

THE VILLAGE HERALD

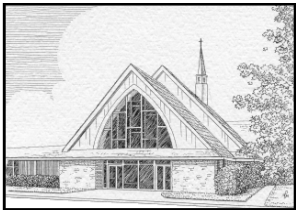


Worship with us!
Sundays at 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

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.
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Rekindling the Flame

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

One great truth that emerges from our study of spiritual gifts is that the Holy Spirit gives us divine empowerments to use within the church. When Paul describes spiritual gifts in his letters, the last thing he has in mind is a “Lone Ranger Christian” – a maverick Christian out doing ministry on his own. For Paul, salvation is communal as well as individual. The grace of God has come to us in Christ, not only saving our souls, but also forming us into an “in Christ” community.

In 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, Paul describes from a practical perspective something of what that means. He says that “in Christ” we form one body. Just as a human body has many members, so the body of Christ has many members; members empowered by the Holy Spirit with different spiritual gifts, different talents, different interests and passions, different capacities for serving the body and the world. Each member of the body of Christ has a special place to serve assigned by God; and without each one at work in the designated spot, the body is handicapped. The Spirit-gifted body of Christ is meant to be the presence of Jesus in the world in his absence.

That means you are a unique part of the body of Christ called the Village United Methodist Church. God has a special place for you to serve and powerful gifts to help you serve effectively. I know sometimes we may not feel so special. I am reminded of the little boy who came out of Sunday school sad. His mother asked what was wrong. He said, “God made me all wrong.” He explained that the teacher had said that “God made us with the right parts to do the right things; God made us with feet to run and a nose to smell.” Then the boy said, “But God made me wrong—it’s my feet that smell and my nose that runs!” If you feel that way, or otherwise feel inadequate to serve, it may be because you have not yet discovered your spiritual gift or gifts. The Bible says each Christian has at least one (1 Peter 4:7-10).

Note that as a part of our series on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, I will be offering a spiritual gifts inventory on Sunday, May 9th. (If you are unable to attend that Sunday, copies of the inventory will still be available for you). Don’t worry, it’s not a test. You can’t fail it! The inventory is simply a tool that may well help you discover what your spiritual gift is. I hope you will take the inventory and share the results with the rest of us. The quicker we all find our niche in the body and do what God has empowered to do, the quicker our church will truly be the presence of Jesus Christ in the world.

Until later.....grace and peace, Rik Marion

Student Ministries



High School graduates include:

Addison Broberg
Daughter of Steve Broberg &
Debbie and Wayne Petree
Edmond Memorial High School

Kalynn Bull
Daughter of Aven Bull
Jones High School

Sefton Dean
Son of Jim and Pam Dean
Classen SAS

Jarrold Jameson
Son of Jeff and Jolene Jameson
Putnam City North High School

Jake Matson
Son of Ben and Dana Matson
Mustang High School

Jamie Self
Daughter of Greg and Crystal
Self
Putnam City High School

Eddie Walker
Son of Gary and Kathy Walker
Putnam City High School

Trey Witzel
Son of Randy and Kathryn Witzel
Putnam City North High School

College graduates are:

Charmaine Christiansen
Texas Women's University

Whitney Cotten
University of Central Oklahoma

Cliff Ferguson
University of Oklahoma

Caitlin Havrilla
University of Oklahoma

Kevin Pojezny
University of Oklahoma State

Jessica Smith
Oklahoma City University

Thomas Stewart
Oklahoma City University

United Methodist Men and Women's Ministries

Community Pancake Breakfast a Success for UMM and Missions

With the help of almost everyone in the Church and the community, the pancake breakfast and bake sale was very successful again. The UMM will be able to donate \$750 each to BritVil and the youth for Appalachia.

The success of this breakfast consists of selling tickets in advance, publicity by the staff, people willing to buy tickets and a good hard half-days work by UMM and other church members to serve the breakfast. I also must give credit to the BritVil pantry for support as well.

So I want to thank every one of you for your financial and physical help in making this project so

successful. I would not attempt to name everyone because so many are involved. And to you who did not support us, it was your loss and you will get another chance to participate in October when we conduct our fall breakfast. We can feed a lot more and we would like to report at least a \$2000 benefit for our next breakfast this fall so you ain't seen the last of us. We are just giving you a summer break.

Bill Buntz--- UMM

United Methodist Women

May 11:
Brambles Bible Study - 1:00 p.m.
at the church
Wesleyan Women - 6:30 p.m.
Finger food supper at the church

May 18 -
Susannah Wesley Circle - 10:00 a.m. Salad Luncheon at the home of Betty Cramp
Martha Circle - 11:30 a.m. Covered dish Luncheon at the home of JoAnn Wilbanks
Susannah Wesley Circle - 10:00 a.m. at the home of Betty Cramp
The Bake Sale that the UMW had in conjunction with the pancake breakfast was a wonderful success. We made \$389.00 and we want to thank all who donated baked goods or bought them.

We would like to remind everyone that if you buy a gift at B.C. Clark for a wedding, graduation or something for yourself, please remember to say you are from VUMC as our UMW gets a small percentage of your purchase price.

Education Ministries

Ruth

Children in Amazing Voyage (Kindergarten through Grade 5) will learn about Ruth in the Bible beginning on May 16. Through the story of Ruth and Naomi, the Bible teaches us about love and loyalty, commitment and community. Their story reflects God's love for us and what it means to be a part of God's family. Experiences in this unit include art, cooking, games, movies, music, science and storytelling. All elementary age children are invited to travel on the Amazing Voyage each Sunday morning from 9:15 to 10:15.

Camps for Children

The Oklahoma UM Camp booklet says "To participate in God's beautiful natural world through

church camp is one of those experiences that can last a lifetime. Many children not only come to a deeper relationship with Jesus while at camp, but make a life-long commitment of Christian service and ministry. Life-long relationships with other campers are made and a true sense of worshipping a loving-creating God is at the heart of every camp." Sonshine Camp is for those younger campers and includes children entering grades 1 and 2. They can be at Canyon Camp near Hinton for a 2-day, 1 night camp June 12-13 or July 10-11. A shepherd is required for every 5 campers of this age group. Growin' in Grace Camp is for children going into grades 3-5 and is for 3 days and 2 nights. Our children will go to Canyon Camp June 21-23. Booklets

with camp information are available from Martha. Registration is due at least 2 weeks before each camp. Village UMC pays for half of the cost for each camper.

Heavenly Minded For Earthly Good

The Thursday Night Bible Study Group led by Julie Hayes begins a new study on June 10, 2010: Heavenly Minded For Earthly Good, by Karen Chaffin. This 8 week study is on Heaven. Teacher Karen Chaffin guides you on a tour of Heaven that will energize your faith, relieve your fears, and enliven the way you live and love. All are invited to join this new and exciting study. Registration will begin Sunday, May 16, 2010. We need an accurate head count as soon as possible to order books. Cost is \$16.00

Adult Ministries

Prime Timers May 13 Meeting "Keeping Safe"

Don't miss our May meeting where our speaker will be Deputy Belen Rodriguez of the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Rodriguez writes that she "will be talking about how to be watch out for potential dangers in their neighborhoods, what signs to look for and when to call the police, keep their garage doors locked and other basic safety tips."

Join us on Thursday, May 13, at noon for an informative program. Bring your favorite dish, a friend, and a dollar! Let's give Deputy Rodriguez a warm Village welcome!



Circle of Care Awards Rena Ellis

April 15, Circle of Care presented an award to Rena Ellis at their annual Friends of Children Dinner at Church of the Servant. The Burrel and JoAnn McNaught Ministry with a Heart award is given to a person from throughout the state who has done a great deal for children, who exemplifies the Christ-like spirit and who keeps the children of Circle of Care in their hearts.

Mary Ann and her husband, Greg, are the ones who brought the Child SHARE model to Oklahoma. Mary Ann nominated Rena and says, "Rena's work with the early formation of the Child SHARE program made her a perfect nominee and winner. Child

SHARE just celebrated their 10th anniversary. Rena has spent over 20 years serving as an advocate for children in Oklahoma County. She has been a CASA volunteer, a Child SHARE volunteer since the beginning of the program and she has served for years as a volunteer with the public defender's office in the juvenile division.

Rena's heart is all about those children who are caught up in the system and need a place to stay or an advocate to stand beside them. She belongs to the Village UMC. I can't think of anyone more deserving than she. She stood beside me, encouraging me to keep going with my Child SHARE dream and, to a great degree, Child SHARE's success is due to this fine woman."

May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:15/10:30 a Worship 9:15 a Sunday School 11:30 a Handbells 11:30 a Trustees 2-4 p Confirmation 4:00 p Youth 6:00 p Support Group	3 7:00 a U.M.M Pancake Breakfast 7:00 p Support Group	4 8:45 a Worship Planning 6:00 p UMW Potluck Dinner & General Meeting 7:00 p Support Group	5 9:00 a Mobile Meals 4:45 p Village Café 6:15 p Women's Bible Study 6:30 p Oasis Worship 6:30 p Chancel Choir	6 6:00 p Christian Believer Class	7 6:30 a Friday Breakfast ALL INVITED!	8
9 MOTHER'S DAY 8:15/10:30 a Worship 9:15 a Sunday School 6:00 p Support Group	10 7:00 p Support Group	11 8:45 a Worship Planning 1:00 p Brambles 6:00 p Finance Meeting 6:30 p Wesleyan Women 7:00 p Support Groups	12 9:00 a Mobile Meals 4:45 p Village Café 6:15 p Women's Bible Study 6:30 p Oasis Worship 6:30 p Chancel Choir	13 11:00 a Village Connections 12:00 Noon Prime Timers Luncheon 6:00 p Christian Believer	14 6:30 a Friday Breakfast ALL INVITED!	15
16 YOUTH SUNDAY 8:15/10:30 a Worship 9:15 a Sunday School 11:30 a Graduation Re- ception 11:30 a Church Council Mtg. 2:00-4:00 p Confirmation Class 4:00 p Children's Council 4:00 p Youth	17 7:00 a U.M.M Pancake Breakfast 7:00 p Support Group	18 8:45 a Worship Plan- ning 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	19 9:00 a Mobile Meals 4:45 p Village Café 6:15 p Women's Bible Study 6:30 p Oasis Worship 6:30 p Chancel Choir	20	21 6:30 a Friday Breakfast ALL INVITED!	22
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Celebrations and Prayer Concerns



Happy Birthday to:

May 1

Keifer Jones

May 2

Jill Stephens

Abbygail Tai

May 4

Glenys Decker

May 5

Pat Burton

Ed Coon

May 6

Greg Self

May 9

Matt Couch

May 10

Virginia Ludlow

Dillon Sims

May 11

Lindsay Ballenger

May 12

Keegan Koehn

May 14

Kathe Bunce

May 15

Pat Dollarhide

May 17

Jeff Fidler

Dorothy Muirhead

Melissa Shideler

Colleen Smith

Happy Anniversary to:

May 2

Alvaro and Colleen Valderrama

Steve and Cindy Muns

May 5

Beau and Sandy Ferguson

May 6

Dale and Colleen Smith

Hap and Jean Decker

May 17

Steve and Valarie Robertson

May 20

Hugh and Nancy Baysinger

In the Middle East

Robert Clark

Blake Steely

Tom Soli

Ben Wilhelm

Prayer Concerns

Bill Akeman

Mary Ellen Brown

Bill Bullard

Gloria Davis

Dr. Andy Gin

JoAnn Hopkins

Elsie Huffman

Lori Mahaffey

Jeannie McGee

Laura Montgomery

Glen Scott

Dorothy Walling

Gene Witzel

Michael Basore

Verne Brummett

Betty Cramp

Dorothy Finnell

Bianca Hayes

Wallace Hoyt

Liz Macchio

Jeff Marrs

Shelly Mobley

Robert Moss

Wanda Vanderburg

Addis Ward

10:30 a.m. Ushers for May:

Ken Kendrick, Jeff Lackey, Alan Lee, Casey Stephens

Youth Workers for the Nursery:

May 9 Addison Broberg

May 16 Kelli Hayes

Deadline for next newspaper:

Wednesday, May 12. Please bring articles to Kathryn or e-mail to kwitzel@villagemethodist.org.

Thank You: Thank you so much for all the calls and cards after Virginia's death. Jay Wigley

Joy!

We celebrate the baptism of Gavin James Stephens last week and welcome our new brother in Christ. David Nichols recently won The Teacher of the Year at Edmond Public Schools.

Wee Worship Schedule:

May 9: Mother's Day Handprints

May 16: Moon and Stars

Special Presentation Opens May Church Council Meeting

Church Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 16, following the reception for our high school and college graduates. We will hear a few reports from work area chairpersons and vote on a proposal to begin a "20/20 Vision" task force. This task force will be led by Jim Waddelow.

The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall, where a special presentation will be given. Titled "Evolve or Die", the presentation is built off the quote from Army General Eric Shinseki "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.

No lunch will be served this month. Our church council meetings are open to everyone, so please plan to attend.

Youth Lead Worship on Sunday, May 16th



*Congratulations,
Graduates!*

The Youth of Village United Methodist Church lead worship on Sunday, May 16th focusing on Jesus meeting us on our journey.

The Youth Choir will debut their first song.

This meaningful service will feature our High School and College graduates.

There will also be a baptism.

All graduates will be honored with a Graduation Reception in the church parlor following the 10:30 a.m. worship.

Join us for this special worship!



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