



In the Name of Love

This week we celebrated and commemorated the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King was a Baptist minister and the most visible leader of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1950s and 1960s. Dr. King was led by his conviction and faith to seek justice and equality for African Americans and pursued this goal through a strict policy of non-violence.

As he said on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in his famous, *I Have a Dream* speech, “We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again, we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force.”

I have thought often on what Dr. King meant by the term, “soul force.” I think of “soul force” when I read the words of Paul, urging the early Christians to ignore the tribalism of their pre-Christian lives and come together as one people: “There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Gal. 3:28 NLT). I think of “soul force” when I imagine heaven, as described in Revelation, as a gathering of people too great to count from every nation and tribe and people and language. I think of “soul force” when I think of the many of my Christian brothers and sisters of different ethnicity, cultures, and nationalities that have had a profound influence on my life.

Last fall, as part of our “For” series, you may recall our guest Demarco Taylor challenging us to employ some “soul force” in our own lives. He encouraged us to listen to black voices and read books by people of color to expand our understanding of racial injustice.

In pursuit of that, I would like to mark this Martin Luther King Day by recommending some books that have helped me to expand my understanding of the struggle against racism in our world today.

Letter from Birmingham Jail – Martin Luther King, Jr.

Just Mercy – Bryan Stevenson (also a movie)

Long Walk to Freedom – Nelson Mandela

Riot and Remembrance – James S. Hirsch

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry – Mildred D. Taylor (good for kids and young adults)

You can also find excellent resources at Fulton Street Books, a bookshop that specializes in books by people of color. This MLK Day, I encourage you to take action and read one of these books. This is a great way to employ some “soul force” in our own lives.



Kidzone News

On Sunday, January 9th, we were happy to present Third Grader, Madelyn Paschal with her Bible during the first service. We have started a new series in Kidzone- Wild and Wacky Bible Lessons on Fear, Respect, and Helping Others. Our first lesson was the Good Samaritan and we talked about how God wants us to always help others.

When we meet again , we will have the story of Mary and Martha. We will learn that keeping our focus on Jesus helps us help others. Until we meet again, you all will be in our prayers.

Take Care!!

Ms. Debbie, Ms. Marty, Ms. Susie, Ms. Amanda



Worship is Virtual January 23rd

Youth is Virtual January 19 & 26

Please watch for or ask around for updates.

SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS

No Coffee Station until further notice

Nursery/Children's Church

January 23-Virtual

January 30

9 & 11 a.m.—Susie & Amanda

10:00 a.m.—Sara & Lacey

Children's Church-Jami & Sara

February 6

9 & 10 a.m.—Hallye & Jami

11 a.m.—Katherine & Jami

Children's Church-Jami & Amanda

February 13

9 a.m.—Gerri & Sophie

10 a.m.—Sara & Sophie

11 a.m.—Sara & Frankie

Children's Church-Jami & Debbie

February 20

9 & 10 a.m.—Lacey & Haylee

11 a.m.—Debbie & Marty

Children's Church-Jami & Susie

Youth Dinners

January 19-Virtual

January 26-Virtual

February 2—TNT Class

February 9— Faith Circle

February 16—Noah Class

February 23—CIA/Pathfinders Class

Counters

January 23-Virtual

January 30—Janie & Jami

February 6—Betty & Karen

February 13—Sondra & Trena

February 20—Jack & Kent

Please arrange a replacement from the list if you are unable to attend.

Offices will be closed February 21 for Presidents' Day

**Prayer Box Includes our
Sick & Homebound**

All those affected by Covid
Harry Alford
Betty & Howard Smith
Bill Schwartz
Bruce Warren
David Allen
Dick Ford
Donna McLain-Hope
Elsie & Roger Jones
Faye Lee Posey
Gordonna Fisher
Joe & Donna Woodruff

June Wilborn
Leonard Brehm
Louise Read
Betty & Linda Lund
Mary Lea Forsythe
Max Schuermann
Montie Box
Ralph Rand
Ruth Weaver
Suzanne & Valerie Jones
Vi McAllister

*And Prayer Chains
And Unspoken Requests*

**UMW YEARBOOK
REMINDER**

The sooner you get your new information to the office, the sooner the 2022 yearbooks will be complete. Please be sure to print clearly and if you are making changes in the 2021 yearbook, please use blue or red ink.

Tithes & Offerings

You can mail your check to:
Sand Springs UMC
319 N. Main
Sand Springs, OK 74063

You can give online at:
<https://sandspringsumc.org/>
Click on the "Giving" link

Giving Statements went out January 18, 2022



Fourth Monday
COMMUNITY MEAL
4th Monday of the Month
Fellowship Hall • 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**The next 4th Monday Community Meal at SSUMC is
Monday, January 24, 2022**

Community Meals

- 1st Monday—Lake UMC-7750 W. 14th St.
- 2nd Monday—Olivet Baptist Church—155 N. 65th W. Ave.
- 3rd Monday—Grace UMC—514 So. 49th W. Ave.
- 4th Monday—SSUMC—4th & Main Street

Sand Springs United Methodist Church Sunday Schedule
319 N. Main—918-245-5955—www.sandspringsumc.org

The Well—Family Life Center
101 W. 38th Street, Prattville

Sand Springs United Methodist Church Sunday Schedule
9:00 a.m.—Contemporary Worship
(Also streamed live online and uploaded to YouTube)
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Traditional Worship



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