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Local Church Leaders
Workshop **8A**

Leave a legacy, make a lasting difference

What strengthens a congregation, reaches out to help others, and allows church members to continue being “active” in a sense long after they have passed away? It’s the legacy of an endowment, who’s earning help as if that person is sitting the pew, putting money in the offering plate week after week, forever.

What could be more significant? Or make a more lasting difference?

This Sunday is designated as “Foundation Sunday” to highlight our Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation, an extremely effective charitable trust foundation with assets totaling over \$167 million. This foundation assists in making lasting gifts to any Oklahoma United Methodist church or ministry, while maximizing available tax benefits.

The Foundation does not make grants itself, but donors can set up their own endowments for scholarships, missions, capital projects, ministries, local churches, etc.

Donors can determine how and where their gifts will be used, or they can leave gifts undesignated to meet future



Thanks to mission endowment earnings, our youth recently built two new homes, helped Rio Bravo’s poorest families,

needs as determined. Gifts can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one, and proceeds provide benefits indefinitely.

To learn more, call 1-800-259-6863 or visit www.okumf.org. A representative will be happy to share information and ideas.

B.A. endowments also enable ministry

Our Boston Avenue endowments now total \$25,550,000. Earnings help fund the upkeep of our church building, mission outreach for youth and adults, scholarships for students, and more.

This past year, earnings have enabled mission work in Nicaragua and helped our youth build two houses for Mexico’s poorest families. They were also used to meet local needs through Burroughs Elementary School, Exodus House, Redemption Ministries, and our Downtown for Good day of mission

Administrative Board meets Tuesday

The Administrative Board will meet this Tuesday, January 25, at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. The dinner costs \$6.00 per person.

Meal reservations are needed by noon on Monday. Call 583-5181 or email infodesk@bostonavenue.org to make reservations.



...and made new faith friends.



From the Pastor’s Study *Mouzon Biggs, Jr.*

When Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday was made a national holiday, I called the Tulsa Commemoration Society and invited them to celebrate Dr. King’s birthday at our church. I knew you would be pleased to support meaningful social change in a nonviolent, peaceful American way.

From that first event, you have always stood at the doors of our church with warm smiles and extended hands to say, “Welcome to our church! Welcome!”

Because you have done that so wonderfully well, they have chosen to come here again and again. Thank you for being ambassadors of peace and good will again last Sunday evening.

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This Sunday’s lection comes from *Nehemiah 8*. It reminds us that most Jews did not go back to Judah when Persia freed them. They had been gone more than fifty years and had put down roots where they were.

Nehemiah was an official in the Persian court when he heard about the difficulties in Judah. He asked permission to go to Jerusalem to rebuild the city walls, as Ezra was attempting to rebuild the Temple.

For the first time in more than fifty years, the Torah was read in Jerusalem. The people stood for the reading and wept as they heard its great truths. My sermon will be, “THEY, TOO, STOOD FOR THE READING!”

Enroll for Disciple Bible Study, Invitation, or new Elder Care classes

Enrollment continues this Sunday morning and next in Bishops’ Hall for a new, thirty-four week Disciple Bible Study I class and two ten-week Invitation courses. All are welcome.

For those who want to study the whole Bible, Rev. Paul Staat and DeAnn McArtor will lead Disciple I, the foundation study for all other Disciple courses. Classes begin February 6th and meet on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. The course will meet spring and fall, with a summer break.

Those who want to study the *Gospel of John* may join Sheila Van Hersh and Darlyn Slater in a ten-week *Invitation to John* class starting February 22nd. Classes will meet on Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

An *Invitation to the New Testament* class will also be offered, and a new four-week class is also enrolling for those who are dealing with aging parents or grandparents. It begins Wednesday, February 9, at 5:30 p.m. and will address myths of aging, what the Bible has to say about it, effective elder care options, and emergency preparedness.

B.A. family update

Altar Flowers

In loving memory of **Floyd Stout**, whose birthday was January 26th, by Barbara Stout.

Deaths

Paul R. Hodgson died January 11, 2011. Services were held January 14 at Boston Avenue with Dr. Bill Tankersley officiating. Survivors include his wife, Rosa; daughter, Debbie and David Ashley; son, Don Hodgson; grandchildren, Zach and Justin Keeter, Shannon Hodgson, and Chris and Amy Ashley; and three great-grandchildren.

Ralph H. Smith, Jr., died January 11, 2011. Services were held January 14 at Church of the Holy Anglican. Survivors include daughters, Stephanie and Ray Bingham

and Shelley and Dwight Durant; sister, Linda and Dwayne McCullough of Houston; and six grandchildren.

Ruth F. Twist died Jan. 11, 2011. Services were held January 17 at Floral Haven Chapel. Survivors include daughter, Kay Twist, of Tulsa.

Bettye Heath McCarley died January 13, 2011. Services were held at Boston Avenue on January 20 with Dr. Bill Tankersley officiating. Survivors include her husband, Bob McCarley of Tulsa.

Hospitalized Last Week

St. John - Mary Jane Bowles

St. John - Broken Arrow

Deidra Wakeley

St. Francis - Marilyn Elder,

Lloyd Parker

OSU Med Center - Bob Ritter

Youth News!! . . .

Senior High news

Thank you to everyone who participated in some way in our Martin Luther King Jr. events. Your time, talent and energy was a witness to your faith. It was fun to spend time together (A LOT while waiting for the parade!!) for such an important cause. Thanks to Paula Gradney for teaching our Sunday School class the past two weeks to help raise our awareness about prejudice.

We will focus on World Hunger on February 4th-5th with our annual 30-hour famine retreat. I know that we have several conflicts that weekend, but all youth are invited to attend as much as you are able. Some of you even need to eat because of athletic competitions...we welcome you (and will make you the wealthy ones, so you may get even more perks!!) The Famine Retreat is fun, but through hands on activities we will learn a lot together! Friends are welcome. Watch you mailboxes for more information.

YOUTH VESPERS is January 30th!! We need EVERYONE's help! It's our turn to lead our congregation in worship and we take it very seriously. We will need to practice at 4:30 with everyone. The service begins at 6:00. Expect to be asked to serve!

Taking a stand, making a difference!! Audra

6th, 7th and 8th Grade

Sunday was a fun day with our involvement in the Martin Luther King, Jr. activities, and Monday for those who helped by marching in the parade. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Our mid-high talent group practiced Sunday. They have changed their name to Mid-High Mosaic; the show is scheduled for Saturday, March 5 here at Boston Avenue. More on that later.

Youth Vespers is January 30th at 6:00 p.m. in Community Hall. All youth are invited to participate in this service, so mark your calendar and come worship with us.

Brenda Reed is the guest speaker for the confirmation class Sunday. We always look forward to her visit and special tour of the building to places you wouldn't usually get to see on your own. Join us and you might find some great hiding places for when we play sardines (number one favorite youth game!)

Have a great week and remember to take a stand against any kind of prejudice actions or comments that might come your way.

Love and Peace - Debbie

Calendar

Sunday - January 23, 2011

- 8:30 a.m. Worship service
- 9:30 Communion service
- 9:40 Sunday School
- 10:40 Children's worship
- 11:00 Worship service
- 12:00 noon Mosaic rehearsal
- 12:10 Communion and Service of Healing
- 2:00 Mid high boys' basketball
- 2:00 Christian Believer

Monday - January 24

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday School
- 6:30 Jesus in the Gospels
- 6:30 Boy Scout Troop 20
- 6:45 Child SHARE Support Grp.

Tuesday - January 25

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday School
- 9:00 Overview of the Bible
- 11:00 Building Committee
- 5:30 p.m. Finance Committee
- 5:30 Senior High boys basketball
- 6:30 Administrative Board

Wednesday - January 26

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday School
- 5:00 p.m. Snack Supper
- 5:00 Jubilation Ringers
- 5:00 Capriccio Ringers
- 5:30 New Frontiers Class study
- 5:50 Festival Ringers
- 6:00 Chapel Choir
- 6:00 LIFE Group for children
- 6:00 UMW Faith Circle
- 6:30 Yoga class
- 7:00 DTBA
- 7:00 Carillon Ringers
- 7:00 Chorister Ringers
- 7:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday - January 27

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday School
- 5:30 p.m. Celebration Ringers
- 6:00 PCCT Parenting Classes

Friday - January 28

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday School
- 10:00 Staff meeting
- 6:30 Respite Care

Saturday - January 29

- 8:30 a.m. Church Women United

UMW News

By *Janet McCutchen Graham*

Faith Circle meets January 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldersgate Room. Janet Graham will review the Reading Program book, *Stones into Schools*.

Lectionary Readings
January 23, 2011
Psalm 19
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Luke 4:14-21
1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Bishop Hayes is coming to B.A.

Bishop Robert E. Hayes, Jr., will lead the opening worship service, then lead two class sessions of the annual Local Church Leaders' Workshop this Saturday, January 22nd, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Class sessions meet from 9:40 to 11:00 a.m. and 11:10- 12:20.



Bishop Robert E. Hayes, Jr.

Those seeking to enrich leadership skills and grow in faith are encouraged to attend. Boston Avenue will cover the registration fee.

Class leaders include Rev. Mike Chaffin, Marjorie Monnet, Audra Fogle, Rev. EvaMarie Campbell, and Marita Morgan.

Sunday Worship

January 23, 2011

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30 a.m. Communion Service

9:40 a.m. Sunday School

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

Sermon: "THEY, TOO, STOOD FOR THE READING!"

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Music:

Prelude: Fantasia on God Has Spoken Richard Purvis
Dr. Susan Panciera, Organist

Anthem: I Need The Every Hourarr. John Ness Beck
The Chapel Choir (8:30)

If Ye Love Me Thomas Tallis
The Chancel Choir (11:00)

Offertory: V'sham'ru arr. Charles Orr

Anthem: Be Thou My Vision John Rutter
The Chapel Choir (8:30)

I Sing th' Almighty Power of God arr. Milburn Price
The Chancel Choir (11:00)

Postlude: Fanfare/Procession T. Frederick Candlyn

Hymns: 108 God Hath Spoken by the Prophets

662 Stand Up and Bless the Lord

598 O Word of God Incarnate

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

Sunday School at a glance...

Adult Classes for Sunday, January 23, 2011

Visitors are welcome in all classes.

Dr. Biggs' Class - Greatest Bible Stories and Passages

College & Career - to be announced

Cornerstone - Linda Alegria, "Compassionate Living"

Disciples - to be announced

Heritage - Rev. Ken Tobler

Homebuilders - Dr. Ruth Weston, "Baptists & Pentecostals"

Horizons - Senior High, "Mission trip to Rio Bravo, Mexico"

Maranatha - Dr. Richard Wansley

New Covenant - Rev. Don Reynolds

New Frontiers - Missy Barron

Pilgrimage - Penny and Mike Sheehan, "Nicaragua Mission"

Roundtable - Dr. Bill Tankersley

Seek & Discover - Rev. Art McGrew, "Jesus Then & Now"

Wesley Fellowship - Judy Rowell, "Nicaragua Mission"