

On Easter Sunday, April 8, we will celebrate together with breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00. We are asking members to sign up to bring breakfast casseroles and other good morning treats so that we have plenty to share. The Deacons will provide juice and coffee. Please see the sign-up poster in the hall. An Easter egg hunt will follow, so bring your appetites and your baskets!



Holy Week Activities Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 1st, 10:55 A.M. Welcome Jesus into Jerusalem with our Youth Palm Parade and special music provided by handbells, choir, and organ. Communion will be served.

Maundy Thursday, April 5th, 7:00 P.M. Meet Jesus at the Last Supper and follow him through the night hours to his crucifixion. Nursery will be provided.

Good Friday, April 6, Rev. Evans and designated elders will be offering the sacrament of communion to any who are unable to attend worship. If you know of someone who should be included, please contact the church office.

Easter Sunday, April 8^h, Alleluia, the Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

9:00 A.M. – Potluck Breakfast

10:00 A.M. – Easter Egg Hunt

10:55 A.M. – Worship; Celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord.

SHARING BRINGS JOY TO OTHERS, TO GOD, TO US. One Great Hour Of Sharing Offering Taken on Easter Sunday, April 8^h. Over 60 years of generosity from churches helping those less fortunate. The offering is distributed to the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People. Use your fish bank and the calendar of giving this month to collect change for the offering.



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU IS EXTENDED....

From the kitchen to the choir loft, from the east entrance flower beds to the columbarium, volunteers could be found March 24th working to get our facility ready for Easter. A big thank you to Lisa and Larry Upton, Emily Ryther, Paul and Erica Phelps, Joan Cole, Mike and Karen Girdner, Eileen Burke, Donna and Harry Wright, Doris Hinson, Trudy Beard and Rev. Evans, for spending your Saturday at Memorial.

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS The **2nd Wind Coffee House**, a campus ministry of the Presbyterian Church USA, located at 564 Buchanan St. on Campus Corner, will offer a monthly presentation and discussion from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm on:

April 12 - FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING **When Christianity Becomes Lethal**

May 10 - FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING **Christianity and Theology**

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There will be a **Tapestry meeting** next month on April 17 at 1PM at the church.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, April 15, 2012

An Afternoon of Culture, Fine Arts and Music

First Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City

Bert Seabourn, one of Oklahoma 's premiere artists, will exhibit selected paintings at First Presbyterian Church , N.W. 25th and Western, in OKC on Sunday afternoon April 15, 2012. The exhibit will be in the parlor of the church at the east end of the building near the chapel from 1:30 to 4:00. Bert will be there to greet you. Bert's humor and sensitivity bloom in his expression through paint. And did you know he is a sculptor? Event sponsored by Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church .

Following the art exhibit, there will be a Kemp Concert Hymn Fest with organ at 4:00 in the sanctuary. The program will feature Dr. Mark Lawlor, organist, recently retired from Oklahoma State University .

A Franciscan Benediction

May God bless you with DISCOMFORT ...

At easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,
So that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with ANGER ...

At injustice, oppression and exploitation of people,
So that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with TEARS ...

To shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war,
So that you may reach out your hand to comfort them
And to turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough FOOLISHNESS ...

To believe that you can make a difference in this world.



Dear Friends,

This April seems to be a month of contradictions for us in the church. Each year as we go through the liturgical year, we spend six weeks in Lent, pondering the path Jesus walked for us. Many people take on a special discipline that brings them closer to God and prepares them for the joy to come.

Holy Week, the week between Palm Sunday and Easter, brings with it its own sense of journey as we focus on the last week of Jesus life.

The worship committee has planned beautiful and meaningful services which will assist us in our Lenten journey. On **Palm Sunday, April 1**, we will begin by focusing on the triumphant entry into Jerusalem which is quickly forgotten as the betrayal and suffering take center stage.

Maundy Thursday, April 5th, will be a moving service in word and meditation. Visual displays will identify the story of Jesus' last week, and we will share in the Lord's Supper as we move to the darkening of the sanctuary and the focus on Good Friday and its suffering.

Easter Sunday, April 8th, will be a bright and welcome celebration of the Resurrection. I am looking forward to getting acquainted with the traditions that comprise Easter at Memorial. It is a great day to welcome all those who choose to worship that day, and who choose to worship at Memorial. Every one who walks through the door is a true blessing to us.

Another celebration will take place on **Sunday, April 22nd at 4:00** when I am officially installed as your pastor. This worship service is an action of Indian Nations Presbytery; ministers and elders from around the presbytery will participate and attend. Memorial hasn't installed a pastor for over 25 years, so this is a big deal for us all! I am excited about introducing you as a congregation to the friends and colleagues I have in the presbytery. Following worship there will be a reception in Fellowship Hall.

I am struck by the seeming disconnect of a worship on one day that focuses on death and suffering, followed soon by a worship that is full of joy and possibilities for new beginnings. Yet, our God is not a God who is one dimensional. God is our God in the midst of pain, and God is our God in the greatest joy, too. There is nowhere we can go, no experience we can have, that can take us away from God's love and grace.

We celebrate the God who loves us enough to send the only Son to be one of us on earth, living and experiencing joy and sorrow, to know us infinitely well.

I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Grace and peace,
Tracy

“In the Garden”

In 1912, as Charles Austin Miles grabbed his Bible, it opened to John 20. Reading the account of Mary Magdalene outside the garden tomb where Jesus' body had been laid, Miles felt powerfully that he was there. Inspired, he quickly wrote the poem “In the Garden” and later composed the music.

This hymn might seem sentimental and trite, if understood to refer to just any garden. But the song takes on profound meaning when recognized as Mary's personal encounter with the living Lord.

And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
And he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known!

One didn't

Three men were tried for crimes against humanity. Two committed crimes.
One didn't.

Three men were given government trials. Two were given fair trials. One
wasn't.

Three men were whipped and beaten. Two had it coming. One didn't.
Three men were given crosses to carry. Two earned their crosses. One
didn't.

Three men were mocked and spit at along the way. Two cursed and spit
back. One didn't.

Three men were nailed to crosses. Two deserved it. One didn't.

Three men agonized over their abandonment. Two had reason to be
abandoned. One didn't.

Three men knew death was coming. Two resisted. One didn't.

One, two, three men died on three crosses. Three days later, two remained
in their graves. One didn't.

—Author unknown

Easter's promise

'Twas by a path of sorrows drear
Christ entered into rest;
And shall I look for roses here,
Or think that earth is blessed?
Heaven's whitest lilies blow
From earth's sharp crown of woe:
Who here his cross can meekly bear,
Shall wear the kingly purple there.
—L.B. Cowman, Streams in the Desert

The Clerk's Corner

Session met March 29th and took the following actions:

1. Approved four major offerings for 2012 -
 - A. Joy Offering (during Advent)
 - B. One Great Hour of sharing (during Lent and Easter)
 - C. Pentecost (May 27)
 - D. Peace Making (October 7)
2. Approved delivering communion on Good Friday to those unable to attend worship.

- "Faith does not struggle; faith lets God do it all." —Corrie ten Boom
- "I've long since stopped feeling guilty about taking 'being time'; it's something we all need for our spiritual health, and often we don't take enough of it." — Madeleine L'Engle

Tuesday April 17th 4:00 P.M. lecture entitled "Disciples and Citizens; Christian Commitments, Religious Diversity, and the Public Sector" by Dr. Harold Netland, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. A free lecture at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History. Part of the Presidential Dream Course, Honors College, and Religious Studies Program of O. U.

In case you haven't heard...**Dwight Mission has begun fundraising for a \$4 million** renovation of its campus in eastern Oklahoma. Two phases are involved:

First, to restore the Administration Building (now the Heritage Center) into conference rooms, staff offices, museum space (yes there's a LOT of historic items pertaining to Dwight in storage) and to bring the third floor 200-seat auditorium into the 21st Century. The Walton Family Foundation has offered Dwight \$500,000 a year for two years as a matching grant. The first year ends June 30, 2012 and we have raised \$265,000. Any contribution, large or small, will be matched dollar for dollar by this grant. Naming opportunities are available for rooms in the building and for the building itself.

Second, is phase two which targets building a brand new lodging facility with motel-style rooms and adjoining baths. A new drive, parking and maintenance and repair endowment are included in the cost.

For more information: Johnna Thurston, Campaign Chair
dmlegacy@dwightmission.org, [918-697-5505](tel:918-697-5505)

Donations can be made on the website www.dwightmission.org and monthly pledges can be set up by calling the camp: [918-775-2018](tel:918-775-2018). You can also mail a contribution to the address below:

Dwight Mission Camp & Retreat Center
C/O Legacy Capital Campaign
100995 South 4590 Road
Vian, OK 74962

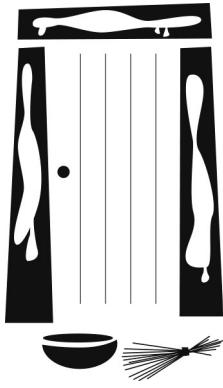
Thank you so much for your care in supporting Dwight Mission!
Johnna Thurston, Chair
Dwight Mission Legacy Capital Campaign

COLLEGE CONNECTION AT MO-RANCH.....Are you a college student?

Do you know any college students? College Connection, more so than anything, has been a chance to relax and recharge, both in faith and friendship. After classes and finals, nothing does more to get me fired up than spending an entire week with some of my closest friends in one of the most amazing places I've even been. I grow in my faith, I make friends, and I staff my summer in the best way possible. Jared Hoaldrige, University of Texas

Early Registration total cost is \$332. After 3/15/12 add \$25. \$75 will reserve your spot at the early registration cost. **Scholarships are available!**

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DOORPOSTS

The image of a doorframe marked with blood comes from the Old Testament Passover account, when the Israelites prepared to flee slavery in Egypt. God directed them to slaughter lambs for a final meal and paint their doorposts with the blood. God sent the Angel of Death to kill the firstborn sons of Egypt, but the blood on the Israelites' doorposts served as a signal that the Destroyer should "pass over" those homes. Likewise, the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God, saves us from eternal death.

A reason to celebrate

In rural Nebraska in the early 20th century, three of the four Koontz children died of diphtheria in one week. On the following Easter morning, the parents and surviving child attended church. Because Mr. Koontz was Sunday school superintendent, he read aloud the Easter message. Although many people wept, he and his wife stayed calm.

Later, a boy walking home said, "The Koontzes must really believe the Easter story."

His father answered, "All Christians do."

The boy replied, "Not the way they do!"

—Homiletics

Where was I?

Our young son often asks where he was when something significant happened before he was born. "Where was I when you two got married?" "Where was I when Nana died?" And even "Where was I before I was inside your body?"

My response is always "You were in God's heart." God said as much to Jeremiah: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you" (Jeremiah 1:5, NRSV).

A Good Friday spiritual asks plaintively, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" Clearly none of us was present when Jesus died. Yet as we worship on Good Friday, we place ourselves at the cross, where Jesus bore our sins.

"Where was I," we might ask our heavenly Father, "when they crucified Jesus?" I'm confident that God's tender answer is "You were in my heart." Indeed, only because of our place there did Jesus go willingly to the cross — and rise to assure us of everlasting life.

—Heidi Mann

Easter Island

Rapa Nui is the current Polynesian name of a South Pacific island where Dutch explorer Jacob Roggeveen landed in 1722. He'd been searching for a place named "Davis Island" or "David's Island" but found this instead. Arriving on Easter Sunday, he called it Paasers, which is Dutch for Easter.

Roggeveen wasn't the first person to discover something unexpected on Easter. When the women went to Jesus' tomb early on the first day of the week, they expected to find a sealed cave or, if they could move the stone door, a corpse. They expected to pour out their grief and anoint their dearly departed's body. Instead, they found an open and empty tomb — and soon after, Jesus, very much alive.

With God guiding our journey, life is full of joyful surprises.

The Urban Mission item of the month for **APRIL** is **macaroni and cheese**. Please place your donations around the pulpit.

The Deacons and Kitchen crew are asking for some help in resupplying the kitchen. Many things are either worn out or broken. With spring cleaning happening at our homes, maybe some of the “good stuff” that we don’t use anymore could find a home in Memorial’s kitchen. Listed below are some much needed items:

Wish list

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| Spider | Tongs |
| Kitchen shears | Medium whisk |
| Large bowl | Money |
| Extra large salad bowls | Meat thermometer |
| Knives—non-serrated | Stainless steel bowls |
| Large cooking pots | Funnel |
| Large slotted serving spoons | |

If money is collected, we hope to buy new linens for the tables. We will have a table set up in the fellowship for displaying our new items as they are donated. Thank you all, The Deacons and The Kitchen Crew

Dwight Mission 2012 summer camp schedule

| DATE | CAMP | GRADES |
|------------|--------------------------|--|
| May 25-28 | Family Camp | All Ages |
| June 3-9 | Elementary Camp I | 3-5 |
| | Junior High Camp I | 6-9 |
| | Sr. High Ozark Adventure | 9-Grad |
| June 3-16 | Leader-in-Training | 10-12 |
| June 10-13 | Tiger Camp | 3-4 |
| June 10-16 | Discover Camp | 3-4 |
| | Explorer Camp | 5-6 |
| | Jr. High Ozark Adventure | 6-9 |
| June 24-30 | Elementary Camp II | 3-5 |
| | Junior High Camp II | 6-9 |
| | Counselor-in-Training | 12-Grad |
| July 8-14 | Junior High Camp III | 6-10 |
| July 8-21 | Two Week Camp | 6-12 (Cabin groups by age) |
| July 14-15 | Weekend Adventure | 6-10 (If registered for JHC III and NOC, WA is FREE) |
| July 15-21 | Night Owl Camp | 6-12 |
| July 22-26 | Senior High Gathering | 10-Grad |
| July 23-27 | Day Camp | 1-4 |



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

04/21 Steve & Angie Martin

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 04/02 Chester Ngonge
- 04/04 Bill Storm
Nicoline Sama
- 04/05 Shirley Carey
- 04/17 Rose Kuntz
- 04/13 Stacey Meredith
- 04/14 Don Pedro Ngonge
Charlotte Lovett
Alex Leseney
- 04/19 Doug Forsyth
- 04/25 David Lanning
- 04/28 Becca Thrailkill
- 04/29 Mike Beard



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!.... or not

We keep a very special file
On every sir and miss
And now, we're asking for your help
On one thing, and it's this:

If we don't have your birthday date
We don't know what to do
You won't be in the Messenger
That's mailed each month to you.

We can't send you a birthday card
Perhaps a birthday call
Or sing (off key!) the birthday song
Or wish you well at all.

If you tell Elaine she'll put you on
Her special "birthday page"
Then tell us all when it's "your day"
But she won't tell your age!

Bible Quiz

All four gospels tell of Jesus' resurrection, but each gives a different list of women as the first to arrive at the empty tomb. Which woman appears in all four accounts?

- A. Joanna
- B. Mary, the mother of Jesus
- C. Salome
- D. Mary Magdalene
- E. Mary, the mother of James

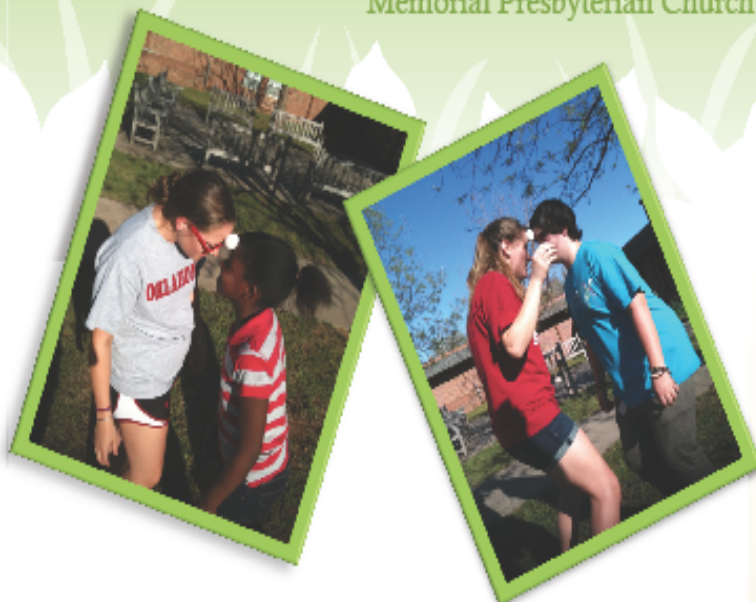


Answer: D (See Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:1; Luke 24:10; and John 20:1.)

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Youth Group

Memorial Presbyterian Church



Always Having Fun!

"What's so great about being a part of a youth group? I have friends at school and much better things to do with my time."

I hear this all the time, and it's so hard to explain sometimes what really is so great about a church youth group. Everyone has different reasons for participating. Someone may need a friend, someone may need a stronger connection to God. Someone may need a group of people who will always be supportive no matter what. Ask one of our teens why they think youth group is important, and find out for yourself!

Important Dates

April 8
EASTER – NO YOUTH!

All Youth need to be at church in the morning to help with an Easter egg hunt.

April 13-15
YOUTH QUAKE

No youth group the evening of the 15th!

April 1, 22, 29
Check the calendar!

Look at our youth bulletin board to see our upcoming youth activities!

Youthquake Bound!

On April 13-15 many of the youth will be headed out to Hinton, OK (Canyon Camp to be exact) to participate in the annual Youthquake Presbyterian Retreat. This is a great spring event that comes toward the end of a long school and really serves to refresh tired minds and renew spirit and faith. Our very own Bre Upton and Kay Martin were part of a planning team called YAKs that made decisions about Youthquake and will help to put on the event. Watch for the May Newsletter to see some pictures from this awesome retreat!





The purpose of the gospel

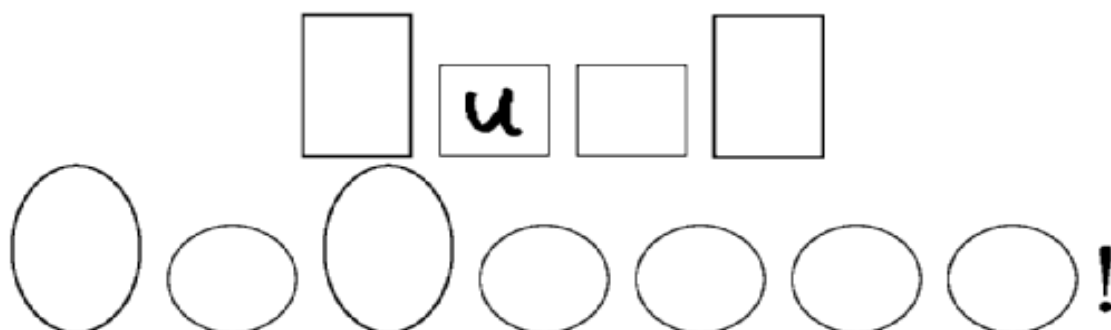
The gospel of John records many signs and miracles that Jesus performed in front of his disciples. Discover why these were written.



Directions: Use a Bible to fill in the missing letters of John 20:31. Then write the shape-enclosed letters in the corresponding boxes and circles below, in order of appearance, to discover John's message.

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 be ing ou m y
 ha e lif i hi na e."

JOHN 20:31, NIV



Answers: "... believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."
 Just Believe!



2012
April

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| 1 Celebration of the Lord's supper 10:55 A.M.  Be Fed!  Palm Sunday Deacon Meeting | 2 Boy Scouts 7:00 PM | 3 | 4 LWV 11:30 am—1:30 PM Library Regular Scheduled Activities | 5 Serve at FFF 10:00 AM  MAUNDY Thursday | 6   GOOD FRIDAY | 7 |
| 8  EASTER ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING NO YOUTH GROUP | 9  He is RISEN Boy Scouts 7:00 PM | 10  MISSIONS COMMITTEE Mission and Evangelism Committee 6:00 PM C E Committee 7:00 PM | 11 Regular Scheduled Activities | 12 Building and Grounds 7:00 PM | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Deacons Meeting Stewardship Committee 5:30 pm | 16 Boy Scouts 7:00 | 17 Tapestry Meeting 1:00 PM at church | 18 Regular Scheduled Activities | 19 Deadline for May Messenger OK. POLIMER 7:30 AM—10:00 PM PENNY JO COUCH FELLOWSHIP CE Committee Mtg. 6:30 PM | 20 3 DAY CLAY 7:30 AM—10:00 PM HALL AND THE | 21 RETREAT RETREAT 7:30 AM—10:00 PM LOGOS ROOM |
| 22 LOGOS CHOIR 4:00 PM INSTALLATION OF REV. TRACY L. EVANS | 23 Boy Scouts 7:00 PM | 24 Session Meeting 7:00 PM | 25 Regular Scheduled Activities | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 Boy Scouts 7:00 PM | | | | | |

SUNDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday School - 9:30 AM
Fellowship and Refreshments - 10:30 AM
Worship Service - 10:55 AM
Youth Group -5:00-7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

LOGOS - Recreation 3:00 PM
Wednesday Night Dinner 5:45 PM
Youth In Motion (6th—12th) 6:00 PM
Chancel Choir 7:30 PM