

The Springs



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The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and plant-

ed in the sea,' and it would obey you." (Luke 17:5-6, The Message)

This past Sunday I preached on the mustard seed text from the perspective of the economics of God vs. the economics of humanity. While preparing for that sermon it occurred to me that I spend a lot of time looking at whatever lies ahead and often get overwhelmed by the sheer magnitude of it all. Does that ever happen to you? Have you ever looked at something coming up in your future, a task to be done or a challenge to overcome, and thought how inadequate you may be for the battle? I imagine that every single person has those thoughts at one time or another. Sometimes just thinking about how big a particular challenge is can be enough to scare us from even trying. The problem is that, no matter how big the challenge, we often have no other choice but to drive on and meet it.

As most of you know, Linda and I are currently facing the biggest challenge of our lives right now. It can be overwhelming to look ahead at all the various obstacles there are ahead and the many steps we need to complete to finally come to the end of this particular season of our lives. When we even try to look down that road, we are discouraged and anxious about the future. That's when we need to think about this text from Luke's gospel about faith. Instead of worrying about not having enough strength or enough courage or enough stamina to get through this; instead of wringing our hand over the length of the journey, Jesus suggests that all we need is whatever God has given us. God's economic plan gives us just enough faith, hope, and

love to get us from today to tomorrow. Then we have what we need for the day after that and the day after that. God understands that our faith, our hope, and our courage is often very small compared to the size of our battle. God only expects us to use the faith we have, the hope we can muster, and the courage we can hang on to. Jesus tells us clearly that all we need is the tiniest particle of real, true faith in God and we can move whatever mountain is standing in our way. God's economy suggests that it is boastful of us to even imagine that we can accumulate enough "faith" to do things on our own.

I pray that each one of you, when you face a challenging illness, heart-breaking grief, relationship malfunction, or any other situation that seeks to stop you, that you will draw on that tiny faith still in you.

I remember when I was a kid, my mom had a bracelet with a Lucite charm on it. Inside the charm was a mustard seed. Every time she wore it, it reminded her of the strength she had because of her faith. She used that as a tool to teach us as well. It didn't matter if we were small children, we could accomplish great things. We could think of that mustard seed and remember that God would help us grow big and do big things in life. Looking back I understand even better now what mom was talking about. As an adult I often feel too small and too inadequate for the task at hand. But, thanks to mom, I remember that it doesn't matter because God is in charge anyway.

Trying to keep the faith,
Pastor Don



We Need Your Trunk October 31st!

Halloween is just around the corner and so is Trunk or Treat. This is a

great opportunity for a local mission and anyone can participate. Let's pack the upper parking lot (4th & Main) with as many trunks as possible and a spillover into the lower lot would be wonderful. The decorations don't have to be elaborate, just whatever makes you smile. Also, we need a ton of candy. If you can't provide a trunk, please help with a bag or two of candy. But if you can do both—AWESOME!

There will be a box in the Narthex for your candy so please start bringing it in now.

If you have any questions, contact Kristen Henry (918.606.0210) or Karen Wilder (918.241.3259). Please let Karen know if you need decorations.



UMW News

UMW Executive Meeting met on Sept. 8th. Most of the local and national mission budget has been paid. Extra giving went to Pearl's Hope, NSO and Cookson Hills. Toole Tyme at Cookson Hills is

happening on Nov. 11-13th. Registrations are in the Narthex or on line. Deadline is Nov. 7. This is a great weekend to learn about our mission in eastern Oklahoma. There is something for everyone to do and great fellowship.

Reading Program: It is almost time to get your reading list turned in. Be sure you have at least one book from each category. Have questions? Call Wava Burt.

It is time for new officers for UMW. It seems we need a new Membership Chairperson. If you feel God calling you to serve with UMW, call Betty Smith regarding this office.

Mission Stitch: For those of you that are making baby caps for St. Francis, you can leave them in the box in the CIA/Pathfinders Classroom. We will be meeting on Oct. 19 at 2:00 to put faces and pom poms or stems on the pumpkin ones (orange ones). Questions, call Cynthia Alex.

Circle Meetings in October

Faith: Oct. 27th, 7:00 pm in Parlor. Leesa Hairgrove in charge.

Priscilla: Oct. 25 – 7:00 at Kristen Henry's. Refreshments – Jami Warkentin, Program – Jo Fritts.

Ruth Esther: Oct. 27, 1:00 in FH. Refreshments – Morene Baker, Devotion/Program – Charlene Reeves/Wava Burt.

All women are welcome just pick the time that works for you.



KidZone

Hi kids- Greetings from KidZone Power Lab.

We had a good time on Sunday as we talked about Jesus and His power that He gives us to live forever. We tried an

experiment using flashlights and they did not work. We discovered they had no batteries, so we added batteries which gave them power. We talked about all the wonderful things Jesus did for us. Jesus gives us the power to do great things. Have a great week and see you next week. Be sure to water your "Growing Friend" plant and let us know how it is doing.

Miss Debbie and Miss Marty

Encounter & Youth Adventure

A group ventured over to The Children's Hospital at Saint Francis on Sunday to drop off \$435 of toys and gifts purchased with money from the 4th-6th graders recent bake sale. Child Share, part of The Children's Hospital at Saint Francis Foundation, provides support and services for sick children and their families. One of their biggest needs for which they don't receive funding is gifts that are used for bedside activities, birthday gifts for children who are in the hospital on their birthday, end of treatment celebration parties, and waiting room activities. They operate strictly on donations for these items. Kacie Frazier with Child Share said they love to see other children being the hands and feet of Jesus to sick kids. And that's what our SSUMC kids did!! Thank you to the congregation for supporting the bake sale that made this possible!! And thank you to Susie Honeycutt and Sara Ryker for their leadership with the 4th-6th grade class!



Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers—October 9

Visitors Center & Coffee-Harmony
Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids
Teaching: Jami Warkentin
Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Susie Honeycutt
Counters-Sondra Allen Y& Dick Ford

Sunday Volunteers—October 16

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Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids
Teaching: Jami Warkentin
Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Marty David
Counters-Sheree Buttler & Jami Warkentin

November Coffee: Discovery

December Coffee: TNT

Please Keep In Prayer



Martha Scudder, Linda Tabberer, Charlene Reeves, Elsie Jones, Bob & Cathy Hula, BW Proft, Bill & Clare Caldwell, Darryl Muse, Jack & Jewell Brown, Owen Johnston, Tristan Schwartz, Delbert Sloan, Mark Hill, Pauline Hanigar, Glenda Paul-Reyna, Barbara McClintock, Monti Box, SSUMC & Unspoken Requests



Here are your
2016 Newsletter
weeks. Please
remember-articles are
due by 11 a.m. on this
date. Please, mark
your calendars.

October 17
October 31
November 14
November 28
December 12
January 9, 2017



Here is some of your
2016 Youth Dinner Schedule

- 10/5-CIA/Pathfinders
- 10/12-Faith Circle
- 10/19-TNT
- 10/26-Ruth Esther Circle



Here is some of your
2016 Children's Church Schedule

- 10/9-Susie Honeycutt
- 10/16-Marty David
- 10/23-Katherine Reeves
- 10/30-Lisa & Caleb Massey
- 11/6-Kat Katzung

OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday
8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Closed 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. for Lunch

SENIORS IN ACTION! Let's get together for a meal, good conversation, and an interesting presentation by Gilcrease Museum. We'll have a potluck lunch on Wednesday, Oct. 12th in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. Following the meal, a Gilcrease docent will present a program called "Speaking of Gilcrease, a Gilcrease Sampler". And just for fun, the "Joyful Noise" Quartet will sing a song for us! We haven't had a potluck for several months, so please try to come!

Meat will be provided for the meal, so bring any side dish, salad, bread, or dessert you wish. No sign-up is needed, but if you need a ride to church that day, call Max or Sharon Schuermann at [918.246.9159](tel:918.246.9159) and we'll arrange that for you.

Our next event will be on Saturday, Nov. 5th, so mark your calendars now! We plan to travel to Claremore to attend a "Shoot-Out at High Noon" in front of the Davis Arms & Historical Museum. After the reenacted presentation is over, we can spend some time exploring the museum. We plan to have a late lunch at the Hammett House – save room for a slice of their famous pie! This should be a fun event, and hopefully, some nice fall weather. You will be able to sign-up for this event at the Potluck on Wed, Oct. 12th. Hope to see you there!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SAND SPRINGS UMC

Tuesday, October 4

5:30pm-Cub Scouts-FLC
5:45pm-Y4Y-Sanctuary
7:00pm-Praise Team
7:00pm-Al-Anon-Upstairs

Wednesday, October 5

7:30am-M/W Breakfast-Crescent Café
*4:00pm-Kappa Kappa Iota-F. Hall
6:30pm-The Awakening—Youth
7:00pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 6

*7:00pm-Collins Karate-FLC

Friday, October 7

*4:00pm-Adventures In Learning-F. Hall
*5:30pm-FLC in Use-Basketball

Saturday, October 8

12:00pm-Karate Seminar-FLC

Sunday, October 9-Children's Sabbath

8:30am-Contemporary Worship
9:45am-Communion Service
10:00am-Sunday School
11:00am-Traditional Worship

Monday, October 10

4:00pm-Adventures In Learning-F. Hall
7:00pm-Boy Scouts-Family Life Center

Tuesday, October 11

5:30pm-Cub Scouts-FLC
5:45pm-Y4Y-Sanctuary
7:00pm-Praise Team Rehearsal
7:00pm-Al-Anon-Upstairs

Wednesday, October 12

7:30am-Men's Breakfast-Crescent Café
11:30am-SIA Potluck-F. Hall
6:30pm-The Awakening—Youth
7:00pm-Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 13

*7:00pm-Collins Karate-FLC

Friday, October 14

4:00pm-Adventures In Learning-F. Hall

Saturday, October 15

No Activities

*FLC-Family Life Center
*-Not sponsored by
SSUMC but welcome*

*For more calendar
information, call the
office at 918-245-5955.*

Help Wanted

**We are seeking a Nursery Coordinator to start immediately.
Please contact the church office if you are interested.**

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