



### No People Are Uninteresting

When I was in college at the University of Tulsa, there was a professor of Russian literature and film named Yevgeny Yevtushenko. I don't think I appreciated at the time what an important figure he was. He was involved in politics in the Soviet Union during the time of perestroika and advocated for democratic reforms. He was most famous worldwide for his poetry. Of course, to me, he was just my friends' Russian lit professor!

It wasn't until after I graduated that I actually read some of his poetry. My favorite poem of his is called, *People*. In it, he says,

No people are uninteresting.  
Their fate is like the chronicle of planets.  
Nothing in them is not particular,  
as planet is dissimilar from planet.

He goes on:

In any man who dies there dies with him  
his first snow and kiss and fight.  
It goes with him...

It's not people who die, but worlds.

Yevtushenko expresses in his poem that every person who has ever lived has had a complex and wonderful history, a story unique to them. The memories and experiences that make up a person are complex and, ultimately, unknowable. We may know something about another person, but the internal world of who they are is a mystery.

That is why, Yevtushenko says, when a person dies an entire secret world dies with them. One of the beautiful affirmations of the Christian faith is that all people are made in God's own image. We recognize that every single person has a life as meaningful and complex as our own. In the life of every person there is a spark, a reflection, of the divine. "No people are uninteresting..." I'm inclined to agree.

This means that we must treat all people with respect and honor. Even if we don't particularly like them. Especially if we don't particularly like them! We pray for our friends and enemies alike. We pray for those we know and for strangers. We pray because, we know, each person is of sacred worth. Every person is a secret world unto themselves. Every person we meet is someone Jesus believed is worth dying for.



## Kidzone News

The kids were busy this morning preparing Trick or Treat bags for Boo at Case Community Center to be held on Sunday, October 30th. We will be getting more things ready in the coming weeks. They are excited and are planning to help hand out the treats on the 30th.

Have a wonderful week- see you next Sunday!!  
Your Kidzone Leaders



IT'S TIME TO GET READY FOR TRUNK OR TREAT  
WHEN- MONDAY- OCTOBER 31st- 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

We will have a sign up sheet in the narthex next week. We need all of your "trunks" Plan to be in our parking lot by 5:30 p.m. to be ready to start at 6:00 p.m. Donations of candy are needed. We will have tubs for the candy in the narthex.

Thanks for your help . This is a great way to reach out to the kids in our community.

## Exodus House Reunion & Fundraiser Opportunity

October 8, 1 to 4 p.m.

Exodus House Courtyard-2624 E Newton St, Tulsa, OK 74110

Come meet the former clients, current clients and other sponsors as well as prayer warriors at the Exodus House Reunion. Consider bringing a side dish or dessert to go along with the cook-out and corn roast. You are sure to enjoy lots of laughter and hugs and who knows, you just might leave with some great new friends.

Also, we are putting together a basket for the fundraiser and Frankie thinks it would be fun to do a Fall themed basket. We could use, hot cocoa, mugs, coffee, stuff to make S'mores, Fall scented plugins, hats/scarves/gloves, socks... Last year we donated enough stuff for 2 baskets. Let's beat that this year! Along with Fall stuff, bring anything you think would be fun to get in a gift basket. We can do a couple of miscellaneous baskets just for fun!! Items need to be on the Exodus House table in the Narthex by October 3rd.



## United Women in Faith—Fall Brunch—Unit Meeting for Mission

Saturday, October, 10:00—12:00—The Well

Our mission focus is helping Domestic Violence Intervention Services. We are donating specific household items for those needing to make a new start.

Our guest speaker is Amy Venable

Please bring your favorite brunch dish.



You're invited to join us for our very first SSUMC Quilt Retreat October 21 -23 at the FLC, 101 W 38th Street. Set up begins at 5 pm on Friday, October 21. On Saturday, October 22 we'll get started at 9 am and then on Sunday, October 23 at 12 noon. Bring all those projects you've put off. Not a quilter? That's OK! Just come hang out and visit. Everyone is welcome! There is no charge for the retreat but we will be accepting donations to cover the cost of using the FLC. To reserve your spot call Glenna Stockard 918-693-6890 or Amy Miller 918-694-9020.

## SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS

### Nursery/Children's Church

September 25

9 a.m.—Gerri & Sophie

10 a.m. - Sara & Sophie

11 a.m.—Sara & Frankie

Children's Church-Jami & Debbie

October 2

9 & 10 a.m.—Lacey & Haylee

11 a.m.—Debbie & Marty

Children's Church-Jami & Susie

October 9

9 a.m.—Amanda & Susie

10 a.m.—Sara & Lacey

11 a.m.—Amanda & Susie

Children's Church-Jami & Sara

October 16

9 & 10 a.m.—Hallye & Jami

11 a.m.—Katherine & Jami

Children's Church—Jami & Amanda

### Youth Dinners

September 21—Noah Class

September 28—CIA/Pathfinders Class

October 5—Priscilla Circle

October 12—TNT Class

### Counters

September 25—Sondra & Trena

October 2—Jack & Kent

October 9—Janie & Jami

October 16—Betty & Karen

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

### Prayer Box

Betty & Howard Smith

Lex & Daphne Dinsmore

Elsie & Roger Jones

Pat & Allen Bordelon

Joe & Donna Woodruff

Betty & Linda Lund

Montie & Betty Box

Suzanne & Valerie Jones

Bill Schwartz

Bruce Warren

Dick Ford

Marsha Riffe

Dave Kvach

Donna McLain-Hope

Faye Lee Posey

Leonard Brehm

Mary Lea Forsythe

Max Schuermann

Ralph Rand

Ruth Weaver

Vi McAllister

*And all those affected by Covid*

*And Prayer Chains*

*And Unspoken Requests*

**Sand Springs United Methodist Church Sunday Schedule**  
319 N. Main—918-245-5955—[www.sandspringsumc.org](http://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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