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Putting Others First



Last December, before work, I stopped at a deli and ordered an everything bagel with cream cheese. It was toasty warm, and I couldn't wait to dig in. But as I left the store, I noticed an older indigent gentleman sitting at the bus stop. Knowing it would probably be his only warm meal of the day, I gave him the bagel. But all was not lost for me. Another customer from the deli offered me half of her bagel. I was so delighted because I realized that in one way or another, we are all looked after.

Liliana Figueroa, Phoenix, Arizona

This story encapsulates the goodness of humanity. At our best, we are people who see the needs of others and do amazing things to help them. I have seen people give cash

from their wallets, clothes off their backs, and food from restaurants all because they followed their compassionate hearts. These acts of compassion require sacrifice though—time, money, or a belonging—all things we value and want for ourselves. Yet people are so generous. Even though we think too much and often of ourselves, we are also able to think of others. By the grace of God, I say!

I can only speak for my own brain, but I spend far too many hours a day focused on myself. That seems to be human nature. So how do we explain these moments when the needs of others grab hold of us and propel us into action? I say, these are moments when God is acting. God meets the needs of the world through the compassion of humanity, and God bends us into gentler, kinder people by opening our eyes to others. A favorite quote of mine is "Every time we think of others that is God acting in our lives" (Anonymous).

October is our month to *Put Others First*. I hope this theme implies God's role in calling us and enabling us to do this work of service. We are only able to put others first because God first softened our hearts. This month we will *Put Others First* in mission and stewardship.

Each week our church will be invited to be in service for others. On October 1, we will collect cookies and mini-loaf breads to give out as a church. Saturday, October 7 is an all-church Workday. Join from 10am-2pm to spruce up the church grounds. Wednesday, October 18, a group will volunteer at the Food Bank. And on Wednesday, October 25, all are invited to a member's home for dinner and a service project. As we focus on *Putting Others First* through mission, we will also consider how to put God first in our giving. We will have an opportunity to commit our pledge for 2018.

Throughout this month, may God soften our hearts and pull us toward compassion and love, giving us through the grace of God the ability to *Put Others First*!

This church really knows how to put others first! After Hurricane Harvey, we gave \$1,400 to the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

Thank you, Church!



October Preaching Schedule

October 1— Genesis 18:1-15, Putting Others First... Through Hospitality, World Communion Sunday— A table set for all!

October 8— Luke 14:1-14, Putting Others First... Through Humility

October 15— Ephesians 4:12-16, Putting Others First... Through Community

October 22— Mark 12:38-44, Putting Others First... Through Generosity

October 27—Ephesians 2:8-10, Putting Others First... Through Grace
Celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

UPCOMING EVENTS

October –

Putting Others First through Service and GivingOctober 1,**Sunday- Bring cookies and visitor breads to church.****Trustees & SPRC meet after 11am service****Movie Night for Gen Xers— 6pm**October 7,**Saturday - All Church Workday 9:30am- 2pm**October 8,**Youth group 2:30- 5pm**October 11,**Wednesday— Ladies' Day Out, lunch 11am**October 15,**Sunday— Diapers for the Hicks' baby (girl)****Sunday— Halloween costumes (new or gently used) due**October 18,**Wednesday— Food Bank 6:30- 8:30pm**October 19,**Thursday— Nadia Bolz-Weber lectures at OCU 1, 2:30, and 7pm**October 25,**Wednesday— Dinner for 8, 6:30- 8:30pm****Cookies & Breads – Oct. 1**

Calling all bakers! We are looking for bakers to bring cookies and mini loaves of bread to Church on October 1.

Cookies are used for church receptions, and given to our business neighbors, teachers, college students, and youth. We would like to have 2 dozen of any kind of cookies in a reclosable plastic bag.

A mini loaf (6" x 3.5") of bread is sent out to new visitors each week to thank them for visiting.

Work Day – Oct. 7

Saturday, October 7, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, our church will host a work day with our members and students from UCO. There are projects for everyone, no matter your skill level. Please come and work or cheer on the workers!

Food Bank – Oct. 18

We have signed up to volunteer at the OKC Foodbank on Wednesday, October 18, at 6:30 pm.

3355 South Purdue, Oklahoma City
Sign up in the Church Office.

**Gen-X Group – Oct. 1**

X'ers are born between 1960-1980 (give or take)! We have a lot of interesting, fun people in this age group. Let's get to know each other Sunday evening, October 1. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. – Movies at 7:00 p.m. Times will vary based on movie showings. Let Trina want to join.

**Baby Diapers – Oct. 15**

Kyle and Robert Hicks are expecting their bundle of joy in November. We would like to shower our soon-to-be baby girl with diapers in worship on October 15. (Please buy size 1, 2 or 3 diapers.)

Halloween Costumes – Oct. 15

Halloween is a big deal for kids! And we want all kids to participate!

We are collecting new or gently used Halloween costumes for Skyline Urban Ministries to distribute. If you can give a costume to a child in need, please bring it to the church by Sunday October 15th (Garden Room).

Dinner for 8 – Oct. 25

This is a great opportunity to get to know different people from the Church. Anyone who signs up will be assigned a house. You will be asked to bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert. After dinner, each group will have a mission project to complete.

**Willson Lecture Series – Oct. 19**

On Thursday, October 19, Oklahoma City University has partnered with Mainstream United Methodists to feature Nadia Bolz-Weber, the founding pastor of House for All Sinners and Saints, in Denver, CO, for this year's Willson Lecture Series.

Rev. Bolz-Weber is the author of several best-selling books, including "Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People," "Salvation on the Small Screen? 24 Hours of Christian Television," and Pastrix: the Cranky Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint." She is an ordained pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Her three lectures will take place October 19 at 1, 2:30, & 7 p.m. in the Bishop W. Angie Smith Chapel on the OCU campus. The events are free and open to the public.

NOVEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS:**November 8,****Wednesday— Ladies' Day Out,
lunch 11am****November 11,****Saturday— Charge Conference
10am****November 12,****Sunday— Youth group noon- 3pm****November 19,****Sunday— HOLIDAY GROCERY BAGS
due****Holiday Grocery Shopping**

Crown Heights United Methodist Church is collecting bags of food for families in need of a Thanksgiving meal. Our grocery list is all the nonperishable food items needed to feed a family of 6, not including the meat. Please, shop the grocery list below, and deliver your bag to the church by November 19th. Bags will be given to Skyline Urban Ministries for distribution.

2017 Grocery Shopping List

2 boxes of stove top stuffing
2 box of scalloped potatoes
1 box pancake/ baking mix (for biscuits)
2 cans of green beans
1 can of sweet potatoes
2 can of corn
1 package cookie mix
1 box cake mix
1 can prepared frosting to go with cake mix



Total cost per bag \$18

Thank you for helping those in need this holiday season!

**Preaching Schedule for
November**

Read the Book of First
Thessalonians.

November 5—
I Thessalonians 1,
Ordinary Saints are Models,
Celebrating All Saints' Day—
lighting candles for those
who left us this past year

November 12—
I Thessalonians 2:9-13,
Ordinary Saints are Mentors

November 19—
I Thessalonians 5:12-28,
Ordinary Saints Give Thanks,
Celebrating Thanksgiving in
worship

November 26—
Matthew 25:31-46,
Christ the King Sunday,
What Kind of King Do We
Follow?

Upcoming Events**December 26-30, 2017 to Sunflower, Mississippi**

Five years ago, Rev. Veronica Pritchard was appointed to a tiny church in Sunflower, MS. She was there to close the doors; they were just too small. But when she arrived, Veronica saw the needs of the poor community surrounding the church and got to work instead. She helped transform her church into a center where mission teams come to work on the homes in their area. Veronica says, "Delta Grace is a year-round mission hub that provides beds, showers, kitchen facilities, and mission opportunities for mission teams. Teams work on homes of many who have lost hope and do not know what tomorrow brings. Our purpose is to match mission teams with mission work within an hour's drive. Our prayer is that the volunteers will transform the lives of those they serve and in turn have their lives transformed." Check out their website at deltagrace.org.

Crown Heights UMC is looking into forming a mission team to go to Sunflower, Mississippi. We will leave Tuesday December 26, returning Saturday December 30, 2017. We will drive to Mississippi and stay in the Delta Grace dorms. We will do light construction work for three days before returning home. The cost person is \$325. All ages are welcome.

If you would like to join us, talk to Trina Bose North for additional information. Team needs 6, plus Trina & Justin North, to make.

People signed up so far: Trina, Justin, Carter, and Nathan North, Janet Basler, Sue Feller, Jim Rust, Aaron Gean (and hopefully Dylan Dodson)

We have room for a few more people. Please consider joining us!

Deadline to sign up — October 29, 2017

Payment schedule- \$150 due on October 29
 \$175 due December 3



New Administrative Structure at CHUMC

Within all our church committees, we have been discussing a new, simplified structure of governance for our church. Currently we have 4 committees (Administrative, Trustees, Finance, and Staff-Parish Relations), each making the decisions within their areas. We moving toward a single-board model, where representatives from each area sit at one table and deal with the big things that come up affecting all areas of the church, like the budget and discerning our church vision. We will call the single-board the Ministry Resource Team. The Ministry Resource Team will have 13 members on it (12 church members and the clergy).

The three representatives for an area may still utilize members to complete the work assigned to them. Especially those currently on Trustees and Finance, be prepared that you may be asked to continue to contribute in certain ways.

The reason we are moving toward this streamlined structure is so we can more efficiently make the decisions of our church and free more people to do the work of the church.

We are moving forward for the Ministry Resource Team to fall into place in January of 2018.

Introducing Our Children and Youth Ministries Team

Madison Rubino, Director of Children and Youth

We are excited to introduce you to Madison. Her job is to oversee our children and youth programs. She will be working with our many volunteers who drive the van, cook breakfast, and teach our children. Madison will maintain our weekly schedule and be looking for creative, new activities for all age groups.

Madison grew up in Midwest City and is currently a junior at the University of Central Oklahoma. She is a Spanish Education major, French minor. Her free time is filled with volleyball, playing and coaching.



Tatum Nelson, Nursery Coordinator

With lots of new babies coming to our church, we hired a Nursery Coordinator to provide consistent, loving care for our children under the age of 3. Tatum has committed to serve in our nursery. She is a senior Religion major at Oklahoma City University. She has previously worked in an early learning center at a church and has two younger siblings as well. Next year, she is looking into continuing her education with a counseling degree.

Kalen Hancock, Youth Coordinator

Kalen has been working with our youth since February of this year. She has been teaching the youth Sunday School each week. She is a strong biblical teacher, walking our youth through the Bible.

Kalen formerly served at Sunny Lane UMC and St. Mark's UMC as youth minister. She grew up in Duncan Oklahoma with two older sisters and a younger brother and is a nurse for a plastic surgeon in north OKC. In her spare time she enjoy listening to podcasts (My Brother, My Brother and Me, Sword and Scale, and Bad Christian), eat pizza, and do stand up. She enjoys talking theology, and trust me, she knows her stuff!



Another Whiz Kids Year Begins

by Janet Basler

God always provides for our kids at Putnam Heights who need help in learning to read. This year we needed 6 new tutors to read with our returning Whiz Kids whose tutors couldn't continue. So after training 2 new tutors this last week, we saw that God sent us a total of 10 new tutors and 2 substitutes. We've not only been able to care for our returning students, but several more. What a miraculous ministry we are privileged to have at our church!!!!

Arts Academy Has a Great Start!

by Janet Basler

Fifty (50) eager learners met twenty eight (28) very prepared musicians & artists on September 6th, to begin their yearlong adventure together. Some are learning to play an instrument, others will learn to draw or sculpt masterpieces in art, or to perform songs and dances, while some will learn to knit. All were supported by a dozen helping, smiling adults eager to make our first day calm and happy.

Thank you to all who helped that day, all who prayed for us that week, and to our church for encouraging and supporting such a fabulous ministry.

Movie Night

by Elizabeth Anthony

This **October**, CHUM Movie Night continues its immigration movie series with...

OUR VINES HAVE TENDER GRAPES (1945)

starring Edward G. Robinson and Margaret O'Brien

Saturday, October 21 @ 6:00pm

A new schoolteacher from the big city comes to a Norwegian community in rural Wisconsin and is distressed by what she finds -- that is, until she gets to know people. Reigning MGM child stars Margaret O'Brien and Butch Jenkins inadvertently spearhead the charm offensive, supported by compelling performances from Edward G. Robinson and Agnes Moorehead. In short, an enjoyable war-time stitch in the fabric of America.

As usual, this screening will feature an introduction by me and is appropriate for ages 10+. Drinks and popcorn are provided.

November, CHUM Movie Night wraps up its immigration movie series with...

LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY (1925)

starring Mary Pickford and William Haines

Saturday, November 18 @ 6:00pm

The rough-and-tumble lives of immigrant kids from all backgrounds are showcased in this touching tale of Little Annie Rooney, played by silent screen legend Mary Pickford. Come see America's Sweetheart stir the proverbial melting pot and tug a few heartstrings in this "romping, rollicking" rumpus of a movie.

As usual, this screening will feature an introduction by me and is appropriate for ages 8+. Drinks and popcorn are provided.

Other pot-luck movie snacks are welcome. RSVPs are helpful, but not required. Join us!

Sister Joan Chittister said, "If you contemplate God, the answer to the contemplation of God is to do the will of God for other people. That's where compassion comes in- to serve with passion, to serve with love, to have passion for what's going on in front of you.

If you put contemplation of the will of God together with compassion that proves you have touched the heart of God, that is you living as prayer."

--From Super Soul Conversations with Oprah

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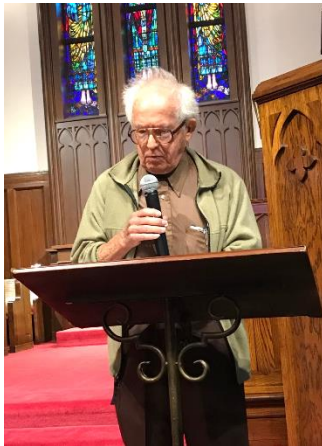
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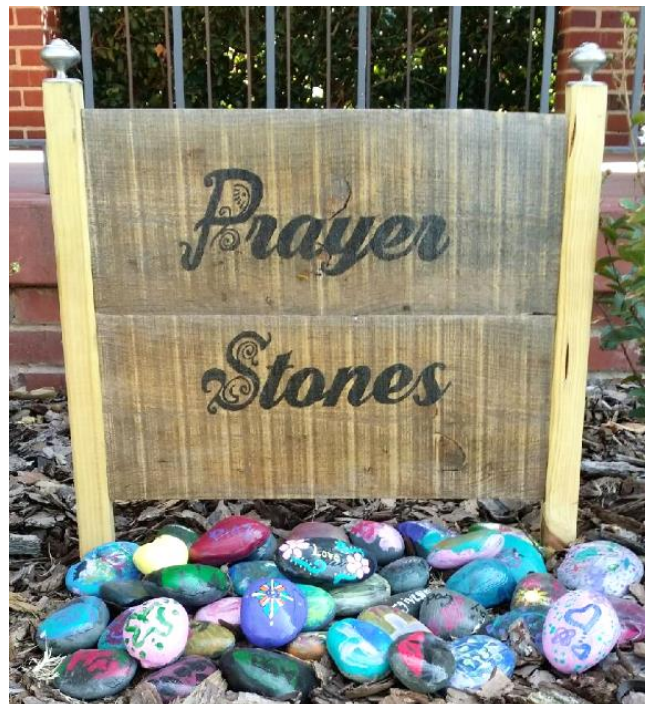
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August and September Highlights



On September 10, 2017, we celebrated Homecoming in both worship services, which means we heard from two members of our church about why they call our church home. Dolph Grolock and Bruce Pitts shared about all the people who showed them God along their journeys. These men brought such heart in our worship time, and we are grateful!

The children and youth of our church painted prayer stones. These stones have a special home in a flower bed, facing Western. The purpose of this space is to remind us to lift up our prayers to God! This is to remind us to be a praying people! Here I'll start— *Thank God for all the children and youth who call our church home. May God watch over them and bless them this day!*



On Saturday August 5, Judge Amick invited our children over to swim. They had a ball! Special thanks to Judge Amick and the Fishermen Sunday School class for hosting.