

Memorial Messenger

Memorial Presbyterian Church
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November 2014



Latest News and Upcoming Events

We will be passing out **stewardship packets** on Sunday, November 2. Please take yours home at that time if possible, and prayerfully consider your financial support for this church in 2015. Packets will be mailed or dropped off to those unable to attend on the 2nd.

Our observance of **All Saints' Day** on November 2 will be followed by a brief memorial service at the **Columbarium**, where we will remember those inurned in it. All are welcome; we especially invite those whose loved ones are inurned to join us.

The deacons will host a **wedding shower** for Jessica Bender and Kirk Forthman at 2:30 P.M. on Sunday, November 9, in the Fellowship Hall. See page seven.

The Christian Education committee will present a panel on **Mental Illness and Criminal Justice** on Friday, November 14, from 6:30—8:30 P.M. See page five.

Fellowship and Hospitality will host a **Thanksgiving Pot Luck Lunch** after worship on Sunday, November 16. F&H will provide the turkey & gravy for this luncheon. There will be a sign-up sheet for side dishes, breads, desserts, etc., so that we don't all bring the same yummy dish. Mark your calendar for this November social as we celebrate and give thanks for family, friends and our many blessings. If you have questions, contact Lisa Upton.

Mark your calendars! The annual **Christmas Pageant** and potluck dinner will take place on Sunday, December 7, at a time to be announced later.

Clerk's Corner

Session met on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. The following actions were taken:

Approved two requests from outside organizations to use our facility (Boy Scouts and Narcotics Anonymous);

Sadly accepted Jimmy Rambur's resignation as our custodian with thanks for his many years of service to our church;

Approved giving 25% of the Peacemaking Offering to the Women's Resource Center in Norman.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Cole, Clerk of Session

Stewardship Update

January 1 to October 31, 2014

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2014 Budget
Pledges	\$112,745.55	\$119,988.30	\$143,986.00
Other Income	\$19,909.13	\$44,068.30	\$52,882.00
Total Income	\$132,654.68	\$164,056.60	\$196,868.00
Total Expenses	\$152,084.57	\$164,054.80	\$196,868.00

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

The last few months, I have been working some on getting healthier. I'm eating better, seeing the appropriate doctors (who have me visiting some lab or other facility too often for my taste), trying to get enough sleep, and even occasionally exercising. That last one's the hardest for me. It's all slow in coming, but I'm working on it. I'm headed in the right direction, at least.

It is not habit, yet. I will occasionally drift over to the cabinet in my kitchen where the potato chips are located only to find that I was smart enough at the grocery store not to buy them. And then I miss them, but realize I'm making better choices. It's difficult, I'll admit.

It reminds me of how some of us (including me) can feel about church. Not all the time, mind you, but occasionally it feels like we're in a rut. We do the same thing every Sunday, sit in the same place, wish for the same hymns and expect to hear the same messages. We expect the same activities to happen at the same time each year, we expect we will volunteer the exact same way we did before. We will give the same amount of energy, time and money that we have done every year.

As I've heard somewhere, it's not bad to be in a rut, just don't furnish it and make it your home.

If you're doing the exact same things, expecting the exact same things as always, I want to challenge you. Try something new. Allow the Holy Spirit to stir things up. Don't control everything so that life is always the same. Look for a new way!

The verse from Isaiah 43:19 came to mind as I was thinking about this:

See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? (NIV)

An interesting thing happened when I went to the NRSV Bible to check my memory of the verse. It was slightly different: "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

What difference does it make that one translation talks about God's work in the present tense, and one speaks in the future? Certainly both are true. Both speak to God's moving currently and in the future. This concept gives me comfort, knowing that any kind of rut I may place myself in is of my own choosing, not what God intends.

This does not mean there will not be times of stillness, of contentment, of peace. Quite the opposite. In those moments, we are able to experience the true love and grace of God, revel in its beauty, and move on to our next journey.

I wish and pray for you to find new ways to experience God, as we gather in the community of God.

Grace and peace,

Tracy

MEMORIAL YOUTH GROUP NEWS

NOVEMBER 2014



ATTENTION ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12, here is our November meeting schedule.

NOV 9	5-6:30PM	Karen Upton
NOV 23	5-6:30PM	Giving Thanks

If you would like to provide a meal for our youth, there are still plenty of opportunities (Sunday, Nov. 23 and Sunday, Dec. 21). Please contact Joan Cole, 830-8389, if you have any questions.

CROP WALK: Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to those who walked (11 people) and those who made contributions. We collected \$375 for this event.





Steven Buck



Traci Cook



Emily Virgin



Susan Sharp

Memorial Presbyterian Church and NAMI* Oklahoma
present a panel discussion on
Mental Illness
and
Criminal Justice

Friday, November 14
6:30-8:30 P.M.

The disintegration of the country's mental health hospital system and the increased use of mandatory minimum sentencing have led to the incarceration of a growing number of individuals suffering from mental illness. Jails and correctional centers have become the largest providers of treatment for mental illness in Oklahoma, while Griffin Memorial Hospital has lost one third of its treatment capacity due to funding cut backs.

Memorial Presbyterian Church, in conjunction with NAMI Oklahoma, is co-sponsoring a panel discussion on Mental Illness and Criminal Justice. The program will begin with a viewing of selected scenes from a PBS Frontline® program, *The New Asylums*. The panel members, each from their own perspective, will respond to the issues raised in the video. The panelists will also interact with one another, and respond to questions from the audience.

Panelists will be **Steven Buck**, Deputy Director, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; **Traci Cook**, Executive Director for National Alliance on Mental Illness (Oklahoma); **Emily Virgin**, Okla. House of Representatives, District 44; **Susan Sharp**, Ph.D., David R. Boyd Professor of Sociology, University of Oklahoma; and **Lt. Cary Bryant**, Crisis Team, Norman PD.

This free program is open to the community; refreshments will be served.

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***National Alliance on Mental Illness (Oklahoma)**
(405) 607-6018 www.namioklahoma.org

November Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Mike Cole

November 2

Ushers: Charles and Jan Johnson

Communion Servers: John and Susan Beck, Linda Eckel and Ann Fayles

Coffee: Charlotte Lovett and Lisa Upton

Sound booth: Trey Neal

Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton

Nursery Assistant: Karen Upton

Lock-up: Doug Forsyth

November 9

Ushers: Mike and Karen Girdner

Coffee: Ann Forsyth and Jona Thiessen

Sound booth: Will Farris

Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole

Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck

Lock-up: Joe Garlett

November 16

Ushers: Lucy Lanning and Michael Yeager

Coffee: Jim and Linda Rodriguez

Sound booth: Mike Girdner

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole

Lock-up: Mike Girdner

November 23

Ushers: Linda Eckel and Loreen Upton

Coffee: Donna Vint and Will Farris

Sound booth: Tim Thiessen

Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner

Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard or Karen Girdner

Lock-up: Mike Cole

November 30

Ushers: Harry Wright and Donna Vint

Coffee: Linda Eckel and Trudy Beard

Sound booth: Dave Iske

Acolyte Assistant: Jona Thiessen

Nursery Assistant: Donna Vint

Lock-up: Harry Wright

You Are Invited to a Wedding Shower!

The Deacons will host a wedding shower for

Jessica Lynn Bender and Kirk Forthman

Sunday, November 9th at 2:30 P.M. in the Parlor

*Jessica and Kirk are registered at: Kohl's,
Pottery Barn, Macy's & Williams Sonoma*

You Are Invited to a Wedding!

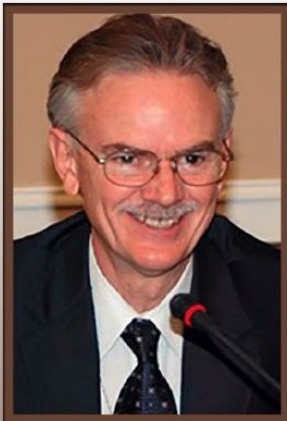
Ms. Jessica Lynn Bender and Mr. Kirk Forthman

*Invite their Memorial Presbyterian Church family to their
wedding at Memorial on Saturday, December 13,
one o'clock in the afternoon. RSVP is not required.*



Reserve your place for the OCC Annual Dinner!

Thursday, November 13, 2014



Keynote Speaker
Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon



The Oklahoma Conference of Churches is excited to announce that the Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon will be the keynote speaker at the 2014 Annual Dinner.

Dr. Kinnamon is the immediate-past General Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA.

Dr. Kinnamon is one of the most articulate prophetic voices on ecumenical and Interfaith issues today.

Dr. Kinnamon has served on the staff of the World Council of Churches' Commission on Faith and Order. He currently teaches at Seattle University's School of Theology and Ministry.

Music will be performed by the Rev. Dean Phelps, an award-winning musician, combining exceptional guitar skills with a soulful vocal style.

OCC Annual Dinner

Reception and book signing: 5 p.m.

Dinner served: 6 p.m.

Date: Nov. 13, 2014

Location: OKC Petroleum Club

100 N. Broadway

Downtown Oklahoma City

Cost: \$50 per individual or \$90 per couple

Register online at www.okchurches.org or
by calling 405-525-2928.



Music performed by
Rev. Dean Phelps

Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing

Gene Bergstresser
Lola Carroll
Sandy Clarke
Melinda Clements
Janice Crump
Jan Garlett
Dave Iske
Vince Leseney
Barbara Robinson
Devyn Upton
Susan Babione (Charlotte Lovett's sister-in-law)
Pauline Barker (mother of Doris Hinson's friend)
Carol Broderson (Karen Upton's cousin)
Britany Clark (Daughter of Paul Upton's co-worker)
Kenny Comer (Karen Girdner's niece's husband)
Annette Dennis (Charlotte Lovett's friend)
Lori Evans (Tracy Evans' sister-in-law)
Mary Fields
Carol Gadd (Ann Forsyth's cousin)
Emily Hale (Jessica Farris's friend's sister-in-law)
Don Harmon (friend of Larry & Loreen Upton)
Judy Haworth (Jayelle Martin's sister)
Norma Hayes (Janice Crump's sister-in-law)
Dan Loomis (friend of Bill & Betty Silman)
Tod Luttrell (friend of Doris Hinson)
Michelle McCully (Bill & Betty Silman's great niece)
Patrick Upton (nephew of Larry and Loreen Upton)
Kathy Ellison Vanderburg (former classmate of Jona Thiessen)

Those who grieve

Will Farris, whose grandfather passed away recently
Larry Upton, Sr., whose brother passed away recently
Family of George Sites (Georjana Mauldin's father)

Those who serve in mission fields

Ted & Tina Crump (Ted is Janice Crump's grandson)

Please inform the church office of any
changes or additions to this list.

November Birthdays

- 4 Justus Rambur
- 5 Patsy Jones (Jayelle Martin's grand daughter)
- 7 Vince Leseney
Jerel Williams
- 9 Abigail Jangha
- 10 Jennifer Eckel
- 13 Lorraine Annoh
- 15 David Wilson
- 16 Sandy Clarke
- 17 Gladys Jangha
- 18 Lola Carroll
Jan Cunningham Garlett
Leann Williams
- 23 Ben Jangha
Alice Lanning
- 25 Josh Hudson

November Anniversaries

- 3 Tim & Georjana Mauldin
- 27 Jim & Linda Rodriguez (1970)

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

THE ACTIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF DWIGHT MISSION

Number 3 of 12 short articles

The Holy Spirit has called many faithful people into ministry at Dwight Mission. For those 60 missionaries who answered the call from 1830-1860 there was free room, food, and supplies – but no salaries. The organizing missionary, the Rev. Cephas Washburn, was also a traveling evangelist. He was described as "rich in faith and always abounding in the work of the Lord." The ministers, over the years, included Daniel S. Buttrick, Alfred Finney, W. M. Griffin, Frederick L. Schaub, W. L. Squirer, Worcester Willey, and Harry Wilson.

The Presbyterian Board of Missions was asked by the Rev. Washburn to hire more teachers with the following characteristics: "conscientious, persevering, industrious, and good knowledge of the human heart." Among the many teachers was an Osage, Maria James, who came to Dwight as a young child in 1822 after being found by a Cherokee chief, sold twice, and rescued by two Frenchmen from being sold into slavery. After completing her schooling she taught at Dwight until she married.

Another teacher, Miss Ellen Stetson, taught from 1821 to 1850 and also directed the Female Benevolence Society. These ladies came from as far as eight miles once a month to make items such as quilts, pin-cushions, needle-books, and braided mats. The money from the sales was used for printing religious materials in the Cherokee language.

Please support Dwight Mission in any way you can and remember Dwight in your prayers.

Mary Helen Hite
Historian
Indian Nations Presbyterian Women

Primary Resource: Mission to the Cherokees by O.B. Campbell, 1969

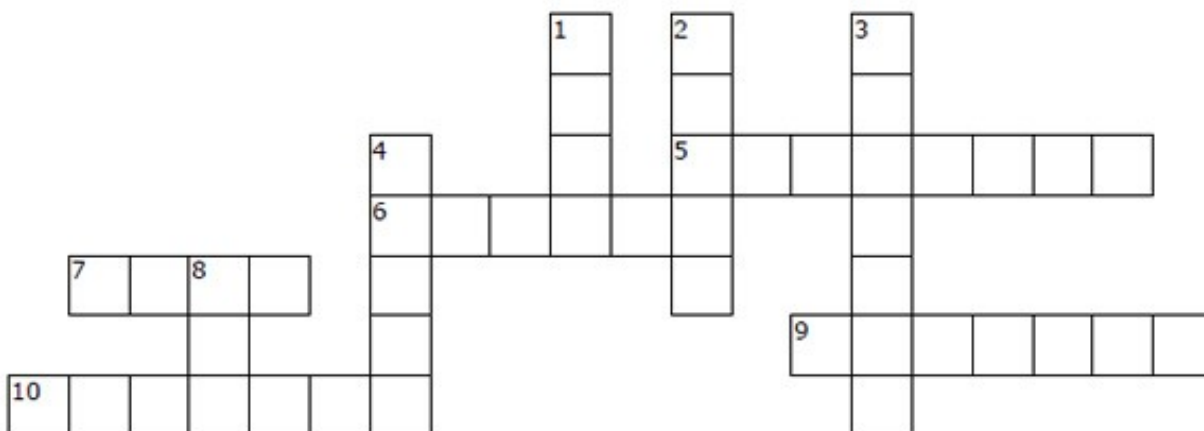


The crafty ladies of the Female Benevolence Society

Give Me Oil In My Lamp

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. Matthew 25:13 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 25:1-13 (NIV)



ACROSS

5. 12 o'clock at night
6. Not awake
7. A swinging or sliding cover over the place where someone usually enters a room
9. Ceremony in which a man and a woman are married.
10. Someone who does not use good judgment is _____.

DOWN

1. Someone who has good judgment and makes good decisions is _____.
2. Devices used to produce light
3. A feast or meal held in recognition of some person or occasion
4. To observe or look at something
8. A liquid that is often used to make fuel.

WEDDING
FOOLISH

WISE
OIL

BANQUET
WATCH

DOOR
LAMPS

ASLEEP
MIDNIGHT

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 10:55 A.M. Celebration of the Lord's Supper 12:00 P.M. Memorial Service at Columbarium 12:15 P.M. Worship & Music Meeting	3 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	4 7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. Voting in FH 6:30 P.M. Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting 7:30 P.M. Christian Education Meeting	5 3:15-6:15 P.M. Kids' Club 6:30 P.M. 50th Anniversary Celebration Meeting	6 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	7	8
9 2:30 P.M. Wedding Shower for Bender/Forthman 5:00-6:30 P.M. M.Y. Group	10 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	11 6:00 P.M. Mission & Evangelism Meeting	12 3:15-6:15 P.M. Kids' Club 7:00 P.M. Building & Grounds Meeting	13 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	14 6:30-8:30 P.M. Panel on Mental Illness and Criminal Justice in FH	15
16 4:30 P.M. Deacons Meeting 5:30 P.M. Stewardship Meeting	17 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	18 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting	19 3:15-6:15 P.M. Kids' Club	20 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	21 Articles due for December Messenger	22
23 5:00-6:30 P.M. M.Y. Group 30	24 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	25	26 NO KIDS' CLUB	27 Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving!	28 Office Closed	29

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesday:	
Kids' Club	3:15-6:15 P.M.
Thursday:	
Chancel Choir	6:30 P.M.