

The Calling

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I continue to discover areas of ministry and outreach of our church that I haven't fully understood. One of the more recent came on a Monday evening a few weeks ago. It was about 6:45 p.m. and I was passing through the children's building to my car on the east side of the church. I heard noise. Lots of noise. Laughter. Squealing. Girls. I followed the sounds.

I had known that we had a Girl Scout Troop, but the mention of it conjured up a picture of a handful of girls gathering quietly. I did not expect what I found. All of the rooms down the red hallway were filled with uniformed scouts in brown and green. They were organized in groups, each with multiple leaders. It was still 15 minutes before the official start time and badge-bedecked girls were already immersed in projects.

This was the first night of the Fall launch so parents with new scouts were arriving a little disoriented. I stationed myself at the end of the hall to greet, and answer directional questions. I really just wanted to feel the energy of it. I had already noticed the diversity of the families participating and was intrigued.

"Am I at the church with the Girl Scout Troop?" asked an arriving mom with a green-sashed child in tow.

"Yes, welcome." I said. "We are glad that you are here!"

In my fifteen minutes at the door that night I learned that many of the families who come to our church for Girl Scouts do not attend church anywhere. Mondays are the only nights they are in any church facility.

I chatted with Cindy Funderburg, our member whose passion for Girl Scouts is much of the reason that this ministry is well-organized and thriving. She gathered attendance information for me that night and delivered it to me the next day. On just that one night, we had 48 girls and more than a dozen leaders. Participation apparently increases even more as the Fall progresses.

It is not unusual for a church like ours to have a healthy Boy Scout Troop (which we do), but to have a scouting program for girls of this strength and caliber is remarkable. Thanks to you for the kind of church you are

Jessica

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

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

8:30 AM
 McClure Chapel

10:50 AM
 Sanctuary

11:05
 Colvert Ministry Center

Friendly Neighbors
 an X Y Z Ministry
Fun & Fellowship
All Seniors Welcome



10:30am
 October 16th
 Colvert Ministry Center

Speaker: Laurel McCulloh, ARNP
 Director of Heart and
 Vascular Services

Bring a Side Dish or Dessert
Meat is furnished

10:30am Fun, Games & Fellowship
 12:00pm Invocation and Lunch
 12:30pm Program
 1:00pm Adjournment





UMM
 Sunday
 October 18th
 6:00pm
 Colvert Ministry Center

The grill is hot! Come join us for
"Steak Night"
Baked Potato, Salad,
Hot Rolls, Cobbler

Come Early -
 Watch the Football Game
 and have some "Fellow"ship 
Speaker: Dr. Charlie Davis

Girl's Night Out

Sunday
 October 18th
 6:00pm



Santa Fe Cattle Co.

President: Glenna Bourne

Sunday's Music

This Sunday is the **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**.
 At both 8:30 and 10:50 worship services John Emery, organist, will be playing "Prelude 1" from *The Well Tempered Klavier, second book*. The original composer is Johann S. Bach and the editor is Orlando Morgan

In the 8:30 worship service Sally Reser, a soprano in the Sanctuary Choir who was scheduled to sing in September and became ill, and I will sing a duet adaptation of "Song of the Potter" by Ruth Elaine Schram. This duet adaptation is from the anthem sung by the Sanctuary Choir on September 27th, copyright © 2009 by GlorySound, a division of Shawnee Press, Inc.

The Sanctuary Choir will sing "The Music of Grace" words and music by Joseph M. Martin. The text is very descriptive and the original melody has just a brief hint of another well-known hymn about grace. Why not see if you can find and identify the *hint*? Susan Yeager will be the soloist with Kelley Segler at the piano and John Emery at the organ providing the together accompaniment.

Please read these texts from Sunday's music.

Song of the Potter

Master, Creator, in earnest I pray; You are the potter, I am the clay.
 Savior, Sustainer, begin me anew; bend me and break me;
 my trust is in You.
 Mold me and make me.

Sculpt me with care so that I may serve,
 shape me for ever with Your Holy Word.
 Test me and prove me with fire from above;
 create in me a heart for Your love.

Artist, Designer, touch me with grace;
 I now surrender to Your firm embrace,
 because You love me.

Have your own way, Lord, have Your own way,
 You are the Potter, I am the clay.
 Mold me and make me after Your will,
 while I am waiting, yielded and still.
 Mold me because You love me.

The Music of Grace

You gave the birds their glorious music.
 You gave the dove her lonesome cry.
 You gave the swan her trumpet of beauty.
 You taught the wind to whisper and sigh.
 You gave the sea her roar of thanksgiving.
 You taught the storm to rumble in praise.
 God of all sound and Lord of creation,
 teach us the music of grace.

The universe drones in silence profound.
 The planets are spinning with joyful sound.
 The forests all sway at the touch of Your wind.

The mountains and valleys all echo Your praises again and again.

You gave the church the language of worship.
 You gave us hymns and anthems of faith.
 God of all art and Lord of salvation,
 teach us Your music of grace.

Shalom, *Bab*

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Oct 11

- 8:30 am Worship / McClure Chapel
- 9:30 am Sunday Morning Live
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Power-Up Children's Church
- 10:50 am Worship / Sanctuary
- 11:05 am EPIC / CMC
- 4:30 pm Music & Drama
- 6:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth
- 6:00 pm Lay Leadership Committee
- 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery-Men
- 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery-Women

Monday, Oct 12 Cross Point Weekday Mission Begins

- 7:30 am Preschool
- 9:00 am Children's Day Out
- 9:30 am Body Recall
- 1:00 pm Clothes Closet Opens
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Heaven Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Disciple 1 Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Financial Peace

Tuesday, Oct 13

- 7:30 am Preschool
- 12:00pm Noon Prayer
- 4:30 pm Trustees

Wednesday, Oct 14

- 7:30 am Preschool
- 9:00 am Children's Day Out
- 9:00 am Clothes Closet Opens
- 9:30 am Body Recall
- 10:30 am Moms Praying
- 5:00 pm Stephen Ministry
- 5:30 pm Prayer Ambassadors
- 6:15 pm Worship / CMC
- 6:15 pm Ignite
- 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery
- 7:00 pm Mid-Week Youth
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Oct 15

- 9:00 am Precept Bible Study
- 1:00 pm XYZ Mah Jongg
- 6:30 pm DivorceCare
- 7:00 pm Alpha

Friday, Oct 16

- 9:30 am Body Recall
- 10:30 am Friendly Neighbors



Dates to Remember:

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| Oct 30 | Fall Fest |
| Nov 1 | Daylight Savings Time Ends |
| Nov 10 | All Church Conference |
| Nov 12-14 | Women for Women Mission in OKC |
| Nov 14 | Potato Drop |
| Nov 26 | Thanksgiving |
| Nov 26-27 | Church Closed |

POTATO DROP 2009

On Saturday November 14th, 2009, Ardmore FUMC is having a Potato Drop in the parking lot of the Colvert Ministry Center. What is a Potato Drop you ask? Well, have you ever had 45,000 lbs of potatoes dropped in your church parking lot and the only thing you need to do is get rid of them? That is a potato drop in a nut shell.

The Society of St. Andrew is an UMCOR partner that salvages tractor-trailer loads of potatoes and other produce that are rejected by commercial markets or potato chip factories due to slight imperfections in size, shape, sugar content, or surface blemishes.

Usually these loads end up at local landfills. Through the Potato Project, however, the Society of St. Andrew is able to redirect these 45,000-pound loads of fresh nutritious produce to food banks, soup kitchens, Native American reservations, food pantries, low income housing areas, local churches, and other hunger agencies for distribution to the poor.

The next question will probably be "What does this have to do with my church?" This is a great opportunity for our church to have a community outreach mission in our own back yard. I have invited other Methodist churches in the district to come and get 25, 50lb bags to use in their church communities as they see the need. That leaves approximately 25,000 lbs to distribute here in Ardmore. The plan is to have a "drive thru" system in the parking lot of the Colvert Ministry Center. The potatoes will be broken down into Wal-Mart bags that will be approximately 10lb bags and distributed to the people as they come into the parking lot.

I will have printed flyers out at all the community agencies who work with the low income families in the area. Those agencies include the Good Shepherd Clinic, Gloria Ainsworth, Soup Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes, Pregnancy Resource Center, Dept of Human Services, Big Five, Carter County Health, Grace Resource Center, Red Cross, Carter County Mental Health, House of Prayer and the local churches clothes closets.

I am asking for volunteers to come and have some great fun and fellowship in this Community Mission. Volunteers will be putting the potatoes into the Wal-Mart bags and handing them to the people driving thru. I have talked with other churches that have done this project in the past and have been told that every potato will be gone in 4 hours. This is a great way to do mission work right here in Ardmore, Oklahoma and to make it a family mission as well. What a wonderful opportunity to introduce the youth to missions and mission work, and it will only require a small amount of time.

The plan is to meet at the CMC at 9am on November 14th and start the bagging process and then start handing out the potatoes at 10am. Anyone who wants to help in the mission please contact me as soon as possible. The more people - the more fun it will be. Please be in prayer for this mission.

If there are any questions at all, please call or e-mail me.

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FOCUS ON FOLKS

In the Hospital, or recently dismissed:

Betty GoodEagle

Sunday School Greeters for October:

Main Building - **FELLOWSHIP**

Colvert Ministry Center - **HOPE**

Loaves & Fishes for October: Green Beans 14-16oz

Congratulations: Shanna Zink announces the birth of her daughter **Heidi Rose Zink** on Sunday, October 4th. She weighed 5lbs-4oz and was 19½ inches long. Heidi's grandparents are Steve and Barbara Zink.

Sympathy:

Our thoughts and prayers are with John & Marilyn Kriet and Jeff & Stephanie Kriet and their family with the passing of Marilyn's mother and Jeff's grandmother, Dora Savage, on Thursday, October 1st. Services were held on Sunday, October 4th in Ardmore.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with Bob and Sherry Singleton and their family with the passing of Sherry's brother, Richard Pounds, on Sunday, October 4th.

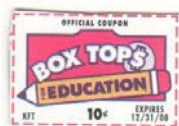
Memorials: In memory of **Bill Murrah** contributions to the Memorial Fund and Friendly Neighbors have been received from: Harry and Carol Brown, Frances Kampschmidt



Family Life Ministries
Fall Fest
Friday
October 30th
5:00pm
Colvert
Ministry Center

If you would like to help before, during or after the Fall Fest please contact Bob Pfau at 223-5390 x312.

Preschool News...



Join us as we collect Box Tops off our favorite grocery items! The preschool receives 10 cents for every box top! There is a drop box outside the preschool office or you can leave them with Tami in the church office. Thank for your support!

Come Join the Fun!
"WORD ON THE STREET"
 A Modern Christmas Production
 We are starting to cast the upcoming drama—
 "Word on the Street"
 Auditions will be Sunday, October 11th
 6:00 p.m.—in the Sanctuary
 We need actors, singers, dancers, set-designers, stage-crew, tech crew, etc...experienced or those who would like to try something new! Ages 8—80 welcome!
 If you can't make the auditions, but would like to participate, call Kelley Segler @ 490-1773. Scripts, rehearsal and performance schedules will be available in the church office.

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.



Children's Ministry Announcements

What is going on in Children's Ministry this week????

Sunday Morning LIVE starts at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please make sure you remember to sign your child in for a donut and a fun start to our morning. We will then escort your child to their Sunday School classroom. They will come back to the Fellowship Hall at 10:40 for worship with Mr. Chris!!! Then, POWER UP begins at 11:00. We have a small snack, play some games, focus on our bible story and virtue of the month, and wrap it up with some more FUN! Sunday mornings are a great time, we can't wait to see you there!!

Wednesday Night is Family night called IGNITE!!! It is our FUN family style worship time on Wednesday nights in the CMC. We get started at 6:15 with a LIVE band and more fun than you can imagine!! Come check us out this week.

Children's Choir and Drama will be held on Sunday afternoons from 4:30-6:00. Any Kindergarten through 5th graders who are interested should attend. We will be rehearsing for the Christmas program in December and other special performance times in worship.

We are in need of volunteers for the mug ministry. We deliver FUMC mugs to first time visitors. This is a great ministry for briefly meeting each new visitor. If you are interested in participating or want further information, please call Gail Shadle at 504-2403.



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Fishes

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