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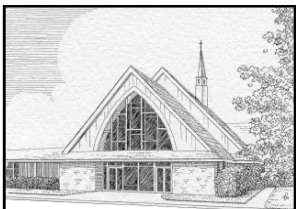


Worship with us!
Sundays at 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

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.
Prime Timers
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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REKINDLING THE FLAME

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

A certain Irish priest, newly arrived in New York City, decided to visit the section known as the Bowery, haven of homeless alcoholics and other derelicts. As he walked along one of the Bowery blocks at night, he suddenly felt a gun against his ribs. Then he heard a raspy voice, "All right mister, gimme all your money!" Quickly, he reached for his wallet and, as he did, the holdup man noticed his clerical garb. The thief was overcome with shame. He said, "Forgive me, Father. I didn't know you were a priest," to which the victim replied: "That's all right son. Just repent of your sin. Here, have a cigar." The thief replied, "Oh, no, thank you, father, I don't smoke during Lent!"



During the Season of Lent, it is traditional to “give up something for Lent.” This can be a powerful practice as long as we know what we’re doing and why. Last year I heard a couple of teenage girls at the church talking about what they were “giving up” starting on Ash Wednesday. One was giving up chocolate candy, the other Dr. Peppers. When I good naturedly ask them why they were giving up something for Lent, they looked at each other, and then at me, like “Beats me!” Upon further conversation, I discovered they weren’t really sure about the purpose of the Season of Lent anyway.

“Giving up something for Lent” is just another way of talking about fasting. Lent has long been a preparatory time for a grand celebration of Easter. Christians have used the season to examine their personal discipleship, to see where they stand in the process of becoming like Christ. Since we all have a way to go in that department, there’s always some part of our life that needs transformation: an attitude or two (or three or four!), bad habits, a woeful prayer life, a stingy heart, – could be about anything.

Fasting is a good way to see what has control over us besides Jesus. It can be a helpful tool in peeling away those layers of sinful attitudes and habits that keep us from being Christ-like. If we tend to be, say, too materialistic, then fasting from buying new things for six weeks (and giving a little extra to charity) may expose a need for a death and resurrection of sorts in our spirits.

If you want to “give up something for Lent” this year, Holy Spirit power to you! But be sure of your purpose. How will this make you a better Christian, more Christ-like? And perhaps more importantly, are you prepared to change if need be?
Until later....grace and peace, Rik

Student Ministries

Worship with District Churches at Rise

This Sunday, February 21, the Youth are going to Wesley UMC downtown to worship with other churches from North and South OKC District. Games and pizza are included. The van leaves at 3:30 p.m. and returns by 7:00 p.m.

30 Hour Famine

Get pledges to support your role in 30 Hour Famine. Spend 30 hours getting closer to God. An intense worship, service and learning experience to raise money and awareness for hunger and poverty locally and throughout the world. Students will get donations to help support the hungry. Cost for the

event is \$10 and includes a free t-shirt.

Van leaves the church at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, February 26 and returns by 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 27th. Bring sleeping bag, pillow, pajamas, change of clothes. Dress for the cold weather.



Bedlam Day at OU Wesley Foundation

The Wesley Foundations at OU and OSU are working together for a special Bedlam Day on Sunday, March 7. For \$15 you get a ticket to the OU/OSU women's

bedlam game, a t-shirt and snacks. We must order our tickets by February 23rd. Please sign-up and pay for the game by Sunday, February 21st. Scholarships are available. The van leaves the church at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 7th.

Summer Dates

Youth Force/OKC June 6-11. \$165

CYME—Senior High leadership training June 27-July 2

Central Oklahoma District Camp—July 5-9 for Youth entering 7th through graduated Seniors. \$190

Appalachia Service Project—July 30-August 8 Youth entering 9th grade through graduated Seniors. \$200

Men's and Women's Ministries

United Methodist Men

Village United Methodist Men invite all men to the March 1, 2010 Pancake Breakfast at 7:00 a.m. Mike Patterson, Joe & LaVerne's son will speak on Stimulus Money & Highway Funding. Please plan on attending.



United Methodist Men

United Methodist Women

Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 23 10:00 a.m. @ church.

General Meeting

Tuesday, March 2

12:30 p.m. Desserts/Drinks

1:00 p.m. UMW General Meeting

Cinnamon Rolls

Saturday, February 27—Prepare and Bake Cinnamon Rolls at the church
 Sunday, February 28—Sell warm Cinnamon Rolls beginning at 9:00 a.m.

1 for \$1
 6 for \$5
 12 for \$10



Women's Retreat

Plans for the Women's Retreat are underway! This annual event focuses on love and prayer this year, themes which is a perfect complement to our Lenten study. Moved to March to hopefully avoid the bad weather that has plagued the retreat in the past, the dates are March 26 and 27 at the Pastoral Center on Northwest Expressway. Friends are always welcome at this and any other event at Village UMC.



Children's Ministries

Life in Bible Times (Mary and Martha)

Children in Amazing Voyage (Kindergarten through Grade 5) will begin a unit about Life in Bible Times on February 21. Learning about Mary and Martha helps us understand Jesus and his teachings. The children will also learn that Jesus teaches us in our everyday lives. They will study the story found in Luke 10:38-42 with experiences in art, cooking, science, games, storytelling and movies.

Nursery Meeting

Parents, child care workers and children will meet after 10:30 worship on Sunday, February 21, to celebrate the love shared in the nursery and discuss ways to make it

more secure and attractive to visitors. Families are asked to call the church at 751-8116 or e-mail mpendleton@villagemethodist.org to make reservations. Those attending will be asked to contribute toward the pizza lunch. Contact Martha Pendleton if you have questions.

Think Summer

For parents already planning for summer activities, include church camp in your schedules. Growin' in Grace Camp for children entering grades 3-5 will be at Canyon Camp near Hinton, OK on June 21-23 or June 23-25. Over 3 days and 2 nights, campers will experience hiking, swimming, crafts, interactive learning and participative wor-

ship. Sonshine Camp is for children entering grades 1 and 2 and is a 24-hour, one-night experience. This camp is also at Canyon.

Save the Date – Save a Life

VUMC members will have the opportunity to have CPR and First Aid training here at the church on Saturday, April 10. Mark your calendars now for CPR from 9 to 12:30 and First Aid from 1 to 3:30. Watch for more details and a chance to sign up soon.

Peace, Peace, Peace

Lighthouse Kidz Singers are learning about finding peace by trusting in God as they prepare to share a prayerful song in 10:30 worship on February 28. The words were written by Nancy Gowen-Nieser, a member of VUMC.

Outreach Ministries

Want a discount on your car insurance?

AARP Driver Safety Course offered Saturday, March 6, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Sign up soon to participate in the AARP Driver Safety Class to be held here on Saturday, March 6. Class size is limited to 35. The classroom course costs only \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. You are welcome to invite your friends to join you for this event.

Mission Work Area Organizing Health Kits

The Mission Work Area is organizing health kits for UMCOR's mission in Haiti. Following are the

items suggested by UMCOR for donation to the Haiti relief effort. There will be a tub near the front desk for collection of these items. Packages will be made up containing one of each item. Please donate in any combination and packages will be made at a later time.

- UMCOR – Haiti Relief
- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27". No kitchen towels.
 - 1 washcloth
 - 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
 - 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
 - 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
 - 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-

size brushes)

- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- toothpaste

Banyan Tree Day in Mission in April

Mark your calendar now for a day of mission with our Banyan Tree churches on Saturday, April 27th. We will help repair a home, work at Skyline and put health kits together. There are opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.



March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00 a U.M.M Pancake Breakfast 7:00 p Support Group	2 8:45 a Worship Planning 12:30 p UMW Desserts/Drinks 1:00 p UMW General Meeting 7:00 p Support Group	3 9:00 a Mobile Meals 4:45 p Village Café 6:00 p LHK Singers 6:00 p Women's Covenant 6:30 p Oasis Worship 6:30 p Chancel Choir	4 5:00-7:00 p Ban- yan Tree Meeting @ Mayfair Heights UMC 6:00 p Christian Believer Class	5 6:30 a Friday Breakfast ALL INVITED!	6 9:00 a—4:00 p AARP Defensive Driving Course (Fellowship Hall)
7 8:15/10:30 a Worship 9:15 a Sunday School 11:30 a Bells 11:30 a Trustees 11:30 a Mission Lunch 1:30 p UM Youth to OU/OSU Game 6:00 p Support	8 7:00 p Support Group	9 8:45 a Worship Planning 1:00 p Brambles 6:00 p Finance Meeting 6:30 p Wesleyan Women 7:00 p Support Groups	10 9:00 a Mobile Meals 4:45 p Village Café 6:00 p LHK Singers 6:00 p Women's Covenant 6:30 p Oasis Worship 6:30 p Chancel Choir	11 11:00 a Village Connections 12:00 Noon Prime Timers Luncheon 6:00 p Christian Believer Class	12 6:30 a Friday Breakfast ALL INVITED!	13 Remember to move your clocks forward one hour before going to bed.
14 8:15/10:30 a Worship 9:15 a Sunday School 11:30 a Bells 11:30 a Usher Workshop 4:00 p UM Youth 6:00 p Support Group 	15 7:00 a U.M.M Pancake Breakfast 7:00 p Support Group	16 8:45 a Worship Planning 9:30 a Martha Circle 10:00 a Susannah Wesley 1:00 p Ruth Circle 6:00 p S.P.R.C. 7:00 p Support Group	17 9:00 a Mobile Meals 4:45 p Village Café 6:00 p LHK Singers 6:00 p Women's Covenant 6:30 p Oasis Worship 6:30 p Chancel Choir	18 6:00 p Christian Believer Class	19 6:30 a Friday Breakfast ALL INVITED!	20 <i>Kitchen in use for Cinnamon Rolls</i>
21 Cinnamon Rolls 8:15/10:30 a Worship 9:15 a Sunday School 11:30 a Church Council Mtg. 11:30 a Bells 3:00 p Bell Choir Concert at Cove- nant Presbyterian 4:00 p UM Youth	22 7:00 p Support Group	23 8:45 a Worship Planning 10:00 a UMW Leadership Mtg. 7:00 p Support Group	24 9:00 a Mobile Meals 4:45 p Village Café 6:00 p LHK Singers 6:00 p Women's Covenant 6:30 p Oasis Worship 6:30 p Chancel Choir	25 11:00 a Village Connections 6:00 p Christian Believer Class	26 6:30 a Friday Breakfast ALL INVITED! 5:00 p - 9:00 p WOMEN'S RETREAT	27 9:00 a—3:00 p WOMEN'S RETREAT
28 PALM SUNDAY 8:15/10:3 a Worship 9:15 a Sunday School 11:30 a Bells 11:30-3:00 Con- firmation Meeting 4:00 p UM Youth 6:00 p Support Group	29 7:00 p Support Group	30 8:45 a Worship Planning 7:00 p Support Group	31 9:00 a Mobile Meals 4:45 p Village Café 6:00 p LHK Singers 6:00 p Women's Covenant 6:30 p Oasis Worship 6:30 p Chancel Choir	Maundy Thursday Worship 6 p	Good Friday Worship 6 p	

Holy Week

Celebrations and Prayer Concerns



Happy Birthday to:

February 19

Joe Patterson

February 20

Elle Cavin

February 22

Tiffany Jones

February 23

Jamie Self

February 24

Nancy Baysinger

Martha Smith

February 27

Jenny Ferguson

February 28

Betty Shackelford

March 1

Jim Kienholz

March 2

Nancy Gowen-Nieser

March 3

Alvaro Valderrama

March 4

Chuck Dollarhide

March 5

Judy Ellis

Happy Anniversary to:

February 23

Vincent & Fredine Ramo

March 1

Carl and Patti Pojezny

In the Middle East

Robert Clark

Tom Soli

Blake Steely

Ben Wilhelm

Prayer Concerns

Bill Akeman

Michael Basore

Mary Ellen Brown

Bill Bullard

Pat Burton
Sandy Ferguson
Dorothy Finnell
Linda Gabriel
Dr. Andy Gin
Virginia Green
Afeef Hamra
JoAnn Hopkins
Wallace Hoyt
Elsie Huffman
Liz Macchio
Lori Mahaffey
Jeff Marrs
Jeannie McGee
Shelly Mobley
Dorothy Walling
Nicki Woodford



Sympathy:

Our hearts and prayers go out to the family of Gene Clark on his recent death.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Brenda and Rick Young and their family on the death of Brenda's father, W.H. Listen.

Thank You:

Dear Family and Friends at Village United Methodist Church, Words can't express our gratitude for your caring and thoughtfulness during our time of sorrow. Thanks so kindly for the food you provided. It was warmly welcomed. Jeff Fidler, Jim Fidler, Jeri Lee, John Fidler



10:30 a.m. Ushers for February:

Ken Kendrick, Dean Couch, John Ferguson, Joe Patterson



Youth Workers for the Nursery:

February 21: Jarrod Jameson

February 28: Kelli Hayes

Deadline for next newspaper:

Wednesday, February 24 .

Bring articles to Kathryn or e-mail to kwitzel@villagemethodist.org.



FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JANUARY FINANCES:

Income for January : \$39,455.05

Expenses for January:

\$45,039.47

DIFFERENCE FOR THE MONTH:

-\$5,584.42

New Model for Confirmation This Year

Students in the fifth grade and above are invited to participate in this year's Confirmation Process beginning Sunday, March 28 at 11:30 a.m. through 2 p.m. Each student should let Kathryn Witzel know three choices for a mentor to share this process with. Sessions will be held Sunday afternoons, April 11 and 25, May 2 and 16 from 2-4 p.m. Confirmation Sunday is May 16th.



Mission Lunch Moved to March

Sunday, March 7

11:30 a.m.

Homemade Chicken and Noodles

Raise money for BritVil and ASP

Youth Help Serve and Clean up



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