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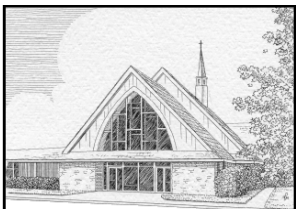


Worship with us!
Sundays at 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Learn with us!
Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.
United Methodist Youth:
Sundays from 4-6 p.m.

**Share food
and fellowship!**
**United Methodist
Men Breakfast**
First and Third Monday
at 7:00 a.m.
Primetimers
Second Thursday at Noon
Friday Breakfast
at 6:31 a.m.

Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



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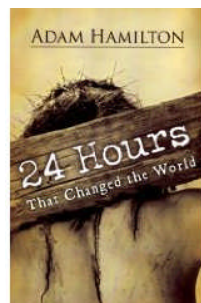
“Stir up the inner fire, the gift God gave you....”
2 Timothy 1:6

Early one morning a father was awakened by the smoke detector in his basement. He woke his wife and they quickly went to their children's bedroom and woke them up and started heading for the door through the smoke which was getting quite heavy. The father was carrying his one and a half year-old daughter in one arm and held the hand of his four year-old son with the other. The son, being scared and unsure of what was happening pulled his hand from his father's clasp and ran to what he thought was a place of safety – a corner of his bedroom where his favorite stuffed toys were kept. The father got outside and called to his son who appeared at the bedroom window crying and calling for help. The father called to him and told him to jump, but the boy yelled in reply, "But I can't see you!" Then the father called back with a reassuring message: "That's all right, I can see you!"

What a parable of faith. We have confidence – not in our ability to see clearly – but in God's! God can see us just fine! Our trust must be in God. Remember that we move into this new year. There are many challenges. You may feel like you are tumbling through the darkness in a free-fall. Even if you are, God will not fail to catch you. Look for signs of God's presence and don't be surprised.

Until later....grace and peace, Rik

24 Hours That Changed The World



As we approach the season of Lent, we prepare ourselves in many ways. This year, Village UMC, along with Lakeside UMC and Mayfair Heights UMC, will walk through the last 24 hours of Jesus Christ's life prior to the resurrection. From the pulpit and in study groups, we will follow the newest study by Adam Hamilton "24 Hours That Changed the World." In this way, we will once again, or for the first time, learn about the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ on our behalf. Look for information at the church about signing up for a study group and get ready to immerse yourself in the history of Jesus' last day.

Student Ministries

Girls/Guys Night Out

Mark your calendars now for Girls/Guys Night Out on Sunday, January 17th.

Meet at the church at 7 p.m. and the girls go one way and the guys go the other. Sign-up with Kathryn and more details will follow.

There's no school the next day, so each group will spend the night somewhere. Everyone will be returned to the church by 10 a.m. Monday morning, January 18th. Contact Kathryn at 503-7075 or kwitzel@villagemethodist.org if you plan on attending.



District Dance in January

It's time to boogie at the District Dance! Sunday, January 24th the van leaves the church at 3:30 p.m. and travels to Edmond First for a couple hours of festivities. If you're not into dancing, join us anyway. There is plenty to do for the non-dancers among us. We'll return to the church by 7:30 p.m.



Souper Bowl Sunday

The Youth will collect food for BritVil on Sunday, February 7 as part of Souper Bowl 2010. Include our local food pantry in your grocery shopping and all food and money will go to feed others.

Summer Dates

Youth Force/OKC—Local Mission Camp—June 6-11. \$165

CYME—Senior High Leadership Training for Youth Exhibiting Leadership in their own church. June 27-July 2

Central Oklahoma District Camp—July 5-9 for Youth entering 7th through graduated Seniors.

Appalachia Service Project—July 30-August 8 Mission Trip for Youth entering 9th grade through graduated Seniors.



Ministries

United Methodist Women

Circle Meetings

January 19th
Susannah Wesley
9:30 a.m. at the church

Martha Circle

10:00 a.m. at the church

Ruth Circle 1:00 p.m. at the home of JoAnn Fair

Cinnamon Rolls

Bake January 23, Sell January 24

Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 26, 1:00 p.m.

General Meeting

Tuesday, February 2

12:30 p.m. Desserts

1:00 p.m. Program on prayer and self-denial



Who Built the Ark?

Children in Amazing Voyage will find out as they learn about Noah's Ark during the next several weeks. They will learn that the Bible story of a faithful man named Noah reminds us that God loves all creation and that God made a special covenant with Noah and all living things. Experiences in art, cooking, science, games, storytelling and movies will bring this idea to life for them. Children in Kindergarten through Grade 5 gather in the Jungle Room upstairs at 9:15 each Sunday morning before going to other stations.



Cinnamon Rolls for Missions

Start the year off with a hot Cinnamon Roll, lovingly prepared by our own United Methodist Women.

1 for \$1.00

6 for \$5.00

12 for \$10.00

All proceeds go towards the missions budget of the United Methodist Women.



Celebrations and Prayer Concerns



Happy Birthday to:

January 15

Tara Delaney
Austin Elliott

Keara Lee

January 16

Jamie McCormack

January 17

Jeff Jameson

January 18

Bill Akeman

January 19

Mary Lou Delbridge
Maxine Lavender

January 20

Dorothy Walling

January 21

Sharon Cavnar

January 21

Emily Muns
Kaemon Patterson

January 22

Mary Taylor

January 24

Kathy Beth
Kalynn Bull

January 25

Madeline Cassady

January 26

Tom Lasater
Tom Lee

Ann Runnels

January 28

Camille Bennitt
Sarah Jones
Nancy Kendrick

January 30

Alden Clark
Peggy Clifton

February 2

Betty Pederson

February 5

Phillip Farrill
Will Jones

Happy Anniversary to:

January 15

Jeff and Tami Fidler

February 4

Ken and Nancy Kendrick



Prayer Concerns

Bill Akeman

Michael Basore

Mary Ellen Brown

Bill Bullard

Pat Burton

Nina Fidler

Dorothy Finnell

Vaunie Flynn

Dr. Andy Gin

Alma Hale

Wallace Hoyt

Elsie Huffman

W.H. Listen

Liz Macchio

Lori Mahaffey

Jeff Marrs

Peggy McCormack

Jeannie McGee

Shelly Mobley

Jeanne Peterson

Dorothy Walling

In the Middle East

Robert Clark

Blake Steely

Ben Wilhelm



Sympathy:

Our hearts and prayers go out to the friends and family of Stan Riley on his recent death.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Dana Matson and her family on the death of her mother, Jackie Ferguson.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Dee Ferguson and her family on the death of her husband, Rev. John Ferguson.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Betty Cramp and her family on the death of her sister, Gertrude Elmore.

10:30 a.m. Ushers for January:

Punk Bonner, Joe Dewey,
Crystal Self, Casey Stephens

Youth Workers for the Nursery:

January 17—Kelli and Jarrod

January 24—Abbey and Wesley

January 31—Addison

Deadline for next newspaper:

Tuesday, January 20. Bring articles to Kathryn or e-mail to kwitzel@villagemethodist.org.

Thank You

The staff appreciates the generous Christmas bonus that was collected from the congregation this year. Thank you so much.

Joy!

Sixteen laypeople are attending the District Leadership Workshop this weekend. The enthusiasm of our leadership is exciting!

We're very excited to report that Wesley Garoutte and Kaemon Patterson have been selected to represent the North Oklahoma City District Youth at Annual Conference. They will spend the first week of their summer break attending meetings and worship and will report back to our church and the District Youth Council. Wesley and Kaemon are also members of Conference Council on Youth Ministries, along with Eli Richardson.

Mission Lunch Raises Money for Missions

The Annual Chicken and Homemade Noodles
Mission Lunch

Sunday, January 31

11:30 a.m.

Donations benefit BritVil, our local food pantry,
and the Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip.

Plans are underway for our 14th trip to repair homes
in the Appalachia Mountains.

This life changing mission trip is open to Senior High Students.



Pastor
 Rev. Rik Marion
 Minister of Worship and Music
 Tom White
 Coordinator of Student Ministries
 Kathryn Witzel
 Coordinator of Children's Ministries
 Martha Pendleton
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