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**Health kits
for Haiti**

UMCOR requests that *only* the following *new* items be put in a sealed one-gallon plastic bag. Bring them to church to be sent on to UMCOR:

- * 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27". No kitchen towels.)
- * 1 washcloth
- * 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- * 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards, toenail clippers)
- * 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- * 1 toothbrush (single brush only in original wrapper, no child-size)
- * 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- * \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste (Toothpaste is purchased later to ensure it does not expire before the kits are sent.)



B.A., UMC respond to Haiti crisis

Worshippers have given a total of \$8,991 as of Tuesday morning, in addition to online donations made, to help meet needs in Haiti. The church will continue to collect and send in donations, and 100% of those donations will be used by our United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to provide water, food, shelter and supplies in Haiti.

Sadly, UMCOR's director and the director of mission volunteers for our Board of Global Ministries were already in Haiti seeking ways to improve health care there when the earthquake hit. Both have died as a result of the collapse of the Hotel Montana. UMCOR worker Melissa Crutchfield, granddaughter of former B.A. minister Finis Crutchfield, is working there now as a "first responder" to set up a course of action.

Church members and groups are also assembling health kits to be sent to earthquake victims. Anyone who wants to join in that effort is encouraged to do so. Visit <http://bostonavenue.okl.umportal.org> or see at left for health kit instructions.

This Sunday is Foundation Sunday

This Sunday will highlight our Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation, an extremely effective charitable trust foundation with assets totaling nearly \$150 million.

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 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.

B.A. endowments continue strong

Our Boston Avenue endowments now total \$24,045,288. Earnings help fund building upkeep, mission outreach and scholarships.

The Mission Endowment now totals \$543,161. Earnings are used to meet need through local ministries such as Burroughs Elementary School, Exodus House and Redemption Ministries, and foreign mission trips, including an anticipated upcoming trip to Haiti.

Other specially-designated funds provide scholarships, support children and youth programs, and help fund special events.



From the Pastor's Study

Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Bishop Paul Martin sent me to Houston to be the Minister of Evangelism at the Memorial Drive United Methodist Church. The church was only seven years old and already had fourteen hundred members.

I was told, "The church has been taking in two hundred new members a year for seven straight years. If you want to please the senior minister, take in three hundred new members every year."

I had grown up in a church that was more than a hundred years old and still had only three hundred members. Trying to win three hundred new members in the next twelve months was beyond comprehension for me.

A good friend said, "Attend sales seminars. Learn how people sell cars, insurance and refrigerators. Closing a sale is closing a sale."

I learned a lot of helpful things. One I remember is, "Salespersons believe the best response to their pitch is 'yes,' and the worst is 'no.' But that is not correct. The worst answer is 'maybe.' A 'no' lets you move on to a new prospect. A 'maybe' keeps you hanging around, hoping."

Mark's gospel says that shortly after John the baptizer was put in prison, Jesus went back to Galilee and started calling people to be his disciples. Sunday's sermon is based on those he called first.

The sermon title? "THE BEST ANSWER IS 'YES!' THE WORST IS 'MAYBE!'"

Elder Recital is Sunday

Isabelle Demers will present the Fred Elder Recital this Sunday, January 24, at 6:00 p.m. She is hailed as one of North America's most outstanding organists - "a force of nature - a diminutive dynamo."

"Isabelle is packed with energy, creativity, and a love of music that just pours forth," says Dr. Susan Panciera. "She also has a wonderful sense of humor! Everyone is sure to enjoy hearing her."

Ms. Demers began piano and organ study at the Montréal Conservatory of Music at age eleven. After graduation she was awarded a year of study in Paris at the École Normale de Paris-Alfred Cortot. She received her Master's degree from The Juilliard School in New York City.

She was a featured performer at the most recent national convention of the American Guild of Organists and will be featured at the 2010 AGO national convention as well. She has won international performance competitions in the United States, Canada, and Europe, and performs widely in the United States and Canada.



Isabelle Demers

Admin Board meets Tuesday

The January meeting of the Administrative Board will be held this Tuesday, January 26, at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Cost of the dinner is \$6.00 per person this year, to help cover the actual cost of food and be good stewards of our church finances. Meal reservations need to be made by noon on Monday. Call 583-5181 to make those reservations.

Youth News!! . . .

7th and 8th Grade

Thanks to all who participated in the MLK celebration. We are now collecting health kit items for the **Haiti Earthquake** victims. Please bring those items to youth group or Sunday School or donate money to help fill the kits. It's a way to make a difference!!! Friday and Saturday is the Mid-high Sexuality Workshop. If you haven't registered there is still space. Call Norma Cave, 699-0123. All district U.M. youth are invited to the 71st Street Cinemark Sunday afternoon to see **To Save A Life**, a newly-released teen movie to help all teenagers realize that they are on this earth to express God's love of God to their friends, family and community. I will send the time to parents in the internet newsletter this week.

Have a great week - Debbie

Confirmation Youth

Thanks to Dr. Bill Crowell for helping us understand Martin Luther King's role in our society. This Sunday Brenda Reed will take us on a special church tour. It will be fun, and you will go places you've never been before. Come watch our mid-high basketball team on Saturday, 1:30 at First United Methodist Church.

Join us for Youth Vespers on Sunday, January 31st. We will sing a song that everyone can sing - no choir experience necessary..... Mid-high sexuality workshop is this Friday and Saturday.. It's not too late to register.

Leaders' workshop is Saturday

Boston Avenue will host the Tulsa District's Local Church Leaders' Workshop this Saturday, January 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15.

Bishop Robert E. Hayes, Jr., will lead opening worship and then answer questions during both class sessions. A number of outstanding classes will focus on such things as missions, hospitality, Bible study, personal gifts, Project Transformation, and how adults learn best.

All are welcome. Registration begins at 8 a.m. in Jubilee Hall.

UMW News

By *Janet McCutchen Graham*
Church Women United will meet this Saturday, Jan. 30 at 9:15 in our parlor. Sheila Swearingen, president of League of Women Voters, will speak.

Faith Circle meets Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. in the Aldersgate Room for the pledge service. The children's book *Playing War* will be discussed.

Gifts and Memorials

GENERAL ENDOWMENT
In memory of Beth Pape

By: Gwen Coulter
In memory of Beth and Clay Pape

By: Barbara Stout
MISSION ENDOWMENT
In memory of Ruth Scott

By: Mary and Willis Harrison
 By: John and Martha Starr
MUSIC FUND
In memory of Margaret Willis

By: Gwen Coulter
 By: Barbara Stout
 By: Ann and Ron Lynch

In memory of Patricia Davis
 By: Mike, Betty and Patrick McIlvain

Lectionary Readings

Psalm 62:5-12
Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Mark 1:14-20
1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Financial class to be offered

The Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University Class will be offered at B.A. starting February 3 at 6 p.m. Cost of the 13-week class is \$99.51 per couple. Contact Bill Crowell, 699-0127, or visit www.daveramsey.com for more information.

B.A. family update

Baptisms



Sutton Kyle Phillips, son of Brad and Michelle Phillips, was baptized Sunday, January 17, with Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr. officiating. He was born September 4, 2009. Proud relatives include his aunt, Laurene Needham.

Altar Flowers

Sharon Butler Sawyer, Laurie, Dave, Maggie and Emily Hembree, and Brooke, Christian, Zachary, Gabriel and Jonah Hargrove in memory of **Bill and Emily Butler**.

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

Hospitalized Last Week

St. John- Max Doty, Frances Walpole, Wally Wells
St. Francis - Una Barr, Joseph Becker, Mary Alice Booze, Patrick Dolina, Vernon McCoy, Peggy Newcombe, Robert Mercer, Eric Wells

Weekly Calendar

Sunday - January 24, 2010

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
 9:30 Communion Service
 9:40 Faith Academy
 9:40 Sunday School
 10:40 Children's Worship
 11:00 Worship Service
 12:10 p.m. Communion and Service of Healing
 1:30 Mid High basketball
 6:00 Fred Elder Recital Series
 7:00 Jesus in the Gospels

Monday - January 25

9:00 a.m. Weekday School
 6:30 p.m. Disciple I
 6:30 Disciple IV

Tuesday - January 26

9:00 a.m. Weekday School
 9:00 Lectionary Class
 11:00 Building Committee
 5:30 p.m. Senior High basketball
 5:30 Finance Committee
 6:30 Administrative Board

Wednesday - January 27

9:00 a.m. Weekday School
 2:30 p.m. Invitation to *Revelation*
 5:00 p.m. Snack Supper
 5:00 Capriccio Ringers
 5:00 Chorister Ringers
 5:45 Carillon Ringers
 5:45 Jubilation Ringers
 6:30 Chapel Choir
 6:30 Festival Ringers
 6:30 LIFE Group for Kids
 7:00 Yoga class
 7:00 UMW Faith Circle
 7:30 DTBA - Senior High
 7:30 DTBA - Middle School
 7:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday - January 28

9:00 a.m. Weekday School
 5:30 p.m. Celebration Ringers
 5:30 Senior High basketball

Friday - January 29

9:00 a.m. Weekday School
 10:00 Program Staff

Saturday - January 30

8:30 a.m. Church Women United

Sunday Worship

January 24, 2010

The Fourth 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: "THE BEST ANSWER IS 'YES!'
 THE WORST IS 'MAYBE'!"
Mark 1:14-20
 Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Music:

Prelude: Improvisation on God of Grace.....Maurice Whitney
 Dr. Susan Panciera, Organist
 Anthem: We Are Marching in the Light of God.....trad. African
 The Chapel Choir (8:30)
 Prayer of the Norwegian Child.....arr. Ruth Artman
 The Academy Choristers (11:00)
 Offertory: Jesus Calls Us.....arr. Dale Wood
 Anthem: Lord of the Dance.....arr. John Ferguson
 The Chapel Choir (8:30)
 Anthem of Dedication.....Warren Martin
 The Chancel Choir (11:00)
 Postlude: Tuba Tune in D Major.....C. S. Lang
 Hymns: 577 God of Grace and God of Glory
 430 O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee
 438 Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

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

6:00 p.m. Fred Elder Recital Series presents Isabelle Demers

Sunday School at a glance...

Classes for Sunday, January 24. Visitors are welcome.

Dr. Biggs' Class - Greatest Bible Stories and Passages
Cornerstone - Rev. EvaMarie Campbell
Disciples - "Three Simple Rules for Christian Living"
Heritage - Dr. Bill Crowell
Homebuilders - Judy Rowell, "They Heard Him Gladly"
Horizons - Angela Hooper, "Living Fully, Dying Well"
New Covenant - Dr. Don Forsman, "We Believe in Eternal Life"
Pilgrimage - Brenda Reed
Seek & Discover - Rev. Art McGrew
Wesley Fellowship - Dr. Bill Tankersley
Young Adults - "Living the Questions"