to take elementary students entering grades 3rd-5th grades, to Growing in Grace camp, July 18-20, 2016. The cost is \$162, for the early bird rate, at Canyon Camp. Crown Heights has traditionally paid at least half the cost of church camp for our students who want to attend. Registration for camps is done online at www.okumcministries.org/camps. If you have questions or concerns, be sure to talk with Dianne or Trina.



MOVIE NIGHT by Elizabeth

A sense of humor returns to England this April in the form of...

THE DIVORCE OF LADY X (1938)
starring Laurence Olivier and Merle Oberon

Saturday, April 30 @ 6:00pm
2750 NW 20th St. (between Villa and May - look for the American flag)

No survey of British cinema would be complete without Laurence Olivier, but rather than the serious Shakespeare for which he is best known, this rare treat is instead a British romantic comedy! London fog and a case of mistaken identity wreak havoc on the budding romance of an English barrister. Filmed in Technicolor, THE DIVORCE OF LADY X is short, silly and surprisingly Hollywood-esque.

As usual, this screening will feature an introduction by me and is appropriate for ages 10+. Drinks and popcorn are provided. Other pot-luck movie snacks are welcome.

RSVPs are helpful, but not required. Join the fun as Larry learns about modern women!



EASTER EGG HUNT by Katie Langer

Thanks to all that donated eggs and candy for the Easter Egg Hunt this year. All the children were so happy and excited for the candy and prizes. Also, a special thank you to Jamie Gross for helping fill the Easter eggs and the set up on Sunday. Thank you so much for all help!



SCRAPBOOKING by Wayna Tyner

There is not a scrapbooking/crafting day scheduled for April.

WE HAVE A NEW VAN !!! by Janet Basler

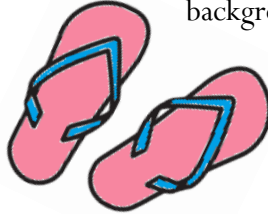
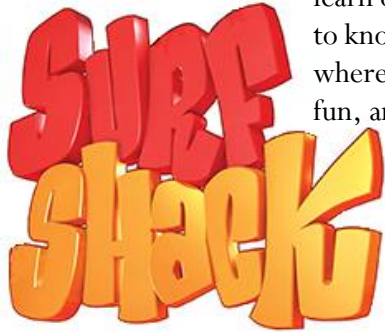
The Administrative Council made it possible for us to get a second van for our ministries. We transport a lot of kids each Sunday morning and evening, and Tuesday evenings for the Arts Academy. Our one van was just not enough to get everyone, so it was time to get another one. Our new van is a 2014 van that had been used as a leased van by Reynolds Ford. Reynolds Ford was very helpful and generous in allowing us to look at the van at the church, and in getting an extra warranty on it for the next year. An anonymous donor provided the money to purchase the van, and the UMW and others in the congregation helped provide funds for the extra insurance, tag fees, and signage for the van. This was a group effort that is greatly appreciated by those working with the kids, and by the kids who will benefit from coming to our church each week. Thank you everyone for making this happen!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING

by Janet Basler

Each evening, June 13-16 from 5-8pm, the church will be rockin' with kids singing, eating, playing, listening, creating, and learning. Many people will be needed to make this a wonderful time for our kids to feel closer to God, to learn of God's love for them, and to know that the church is a place where they are safe, can have fun, and is a good place to be.



Please be in prayer for all that will happen to make the week a good one, for each of the teachers who will directly touch kids' lives, and for the kids to be open to God's leading and loving them. Call Janet Basler to ask how you can help be a part of this ministry either directly with the kids, or in the background.

**APRIL IS CHUM'S MONTH TO HELP SKYLINE**

by Sarah Dawson

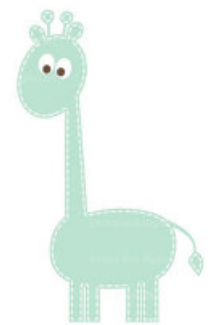
As most of you already know, every year in April we reach out to work together to help Skyline Urban Ministry, one of the programs our church helped to found, and now helps to support. Skyline's mission is to impact lives by empowering those in need and addressing the roots of poverty. In doing this, they operate a clothing/household items closet and a food resource center, both of which could use our help! Skyline's most urgent needs right now are household and personal hygiene items, like deodorant, toothpaste, bar soap, body wash, razors, shampoo, dish-washing liquid, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, paper towels, and Kleenex. The food pantry always welcomes donations of unexpired and unopened canned/boxed goods. Donations can be brought to church every Sunday in April. If you have a large donation of food or household items that would be difficult to bring to church, please call Leo Villaseca or Sarah Dawson, who would be happy to pick it up from you and take it to Skyline. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, just not "Skyline" on the memo line or envelope, or you can donate directly to Skyline, letting them know you are helping with CHUM's April drive. Thanks in advance for continuing to support this important mission work and helping our fellow Oklahomans!

WHIZ KIDS

by Janet Basler

Spring Break is over and the last quarter of the school year is ahead. At Whiz Kids the tutors and Whiz Kids are anxious to see each other weekly again for their reading, laughing, and great times together.

Our Whiz Kids and their tutors spent at least one day together during the Spring Break enjoying a Thunder Blue basketball game and all the excitement that comes with Rumble and cheering for their team. All had a great time together, and now they look forward to reading and getting ready for their testing time at school. They ask for your prayers, for calm spirits, and patience as the students take all the mandated tests this month.



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