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Tickets on sale Sunday

Senior High youth invite you to enjoy *The Grand Tour!*

Great drama - hilarious comedy - energetic show tunes - beautiful ballads - vintage costumes donated by B.A. members - and even a youth shot out of a canon! *The Grand Tour* has something for everyone.

It's the show's message, however, that makes it so worthwhile.

"This is a beautiful story about a group of people who travel together in Europe in the early 1940's to escape as the Germans are invading Paris," says director Angelyn Dale. "Because of their different labels - Protestant, Jew, male, female - they think they have nothing in common.

"By the end they learn to respect, admire, and love each other. They realize that they have more in common than they thought.

"This show is a great dramatic vehicle, but it is also a great affirmation of what we teach here at Boston Avenue. Even when we don't have a particular faith in common, we have one God in common and we can find something to admire in each other."

The show includes a Jewish marriage ceremony, so a small group of cast members met with Rabbi Charles Sherman to be sure they performed it correctly. As a result of that conversation, 100 students from the Jewish



Jacob Brockunier, Katie Wonderly, Scott Solomon, Ali Wonderly, and Larkin McCann are just five of the talented youth performing in BAY Troupe's The Grand Tour November 20-21.

community's Hebrew School will attend BAY Troupe's Wednesday dress rehearsal with Jewish adult leaders.

"We're excited to get to perform for them," says Angelyn. "We'll have a reception for all the kids after the show. We found out that both groups regularly use the same benediction, so we're working hard to learn it in Hebrew as well."

A group from Tulsa Metropolitan Ministry will attend Saturday's invitation-only dress rehearsal, and there will be a reception for them as well.

Actual performances are Saturday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 21, at 2:00 p.m. Cost of the reserved-seat tickets is \$7 each, or \$6 each for groups of ten or more.

"We split mid high and senior high this year because we had so much interest," she says. "The mid high show will be after the holidays.

"With just 22 kids, each one gets more quality time to help develop their roles. We can also do more choreography and more exciting staging."

The show features an exceptionally-talented group of seniors, and this will be their last time to perform on the BAY Troupe stage.

"I think those who come will be surprised by how funny it is," Angelyn predicts. "It's not dark or heavy at all - sort of a mixture of *Fiddler on the Roof* and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. It's a very funny show because the characters can laugh at themselves.

"I think everyone will have a good time."

Thirty-three to be confirmed Sunday

This Sunday, November 15, is Confirmation Sunday! Thirty-three students have spent the past three months learning about their Christian faith and their church. They will be received into full church membership this Sunday in the 11 a.m. worship service.

Each youth's family members and close friends are asked to stand in place as he or she is confirmed. A chime will sound at each confirmation as a reminder of the presence of God's Holy Spirit.

After the service the confirmands will be in Bishops' Hall so that church members can greet and congratulate them. They will then be honored at a luncheon with their families in Jubilee Hall.

Estimates needed

Our 2011 Estimate of Giving drive is going well, and Dr. Biggs shares the latest update in his column on page 4A. If you have not yet returned your estimate, please mail, call or email it in. Your help is appreciated!

Food Bank drive begins Sunday

Church members are asked to bring nonperishable food items the next two Sundays, November 15, and 22, for the annual food drive for Eastern Oklahoma Food Bank.

Our Work Area on Missions asks that all food items have an expiration date of 2011 or later. The food will be collected in Bishops' Hall, and tables will be set up there. Please consider helping the Food Bank meet the needs of hungry Tulsans this holiday season.

Tickets on sale
this Sunday for
The Grand Tour
\$7 each, or \$6 each for
groups of 10 or more
Performance dates:
Saturday, Nov. 20 - 7:00
Sunday, Nov. 21 - 2:00



From the Pastor's Study

Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Thank you for being so conscientious about getting your 2011 Estimate of Giving cards back to us. Through Monday's mail, we had received only 13 fewer cards than at the same time last year.

At this point last year, 66.4% of the 2010 budget had been underwritten. This year, with thirteen fewer cards, 70.48% of the 2011 budget has been underwritten.

Prayerfully determine what God wants you to write on your card and then get that number to us as soon as possible. You can mail it to the church, call it in to Lillian Dickey at 583-5181, or you can email it to her at lilliandickey@bostonavenue.org.

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We have only two more Sundays in this liturgical year. November 21 is the triumphant conclusion when we celebrate "Christ the King" Sunday.

November 14 features Mark's account of a conversation Jesus had with his disciples two days before Passover, Judas' betrayal, Jesus' arrest, his trial, and his crucifixion. He is trying desperately to prepare his followers for those coming events, to reassure them of the final outcome.

I am calling the sermon, "DON'T SQUANDER A GOOD CRISIS!"

B.A. family update

Altar Flowers

Roundtable Sunday School Class in honor of their 50th Anniversary at Boston Avenue United Methodist Church and in memory of their classmates who are deceased.

In loving memory of **Marge Poteet** on her birthday on November 15th, by her daughter and son-in-law, Guy & Cheri Stephenson.

In honor of the birthday of **Wanda Franks** on November 13th, from Camille and Michelle and their families.

Deaths

Lora Lee Emery died October 26, 2010. Services were held in Joplin, Missouri. Survivors include her daughter, Vicki Emery; son, Roger Emery; brother, James and Betty Tygart; sister, Jean and John Crowell; one grandchild; and two great grandchildren.

Phyllis Jobe died October 26, 2010. Services were held November 6 in Tulsa. Survivors include daughter, Gretchen and Michael Mullen; son, Walter Jobe; sisters, Karen Kramer and Margaret Zapatos;

and five grandchildren.

Earlene Fortner died October 31, 2010. Services were held November 4. Survivors include her husband, Rick Fortner; sons, Rick Fortner, Jr., and Steven Fortner; granddaughters, Madison and Jensen Fortner; and sisters, Imogene Hudspeth and Bobbie Woodson.

Mary E. Johnson died November 3, 2010. Services were held November 5 in Muskogee. Survivors include her son, Roger Johnson.

Margaret Davis died November 6, 2010. Services were held November 10 with Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr., officiating. Survivors include her son, Ronald Ricketts, and daughter, Sallie and Paul Naylor.

Taylor P. Brown died November 8, 2010. Services were held November 11 at Boston Avenue with Dr. Bill Tankersley officiating. Survivors include his wife, Joellyn Brown; daughter, Margaret and Reha Aktas; and grandchildren, Jonathan and Oya Aktas.

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Happy 50th, Roundtable Class!

On November 13, 1960, eight young adult couples organized the Roundtable Class to promote Christian learning. Since then, Roundtable has grown and impacted our church in many ways. Projects have included:

Creating an Adventure Club to mentor Oakhurst-area children with their own RT families

* Sponsoring a Baxter Black concert to raise funds to purchase and maintain our carillon

* Adopting an Exodus House apartment and providing HUGS (hats, underwear, gloves and scarves) for Exodus and Redemption Church clients

* Sponsoring 20 years of Spring Sing.

* Providing meals at the Day Center for the Homeless.

* Honoring Boston Avenue staff at an annual luncheon the past nine years.

* Decorating trees at Utica Square for Christmas to raise money for missions.

They will celebrate their 50th Anniversary this Friday-Sunday, November 12-14 with tours of B.A. and Tulsa, and a dinner at Tulsa Country Club. Sunday morning they will attend a Devotional and Memorial Service in Rose Chapel, then sit together at the 11:00 worship service.

Congratulations, Roundtable!



Popcorn ready for pickup Sunday

Boy Scouts of Troop 20 will be waiting in Center Hall, just outside Community Hall, for everyone who ordered popcorn to pick it up this Sunday morning. The scouts are hoping to conclude their delivery this week.

Extra popcorn is also available for anyone who wanted popcorn but didn't get to place an order. Be sure to stop by Sunday!

Another Helping returns November 17

Senior adults will be treated to "Another Helping" at noon this Wednesday, November 17th, in Community Hall. A light lunch will be provided for \$5.00, or participants can bring their own "brown bag."

Kathy Busch will present "Name That Tune!" with interactive live music featuring songs from Broadway musicals and movies. Using the format of the popular TV show, Kathy will invite audience members to compete in identifying the tunes.

Please tell us if you will be attending and whether you plan on buying lunch at the church. Call (918) 583-5181 Ext 129 or 133, or email paulagradney@bostonavenue.org.



Gifts for Cookson delivered

Above, Jeanne Brosius-Smith and Cecil Smith load boxes of gifts that were collected last month for the Cookson Hills Mission Christmas Store. Those donations were taken to Cookson last Wednesday, along with monetary gifts to help fill in needed items. Thanks for your generosity!

RSVP for Medicare D assistance

Our church is hosting an informational seminar for senior on Medicare D this Tuesday, November 16th, at 1:30 p.m., followed by an enrollment workshop on Friday, November 19th, at 1:30 p.m. Reservations are needed for both events so that presenters can have adequate materials on hand.

INCOG Area Agency on Aging representatives are partnering with University of Oklahoma pharmacy students to clear up details about this important benefit program.

There is no cost to attend these meetings. To reserve your place, please contact Rev. Paul Staat at 699-0133 or pdstaat@bostonavenue.org if you want to participate.

Meet our newest members



Virginia Thomas joined Sunday. She is retired and has joined the Wesley Fellowship Class. Her son, Harley Thomas, is also a B.A. member.

Colletta McNew joined Sunday by confirmation.

UMW News

By **Janet McCutchen Graham**

Tool Tyme, an Oklahoma Conference UMW mission at Cookson Hills Mission, will be held November 12-14. Men and women from across the state will gather to clean the grounds, plant bulbs, and prepare Campbells and General Mills labels to redeem for educational materials.

They will also mail the mission's newsletter, enter computer information, straighten and restock the Resale Shop, build ramps, prepare cookies and cook turkeys for the holidays, stuff Christmas stockings, prepare the mission's Christmas store, fill holiday food baskets, etc.

What an amazing event!

B.A. update

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Hospitalized Last Week

St. John - Carl Critz, Louise Reid, Levi Rodriguez, Bob Solberg

St. Francis - Margaret Carpenter, Patti Davis, Bettye McCarley

OSU Medical Center - Bob Bowker

Lectionary Readings November 14, 2010

Psalm 113
I Samuel 1:4-20
Mark 13:1-8
Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Youth News!! . . .

Senior High news

It's time for **THE GRAND TOUR!!** Let's support our fellow youth and go see it **TOGETHER!!** Lunch after church and a matinee show?? Tickets just \$7. Fifteen tickets available in the Senior High Youth block!! See Audra for your ticket!

We are so excited to welcome over 100 Jewish youth from the Hebrew School on the 17th. We will have a chance to preview the show for FREE!!! On the 17th we will extend DTBA from 7:00-9:00 with a reception following. Friends welcome!

Calling all youth-friendly adults and interested youth....Wanna help with Senior High District Camp?? I will be the dean this year for our camp July 18-22. Looking for adults and youth to serve in many capacities. From prayer partners to care packages to adult leaders. Camp is our opportunity to share our faith and grow disciples!!

Would love to talk to you!! Just say YES!! - Audra

6th, 7th and 8th Grade

Top on my list this week is Confirmation!! Sunday is the day that our Confirmation Class members will profess their faith in our 11:00 worship service.

All Confirmation youth will meet on the third floor for Sunday School and stay together as a class through the 11:00 service. This year the class will stand in Great Hall following the service so our members will have the chance to shake their hands and welcome them as new members of Boston Avenue UMC.

Our lunch is held in Jubilee Hall at noon. Confirmation is more than just classes; our confirmands will continue to be fully engaged in the life of our church through Sunday School, worship, service, youth group and small groups. Join us Sunday for this rite of passage day.

Wednesday evening is **Tye Dye Night!** Everyone wear something tye dyed. If you do not have something tye dyed, come anyway and see what fun is in store for you. Wednesday youth is a great midweek faith booster.

A small group of us participated in the OCCJ Interfaith Tour on Sunday afternoon. We had a good time traveling around Tulsa together and learning more about how different our faith traditions are, and at the same time, how much we have in common. We are always thankful to be called United Methodists! There is no place like home....

Have a great week! Love, Debbie

Downtown Croppers is November 16

Downtown Croppers, a scrapbooking group led by the Rev. EvaMarie Campbell, will get together again this Tuesday, November 16, from 8:00 a.m. to noon in Room J130. All are welcome - invited a friend!

Child care is provided from 9:30 to noon, and all who come are asked to bring a snack to share. For more information, contact Rev. Campbell at 699-0120 or evamariecampbell@bostonavenue.org.

Gifts and Memorials

GENERAL ENDOWMENT

In memory of Friday Leonard

By: Juda Holder
By: Brad and Karen Rogers
By: United Insurance Agency, Inc.

MISSION ENDOWMENT

In memory of Lora Lee

Emery, sister of Jean Crowell

By: Wesley Fellowship Class

In memory of Margaret

Davis
By: Pearl Rhoads
By: Wesley Fellowship Class

BUILDING ENDOWMENT

In memory of Margaret

Davis

By: Mrs. John D. Bradley



Joy Circle: mission, study, fellowship

Joy Circle did a service project last Saturday at Eastern Oklahoma Community Food Bank. One of our newest United Methodist Women's circles, the group meets the second Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Aldersgate Room and welcomes any "youngish" women who would like to join them.

If you are interested or would like more information on Joy Circle, contact Michelle Gaddis, michellegaddis@gmail.com, or EvaMarie Campbell, evamariecampbell@bostonavenue.org

Advent Workshop is November 21

The annual Advent Workshop will be held next Sunday, November 21, from noon to 2:00 p.m. The theme is "The Stories of Christmas." All are welcome!

An inexpensive snack lunch will be available, and this year each activity will have a story to go with it. There will also be a large bubble with a storyteller inside, and the manger photo booth.

There is no charge to participate. Come and enjoy!

Sunday Worship

November 14, 2010

The Twelfth Sunday in Kingdomtide

9:30 a.m. Communion Service

9:40 a.m. Sunday School

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

Sermon: "DON'T SQUANDER A GOOD CRISIS!"

Mark 13:1-8

Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Music:

Prelude: Prelude on "O Worship the King".....Haan/Laubengayer

Introit: ThanksgivingMarie Pooler

The Academy Cherubs

Anthem: The Old 100th Psalm Tune.....R. Vaughan Williams

The Chapel Choir (8:30)

Sing Praise to God.....Susan Thrift

The Academy Choristers (11:00)

Offertory: My Song is Love Unknown.....arr. Cathy Moklebus

The Festival Ringers

Anthem: All Are WelcomeMarty Haugen

The Chapel Choir (8:30)

Psalm 148 Gustav Holst

The Chancel Choir (11:00)

Postlude: Fanfare Christian Robert

Hymns: 73 O Worship the King

128 He Leadeth Me

12:10 p.m. Holy Communion & Service of Healing

Class News . . .

Cornerstone

We are serving dinner at the Day Center for the Homeless this Friday, November 12. Contact Venitta Barrows for details. We will then meet for dinner after we serve there.

This Sunday we continue our interfaith series with speakers from other faiths.

Megan Linn visited our class last week.

Happy birthday to Robyn Aydelott and Kasi McLaughlin.

Heritage

This week our teacher will be Linda Alegria.

Steve Herr concluded his lesson on "Astronomy and Psalm 19," talking about the astronomer Hubble and his big bang theory.

Our next social is this Friday, November 12th. Meet in the Holy Grill, room E208, for a potluck dinner and movie.

Happy birthday to Chuck Gibson and Carol Bethell.

Thanks to Jeanne Parnell for our treats. The Mays will bring them this week.

Homebuilders

Our class's Christmas party is Saturday, December 4, at noon at June Cleary's home.

We will have an opportunity to provide Christmas gifts for some Methodist Manor Health Center residents. We will receive gift lists from Charles Herndon. Return gifts to him before December 6.

Jacques Cunningham will teach on "The Kingdom of God" for the next four weeks.

Mission gifts: Norval and Elizabeth Smith for their anniversary, Lloyd Parker for his birthday, and Ellis Garlington for the outcome of the OU/Texas A&M game.

Thanks to Barbara Bond for her lesson on the Israeli-Palestine conflict.

Keep the Bowkers and Ritters in your prayers.

The Woolseys provided treats. We had 35 present.

Horizons

Please help with the Respite Christmas party that our class sponsors. It is Friday, December 3, from 7-9 p.m.

Dr. Howard Plowman will return Sunday with another

lesson. We thank him for teaching last week.

Birthday wishes to Reade Rex, Kali Alger, Shane Fernandez, and Olivia Porter.

Thanks to Susan Huntsman for our treats. Nancy will bring treats this week.

Maranatha

We will have a gourmet dinner Saturday, November 13, at 6:30 p.m. at 2133 E. 69th St.. November 21 we will see the BAY Troupe presentation together. Our December mission project is Neighbor for Neighbor. Our Christmas party is December 10.

We welcomed visitors Lenorah Hogue, Bethany Willyard, and Mark Shoup.

Happy birthday to Judith Payton, Janet Purinton, Bill Thomas, Bob Thomas, and Nancy Manduano. Denise Graham and Mike Stephenson are celebrating an anniversary.

Thanks to Johnny Romo for his lesson. Denny and Suzy Meredith-Orr and Kevin and Barbara Meehan brought treats.

New Covenant

We will have a sing-a-long at Bob and Maxine Lees' home on November 14 at 2:00 p.m.

Thanks to David Robbins for teaching us.

Elaine Whitehouse is celebrating a birthday.

Keep Margaret Carpenter, Betty McCarley, Doris Fenn, and Myra Critz's son in your prayers.

Thanks to Ruth Boone and Dale Wood for the music, and Irene Nelson for our treats.

New Frontiers

The November social will be on the 12th at 5:30 p.m. We will meet at Chimi's and have dessert at the Aufdenkamps' after dinner.

Rev. EvaMarie Campbell will continue with her lesson "In Praise of Slowness." Last week she taught from *The Three Big Questions for a Frantic Family*.

Travis and Robin, thanks for visiting.

Pilgrimage

We signed up for gifts for the Children's Home. See Vicky to sign up. The

Mohawk Manor sign up will be Sunday. If you would like to help decorate for Christmas at Altimont, see Jackie Neel.

We will be redoing our Exodus House apartment bathroom. Contact Harvie or Jackie if you can help.

Our Christmas party is December 12. Nancy Campbell will be glad to sign you up if you contact her.

Welcome to guests Lynn Kerr's brother, Gary and Sharon Stemple, and Christian Ebenhack Threadgill.

Judy Rowell began her lesson series with the 23rd Psalm. She will return Sunday.

Roundtable

Our class's 50th reunion is this weekend!

We welcomed Charlie Spears and Ron and Beth Gentry as visitors.

Happy birthday to Gayle Vrooman and Sondra Martin.

Charlie Spears and Ron Gentry presented a lesson on the TU Wesley Foundation.

Seek and Discover

We will get together November 20 for Indian tacos at 1:00 p.m. Meet at the Tulsa Indian Church. We will also decorate Christmas stockings for a local children's shelter after lunch.

This Sunday Dr. Crowell will share a "steamy love story" for our Christian history lesson. He is teaching from *The People's History of Christianity*, by Diana Bass.

Wesley Fellowship

Our Christmas party is December 7. Dr. Don Forsman will be our teacher this week.

Sharon Wideman and Ruby Forsman visited Sunday.

Happy birthday to Jean James and Maggie Morgan.

Keep Rebecca Brown, the Rhodes' daughter; Dave Murray; Harold Reynolds' daughter Karen; Sue Van Zant; and Louise Reid in your prayers.

Thanks to Don Forsman for the lesson and to Carol Johnston for the devotional.

Have a prayer request?

Call our prayer line at 699-0158

Diseased trees removed



At left, workers removed the large trees by the sanctuary last week. Two of the trees had already been lost, and our Administrative Board decided to remove the remaining trees for uniform replanting. Workers found these trees to be diseased as well.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday - November 14

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 Communion Service
9:40 Faith Academy and Sunday School
10:40 Children's Worship
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Confirmation luncheon
12:10 p.m. Communion and Service of Healing
12:30 *The Grand Tour* rehearsal
1:30 Christian Believer

Monday - November 15

9:00 a.m. Weekday School
5:30 p.m. Parenting Class
6:00 *The Grand Tour* rehearsal
6:00 Men's basketball practice
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 20
6:30 Jesus in the Gospels
6:45 Child SHARE Support

Tuesday - November 16

8:00 a.m. Downtown Croppers
9:00 Weekday School
9:00 Overview of the Bible
10:30 Altar Guild Work Day
12:15 p.m. Weight loss group
1:30 Medicare D seminar
5:30 Senior High boys basketball
6:00 *The Grand Tour* rehearsal
6:00 Financial Peace University
6:00 Invitation to New Testament
7:00 Postpartum Support Group

Wednesday - November 17

9:00 a.m. Weekday School
12:00 noon Another Helping
2:00 p.m. Timothy and Titus
5:00 p.m. Snack Supper
5:00 Jubilation Ringers
5:00 Capriccio Ringers
5:50 Festival Ringers
6:00 Chapel Choir
6:00 LIFE Group for children
6:30 Yoga class
6:45 *The Grand Tour* rehearsal
7:00 DTBA
7:00 Carillon Ringers
7:00 Chorister Ringers
7:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday - November 18

9:00 a.m. Weekday School
10:00 Program Staff
3:00 p.m. Church Women United
5:30 Senior High basketball
5:45 Work Area on Missions
6:00 PCCT Parenting Classes
6:00 *The Grand Tour* rehearsal

Friday - November 19

9:00 a.m. Weekday School
1:30 p.m. Medicare D workshop
5:30 Gamblers Anonymous
6:30 Respite Care

Saturday - November 20

12:00 *The Grand Tour* rehearsal
7:00 p.m. *The Grand Tour*

Sunday School at a glance...

Adult Classes for Sunday, November 14, 2010

Visitors are welcome in all classes.

Dr. Biggs' Class - Greatest Bible Stories and Passages
College & Career - to be announced
Cornerstone - Interfaith series
Disciples - James Moore Bible Series
Ephphatha - to be announced
Heritage - Linda Alegria
Homebuilders - Jacques Cunningham, "The Kingdom of God"
Horizons - Dr. Howard Plowman
Maranatha - Dr. Paul Kent, Tulsa Habitat for Humanity
New Covenant - Dr. David Robbins
New Frontiers - EvaMarie Campbell, "Slowing Down"
Pilgrimage - Judy Rowell, "The 23rd Psalm"
Roundtable - Roundtable 50th Anniversary celebration
Seek & Discover - Dr. Bill Crowell, "Christian love story"
Wesley Fellowship - Dr. Don Forsman