

# Memorial Messenger

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# June & July 2013



## Latest News

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for June is boxed crackers. The item for July will be canned vegetables (they especially need canned peas). Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

**Clean-up Buckets:** As part of our response to the tornado that devastated Moore, we are collecting supplies for Clean-Up Buckets. PDA Distribution Center in Little Rock had sent out a plea for these recently, and the Mission and Evangelism Committee recommends we collect items. You are invited to participate by purchasing one or more of the items specified. The list of items needed for each bucket is on page eight. We have set a tentative goal of 10 buckets.

**Workshop:** The University Quakers will sponsor a free workshop in Compassionate Communication on June 3 at St. Stephen's UMC, 1801 W. Brooks in Norman. From 7 to 10 p.m., presenter Tom McClain will teach communication skills using the principles of Compassionate Nonviolent Communication. For more information, see the flyer on the church bulletin board, call (405) 823-7801, or email [tom@connectingcommunication.com](mailto:tom@connectingcommunication.com).

**Window repairs:** Work will begin on our facet-glass windows during the first full week in June. Because workers must erect scaffolding in the sanctuary, we plan to worship in the fellowship hall on two or three Sundays to be announced later on. You may wish to bring a cushion or something comfortable to sit on — folding chairs will be provided.

The **church office** will be **closed** on Friday afternoons during the summer, beginning May 31.

**Office sitters needed:** Our administrative assistant, Terry Cast, will be on vacation June 24-July 7. The office schedule during this time is Monday through Thursday 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:00, and Friday 9:00-12:00. If you can help out at any time during the week, especially mornings, please call the church office, 329-3640.

**Diaper Drive:** The Deacons welcome the newest member of the Jangha family! We will be gathering diapers in or near the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 30.



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Friends,

As they say, the only thing constant is change. I had planned to write this month about how we were going to have some change in our summer worship when we hold worship in the Fellowship Hall.

But then we had extreme weather...though not just one of our everyday, this-is-Oklahoma-and-we're-used-to-this tornadoes. This EF-5 brought death and destruction the likes of which we have not seen before. This tornado (actually several tornadoes) has changed the landscape by destroying homes, businesses, trees and anything else in its path. The effects of this event will be with us for months and years.

Change, indeed. Just one week out and we are already adapting our view of weather on TV. Just one week out and we are changing our travel patterns ("is I-35 backed up?"). Just one week out and we are talking about hosting work teams, collecting supplies and financially supporting the relief efforts.

The tag line for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is "Out of chaos...Hope." I expect we will need to be reminded of this any number of times as we continue to see, feel and experience the physical and emotional destruction. It is precisely in these times that we will have the opportunity to witness moments of grace. I encourage you to look for them, those moments of grace. Look for them in the eyes of a stranger in need. Look for them in the witness of items that are donated. Look for them in the loving concern of neighbor for neighbor.

You may tire of me saying it, but this disaster recovery is not a sprint, but a marathon. Presbyterians are known for staying for the long-haul in disaster response, and that is precisely what we will be doing. You will be hearing more about how we as a congregation and denomination will respond.

For the record, we WILL be moving out of the sanctuary for a couple of weeks as the south faceted-glass window is removed and repaired. We thought we knew the exact dates, but we are in flux as some of the contractors are needed for storm recovery. Change!

May peace and hope abide with you and yours,

Tracy

P.S.—I will be out of town June 4-14. Please contact one of our deacons or Rev. Dr. Melinda Clements (310-3444) in a pastoral emergency.

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P.S.—If you have some time, be sure to attend at least part of the Tri-Presbytery meeting June 7-8. It won't be held in Norman for many years to come!

## Clerk's Corner

The Session of Memorial Presbyterian Church met on Tuesday evening, May 21, 2013 and took the following actions:

- (1) Approved a motion to host the Tri-Presbytery Youth for a lock-in Friday night, June 7 until noon on Saturday, June 8. The lead for this effort is Rev Abbey Walker, youth pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Norman.
- (2) Approved a motion to have a special offering on Sunday, May 26 & June 2 to be given to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program in support of the recent Oklahoma tornados.
- (3) Approved a motion to support the PDA program by providing clean-up buckets
- (4) Accepted, with great sadness, the resignation of elder Bob Clarke from Session due to recent health issues. His great council, wisdom and direction will be missed.

Joan Cole,  
Clerk of Session

### 2013 Stewardship Update: January 1 to May 30, 2013

	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>Budget YTD</b>	<b>2013 Budget</b>
<b>Pledges</b>	\$54,672.70	\$60,693.30	\$145,664.00
<b>Other Income</b>	\$12,384.14	\$24,999.55	\$59,999.00
<b>Total Income</b>	\$67,056.84	\$85,692.85	\$205,663.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$79,386.58	\$85,691.95	\$205,663.00

# Save These Dates!

## Vacation Bible School “World Tour”

Monday, June 17 – Thursday, June 20

6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

ages 3 – rising grade 7

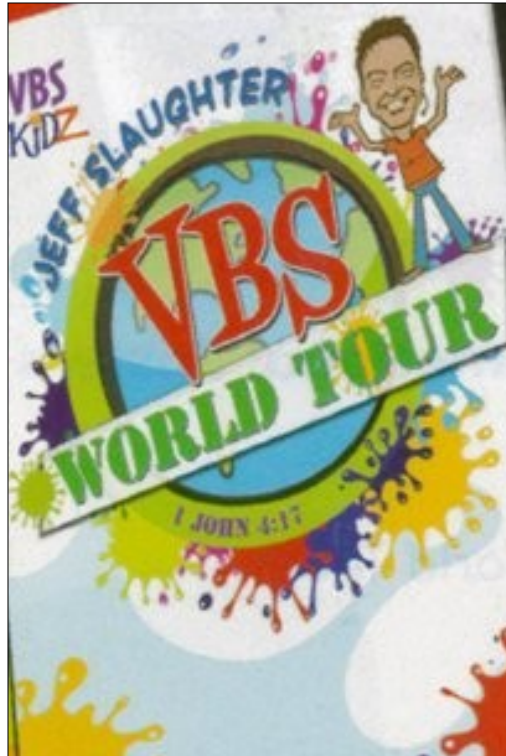
This year, travel the globe with us, sharing God’s love and encouraging kids everywhere to Go, Connect and Share!

Our first stop, on Monday, will be Ireland.

Tuesday, we travel to Uganda, in Africa.

Wednesday, we travel to India.

Thursday, we travel to Brazil.



Registration forms are available on the table in the hallway outside the church office, or register online.

# University Graduates

Congratulations to Memorial's three university graduates!

Rainey Sewell, daughter of Randy and Kay Sewell, graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a BA in communications and a minor in Spanish. Rainey served as Student Body Vice-president. She plans to go to Washington, DC this summer to explore job opportunities.



Ewane Masango, son of John and Christy Masango, graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor's degree in philosophy and minors in business and African American studies. Ewane plans to start his MBA while awaiting acceptance into law school.

Clay Girdner, son of Mike and Karen Girdner and grandson of Eileen Burke, graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Ohio with a degree in finance and economics. Clay begins work on a Master's degree in finance this summer, continuing at the University of Ohio.

## Summer Fellowship Events

**Lunch on the Lawn:** The Fellowship and Hospitality Committee will be hosting lunch after worship on Sunday, June 9. Join us for an old-fashioned hamburger cookout with all the fixin's. Make it twice as nice and invite a friend to church. There is a sign up sheet posted to get a head count: please add your name and the number in your group so that we will know how many hamburgers to cook. We hope that you will plan to stay after worship and enjoy a summertime social.

**Men's Potluck Breakfast:** On Saturday, June 15th, beginning at 8:30 A.M., there will be a men's potluck breakfast. Bring your favorite morning food, along with any friends or family. There will be good conversation, food, and fellowship. Following the meal, there will be a brief video which is called Dealing With Stress. RSVP by 6/14. Hopefully, this will be the beginning of a quarterly activity. — Harry Wright

**Fourth of July Celebration:** You are invited to celebrate Independence Day with the Rodriguez's on July 4th, from 4:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Enjoy the pool and sun, screened shelter and ceiling fans, and lots of comfortable seating. We will provide burgers and buns, as well as lemonade and tea. There will be a sign up sheet at church for snacks, side dishes and desserts. We'll eat at 6:00 P.M.

Those who wish may also join us on the eastside of Lloyd Noble for fireworks and ice cream. We'll be at the lawn and trees dividing the parking lot.

The address is 3945 Bellwood Dr., Norman, OK 73072.



# 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 seven.**

**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.**

**Although the registration deadline has passed, you are encouraged to attend meetings.**

## **24th Annual Cole Invitational – Mark Your Calendars**

The annual outing to Lake Eufaula is August 10-11, 2013.

Come over on Saturday for fun and fellowship on the water. The Cole family will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs for the evening meal. They ask those coming to bring a side dish to go with the burgers and dogs. After dinner there will be a Vespers service.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the hallway by the office right after the 4th of July. That’s where you can let the Coles know how many are planning on coming and if any are planning on staying over Saturday night to enjoy Sunday at the lake.

Mike & Joan Cole

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

<b>Friday, June 7</b>		
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	
<b>Saturday, June 8</b>		
	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	

## **Cleanup Bucket—Value \$56**

- 1 — 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid\*
- 5 — scouring pads
- 7 — sponges, assorted sizes
- 1 — scrub brush
- 1 — pkg. cleaning towels (18 reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
- 1 — box dry laundry detergent, 50-78 oz.
- 1 — liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®), 12 oz.
- 1 — bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®), 24-28 oz.
- 1 — 1 pkg. clothespins, 48-50 Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- 5 — dust masks
- 2 pair — latex gloves (like Playtex®)
- 1 pair — work gloves
- 1 — 24 to 28 count roll heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon, remove from carton)
- 1 — bottle insect repellant (pump, drops or lotion; not aerosol), 6-9 oz.

Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles. Send only new, unopened materials. Put all items in the plastic bucket, packed securely to avoid damage during shipment, and seal lid with packing tape. If shipping, place each bucket in a separate box.

\*Some local fast-food restaurants are willing to give pickle buckets (or other 5-gallon buckets with re-sealable lids) or offer them for a small fee. These can be washed out and used for the cleanup buckets.

## **NATIONAL DUMP THE PUMP DAY — THURSDAY, JUNE 20th**

### **Free Bus Rides All Day**

Thursday, June 20th, Norman's bus system, the Cleveland Area Rapid Transit (CART), and public transportation systems across the country will celebrate National "Dump the Pump Day." Once a year, CART hosts this community-wide event to encourage Norman residents to save money and reduce fuel consumption by riding the bus.

This year's event features free bus fare all day, free T-shirts to bus riders while supplies last, and a Norman elementary school art contest.

CART is a joint operation of the City of Norman and the University of Oklahoma. CART transports more than 1 million riders each year. Not only does CART reduce air pollution throughout Norman by decreasing the demand for personal vehicles, but it also operates its fleet on either compressed natural gas or biodiesel.

CART buses run six Norman city routes and three University of Oklahoma campus routes on weekdays and most Saturdays. CART operates a commuter route, the "Sooner Express," to Oklahoma City Monday through Friday. CART also operates a paratransit service, "CARTaccess," for the elderly, disabled, and those unable to ride the fixed-route bus system.

For more information about CART routes and schedules, check out: [www.rideCART.com](http://www.rideCART.com) or call (405) 325-2278.

## Known Joys and Concerns

### Those who seek healing

Bob Clarke

Dave Iske

Jayelle Martin

Deb Meinke

Danielle and Kenny 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)

Peggy Strunk

Dan Van Auken (Holly Van Auken's nephew)

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

## June Wedding Anniversaries

June 5     Larry & Loreen Upton  
              Rachel & Michael Klenda  
June 8     Dave & Tamara Iske  
June 18    Doug & Ann Forsyth  
June 22    Bill & Margaret Storm

## June Birthdays

June 2     Doris Hinson  
June 4     Lyne-Maris Sama  
June 9     Briana Bliss  
              Todd Forsyth  
              Carolyn Montgomery  
June 11    Paul Phelps  
June 12    Cassie Upton  
June 16    Zyan Autry  
June 18    Paul Upton  
June 22    Kierstyn Upton  
June 25    Judd Lanning  
June 27    Rod Pennington  
June 28    Linda Rodriguez  
June 29    Corey Fisher  
              Gary Thrailkill

## July Birthdays

July 6     Linda Eckel  
July 7     James Lovett  
July 9     Blessing Sama  
July 11    Michael Yeager  
              Linda Terrell  
July 12    Diane Jones (Jayelle Martin's granddaughter)  
              Samuel McCann  
July 15    Tyler Thrailkill  
July 16    Andy Lanning  
July 17    Laura Eckel  
July 18    Cornelius Annoh  
July 19    Billy Jones (Jayelle Martin's grandson)  
July 20    Arabella (Bella) Eckel  
July 21    Ewane Masango  
July 22    Lisa Upton  
July 24    Wade Forthman  
July 27    Bob Goodner  
July 30    Ross Robinson

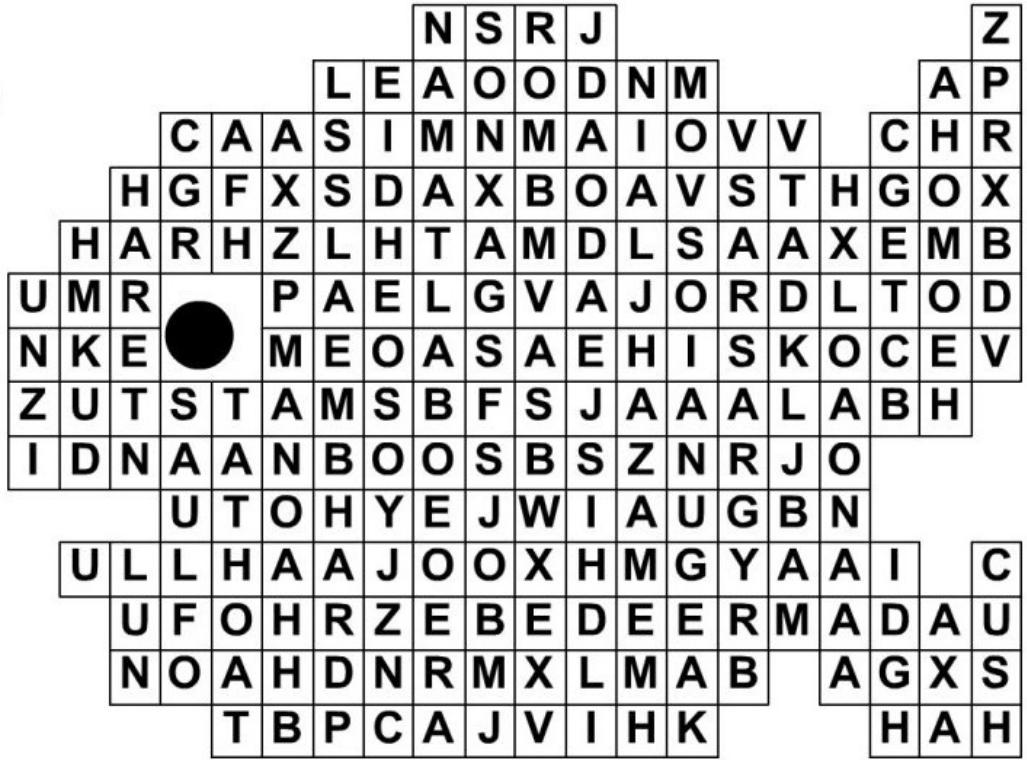
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July 3     Paul & Erica Phelps  
July 9     Bill & Norma Taylor  
July 13    Harry & Donna Wright  
July 31    Linda Terrell & David Wilson

Fathers in the Bible
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*Find the fathers of the following people hidden in the fish.*

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. ( ) Isaac and Ishmael        | 20. ( ) Jonathan                    |
| 2. ( ) Cain and Abel            | 21. ( ) Rehoboam                    |
| 3. ( ) Jehoshaphat              | 22. ( ) Abraham                     |
| 4. ( ) Obed                     | 23. ( ) John the Baptist            |
| 5. ( ) Nimrod                   | 24. ( ) The apostles James and John |
| 6. ( ) Absalom and Solomon      |                                     |
| 7. ( ) Samuel                   |                                     |
| 8. ( ) Lot                      |                                     |
| 9. ( ) Esau and Jacob           |                                     |
| 10. ( ) Joseph and his brothers |                                     |
| 11. ( ) David                   |                                     |
| 12. ( ) Simeon Peter            |                                     |
| 13. ( ) Ephriam and Manasseh    |                                     |
| 14. ( ) Rachel and Leah         |                                     |
| 15. ( ) Moab                    |                                     |
| 16. ( ) Samsom                  |                                     |
| 17. ( ) Shem, Ham, and Japeth   |                                     |
| 18. ( ) Joshua                  |                                     |
| 19. ( ) Jesse                   |                                     |



# Color in the Angel

There is joy in the presence of angels of God over one sinner that repents. ~Luke 15:10



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## June 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Celebration of the Lord's Supper 10:55 A.M.  Baby shower for Klendas 2:00 P.M.	3  Boy Scouts 7:00 P.M.	4	5 League of Women Voters 11:15-1:30	6 Serve at Food for Friends 10:00 A.M.	7	8
9  Lunch on the Lawn following worship	10  Boy Scouts 7:00 P.M.	11  Mission & Evangelism meeting 6:00 P.M.	12	13  Christian Ed. 7:00 P.M. Building & Grounds 7:00 P.M.	14	15  Men's breakfast 8:30 A.M.
16	17	18  Session meeting 7:30 P.M.	19	20	21	22
	Vacation Bible School, 6:00—8:00 P.M.					
23  Deacons meeting 4:30 P.M.	24  Boy Scouts 7:00 P.M.	25	26	27	28	29
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Sunday School 9:30 A.M.  
Fellowship and Refreshments 10:30 A.M.  
Worship Service 10:55 A.M.

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14	15 Boy Scouts 7:00 P.M.	16	17	18	19	20
21 Stewardship meeting 5:30 P.M.	22 Boy Scouts 7:00 P.M.	23	24 Articles due for August Messenger	25	26	27
28	29 Boy Scouts 7:00 P.M.	30	31			

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