UMCOR head to speak at B.A.

On January 12, 2010, a catastrophic 7.0 magnitude earthquake hit Haiti near its capital, Port-au-Prince. That same day, United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Executive Director Rev. Sam Dixon and two others from the General Board of Global Ministries had gone to the Hotel Montana to meet colleagues from other agencies. Their purpose was to plan improved health services in the Western Hemisphere’s poorest country.

They were in the lobby when the hotel collapsed. Rev. Dixon died before he could be rescued.

His colleagues, the Rev. Clint Rabb and the Rev. James Gulley, were rescued. Rev. Rabb was hospitalized and later died from injuries sustained under the hotel rubble. Rev. Gulley was able to return home to Denver.

Methodist officials began a nationwide search for the right person to succeed Rev. Dixon and lead the grieving agency forward in its worldwide ministry. They chose the Rev. Cynthia Harvey.

B.A. members have a rare opportunity to meet Rev. Harvey when she comes from New York City to speak at Boston Avenue next Sunday, March 18. All are welcome to hear her at 9:50 a.m. in Room 221 (Maranatha classroom) or at 2:00 p.m. in the Asbury Room.

Rev. Cynthia Harvey

As head of UMCOR, she oversees programs ranging from international development and hospital revitalization to long-term disaster recovery and ministry with the poor.

“Serving UMCOR is indeed a great privilege,” she says. “It is a task I do not take lightly. To serve people around the world on behalf of The United Methodist Church and to bring hope to those most vulnerable is a remarkable blessing.”

As the UMC’s global humanitarian relief and development agency, UMCOR’s ministries are helping to heal hurts of humanity in more than 100 countries.

When disaster strikes, UMCOR is one of the first to arrive and often the last to leave. It provides opportunities for communities to help themselves by encouraging them to regard assistance as an opportunity, not charity, and then by working closely with them.

Examples of current ministries:

- Midwest states in the U.S. were hit hard by tornadoes just now

Mission Fair is March 18

Come enjoy the 2012 Missions Fair! The fair will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. next Sunday, March 18. Tables with mission activities and agency representatives will pack the parlor and Bishop’s Hall with giveaways, mission information, and volunteer opportunities. Get to know some of the mission efforts we support.

Pick up a Passport to Missions at this year’s Mission Fair, then get it stamped at all of our display tables as you learn more about the Church’s global mission.

(See “Mission fair” on page 4A)

Picture directories available Sunday

Boston Avenue picture directories have arrived! They will be given out beginning this Sunday, March 11, in Bishops’ Hall.

All who participated by having a picture made for the directory will receive a directory free of charge.

A limited number of extra copies are available. Those will be available to non-participants for $15 each, beginning March 18, on a first come, first served basis. The directories will be an excellent resource for getting to know other members of our church family.
Mission Fair ... (continued)

various mission programs our church supports. Free gifts will also be available.

David Stevenson, Mission Interpreter of the Bolivia/Oklahoma Methodist Ayllu, will have Bolivian crafts available, and information about Oklahoma UMC’s strong mission presence and covenant relationship in Bolivia. We will also have information on our upcoming mission to San Julia, Bolivia in July, along with information on how you can support and help prepare our team for that mission.

Cookson Hills Center will have a storefront with jellies and Native American crafts along with information about their work in the Tablequah area. Our United Methodist Women will again assist in selling Cookson doorways.

Featured tables at the Mission Fair 2012 include the Car Care assist in selling Cookson doormats. Native American crafts along with information about their work.

B.A. member Ron Marsh will present “Life and Times of Dietrich Bonhoeffer,” a historical account of the well-known theologian’s life. Bonhoeffer was living safely in America, but chose to return to his homeland of Germany during World War II. He was ultimately convicted of participating in a plot to kill Hitler, and was hanged just before the liberation.

It’s time to make reservations for Another Helping

The March installment of Another Helping will be held Wednesday, March 21, at noon. All seniors are invited to come eat a light meal for just $5.00 or bring a brown bag lunch.

Those wanting to eat the meal prepared by Sharon Cambridge and Ethel McDorman in the kitchen will need to make a reservation by March 20 by calling 918-583-5181.

B.A. member Ron Marsh will present “Life and Times of Dietrich Bonhoeffer,” a historical account of the well-known theologian’s life. Bonhoeffer was living safely in America, but chose to return to his homeland of Germany during World War II. He was ultimately convicted of participating in a plot to kill Hitler, and was hanged just before the liberation.

UMCOR .... (continued)

last week. UMCOR is already there, working within each conference to support and enable recovery for its members. The same work is being done in north Atlantic states after flooding there.

Six years after Hurricane Katrina, the New Orleans area is still recovering. Media attention is long gone, but our youth VIM team saw first-hand how UMCOR workers are still helping residents to rebuild their homes and their lives.

Other areas where UMCOR is currently working include the Philippines, where Typhoon Sendong killed over 1300 people and devastated farmlands; the Sudan, which refugees struggle after 21 years of war; and countries like India, Vietnam, Nigeria, Turkey, and Somalia.

As Haiti observed the second anniversary of the earthquake that killed 200,000 people, UMCOR’s work has been facilitated by strong connections forged over decades of service in Haiti. They and their partners are advancing work in education, health and hygiene, shelter and reconstruction, livelihoods, and capacity.

Prior to joining UMCOR, Rev. Harvey helped coordinate distribution of almost a million mosquito nets in Cote d’Ivoire in 2008 to stem the spread of malaria. She is also currently an endorsed candidate for bishop in our jurisdiction.

All young adults are welcome to a Journey Class party on March 16!

Journey Class is having a St. Patrick’s Day Eve party and all young adults - single or married in their early 20s (after college) to early 30’s - are invited.

Come join them next Friday, March 16, at 6:30 p.m. in Jubilee Hall for pizza, snacks, and FUN! The class began recently, and this is a great time to get involved.

B.A. family update

Baptisms

Kayla Lauren Phillips, daughter of Brad and Michelle Phillips, was baptized Sunday with Dr. Biggs officiating. She was born November 11, 2011, and has an older brother, Sutton Kyle.

Altar Flowers

The Roger R. Scott family in loving memory of N. Kenneth Scott, whose birthdate was March 15th.

In loving memory of Rubert Spann, whose birthdate was March 17th by Erma Spann.

In remembrance of Calion Lockridge, Sr., from Patricia and Grace Lockridge.

Deaths

John Thomas Olive died February 24, 2012. No services are planned at this time. Survivors include his wife, Jo Olive.

Robert Winters died February 28, 2012. Services were held March 2 at Moore’s Eastlawn Chapel with Dr. Bill Tankersley officiating. Survivors include daughter and son-in-law, Betsy and Harold Kelly of Edmond.

Roy James Lewis died March 2, 2012. Services were held March 7 at Boston Avenue with Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr., officiating. Survivors include his friend, Gwen Humphrey, and nephew, Michael and Teresa Lewis.

Robert J. Purinton, Sr., died March 2, 2012 in Dallas, Texas. Services will be held Friday, March 9 at 10:00 a.m. at Memorial Drive UMC in Tulsa. Survivors include wife, Neva; daughter-in-law, Janet Purinton; and granddaughter, Beth and Scott Hall.

Ray Villeneuve died March 4, 2012. Services are pending. Survivors include his wife, Nancy; brother-in-law, John and Jean Crowell; and nephew, Rev. Dr. Bill Crowell.

Hospitalized Last Week

St. John - Joanne Galloway St. Francis - J. C. Cahill, Walter Gary, Robert Magers, Curtis Parks, Maurine Perry, Handy Waychoff Hillcrest - Don Collins Tulsa Spine & Specialty - Kevin Farrell

Meet our newest members

Leigh Brinlee joined Sunday. Her mother, Jean Brinlee, and sister, Katie Anderson, are also B.A. members. Leigh is co-owner of Energy Exchanger, Inc.

Bobbie Jo Dentis also joined Sunday, and her son, Noah Tew, will be in the confirmation class next year.

Amanda Sandvig joined by baptism and profession of her faith.

Michael Estep joined Sunday by confirmation.

Brueggemann presentations now available

The church has had numerous requests for recordings of Dr. Walter Brueggemann’s excellent presentations during the Barton Clinton Gordey Series last week. Those presentations are available on DVD and on CD. The cost for the entire series is $20.

Dr. Brueggemann’s presentations are also available free of charge on our church website. Just go to www.bostonavenue.org and click on “Archived Sermons” on the left side of the page. You will then be able to choose the video you would like to hear.

Dr. Biggs’s weekly sermons are also available on that web page.

Visit our website www.bostonavenue.org
**UMW News**

*By Janet McCutchen Graham*

**Hope Circle** will gather Sunday, March 11, to study “Krik, Krak: The Story of Haiti.” a mission study through stories and activities.

**Joy Circle** will meet Monday, March 12, in J130 at 9:45 a.m. for refreshments followed at 10:00 by Rev. EvaMarie Campbell’s UMC, 1138 S. Yale Ave. for the Tulsa District UMW Spiritual Growth Evening Together to have refreshments and take part in the program at 7:00 p.m.

**Circle of Grace** will have fellowship Monday, March 12, at 6:00 p.m. in J130 followed by a Call to Prayer and Self Denial program.

**Circle W** will travel together Tuesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. to Will Rogers UMC, 1138 S. Yale Ave. for the Tulsa District UMW Spiritual Growth Evening Together to have refreshments and take part in the program at 7:00 p.m.

**PM Circle** will enjoy refreshments Wednesday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldersgate Room. Debbie Pinkerton will give the devotional and Boston Avenue Intern Minister Patricia Johnson will give the program, sharing her faith journey.

**Tulsa District UMW Spiritual Evening Together** will begin Tuesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. with refreshments at Will Rogers UMC, 1138 S. Yale Ave. The program will follow at 7:00 by the featured speaker, First UMC minister Rev. Gloria Denham-McGee.

---

**Youth News!! . . .**

**Senior High news**

I don’t want my prayer life to be like breathing through a coffee stirrer! Thank you to Tom Albin for leading our Sunday School class on prayer. We appreciated his willingness to take time with our youth.

Gratitude is overflowing this week...thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make our Teen Trialogue Hunger Banquet a success. We hosted over 70 students at Boston Avenue from our Tulsa interfaith community, and we learned that issues of hunger and poverty unite us all.

Next week is our final week of the Trialogue. We look forward to touring a traditional Jewish kitchen at B’nai Emmununah and then working together at the Eastern Oklahoma Food Bank.

Join us this week on Sunday morning as we continue to seek ways to provide oxygen for our souls and learn more about prayer - 9:40-10:40 in 420.

In ministry together - Audra

---

**6th, 7th and 8th Grade**

Our United Methodist Wesley brothers said “God does nothing apart from prayer.” It was good on Sunday morning for us to be with Rev. Tom Albin, our guest speaker from the Upper Room, who taught us more about how to pray. It helps us on our journey towards Easter. We are so fortunate to have great speakers come to us from around the United States.

Friday evening is our Mid-high Lock-Out. We are ready for an all-night extravaganza! We meet at Boston Avenue at 7:30 for check-in, then board our buses and off we go. We will return to B.A. some time in the wee hours and parents will pick up their youth at 7:00 Saturday morning.

This Sunday our Confirmands will get a tour of the church with Brenda Reed during Sunday School. We always look forward to seeing places we have never been. Don’t be late!!! Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, so set your clocks forward an hour before you go to bed.

Our DTBA on Wednesday, March 14th, is a visit with Dr. Biggs. Mark your calendar for 7:00 p.m. on the third floor. It is sure to be an informative evening!

Love, Debbie

---

**Be sure to spring forward!**

Daylight saving time begins at 2:00 a.m. this Sunday, March 11! Be sure to move your clocks ahead Saturday evening so that you won’t be late to Sunday School or church.

Daylight Saving Time in the United States was first observed in 1918. Since 2007, it begins on the second Sunday of March and ends on the first Sunday of November.

---

**Gifts and Memorials**

**GENERAL ENDOWMENT**

In memory of William R. Thomas
  By: Bill and Joanne Deta-more

**ALLISON BIGGS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

In memory of Roy James Lewis
  By: Jim and Patsy Witt

---

**What would it be like? ...**

Boston Avenue students and others gained a greater appreciation for living conditions around the world Sunday at the Teen Trialogue sponsored by the Oklahoma Conference for Community and Justice. Sunday’s session included a “hunger banquet” at which students were randomly chosen to eat a meal as an upper-class, middle class, or poverty-level person. “Rich” students were served a feast (at right), while “middle class” youth went through a line but had enough. Students in the poverty group at rice and water on the floor, with girls being served last. Students then discussed their experience.

---

**Sunday Worship**

March 11, 2012
The Third Sunday in Lent
9:30 a.m. Communion Service
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
  Sermon: “JESUS KNEW BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE!”
  The Rev. Dr. Mouzon

Biggs, Jr.

**Music:**

Prelude: Adagio (Suite Modal) ……………………… Flor Peeters
  Dr. Susan Panciera, Organist

Offertory: I Want Jesus to Walk with Me ……… arr. Brian Childers
  The Jubilation Ringers (8:30)
  I Want Jesus to Walk with Me ……… arr. Lynn Peterson
  Dr. Susan Panciera, Organist (11:00)

Anthem: Forty Days and Nights ………………… Michael Bedford
  The Academy Choraliers (11:00)

Communion Music: Because You Came ……… Amanda Husberg
  The Chapel Choir (8:30)

Turn Back, O Man …………………………… Eric Thiman
  The Chancel Choir (11:00)

Postlude: Chaconne …………………………… Louis Couperin

Hymns: 168   At the Name of Jesus
  415   Take Up Thy Cross

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

Cornerstone
This week Dr. Richard Wansley and Mr. Michael Brose will speak about mental illness.
Happy birthday to Ross McLaughlin and Andrew Crabtree.

Disciples
This Sunday we will continue our video series by Adam Hamilton, “The Final Words of Christ.” Come and join us for this special Lenten series.
Thanks to Lon for leading our discussion on Jesus’ conversation with the thief on the cross.
You missed biscuits and gravy if you weren’t here last week. There will be something just as scrumptious when the Holmes bring treats this week. You won’t want to miss it.

Heritage
Michelle Place will continue her lessons on evil this Sunday. We thank her for her good lesson last week.
Jim Lee is celebrating a good lesson last week.
Sunday. We thank her for continuing her lessons on evil this week. We thank her for her good lesson last week.

Journey
Next Friday, March 16, is our St. Patrick’s Day social at 6:30 p.m. in the Jubilee Center for pizza and snacks.
Judy Rowell will continue her lessons on “The Gospel According to Disney and Dr. Seuss” the next two weeks.
We welcomed Alex Facklam as a visitor.
Keep Cathy McGehee in your prayers.

Maranatha
Dinners for 8 are signing up.
Happy birthday to Ruth Giessen, Kenny King, Barbara Loyd, and Kendall Carpenter.
Visitors last Sunday were Bobbie Rembhir, Colin Rainey, and Karen, Pam’s sister from Nebraska. Welcome all and please come back.
Happy birthday to Graham and Barbara.
We welcomed Betty and Ken Southard’s sister-in-law Margaret and Jan Fitzgerald’s son Tim as visitors.
Gifts to missions were given by Carl Cartwright for his recovery from shoulder surgery and by June Cleary in celebration of her triplet great-grandchildren’s first birthday.
Please remember Sue Powers.
Thanks to Wanda Franks for our treats, Marita and Ralph Morgan for the coffee, and Donna Cartwright and Marita Morgan for leading our music.

Homebuilders
We will have a spring party Saturday, March 17 at 2:30 p.m. in our classroom, J222.
We thank Dr. Bill Crowell for teaching last Sunday and look forward to his being with us again this week.
We welcomed Betty and Ken Southard’s sister-in-law Margaret and Jan Fitzgerald’s son Tim as visitors.
Gifts to missions were given by Carl Cartwright for his recovery from shoulder surgery and by June Cleary in celebration of her triplet great-grandchildren’s first birthday.
Please remember Sue Powers.
Thanks to Wanda Franks for our treats, Marita and Ralph Morgan for the coffee, and Donna Cartwright and Marita Morgan for leading our music.

Ephphatha
- "The Final Words from the Cross"
- Dr. Richard Wansley and Dr. Michael Brose
- Michelle Place
- Judy Rowell
- Judy Avcrill
- Dr. Bill Crowell
- Dr. Don Forsman
- Rev. Harold Hickman
- Ken Southard’s sister-in-law Margaret
- Jane Fitzgerald’s son Tim

New Covenant
- Dr. Warren Danskin is teaching us during the month of March on “The King James Bible.”
We welcomed Ruth Hawk, daughter of Elizabeth Mercer, as a visitor.
Kathryn Landrum and George Fenn are celebrating birthdays.
Thanks to Dot Kelly for the treats and Carol Bean and Jerry Smith for leading the music.

New Frontiers
This Sunday Scott Barnhart will teach on Passover.
Thanks to Kris Hooper, who was able to join us.
Keep the Halls in your prayers on the death of Beth’s grandfather.

Pilgrimage
Thanks to Sally Carter for arranging our Dilly Deli outing.
Thanks to Ron Marsh for his lesson, “The Cost of Discipleship.” We will continue this topic on Sunday.
Please continue your prayers for Carol’s mother, who is healing and doing well.

Roundtable
The Mexican Train Party is this Friday, March 9, at 6:00 p.m. in Community Hall.
Thanks to Dr. Don Forsman for his lesson last Sunday. He will continue this week.
We welcomed a new member, Judy Avcrill.

Seek and Discover
Don’t forget about Daylight Savings Time. Set your clocks so you don’t miss church.
Dr. Jennifer Smith will teach this week, “Get into Greek,” about the influence of Greek philosophy on Christianit.
Happy birthday to Graham and Barbara.
We honored our class members who are in UMW: Beverly, Laura, Sandra, Sherry, Oneida, Sue, and Terri.
Thank you, Jennifer, for your lesson on the Bronze Age, Epic Poetry and the Iron Age.
Congratulations to Laura, who will be a part of the Bolivia Mission trip.

Wesley Fellowship
Our potluck supper is March 15 at 5:30 p.m. in Community Hall.
Rev. Ray Hickman will speak this week on the History of Tulsa Metropolitan Ministry.
Please keep Walter Gary, Mary Ward, and Beth VonDrehle in your prayers.
Happy birthday to Eldon Powers.
Thanks to Rev. Ray Hickman for his lesson last week.
Thanks to Rev. Harold Reynolds and Philelle Mckbrayer for the music.

Happy 75th Anniversary!
Congratulations to B.A. members Dorothy and E. L. Thomas, who celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on February 25. Their advice for young couples: love each other, laugh a lot, work out problems together, and trust God. (photo by John McCormack)

Weekly Calendar

Sunday - March 11
8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:30 Communion Service
9:40 Faith Academy
9:40 Sunday School
10:00 Girls’ Hope Circle
10:00 God’s Lightning Bolts
10:40 Children’s Worship
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 p.m. Communion and Service of Healing
1:00 Teen Triadoue
2:00 Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30 BAY Troupe rehearsal

Monday - March 12
9:00 a.m. Weekday School
10:00 Joy Circle
6:00 p.m. Circle of Grace
6:00 Men’s basketball practice
6:00 Invitation to Psalms
6:30 Invitation to John
7:15 Troop 20

Tuesday - March 13
9:00 a.m. Weekday School
6:00 p.m. UMW Circle W

Wednesday - March 14
9:00 a.m. Weekday School
1:30 Great Decisions Class

5:00 Snack Supper
5:00 Jubilation Ringers
5:00 Capriccio Ringers
5:00 Senior High Music Team
5:50 Festival Ringers
6:00 Chapel Choir
6:00 LIFE Group for Kids
6:00 Yoga
6:00 Jesus and the Parables
6:30 SS Teacher training
7:00 UMW PM Circle
7:00 Carillon Ringers
7:00 Chorister Ringers
7:00 Middle School DTBA
7:00 Senior High DTBA
7:00 BAY Troupe rehearsal
7:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday - March 15
9:00 a.m. Weekday School
10:00 Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m. Celebration Ringers
5:30 Wesley Fellowship potluck
5:30 Senior High basketball
6:00 PCCT Parenting Classes

Friday - March 16
9:00 a.m. Weekday School
5:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous
5:30 GamAnon

Sunday School at a glance...

Adult Classes for Sunday, March 11, 2012
Visitors are welcome in all classes.

Dr. Biggs’ Class - Greatest Bible stories and passages
Cornerstone - Dr. Richard Wansley and Dr. Michael Brose
Disciples - “The Final Words from the Cross”
Ephphatha - to be announced
Heritage - Michelle Place
Homebuilders - Dr. Bill Crowell
Horizons - Dr. Howard Flowman
Journey - Judy Rowell
Maranatha - Rev. Jeff Jaynes, Restore Hope Ministries
New Covenant - Dr. Warren Danskin, “King James Bible”
New Frontiers - Scott Barnhart, “Passover”
Pilgrimage - Ron Marsh, “Cost of Discipleship”
Roundtable - Dr. Don Forsman
Seek & Discover - Dr. Jennifer Smith, “Get into Greek”
Wesley Fellowship - Rev. Ray Hickman, Tulsa Metro. Ministry