



The Springs

Rev. Dennis Adlof

May 11, 2011

From Dennis the Minis—ter

On May 29th, Charlene Reeves, our lay delegate, Katherine Reeves, our alternate delegate, and I will be traveling to Oklahoma City University for the 168th session of the **Oklahoma Annual Conference**. The theme of this year's three-day meeting is *"The Plan: A Bridge to the Future."* As a church body we will celebrate the fourth year of our Strategic Plan, which seeks to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

This Annual Conference will also be my last as an active clergy member. I will be among 20 members of our clergy retiring. On Tuesday, May 31st, at 11 am we will be honored during a retirement service in the Freede Center at OCU. I know that you cannot be there that day. But, you can honor my 35 years of service and the faithful service of all the rest of my fellow retirees by giving to the **Annual Conference Special Offering**. Your generosity would gladden my heart and touch many in the name of Christ.

Bishop Robert E. Hayes recently sent a letter outlining the goals of this special giving:

*"In the past, our annual conference designates our offering to assist important ministries, both locally and internationally. This year, we have chosen three mission projects that will touch countless thousands. Our partnership with **Bolivia** is gaining strength each year as we reach out to the marginalized and disenfranchised of this impoverished country. Our first full time missionary has been appointed there and already we have witnessed a tremendous increase in the number of people we are helping. Another ministry that is dear to all of us is **Cookson Hills Center**. Located in Northeastern Oklahoma, Cookson Hills provides a vast number of programs designed to assist the poorest of the poor. Under the outstanding leadership of Rev. Meri Whitaker, lives have been transformed and restored. And lastly, our conference is building the **New Hope Elementary School in Liberia, Africa**. In a country that has been decimated by war and poverty, education and health services are in great demand, and United Methodists from Oklahoma are responding holistically by building this school and a clinic."*

We will receive this Annual Conference offering over the next two Sundays, May 15th and 22nd. Please make out your check to SSUMC and note "Annual Conference Offering" on your check. On May 29th, Charlene, Katherine and I will deliver our total giving at the annual conference session.

As Bishop Hayes reminds us: ***"God has blessed us with tremendous resources, and in turn, we have an opportunity to bless others."***

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GOOD FOOD!
GAMES

SAVE THE DATE

For picnic fun

Sunday, June 12, 2011 from 4—8 p.m. at the Family Life Center



KidZone News

This Sunday we continued with our Bible Heroes books by adding the story of Hannah and Samuel. Hannah kept her promise to God that if she had a son, she would dedicate him to God. Samuel became a great leader/prophet for the people of Israel. Samuel's mother was very important in his life so we also talked about the importance of mothers, grandmothers, aunts and special women in our lives. THANK YOU to all moms, grandmothers, aunts and special women for all you do in the life of SSUMC.

We will continue our study of Bible Heroes next week with the story of David. Remember to bring your Bibles!

Our next shopping day is on Sunday, June 5th.

See you Sunday!

UMW Reading Group

Do you love to read? Come join us on June 6th at 6:30 p.m. for our first meeting. Bring your suggestions of a book you'd like to share with us and we will choose our first book to read as a group. It can be fiction, non-fiction or from the UMW reading list. The group is open to everyone in our church (guys included!) and in our community. So if you have a friend who enjoys reading, please invite them. Please call Amy Miller at 245-3076 if you have questions.

United Methodist

5th Sunday Sing

May 29th, 6:00 p.m. you are invited to join in a 5th Sunday Sing at West Tulsa UMC located at 1923 S. Phoenix Ave. (West of the 21st/23rd St. Bridge)

Refreshments at closing, approx. 7:30 p.m.



From the Family Life Center Grounds Manager

UNCLE SAM DOES NOT WANT YOU! But I do.

Beginning this week I will be managing the grounds maintenance at the "Flick".

I am looking for a roster (list) of folks who would be able to help.

No Maintenance, no gas purchase, no long day in the sun, just put on your suntan lotion and drive the church mower.

Max length of turn would be 3 hours.

Your name would be on a list with your preferred time, when it needs mowing I will contact the next person on the list.

Contact me to get on the list or for more info.

Jim Shaw 918-224-2566

Seniors In Action

Come join us for AARP's Driver Safety Program for motorists age 50 and older. Taking this course will help you drive more safely, and may also lower your car insurance premium. This will be held in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, May 18th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The charge is \$12 for AARP members, or \$14 for non-members. Potluck lunch - please bring sandwiches, cookies, or a dessert. Soups and drinks will be provided. Please sign up with Max or Sharon Schuermann, or call 918-246-9159.

Crumbs From The Cracker

News:

Two weeks ago we had an amazing community Youth wide worship service that was located at Cornerstone church. It was great to see the body of Christ in Sand Springs come together and partner and worship Jesus! God also did some amazing things in the students lives. Our theme was "Reveal" this was a follow up from our "Saw you at the pole" event and as our students began to open up about things that they were struggling with they were able to bring their darkness to light and also connect with their fellow peers with similar struggles as well as getting connected with volunteers and youth pastors! Because "Revealing is the beginning of Healing" It was a very powerful night and we look forward to the future events that we can do together as the Body of Christ to impact the youth of Sand Springs!

Mission trip money is due on May 18th. Our Spaghetti fundraiser was a great success with great participation from our youth, parents, and other volunteers! The Lord was very gracious and we were able to raise \$768. Our mission team members will need to have their money turned into the church by May 18th. We still have about \$1000 more to raise as a team, which in some cases looks rather large, but for how well these kids have done that is only a small amount left. If you or your Sunday school would like to sponsor a specific youth, or make a general contribution please be sure to get your check to me before May 18th. Thank you so much church for all your support and prayers as we prepare to head to Alabama to do the Lords work!



Graduating seniors! If you would like to have two pictures of you (one as a child and one senior picture) in a slideshow during our senior celebration Sunday. Please have these pictures turned into the office by May 18th or else they will be unable to be put in the slide show.

Important dates to remember!!!

Mission Money Due: May 18th ~ Senior Pictures Due: May 18th ~ Camp Money and Forms Due: June 22nd

Weekly Youth Topics:

We had a very powerful lesson last week of Miracle series week 3 "Forgiven". The Lord really began to open up and reveal to our youth about people they may need to forgive and also others who they need to ask forgiveness from. This week's lesson is titled "Hungry? Why wait?" This is going to be another powerful lesson as Christ continues to work miracles in the hearts of our students. Some little sneak peeks of the future include our next series called "Seeds, Fruits, and Trees" This is going to be an awesome series!

Weekly Lesson:

"I do not trust in my bow, my sword does not bring me victory. But you give us victory over our enemies, you put our adversaries to shame." Psalm 44: 6-7

This verse caught me off guard during one of my daily readings, not because I had never read it before, but the Spirit began to ask what do you put your trust in? In these few verses the Psalmist is writing about how his battles are not relied on by his weapons, but by his God. How many of us trust our weapons more often than we trust our God to come forth with the victory? Or how many of us don't give our God the chance to come forth with the victory, because we put our trust in to many of our weapons? What are our weapons? Could they be our jobs, bank accounts, computers, cars, money, could they be friends, or property? Saul the King of the Israelites was even guilty of this in 1 Samuel 17: 38-40 when he told David that he needed his armor to slay the giant Goliath. But David knew better, his trust was in his God the one who had delivered him from the bear and lion. That same God was going to deliver him from the hands of this un-circumcised philistine "Goliath", and guess what happened? Yep, He did! I am not to sure where I put all of my trust, I know at times it may not always be 100% in the Lord, but verses like this one cause me to realign my focus not on the weapons that may be used in the battle, but in the God who will grant me victory in the battle. What are your weapons that you put your trust?

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Fun Fact: "No one knows where Mozart is buried."

Upcoming Dates:

- **May 11th: Miracle Wk 4 "Hungry Why Wait?"**
- **May 18th: Mission Trip Money Due!!!!!!!**
- **May 18th: Senior Pictures Due!!!!!!**

(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@sandspringsumc.org

Special Shout Out!!!!!!

Thank you so much to all who were able to help prepare, serve, cleanup etc. Spaghetti Lunch! It was a great success and we could not have done it with out all of your help!

Scholarship a Youth:

Only about 1 more week left to get your money in to sponsor a youth for their mission trip. If you are interested in helping send our youth on their mission to Birmingham this summer please get your support in soon!

Youth Baby-Sitters:

Summer babysitting!

For ages 9 and under.

Provided by Autumn Harjo & Abby Walters.

- **1-3 years old \$5 an hour.**
- **4-6 years old \$6 an hour.**
- **7-9 years old \$7 an hour.**
- **Autumn-(918)-734-7464 Abby-(918)-381-5707**
- **Weekdays and on weekends.**
- **Starting May 28th.**

Dennis Retires: Let's Party!

You are invited to a special catered luncheon
From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, May 21st at the Family Life Center

We'll have grilled Methodist chicken, salad, fruit and grilled veggies.

(And something for the kids, too.)

Bring a fun dessert if you wish.

Rock to the music of the 60s and 70s,

Share a Dennis story or two--

And celebrate this special life event!

*(Please let Linda know if you will attend next Sunday—
she would like to get a head count.)*

Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers May 15

Welcome Center

TNT

Head Ushers

Merle Parsons

Lay Reader

Karen Wilder

Children's Moment

Cathy Gifford

Children's Church

Debbie S., Barbie G., Abby Walters

Counters

Janie Moore & Kent Warkentin

Visitors Center

Mel & Norma Jones

Youth Dinner for Wednesday, May 18

Harmony

Sunday Volunteers May 22

Welcome Center

TNT

Head Usher

Merle Parsons

Lay Reader

Ellie Costola

Children's Moment

Jami Warkentin

Children's Church

Jami W., Terrie B., Zach Marshall

Counters

Diana Pond & Jack Vest

Visitors Center

Mel & Norma Jones

Youth Dinner for Wednesday, May 25

Priscilla Circle

Please Keep In Prayer

Bill & Mary Lea Forsythe, Thelma Bradshaw, Gene Watson, Vera Nell Boatman, Walter Speed, Rebecca Ward's Family, Linda McCormick, Irene Hueste, Jewel & Wilbur Williams, Virginia Vice, Harold Hilgendorf, Ruth Weaver, Merle Parsons, Jo Nan Allen, Jami's dad, Rider (Patterson grandson), Forsythe Family, Eldin Fisher

Recognitions...

Thank You...

My SSUMC Family, I'm not often "lost for words," but all of you have stolen my heart, and I'm so blessed. The flower is absolutely thoughtful. I'm overwhelmed with your love and can only say Thank You from the bottom of my heart.

Gerrie Holladay

Thank You...

Dearest Friends- Just a note to say Thank You so much for the many prayers during my knee replacement surgery and recovery. The food was wonderful that Jody and Joyce delivered to my door. Also, thanks to Pastor Dennis-he was certainly there when I needed him!

Love to all! Margaret Burke.

Also! I received a special singing Easter visit from Marty and the kids!

Thank You...

Thank you Children's Department—ALL of you, for the Easter Basket with candy and eggs. Teachers-Thank you for giving up your Saturday to teach the kids to respect people!

Mel & Norma Jones

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CP=Childcare Provide ~ FLC-Family Life Center

Wednesday, May 11

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

Thursday, May 12

11:00 a.m.-Needlers
4:15 & 5:30 p.m.-Weight Watchers
6:30 p.m.-Cub Scouts Troop 601-Caleb House
7:00 p.m.-Evangelism

Friday, May 13

12:00 p.m.-Weight Watchers

Saturday, May 14

CPHS Graduation
10 a.m.-12 p.m.-Confirmation Rehearsal

Sunday, May 15-Confirmation Sunday

9:00 a.m.-Sunday School
10:15 p.m.-Blended Worship
11:45 a.m.-Praise Team Practice

Monday, May 16

9:30 a.m.-Margaret Hudson Breakfast-F. Hall
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
6:30 p.m.-Disciple 1-3
7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts 101-FLC

Tuesday, May 17

1:30 p.m.-Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m.-Girl Scout Leader meeting-F. Hall
6:00 p.m.-Girl Scouts-Upstairs
7:00 p.m.-Oversight Committee Meeting-FLC
7:00 p.m.-Al Anon

Wednesday, May 18

7:30 a.m.-M/W Breakfast—Crescent Café
9:00 a.m.-SIA AARP Driver Safety program-F. Hall
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
6:00 p.m.-JH Youth
7:00 p.m.-SH Youtyh
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Bells-CP
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir-CP

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Teens and Drug/Alcohol Abuse

A Growing Problem

Do you have or know a child you think might be abusing drugs or alcohol. Are you walking on eggshells in your own home because of disruptive behavior? Is your child in treatment or has already been to treatment? Come to the Tulsa Parent Support Group and listen to other parents tell how they addressed such issues on May 11th from 6 to 8 p.m. at St. Paul's Methodist Church located at 1442 S. Quaker Avenue, off of Peoria and 15th street. Or call them at 918-585-9596. This group will meet every other Wednesday evening. May 11th is the first meeting.

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