BCG Series presents Dr. Amy Oden

Dr. Amy Oden, Dean and Professor of History of Christianity at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., will present the 2013 Barton Clinton Gordey Series. Tulsans are in for a treat!

A reception will follow each evening presentation, and child care is available by reservation. Call 918-699-0121.

Dr. Oden earned her Ph.D. in religious studies at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. She previously served on the faculties of Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City and Oklahoma City University.

She says that teaching is her calling, and she looks forward to every day with her students. For the last 20 years she has taught theology and history, and pursued scholarship in service of the church.

“As Dr. Oden, in my opinion, is the best professor at WTS,” writes one student. “I’ve rarely seen a professor that could keep a night class of 60-plus students totally engaged every week. She is awesome!”

Another writes, “Amy is the best! I had three classes with her because of her love of what she teaches. Her passion for church history makes it so much easier to learn.”

Most of her work has been an effort to make ancient voices, especially women’s voices, accessible to current audiences. Her most recent scholarship has focused on the radical practice of hospitality in early Christianity, and its challenge for communities today.

Dr. Oden has published an anthology of women’s writings in the history of Christian thought, entitled In Her Words, and was a primary sources editor for the series, Christian Believer: Historic Teachings of the Church.

Her video-study series, Women Speak of God, was produced by the Wesley Ministry Network for congregational study in 2004.

Her most recent book, God’s Welcome: Hospitality for a Gospel-Hungry World shows connections between the ways God welcomes us and the ways we welcome others.

(See “BCG Series on page 4A”)

Dr. Oden’s presentations:

Sunday, February 10, 2013
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
“GOD’S LIFE AND OUR LIFE”

Sunday - 7:00 p.m.
“BEING SPIRITUAL: THE WIDE-OPEN, SPACIOUS LIFE”

Monday, February 11 - 7:00 p.m.
“BEING RELIGIOUS: LIFE TOGETHER”

Tuesday, February 12 - 7:00 p.m.
“GOD’S WELCOME: RADICAL INVITATION”

Interfaith Trialogue begins Sunday

The Interfaith Trialogue sponsored by the Oklahoma Center for Community and Justice begins this Sunday, February 3. It will be held three consecutive weeks - February 3, 10 and 17 - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

This year’s theme is “Are You Godwired? HIGH TECH + HIGH TOUCH: The Future of Interfaith Dialogue.” Dr. Bill Crowell will serve as the moderator. Sessions are as follows:

Session 1, “The Data Stream of Faith,” Feb. 3, 2-4:00 p.m., at the Charles Schusterman Jewish Community Center, 2021 E. 71st St.

We live in a fractious, polarized universe. Experts will provide trends, data and demography on religious life in America today.

Speakers will include Dr. Charles Kimball, Presidential Professor (See “Trialogue” on page 4A)

Sunday is Scouting Sunday

All who are involved in scouting of any kind - Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Daisies, Camp Fire, etc. - are invited to wear their scouting uniform to church this Sunday. They will be recognized during both morning worship services. Our church sponsors Boy Scout Troop 20, Tulsa’s oldest continuously-running scout troop.

February brings Lights On for Cookson

Lights On for Cookson begins Sunday and will continue through February. The effort helps the Cookson Hills Center, a United Methodist mission south of Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

Donation envelopes will be available to pick up as worship.
(See “Lights On,” page 5A)

An enjoyable way to help others: Late Night Catechism show to aid new Tulsa District church

By Sue Venable

Plan now to attend Late Nite Catechism: ‘Til Death Do Us Part on Friday, February 15, in Jubilee Hall at 7:00 p.m. This hilarious one-woman show was a hit last fall at Tulsa’s Performing Arts Center. Now the professional actress is presenting this latest version as a special fundraiser.

Bishop Robert Hayes appointed Rev. Heather Scherer to begin a new Methodist church, Living Water UMC, in South Tulsa. Commissioned at last year’s Annual Conference, Rev. Scherer is a dynamic speaker and a dedicated leader. Proceeds will benefit this church, Living Water UMC, in South Tulsa.

(See “Fundraiser” on page 4A)
Meet our newest members

Clark and Mary Bunkruden joined last Sunday. They are already members of the Maranatha Class. Clark is a physician in obstetrics and gynecology and Mary is an attorney.

Bobby Johnson joined last Sunday. He works at the Downtown Holiday Inn.

Michael Cochran also joined Sunday.

BCG Series ... (continued)

Dr. Oden was president of the Southwest Region of the American Academy of Religion and is a leader in the American Society of Church History.

A native of southwest Oklahoma, she now lives in Maryland with her husband, a United Methodist minister.

The Barton-Clinton-Gordey Series was established in 1963 to honor Dr. L. S. Barton, our church’s senior minister from 1914-1922. In 1987 the family of Dr. Fred S. Clinton, a pioneer physician and surgeon, added funds in his memory. A third gift was made in 2001 from the estate of I. V. and Bona Gordey, dedicated church members.

Fundraiser ... (continued)

new church, and ten percent will aid the Eastern Oklahoma Community Food Bank.

Tickets are $30.00 each. A “teacher’s pet” ticket, $45.00, ensures a seat on the first three rows where “teacher’s pets” will be allowed to interact with the performer.

This is a two-hour comedy with a 20-minute intermission. Refreshments will be available.

For tickets, call Ann Dietert at 918 527-3564 or Sue Venable at 742-8097.

After teaching countless students about the saints and more, Sister is now giving hilarious lessons on the sacraments and the last rites, including her own wacky version of the Newlywed Game. Bring your sense of humor!

Trialogue .... (continued)

of Religious Studies at the University of Oklahoma and a noted expert on the Middle East.

Session 2, “High Touch Dialogue for Today,” Feb. 10, 2-4:00 p.m. at, Peace Academy, 4620 S. Irvington Ave.

In an era of angry extremism, does dialogue still have worth and value? Can people of faith come together, face to face, to talk honestly with each other about their similarities and differences?


After this final session, OCCC will host a Faith Tech Fair from 4-5:00 p.m. Booth demonstrations will contain information for beginners and more advanced tech users. The fair will be followed by a 30th Anniversary Interfaith Dinner from 6-8:00 p.m. at B.A.

Help needed after wildfires

The wildfires last summer brought great heartache for over 603 families in Oklahoma. Most lost their homes and virtually all their worldly possessions.

Oklahoma United Methodists are leading the Disaster Case Management Ministry in Creek County, where 357 survivor families live. Case managers have identified specific needs, and now they need our help.

Specific needs that have been documented include:

- One family needs help with concrete work, purchasing materials, and construction as they rebuild. Another needs help installing a wood floor and purchasing appliances and furniture.
- Several need help installing skirting on mobile homes.
- One elderly couple needs help fixing a well and rebuilding a porch, and another man needs help cleaning up his property.
- A family of five needs to find a new home as mold in their current home sent their child to the hospital.

If you can help in any way, please contact Rev. Paul Staat, 918-699-0133 or psstaat@msn.com.

B.A. family update

Altar Flowers
In loving memory of Bertie Yakle, whose birthday was February 5th, from Don and Lana Souders.

Mick and Susan Champlin and family in memory of their parents, Ward and Adele Champion and Jane Cansler; their grandmothers, Dorothy Champion and Mildred Witherspoon; and aunt, Ruth H. Parmenter.

In loving memory of Elizabeth Cox, whose birthday was February 1st, from her family.

In loving memory of Julie Anne Hackenberger, daughter of David and Carolyn Shorten.

In memory of Bob Purinton, whose birthday was February 3, by Janet Purinton and Beth and Scott Hall.

Deaths
Arthur Rollings died January 20, 2013. Services were held January 24 in Purcell, Oklahoma. Survivors include his sister, Lillian Dickey.

Births
Alaina Noel Key was born January 9, 2013, to Jacqueline Darrough. Proud relatives include her brother, Gaebriel; grandparents, Steve and Lillie Darrough; and uncle, Steven Darrough.

Hospitalized Last Week
St. John - Joe Becker, Sandi Franklin, Ben Harmon, Margie Herndon, Ronnie Kelso
St. Francis - Regina Bradshaw, Mark Britt, Jackie Hammerschmidt, Carol Moeller, Marie Rainey
St. Francis Children’s - William Martin

Dinner made easy before presentations

Above, Journey Class members had a great time at the Chili Supper last year, and you can enjoy both the Chili Supper on Monday and the Spaghetti Supper on Tuesday of the Barton Clinton Gordey Series!

The Maranatha Class will host a chili supper before Dr. Amy Oden’s Monday presentation, and stew will also be available.

On Tuesday, the Horizons Class will serve the spaghetti dinner before the evening presentation. Both dinners will be held in Community Hall from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Tickets for both meals will be sold the next two Sundays, Feb. 3rd and 10th. The price is $6.00 for adults and $3.00 for children, with a $14.00 maximum for families. Any profit goes to missions.

From the Pastor’s Study
Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Sunday’s lection comes from one of Israel’s “minor” prophets. That adjective does not mean “unimportant.” In biblical circles, it simply means “briefer.”

We simply do not have much of Micah’s work - only fourteen pages in my Bible - while Isaiah has 148, Jeremiah has 130, and Ezekiel has 88.

Nonetheless, most of us are familiar with two of his paragraphs. We read one numerous times during Advent and Christmas, “And you, O Bethlehem of Ephratha, least among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth one to rule Israel for Me - One whose origin is from old, from ancient times.” (Tanakh, the Hebrew Scriptures)

The other familiar passage is in chapter six, where God challenges Israel more than 700 years before the coming of Jesus: “My people! What wrong have I done you? I brought you up from the land of Egypt, I redeemed you from the house of bondage ... He has told you what is good ... what the Lord requires ... do justice ... love goodness ... walk modestly with your God.” (Tanakh)

My sermon to begin our February will be called, “WHAT DO YOU REALLY WANT FROM ME?”
UMW News
By Robyn Aydelott

The Boston Avenue United Methodist Women will hold an Executive Committee meeting Wednesday, February 6th, at 9:30 a.m.

Elected UMW officers for 2013 will attend District training this Saturday, February 2nd, at Will Rogers United Methodist Church from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

During regular meetings this month, all UMW circles are encouraged to remember and recognize February as Prayer and Self Denial Month.

Welcome to all of our new UMW members this year, including our new youth circles: Hope Circle (4th & 5th grade), Peace Circle (6th grade), Love Circle (7th grade), Circle 2017 (8th grade), Justice Circle (10th grade), Circle 2014 (11th Grade).

For adults, Circle E, Faith Circle, Circle of Grace and PM Circle welcomed new members.

“You have joined a fantastic group of ladies who are very involved in mission and social issues, locally as well as worldwide,” said UMW President Jeanne Brosius-Smith. “We are looking forward to a wonderful and exciting year for our Boston Avenue Unit”

Sound & Spirit
Sound and Spirit of Tulsa, an interfaith gathering of performers celebrating the diversity of Tulsa, will be held Feb. 9, 8:00 p.m. at Congregation B’nai Emunah. Proceeds benefit Tulsa Public Schools.

Memorials
MISSION ENDOWMENT
In memory of Irene Lumley
By: Louise Reid

Have a prayer request?
Call our prayer line at 918-699-0158

Seamstresses needed!

Seamstresses and/or tailors of all ability levels are needed to help with costumes for the youth production, Kiss Me Kate.

Work needed ranges from simple hemming, mending rips, and wrap skirts to boned Elizabethan gowns. Packets with all needed materials (and much of the cut-out work already done) can be picked up at the church and sewn on your own time.

Costume fitting day is March 9, then there will be a month to make any needed revisions. For information or to help, please contact Laura Hardin at 918-230-4640 or lauralhardin@yahoo.com.

Youth News!! . . .

Senior High news

The Boston Avenue Thunder (senior high guys’ basketball team) is on FIRE!!! They won last week, and our game this Saturday, Feb. 2, is at 7:00 p.m. at First UMC. Come and cheer them on...they just might WIN the league!!!

This Sunday, February 3, a small group of Senior High Girls will be helping our Child SHARE program with their emergency clothing room. Our girls will be providing an important service in showing Extravagant Hospitality to those who need it most.

Psst...Did You Hear About THOSE People? Building Bridges Rather Than Throwing Stones...Join us for the Teen Trialogue this Wednesday, Feb. 6th at Cascia Hall. Buses will leave from 13th Street at 6:30 and return by 8:15. Our final trialogue discussion will focus on what is happening in our world when we lose respect for others and what we can do about it. YOU can make a difference!

There are so many ways to GROW your faith!! - Audra

6th, 7th and 8th Grade

We had a great time skating and eating cake on Sunday evening. It is always a treat to celebrate the lives of our youth...Happy Birthday Everyone and I do thank God for each one of you and the special gifts you bring to our mid-high youth group!

Sunday morning the Confirmation Class will be meeting with their Friends in Faith. Please meet in Jubilee Hall for refreshments and conversation at 9:40.

Mark your calendar for our evening at Purple Glaze on February 3, 2013. It’s a treat time to make a Valentine gift for someone special!

Invitations were sent this week to all the girls for dinner at Debbie’s event on Friday, the 8th. Please RSVP as soon as possible. I always look forward to having you come to my home. Boys, watch for the announcement on the boys only evening.

Great things are happening at Boston Avenue! Please be part of the action and join us on Sundays and Wednesdays.

God Bless Boston Avenue Youth! - Debbie

Lights On for Cookson ...

(continued)

ers leave the sanctuary Sunday morning. Filled envelopes can be placed in the offering plate on a Sunday morning or left at the information desk any time in February. The Cookson Center ministers to Oklahoma’s poorest residents, many of whom are members of the Cherokee tribe. Our church is a vital ministry partner with the Rev. Meri Whitaker, the missionary who heads the mission, and is in a covenant relationship with her to support her work there.

B.A. to host Re-Ignite Workshop

Boston Avenue will again host the Re-Ignite Workshop (formerly known as the Local Church Leaders’ Workshop) on Saturday, February 9, from 8:30 to 12:50. All are welcome.

The event begins with registration and breakfast with Bishop Hayes at 8:15, followed by a worship service at 9:30. Class sessions run from 10:25 to 11:25 and 11:45 to 12:50.

During the first session, Bishop Hayes will visit with laity and share his vision for the next four years. Brenda Reed will lead a class on local church finances. In the second session Rev. EvaMarie Campbell will lead a class on children’s curriculum, Marjorie Monnet will discuss older adult ministry, and Brenda Reed will teach a class for local church trustees. Bishop Hayes and Dr. Dan Peil will share vision and discuss “sacred cows.”

Making Tulsa a better place ...

Thanks to our church members of all ages who worked to make Tulsa a more caring city by participating in the recent Peace Walk, helping to host the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Service, or marched in the MLK Parade on Monday. Our church has participated in the Tulsa parade since its beginning.

Sunday Worship

February 3, 2013
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: “WHAT DO YOU REALLY WANT FROM ME?”  Micah 6:1-8
Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Music:
Prelude: Canon in B Major, ...................... Robert Schumann
Dr. Susan Panciera, Organist
Anthem: King of Kings ..................... arr. Robert Ward
The Jubilation Ringers (8:30)
Singing Bells ....................... arr. Wihla Hutson
The Academy Choraliers (11:00)
Offertory: We Christians All ...................... Gottfried Humilis
Anthem: What Does the Lord Require? .......... Jim Straathede
The Chapel Choir (8:30)
What Does the Lord Require? ............Erik Routlee
The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Postlude: Chorale and Alleluia ........................ Raymond Haan

Hymns: 160  Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart
198  My Soul Gives Glory to My God
428  For the Healing of the Nations

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

Lectionary Readings
February 3, 2013
Psalm 15
Micah 6:1-8
Matthew 5:1-12
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Boston Avenue Thunder
(senior high guys’ basketball team)

I Corinthians 1:18-31

Psst....Did You Hear About THOSE People?  Building Bridg-
Class News...

Cornerstone
We will serve at the Day Center for the Homeless on February 27, followed by a family night out. Our own Tommy Sharp will lead our class this Sunday. Happy birthday to Michelle Gaddis.

Disciples
We will continue our lesson “Fear less” this week. Thanks, Tammy, for our delicious treats Sunday. This week the Hathways bring them. Our thoughts are with the Harveys after the loss of their nephew.

Sunday’s lesson reminded us that “Nothing you would do will make God love you less.”

Ephphatha
Charles Dye will be our teacher this week.
We had a great lesson last week by Mike Limas, and Carol Bean the week before.

Heritage
Remember our Chili Supper and Game Night this Friday, February 1, at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in Room 320.

This Sunday Ruth Weston will conclude her series on Christianity’s Family Tree. Last Sunday Rev. Herndon taught the month of February.

Horizons
We will have a Valentine’s Dinner on February 9. The Ladies’ Trip is February 15-17.

We welcomed John and Marilyn Berry and George and Sarah Villarreal as visitors.

Journey
Look for news about our upcoming retreat in March.

This week Rocky Goins will be our teacher.
We welcomed a visitor, Madison Ropp.

Keep Lisa Meehan’s grandfather and Mark Wakefield’s father in your prayers. Last Sunday was our class’s one year anniversary! Thanks to Dr. Crowell for teaching Sunday.

Maranatha
The Triologue starts on February 3. February 11 is the Chili Supper and February 15 is Late Night Catechism. February 16 we will eat together at TiAmos.

This Sunday Dr. Charles Kimball, an expert on the Middle East, will speak on “When Religion Becomes Evil.” Hosts are Sharon Earley and the Pascoes.

Welcome to our visitor, Irene Brown.
Happy birthday to Brenda Spencer, Sarah Maldonado, Susan Rose, and Paul Giessen.
Keep Eric Green, the Shephard family, the Bundren family, Bethany, Barbara Meehan’s family, and Dan Williamson in your prayers.

Thanks to Dr. Brandon Scott for our lesson, and to the Scotts and Gabriele Blankenship for hosting Sunday.

New Covenant
Our social at the Lees’ is Wednesday, February 13, at 11:30 a.m. Bring a signed valentine. February 20 is “Another Helping” with a book review by Mary Helen Stanley.

Rob Reck will be our teacher this Sunday.

Marylyn Ledternan is celebrating a birthday.
We received news of the death of Marion Webb. Cards were sent to Martha Berkenbile and Ruth Ann Thompson.

We welcomed a visitor, Nancy Alston.

Thanks to Don Forsman for his lesson, to Bob Lees and Carol Bean for music and to June Cleverdon for the treats.

New Frontiers
Bryan Harrington will teach on Matthew this week.

Thank you to the Dills for our snacks. This week the Harringtons will bring them.

Pilgrimage
Come join in the work day on Saturday, February 2, from 11:00-2:00 for our apartment at Exodus House.

This Sunday Ellie Emmons will be with us to finish “What’s the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian.” We will focus on what we do need to believe to be a Christian.

If you are willing to chair our Mohawk Party for 2013, please contact one of the class presidents.

Roundtable
We will eat out this Sunday at Spaghetti Warehouse. Plans for the staff luncheon are in full swing.

Our next social will be March 15 in Community Hall.
Details soon. Late Night Catechism will be our “Happening” on February 15 in Jubilee Hall. Get your tickets in class.

This Sunday District Attorney Tim Harris will teach us. Norman Dietert is celebrating a birthday.

Last week Ken Tobler finished his three-week presentation on Methodist characteristics. It has been a great series.

Seek and Discover
Our teacher for February will be Judy Rowell.
Happy birthday to Terri Brannin and Pam Martin.

Last week Mark Davenport shared a lesson on his job as a group home manager. The stories were great and eye opening. He told Special Olympics stories about how these special people treat each other and about their summer camp and the miracles that he sees and on all the time. Thank you so much for sharing.

Wesley Fellowship
Rev. Howard Plowman will teach the month of February.

Thanks to Ron Marsh for his lesson last Sunday from Dietrick Bonhoffer’s The Cost of Discipleship.

We were glad to have Steve Echols, son of Louise Zeliff, with us last week.

Happy birthday to Virginia Slood and Loren Stout.

Keep Jenny Wynn, Betty Taylor, Jackie Hammerschmidt, Faye Dean Bath, and Martha Berkenbile in your prayers.

We welcomed Mary Ward and Bernice Scott back to class. Thanks to Pat and Perry Hammond for the donuts.

Journey Class celebrates first year!
Congratulations to the Journey Class on their first anniversary Sunday! “We are all very excited that it has developed into what it has,” says class member Lisa Meehan.

All young adults are invited to join them Sunday in J130.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday - February 3, 2013
8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 Communion Service
9:40 Confirmation Friends
9:40 Sunday School
10:40 Children’s Worship
11:00 Worship Service
12:10 p.m. Communion and Service of Healing
12:30 BAY Troupe rehearsal
3:00 God and Me Class
3:00 God and Family Class

Monday - February 4
9:00 a.m. Weekday School
9:30 History and Archives
6:00 Final Words from the Cross
6:00 Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers
7:15 Troop 20

Tuesday - February 5
9:00 a.m. Weekday School
5:30 p.m. Emmaus Reunion Group

Wednesday - February 6
9:00 a.m. Weekday School
9:30 UMW Executive Group
1:15 p.m. Great Decisions
5:00 Snack Supper
5:00 Jubilation Ringers

Saturday - February 9
8:30 a.m. Re-Ignite Workshop

Sunday School at a glance...

Adult Classes for Sunday, February 3, 2013
Visitors are welcome in all classes.

Dr. Biggs’ Class - Greatest Bible Stories and Passages
Cornerstone - Tommy Sharp
Disciples - “Fear less”
Ephphatha - Charles Dye
Heritage - Dr. Ruth Weston, “Christianity’s Family Tree”
Homebuilders - “Afghanistan”
Horizons - to be announced
Journey - Rocky Goins
Maranatha - Dr. Charles Kimball, “When Religious Goes Awry”
New Covenant - Rob Reck
New Frontiers - Bryan Harrington, “Matthew”
Pilgrimage - Ellie Emmons, “Christian Beliefs”
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