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**Pastor's Study
4A**



**Blessing of
Animals 4A**



**Weekday
staff 8A**



Singing in a choir: "completely worth it!"

The following are thoughts from Chapel Choir member Lauren Aycock and from Chancel Choir and Festival Ringers member Debbie Pascoe. New members are welcome in all choral ensembles:

From Lauren:

Of all the activities at church, Chapel Choir is easily my favorite! Now that I've been in it for a year, there are so many reasons I'm glad I joined!

One of my favorite parts is that I get to meet different people than I normally see at Sunday School because, when we're singing, we aren't divided by grades! Coming to choir also gives me an excuse to see my friends on Wednesdays.

Besides all of that, I've learned a lot about singing and how to read music. Even if you aren't wild about getting to church bright and early to sing on Sunday mornings, it ends up being completely worth it!

From Debbie:

I have a distinct memory of discovering my singing voice as a kindergartner in Mrs. Neff's Sunday school class at St. Paul's UMC, on Cherry Street in Tulsa. All of the children had gathered to sing "All Things

Bright and Beautiful," and I realized that my voice was tracing the lilting melody of that beautiful hymn. I think I literally bounced out of the classroom that morning. What fun it was to sing, to make music!

In the years that followed, that congregation taught me to read music and ring handbells, and they encouraged me when I began to play the flute in my school band. These musical experiences were all interwoven into my Christian education and into my understanding of how we worship God. Music became a part of me in that church.

Fast forward to nine years ago when my family came to Boston Avenue. We had always been members of small congregations. This big church to which we felt so drawn was yet so (dare I say) scary. How would we fit in? How could we do our part?

For me, it was a matter of reaching for what I knew: the music. I was nervous at those first rehearsals with Chancel Choir. I understood there was a long tradition of high caliber singing from fine musicians. My first Sunday was quite a culture shock, yet I remember thinking, "Wow, I get to do this again next week!" And I did do it the next

You are invited to the United Methodist Women's **Fall Mission Tea**

Thursday, September 16 - 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
at the home of Dr. Spencer and Mary Wheeler Brown
1327 East 26th Street

*All money collected at the tea
will be used for UMW missions.*

Incredible Years eases parents' stress, increases effectiveness

- "Every parent should take this class. I gained the ability to be more understanding and know how much responsibility I have in forming their behaviors."

- "This program has helped both of us, in different ways, understand what is important to children and we are better able to give our child what she needs."

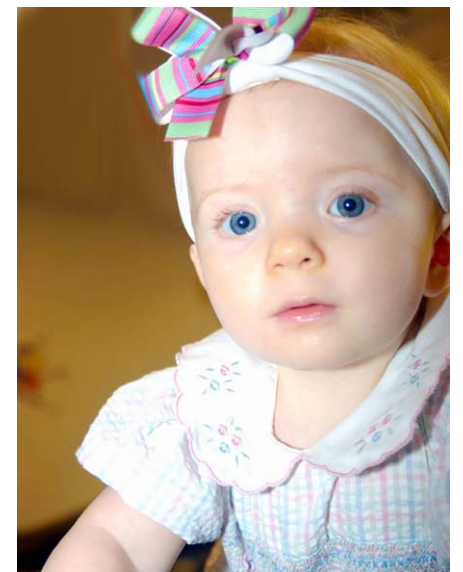
- "I feel more 'in tune' with my children - closer to them and more in control."

These are just a few comments from parents who have participated in **The Incredible Years**, an effective, popular parenting course being offered by our Weekday School on Monday evenings from 5:30-8:00 beginning September 13. The course is specifically designed for parents and caregivers of children ages two to eight.

The Incredible Years is taught by Tulsa Health Department Child Guidance Specialists. The 12-week course includes techniques to reduce stress and increase confidence for parents and to increase children's social and conflict management skills. It also minimizes unnecessary commands by parents and increases children's academic engagement, school readiness and cooperation.

Registration is limited and the class is filling quickly. Call Patty Banes, 699-0112, to reserve your place!

The cost, \$25 per caregiver or \$50 per couple, includes a handbook, child care, and dinner for parents and children in child care.



Raising children like this precious little one is an awesome responsibility. (Photo by Jeff Sexton)



From the Pastor's Study

Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

AAA has been predicting that more Americans will travel at least fifty miles from home this coming weekend than did on Labor Day weekend last year. However, most of us will be in town. If all of us who are in town will be in Sunday School and church, Boston Avenue will have a great third Sunday in our fall "Great Days at B.A.!"

I receive the church newspapers of a number of our denomination's largest churches. In many of them the senior minister takes off on low-attendance Sundays - the Sunday after Christmas, the Sunday after Easter, Memorial Day weekend, Fourth of July weekend, and Labor Day weekend I preach all of those Sundays at Boston Avenue Church, and I will be preaching this coming weekend.

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In Sunday's lection Jesus has ventured into Lebanese territory. Just a few weeks ago the trimming of a tree on the Israeli-Lebanese border resulted in automatic weapons fire and several deaths. It was a hostile border in Jesus' time too.

My sermon will be "OKAY, I DON'T BELONG - HELP ME ANYWAY!"

B.A. family update

Baptisms

In memory of my parents, **Raleigh** and **Nina Eastham**, whose birthdays were September 11th and September 18th, by Barbara Lilienthal.

In loving memory of **Wally Wells**, whose birthday was September 6th, from Diane, Doug and Sherri, Patrick and Valerie, Eric and JuLee, and the grandchildren.

Deaths

Vernon Miller died August 19, 2010. Services were held August 23 in Mound Valley, Kansas. Survivors include his wife, Shirley Miller; sister, Leona Seboldt; grandchildren, Michael Miller and Michelle and Eddie Mann; and two great-grandchildren.

Geri Lane died August 24, 2010. Services were held

August 30 at Moore's Memory Chapel in Tulsa.

Jacob Lowen died August 24, 2010. Services were held August 27 at Reynolds Rose Hill Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Bill Tankersley officiating. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, of Tulsa; sons, Patrick and Susan Lowen, and Daniel and Kelly Lowen; grandchildren, Matthew, Marc, Grace and Jessica Lowen, and four additional grandchildren.

Hospitalized Last Week

St. John - Ron Gray
St. Francis - Jean Dittrich, Paul Fitzgerald, Alana Franke, Payton Franke, Liam Franke, Jeffrey Jordan, Vesta Leak, Carl Osterhout, Michael Pennington, Benjamin Pinkstaff
Hillcrest - Joan DeVilbiss
SouthCrest - LeRoy Bath

Singing in a choir (continued from page 1A)

week, and the week after that, until singing in the Chancel Choir at Boston Avenue became a part of me, too.

Each week I get to make a small contribution to the glorious worship service. The anthems we rehearse for hours permeate my thoughts throughout my work week. Friendly choir members who welcomed me in those first weeks

have become close friends.

These past nine years have held countless moments when my voice has traced the alto part of a beautiful anthem, and I have felt so connected to those dear folks at St. Paul's, to the saints of the Chancel Choir who have gone before, to the robed friends who sing with me, and to the God we all worship. I am grateful.

Meet our newest members

Monica Crow joined Sunday. Her husband David and parents-in-law, Don and Linda Crow, also B.A. members. Monica is a registered nurse with Cancer Treatment Center of Oklahoma.

Rusty Coffey and **Connie Dingle-Coffey** joined Sunday as well.

Robert and **Sandi Franklin** and their daughter **Hannah** joined Sunday. Robert is Associate Superintendent at Tulsa Technology Center and Hannah is a student at Northeast State University.

Celia Threlkeld joined Sunday by baptism and profession of faith.

Classes earn attendance honors

Twenty-three classes earned recognition on the second Sunday of this year's attendance campaign.

Those whose attendance surpassed their average Sunday during last year's campaign include Preschool 1, 9th Grade, 11th Grade, Pilgrimage, Heritage, Homebuilders, and Dr. Biggs' Bible Class.

Classes whose attendance was better than their best Sunday during last year's campaign are Nursery 1, Cornerstone, Roundtable, New Covenant, and Wesley Fellowship.

Superachievers who surpassed 110% of last year's best Sunday are Infants/Toddlers, Nursery 2, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, 5th Grade, 6th Grade, Horizons, Disciples, and College & Career.

Have a prayer request?

Call our prayer line at
699-0158

Two great opportunities coming!

Two outstanding opportunities for learning and fellowship are coming the week of September 19! The first is sponsored by the School of Continuing Education Committee for all ages and the second is the first of a new monthly program for seniors.

Update on the National Military Academy of Afghanistan: What's in store for the future

By Dr. Bill Crowell

Come to Community Hall on Tuesday, September 21 at 2:00 p.m. for delicious dessert and a talk by Jim Wilhite, who spoke at an SCE Forum Luncheon last year about his special work in Afghanistan. The event is free and all are welcome.

After the presentation he will sell and autograph copies his new book, *We Answered the Call*, which shares a story of success and hope through Operation Enduring Freedom.

Mr. Wilhite recounts his amazing story, from the shock of an unexpected deployment to the tribulations of life in a war zone. Despite the chaos, he and his dedicated team of Afghan, American, and NATO colleagues used their diversity, savvy, and drive to overcome all obstacles and build a symbol of hope for the people of Afghanistan.

"Another Helping" begins for seniors

By Rev. Paul Staat

All seniors age 65 and older are invited to "Another Helping," a new program that combines food, fun, fellowship and facts.

Beginning at noon on the third Wednesday of each month (except during SCE), Another Helping offers lunch and a speaker covering a topic of interest - culture, travel, the arts, health and wellness issues, legal advice, and independent living help.

Our first "helping" begins on September 22nd at noon in Community Hall. The Rev. Richard Whetsell from the Alaska Missionary Conference will share an interesting look at the challenges and joys of mission and ministry in Alaska.

At this gathering, folks will be asked to submit ideas for future programs that are relevant and important to them. A light lunch will be offered at \$5.00, or you can "brown bag" it.

This event is especially for our senior members. We need your input in order to make this successful. Please plan to join us.

Blessing of Animals draws variety of pets

Cats, dogs, gerbils, an iguana, and even a skink (a type of large lizard) came to the Blessing of Animals service with their owners last Sunday. Participants were also generous in bringing donations for pets of underprivileged families. (Photos by Sue Venable)



UMW News

By Janet McCutchen Graham

September Circle meetings: Wednesday, September 8 - Circle of Grace will meet at 6:15 p.m. in the Asbury Room. Betty Alsabrook will discuss the UMW Reading Program.

PM Circle will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldersgate Room for refreshments with hostess Mary Blakey. Jane Deal will give the devotional, then Carol Bean will present the Spiritual Growth study, "Food and Faith."

Thursday, September 9:

Alpha G will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the little dining room. Elise Woolsey will present "For the Love of God."

Circle B will gather at 9:30 a.m. in the Oxford Room for coffee. Julia McDonald, Director of Pearl's Hope for homeless women and children, will give the program at 10:00.

Circle E will enjoy refreshments and a planning session at 10:00 a.m. in the home of Clara Perkins, 11719 E. 22nd Street.

Circle H will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Methodist Manor pool room. Hostess is Phillele McBrayer, assisted by Joanna Waters and Martha Berkenbile. Phillele will also share her trip to Southeast Asia.

Monday, September 13:

Joy Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Aldersgate Room for a scrapbooking party and refreshments. Bring pictures from the summer and work together on filling out our scrapbook. The Circle's September mission is to collect school supplies for children. The program will include a review of a UMW magazine article.

Circle W will meet at 5:00 p.m. at the District UMW Annual Meeting at Memorial Drive UMC, 15th Street and Memorial Ave. This replaces their usual September 14 meeting.

Lectionary Readings
September 5, 2010
Psalm 125
Isaiah 35:4-7
Mark 7:24-37
James 2:1-10, 14-17

Great Day of Mission . . .



Senior Highs worked and sweated together as they cleaned out an attic for fellow B.A. members, helped with the open house at Burroughs Elementary, prepared and delivered meals, and served at Redemption Church as part of their Great Day of Mission last Sunday. Great work!

Youth News!! . . .

Senior High news

Welcome Back to DTBA!! Looking forward to seeing everyone back from 7:00-8:00 on Wednesday nights! It's a great faith boost in the middle of the week!

Next week, September 8th, get ready for a BLAST! Josh Ritchey, trivia extraordinaire..will be with us on Wednesday evening. Get ready to LAUGH!! It's *fun* to be back together again. See you in 420!

Upcoming events:

Wednesday, Sept. 8- DTBA with Josh Ritchey! 7-8 in 420
Saturday, September 11- Tulsa District Battle of the Bands at the Tulsa District Campgrounds in Wagoner.

- Great Music, Food, Camp Friends, Swimming, Volleyball and Ultimate Frisbee! Cost is \$10 at the campground. Vans leave from Boston Avenue at 11:30 - return by 9:00.
- Friends welcome. All participants need a signed medical/transportation release on file. (*available for download from the website or pick up on the fourth floor*)

Sunday, September 12- Planning Meeting, 3:30-6:30! Be there to give your input on how we spend our time together this year! Watch for more details.

Register Now for the **Heifer International's Global Village Retreat** on October 16th and 17th. Forms available on the fourth floor. Sixteen spaces remaining.

Attendance campaign is going strong. Freshmen in the lead. Sophomores and Seniors on their heels! Get out the cell phones - invite your friends!

See you in church on Sunday! - Audra

6th, 7th and 8th Grade

We have new acolytes trained and ready to be part of our worship services this year. Thank you to last year's confirmation class for a tremendous job every week of helping with our worship services.

Thanks also to our acolyte coordinator, Loyce Robbins, who helps every week to see that you have your robes, lighters, the cross, and gives you that extra confidence before you walk down the aisle. Your part in the service is very meaningful and appreciated by the congregation.

Sunday is Labor Day weekend and some families have plans to be out of town for a holiday. For those who are in town, we will be ready for you on the third floor at 9:40. Every Sunday is like a little holiday on the third floor to me, and I hope you will join us!

Wednesday evening programs are on the move. DTBA, our midweek youth ministry, meets from 7-8:00 most Wednesday evenings. We are starting off with "**Destination Unknown.**" Hop on our vans and no one know where we will land (except me, of course). Our second Wednesday will find us playing games in the Boston Avenue Park. Meet us at 7:00 in Bishops' Hall.

Our school year is off to a great start and I look forward to being part of your lives this year.

I remain faithfully yours, Debbie

Bible studies begin September 13

Disciple Bible Study and Invitation classes begin the week of September 13, unless otherwise stated, and enrollment continues Sunday in Bishops' Hall. Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions, and all are invited to participate in the class of their choice.

Full Disciple Bible Study courses (30-32 weeks):

Disciple I - Sundays, 6:15 p.m. - taught by DeAnn McArtor
Jesus in the Gospels - taught by Sue Venable on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. beginning September 20th

Christian Believer - Sundays at 1:30 p.m. - taught by Carol Grim and Judy Rowell

Overview of the Bible (James Efird Series) - taught by John Crowell on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

Short courses (8-10 weeks)

Timothy & Titus - Dr. Don Forsman, Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m.

Invitation to Romans - Dr. David Robbins, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Invitation to New Testament, led by Marian Sexton on Tuesday evenings, 6:00-7:30, beginning October 19th

Invitation to Genesis - Rob Morgan - Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Invitation to John - led by Sheila Van Hersh on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. - *begins Feb 28th, 2011*

COC barbecue helps area children

By Janet McCutchen Graham

A Barbecue and a Dessert Cookoff will be highlights of the Circle of Care Friendraiser Festival, "Celebrating God's Children," on Saturday, September 18, 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Faith UMC.

The event will increase awareness of the Circle of Care facilities and Tulsa District Superintendent Rev. Mike Chaffin will be Master of Ceremonies. The festival will also include a silent auction, fun concessions for all ages, and a drawing for a quilt.

Tickets will be available Sunday in Bishops' Hall. Cost is \$7 for a barbecue plate or \$2 for a child's hotdog plate.

Sunday Worship

September 5, 2010
The Second Sunday in Kingdomtide

9:30 a.m. Communion Service

9:40 a.m. Sunday School

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

Sermon: "OKAY, I DON'T BELONG - HELP ME ANYWAY!"

Mark 7:24-37

Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr.

Music:

Prelude: Meditation Charles Lefebvre
 Dr. Susan Panciera, Organist

Anthem: The Lord Is My Shepherd Henry Smart
 Sarah Jenkins & Erin Studebaker (8:30 & 11:00)

Offertory: Intermezzo Herman Schroeder

Anthem: How Firm a Foundation..... Emma Lou Diemer
 The Chapel Choir (8:30)

Awake, My Heart Jane Marshall
 The Chancel Choir (11:00)

Postlude: Festive Entrada David Lasky

Hymns: 178 Hope of the World
 265 O Christ, the Healer
 385 Let Us Plead for Faith Alone

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

Class News . . .

College and Career

We will go to Dave and Buster's after the 11:00 worship service on September 12.

This week Rob Morgan will continue his lesson, "The Green Church." We enjoyed the comfortable atmosphere of meeting in the Youth Lounge in Jubilee Hall. We hope to see everyone there this week.

Welcome to Allie Campbell and Becca Bratcher.

We were superachievers and got to stand up in worship.

Cornerstone

Dr. Bill Crowell will be joining us this Sunday and for the rest of September.

Thanks to Angie Hooper for our wonderful lesson series on forgiveness.

Thanks to Ross and Kasi for the yummy treats Sunday.

Disciples

We conclude our Nooma series this week. Come be a part of this thought-provoking lesson.

Last week Mike led our discussion on how God wants us to live - between the trees.

Our class continues to grow. Come join us.

Heritage

Thanks to Joel for his lessons on music in worship.

Linda Jones will teach us this Sunday.

The Duncans, Waychoffs, and Roberts are celebrating anniversaries this week. Happy birthday to Mary Hawthorne.

Barbara Berklacy and J. C. Cahill hope to be back soon.

We have been invited to the Bertrem home at Ft Gibson for a picnic on Saturday, Sept. 11. Contact Marlene to sign up.

Thanks to Evelyn for the treats. The Gorzkiewiczzes are scheduled to bring them Sunday.

Homebuilders

Rev. Charles Herndon will teach this week on "Ten Gospel Promises for Later Life."

Paul Fitzgerald, Bob Bowker and Norvall Smith are better. Keep Jeanne Parnell and Elizabeth Smith in your prayers.

June Cleary gave to missions for returning to class.

Dr. Bill Tankersley taught Sunday on the early church.

Thanks to Elizabeth Smith

for the goodies and Lynn Bartlett for the coffee. We had 28 present.

Horizons

We will donate to the Good Samaritan Fund this month.

Brenda Reed will teach us in September with "Eight Life-Enriching Practices." The Porters will bring treats Sunday.

We welcomed visitors Susan Robinett's mom, Christina O'Neal, and Nancy Graham's friend.

Happy birthday to Benjamin Pinkstaff and Becky Porter.

We are glad Paul Staat is feeling better and was able to be with us. Thanks to the Wonderlys for our treats.

Maranatha

We're looking forward to David Carpenter's Disciple Bible study return this Sunday.

Last Sunday brought great food and an interesting lesson by Dr. John Thomas from Phillips.

Happy birthday to Andrea Davis, Allene Donley and Ginny LeDoux. Bill and Susan Thomas and Skip and Paula Scott are celebrating anniversaries this week.

New Covenant

On September 12 we will have a sing-a-long at 2:00 p.m. at Bob and Maxine Lees' home.

Dr. Howard Plowman will be our teacher this Sunday.

D. J. Tomasi visited us last Sunday. Welcome!

Happy birthday to Don Forsman. Marilyn Spencer has a new great-granddaughter. Keep Joan DeVilbiss in your prayers.

Many thanks to Dr. Crowell for his lessons and to the Paul Johnsons for hosting the ice cream social.

Bob Lees and Sue Brothers led the music, Dot Kelly gave the prayer, and Betty Hudson and Ruth Ann Thompson brought the refreshments.

New Frontiers

On September 25 we will have a family social at the zoo. Stay tuned for more details.

Mary Ann Emmons will be our teacher this Sunday.

We welcomed visitors Sara West, Mandy, and Lauren.

Happy birthday to Maggie Linn.

Mary Ann Emmons taught us Sunday on young children and the church.

Pilgrimage

Are you ready for dinner out? Plan to join us at Ted's the third week of September.

Our thanks to Tom Campbell for his lesson on productive discussions with others.

Sunday will be our Labor Day brunch. We look forward to great fellowship.

Lynn Peacher asked for prayers for Jamie Ward.

We welcomed Steve and Doris Dixon. Come again soon.

Roundtable

We will serve at the Day Center for the Homeless on September 10. Our class's Golden Anniversary is November 12-14, and our Christmas party is December 19.

George Deal, David Robbins, and Joanne Emmons are celebrating birthdays.

Judie and Johnny Cherblanc and Mary Lou Porter will bring refreshments this week.

Seek and Discover

Several in our class helped serve at the Day Center for the Homeless. Great job!

This Sunday Dr. Jennifer Smith continues teaching about ancient origins of our traditions in both church and government.

Oneida Knepper is doing great now.

Wesley Fellowship

Our ice cream social will be at Pearl Rhoads' home on September 19 at 6:00 p.m.

We welcomed A. C. and Judy Proo and Lloyd Wood as visitors.

Marge Neal is celebrating a birthday, and Clint and Mabel Fuhrmann are celebrating an anniversary. Shalom.

Gifts and Memorials

GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Burt Tyler

By: Harry L. Seay, III

By: Betty McGranahan

To honor Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr., on his 30th Anniversary

By: Jean Gomez



Weekday staff hosts Open House

Our Weekday School staff will host an Open House this Tuesday at 5:00 p.m., then school begins the following morning. The preschool for ages 6 months to kindergarten is headed by Patty Banes and has been voted one of Tulsa's best.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday - September 5, 2010

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:30 Communion Service

9:40 Faith Academy and

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

Monday - September 6

Church closed - Labor Day

Tuesday - September 7

12:15 p.m. Weight loss group

4:30 Weekday School

Open House

Wednesday - September 8

9:00 a.m. Weekday School

5:00 p.m. Snack Supper

5:00 Jubilation Ringers

5:30 Interfaith Concerns

5:30 Religion and Race

5:45 Capriccio Ringers

5:50 Festival Ringers

6:00 Chapel Choir

6:00 LIFE Group for kids

6:15 UMW Circle of Grace

6:30 Yoga class

7:00 Middle School DTBA

7:00 Senior High DTBA

7:00 Carillon Ringers

7:00 Chorister Ringers

7:00 UMW PM Circle

7:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday - September 9

UMW Groups -

See "UMW News"

9:00 a.m. Weekday School

10:00 Program Staff

6:00 p.m. PCCT Parent Class

Friday - September 10

9:00 a.m. Weekday School

5:30 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

6:30 Respite Care

Saturday - September 11

1:00 p.m. BAY Troupe Rehearsal

Sunday School at a glance...

Adult Classes for Sunday, September 5, 2010

Visitors are welcome in all classes.

Dr. Biggs' Class - Greatest Bible Stories and Passages

College & Career - Rob Morgan, "The Green Church"

Cornerstone - Dr. Bill Crowell

Disciples - Nooma series

Heritage - Dr. Joel Panciera, "Christian Worship"

Homebuilders - Rev. Charles Herndon, "Gospel Promises"

Horizons - Brenda Reed, "Eight Life-Enriching Practices"

Maranatha - David Carpenter, "Invitation to New Testament"

New Covenant - Dr. Howard Plowman

New Frontiers - Rev. Mary Ann Emmons

Pilgrimage - brunch

Roundtable - Dr. David Robbins, "Synoptic Gospels, Part III"

Seek & Discover - Dr. Jennifer Smith, "Constantine"

Wesley Fellowship - Rev. Mary Ann Emmons