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Come enjoy our Chapel Choir in *Broadway Bound! A Musical Revue*



Our Chapel Choir sings every Sunday morning at 8:30 and is looking forward to the tour.

Our outstanding Chapel Choir will present a smorgasboard of hit Broadway show tunes in *Broadway Bound! A Musical Revue* this Sunday at 6:00 p.m. in Jubilee Hall. All are invited to come and enjoy a wonderful evening!

The event will begin with fellowship and a silent auction of homemade desserts at 5:00, followed by the show at 6:00. The cost is \$10 per person. Children under age six are free, and child care will be available for those who are too young to enjoy the show.

Proceeds will help cover expenses and provide partial scholarships for the choir's upcoming June tour to New York City and Boston.

If you enjoyed our youth's performances of *Barnum* (2009), *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (2008), and *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (2007), you're sure to enjoy "Broadway Bound!" It will feature songs from those three shows, as well as *Wicked*, *Annie*, *A Chorus Line*, *Legally Blonde*, and more. Every member of Chapel Choir will perform and about thirty youth will sing a solo of some type.

"I never cease to be amazed with the rich array of talent that our kids display," says director Dr. Joel Panciera. "They are amazing!"

"They are great kids, and I am so grateful – in advance – for the many ways that Boston Avenuers support our Chapel Choir."



Barnum - 2009



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat - 2008



You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown - 2007

Choir Tour Q & A

Q. How many are going on tour this year?

Over 60 youth have met the 80% attendance requirement and are planning to go on tour this year. Add adult chaperones, and the group will number 81 people - a new record, at least in the last 50 years!

Q. Why are they going all the way to New York?

The policy of the choir is to alternate shorter trips with bigger ones. This tour is unusual and is probably the most exciting these choristers will take during their whole career in Chapel Choir. The last trip to New

York City occurred in 2000 - ten years ago.

Q. How does the cost compare to that 2000 trip?

Overall it will be a more expensive trip because almost twice as many choir members are going. (Buses alone are \$2000 per day.) The cost per person is actually less - \$750 instead of \$950 - because Joel and parents have made so many arrangements themselves.

Q. Why does this trip matter to our church?

At a time when so many churches are struggling to engage their young people, B.A. is blessed with a dynamic, successful youth ministry and a great group of

talented youth. These youth are our future church leaders, and this trip is a way for our church family to say "We believe in you and are so proud of you that we want to send you out and share your talents with others."

Q. What is the value for Chapel Choir members?

The trip solidifies the group, and provides a great educational opportunity for the youth. The theme of this year's tour is "leadership," and each day they will learn by experience about a great leader of our country, or of our faith. They plan to sing at the famous St. Patrick's Cathedral;

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From the Pastor's Study

Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Thank you for making our Barton Clinton Gordey Series so special again this year. Even though the rain gauge in our back yard showed 1.5 inches of rain, you came anyway. Our 8:30 service was bigger than usual with a great showing and performance by our Chapel Choir. The Chancel Choir then appeared at 11:00 in equally great numbers with lots of energy to lift us all.

Thank you, Maranatha Class, for making the chili supper such a great success. Thank you, Horizons Class, for doing an equally-great job with the spaghetti supper on Tuesday night. We are grateful to all who ladled punch, poured coffee, served cookies by the hundreds, or cooked a delicious lunch for our Disciple Bible Study group.

Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman fed us with four outstanding presentations and was so warm and helpful in three question and answer venues.

I am confident that the Barton, Clinton, and Gordey families would have felt that their gifts were well-used in this forty-eighth presentation.

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This Sunday the lection for the second Sunday in Lent prompts the sermon title, "NAME THE ELEPHANT, OR PRETEND IT ISN'T THERE?"

B.A. family update

Baptisms



Bryson Gage Smiley and **Colt Makai Smiley**, twin sons of Tim Smiley and Jennifer Price, were baptized February 21, 2010, with Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr. officiating. They were born December 23, 2009. Proud relatives include their sister, Rain Smiley; grandparents, Mae Smiley and Bill Smiley; aunts, Brenda Smiley and Paula Gradney; and cousins, Chris and Madison Gradney and Solomon and William Smiley.

Altar Flowers

Dr. and Mrs. Bruce C. Stoesser and children in loving memory of their parents and grandparents, **David T. and Dorothy Urmston** and **Paul N. and Kathryn E. Stoesser**.

Deaths

Kenneth Eugene Davis died February 16, 2010. Services were held February 19 at First

United Methodist Church in Fairview, Oklahoma. Survivors include his wife, Joan, of Moodys, Oklahoma, and daughter, Dorothy Foster, of Ft. Collins, Colorado.

Elza Hatmaker died February 16, 2010. Private family services were held. Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Mary and David Hays of Tulsa.

Janice Backward died February 18, 2010. Services were held February 22 at Memorial Park Cemetery Chapel with Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr., officiating.

Mary Lou Ricards died February 16, 2010 in Houston, Texas. Services are pending.

Weddings

Lindsey Morgan Manduano and **Bobby Jo Williams** were married February 13, 2010 with Dr. Bill Crowell officiating. The bride is the daughter of Dr. Joey and Nancy Manduano.

Hospitalized Last Week

St. John - Chere Gibbs, Loren Melendy

St. Francis - Eleanor Jackson, Betty Mount

Audra Fogle to be Triologue presenter

B.A. Senior High youth director Audra Fogle will be one of three presenters for the final session of this year's Interfaith Triologue sponsored by the Oklahoma Conference for Community and Justice. The session will be held next Sunday, March 7, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Peace Academy, 4620 S. Irvington Ave.

The theme of year's triologue is "Youth and Religion in America." The triologue is free and open to the public.

This third and final session will focus on creating strong youth communities of faith. What works? What doesn't?

Other presenters are Ken Coughlin from Bishop Kelley High School and David Finer from B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

Dr. Bill Crowell is moderating all three sessions, and all are welcome to attend.

Volunteer registration underway

Habitat project begins March 20



Work on our church's joint Habitat project with Temple Israel and the Islamic Society of Tulsa will begin March 20, and registration is now underway. Volunteers from the three groups will work together to build two new houses side by side on West Archer for deserving Tulsa families through Habitat for Humanity.

The project is being coordinated by B.A. member John Young. Adult classes can help provide food for the volunteers, and all ages are invited to participate. Insurance requires that volunteers age 16 or younger can only help with painting or laying sod.

If you would like to participate, be sure to stop by Bishops' Hall this Sunday and sign up. Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and take registrations.

Order Easter lilies

Orders are being taken for lilies that will adorn the sanctuary altar on Easter. If you would like to purchase a lily in honor or in memory of a loved one, please call the church office, 583-5181, by Monday, March 22nd, to place your order. Cost is \$15 per plant.

Camp Egan needs

...A nice piano for the new Holiman Lodge
...Canoes and kayaks (the camp lost all of theirs to the last flood)
...Children's outdoor play equipment and a golf cart
Please contact Debbie Peterson, 699-0124, for information.

Meet our newest members

Brandi Herrmann joined Sunday. Her husband: Jason is already a B.A. member. She works for Conoco-Phillips

Jennifer Price also joined Sunday and her twin sons, Bryson and Colt Smiley were baptized. Her fiancé, Tim Smiley is already a B.A. member. (pictured with baptisms)



New Joy Circle begins Wednesday

Joy Circle, a United Methodist Women's circle specifically for "youngish" women, began last spring and meets the second Monday of every month at 10:00 a.m. It has become so popular that a second group, Joy Circle, Evening Edition, will hold its first meeting this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldersgate Room, next to the information desk. All women are invited to come learn more about the group and about United Methodist Women.

Chapel Choir

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visit Ellis Island, Ground Zero, and Wall Street; and also attend a Broadway show.

Q. Is there a scholarship need?

Yes. Several families have two or more youth who qualify for the trip and want to go. Others are struggling more than usual because of the economy. Several of our youth need financial help.

Q. How can I help?

First, come have a great time Sunday evening! You can donate or purchase a delicious homemade dessert. You might also remember this choir as your Sunday School class distributes funds. All donations are welcome!

UMW News

By Janet McCutchen Graham

The **Executive Committee** will meet Thursday, March 4, at 9:30 a.m. in the Oxford Room.

“Getting Together in Mission” will be the theme for March 7 **UMW Sunday**. Our Boston Avenue unit pledged \$6,800 to 2010 global missions serving women, children, and youth.

In Oklahoma, we continue to support Cookson Mission and Neighborhood Services Organization in Oklahoma City. Our unit also served in local mission to Burroughs Elementary, St. Luke’s Redemption Church, Eastern Oklahoma Food Bank, TU’s Wesley Foundation, and Project Transformation. Our Call to Prayer and Self Denial brought \$545. for undesignated mission giving in 2009.

In 2009 the Oklahoma Conference UMW recognized our unit with the Gold Mission Today Award, the highest achievement a local unit can receive.

Joy Circle for young women began recently and will soon have a hands-on Burroughs mission project. They are also starting an evening group for young women.

Hope Circle meets monthly for fourth and fifth grade girls’ during Sunday School, and they just completed a Valentine’s Day mission project. They will go to the Food Bank for a future mother-daughter hands-on mission project.

In addition to these new circles, seven morning and evening circles meet monthly.

2010 UMW Mission Studies will include: (Spiritual Growth) “For the Love of God” about John’s Gospel; (Social Action) “Joy to the World: Mission of Evangelism”; (Education and Interpretation) “The Beauty and Courage of Sudan”.

Have a prayer request?

Call our prayer line at 699-0158

Lectionary Readings

February 28, 2010

Psalm 22:23-31
 Genesis 9:8-17
 Mark 8:31-38
 Romans 4:13-25

Youth News!! . . .

Senior High news

It’s time to break out the poodle skirts and leather jackets! Senior High Sock Hop is Sunday, March 7th from 7:00-9:00 in Jubilee Hall. In addition to dancing, music, milk shakes, and coke floats (remember Sundays are “Little Easters” so even if you have given up pop...you can have a coke float on Sunday!!) we will also jump through the decades with a linked Xbox360 setup! 4 Xboxes...16 controllers...EXTREME GAMING!! So....there is something for EVERYONE!

This is a great event to bring a friend and introduce them to Boston Avenue! Please let us know you are coming by signing up on Facebook, texting or with a pencil in 420!

Lent continues...we were so blessed by Rabbi Zimmerman’s lesson on Sunday. I know it has changed the way I read my Bible! Did you know that you can download his lectures to your IPOD???

On a Lenten journey...Audra

6th, 7th and 8th Grade

Safe Passage, Lent 2010 is the theme of the calendar you received in the mail last week. This daily devotional is designed to help you keep Lent as a focus. It compares our life as a journey with a safe passage through Lent...safe passage through LIFE. Think of songs that compare life to a journey, or download the song, *The Wood Song*, by the Indigo Girls, are some of the ideas on your calendar. I hope you will read it daily. I will.

This coming Sunday, February 28th, is Bring your Parent to Sunday School Day for Confirmands. We will be meeting in 320 as we did last month.

Sunday evening the Chapel Choir youth have a fundraiser to help pay their way to New York City this summer. They are presenting a musical review and I can hardly wait to be in the crowd to watch them on stage. Won’t you come and support their trip and have an enjoyable evening?

Look forward to seeing you at youth on Wednesday evening and Sunday morning too!

On the Lenten journey - Debbie

Gifts and Memorials

GENERAL ENDOWMENT

In memory of Wally Wells

By: Oakley Fertilizer, Inc.
 By: G & C Fertilizer, Inc.
 By: International Commodities Corp.

By: Morrill Elevator, Inc.
 By: Benjamin and Karrel Stevens

By: Bill and Cathy White
 By: Nemaha County Coop

In memory of Tula Biggs, mother of Dr. Mouzon Biggs

By: Patricia Anderson

In memory of Lois Mott, mother of Darole Mott

By: Pilgrimage Class

ALLISON BIGGS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Tula Biggs

By: Terry and Pam Carter
 By: Martha Kuzilik
 By: Pete and Pat Stamper
 By: Jean Schneider
 By: Roger and Cookie Coffey
 By: Bill and Joanne Detamore

By: Pilgrimage Class

By: Louise Reid

MUSIC FUND

In memory of Vernon McCoy

By: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McCain

By: Louise Reid

In memory of Margaret Muir Willis

By: Pete and Pat Stamper

BUILDING ENDOWMENT

In memory of Thompson Keenan, brother of Allen Keenan

By: Roger and Cookie Coffey

In memory of Lois Mott

By: Roger and Cookie Coffey

In memory of Bertie Carter, sister of Bernice Scott

By: Martha Jo Bradley

LIBRARY ENDOWMENT

In memory of Tula Biggs

By: Gary and Patti Smith

In memory of Mary Alice Booze

By: Gary and Patti Smith

Why I ...went on the Walk to Emmaus

By Paul Staat

There are times in our lives when we stand at a crossroads, struggling to understand what God has in store, looking for some relevant source of inspiration and spiritual direction. That is where I was in 1989, emotionally battered by life’s events, going through the motions of practicing faith without truly sensing God’s presence.



Though I had confidence in God’s love for me, I was growing restless, unsure of His purpose for me. My faith was uninspired. I felt burned out, angry at others, disappointed with myself, unable to shake the feelings of loneliness, and melancholy. Forgiveness was understood on a rational level, but I felt empty.

By the grace of God, after an invitation from caring souls here at Boston Avenue, and through acts of total grace by the Emmaus community, I was lifted up and affirmed as a child of God, worthy of his grace. I began to consider that what I had to offer might be useful to God’s community of faith.

By the end of my Walk to Emmaus experience, I was recharged with a new hope and confidence. I came to understand my responsibilities as a Christian servant to God’s greater community.

I cannot guarantee that everyone’s experience will be the same, but I do not know any who experienced Walk to Emmaus without taking something profoundly positive, joyful, and spiritual away with them. I can truthfully say, without hesitation, that my call to ordained ministry was greatly influenced by my Emmaus experience.

Everyone is on a faith journey. We all have questions, fears, and doubts. At one time or another we all stand at those crossroads of faith. Perhaps a Walk to Emmaus experience is just what you need to recharge, replenish, and renew. Give it a try. Come to Bishops Hall or call me here at the church.

It doesn’t take that much time if you think about it. The Walk to Emmaus weekend is 72 hours long - only 72 hours. It can be life changing; it will be life affirming.

Sunday Worship

February 28, 2010

The Second Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Communion Service

9:40 a.m. Sunday School

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

Sermon: “NAME THE ELEPHANT, OR PRETEND IT ISN’T THERE?”

Mark 8:31-38

Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Music:

Prelude: Solemn Prelude on a Theme of Tallis.....Gerald Near
 Dr. Susan Panciera, Organist

Anthem: The Cross of Christ.....arr. Eugene Butler
 The Chapel Choir (8:30)

Create In Me a Clean Heart.....Allen Pote
 The Academy Choristers (11:00)

Offertory: My Song is Love Unknown.....arr. Cathy Moglebust
 The Festival Ringers

Postlude: Prelude in G Minor (BWV 535)..... J. S. Bach

Hymns: 178 Hope of the World
 432 Jesu, Jesu
 581 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

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

6:00 p.m. Broadway Bound! - Chapel Choir Broadway Revue

Class News . . .

Cornerstone

Keep in mind that our class will serve at the Day Center for the Homeless on May 26.

Linda Alegria will continue her lesson on "Making Contact with our God Consciousness."

Keep the Dosses in your prayers.

Disciples

Come enjoy our kids in the upcoming "Broadway Bound: A Musical Revue" this Sunday, February 28 at 6:00 p.m.

This week we will switch gears and share together one of the Nooma lessons.

Thanks to George for leading us on "Loving God."

Please join us for in-depth discussion as we share our faith.

Ephphatha

Ephphatha class is moving to the Aldersgate Room March 7.

Mike Limas will teach this week on "Anointed by a Woman in Bethany."

Carol Bean taught another wonderful lesson last Sunday. Thank you.

Please keep Loren and Loyce in your prayers.

Heritage

Thanks to Rev. Ken Tobler for his lesson on story telling. We look forward to his being with us again this coming week.

Please keep Richard Bingham and Judy Thomas in your prayers. We welcomed visitor Bob Froning.

Happy birthday to Ron Emmons, and anniversary congratulations to the Perlingieres

The Mays will bring refreshments this week.

Homebuilders

Jacques Cunningham will conclude his series on agape Sunday. He had a good lesson on the repentance-forgiveness cycle last week.

Ken Southard gave to missions for Betty's birthday.

We are thankful for Sherry Gibbs' improvement and saddened by the death of Mary Lou Ricards, a sponsor when our Homebuilders Class was started.

Thanks to Pat Hardin and Charles Herndon for leading the singing, the Morgans for the coffee, and Ron Setser for the delicious treats.

We had 28 present Sunday.

Horizons

Thanks to all who helped with the spaghetti dinner Tuesday and to the Robinetts for organizing.

The Danskins will be back with us this Sunday. We thank them for their lessons.

Happy birthday to Will Huckaby and Austin Bingham.

Thanks to the Kellys for our treats.

Maranatha

Rev. Marsha Alexander will be our teacher this week. She formerly served as a missionary to "Manos Justas Mexico."

The Dixons visited our class last week. Welcome!

Happy birthday to Ray Latchem and Julee Embrey. Karen and Art Campbell are celebrating an anniversary.

David Rose shared four great joys. A concern was also shared for a friend, Carl, who nears the end of his life.

Thanks to Debbie Peterson, our Mid High Youth Director, who helped us better understand the challenges to today's adolescents and their faith development.

Thanks to the Pam and Karey Low and Suzy and Denny Meredith-Orr for our refreshments, and to Pam for the prayer.

New Covenant

Art McGrew will conclude his month of lessons this Sunday. Thank you, Art.

Ruth Johnson and Desiree McKenzie are celebrating birthdays.

Keep Joyce Byrne in your prayers.

Thanks to Ruth Boone and Jerry Smith for leading the music, and Sue and Duane Brothers for the refreshments.

New Frontiers

The Family Bowling Social is March 6. We serve at the Day Center for the Homeless April 9.

Our lesson this Sunday will be from *Christianity's Family Tree*, by Adam Hamilton

Xander Sexton, Gil Barnhart, and Zach Barron are celebrating birthdays.

Thank you to the Halls for our snacks. This week snacks will be provided by the Lesters.

Pilgrimage

Let Nancy Campbell know

if you still need to sign up for the March 12th progressive dinner. Our "Lights On For Cookson" effort will take place in May. Thanks to Karen Gaddis for organizing this event.

Keep Deidra in your prayers. Congratulations to Guy Langston.

Thanks to Bill Crowell for his lessons from *The History of Christianity*. He will return for the final lesson this Sunday. Be sure to come join us.

Roundtable

Our International Party will be March 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Brenda Reed will give the last in her series of lessons from *Life From the Upside*.

Valerie Judkins, Jerry Abbott, and John Goodenow are celebrating birthdays.

Thanks to Joanne Colbert for leading, Brenda Reed for teaching, and the Abbotts for the refreshments.

Seek and Discover

Michelle Place will teach this Sunday on the history of Fred and Jane Clinton of the Barton-Clinton-Gordey Lecture fame.

Dick Martin celebrated a birthday, and the Phelps and Davenports celebrated anniversaries.

Keep in your prayers Dick Martin's family on the death of Dick's father; Jennifer Smith's co-worker's upcoming brain surgery, and Oneida Knepper.

Thanks to Michelle Place for teaching last week.

Wesley Fellowship

Howard Plowman will teach from *Mark* this week.

Bud Langdon and Harry Wallace are both celebrating birthdays. Congratulations.

Peggy Walters is recovering and doing well, and Betty Taylor hopes she will be back in class soon.

The class all enjoyed treats left over from last week's Valentine Party.

Young Adult

The February Social is bowling at Andy B's (81st and Lewis) on Saturday, February 27.

Judy Rowell will finish her series from *The Common People Heard Him Gladly* this Sunday. Thanks, Judy.

We welcomed a visitor, Olivia Greenman.

Black History Month display ends Sunday

This Sunday is the final Sunday for worshipers to enjoy the special display in our church library commemorating Black History Month. It was created by members of our Work Area on Religion and Race.

Be sure to stop by and see it, as it shares historical information that is most helpful to everyone.



Weekly Calendar

Sunday - February 28, 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 p.m. Broadway Bound!
6:30 p.m. Invitation to New Testament
7:00 Jesus in the Gospels

Monday - March 1

9:00 a.m. Weekday School
10:00 History and Archives
10:00 Invitation to Psalms
6:30 Boy Scout Troop 20
6:30 Disciple I
6:30 Disciple IV

Tuesday - March 2

9:00 a.m. Weekday School
9:00 Lectionary Class
5:30 p.m. Senior High basketball

Wednesday - March 3

9:00 a.m. Weekday School
1:30 Great Decisions

2:30 Invitation to Revelation
5:00 Snack Supper
5:00 Capriccio Ringers
5:00 Chorister Ringers
5:30 Religion and Race
5:30 Interfaith Concerns
5:45 Carillon Ringers
5:45 Jubilation Ringers
6:00 Joy Circle
6:00 Financial Peace Class
6:00 This I Know Class
6:30 Chapel Choir
6:30 LIFE Group for Kids
6:30 Festival Ringers
6:30 Yoga class
7:30 DTBA for Youth
7:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday - March 4

9:00 a.m. Weekday School
9:30 UMW Executive Cmte.
10:00 Program Staff
5:30 p.m. Celebration Ringers
5:30 Senior High basketball
6:00 PCCT Parenting Classes

Friday - March 5

9:00 a.m. Weekday School
10:00 Quilting for Others
5:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous
6:00 Bunco

Sunday School at a glance...

Adult Classes for Sunday, February 28, 2010

Visitors are welcome in all classes.

Dr. Biggs' Class - Greatest Bible Stories and Passages
Cornerstone - Linda Alegria, "Slow Down - Connect to God"
Disciples - George Chastang, "Three Rules for Christian Living"
Ephphatha - Carol Bean, "Witnessed by Disciples"
Heritage - Rev. Ken Tobler
Homebuilders - Jacques Cunningham, "Agape"
Horizons - Dr. Warren and Lynette Danskin, "Jesus in Movies"
Maranatha - Debbie Peterson
New Covenant - Rev. Art McGrew
New Frontiers - "Christianity's Family Tree"
Pilgrimage - Dr. Bill Crowell, "History of Christianity"
Roundtable - Brenda Reed
Seek & Discover - Michelle Place
Wesley Fellowship - Dr. Howard Plowman
Young Adults - Judy Rowell, "People Heard Him Gladly"