

THE VILLAGE HERALD



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

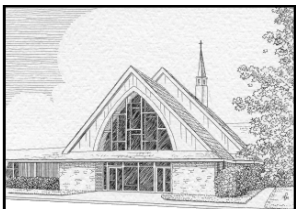
Friday Breakfast
at 6:31 a.m.

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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30 Hour Famine Stirs Hunger

A typical Youth overnight event is fueled by sugar and caffeine, for the adults as well as the youth. So when the idea of the 30 Hour Famine was presented a few years ago, I thought, “Thirty hours with youth without food? Are you crazy?” But last year, some of the Youth Ministers in the North and South Oklahoma City Districts started talking about doing a combined event and the idea suddenly seemed feasible. Last year’s 30 Hour Famine was a great experience for the handful of those of us from Village UMC who participated. However, I was really looking forward to this year when I knew we’d have more youth and adults participate.



The Famine actually began after lunch on Friday. After a nice sandwich, I didn’t think too much about food until those mid afternoon cravings kicked in. Since I was still at home, I had to fight the urge to open the refrigerator and heat up some leftovers for a “snack.” I urged the clock to speed up so that I can get to church and gather with everyone else and away from the food. We arrived at Wesley UMC at 6 p.m. and got to know each other through games and small group experiences. We took juice breaks periodically to make sure we kept hydrated. Worship reminded us why we undertook this adventure. It wasn’t until about bedtime that the hunger started to kick in. You hear the statistics about how many children go to be hungry, but to do it myself was a different situation.

The next morning, 100 people ventured out into the Oklahoma City community to provide service to several organizations who support the hungry and the poor in our town. The groups worked at Skyline Food Pantry, Neighborhood Services Organization, the City Rescue Mission and the Refuge. They cleaned, painted, reorganized, moved belongings and dug a trench. In the afternoon, they went to area parks and picked up trash.

As the 30 hours drew to a close, we gathered again in the sanctuary to worship. After praising God in song, the microphone was opened to anyone who wants to share their experience. The youth told about how they realized for the first time how lucky they are to have all the things they have, how blessed they are to not go without the essentials. They shared encounters with the homeless people who asked them why they were picking up trash in downtown Oklahoma City on a Saturday morning. They discussed feeling helpless and proud all at the same time.

As communion was served, we ate food for the first time in 30 hours. The taste of the bread was so welcome, just as the taste of Jesus is in our hearts. By fasting from food for 30 Hours, the Village UMC group collected enough money to feed one child for one year. By fasting from food for 30 Hours, we grew closer to one another and to God.

Student Ministries

Youth Help With Mission Lunch

The Chicken and Noodle Mission Lunch is scheduled for this Sunday, March 7 at 11:30 a.m. All Youth are encouraged to help serve and clean-up. Half of the proceeds go towards summer mission activities.



Bedlam for Youth

If you ordered a ticket to the OU/OSU Women's Basketball Game with the Wesley Foundation, meet at the church on Sunday, March 7, at 1:30 p.m. to head to Norman. We will call when we leave Norman after the game to let parents know when to pick up the students.

Summer Mission Trips Filling Up

Summer may seem far away when the air is still cold and the skies are gray. Youth Force is early this year and plans are already underway to make it a great one. In just three months, ten Youth from Village UMC and two adults will spend a week at Oklahoma City University and in the community repairing homes. Half of the spots for our church are already full, get your registration forms in now to hold your spot. The cost for the trip is \$100, plus spending money.

The Appalachia Service Project Mission team is already 3/4 of the way full. We are looking for five more high school students for the trip. The cost for the trip is

\$200, plus spending money. If you have a family member or friend that would like to spend a week helping others, please contact Kathryn Witzel at kwitzel@villagemethodist.org or 751-8116.

Summer Camps

Village UMC will be sending students to two camps this summer. CYME is a Senior High leadership camp at Cross Point Camp on June 27 thru July 2. The cost for this camp is \$330 and the church pays half. Students must be recommended by the pastor.

The other camp is Central Oklahoma District Camp. All Youth entering 7th through graduation students are invited to attend July 5-9. The cost is \$190 and the church pays half.

Adult Ministries

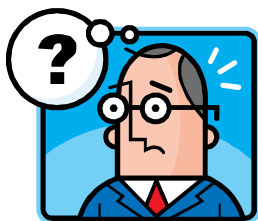
What are they talking about?

Lunch and learn with Prime Timers on Thursday, March 11 at noon.

FACEBOOK BLOG
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 TWEET
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Brandon Coon, co-founder of BRANDSWAG, will be our presenter and answer all of our questions! Invite all of your friends with "Inquiring Minds".

Bring \$1 and your favorite dish to share with others.



United Methodist Women

Please make note of the following dates:

Tuesday, March 9th

Brambles 1:00 p.m. @ church
 Wesleyan Women 6:30 p.m. @ church

Tuesday, March 16th

Martha Circle 9:30 a.m. @ church
 Susannah Wesley Circle 10:30 a.m. @ the home of Betty Pederson
 Ruth Circle 1:00 p.m. at the home of Sybil Brian



Saturday, March 20

Prepare Cinnamon Rolls

Sunday, March 21

Sell Cinnamon Rolls

Tuesday, March 23rd

Officers Meeting
 10:30 a.m. @ church



Lenten Lunches

Join with our neighbors at Covenant Presbyterian Church for a meal and a message. Meet at Village UMC on Wednesday, March 10 at noon to hear Rev. Ron Fike from Covenant speak. Two weeks later, meet at Covenant to dine and hear our own Rev. Rik Marion speak.



Children's Ministries

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.



Acolyte Training

Acolyting is a privilege for youth and older children at Village UMC. Acolytes will be trained at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24. Children in grade 3 and above and youth who have not been trained before

are encouraged to attend this training. It will include an explanation of why acolytes are used, a practice session with candle-lighters, the cross and Communion elements, a chance to ask questions and a copy of an acolyte manual. The training will last around 30 minutes. To register for the training, contact Martha Pendleton at the church or Pat Bonner at 843-6364.



nursery supervisor, prepares an age appropriate lesson for the children.

In March, they are preparing for Easter:

March 7 - decorating crosses.

March 14 - jelly bean colors and their correlation to the Jesus story.

March 21 - "He is Risen" paper plates.

March 28 - celebrate Palm Sunday by discussing eggs and their connection to Easter.

April 4 - Easter Games!

Nursery Prepares for Easter

Each Sunday, during Wee Worship, children from birth through four years old learn simple Bible lessons. Jamie Brooks, our



Outreach Ministries

Lenten Handbell Concert

You are invited to a Lenten Handbell Concert presented by the handbell choirs of Village United Methodist Church and Covenant Presbyterian Church. The concert will be in the sanctuary of Covenant Presbyterian Church, 10100 Ridgeview Drive, at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 21. Music performed will reflect the mood of the season of Lent. There is no charge for admission.

Bell Choir



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

Mission Lunch!

Make plans on Sunday, March 7th, at 11:30 a.m., to share a homemade meal of Chicken and Noodles to raise money for BritVil and summer Youth Missions including Appalachia Service Project and Youth Force. The Youth will help serve and clean-up.

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 6:45 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 Noon Lenten Lunch @ Village UMC 4:45 p Village Café 6:00 p LHK Singers 6:00 p Women's Covenant 6:30 p Oasis Worship 6:45 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 Ushers 2:00 p Worship Work Area 4:00 p UM Youth 6:00 p Support	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 6:45 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 <i>Cinnamon Rolls</i> 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 Noon Lenten Lunch @ Covenant Presby 4:45 p Village Café 6:00 p LHK Singers 6:00 p Women's Covenant 6:30 p Oasis Worship 6:45 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 Children's Council 4:00 p UM Youth 6:00 p Support	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 6:45 p Chancel Choir	Maundy Thursday Worship 6 p	Good Friday Worship 6 p	Holy Saturday Activities 10 a - 12 p

Holy Week

Celebrations and Prayer Concerns



Happy Birthday to:

March 7

Joyce Funderburg
Collin Lee

Lisa Warlick

March 8

Judy Horne

March 10

Nancy Selby

March 12

His Tai

March 13

Victoria Foster
Eliot Schechter

March 14

Bob Moss

March 15

Jackie Christian
Julie Hayes

March 17

Jim Dean

March 18

Dana Matson

Happy Anniversary to:

March 15

Ray and Betty Brown

March 16

Alan and Racheal Lee

John and Jenny Ferguson

March 18

Keith and Cheryl Shideler

In the Middle East

Robert Clark

Blake Steely

Tom Soli

Ben Wilhelm

Prayer Concerns

Bill Akeman

Mary Ellen Brown

Pat Burton

Dorothy Finnell

Dr. Andy Gin

Afeef Hamra

Michael Basore

Bill Bullard

Sandy Ferguson

Linda Gabriel

Virginia Green

JoAnn Hopkins

Wallace Hoyt

Liz Macchio

Jeff Marrs

Shelly Mobley

Nicki Woodford

Elsie Huffman

Lori Mahaffey

Jeannie McGee

Dorothy Walling

10:30 a.m. Ushers for March:

Punk Bonner, Joe Dewey, Casey
Stephens, Kevin Kendall,

Greeters for March

March 7 - Chris and Laura Koehn

March 14 - Erin and Seth Cavin

Youth Workers for the Nursery:

March 7 - Abbey Elliott

March 14 - Wesley Garoutte

Deadline for next newspaper:

Wednesday, March 10.

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

Women's Ministries

Save the Date!!

VUMC Women's Retreat – March 26 & 27

“Pray to Love. . .Love to Pray”

Registration will begin Sunday, March 7th for the 15th Annual VUMC Women's Retreat. The Retreat will kick off on Friday evening, March 26th with dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Pastoral Center. Our speaker will be Karen Chaffin, a self-proclaimed “pew potato” whose life was radically changed through a Bible study. Passionate about the Word of God, Karen is in full-time ministry, speaking to a wide variety of audiences and congregations of every denomination. Karen authored “Heavenly Minded for Earthly Good” which was selected for the “Bishop's Recommended Reading List” of the Oklahoma United Methodist Church, and is currently being taught in churches and study groups across the country. Come and hear what Karen says about prayer – how to utilize its power – becoming a dedicated “pray-er” – and prayer's life-changing impact.

Sessions will begin Friday evening and will continue Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with lunch provided. Ladies of every age and stage of life, you are invited to join “just the girls” for a weekend of spiritual fun and faith-filled fellowship. Fabulous door prizes, great music, good food and tons of laughter. What are you waiting for – Come and be fed!

Registration will be in the narthex beginning Sunday, March 7th through Sunday, March 21st. For questions or information, call Valarie Robertson 820-2375 or Patti Pojezny 642-6414.



Special Presentation Opens March Council Meeting

Church Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 21, following worship. Work areas will present their goals for the year and all members will be invited to participate in the mission opportunities, programs, and studies.

The meeting will begin in the sanctuary, where a special presentation will be given. Titled "Evolve or Die", the presentation is built off the quote from Army General Eric Shenseki "If you don't like change, you're going to like irrelevance even less." The concept is to help people understand that the world is continually changing and at an increased rate, especially the field of communication. We must continually adapt to changing times if we want to have the ability to continue to build relationships and stay relevant to whoever our audience may be.

Our presenter is Brandon Coon, co-founder of Brandswag, a social media marketing firm with offices in Indianapolis and Oklahoma City. Brandon will tweak the presentation usually given to business clients to provide a model for marketing our church.



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