

Memorial Messenger

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Latest News

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for April is **dried or canned beans**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

We would like to **thank the many volunteers** who helped host the community Lenten worship and lunch on Wednesday, March 19. Many, many hands helped make it a success. Special thanks to Michael & Janann Yeager, Donna Vint, and Loreen Upton. In addition to a lovely ecumenical worship service and the fellowship of friends over lunch, we were blessed to raise over \$265 for Food for Friends. Additionally, the receipts from the lunch exceeded expenses by nearly \$280, and the excess will be used to help send kids to camps like Dwight Mission.

We welcome the **Central Oklahoma Polymer Clay Guild** to Memorial for the third consecutive year. They will have use of the Fellowship Hall, kitchen, and Kids' Club room for their annual retreat, April 10-12.

Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday worship, on April 13, includes the Proclamation of Christ's Entrance into Jerusalem; a fun, new Palm Sunday hymn from Mexico; and (of course!) the waving of palm branches. As the service unfolds, we will have the opportunity to reflect on Christ's Passion—his trial and execution—by which Jesus willingly gave his life for our salvation.

The Maundy Thursday service will be on April 17 at 7:00 P.M. Join us for a moving service of communion and reading of the passion gospel as we commemorate Christ's journey to the cross.

As we celebrate Christ's resurrection—"the first fruits of those who have died," (1 Cor. 15:23) in whom we have hope for our own resurrection—we will gather for an Easter potluck breakfast and Easter egg hunt during the Sunday School hour on April 20. The worship service on Easter is always a high point in the church year, and fittingly so, as we proclaim the good news that Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Invite family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to this joyful celebration.

The Fellowship & Hospitality committee will host the annual Easter **potluck breakfast** at 9:30 A.M. on April 20. Look for a sign-up sheet in the hallway, so that they will know how many serving tables to set up.

Our scheduled **spring clean-up** day is Saturday, April 26, beginning at 8:00 A.M. Come, help us spruce up the church, inside and out, as we work to maintain this facility with which God has blessed us.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

I share with you this Easter gift from Jan Richardson, written in 2011. She is an artist, pastor, and author. You can find more of her work at PaintedPrayerBook.com.

May you know the Easter blessing of our Risen Lord.

Easter Blessing

If you are looking
for a blessing,
do not linger
here.

Here
is only
emptiness,
a hollow,
a husk
where a blessing
used to be.

This blessing
was not content
in its confinement.

It could not abide
its isolation,
the unrelenting silence,
the pressing stench
of death.

So if it is
a blessing
that you seek,
open your own
mouth.

Fill your lungs
with the air
that this new
morning brings
and then
release it
with a cry.

Hear how the blessing
breaks forth
in your own voice

how your own lips
form every word
you never dreamed
to say.

See how the blessing
circles back again
wanting you to
repeat it
but louder

how it draws you
pulls you
sends you
to proclaim
its only word:

risen
risen
risen.

Clerk's Corner

A regular meeting of session was held on Tuesday, March 18 at 7:00 P.M. Session approved two requests for use of our fellowship hall. Fellowship & Hospitality committee has lots of activities planned, so be sure and make note of those (found elsewhere in the newsletter). The confirmation class will meet with Session on Tuesday, April 22 and will be received publicly during worship on Sunday, May 4. Session approved the posting of session minutes on a bulletin board in the hallway. The next regular meeting of session will be held on Tuesday, April 22.

Joan Cole,
Clerk of Session

Stewardship Update			
January 1 to March 31, 2014			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2014 Budget
Pledges	\$32,436.70	\$35,996.49	\$143,986.00
Other Income	\$5,112.67	\$13,220.49	\$52,882.00
Total Income	\$37,549.37	\$49,216.98	\$196,868.00
Total Expenses	\$43,538.87	\$49,216.44	\$196,868.00



One Great Hour of Sharing

Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Your generous gifts to this Special Offering help provide relief those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing will support the following: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

Source: Presbyterian Mission Agency

Getting to Know Our Kids' Club Kids

Stephen Sonny Eyabi, Jr.

Age: 8

Grade: 3rd

Born in Midwest City, OK

Parents: Stephen and Andrea

Brothers: none

Sisters: Kaylee and Kourtney

Eye color: dark brown

Do you go to church? Yes, at Memorial Presbyterian.

Stephen is a good artist who draws cartoons well and a good dancer who can do the moon-walk or the "back-slide".

Favorite food: cheese pizza

Favorite place to visit: Hawaii

Favorite color: blue

Favorite school subject: Math

Favorite football team: Indianapolis Colts

Favorite movie: *The Lego Movie*

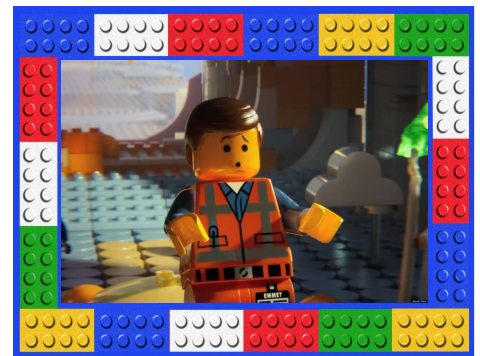
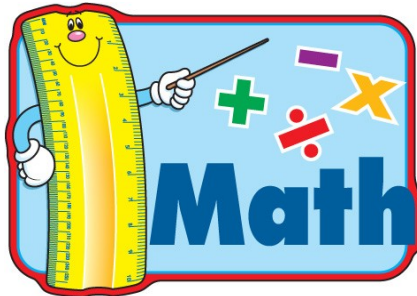
What makes you happy? Michael Jackson.

What makes you sad? When Michael Jackson died.

Favorite songs: "Billie Jean" and "The Way You Make Me Feel", both by Michael Jackson.

"Michael Jackson inspires me and he is still alive in my heart."

"I have a good Lego imagination."



**Norman Ministerial Fellowship
Lenten Service & Lunch
March 19**



Hey! Do you know what a spud is? I mean, besides a beer-lovin' pit bull? Well, the kitchen crew for the March 19th Lenten Luncheon sure do! Spud Queen Donna Vint organized a cull/wash/slice/wrap/bake-a-thon that would have made Lucille Ball proud! A workforce of Memorial's Finest assembled in the kitchen and dining hall to prepare for our Wednesday guests. We scrubbed and laughed. We wrapped and made smart remarks. Then we scrubbed some more, laughed some more, and wrapped some more but went easy on the smart remarks. By the way, did you know that our ovens will hold at least 124 medium-sized potatoes and bake them successfully? Yes, they will. Whilst the spud squad tackled their tubers, the banquet group decked the hall with spring finery, transforming each table in our modest facility into a memorable lunching experience. Many positive comments followed our potato presentation, but best of all was the time we spent together! Thank you to all who participated! - Michael Yeager



MEMORIAL YOUTH GROUP NEWS

APRIL



M.Y. Group will be meeting on the following Sunday evenings from 5-6:30PM. Dinner will be served. Mark your calendars and feel free to bring a friend (or two). Your leader is Joan Cole. You can contact her at 830-8389 or e-mail: jlcmac20@cox.net

April 13 – Dinner will be provided by Norma Taylor & Caroline Montgomery

April 27 – Dinner will be provided by Donna Wright.

May 11 – Dinner will be provided by Betty Silman

YOUTH QUAKE – There are currently 7 youth who will be attending Youth Quake on April 4-6. We will meet at the church at 5:15PM, grab a bite to eat and arrive in Guthrie for check-in around 6:30PM. We will return to Norman about 1:30PM on Sunday.

APRIL 27 – You won't want to miss this special night. We will be having a guest come and teach us how to paint.

MAY 11 – This is the last night of our regular meetings of MY Group. Assuming the weather cooperates, we will have lots of outside activities planned.

April Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Larry Upton

April 6

Ushers: Ann Fayles and Loreen Upton

Communion Servers: Charlotte Lovett, Michael Yeager, Lisa and Larry Upton

Coffee: Charlotte Lovett and Lisa Upton

Sound booth: Trey Neal

Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton

Nursery Assistant: Karen Upton

Lock-up: Mike Girdner

April 13 (Palm Sunday)

Ushers: Karen and Paul Upton

Coffee: Ann Forsyth and Jona Thiessen

Sound booth: Will Farris

Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole

Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck

Lock-up: Mike Cole

April 20 (Easter)

Ushers: Tim and Jona Thiessen

Coffee: Jim and Linda Rodriguez

Sound booth: Mike Cole

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole

Lock-up: Harry Wright

April 27

Ushers: John and Susan Beck

Coffee: Donna Vint and Will Farris

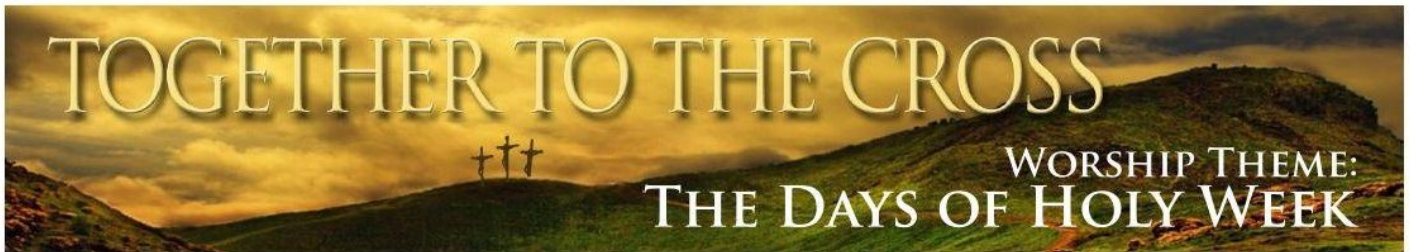
Sound booth: Mike Girdner

Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner

Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard or Karen Girdner

Lock-up: Trudy Beard

THE NORMAN MINISTERIAL FELLOWSHIP PRESENTS...
THE 2014 LENTEN SERVICES



APRIL 2—FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

211 W COMANCHE ST, NORMAN, OK 73069

HOST PASTOR: REV. DR. WADE SMITH

GUEST PASTOR: REV. DOYLE PRIOR, BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

WORSHIP THEME: WEDNESDAY



APRIL 9—NORTH HAVEN CHURCH

4600 36TH AVE NW, NORMAN, OK 73072

HOST PASTOR: REV. DR. MITCH RANDALL

GUEST PASTOR: REV. JOSEPH SUMMERVILLE, UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

WORSHIP THEME: THURSDAY



APRIL 16—FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

220 S WEBSTER AVE, NORMAN, OK 73069

HOST PASTOR: REV. DAVID SPAIN

GUEST PASTOR: REV. ALAN SUTHERLAND, ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WORSHIP THEME: GOOD FRIDAY

WEDNESDAYS AT NOON, LUNCH AT 12:35 P.M., \$5.

LENTEN OFFERING TO BENEFIT FOOD AND SHELTER FOR FRIENDS

Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing

Lillian Abunaw
Gene Bergstresser
Lola Carroll
Sandy Clarke
Melinda Clements
Dave Iske
Charles Johnson
Vince Leseney
Carol Broderson (Karen Upton's cousin)
Kenny Comer (Karen Girdner's niece's husband)
Cody Derryberry (son of Carl Forthman's co-worker Renee)
Bob Duncan (Jayelle Martin's cousin)
Mary Fields
Judy Haworth (Jayelle Martin's sister)
Dottie Hinson (Karen Upton's mother)
Norvin Hinson (Karen Upton's grandfather)
Dan Loomis (friend of Bill & Betty Silman)
George Sites (Georjana Mauldin's father)
Peggy Strunk
Dan Van Auken (Holly Van Auken's nephew)
Kathy Ellison Vanderburg (former classmate of Jona Thiessen)

Those who grieve

Family of Bob Clarke
Family of Molly Holder (friend of Carolyn Montgomery)
Family of Fran Terry (friend of the Silmans and others)
Family of Harold Thrasher (friend of Dave Iske)

Those who serve in mission fields

Ted & Tina Crump, who serve as a missionary team in the area of Swaziland (Ted is Janice Crump's grandson)



April Birthdays

4	Bill Storm
	Faith Jangha
5	Shirley Cary
14	Ara Pennington
	Charlotte Lovett
	Alex Leseney
19	Doug Forsyth
20	Nicholine Jangha
	Jeremy Bales
25	David Lanning
28	Becca Thrailkill
29	Mike Beard

April Anniversaries

21 Steve & Angie Martin

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

Palm Sunday

(As Jesus neared Jerusalem) “a very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’” - Matthew 21:8-9 (NRSV)



MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Election Day: Fellowship Hall occupied 6:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M.	2 11:00 A.M. League of Women Voters 12:00 P.M. NMF Lenten Service @ First Baptist Church 3:15 P.M. Kids' Club	3 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	4	5
6 10:55 A.M. Celebration of the Lord's Supper 5:30 P.M. Stewardship meeting	7 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	8 6:00 P.M. Mission & Evangelism meeting 7:00 P.M. Christian Education meeting	9 12:00 P.M. NMF Lenten Service @ NorthHaven Church 3:15 P.M. Kids' Club 7:00 P.M. Building & Grounds meeting	10 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	11 12 	
13 10:55 A.M. Palm Sunday Worship Service 5:00 P.M. M.Y. Group	14 7:00 P.M. Fellowship & Hospitality meeting 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	15	16 12:00 P.M. NMF Lenten Service @ First Christian Church 3:15 P.M. Kids' Club	17 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 7:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service 8:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	18	19
20 9:30 A.M. Easter Potluck Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt 10:55 A.M. Easter Worship Service	21 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	22	23 Articles due for May Messenger 3:15 P.M. Kids' Club	24 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir	25	26 8:00 A.M. Spring Clean Up Day
27 4:30 P.M. Deacons meeting 5:00 P.M. M.Y. Group	28 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	29	30 3:15 P.M. Kids' Club			

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 3:15 P.M.
Children's Choir 5:00 P.M.
Chancel Choir 7:00 P.M.