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Advent Workshop is Sunday -

Preparing for the Christ Child

The annual Advent Workshop for church members and families of all ages and sizes will be held this Sunday, November 22, from noon to 2 p.m. in Jubilee Hall. It's a great way to begin preparations for the coming of the Christ Child!

Sharon Cambridge, our kitchen manager, will prepare child-friendly snack lunch choices for a nominal charge. All are invited to come eat and enjoy.

This year's theme is "Stories of Christmas." The workshop will be filled with activities, including a wood burning station this year, and each activity will be accompanied by a story. Stories with craft activities will include "The Gingerbread Man" and stories about the Christmas tree and candy cane. All who come can create seasonal decorations for the home and gifts for family or friends.

There will also be a story-telling bubble, and all ages are invited to climb inside to listen. Children can also have their picture made at the manger, which is great to use for photo Christmas cards.

The workshop is sponsored by the Children's Council to help children learn about Advent.

Come for Food, Fun & Fellowship!

An exciting new event is coming soon at B.A.! Mark your calendar and come enjoy Food, Fun & Fellowship on Sunday, November 28, at 5:30 in Community Hall.

Sharing food: All are encouraged to bring a dish to share.

Sharing our lives: Each table will have a discussion leader who will have questions to encourage all ages to share favorite holiday traditions, things to be thankful for, and ways to prepare our hearts for Christmas. These discussions should be fun yet meaningful for all ages.

Sharing Communion: The evening will end with the sharing of Holy Communion at each table, led by Dr. Bill Tankersley. All are invited to bring family and friends who are visiting for the holiday. This promises to be a great event for everyone!

Thirty-three confirmed

What a great day Sunday was! Many of our choral ensembles sang in worship, and our Roundtable Class filled a downstairs section of the sanctuary as they sat together in the 11:00 service for their class's 50th Anniversary;

A real highlight of the morning was the confirmation and welcoming of thirty-three middle school students into full church membership. Four of them were also baptized, and all were greeted by church members after the service, then honored at a luncheon.

Parents names appear with confirmand's names below the pictures,
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It's time for *The Grand Tour!*

The Grand Tour is about to depart! Curtains open this Saturday at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00.

The show is a beautiful story about a misfit group of people who travel together in Europe to escape as the Germans are invading Paris. Because of their different labels, they think they have nothing in common, but by the end they learn to respect, admire, and love each other.

"The surprise is just how funny the show is, because the characters laugh at themselves," says director Angelyn Dale. "Everyone will have a great time."

Cost of the reserved-seat tickets is \$7 each, or \$6 each for groups of ten or more. Tickets are available at the door, while they last.

The show features eight exceptionally-talented seniors, and this will be their last time to perform on the BAY Troupe stage. They and others in the cast are supported by gifted, dedicated adults.

In addition to the well-known talents of Angelyn and Dr. Joel Panciera, Caitrin Sneed, a former BAY Troupe star now studying dance in New York City, is the choreographer. Vintage 1940's attire is being supplemented by professional costumers from Oklahoma City, and lighting designer Joanna Morton holds a degree in lighting design. Denny Meredith-Orr has created amazing sets with little space, and Light Opera Oklahoma accompanist Suzy Meredith Orr is the pianist.



From the Pastor's Study

Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Our Estimate of Giving cards for 2011 continue to arrive every day. As of Monday's mail we have 82% of the 2011 budget underwritten with new cards. At this point last year we had 78% underwritten.

We need *everyone* to participate. Prayerfully seek God's guidance, write the number you determine is right for you, and get that number to us as soon as possible.

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On Sunday, November 28, we will have a potluck meal at 6:00 p.m. in Community Hall. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share. It can be holiday leftovers of any type of some other dish altogether.

As we eat together around the tables, discussion leaders will lead conversations in which everyone (children, youth and adults) will be encouraged to share thoughts about what this special time of year means.

- What am I thankful for?

- What are my family Thanksgiving traditions and what do they mean to me?

- How can I use the following weeks to "inwardly" prepare for Christmas?

We will link sharing food and faith with a celebration of Holy Communion. Dr. Tankersley will lead us as we partake of the elements at each table.

All are welcome. No reservation will be required.

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This Sunday is Thanksgiving Sunday in our country. For Christians it is the last Sunday in our liturgical year, Christ the King Sunday. I am calling the sermon, "YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE A KING TO ME!"

B.A. family update

Altar Flowers

In memory of **Alma Duncan**, whose birthday was November 22nd, from James and Jean Knighten.

Erma Spann and family in loving memory of **Dr. Logan Spann**, whose birthday was November 26th.

In honor of the **Phil and Marilyn Keeter** family, from the Scott Keeter family.

Deaths

Ken Kerr died November 4, 2010. Services were held November 11 at Broken Arrow Church of Christ. Survivors include his son, Matt Kerr, and former wife, Lynn Kerr, Tulsa.

Sheillia Guthrie died November 7, 2010. Services were held November 16. Survivors include her daughter, Sherie Fix of Tulsa, and grand-

children, Jennifer and Nathan Fix.

Carolyn Baird Almand died November 9, 2010. Services were held in Florida. Survivors include her sister, Marilyn and Bob Newkirk.

Susan Denton died November 10, 2010. Services were held November 15. Survivors include daughter, Lori McCormick; grandchildren, Caity Little and Zachary Morrison; brothers, Gary and Marie Wright, Danny Wright, and Mike and Dane Wright; sisters, Robbyn and Eric Riedesel, Kathy and Greg Walton, and Teresa and Chris McSherry.

Laurene Needham died November 14, 2010. Services are pending. Survivors include her great niece, Michelle and

Canned food drive ends this Sunday

This Sunday, November 22, is the last Sunday for church members to bring nonperishable food items for the Eastern Oklahoma Community Food Bank.

All food items should have an expiration date of 2011 or later. The food will be collected on tables in Bishops' Hall.

Our church is required to sponsor two drives a year to be able to refer those in need to the food bank for help.

Needed items include canned fruits, vegetables, meats, flour, sugar, coffee, canned milk, etc.

Please consider helping the Food Bank meet needs of hungry Tulsans this holiday season.

Drivers needed

Volunteer drivers are needed to deliver meals once a month for Meals on Wheels. Each route usually takes about an hour to deliver, and substitutes are available to back up drivers.

If you are interested in helping deliver food to others in need, please contact Frank Hammer-schmidt at 493-2383.

Congratulations . . .

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but these students also have grandparents who are Boston Avenue members.:

Jonathan Aktas (Joellyn Brown), Rachel Barnett (Carolyn Brown and Rosalea Barnett), Josh Biggs (Dr. Mouzon & Gayle Biggs), Sean Conway (Diane Wells), Katie Dennison (Gene & Sally Dennison), Eric Devlin (Judy Rowell), Austen Hubbard (Don & Daisy Warford), Lilja Rice (Barbara Rice), Megan Roberts (Don & Elise Woolsey), Lydia Sander (Carl Drew), Niessreen Smith (Norma Smith, Robert Smith), Anna Wise (Bob and Joyce Skalla), Adam Wood (Russell and Pat Core), Ryan Wood (Dale & Vivian Wood) and Matthew Young (Carl & Karen Young).

Congratulations, confirmands!



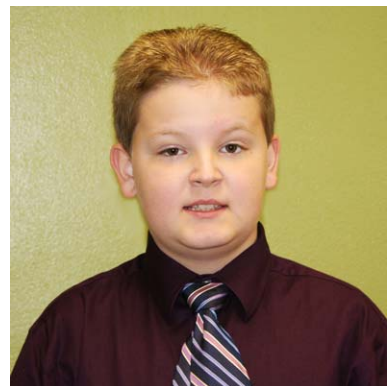
Jonathan Aktas

Reha & Margaret Aktas



Katie Dennison

Ted & Eleanor Dennison



Austen Hubbard

David & Pamela Hubbard



Margaret Huntsman

Wade & Susan Huntsman



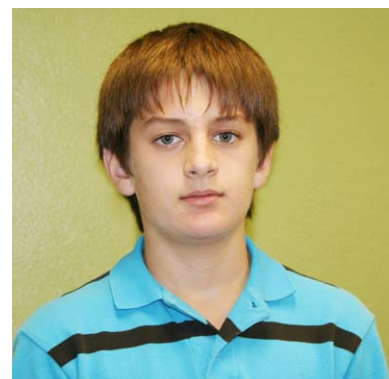
Alexandra O'Neal

Christina O'Neal



Lilja Rice

Jeremiah & Charmaine Rice



Michael Solomon

Stuart & Dana Solomon



Matthew Tye

Doug Tye & the late Jennifer Tye

Brad Phillips of Tulsa.

Sammie Rhodes died November 15, 2010. Services are pending. Survivors include her husband, Dr. Rollie Rhodes; daughter, Rachel and Paul Dolan; and grandchildren, J. P., Elizabeth, and Erin Dolan.

Hospitalized Last Week

St. Francis - Margaret Carpenter, Mark Haralson, Gwen Mitchell

OSU Medical Center - Bob Bowker

Memphis Hospital Rex Ball

Read national United Methodist news and dialogue at www.umportal.org.

... to our 2011 Confirmation Class!



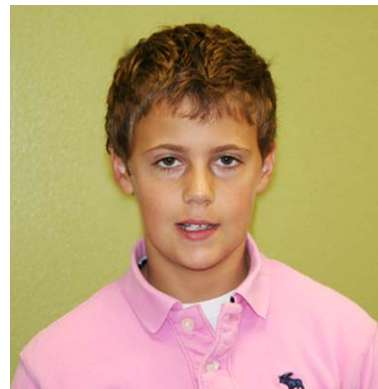
Rachel Barnett
Billy & Debra Barnett



Bryce Hort-Barron
Melissa Kay Hort



Hayley Beard
Burl & Rosa Beard



Josh Biggs
Trey & Allison Biggs



Sean Conway
Patrick & Valerie Conway



Noelle DeRoin
Miranda DeRoin



Eric Devlin
Hilary Devlin



Will Duncan
Cliff & Mary Duncan



Sierra Eveland
Matthew & Joanna Morton



Ellen Goddard
Keith & Beth Goddard



Sydney Jennings
John & Tracy Jennings



Iain Kazmierczak
Cyril Kazmierczak & Michelle McManus



Elizabeth Kelly
Rick & Stefanie Kelly



Quint McCabe
Dev & Billy McCabe



Katy Mills
Dale & Amy Mills



Megan Roberts
Katie Roberts



Addie Robinett
Tracy & Susan Robinett



Lydia Sander
Warren & Lisa Sander



Sam Short
Marc & Pam Short



Niesreen Smith
Bob & Jennifer Smith



Max Westfall
Kevin & Vicky Westfall



Anna Wise
Matt & Jennifer Wise



Adam Wood
Jim & Ginger Smyrl



Ryan Wood
Don & Tammy Wood



Matthew Young
John & Nicole Young

Meet our newest members



The Rev. Carl and Donna Cartwright became part of our church family on Sunday. As a retired United Methodist minister, Carl's membership is in the Oklahoma Annual Conference, but Donna officially became a Boston Avenue member.

Miranda DeRoin also joined Sunday and was baptized. Her daughter Noelle joined with the confirmation class. Miranda teaches in our Weekday School.

UMW News

By Janet McCutchen Graham

Circle W will host our recent Nicaragua Mission Team for a Spanish meal in Community Hall on Tuesday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. They invite all who would like to attend. Mae Smiley, a member of Circle W and of the VIM team, will help them tell about the Bible school they led for children in Nicaragua, and about the Bible studies for the women, church structural repairs, and other mission efforts in Nicaragua. Circle W and all of Boston Avenue UMC supported the team during their mission with prayers. Everyone will be amazed to see all the team accomplished.

Have a prayer request?

Call our prayer line at
699-0158

Lectionary Readings

November 21, 2010

Psalm 132:1-12, 13-18
2 Samuel 23:1-7
John 18:33-37
Revelation 1:4b-8

Youth News! . . .

Senior High news

It's HERE!! Our BAY Troupe youth have been working so HARD to prepare a fabulous show that embraces the spirit of Boston Avenue. My family has their tickets.....how about YOU?

Our show this year embraces the commandment to "Love our Neighbor"....even if they are not what we expected! I hope everyone in our church will show their support for our youth by attending the show on Saturday, November 20th, at 7:00 p.m or Sunday, November 21st, at 2:00 p.m.

As we continue to love our neighbor....

Wednesday, December 1- Child Share Shopping Night

It's one of the most fun nights of the year at DTBA as we SHOP for others!! We will be sponsoring ten children from our United Methodist Child SHARE Program! Bring \$\$ if you can. We'll meet in Jubilee Hall - 7:00-9:00

Sunday, December 5- Christmas Decorating for Altamont! Come and help us spread Christmas cheer! We will gather from 12 noon-2:00. Lunch is provided. All you need is a willing heart!!

And last but not least....CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANTS! Welcome to the B.A. family!!

Count your blessings and look for unexpected neighbors this week!

See you on *The Grand Tour!* - Audra

6th, 7th and 8th Grade

Sunday was just perfect!... Over 30 confirmands made their public profession of faith during the 11:00 worship service, followed by a lunch attended by 150 parents, grandparents, cousins, friends, aunts and uncles and friends in faith. Thank you to everyone that made this day memorable for our young people and their families.

Our Confirmation Class continues to meet on Sunday mornings and this week we begin our Christmas service project by choosing a name from our angel tree. Our class will provide gifts for children that have mothers in prison. Our gifts allow the mothers to write a note to their child and send their love along with a package.

This Sunday the Confirmation Class and the 7th and 8th graders will be hosting craft tables at the Children's Advent Workshop. All mid high youth are invited to lend a helping hand. The children always enjoy your leadership.

Remember to bring a food item this Wednesday evening or Sunday morning to donate for our Thanksgiving service project. The holidays are almost here, so don't miss a single Sunday at Boston Avenue because we know how to make the season brighter.

I look forward to seeing you!!!
Faithfully yours, Debbie

Gifts and Memorials

GENERAL ENDOWMENT

In memory of Friday Leonard

By: William Hanks Family

In memory of Margaret Davis

By: Rick and Jenyne Purdy

In memory of Taylor Brown

By: Rick and Jenyne Purdy

MISSION ENDOWMENT

In memory of Margaret Davis

By: Peggy Enlow

In memory of Taylor Brown

By: Peggye Enlow

In memory of Arvel Bennett

By: Bob and Joyce Skalla

In memory of Carolyn Baird

Almand, sister of Marilyn

Newkirk

By: Wesley Fellowship Class

MUSIC FUND

In memory of Taylor Brown

By: Rev. Cheryl Peters

By: Rev. Alex True



B.A. youth enjoy OCCJ Youth Interfaith Tour

Boston Avenue youth and leaders (l to r) Alex Lawrence, Katherine Lawrence, Sierra Eveland, Rev. Guy Langston, Ben McDonald, Debbie Peterson, and Sam Holder are pictured above as they prepared to participate in the annual Youth Interfaith Tour sponsored by the Oklahoma Conference for Community and Justice. Many of our youth were involved in rehearsals for *The Grand Tour* and other activities and were unable to attend this year.

In addition to this tour, our youth participate in dialogues with Jewish and Muslim youth, as well as youth from other Christian denominations during the spring. These experiences allow them to deepen and become better able to articulate their own faith as they learn to value those of other denominations and faiths.

Sunday Worship

November 21, 2010
Christ the King Sunday

9:30 a.m. Communion Service

9:40 a.m. Sunday School

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

Sermon: "YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE A KING TO ME!"

John 18:33-37

Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Music:

Prelude: Präludium in C Major Georg Böhm

Offertory: The Old Rugged Cross arr. Rob Reck

The B. A. Symphony Orchestra

Anthem: My Soul Is Thirsting for You Steve Angrisano

The Chapel Choir, Sabrina Bland, soloist (8:30)

How Excellent Thy Name Howard Hanson

The Chapel Choir (11:00)

Communion Music: Let All the World K. Lee Scott

The Chapel Choir (8:30)

God So Loved the World J. Stainer/arr. Marilyn Carver

The Chancel Choir Women (11:00)

Built On The Rock arr. J. Harold Moyer

The Chancel Choir Men (11:00)

Postlude: Now Thank We All Our God Sigfried Karg-Elert

Hymns: 694

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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Crown Him with Many Crowns

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

12:00 Advent Workshop in Jubilee Hall

2:00 BAY Troupe presents *The Grand Tour*

Class News . . .

College & Career

This Sunday we'll take a look at dealing with stress in our Faith Matters series. All are welcome!

Welcome to our visitors last week, Curtis Larsen and Joe Morgan. Glad to have you!

Cornerstone

Look for details on our upcoming Christmas party.

This Sunday we will continue our interfaith series and welcome speakers from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Welcome to our visitors, Viv and Darrell David, and happy birthday to Michelle Reagor this week.

Thanks so much to Sheila Mudd. Her lesson on Judaism was informative and engaging.

Heritage

Mark your calendars for our Christmas party on Saturday, December 11th.

Linda Alegria, our teacher, shared pictures and stories of the recent Boston Avenue mission to Masaya, Nicaragua. The theme of her lessons the next two Sundays will be, "Rethinking Christmas."

Birthdays next week include Marilyn Hartman, Sue Bertrem and Dick Hairston. The Bethells will also celebrate an anniversary.

Thanks to the Mays for our treats. LaCrecia Lewis will provide them next week.

Homebuilders

Jacques Cunningham began his lesson series, "The Kingdom of God," last week. We thank him and look forward to his being with us again this Sunday.

Pat Hardin and Wanda Franks gave to mission for their birthdays and Ron Setser in thanks for a great day.

Please continue to keep the Bowkers and Ritters in your prayers.

Thanks to the Woolseys for our treats. We had 31 present.

Horizons

Our Christmas party for Respite Care is Friday, December 3. Hope you can help.

More information soon on our Christmas social and philanthropy.

Dr. Howard Plowman will be back for another faith lesson this Sunday. The Dennisons will bring treats.

We welcomed Mrs. Plowman and Derek and Christine's friends, Danielle and Quincy last week.

Happy birthday to Kristen McPherson, J. P. Dolan, Elizabeth Dolan, Debbie Aycock, and Garrett Jelley.

Congratulations to our families with confirmands!

Maranatha

Come help us host a party on December 6 for clients at Neighbor for Neighbor. All help is appreciated!

Our Christmas social and auction is December 10 at Tulsa Country Club. Please get your auction items to Michelle Place as soon as possible, and a list will be passed around in class for dinner reservations.

New Covenant

Dr. David Robbins will be our teacher this Sunday.

Plan to come enjoy faith sharing for B.A. members and guests of all ages on November 28 at 5:30 p.m.

Please remember Margaret Carpenter and her family in your prayers.

Thanks to Dot and Jim Kelly for our refreshments.

New Frontiers

Our next social will be on December 11 at the Harringtons'.

This Sunday we will join the Cornerstone Class for their interfaith series.

Last week Rev. EvaMarie Campbell taught from *In Praise of Slowness*. Thank you, and thanks to the Dills for our snacks.

Thanks to the Aufdenkamps for hosting our social last Friday night, and to Jeff Hansen for setting up Chimi's.

Pilgrimage

Those who signed up to provide gifts for the children at Mohawk Manor or the U. M. Children's Home need to return them to class by December 5. Mohawk gifts should be wrapped and Children's Home gifts should be unwrapped.

Please contact Nancy Campbell to sign up for our Christmas party on December 12.

Thanks to Judy Rowell for the second lesson in her series on the 23rd Psalm.

Roundtable

We will have a speaker from the Hospitality House this Sunday.

Many past members joined current members for our three-day 50th Anniversary celebration. It was good to see everyone!

Thanks to Sheila Parr for her review of Roundtable history, and to Dr. Biggs for being our keynote speaker.

Seek and Discover

Let's all attend the lunch at the Tulsa Indian Church and the Thanksgiving events at church.

Hildegard of long, long ago will be our topic Sunday, along with other people who formed our faith.

Happy birthday to Jeanne Boone, Randy Phelps, Mitch Ober and Ted Bottoms.

Wesley Fellowship

Sixty-seven of us opened class with singing. We welcomed John Crowell's sister and brother-in-law, Anna and Leway Alexander from North Carolina.

Our anniversary/Christmas party will begin at 6:00 p.m. on December 7 in Community Hall. Make your reservations the next three Sundays. Sharon and her staff will cook for us.

Don Forsman is teaching us this month on the Beatitudes. We always look forward to his wonderful lessons.

Leona Wiggs Newell gave a lovely devotional and prayer.

Your prayers are needed for Dave Murray, Carolyn (Mrs. Doyle) Evans, Sally Jeffrey, Sandra Brown and all of the Rhodes family, Harold's daughter Karen, Clint Fuhrman's brother, and Marilyn Newkirk and her family after her sister's death.

Have a prayer request?

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Archives Room to be open Sunday

At right, Elizabeth Smith shares historic photos and documents at the Heritage Vesper Service last July. The History and Archives Committee will be available in the archives room (south end of the church library) to answer questions and share stories and photos from our church's history. All are welcome.



Thanksgiving, Christmas outreach

Volunteers are needed to help serve dinner at the Day Center for the Homeless this Wednesday, November 24 - the day before Thanksgiving. Please contact Paul Staat if you can help.

Families with children have been especially hit hard by the recent economic downturn. As the holiday season approaches, it is clear that more families than last year are unable to afford Christmas food, warm clothing, or presents for their children.

Each year our church sponsors several families, and this year is no exception. If you would like to sponsor a family, or if you belong to a class or other group that would like to do so, please contact Paul Staat at 699-0133 or pdstaat@msn.com, or Paula Gradney at 699-0129 or paulagradney@bostonavenue.org.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday - November 21

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 noon Advent Workshop

12:10 p.m. Communion and Service of Healing

1:30 Christian Believer

2:30 *The Grand Tour*

Monday - November 22

9:00 a.m. Weekday School

5:30 p.m. Parenting Class

6:00 Men's basketball practice

6:30 Boy Scout Troop 20

6:30 Jesus in the Gospels

Tuesday - November 23

9:00 Weekday School

9:00 Overview of the Bible

12:15 p.m. Weight loss group

5:30 Senior High boys basketball

6:00 Financial Peace University

6:00 Invitation to New Testament

Wednesday - November 24

6:00 p.m. UMW Faith Circle

Thursday - November 25

Church Closed -

Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday - November 26

9:00 a.m. Church closed

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 - Dealing with stress, from *Faith Matters*
Cornerstone - Interfaith series: Mormons
Disciples - James Moore Bible Series
Ephphatha - to be announced
Heritage - Linda Alegria, "Rethinking Christmas"
Homebuilders - Jacques Cunningham, "The Kingdom of God"
Horizons - Dr. Howard Plowman
Maranatha - to be announced
New Covenant - Dr. David Robbins
New Frontiers - joining Cornerstone for their Interfaith series
Pilgrimage - Judy Rowell, "The 23rd Psalm"
Roundtable - Ann Smith, Neighbor for Neighbor
Seek & Discover - "Hildegard & others who formed our faith"
Wesley Fellowship - Dr. Don Forsman