

# The Calling

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Today was my day to see our Clothes Closet in action. I had been given a tour of it a few weeks ago, but I wanted to see what happens when it is open. I also wanted to learn more about how it operates. Two church members, LaJuana Dodd and Patty Drake were working their regular three-hour shift in the rotation.

LaJuana and Patty warmly welcomed the guests and invited each one to sign-in. They knew some by their names, others they didn't know. They explained that folks could receive 20 items every two months. On check-out, one of the workers wrote the number of items received in a notebook that had extensive A-to-Z Excel spreadsheets prepared by DeB and Marilyn Edwards. There were hundreds of names for each letter of the alphabet, names of those who had received items in these last years. One woman arrived and said she hadn't been there in many years. She seemed surprised to find herself still in our book.

In the short time I was there, I counted 11 adults and 3 children making their way down the aisles. They were shopping - holding skirts and jeans up to their waists and across the chests of their children. By the time they reached the counter to check out, they had found many items that had perhaps once hung in your closets or had been tucked in the drawers of your children. Your items, now resurrected, were being given in the form of the practical gospel of our God of love.

My favorite part was listening to LaJuana check out a group of women who spoke only Spanish. LaJuana was counting out each item *in Spanish*, just for an added touch of hospitality! She did just fine until she got to the numbers over 14, then she needed help from the guests. There was good-humored laughter as she counted, especially because of the way she said each number. She spoke Spanish *with a heavy Okie accent*. They loved the fact that she was trying. It was a loving and dignified experience.

No one could actually remember what year the Clothes Closet started, but everyone knew who had worked there the longest and who would know the most about it: Lockie Moxley. I called Lockie who said that she came on as a volunteer back in 1996 when she retired. "It was in a little old building on the corner... but it had heat and air conditioning and we were doing the job." Then, she told about the move to the building that houses it now and talked about how great it is to have enough space.

There is a large group of members who make it all work. They come two at a time (or more if needed) for work sessions. Marilyn Edwards keeps the schedule running smoothly.

I asked what items were needed the most. Lockie said they need men's work clothes. LaJuana and Patty said that there are never enough coats in the winter. It made me remember that I have three coats at my house.

Thanks to you for the kindness you have shown throughout the years. Certainly this is holy hospitality of the finest kind.

*Jessica*

Televised from the Sanctuary at  
10:50am on Cable One, Channel 7

**8:30 AM**  
**McClure Chapel**

Broadcast from the Sanctuary at  
11:00am on KVSQ AM 1240

**11:00 AM**  
**Sanctuary**

## Welcome, New Member!



We welcome Colton Alquist to our fellowship. Colton joined by profession of faith at the 11:00

worship on Discovery Sunday, August 16. He is a senior at Plainview High School and is active in United Methodist youth. His is also the son of Don Alquist. His sponsor is Spencer Moore.

Welcome, Colton!

## Little School Bell

It's back to school time and many families are struggling in our community, even more so this year. Little School Bell to the rescue. This ministry, from its inception nearly 12 years ago, comes to the aid of school aged children providing them with new clothing. Every child loves to receive new things and many of the children we serve have NEVER had any new clothing so this is a real treat for them. The most prized item of the items we provide are new shoes, small children proudly don their new shoes that will, hopefully, last them throughout the school year. We have provided for 32 children in just the last week.

We receive referrals from DHS, Grace Resource Center, and the area school systems including Ardmore, Plainview, Lone Grove, and Dickson. The children and their families have been pre-screened for neediness before our church receives the profile sheets. After receiving the names and sizes of children in need, our volunteers shop and organize the clothing for the family they have received. After returning the items to the church, the referring entity will pick up the clothing and deliver them to the children. Each child receives 2 pair jeans, 2 shirts, 1 pair of shoes, socks and underwear. During the school year we are available for whatever needs arise from these needy families. In the winter we provide coats and warmer clothing.

Our funding for Little School Bell has historically come from our generous members who have a heart for children and want to use their resources to work in a Godly manner. Please consider donating to Little School Bell as our funding has depleted quite significantly in the past year. Thank you to all of you that donate and volunteer for this vital ministry. If you are interested in becoming involved as a volunteer please contact me at 223-0842.

Debbi Rison

## Sunday's Music

This Sunday is the **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**.

In both 8:30 and 10:50 worship services John Emery, organist, will play "Toccata" from *Partita #6 in E minor* by Johann S. Bach.

In the 8:30 worship service Sally Reser and her daughter, Samantha Reser, will sing a delightful arrangement of "**Poor Wayfaring Stranger**" by Jay Althouse. Mr. Althouse, the editor and compiler of the collection: *Folk Songs for Two*, refers to this duet arrangement in this way: "Songs of loneliness were common among the early travelers and settlers who first moved west from the original 13 American colonies. *Poor Wayfaring Stranger* is a particularly fine example of this type of ballad. It was first documented around 1830 although it was undoubtedly sung long before that. Its minor-key, modal melody has made it a favorite of singers, and the *echo* style used in this arrangement is well suited (to the text)."

In the 10:50 worship service the Sanctuary Choir will sing "**Everything That Breathes**," a very robust, rhythmic setting of Psalm 150 by Roger Summers, with Kelley Segler busily accompanying at the piano. This choir favorite is copyright © 2006 by Lorenz Publishing Company, a division of The Lorenz Corporation. John Emery will play "**Pavane**" by Gabriel Fauré as the organ offertory in this worship service.

Please read these texts from Sunday's music.

### Poor Wayfaring Stranger

I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger  
a traveling through this world of woe.  
But there's no sickness, toil, nor danger in that fair land to which I go.  
I'm going there to see my father. I'm going there, no more to roam.  
I'm just a going over Jordan. I'm just a going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather 'round me;  
I know my way is rough and steep.  
Yet beauteous fields lie just before me,  
where God's redeemed their vigils keep.  
I'm going there to see my mother.  
She said she'd meet me when I come.  
I'm just a goin over Jordan. I'm just a going over home.

### Everything That Breathes

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!  
Praise God in His sanctuary;  
praise Him in His mighty firmament!  
Praise Him for His mighty deeds;  
praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

Praise Him with trumpet sound;  
praise Him with lute and harp!  
Praise Him with tambourine and dance;  
praise Him with strings and pipe!  
Praise Him with loud clanging cymbals!

Praise Him according to His surpassing greatness!  
Let everything that breathes praise Him!

Shalom, *Bab*

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, Aug 23

8:30 am	Worship / McClure Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday Morning Live
9:45 am	Sunday School
10:50 am	Worship / Sanctuary
11:05 am	EPIC Worship / CMC
6:00 pm	Jr. & Sr. High Youth
7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery

### Monday, Aug 24 Nigeria Mission Begins

9:00 am	Preschool Meet the Teacher
1:00 pm	Clothes Closet Opens

### Tuesday, Aug 25

10:00 am	Faith Circle at Elmbrook Suites
12:00 pm	Noon Prayer
6:00 pm	Evangelism Ministry
6:00 pm	Finance Ministry
6:30 pm	Parenting w/ Love & Logic
7:05 pm	Church Council

### Wednesday, Aug 26

7:30 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Clothes Closet Opens
5:00 pm	Stephen Ministry
5:30 pm	Prayer Ambassadors
6:15 pm	Worship / CMC
7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery
7:00 pm	Mid-Week Youth
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, Aug 27

7:30 am	Preschool
1:00 pm	XYZ Mah Jongg
6:30 pm	DivorceCare

### Friday, Aug 28

7:30 am	Preschool
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### Saturday, Aug 29

Emmaus Team Training

### Dates to Remember:

Sept 7	Labor Day / Church Closed
Sept 13	Round-Up Rally
Sept 24-27	Men's Emmaus Walk
Oct 1-4	Women's Emmaus Walk
Oct 30	Fall Fest
Nov 1	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 26	Thanksgiving
Nov 26-27	Church Closed
Dec 13	Jr. High Progressive Dinner
Dec 20	Sr. High Progressive Dinner
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Worship
Dec 25	Christmas

## College Scholarships and Loans Available

Once again it's time for students to head back to school. Members of this church who are enrolling in a college or university may apply for one of two scholarship opportunities offered through the generosity of former members. Irene Woods and Dorothy Merlyn each left endowments to create a scholarship fund. Every year scholarships are awarded to First United Methodist Church members majoring in religion or nursing. These scholarships are awarded by our Board of Trustees. The amounts of the scholarships will vary from year-to-year depending on investment income.

In order to be considered for the Woods-Merlyn Scholarships, a student should apply with a letter containing a brief autobiography and a copy of your college enrollment and previous year's transcript. Send your letter to the church to the attention of the Board or Trustees.

This church is also blessed by another former member. Gladys Berry left a trust at BancFirst to be used as a loan fund by First United Methodist Church members pursuing a degree of higher education. Applications for loans may be obtained from the trust department at the bank. Terms of repayment are extremely generous.

There are a few restrictions that apply to each of these higher education opportunities. If you have any questions, please call Pat Castellow in the church business office at 223-5390 Ext 303.

### DISCOVERY Thanks!

The Youth Department would like to thank everyone who helped with Discovery '09. We couldn't have done it without your help!!

Friends of FUMC,

The Lairds have arrived in North Carolina and have begun to get settled in the south. We want to thank you for your prayers and support as we began our journey to North Carolina. FUMC will always be very special in our hearts, you will always be there. God so richly blessed our lives in our time with you and we thank Him deeply for the blessings. Hope class, there is no other like you, thank you.

Lots of hugs and blessings,  
Mike, Melinda and Makila Laird

## FOCUS ON FOLKS

### In the Hospital, or recently dismissed:

Maxine Cresswell  
Arline Guthary (Missouri)

### Sunday School Greeters for August:

Main Building - **WESLEY**  
Colvert Ministry Center - **SEEKERS**

### Memorials:

In memory of **Jaylee Garland** a contribution to Little School Bells has been received from:  
Jim and Virginia Young

In memory of **Sara Holden** a contribution to Little School Bells has been received from:  
Jim and Virginia Young

In memory of **Sue Newman** a contribution to Little School Bells has been received from:  
Jim and Virginia Young

In memory of **Ora Rist** contributions to the Memorial Fund and Little School Bells have been received from:  
Ardmore Kiwanis Club  
Jim and Virginia Young

## DIVORCE *Care*

The sixth session of DivorceCare will start August 20th. We meet Thursdays @ 6:30pm for 13 weeks in the Colvert Ministry Center. We need volunteers for weekly snacks/food. Some of our members are driving from Lawton, Ada, Temple, and Duncan and the food you bring is dinner for them. If you would like to bless us with a meal or a monetary donation, please contact Lesa Price @ 580-465-7090. Thank You So Much!

### Sanctuary Guild

The Sanctuary Guild invites you to help provide fresh flowers for worship each Sunday. Flowers may be donated in honor of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary. Each arrangement costs \$55. For more information or to schedule flowers for a specific Sunday, call Pat Castellow at 223-5390, x 303.



## August 26, 2009 Prayer Ambassadors

### 1. Our Jerusalem—Ardmore

- **All Worship services** –Pray we focus on making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world
- **The year's success in our Preschool Program.** Today is the first day of classes for the new year.
- **Little School Bell Ministry**
- **Celebrate Recovery**—this ministry helps people deal with hurts, habits and hang-ups
- **Our Emmaus Community**

### 2. Our Judea—Oklahoma

- **VIM**—these people will be working with people from other churches throughout our area as well as other areas in Oklahoma as part of a mission team. They help where needed. Skills are optional. Willing hands are necessary and there is work for everyone who is willing to participate.
- **Circle of Care's United Methodist Boy's Ranch, Gore, Oklahoma.** Boys from age 13 through high school live and work here.

### 3. Our Samaria—North America

- **Our country, our President, leaders and that we will humble ourselves before God and learn and practice righteousness in all our ways.**
- **OMS International (the leadership program for missionaries such as Jose and Audrey Banales)**—By God's grace, OMS exists to establish responsible, reproducing Christ-centered churches among the nations.

### 4. To the Ends of the Earth

- **Chris Hena in Kazakhstan**
- **Seminary students in Estonia**

### 5. Persecuted Church

- Twenty pastors in Bangladesh will be trained to teach principles on standing strong through persecution. Please pray that this will strengthen the church.

## Help needed at the Clothes Closet!

Work Behind-the-Scenes sorting clothes or work during open hours. Two hours per month, or, substitute occasionally. Contact Marilyn Edwards at 223-5469.

## Stephen Ministry

### What is Stephen Ministry?

What is a Stephen Minister?

- A Stephen Minister is . . .
- A child of God who walks beside a person who is hurting.
- A caring, Christian friend who takes the time to really listen.
- A lay person who has received 50 hours of training in how to provide distinctively Christian care.

A Stephen Minister is NOT . . .

- A counselor.
- A problem-solver.
- A casual visitor.

If you would like to know more, please contact or Louise Daniels 226-5524 or Rev. Dan Patman 223-5390 ext308.



## Children's Day Out

Begins August 31st!

Places still available in all classes!

6 months to 4 years!

Call Julie 223-3590 ext 318 or 226-5760

for additional information

If you would like to be on the committee to help plan the retirement reception for Dan Patman please call Debbi Rison at 223-0842.



*Loaves &  
Fishes*

*August  
Corn*

*14-16 ounce can*

Or you may donate money to the emergency fund

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