

Memorial Messenger

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Latest News

The **Urban Mission** items of the month for May are cereal and dried milk. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

New Sunday School Class: A new book study begins Sunday, May 5th, in the Library at 9:30 A.M. The publication to be discussed is *The Ten Commandments from the Back Side*, by J. Ellsworth Kalas. "The Back Side" means looking at the Ten Commandments from a different perspective than we have in the past. Kalas asserts that these Commandments suffer from bad press — i.e., that many have tried to convince us that God imposed these laws on us in order to keep us from enjoying life. He says that is not at all the case — the Ten Commandments are a gift from a loving God. Come and find out what he means.

All women and girls in elementary school and older are invited to the **Women of the Church Tea** on May 11 — see page four for details.

Congratulations to our graduating High School seniors, Esebe Masango, Jessie Stuart, and Breanna Upton.

We had a fantastic **Spring Clean Up** day on April 20th. Our building looks great! The Boy Scouts came and did an amazing job. They worked so hard and got so much done to help us. Thanks also to our members who helped: Harry and Donna Wright, Mike Girdner, Jim Rodriguez, Eileen Burke, Larry and Lisa Upton and their girls, Tracy Evans, Bill and Norma Taylor and anyone else I've missed. Thanks from the Building and Grounds Committee. — Trudy Beard

Thank you to all who volunteered or donated items for the church yard sale on April 27. With your help, we raised \$867.56 for the Camps and Conferences fund.

Please join us for a **Pentecost** service on May 19 and for a **Memorial** service at the columbarium after worship on May 26.

Window repairs: We are almost ready to move forward with repairs to the faceted-glass windows in our sanctuary. On April 28, the congregation approved a motion to re-allocate funds that were originally designated for A New Face on 24th (fund 222-11; Building Campaign) in the amount of \$20,174.00 to the Capital Improvement Campaign (fund 222-10), so that a portion may be used to supplement the monies in the Facet-Glass Windows Repair fund. We expect the work to begin in June. We will need to vacate the sanctuary for several weeks while the work is ongoing, and will worship in the Fellowship Hall during that time. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

From the Pastor's Desk

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.
Matthew 18:20

Dear Friends,

What a full month it has been at Memorial!

- Easter
- Chili Cook-Off
- YouthQuake
- Spring Clean-up Day
- Yard Sale

Just in the last month! But that's not all. You've heard several Moments for Mission in worship, speaking to a few of the ministries we support through donations of time, gifts, money and prayer.

Choir practice, Sunday School, Kids Club and meetings continue, as well. Nearly every day of the month, a community group is using our building.

All these things are examples of a healthy, vibrant church.

In all of this, did you notice that I only mentioned one worship service? Worship is the center of our existence as a church. We are called to gather together as a community to worship the God who loves us, forgives us and feeds us at the table.

Worship is just the beginning, though. Any time we come together, we are "church"; we are the body of Christ. As we connect to one another, as we support one another, as we laugh, cry and discuss together, we are working through God's purpose for us. The next time you are with others from the church, think about what it means that God's Holy Spirit is there with you, too.

Let us call on the name of Christ in all that we do together.

Looking forward to seeing you in worship, and seeing you as the body of Christ in the world!

Peace,
Tracy



Clerk's Corner

Session met on Tuesday, April 16 and voted to approve the following:

1. The session voted to call a congregational meeting for Sunday, April 28, immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain approval to re-allocate funds that were originally designated for A New Face on 24th (fund 222-11; Building Campaign) in the amount of \$20,174.00 to the Capital Improvement Campaign (fund 222-10), so that a portion may be used for the repair of the faceted-glass windows.
2. Session voted to approve repair of the sanctuary stained glass windows up to \$42,595.
3. Session voted to approve a request from The League of Women Voters to use the fellowship hall on Saturday, May 4, 11 A.M. — 1:30 P.M.

The next meeting of Session will be Tuesday, May 21, 2013.

Joan Cole
Clerk of Session

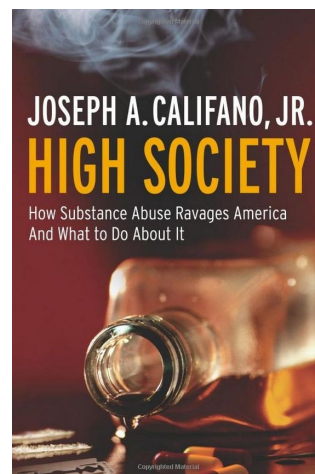
2013 Stewardship Update:

January 1 to April 30, 2013

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2013 Budget
Pledges	\$42,818.70	\$48,554.64	\$145,664.00
Other Income	\$10,282.89	\$19,999.64	\$59,999.00
Total Income	\$53,101.59	\$68,554.28	\$205,663.00
Total Expenses	\$62,412.99	\$68,553.56	\$205,663.00

Book of the Month

The May book of the month is *High Society*, by Joseph A. Califano. The author raises the question "How substance abuse ravages America", and then gives suggestions about what to do about it. This book calls for society as a whole — schools, governments, churches, and the media — to recognize that our children are at risk. In this book, he embraces a vision of an America that could be liberated from substance abuse. During the Carter Administration, Califano was Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. He is currently chair and president of the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University.



This book will be available in the Library during the month of May.

Fellowship and Hospitality Committee

May Events



*You're Invited
to Our*

Women of the Church Tea

Come join us on Saturday, May 11 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the fellowship hall for a Ladies' tea. There will be finger sandwiches, cookies and scones and other delightful sweets. There is a signup sheet by the church office or you can RSVP Linda Rodriguez at Lindarod51@sbccglobal.net for those who would like to attend. . . . and friends are welcome to attend too. Hats are encouraged, but not required. Come join us for tea and fellowship and remember. Pinkies up!

The Fellowship and Hospitality committee is looking into having Memorial Presbyterian Church T-Shirts made. Watch for more information on the t-shirts for ordering your new MPC shirt.

RedHawks Baseball ! ! ! !

Indian Nation Presbytery is hosting family night with the RedHawks at the Bricktown Ball Park on Friday, May 31 at 7:00 pm. If the Memorial T-Shirts are in we are encouraging those who are going to wear their T-shirts. Play Ball ! ! ! !



Though the deadline to sign up has passed, there may be extra tickets. Let the office know if you're interested in going.

Chorister's Corner

Hello friends. It's your friendly neighborhood choir director.

Summer is just around the corner, and you may never have noticed; but with all the travel and such that takes place after school gets out it is sometimes awfully difficult to keep the choir together.

So this is a call to action to all of our closet musicians.

I would like you to consider one or both of the following options for this summer, between the Sundays of June 2 and August 11:

Join the choir! The anthems we do in the summer months tend to be simpler and much more doable for the novice chorister.

Bring your special musical talents to worship. I would love to have people we never get to hear sing solos, play instruments, or even do liturgical dance.

That's not too scary is it?

Please come find me at church this Sunday and let me know what you would like to do this summer to help keep worship exciting.

Accordions and harmonicas welcome!

Peace,
Vince

HAPPY CINCO DE MAYO!

Cinco de Mayo, or the 5th of May, commemorates Mexico's victory over the French at The Battle of Puebla in 1862. It has been a celebration of Mexican culture ever since.

This year Cinco de Mayo occurs on the first Sunday in May and offers many Christians in North America the opportunity to commune with our collective Mexican heritage.

Like St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo is a growing annual event when many celebrate our diverse cultures and experiences. More and more Cinco de Mayo festivals are taking place throughout the United States – celebrating the event with brightly colored decorations, live music, dancing, and, of course, authentic Mexican food. — Tim Mauldin



YOU'RE INVITED

TO A BABY SHOWER

For Rachel Forsyth Klenda and Michael Klenda

Sunday, June 2

2:00 P.M.

Memorial Presbyterian Church

It's
a
Girl!

The Klendas have registered for their baby girl at Target and
BuyBuyBaby.com



News from Indian Nations Presbytery

The Presbytery Council is now known as the Mission Strategy Group (MSG). Moderator Tim Blodgett passes along the following information.

Resource People and Social Witness – MSG is in the process of creating a presbytery-wide directory of resource people with knowledge in areas of mental health, homeless assistance, hunger programs, utilities aid, healthcare services, assistance programs for returning veterans and military families, resources for Native Americans, prison ministries, and more to aid churches as they come in contact with individuals in need. If you are skilled in one of these areas and would not mind being contacted by pastors and other leaders in the presbytery for assistance, MSG would appreciate receiving your contact information. MSG is also collecting names of individuals with interests in particular social witness concerns, such as the death penalty, healthcare reform, gun control, gender issues, domestic violence, etc. to aid work in these areas, as well. Please contact Pastor Tracy at tracylevans4@sbcglobal.net or at 329-3640 with contact information.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Team - MSG is exploring the possibility of forming a new Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Team for Indian Nations Presbytery. If you are willing to commit to volunteering your time and skills in this area, please contact Pastor Tracy with your information.

Oklahoma Tri-Presbytery

June 7-8, 2013 • First Presbyterian Church, Norman

The church is located at 555 S. University Boulevard, Norman, Oklahoma.

The Tri-Presbytery gathering begins with worship at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 7, and concludes at noon on Saturday, June 8. For the complete schedule, see page eight.

Theme: “CPR”.....Change, Passion, Risk.....

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. — John 17:20-21

Speakers: Rob Fohr, young adult catalyst, Presbyterian Mission Agency Board & Joyce Lieberman, associate for Constitutional interpretation, Office of the General Assembly. The preacher on Friday afternoon will be the Rev. Dr. Steven Marsh, interim executive pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City.

Registration available at www.okinp.org/register. Cost: \$25 per person.

Registration deadline: Friday, May 24, 2013

TRI-PRESBYTERY SCHEDULE
June 7-8, 2013
First Presbyterian Church, Norman
Theme: “CPR”.....Change, Passion, Risk..... – John 17:20-21

Friday, June 7		
8:30am	CHECK-IN, REGISTRATION and COFFEE	Atrium
9:00 – 9:40am	Board of Pensions presentation – Kevin Keaton	Chapel
9:40am	Break	Atrium
10:00am	WELCOME by moderator of Indian Nations Presbytery	Sanctuary
	OPENING WORSHIP led by Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery	
10:40am	Break	
10:50am	INTRODUCTIONS and REPORTS Exhibitors Synod of the Sun Second Wind / Video – Josh Hammel Dwight Mission – Jenna Campbell	Sanctuary
11:45	Grace & Instructions for lunch and afternoon meetings	
12:00pm	LUNCH – (no food or drink in Sanctuary and Chapel)	Alexander Hall
1:00pm	PLENARY – Joyce Lieberman	Sanctuary
2:15pm	Break	
2:30pm	PLENARY – Rob Fohr	Sanctuary
3:45pm	Break	
4:00pm	WORSHIP led by Indian Nations Presbytery	Sanctuary
5:15pm	Break, Visit Exhibits, Hotel Check-in	
6:15pm	DINNER – (no food or drink in Sanctuary and Chapel)	Alexander Hall
7:30pm	CONCERT AT SECOND WIND COFFEE HOUSE	
Saturday, June 8		
	BREAKFAST at area hotels	
8:20am	CHECK-IN and INSTRUCTIONS	Sanctuary
8:30am	PRESBYTERY MEETINGS	
	• Cimarron Presbytery	Westminster Room
	• Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery	Chapel
	• Indian Nations Presbytery	Sanctuary
11:00am	OPEN MIKE	Sanctuary
11:30am	CLOSING WORSHIP led by Cimarron Presbytery	
12:00pm	ADJOURNMENT	



Dwight Mission Camp and Conference Center

[www.dwightmission.org/\(918\) 775-2018/sara@dwightmission.org](http://www.dwightmission.org/(918)775-2018/sara@dwightmission.org)



Where can you be a Hero?

Looking for an exciting experience that will build memories for a life time? Look no further. Dwight Mission is the place for children, youth,

and families to begin lasting friendships; make positive memories; and build a solid faith foundation. Campers are nurtured in a positive, Christian environment. This emotionally safe place is perfect to build lifelong friends.

Dwight has many camps available for children to attend.

Please check dates online to see which adventuresome week your child can participate in!!!

“Challenging”

“Exciting”

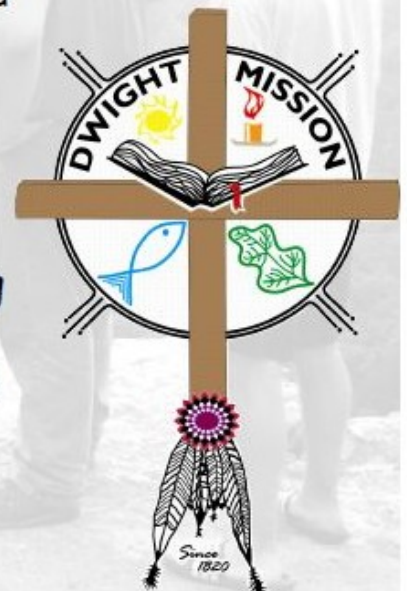


**Register Online
Today!**

www.dwightmission.org

Scholarship funds are available

“The BEST week of my
summer!”



Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing

Bob Clarke

Jayelle Martin

Karen Upton

Kenny and Danielle Comer (Mike Girdner's niece and her husband)

Cody Derryberry (son of Carl Forthman's co-worker Renee)

Margaret Forthman (Carl & Julie Forthman's sister-in-law)

Phil Grimes (friend of Charlotte Lovett, in hospice care)

Judy Haworth (Jayelle Martin's sister)

Todd Sherrill (former co-worker of Paul Upton, diagnosed with lymphatic and thyroid cancer)

Peggy Strunk

Congregation of Grace Presbyterian Church, OKC

Prayers Answered

George Sites (Georjana Mauldin's father) has been doing well.

Kate Yost's (Dave and Tamara Iske's niece) cancer markers are at an all-time low, and her port was scheduled to be removed on April 30.

To receive prayer requests by email,
please contact Janice Crump at:
janicec11@cox.net

May Birthdays

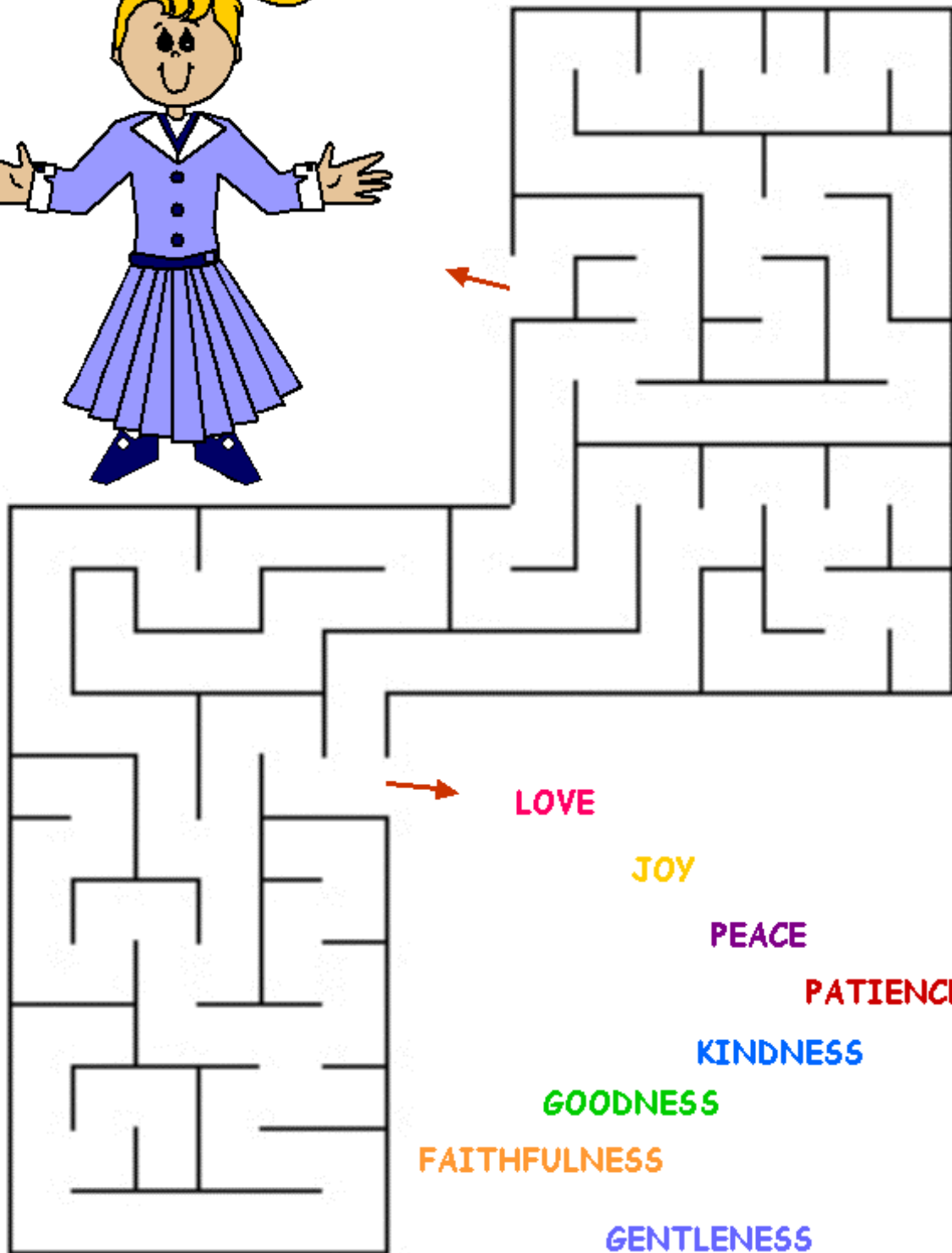
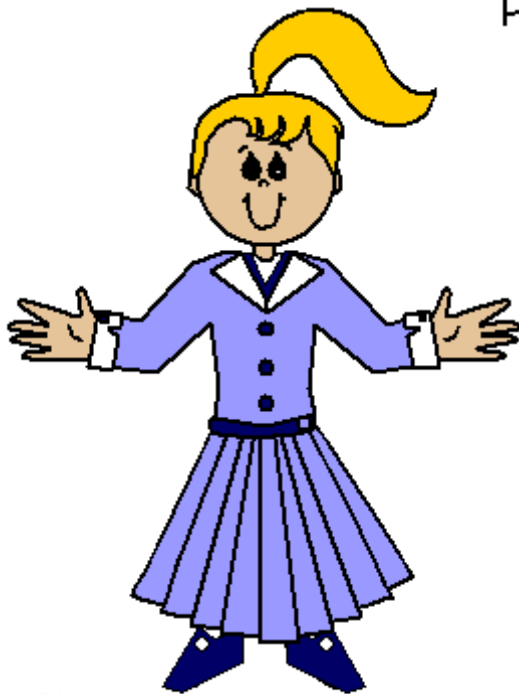
May 2	Chris Sivuilu
May 3	Ann Forsyth Rachel Bradley
May 5	Jayelle Martin Nate Adams
May 8	Steve Martin
May 9	Breanna Upton
May 10	Laure Sivuilu
May 13	Paige Girdner
May 16	John Silman
May 17	Herve Sivuilu
May 21	Mike Girdner Denise Jones (Jayelle Martin's daughter)
May 22	Madison Thiessen
May 25	Janice Crump
May 26	Barbara Hudson
May 27	Chelsea Thiessen

May Wedding Anniversaries

May 5	Jody & Heather Yeager
May 11	Bob & Sandy Clarke
May 14	Paul & Karen Upton
May 24	Mike & Karen Girdner
May 28	Larry & Lisa Upton

Fruit of the Spirit Maze

Help the girl find the different fruit of the Spirit.



LOVE

JOY

PEACE

PATIENCE

KINDNESS

GOODNESS

FAITHFULNESS

GENTLENESS

SELF CONTROL

Memorial Presbyterian Church May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 League of Women Voters 11:15-1:30	2 Serve at Food for Friends 10:00 A.M.	3	4 League of Women Voters Annual Meeting 11:00 A.M. — 1:30 P.M.
5 Celebration of the Lord's Supper 10:55 A.M.	6 Boy Scouts 7:00 P.M.	7	8	9 Building & Grounds meeting 7:00 P.M.	10	11 Women of the Church Tea 2:00- 4:00 P.M.
12 Mother's Day	13 Fellowship & Hospitality meeting 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts 7:00 P.M.	14 Mission & Evangelism meeting 6:00 P.M.	15 Final Kids Club of Spring semester	16 Christian Education meeting 7:00 P.M.	17	18
19 Deacons meeting 4:30 P.M. Stewardship meeting 5:30 P.M.	20 Boy Scouts 7:00 P.M.	21 Session meeting 7:00 P.M.	22	23	24 Articles due for June/July Messenger	25
26 Memorial Service at the Colum- barium, following worship	27 Memorial Day Church office closed	28	29	30	31 Indian Nations Presbytery Family Night with the Redhawks 7:00 P.M.	

SUNDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Fellowship and Refreshments 10:30 A.M.
Worship Service 10:55 A.M.

WEDNESDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

Kids Club 3:30-6:00 P.M.
Hand-Chime Choir 5:00 P.M.
Children's Choir 5:30 P.M.
Chancel Ringers 6:00 P.M. (as scheduled)
Chancel Choir 7:00 P.M.