

The Calling

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"One of you will betray me." Jesus said calmly.

This is the very moment depicted in Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting entitled *The Last Supper*. Could such a painting come alive in 2010? *It can and it will in our sanctuary on the evening of Maundy Thursday during Holy Week.*

Leonardo da Vinci, the genius artist of the Renaissance was born in Vinci, Italy in 1452. He is remembered today mostly because of two paintings: *The Mona Lisa* and *The Last Supper*. In 1494, when Leonardo was forty-two, he was commissioned by the Duke of Milan to paint the dining room of the convent church, which was a favorite of his young bride's. He began work on the painting in 1495 and completed it in 1498. His painting was intended to grasp the emotions of the disciples in the final days of Jesus' life in response to those words, "One of you will betray me." The painting is a moment frozen in time as each of the twelve apostles react to the news. I saw the painting myself in the summer of 1984. It is a captivating study in human emotion.

On the evening of April 1st, the painting will come alive for us in an event called *The Living Lord's Supper*. The men of our church will portray the disciples. Among them are Danny Nall, Harry Spring, Dean Sheehy, Scott Ownbey, Chris Shadle, Adam Ricks and Kent Donica. Sally Reser and I will be your narrators for the evening, reminding you of the dynamics behind the lives of those who sat at the table with Jesus that night. We will see the emotion of Judas as he does what he must. We will ask ourselves, "Is it I, Lord?"

The evening will be a play of light and dark. Trust and betrayal. Joy and confusion.

Susan Yeager is the director. Margie Thompson is crafting the costumes. Others are putting together the depiction of this powerful scene.

The Bread and Drink will be blessed at this ancient table. Holy Communion will be served to all who come. When the evening is over, we will exit in silence, prepared for the heaviness of Good Friday as we await the gift of Easter morning.

Jessica

Welcome New Members!



We welcome Mark & Katy Ehlo to our fellowship. They transferred from another church in the area on

Sunday, March 7 in EPIC. Mark is a process operator at Valero, while Katy is a CPA. They attend the Faith Sunday school class. Their sponsors are Dave & Pam Plesher.

Welcome, folks!

CHURCH LIBRARY RECEIVES NEW "INTERPRETER'S BIBLE AND DICTIONARY"

We are pleased to announce the acquisition of the New Interpreter's Bible and the New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible. Both of these sets contain valuable and informative information for Bible students.

In addition to translation of the text in two versions – NIV and NRSV – the NIB volumes contain many articles on Biblical literature such as Wisdom, Apocalyptic, Prophetic, Narrative and Epistolary Literature. Each volume contains the translation of the text, exegesis of the text and commentary so that the student may receive the wisdom of the scholar on three levels.

The NIDB contains names, places and events that occur in the Scripture for in-depth study as well as pictures, maps and drawings.

All of these volumes are available in the Church Library in the lower level of the sanctuary building for in house study. Teachers and students are encouraged to take advantage of this important and valuable resource.

8:30 AM
McClure Chapel

10:50 AM
Sanctuary

11:05
Colvert Ministry Center

Sunday's Music

This Sunday is the **Fourth Sunday in Lent**.

In both 8:30 worship in McClure Chapel and 10:50 worship in the Sanctuary John Emery, organist will play "**Beneath the Cross of Jesus**" using the hymntune ST. CHRISTOPHER by Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927, in an organ setting by David Paxton.

In the 8:30 worship service I will sing "**Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love**" based on *Pavane* by Gabriel Fauré and arranged by Allan Robert Petker. It is included in the collection *The Communion Soloist* and is copyright © 1986 and 1989 by Gentry Publications.

In the 10:50 worship service the Sanctuary Choir will sing "**Unspoken Prayer**" by David Lantz III, composed around a wonderful text of Susan Benthall Boeersma. The anthem will be accompanied at the piano by Kelley Segler, and is copyright © 2009 by Harold Flammer Music, a division of Shawnee Press, Inc. Also in the 10:50 worship service the Vesper Chimes Handbell Choir will ring "**How Firm a Foundation**" based on the hymntune FOUNDATION by J. Funk in *Genuine Church Music, 1832*. The handbell arrangement is by Arnold B. Sherman, copyright © 2000 by Concordia Music.

Please read these texts from Sunday's Music.

Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love

Lamb of God, what wondrous love, O my soul.
Love, such love, that Thou shouldst die for me.

Lord of Grace, what matchless love, O my soul.
Son of God, Thou loving sacrifice for me.

Here, O Lord, am I, fearful, sinful, man,
guilty and condemned, Thy death is surely mine.

Cross of God, I would to turn away,
yet Love it bids me stay, O my soul.

Can it be the very death I fear
is that which draws me near, Lord, to Thee?

Unspoken Prayer

From deep within this heart of mine
there springs a prayer unuttered and unheard,
a prayer to know and love the One
who hears what my heart speaks without a word.

The silent whispers of my heart
rise to the One who understands my fears,
the One who knows my hopes and dreams
and sees the grief that lies too deep for tears.

My soundless plea is heard by One
whose love has no beginning and no end;
the One who sees me as I am,
who with compassion looks and calls me friend.

Christ is the One, the only One
who knows the prayer unuttered and unheard.
Christ is the One, the only One
who hears what my heart speaks without a word.

Then rising from this heart of mine,
the prayer becomes a hymn before the throne,
a hymn to Christ, who is the One,
who hears my prayer unspoken, Christ alone.

Shalom, *Bab*

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Mar 14	Youth Spring Break Trip Wilderness Camp Construction Mission
8:30 am	Worship / McClure Chapel
9:45 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Power Up
10:50 am	Worship / Sanctuary
11:05 am	EPIC / CMC
4:30 pm	Music & Drama
7:00 pm	CR Step Studies
Monday, Mar 15	Youth Spring Break Trip Wilderness Camp Construction Mission
9:30 am	Body Recall
1:00 pm	Clothes Closet Opens
6:00 pm	Breaking Free Bible Study
6:30 pm	Disciple 1 Bible Study
Tuesday, Mar 16	Youth Spring Break Trip Wilderness Camp Construction Mission
12:00 pm	Noon Prayer
6:00 pm	Mission Ministry
Wednesday, Mar 17	Youth Spring Break Trip Wilderness Camp Construction Mission
9:00 am	Clothes Closet Opens
9:30 am	Body Recall
10:30 am	Mom's Praying
5:30 pm	Prayer Ambassadors
6:15 pm	Worship / CMC
7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Mar 18	Youth Spring Break Trip Wilderness Camp Construction Mission
9:00 am	Precept Bible Study
12:30 pm	XYZ Mah Jongg
6:30 pm	Financial Peace
6:30 pm	CR Step Study-Men
6:30 pm	DivorceCare
7:00 pm	24 Hours that Changed the World
Friday, Mar 19	Youth Spring Break Trip Wilderness Camp Construction Mission
10:30 am	Friendly Neighbors
Saturday, Mar 20	Youth Spring Break Trip Wilderness Camp Construction Mission

Dates to Remember:

March 24	"Table for Five Thousand" (<i>children's musical</i>)
Mar 28	Palm Sunday
Mar 29-April 2	Holy Week
April 4	Easter
April 5	Church Closed
April 15-18	Men's Emmaus Walk
April 22-25	Women's Emmaus Walk
April 30-May 2	Mission Festival
May 9	Mother's Day
May 9	Senior Sunday

Missionary News



We just received a brief note from Mike Shutts, Mission Aviation Fellowship missionary in Lesotho—

"Dear Members of Ardmore First, I just saw that a support check came through from Ardmore. I want to say Thank You. You guys are such a blessing to us. It is great to know that folks back home are praying &

supporting the Lord's work here in Lesotho.

Like many missionaries & churches we are finding that we cannot meet the demand placed upon us. Daily, we have more flight requests than we can do. We are flying more medical teams, relief workers & missionaries to the mountains of Lesotho than ever before. I thank you guys for being a part of that.

We will be home in October of this year & I will try to make a plan to come see you guys. We will only be home for 3 months so not sure where all we will be able to go. You guys hold a special place in our hearts.

May God continue to bless you all. In Him, Mike Shutts"

We have been supporting Mike & Sharol Shutts since we began our Faith Promise in 1999. Thank you for your faithfulness to give as God provides with your 2009/10 Faith Promise.

CDO Enrollment

Enrollment for Fall Children's Day Out is now taking place. Come by the CDO office Monday or Wednesday morning or call Julie Maher at 223-5390 x318.



Friendly Neighbors

an X Y Z Ministry

Fun & Fellowship

All Seniors Welcome

10:30am

March 19th

Colvert Ministry Center

Bring a Side Dish or Dessert

Meat is furnished

10:30am Fun, Games & Fellowship

12:00pm Invocation and Lunch

12:30pm Program

1:00pm Adjournalment



FOCUS ON FOLKS

In the Hospital (or recently dismissed from the hospital):
Carolyn Graysneck (Spine Hospital, OKC)

Sunday School Greeters for March:

Main Building - FELLOWSHIP

Colvert Ministry Center - FOUNDATIONS

Loaves & Fishes for March:

Canned Meat - 12oz cans

Sympathy: Our thoughts and prayers are with Chris Stinson and his family with the passing of his father Marty Stinson. Services were held Tuesday, March 9th in Ardmore.

Memorials:

In memory of **Don Lemmon** contributions to the Memorial Fund, Communion Fund and Faith Promise have been received from:

Avon and DeMaurice Barber (Communion)

Don and Bettie Black (Memorial)

Clem Smalley (Memorial)

Kent and Ginger Tucker (FP)

Sam and Sharon Veazey (Memorial)

In memory of **Dick Perkins** a contribution to the Memorial Fund has been received from:
Hope Sunday School Class

The Season of Lent

Here are some highlights of our planned Celebrations throughout Lent:

- **Table for Five Thousand:** March 24 - children's choir musical about the miracle of the loaves & fishes, in the Sanctuary... *"Every hero was once a child who needed help along the way."*
- **Palm Sunday:** March 28 - our annual children's palm procession for all the children in worship that morning
- **Holy Week:** March 29 though April 2 - daily noon worship services in the Colvert Ministry Center, 12:00pm -12:30pm. Clergy and Lay Speakers and musicians from throughout the community will share their Lenten messages, with lunch following at 12:30
- **Maundy Thursday:** April 1 - "The Living Lord's Table" in the Sanctuary, including Holy Communion
- **Easter Morning:** April 4 - glorious and beautiful celebrations of the resurrection:

8:30 Traditional worship in the Sanctuary

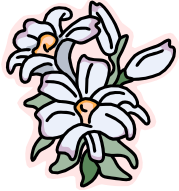
9:45 EPIC worship in the CMC

10:50 Traditional worship in the Sanctuary

11:05 EPIC worship in the CMC

Need a Stephen Minister?

Call Dan Patman 223-5390 x308
or Louise Daniels 226-5524



Easter Lilies

Now Taking Orders

\$15 each

!!Order deadline is March 15th!!

Orders, with payment, may be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office. You may pick-up your Lily after the last service on Easter Sunday.

Please make check payable to FUMC with Lily in the memo line.

Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday March 14th Don't be late! Spring Forward 1 Hour

Children's Ministry Announcements

The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.
Proverbs 12:22

- Our virtue this month is **Honesty**. **Honesty** is choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do. This week we will learn how lying to hurt someone else really hurts YOU. We will study Esther, Haman and Mordecai and find out how lying can backfire! We will be looking for you in **PLUG IN** and **POWER UP** on Sunday!
- There will be **NO IGNITE** next Wednesday March 17th. But please mark your calendar to join us in the sanctuary on March 24th at 6:15, as we watch our kids perform the musical, *Table for 5,000*. It will be a great time and a great opportunity to see our kids in action.
- If you would like to volunteer in Sunday school, children's church, or just to bring us donuts to start our morning, we would love it. Please let Amy or Kori know. You can reach us at 223-5390 x325 or children@fumcardmore.com.

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Loaves & Fishes

March

Canned Meat
12 ounce can

Or you may donate money to the emergency fund