



UPDATE ON VISION TASK FORCE SURVEY

Thank you to the 84 people who attended the explanation of the Vision Task Force Survey results on August 26. Please contact any member of the Task Force or Leadership Council with questions or for clarification. A huge thank you to Lisa Wynn for sharing her expertise and thoroughly, fairly, and professionally compiling this survey report. Copies of the report are available as a PDF or hard copy by request from the front office.

Listening Sessions have been set to invite your comments on any portion of this survey or anything

else you would like to share. Members of the Leadership Council and Task Force will be present at each session.

- **Sunday, September 9, 10:15-11:05 am in Fellowship Hall**
- **Sunday, September 9, 5:00 - 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall** (pizza and childcare will be available)
- **Wednesday, September 12, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Parlor** (primarily for choir and musicians, but anyone is welcome and pizza will be provided)

FREE SATURDAY BREAKFAST BEGINS

I was so happy to serve the first Saturday breakfast Sept. 1st. Nine visitors enjoyed sausage, pancakes and scrambled eggs plus cereal and fruit and plenty of coffee, juice and milk. After seven months of planning, I consider this first meal a big success.

The cooks Saturday were Floydette Seal and Norma Bradley. Servers were Barbara Bryant and Lynda Deibel and Greeters were Karon Gregory and Curtis Fenner. There were several other Church members who came to observe and help where needed. Many thanks to all of you for getting up early and helping.

All the visitors left with sandwiches, fruit and home baked cookies. Those who had pets were also given dog or cat food donated by the Pet Pantry.

One volunteer said that as she was leaving the Church Saturday, she felt so grateful to God for all that she has and thankful that she is able to share God's blessings with others.

Sunday the Youth and Children's Sunday School made cookies and sandwiches to be used for next weeks breakfast. They worked hard and seemed to have fun doing it. The little kids decorated paper sacks to carry sandwiches.

Thanks everyone for your help. You served nine people a good meal Saturday morning. They might not have had one without you.

Georgia Shaw



FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

FALL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Fun and Fellowship is ready to launch

Wednesday, September 12, 5:30-7:00. Children ages 5- 11 (K-5th) are invited to participate. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall, with gathering activities at 5:30, an informal meal at 5:45, and then group activities of stories, service, songs, seasonal crafts, cooking and games. (Not all in one week!) As we begin, we will stay together as one group. Allison will be planning the activities, and volunteer helpers are needed to assist. Help is also needed to grocery shop, prepare simple meals, and to do kitchen clean up. Children will be responsible for setting and bussing their own tables. A sign up sheet for volunteers is on the Children and Youth bulletin board.

We ask for \$40 per child to help cover the expenses of dinner together. This covers all 10 sessions. Scholarship assistance is available, if needed. Please register with Allison.

Worship and Wonder to begin September 16

Thanks to our experienced storytellers, and loyal greeters, the children's worship experience, Worship and Wonder, will be able to continue. It will be offered during the traditional 9:00 service for children K-2nd grade. Because our nursery is so full of little ones in this service, we are asking parents to keep K-2nd grade children with you in the beginning of worship. After Children's Moment they will be dismissed for Worship and Wonder. During the contemporary service at 11:15, children ages K-2nd may be supervised in the nursery as needed, as most of the little ones have gone home. Parents may still wish to keep these children with them until the Children's Moment so there is an opportunity to participate in worship.

A Note About Children in Worship: They wiggle, they talk! That's okay! We help our children learn to worship God by accepting them where they are developmentally, and encouraging them to participate. You may see younger ones at the back of the sanctuary, maybe even on their tummies coloring, but know they are listening and absorbing. They are singing along. With guidance (yes, there are a few restrictions!) and support from all of us,

they will grow to love worship as much as the rest of us big folks. There are children's busy bags with simple activities available under the office windows.

Nursery

How wonderful that we have so many little ones! Another blessing we have is so many longtime caregivers that our children know and love. But, even as we're comfortable together, let's be intentional in our care. Parents – please sign your child in when you drop off, and make sure our caregivers know where to find you during worship or Sunday school. Please note any concerns you might have about your child that day, or restrictions for snacks at this time. This is especially important for visiting grandchildren, or other children our caregivers don't know. Soon, we are hoping to begin a brief circle time with our little ones, during the traditional service, so they can begin to sing, and have Bible stories and activities too! If you would like to help with this, please see Allison.

FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS

CHAOS has begun! The Youth meet Sunday nights from 6 - 8 pm. Morgan Gregory and Jessica Lackey-Kaplan will lead the Youth Group.

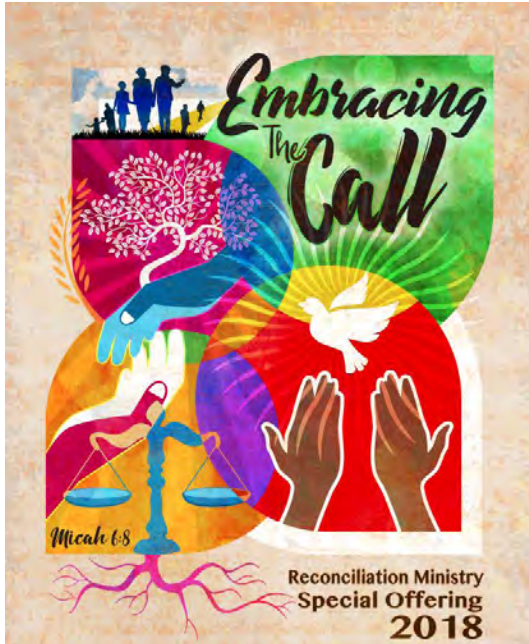
Drama Team begins Sunday, October 7 from 4 - 6 pm. Janna Carr will again lead our children and youth (grades 4-12) in preparing a Christmas Play to be performed in December.

Interfaith Youth Tour - September 16 at 1:00 pm Traditionally this is a youth event (grades 6th-12th), and the church pays for and registers youth group members, however, it is open to all. If you would like to attend, the cost is \$20.00. You can register at okchurches.org.

CHAOS in the Pumpkin Patch! During the month of October, the Youth will staff the pumpkin patch for the Sunday afternoon shift leading up to Drama team at 4:00 pm. See Morgan or Jessica about the time of that shift.

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RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING



Hear Ye, Hear Ye - The words of the Lord: "He has showed you, oh man what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to act justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your god." - Micah 6:8

The Special Offering is used to fund our mission imperative to become a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church utilizing experiential education, inclusive worship and intentional dialogue. Our efforts to promote healing, relationship and restoration in the whole family of God are enlivened by funds from this offering. Through it we are able to provide programs for leadership development, curriculum for dialogue and learning, and partnerships within the Church and our communities.

We are called to listen to our Partners in Christ with hearts of compassion and mercy. We hope you will look forward to more information on "listening." Will you Embrace the call?

Gayle & Don Hurst

We receive Reconciliation Offering September 23rd & 30th

PULPIT SUPPLY IN SEPTEMBER

Here is who we have coming up this month:

- 9/09 - Karl & Mary Hirsch
- 9/16 - Rev. Pam Holt, Oklahoma Regional Minister
- 9/23 - Russ Wagner-Bark
- 9/30 - Rev. Shannon Fleck, Executive Director of Oklahoma Conference of Churches

Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations to John and Dorothy Boaz! John and Dorothy will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, September 8th from 2-4 pm at the Bradford Village Independent Living Center. 300 Hadwiger, Edmond. All are welcome.

SHCC LEADERSHIP

A request was made to list the members of the following three groups so the congregation knows who to approach regarding different issues. We will also be making an effort to include this information on our website, which can be updated regularly as any changes to these groups occur.

Leadership Council: Brooke Plumlee (Moderator), Rick Stricklin (Vice Moderator/Personnel Chair), Karon Gregory (Deepening Spirituality), Ron Whitaker (Property), Alysha Dailey (Diaconate), Carolyn Lamiell (Service to Others), Gary Tears (Finance), Jarrett Austin (Communications & Technology), Jerri and Steve Bowlware (Worship), John Walters (Stewardship),

Kara Gregory (Fellowship), Karl Hirsch (Treasurer), Lisa Wynn (Secretary), Russ Wagner-Bark (Risk Management)

Vision Task Force: Stacie Alyea, Rick Connelly, Ann-Clore Duncan (co-chair), James Powers, Melissa Powers, Myrna Ranney, Dre' Sampley, Dave Schmidt, Russ Wagner-Bark (co-chair) and Ron Walker

Interim Minister Search Committee: Cole Abbott, Cheryl Aspy, Janee' Austin, Robyn Cowperthwaite, Les Harness, Jill Hill, Brooke Plumlee, Janella Tears, Riz Trauber-Hill, Steve Wynn.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Service Times

Sunday 9:00 am - Traditional Service
Sunday 10:15 am - Sunday School
Sunday 11:15 am - Contemporary Service
Sunday 3:30 pm - Communion at Bradford Village

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



IMPORTANT DATES

- 9/09 - Listening Sessions - 10:15 am and 5:00 pm in FH
- 9/10 - Tai Chi for Balance - 9:00 am in the Gathering Area
- 9/10 - WOW Book Club - 12:00 pm in the Chapel
- 9/12 - Wednesday Bible Study - 10:00 am in Boka Keene
- 9/12 - Overeater's Anonymous - 11:00 am in the Chapel
- 9/12 - Fun & Fellowship - 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
- 9/12 - Listening Session - 6:30 in the Chapel
- 9/13 - DW Hope Group - 2:00 pm at Annette Duffy's home
- 9/13 - Search Committee - 7:00 pm in Boka Keene
- 9/16 - Interfaith Youth Tour 1:00 pm at FCC Edmond
- 9/18 - DW Charity/Fidelity Group- 12:30 pm in the Parlor
- 9/23 - Elder's Meeting - 12:30 pm in the Conference Room
- 9/23 - Leadership Council - 4:00 pm in the Chapel
- 9/30 - Combined Service at 10:45
- 9/30 - **Pumpkins Arrive** following combined service

SHCC STAFF

Interim Minister of Family Life:
Family Life Intern:
Interim Director Choir and Bells:
Interim Director of Contemporary Music:
Dir. of Communications & Tech:
Church Office Coordinator:
Child Development Center Director:

Allison Longman
Morgan Gregory
Lacie Bowlware
Ben Bowlware
Chuck Marshall
John Greer
Suzanne Ray

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School 8/26	106
9:00 AM Traditional 8/26	88
11:15 AM Contemp. 8/26	44
3:30 PM Bradford 8/26	16
Total Worship 8/26	148

Sunday School 9/02	69
9:00 AM Traditional 9/02	80
11:15 AM Contemp. 9/02	53
3:30 PM Bradford 9/02	15
Total Worship 9/02	148

PRAYERS

Marie Byrkit; Mona Baird; Susie Park;
Elsie Knight; Alice Smith; Joe Jones;
Suzanne Ray, Mary Lou Pendleton, the
Brinkoetter family