

Memorial Messenger

Memorial Presbyterian Church
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March 2015



Latest News

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for March is **rice**. Please place your donation in the box by the church information table

See page 12 for a **Lenten Practices Calendar**. Thanks to pastor/author Traci Smith for creating and sharing this calendar.

Pastor Tracy Evans is leading a **Lenten study** at 7:00 P.M. on Sundays during Lent.

We will be hosting an ecumenical **Lenten service and luncheon** at noon on Wednesday, March 4, part of a series of services coordinated by the Norman Ministerial Fellowship and held at six local churches on Wednesdays in Lent. See page five for the schedule of upcoming services. Volunteers are needed to scrub potatoes on Tuesday, March 3, starting at 1:00 P.M., as well as to prepare and serve lunch on the 4th.

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 8. Don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead.

Pastor Tracy will be out of town March 9-12 for a stewardship conference.

Kids' Club will not meet on March 11 or March 18.

On Tuesday, March 3, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., NorthHaven Church will host four local legends in ministry as they discuss **The Changing Landscape of the Church**. Lavonn Brown, Phil Fenn, Hugh Wilson, and Joe Ted Miller will be part of a panel discussion addressing changes in theology, worship, church culture, and cultural pluralism. Refreshments to follow. NorthHaven Church is located at 4600 36th Ave. NW in Norman.

As you do your spring cleaning, keep MPC in mind. We will have another **fundraising garage sale** in August. Consider donating unneeded items to the sale.

If you would like to order **Easter lilies**, please use the sign-up sheet in the hall, or contact the church office. The lilies cost \$12 each; please make payment to Memorial. Orders will be accepted until noon on Monday, March 23. Proceeds benefit the ABLE Council for Developmental Disabilities, which provides residential care, vocational training, and employment support for more than sixty adults with developmental disabilities here in Norman.

Our **Holy Week** schedule will include services on Passion/Palm Sunday (March 29 at 10:55 A.M.) and Maundy Thursday (April 2 at 7:00 P.M.). Both services will begin in Fellowship Hall and we will then make our way to the sanctuary. Please join us for both, as well as Easter Sunday, April 5.

Clerk's Corner

Session held its stated meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. The following actions were taken:

- (1) Approval of a request by the American Guild of Organists together with the American Organ Institute at OU to use our organ 2-3 hours each morning the week of June 15-18, 2015 to provide practice time for high school students enrolled in the American Guild of Organist's program.
- (2) Session approved a request from the C.E. Committee and the 50th Anniversary Committee to hold fundraisers in the coming months.
- (3) Session approved a request from the Permanent Endowment Fund Committee to fund the Wednesday night meals provided at Kids' Club and to fund a portion of the money needed for Terry Cast to attend the American Guild of Organists' Southwest Regional Convention in Ft Worth, TX.

The next meeting of Session will be held on Tuesday, March 17.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Cole
Clerk of Session

Stewardship Update			
January 1 to February 27, 2015			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2015 Budget
Pledges	\$22,308.37	\$24,998.66	\$149,992.00
Other Income	\$3,365.35	\$5,598.98	\$33,594.00
Total Income	\$25,673.72	\$30,597.64	\$183,586.00
Total Expenses	\$24,452.03	\$30,992.00	\$185,954.00

Church Directory Update

An updated MPC Directory (Spring 2015) was included with this newsletter, and is also available on the church information table or from the church office. Please check your information for accuracy and completeness, and notify the church office of any changes that may be needed.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, I was in Boston (actually it was Cambridge) earlier this month. I was there to attend a Bat Mitzvah for my cousin's daughter. Bat Mitzvah means "daughter of the commandment" and is a celebration of the coming of age of a young person.

It's not often that I, a pastor, have the opportunity to attend a worship service which is quite foreign to me. I took it all in and reflected a great deal about what it meant to be a stranger.

Many of the players were the same. There were pews and a piano, windows depicting stories, songs sung by the leader and the congregation, bulletins, scripture and prayers. Other things were less familiar. We used a prayer book which included songs but no notes (and was opened and read from right to left), many of the congregation wore yarmulkes and/or prayer shawls (both men and women), and the biggest difference for me was the Hebrew language. Most songs and prayers were written in Hebrew characters, with a transliteration of the Hebrew and an English translation. In seminary we learn ancient Hebrew, so I was somewhat familiar with the words, but just enough to know when I was lost!

As I sat in the services—we went to both Friday evening and Saturday morning service—I was able at times to participate and at times could only be an observer.

I began to reflect during those observation times about what it is like to be new to a worship setting.

What do we do well in welcoming the stranger? What sounds or sights would seem foreign? And I asked myself, "What would make me want to come back to this place and this people?" I decided that for me it would be the faithfulness of the people. There were so many whose commitment to their worship and their faith was visible.

It is my hope and prayer that we are a faithful people who exude that faith to all who we meet, especially in worship.

How do we show our faith in worship? It's worth thinking about, and I encourage you to do so.

Grace and peace in this Lenten season,
Tracy

March Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Larry Upton

March 1

Communion Servers: Julie Forthman, Kirk Forthman, Jim Rodriguez and Doris Hinson

Ushers: Mike and Karen Girdner

Coffee: Jona Thiessen and Joan Thraillkill

Sound booth: Tim Thiessen

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel

Lock-up: Joe Garlett

March 8

Ushers: Ann Fayles and Loreen Upton

Coffee: Doris Hinson and Georjana Mauldin

Sound booth: Dave Iske

Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner

Nursery Assistant: Karen Upton

Lock-up: Mike Girdner

March 15

Ushers: Charlotte Lovett and Lucy Lanning

Coffee: Ann Forsyth and Charlotte Lovett

Sound booth: Will Farris

Acolyte Assistant: Jona Thiessen

Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole

Lock-up: Mike Cole

March 22

Ushers: Harry Wright and Donna Vint

Coffee: Jim Rodriguez and Lisa Upton

Sound booth: Mike Cole

Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton

Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck

Lock-up: Harry Wright

March 29

Ushers: Larry and Lisa Upton

Coffee: John Beck and Donna Vint

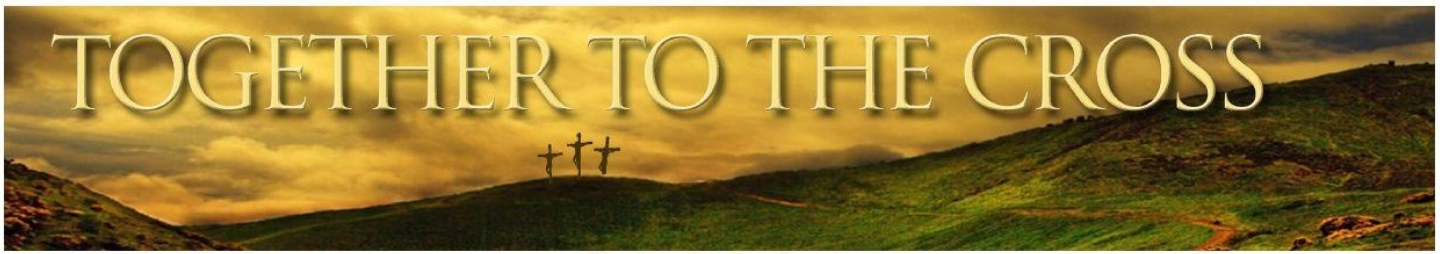
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The Norman Ministerial Fellowship Presents
THE 2015 LENTEN SERVICES



Services begin at noon.

A \$5 lunch is served at 12:35 p.m.

A Lenten offering will be collected to benefit Mission Norman.

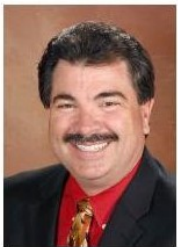


March 4

Memorial Presbyterian Church
601 24th Ave. S.W.

Guest Pastor: Mitch Randall, NorthHaven Church

Worship Theme: *I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life*



March 11

McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church
419 S. University Blvd.

Guest Pastor: Wade Smith, First Baptist Church

Worship Theme: *I Am the Vine*



March 18

First Christian Church
220 S. Webster Ave.

Guest Pastor: Linda Harker, McFarlin United Methodist Church

Worship Theme: *I Am the Light of the World*



March 25

NorthHaven Church
4600 36th Ave. N.W.

Guest Pastor: Charles Kimball, University of Oklahoma

Worship Theme: *I Am the Good Shepherd*



April 1

First Baptist Church
211 W. Comanche St.

Guest Pastor: Rusty Tugman, Alameda Church of Christ

Worship Theme: *I Am the Resurrection and the Life*

SAVE THE DATE!

MEMORIAL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

FOLLOWING A SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY - MAY 24, 2015

If you are in contact with former members who would like to be a part of the celebration either in person or by a remembrance card, please contact Jona Thiessen at <jthiessen2@att.net> and we will gladly add them to our invitation list. Thanks!

DONATIONS NEEDED

The 50th Anniversary Committee is seeking direct donations from the congregation to cover the expense of the party. If you would like to contribute, simply mark your donation "50th Anniversary Celebration". There is no specific line item in our budget for the party, so anything received will be greatly appreciated. The committee is working very hard to be cost conscious, while still making this milestone in the life of our church a very special day for ALL!

M.Y. GROUP NEWS MARCH 2015



ATTENTION ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12, here is our meeting schedule for the month of March.

MARCH 8
MARCH 22

If you would like to provide a meal for our youth, there are still several opportunities in March. Please contact Joan Cole, 830-8389, if you have any questions or you would like to volunteer to bring a meal.



Dear members and friends of Memorial Presbyterian Church,
Mike and Joan Cole want to personally invite each of you to join in the celebration of their son David's marriage to Ashlei Kassing at 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 4, 2015. The wedding and reception will be held at the church. Because the reception is a catered meal, Joan and Mike request that you RSVP no later than March 20, 2015.



Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing

Sumi Abunaw
Gene Bergstresser
Lola Carroll
Sandy Clarke
Janice Crump
Jim Eckel
Dave Iske
Vince Leseney
Dennis Anderson (Jayelle Martin's friend's cousin)
Kay Anderson
Gail Bender (Jessica Forthman's mother)
Carol Broderson (Karen Upton's cousin)
Britany Clark (Daughter of Paul Upton's co-worker)
Kenny Comer (Karen Girdner's niece's husband)
Emma (Jayelle Martin's great, great niece)
Carol Gadd (Ann Forsyth's cousin)
Emily Hale (Jessica Farris's friend's sister-in-law)
Karen (Vicky Harrison's sister)
Dan Loomis (friend of Bill & Betty Silman)
Tod Luttrell (friend of Doris Hinson)
Savannah Moseley (daughter of Ann Forsyth's cousin)
Jane Thomas (friend of Charlotte Lovett)
Kathy Ellison Vanderburg (former classmate of Jona Thiessen)
Keith Vermillion (PE teacher at Jessica Farris' school)

Those who grieve

Connor Davis (friend of Samuel McCann)
Family of Judy Haworth (Jayelle Martin's sister)
Family of Barbara Robinson
Family of Norma Hayes (Janice Crump's sister-in-law)
Family of Robert Cunningham (Jona Thiessen's father)

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

March Birthdays

3 Michael Klenda
4 Angela Jones (Jayelle Martin's granddaughter)
5 Margaret Storm
David Stensrud
6 Bill Silman
Harold Conner
7 Elvira Sama
9 Brian Kelley
14 Riley Benson
17 Ann Fayles
21 Bill Jones (Jayelle Martin's son-in-law)
22 Marcus Williams
Mandy Jiran
23 Clay Girdner
27 Loreen Upton
29 Eileen Burke
Heather Yeager
30 Joan Cole

March Anniversaries

17 Bruce & Trisha Bunce
27 Cornelius & Susan Annoh

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

Number 7 of 12 short articles

Dwight Mission school was reopened in 1867 after it had closed because of the Civil War. By 1891, under the direction of the Rev. W. L. Squirer, there were 70 students in the girls' school.

A few years before 1900 a young man arrived from Kansas and stayed for a few months on the Dwight Mission grounds, working as an itinerate missionary to six Cherokee churches. The Rev. Frederick L. Schaub had been a typesetter and a pharmacist. He was now where he was called to be--in the mission field. The more he traveled about the more he realized the need for a boys' industrial boarding school. He and other nearby missionaries made their plea and the Women's Board of Home Missions consented to help support the work at Dwight on one condition: that the Rev. Schaub would be the director, in addition to all his other ministries.

The day school for girls went on as the Presbyterian Boys' Training School opened in October 1900. Only a few boys lived on campus at first, but within three years it was at full capacity. A medical doctor, Miss Mabel True, was also matron and cook. Miss Florence Bingham was the teacher. The expense per boy was kept to \$25/year. It was self-supporting, asking fifty cents, or provisions amounting to that amount, per student per week.

After the Rev. Schaub moved a press from Siloam Springs, Arkansas, to the Dwight campus, the Cherokee Gospel Tidings included scripture passages and news about the Dwight Mission school. By 1903 monthly issues in Cherokee were reaching over 800 families. Also, David Smallwood, son of a full-blood Cherokee minister, aided in the translation and printing of pocket-sized Cherokee Testaments, selling for 25 cents each. In 1912 a Cherokee Hymnbook, containing 135 hymns was published.

The Holy Spirit enabled the spreading of the gospel on the school campus and, by way of the printed word, throughout the Cherokee Nation. Our generation can check out Dwight's website to view the current ministries available.

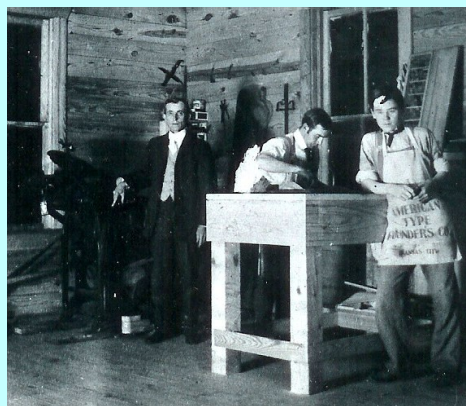
Please support Dwight Mission in any way you can and remember Dwight staff in your prayers.

Mary Helen Hite, Historian, Indian Nations Presbyterian Women

Primary Resources: Mission to the Cherokees by O.B. Campbell, 1969, and Col. Warren Schaub, grandson of the Rev. Frederick Schaub

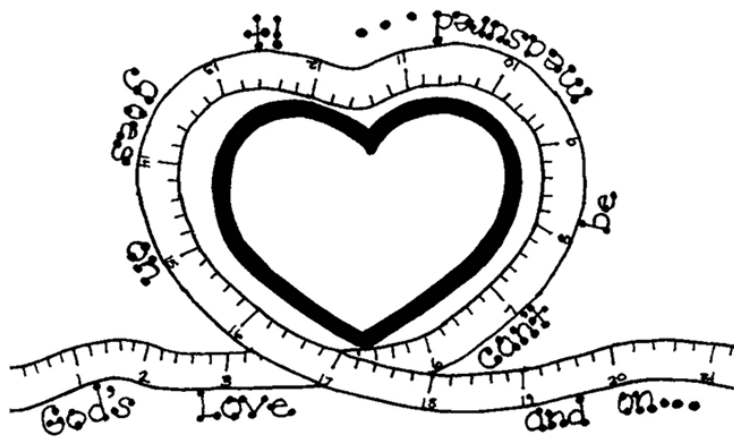


Photos: The Rev. Frederick Schaub



Rev. Schaub and printers

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LENTEN PRACTICES CALENDAR FOR FAMILIES 2015						
FEBRUARY 22 [F] No snacks between meals today	FEBRUARY 23 [S] Do something kind for a neighbor.	FEBRUARY 24 [P] GRATITUDE	FEBRUARY 25 [F] Only water to drink today	FEBRUARY 26 [S] Buy or find 5+ items for a food bank. (Deliver on March 28)	FEBRUARY 27 [P] JESUS	FEBRUARY 28 [F] Eat very simple meals for breakfast, lunch, & dinner.
MARCH 1 [S] Pick up litter outside your house or at a park.	MARCH 2 [P] SPIRIT	MARCH 3 [F] Do not use toys that require batteries or electricity	MARCH 4 [S] Call someone and tell them you are thinking of them today.	MARCH 5 [P] HOLY	MARCH 6 [F] Do not listen to music in the car.	MARCH 7 [S] Take a treat or meal to someone
MARCH 8 [P] PATIENCE	MARCH 9 [F] No desserts or treats today	MARCH 10 [S] Say something nice about each person in your family.	MARCH 11 [P] DESERT	MARCH 12 [F] No TV or screens today (except for homework)	MARCH 13 [S] Invite someone to your house for dinner.	MARCH 14 [P] JOURNEY
MARCH 15 [F] No snacks between meals today	MARCH 16 [S] Give someone real or paper flowers.	MARCH 17 [P] SERVICE	MARCH 18 [F] Only water to drink today	MARCH 19 [S] Draw a picture for someone and mail it.	MARCH 20 [P] FRIENDSHIP	MARCH 21 [F] Eat very simple meals for breakfast, lunch, & dinner.
MARCH 22 [S] Write someone a thank you note	MARCH 23 [P] GOD	MARCH 24 [F] Do not use toys that require batteries or electricity	MARCH 25 [S] Learn something about another country or culture	MARCH 26 [P] MERCY	MARCH 27 [F] Do not listen to music in the car.	MARCH 28 [S] Deliver your food bank items
MARCH 29 [P] PEACE	MARCH 30 [F] No desserts or treats today	MARCH 31 [S] Buy dog or cat food for an animal shelter (deliver Sat.)	APRIL 1 [P] KINDNESS	APRIL 2 [F] No TV or screens today (except for homework)	APRIL 3 [S] Plant a tree or flowers	APRIL 4 [S] Deliver animal items.
APRIL 5 Easter! [P] RESURRECTION						
These activities are based around the traditional "3 Pillars" of Lent: Prayer [P], Fasting [F] and Almsgiving/Service [S]. The pillars are rotated throughout lent with simple activities. On the prayer days, use the word provided to inspire a prayer you write, draw, or sing. All of the activities are suggestions. Modify them for your own family! <div>© Traci Smith 2015 www.traci-smith.com</div> <div>Used by permission.</div>						

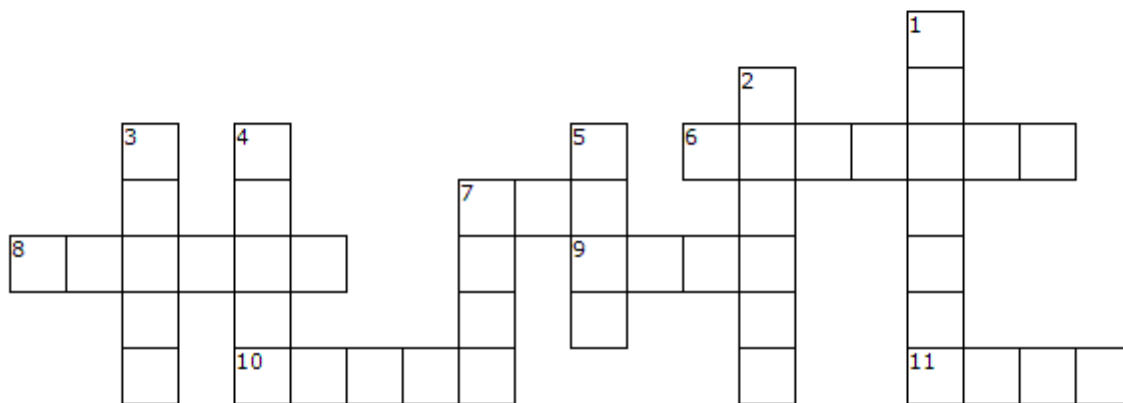


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Measuring God's Love

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16 (NIV)

Based on John 3:14-17 (NIV)



ACROSS

6. To accept something as true, genuine, or real
7. A male child
8. To die or be destroyed
9. To care very deeply for someone
10. A serpent or reptile)
11. The period of time from birth to death

DOWN

1. Lasting forever, without end
2. Hot, dry area of land with few trees or plants
3. The earth with its inhabitants and all things upon it
4. Received the ten commandments from God
5. Alone in its kind, nothing like it
7. To rescue from danger or harm

Memorial Presbyterian Church

March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:55 A.M. Celebration of the Lord's Supper 12:00 P.M. Worship & Music Meeting 7:00 P.M. Lenten Study	2 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	3 7:00 P.M. Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting	4 12:00 P.M. Ecumenical Lenten Service & Lunch 3:00 P.M. Kid's Club 5:00 P.M. Children's Choir 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	5 10:00 A.M. Serve at Food for Friends 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 6:30 P.M. 50th Anniversary Planning Meeting	6	7
8 5:00 P.M. M.Y. Group 7:00 P.M. Lenten Study	9 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	10 6:00 P.M. Mission & Evangelism Meeting	11 No Kid's Club 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	12 No Kid's Club 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	13 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 7:00 P.M. Building & Grounds Meeting	14
Pastor Tracy in Kansas City for Stewardship Conference						
15 7:00 P.M. Lenten Study	16 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	17 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting	18 No Kids' Club 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	19 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library 7:00 P.M. Building & Grounds Meeting	20	21
22 4:30 P.M. Deacons Meeting 5:00 P.M. M.Y. Group 7:00 P.M. Lenten Study	23 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	24 Articles due for April Messenger	25 3:00 P.M. Kid's Club 5:00 P.M. Children's Choir 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	26 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	27	28
29 10:55 A.M. Passion/ Palm Sunday service begins in FH 7:00 P.M. Lenten Study	30 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	31 7:00 P.M. Christian Education Meeting				

SUNDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

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

MIDWEEK REGULAR SCHEDULE

Wednesday: Kids' Club 3:00 P.M.
 Children's Choir 5:00 P.M.
 Chancel Choir 6:30 P.M.

Thursday: Bible Study 10:30 A.M.