

Memorial Messenger

Memorial Presbyterian Church
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October 2014



Latest News and Upcoming Events

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for October is **peanut butter**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Fall Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, October 4, beginning at 8:00 A.M. and continuing until the work is done. Breakfast and lunch will be served to those working. Come and go at any time you are able and help us clean and maintain the facility with which God has blessed us.

Our own Vince Leseney will be one of the featured performers in **The Christmas Show** at the Civic Center at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, December 6. We have a group of about 13 people from Memorial planning to attend the show; if you would like to join them, please reserve and pay for tickets by this Sunday, October 5. The price is \$43.00 each for tickets in the "Grand Tier" (1st balcony, below the mezzanine). The plan is to meet in Bricktown for lunch before heading over to the Civic Center.

The Worship & Music committee has planned a great service for **World Communion Sunday**, October 5. We would like to invite you to wear clothing representative of diverse cultures on this day when we celebrate the global communion of saints.

We will have a **Pet Blessing**, on Sunday, October 5, 4:00-5:00 P.M. in the west courtyard. See page five for more information.

Kids' Club will not meet on October 8 (Fall Break) or October 15.

There will be a **congregational meeting** on Sunday, October 12, immediately following worship to vote on the new officer nominations that the Nominating Committee has prepared. The nominees for Elders are: Jessica Farris, Kirk Forthman and Mike Girdner (Class of 2017). The nominees for Deacons are: Donna Vint (Class of 2016); Doris Hinson, Esau Jangha, and Joan Thrailkill (Class of 2017). If you intend to nominate someone, please be sure to secure their permission first.

This year's Cleveland County **CROP Walk** will be held on Sunday, Oct. 19, starting with 1:30 P.M. registration at Food and Shelter Inc., 104 W. Comanche. You will have an opportunity to sign up for the walk and receive sponsor envelopes on the Sundays preceding the event. See pages six and seven for more information.

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Sunday Matinee at the Movies will be postponed from October 19th to the 26th, because of a scheduling conflict with the annual CROP Walk, which is being held on the 19th. Depending upon availability of films on the 26th, we will be seeing one of three films: *The Judge*, a comedy/drama which stars Robert Downey Jr. and Robert Duval; *The Good Lie*, a documentary about the lost children of Sudan; or *Men, Women, and Children*, a comedy/drama about parents attempting to deal with the effects of social media on family relationships. If you have a preference, please inform Harry Wright or the church office ahead of time.

Join us for **Trunk or Treat** on October 31. See page five for more information.

The **All Saints'** service will be Sunday, November 2. We invite you to write the names of people who are or have been saints in your life on a white cloth that will cover the communion table during this service. The cloth will be made available for signing in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays in October. Following the All Saints' service will be the annual memorial service at the Columbarium for the remembrance of those there inurned.

Clerk's Corner

Session held its meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2014. Session approved and welcomed new member Melissa Gill, who is transferring her membership from Redwoods Presbyterian Church in Larkspur, CA. Also approved was the facility use and wedding of Kirk Forthman and Jessica Bender. Due to lingering health issues, Trudy Beard's resignation from the Personnel Committee was regretfully accepted. Session approved the appointment of Larry Upton to serve on this committee. Session voted to set the date of a congregational meeting for Sunday, October 12, 2014, immediately following worship for the purpose of electing officers to the Deacon Classes of 2016 and 2017 and the Session Class of 2017. The next regular meeting of Session will be Tuesday, October 21, 2014.

Respectfully ,
Joan Cole, Clerk of Session

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

As I remember churches that have been part of my life, I think primarily of two things: 1) special worship times that impacted me or had great meaning, and 2) the relationships I had. At MPC we have a great Worship Committee that plans special worship services designed to inspire, inform and give glory to God.* We also get to experience those unexpected, unplanned moments of joy and inspiration that come when we allow the Holy Spirit to move among us every Sunday. For the record, last Sunday was one of those Sundays for me.

The next question for me is, How are we developing relationships at Memorial? Are we simply sustaining current friendships and acquaintances, or are we being intentional about providing opportunities to meet one another and grow relationships?

Getting to know one another brings life to the body of Christ. We do not exist individually, as in a vacuum. God has placed us in community to grow in faith, in knowledge and in service, and to expand our understandings of God's world and the diversity of God's realm. When we think we have God figured out, we have created God in our own image. Hearing the voices and experiences of others helps us remember that we only have one little piece of the picture that is God's great design, God's tapestry of the world.

How do you connect to others at MPC? There are many opportunities for building relationships: Sunday School classes and fellowship time before worship, potlucks and other special events. You can even build relationships in committee meetings and choir.

We have a number of excellent opportunities to get better acquainted with others in the coming weeks:

- Bring a pet, or meet other's pets, at the Pet Blessing this Sunday;
- Come work alongside others as we work the Fall Clean-up;
- Volunteer at Kids' Club and get to know some really great kids;
- Join in the CROP Walk for fun and a good purpose;
- Help out at Trunk or Treat as we welcome our neighbors.

I encourage you to stretch yourself and get to know better some of the wonderful people at MPC.

Peace,

Tracy

*Don't miss World Communion, Reformation and All Saints' Sundays. They will be special times, indeed!

FAITH CONNECTS

"Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children
of God." -Matthew 5:9

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What you have known as the Peacemaking Offering has been transformed into the Peace & Global Witness Offering. This new Offering will have a greater global reach, more significant impact, and bring peace to people through Christ.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received during the Season of Peace, which ends on World Communion Sunday (October 5). However, you can help sustain the important PC(USA) ministries and programs that are supported by this important Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year.

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to sustain their local peacemaking ministries.

Source: Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Stewardship Update

January 1 to September 19, 2014

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2014 Budget
Pledges	\$102,268.53	\$107,989.47	\$143,986.00
Other Income	\$17,640.05	\$39,661.47	\$52,882.00
Total Income	\$119,908.58	\$147,650.94	\$196,868.00
Total Expenses	\$136,350.38	\$147,649.32	\$196,868.00

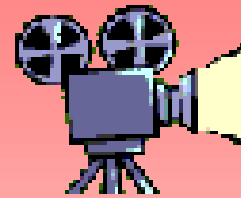
Fellowship & Hospitality Events in October



Sunday, October 5

Blessing of the Pets

Memorial will host the blessing of the pets on Sunday, October 5 from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. in the west courtyard area. Afterwards, punch and cookies will be served. If you plan to bring your pet, please make sure that they are properly secured for their safety and the safety of others. If your pet is unable to attend, you may bring a photo of your pet to be blessed. In case of bad weather, the blessing of the pets will be held in the fellowship hall.



Sunday, October 26

Matinee Movie

Fellowship & Hospitality will be organizing a Sunday matinee movie outing on October 26 (see page two). As the date approaches, we will announce the film to be viewed, and the time and location for this social event. Everyone always has a great time, so put this date on your calendars.

Friday, October 31

Trunk or Treat

Fellowship & Hospitality will be hosting Memorial's Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 31 from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. Our goal is to have fifteen trunks in our parking lot giving out treats. We are looking for volunteers to help with the snack tent, games & moon bounce, set-up, and clean-up. We will also be requesting specific items for people to donate for this community event. Watch for the sign up sheet for these opportunities to help and serve. If you have any questions, please call or text Lisa Upton at 740-4227.

The next **meeting** of the Fellowship & Hospitality committee will be on Wednesday, October 8, at 7:00 P.M.



Help Fight Hunger Around the World, Around the Block

Sign Up for Norman's Oct. 19 CROP Walk

“Ending Hunger One Step at a Time” is the theme of the 2014 Cleveland County CROP Walk, an event which raises money and awareness to fight hunger and poverty around the world and in our own community.

This year's CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, Oct. 19, starting with 1:30 P.M. registration at Food and Shelter Inc., 104 W. Comanche. Memorial Presbyterian Church members will have an opportunity to sign up for the walk and receive sponsor envelopes beginning this Sunday and each week preceding the event.

CROP Walk is a program of Church World Service, a cooperative ministry of 36 denominations providing sustainable self-help and development, disaster relief and refugee assistance in more than 80 countries.

Twenty-five percent of funds raised locally stay here in Norman to benefit Food and Shelter Inc., a non-profit agency that provides free meals and temporary family housing to those in need.

Last year's local walk raised nearly \$18,000, and organizers have set a goal of raising \$20,000 for 2014. Each walker who raises a minimum of \$100 will receive a free T-shirt on the day of the walk.

By participating in CROP Walk, we are walking in solidarity with those who must walk miles every day for such basic necessities as food, water or medical care.

We urge every member of Memorial to support CROP Walk through their prayers and participation—whether as a walker or as a sponsor.

For more information, contact Joan Cole 405-830-8389 or visit the local walk website at www.clevelandcountycropwalk.org.



SAVE THE DATE: **Cleveland County CROP Walk to Stop Hunger** **Sunday, October 19**

Food & Shelter Inc. - 104 W. Comanche, Norman

1:30 Registration ~ 2 p.m. Step Off
Three-mile Charity Walk

Donations Benefit -- Food & Shelter Inc. and humanitarian projects of Church World Service in more than 80 countries and across America.

Pre Walk Fun – Face Painting • Manyawi World Music Ensemble • Siyahamba Musical Send-Off

After-Walk Party -- Hot Dog Cookout • Music by D.J. Adrian Buendia of Nexxus Productions

Peanut Butter & Tuna Drive – Benefits food pantries throughout Cleveland County.



CROP Walk Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest for Kids Up to 18 & Families

Saturday, Oct. 4, 9 a.m. Santa Fe Depot, 200 S. Jones

Prizes Awarded by Age & Entertainment by African Drummer Jahruha Lambeth



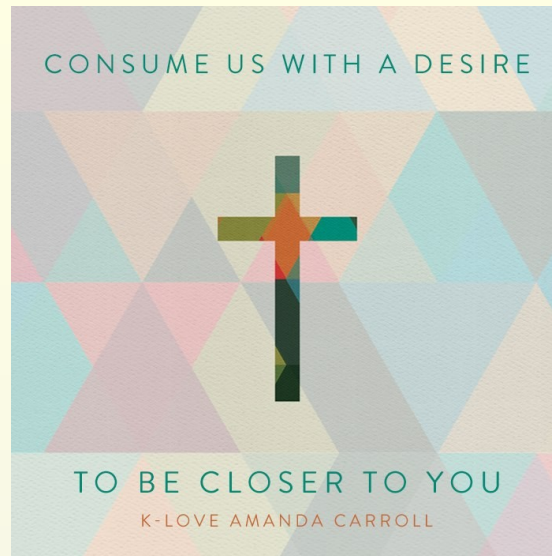
**Faith Groups, Businesses, Organizations,
Students Invited to Form Teams**

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For more information, visit www.clevelandcountycropwalk.org
or call Karen at 314-8348; email kbuntin300@cox.net

MEMORIAL YOUTH GROUP NEWS

OCTOBER 2014



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

OCT 19	Immediately following worship Lunch to be provided	Crop Walk
OCT 26	5-6:30PM	Halloween Party (Loreen Upton)
NOV 9	5-6:30PM	(Karen Upton)
NOV 23	5-6:30PM	Giving Thanks
DEC 21	5-6:30PM	Christmas Party

If you would like to provide a meal for our youth, there are still plenty of opportunities. Please contact Joan Cole, 830-8389.

Panel on Mental Illness and Criminal Justice

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. In Oklahoma, it has been said that the largest facility treating people with mental illnesses is the Oklahoma County jail. The warden at the Mabel Basset women's prison has estimated that 80 percent of inmates at that facility have some kind of mental/emotional issues. Griffin Memorial Hospital, in recent years, has because of funding cut backs, lost 1/3rd of its treatment capacity.

On Friday, November 14, 2014, from 6:30-8:30 P.M., the Christian Education Committee of Memorial Presbyterian Church will sponsor 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 following persons have agreed to participate: 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, OK 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. The panel will also interact with one another, and respond to questions from the audience.

The program will be open to the community, and refreshments will be served.

Kids' Club 2014-2015: We Are Family!

About fourteen kids, ranging in age from 3 to 16 years, participate in Memorial's free Kids' Club program on Wednesday afternoons between 3:15 and 6:15.

Volunteer drivers Charlotte Lovett and Donna Vint assist parents and staff in picking up kids from at least six different schools around Norman. Rev. Evans is assisted by several volunteers: Rev. Melinda Clements, Holly Van Auken, Samuel McCann, Linda Eckel and Tamara Iske. Kirk Forthman directs the Children's Choir. Holly takes the lead in providing dinner each week.

Participants:

Ashu Abunaw	Abigail Jangha
Sumi Abunaw	Faith Jangha
Jim Annoh	Gysheilla Jangha
Bella Eckel	Blessing Sama
Kaylee Eyabi	Elvira Sama
Stephen Eyabi Jr.	Lyne-Marisa Sama
Andy Garcia	Mariolise Sama

Our sincere thanks for everyone's help. If we omitted to mention anyone, please accept our apologies! There's always another meal available if anyone in the church would like to come play and eat with us and get to know the younger members of our church family. We play outside a lot and do crafts. It's a very casual program. Come see us!



October Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Dave Iske

October 5

Ushers: Trudy Beard and Linda Eckel
Communion Servers: Mike and Joan Cole, Mike and Karen Girdner
Coffee: Trudy Beard and Linda Eckel
Sound booth: Mike Cole
Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole
Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole
Lock-up: Harry Wright



October 12

Ushers: Carl and Julie Forthman
Coffee: Donna Vint and Will Farris
Sound booth: Mike Girdner
Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard
Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard or Karen Girdner
Lock-up: Trudy Beard

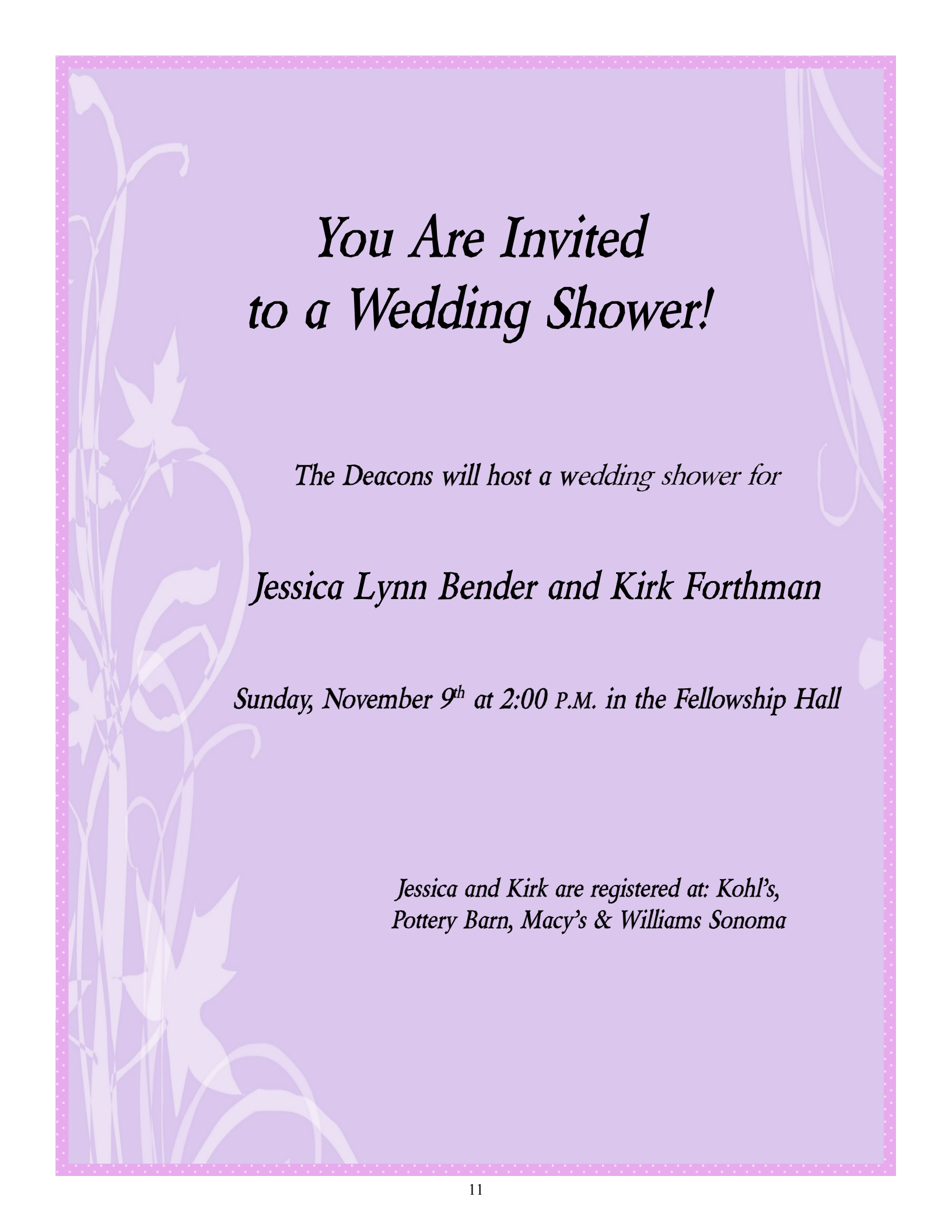
October 19

Ushers: Doug and Ann Forsyth
Coffee: Jim and Linda Rodriguez
Sound booth: Tim Thiessen
Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner
Nursery Assistant: Donna Vint
Lock-up: Joan Cole



October 26

Ushers: Carolyn Montgomery and Harold Conner
Coffee: Loreen Upton and John Beck
Sound booth: Larry Upton
Acolyte Assistant: Jona Thiessen
Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel
Lock-up: Charlotte Lovett



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 2:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall

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

Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing

Trudy Beard
Gene Bergstresser
Lola Carroll
Sandy Clarke
Melinda Clements
Janice Crump
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)
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)
George Sites (Georjana Mauldin's father)
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

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)

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

October Birthdays

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| 1 | Adrien (AJ) Roesel |
| 9 | Kevin Eckel |
| 11 | Christy Fisher |
| 12 | Trudy Beard
Amanda Bliss |
| 13 | Joe Garlett |
| 15 | Holly Forsyth
Jimmy Rambur |
| 16 | Tracy Evans
Aidyn Pennington |
| 17 | Dave Iske
Bill Taylor |
| 18 | Tim Thiessen |
| 19 | Leilund Autry |
| 22 | Erica Phelps |
| 23 | Caitlin Stensrud |
| 28 | Harry Wright |

October Anniversaries

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| 3 | Ross & Barbara Robinson |
| 10 | Mike & Trudy Beard |
| 11 | Daniel & Michele Schaub |

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 2 of 12 short articles

The U.S. Government decided to again move the Cherokee, this time further west from Tennessee, Georgia and Arkansas Territory to Indian Territory. The 1828 treaty promised land "as long as grass shall grow and waters run."

Dwight Mission was asked to move with some of the Cherokee in 1830, settling on the current land near Vian, Oklahoma. The Presbyterian American Board of Missions bought about 200 acres of mostly farm land and 10 log cabins from Cherokee Chief Walter Webber, part white, who had operated a trading post. In May the Rev. Cephas Washburn, his family, and a staff of seven were able to open the newly located school. By the end of 1832 enrollment had grown to 62 boys and 48 girls. The working farm had 200 cattle and soon produced corn and potatoes. The church had 59 members.

The largest number of Cherokee were moved in the scorching summer and treacherous winter of 1838. At least one-fourth of the 16,000 family members would perish during the relocation. Moved by the Holy Spirit, the Dwight missionaries and staff demonstrated God's kindness. His mistreated children were lovingly cared for and educated for almost 100 years on these mission grounds. 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



Leave those fancy duds in the closet and grab your boots
and jeans instead, come on down to the annual
Urban Mission - Urban Cowboy Musical Event!
We've lined up a bunch of crowd pleasers for ya'll,
and we've moved the event to the
Oklahoma Home Builders Event Center

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Who Am I?

1. Who am I?

- I was a tax collector
- I cheated people out of their money
- I was very, very small
- I might be found up a tree

2. Who am I?

- I was a young woman who found favor with God
- I was chosen to do something great
- I was visited by an angel
- I became the mother of God's only Son

3. Who am I?

- I was told by God to go and preach
- Instead, I ran away
- I caused a great storm on the sea
- A giant fish swallowed me

4. Who am I?

- I lived, but I was never born
- I gave all the animals their names
- I lived in a beautiful garden
- I was the very first man

5. Who am I?

- I was my father's favorite son
- My brothers hated me
- My brothers sold me as a slave
- I wore a coat of many colors

6. Who am I?

- I was just a little shepherd boy
- I liked to play the harp
- I was pretty good with a sling shot
- I became famous for killing a giant

7. Who am I?

- I was the very first woman
- I was made from the rib of a man
- I lived in a beautiful garden
- I was tempted by a snake

8. Who am I?

- I had my eye on a strong man named Samson
- I knew the secret of where Samson got his strength
- I wanted to give Samson a haircut
- When I cut Samson's hair, he lost all of his strength

9. Who am I?

- Some people thought I was a great teacher
- Some people thought I was John the Baptist
- Some people thought I was Elijah or one of the prophets
- I am the Son of God

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." Mark 8:27-29 (NRSV)

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| 6. David | 5. Joseph |
| 7. Eve | 4. Adam |
| 8. Delilah | 3. Jonah |
| 9. Jesus | 2. Mary |
| | 1. Zacchaeus |

Memorial Presbyterian Church

October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11:00 A.M. League of Women Voters 3:30-6:15 P.M. Kids' Club	2 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	3 6:30 P.M. N.A. Meeting in FH	4 8:00 A.M. until finished: Fall Clean-Up
5 10:55 A.M. World Communion & Celebration of the Lord's Supper 4:00 P.M. Pet Blessing	6 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	7 6:30 P.M. League of Women Voters in FH	8 NO KIDS' CLUB 7:00 P.M. Fellowship & Hospitality meeting	9 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	10	11
12 12:00 P.M. Congregational Meeting	13 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	14 6:00 P.M. Mission & Evangelism Meeting 7:00 P.M. Christian Education Meeting	15 NO KIDS' CLUB 7:00 P.M. Building & Grounds Meeting	16 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	17	18
19 2:00 P.M. CROP Walk (Registration at 1:30) 5:30 P.M. Stewardship Meeting	20 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	21 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting	22 3:30-6:15 P.M. Kids' Club	23 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	24 Articles due for November Messenger 4:30-9:00 P.M. ABLE Halloween Party in FH	25
26 12:00 P.M. Deacons Meeting Time & Location TBA Sunday Movie Matinee	27 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	28	29 3:30-6:15 P.M. Kids' Club	30 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	31 6:30-8:00 P.M. Trunk or Treat	

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.