

The Springs

Rev. Dennis Adlof

February 16, 2011

From Dennis the Minis-ter:

This Sunday we celebrate the work of the **United Methodist Women** in our morning worship. The UMW is the largest denominational faith organization for women with approximately 800,000 members whose mission is fostering spiritual growth, developing leaders and advocating for justice. Members raise up to \$20 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world. Our SSUMC unit is 92 members strong and raise thousands of dollars for missions, locally and globally.

In our worship Sunday, we are going to highlight one of their longstanding mission projects: **Neighborhood Services Organization** in Oklahoma City. NSO Director, Stacey Ninness will deliver the morning message. NSO seeks to serve the needs of inner city children, youth and families. A recent report had this update on the work of NSO:

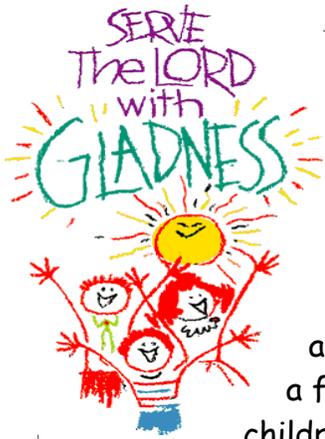
"While Neighborhood Services Organization (NSO) of Oklahoma City was birthed in the Methodist church, it is not an exclusively United Methodist agency. Its forerunner was the Bethlehem Center/Wesley Community House, serving the central part of the city. Some of the newest programs include Martha's House, a transitional housing program for homeless families; Gatewood House, a short-term residential program for young, single, homeless, expectant mothers; Douglas House, a transitional housing program for homeless men ages 18-24; and Palo Duro, a 22-unit apartment complex for individuals who are homeless and mentally disabled. We are doing together what none of us could do separately."

Another news article told how NSO stepped-in to help a teen named David:

"David said he was hungry after he was arrested for raiding a snack machine inside an Oklahoma City school, according to recent news media reports. A United Methodist-supported agency reached out to help the homeless teen."

After David spent two weeks in jail, law enforcement officials moved to drop the charges against him and to find a place for him to stay upon his release. Neighborhood Services Organization (NSO) met the need. Stacey Ninness, NSO director, told how the agency responded. "Just after the broadcast on the news about David, case manager Tracy Long called me and said, 'I want David; he needs the Carolyn Williams Center,'" Ninness said. The NSO center assists homeless men ages 18-24. The dormitory-style facility can house up to 14 men."

Please come and worship with us. As we lift up Christian mission and what God is doing through Neighborhood Services Organization and our own United Methodist Women's unit. See you, Sunday.



From the KidZone...

We had lots of fun on Sunday Valentine caroling. The kids loved it and the people we visited loved it and were very appreciative. We even saw a few tears. Thanks to the children, Mrs. Marty, Mrs.

Debbie and Mrs. Cathy for showing God's love to those in our congregation we don't get to see very often.

We are continuing our Heroes of the Bible books. This Sunday we will finish our lesson on Joseph. The following Sunday we will be starting our lesson on Moses. We will be making a baby Moses puppet using some unusual items.

Our bible verse remains the same: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet. And a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105

Got Water?

Jay Bullard is looking for people who have private water wells on their property who would like to have the water tested. Please call 561-1282 or 241-6890 for more information and if you would like to participate in this water project.

Can You Usher?

You'll never know if you don't try. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex—a line for every Sunday in the year 2011. Please consider signing up for one Sunday or more. You can recruit your friends, family or other ushers to help you. We need to fill this list up and hope you will help!

UMW Circle Meetings

Priscilla Circle at the home of Sharon Schuermann on Tuesday, February 22nd at 7 p.m.

Ruth Esther Circle at 1 p.m. on Thursday February 24 in the F. Hall

Faith Circle at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 24 in the Parlor

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Missions Meeting Sunday, February 20th

Please join us for the next missions meeting on Sunday, February 20th following church and bring along your favorite Mexican food to share. Over our Mexican potluck lunch, we will be discussing where we are headed for 2011. So, come and join us and provide input as we brainstorm.

Crumbs From The Cracker

News:

Due to the intense snow that we have gotten over the past few weeks, many of our youth activities have been canceled or postponed. Our Youth were unable to attend the scheduled "Metro Worship", we had to re-schedule the "Super Bowl Sub Mission", and also our weekly youth meetings! I am very excited to meet up with the youth this week though and continue our "Slave to Fear/Worry" lesson. We will be having the rescheduled "Super Bowl Sub Mission" this coming Sunday February 20th so bring your "Lincoln" and grab a sandwich and chips for lunch!

Weekly Youth Lessons:

This past Sunday we learnt in Sunday school that we have "Choices" to make and not just ones to stay out of trouble, but "Choices" to follow and grow in our relationship with God. This was an awesome lesson that really challenged our youth and got them thinking about how they can choose to spend time with God not only in the hard times, but when life seems to be going good as well. This week's lesson for Wednesday is "Slave to Fear/Worry"

Weekly Lesson:

Read 1 Corinthians 13

1 Corinthians 13: 4a

"Love is..."

1 John 3: 16



"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters."

With Valentines Day happening this week, and "**Love**" being the focus of the Nation this Monday, I thought it might be perfect timing for us to re-evaluate what "**Love**" is, so that our hearts and lives might reflect it daily for not just our spouses or boyfriends, but the whole world. The point that I want to focus on comes from our verse above, "This is how we know what "**Love**" is: **Jesus Christ "Loved"** by laying down His life for us." **Love is an action!** In this verse the Apostle John is expressing the significance that Christ Jesus "**Loved**" by laying down His life for us, so that, "And we ought to "**Love**" by laying down our lives for our brothers and sisters." So if "**Love**" is an action, and not just a word, how am I supposed to act out love? Well the Apostle Paul outlined a simple outline to follow, one that is not all inclusive, but is very helpful for us to express the depths of our hearts to the ones that we "**Love**".

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See 1 Corinthians 13

“Love isPatient, Kind, Rejoices in Truth, Never gives up, Never loses Faith, Always Hopes, Never Fails”

“Love is not, Envious, Boastful, Arrogant, Rude, Selfish, Irritable, Resentful, Rejoicing in Wrong”

So we know **“Love”** is an action, and we have some actions that we can express **“Love”**, time to evaluate which ones am I able to do easily and which ones are really hard for me, because **“Love”** is not just Patient or Kind, but it is also Selfless, and not Arrogant. Most of the times its easy to do some of these but less frequently is it possible to do them all. The list does not say just be have hope, or just don't be resentful, but do them all! Don't just check them off the list either, “I was patient with them on Monday already...”

Jesus didn't do that for us but He laid down His Life! Lay down yours for those that you love, and those that you have a hard time loving and see the miracles that God performs through it! Father God thank you for **“Loving”** us and laying down your life for us so that we might know how to lay down our lives for others, help us to take the words of Paul and evaluate the areas that we can deepen our **“Love”** for others whether that be in “Patience” or in “Hope” help us Lord to **“Love”** in an action and not just in words. In Jesus name. Amen!

Upcoming Events:

- **February 16th “Slave to Fear” Jr. High 6pm Sr. High 7pm**
- **February 20th Super Bowl Sub Mission Fundraiser Re-scheduled (\$5 Sandwich 2 support missions)**
- **February 26th Collett wedding reception @ FLC @ 2pm**

February 28th “Cyber Parent Night” Monday 6:30pm

(If you are interested in being apart of any of these upcoming events please do not hesitate to call me at 918-245-5955, or email me at gcollett@sandsspringsumc.org)

Fun Fact: “The inventor of the Waffle Iron did not like waffles.”

Wedding Reception:

We will be having the reception on February 26th at 2pm at the Family Life Center. Please come and join us on that date to celebrate this new journey that we will share together! Hope to see ya February 26th at 2pm. We are registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond and Target.



Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers February 20

Welcome Center

Harmony

Head Ushers

Ovivia T., Gerrie H., Elaine B., Candice W.

Lay Reader

Leesa Hairgrove

Children's Moment

Jami Warkentin

Children's Church

Marty D., Susie H., Brooke Herndon

Counters

Janie Moore & Kent Warkentin

Visitors Center

Mel & Norma Jones

Youth Dinner for Wednesday, Feb. 23

Priscilla Circle

Sunday Volunteers February 27

Welcome Center

Harmony

Head Usher

Please see Bruce Warren to volunteer

Lay Reader

Sue Wiedemann

Children's Moment

Amy Miller

Children's Church

Amy M., Trish H., Lauren Miller

Counters

Diana Pond & Jack Vest

Visitors Center

Mel & Norma Jones

Youth Dinner for Wednesday, March 2

Ruth Esther Circle

Please Keep In Prayer

Bill & Mary Lea Forsythe, Thelma Bradshaw, Gene Watson, Susan Stafford, Lovell Sharp, Virginia Vice, Vera Nell Boatman, Walter Speed, Ralph Rand, Angela Krause, Leonard Whisenhunt, Linda McCormick, Frank Bogert, Harold Hilgendorf, Unspoken Requests

Recognitions...

Change of Date for Collett Wedding Reception

Wedding Reception for Graeme & Jetonne Collett

Saturday, February 26

2:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

Let's all celebrate with Graeme & Jetonne.

They are registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond and at Target.

Thank You... Church family for your prayers, cards, food and calls during my last eye surgery and procedures. Your support is vital to my recovery. Thank you so much. Judy Bullard

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CP=Childcare Provide ~ FLC-Family Life Center

Wednesday, February 16

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast—Crescent Café
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
10:00 a.m.-SIA to Claremore
6:00 p.m.-Junior High Youth
7:00 p.m.-Senior High Youth
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Bells-CP
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir-CP

Thursday, February 17

4:15 & 5:30 p.m.-Weight Watchers
7:00 p.m.-Evangelism Meeting
6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts Troop 601-Caleb House

Friday, February 18

Confirmation Retreat

12:00 p.m.-Weight Watchers

Saturday, February 19

Confirmation Retreat

Sunday, February 20-UMW Sunday

9:00 a.m.-Sunday School-CP
10:15 a.m.-Worship-CP
11:45 a.m.-Praise Team Practice
12:00 p.m.-Missions Meeting
2:30 p.m.-Council on Ministries
4:00 p.m.-Church Council

Monday, February 21-Offices Closed

10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
6:30 p.m.-Disciple 1-3
7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts 101-FLC

Tuesday, February 22

1:30 p.m.-Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m.-Girl Scout Leadership Meeting-F. Hall
6:00 p.m.-Girl Scouts-Upstairs
7:00 p.m.-Priscilla circle-Home of Sharon Schuermann
7:00 p.m.-AI Anon

Wednesday, February 23

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast—Crescent Café
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
6:00 p.m.-JH Youth
7:00 p.m.-SH Youth
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Bells-CP
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir-CP

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