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Camp meeting days

Be sure and mark your calendars for camp meeting days and our Sunday evening revival services during the month of July.

During Sunday morning traditional services, we'll sing the classic gospel choruses and hymns. On Sunday afternoons at 6:00 p.m. we'll hold services with guest speakers and special music. Please read Pastor Jeff's article on page two for more details about these services. And don't forget the annual Watermelon/Ice Cream social on July 19 at 7:00 p.m. ■

Vacation Bible school

**July 6-10 from 9 a.m. to Noon
Children 4 yrs old thru 5th grade**

This year's theme is "Crocodile Dock" and looks to be our most exciting program yet. The music and the message are super fun and reveal God to the children in exciting new ways.



You can help by praying for VBS, spreading the words, bringing your kids and donating supplies (check out the wish tree in the Info Center). ■

Coming Up

- July 4 Independence Day
- July 6-10 Vacation Bible School
- July 19 Watermelon/
Ice Cream Social
- July 23 All-church Pool Party at
Mustang Pool
(7:30-9:30 pm)
- July 25-31 Mission Trip to Española



"Missions" accomplished. Shoppers browse at the 2009 Missions Garage Sale on Sat., June 27. Over \$2400 was raised - a new record for this event. Thanks to all who helped.

Prayer shawl ministry tops 100

Since the beginning of 2009, we have made and distributed 115 prayer shawls! The majority of shawls have been given to church members and their families. Several shawls have been given to friends and family members in other cities and states. A new pamphlet is in the process of being written and published which will tell you more about who we are and why we are doing this ministry.

Here are some needs we have:

- IF you have yarn that is hiding in closets that you will not use (even small amounts) – Please donate to this ministry.
- IF you would like to join us – we meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 in one of the CLC rooms. We would love to have more people crocheting and knitting with us. We also knit and crochet at home so you don't have to attend meetings and we have patterns available.
- IF you have been blessed by this

ministry and believe that we are destined to be a Mighty Ministry please help us with monetary donations for yarn. Note PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY on your checks to UMC GS.

Know of someone in need of a prayer shawl? Please let one of the following people know. Sue Corbin 354-7086, Sue Ann Miller 354-0510, Suzy Kamin 324-1495, Kathy Clevenger 324-7739, Kathy McAtee 350-0367

Without your help, it will be hard to continue to grow this ministry so we can become an outreach witness program for Christ *beyond* our church.

All-church pool party

**Thurs. July 23 • 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Mustang Community Center**

UMCGS is going to beat the heat at the Mustang Pool! Please sign up in the information center to let us know how many of you are coming to this FREE event! ■



From the Pastor...

July we celebrate Camp Meeting Days with good old familiar gospel hymns and Sunday evening services led by guest preachers. This year we have two guest preachers. Rev. Mark Short was with us last year. He is a close friend of mine and has pastored for over 30 years in Texas, Kansas and Missouri. Mark, and his wife Lisa have three grown boys. Mark is currently heading up Blessed to Bless Ministry in Branson, and will soon be moving to Evansville, Indiana to head up a ministry to pastors there. He was well received last year and will be with us again this year on July 12. He will preach in both the morning traditional services as well as preaching that evening at 6:00.

Rev. Greg Tolle is our second guest preacher in July. Greg currently pastors First UMC in Durant and where they have done a tremendous work in reaching their community for Christ. Greg is one of our bright

up-and-coming young pastors with a heart for God and ministry. Greg and his wife Hadley have a son and daughter still in school. I met Gregg at First UMC in Tulsa where he was a speaker at the annual Evangelism Conference almost three years ago. I still have the notes I took from his presentation and reread them on a regular basis. Gregg will be preaching the 6:00 evening service on July 26.

I am also very excited about our evening services on July 5 and 19. The Choir and Praise Team will be hosting these services where many of our own extremely talented members will present ministry in music and testimony. These two special services will be a blessing to all who attend.

Mark your calendar and come join us for this special month of worship.

Pastor Jeff

Back-to-school supplies ministry returns

The Community Outreach Ministry Team fundraising effort will be continued through July along with preparations for the annual Back-to-School Supplies Ministry.

The start of the school year can be a very stressful time for families that are struggling financially. This ministry effort is to help fill that gap for families in Good Shepherd's immediate area. Working closely with elementary school counselors from Mustang and Yukon the team currently has 115

students signed up for the program.

We will be supplying all of the specific items needed per each child's classroom list. There are three ways anyone can help with this ministry: First, we need funds to purchase the supplies. Donations need to be given specifically to "Community Outreach Ministry Team" or "COMT." Second, bring one or more of these specific items to the church: glue sticks, packages of No. 2 yellow pencils, large

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It's summer, are your kids bored?

Children's Ministries is off to the zoo! Join us for Way Back Wednesdays at the zoo on Wed., July 15. Admission (along with other fun things) only 75¢ each! We will leave from the church at 8:30 a.m. to take advantage of the cooler weather and return to the church at around 1 p.m. Please pack a picnic lunch.

The cost is \$3.00 per person to cover admission and gas for the van. Sign up now...space is limited. Please complete and return a sign-up sheet (located in the Information Center) to Cathy Childers, at the church office, along with your \$3 payment by Sunday, July 12. Questions? Contact Cathy Childers 324-1900 ext. 3005 or Traci Reimer 326-1364. ■

Help wanted at Christ in Action

The Christ In Action After School Program is looking for one lead teacher and two teachers beginning Fall 2009. Qualified candidates should be at least 16 years old and should be available daily after school until 6:00 p.m.

Interested candidates should contact Jill Blevins at 808-4489 or CIA.umcgs@sbcglobal.net to apply. ■

Seasoned Singles calendar of events

July 4 - OKC Philharmonic and Fireworks at Chisholm Trail Park in Yukon.

July 19 - Lunch at Zio's - I-40 and Meridian at 12:30 p.m. ■

UMW: Guest speaker explores ethnic stories

“How we tell a story matters because stories are how we define ourselves.” (excerpt from *Forged By Fire*) Ms. Jeanne W. Peterson, Social Action chair for the UMW North Oklahoma City District was guest speaker at the May 30 UMW meeting/pot luck luncheon. Ms. Peterson’s workshop led participants through a poignant video entitled *Forged By Fire*, which told extraordinary stories of five ethnic groups.

“How would you feel as a seven year old Japanese girl, whose father was dragged from your home in the middle of the night; never to be seen again?” asked Ms. Peterson. Story number one dealt with the U.S. internment of Japanese American communities during World War II. Story number two retold generations later how the Cherokee nation was driven to the brink of extinction on *The Trail of Tears: Cherokee Forced Removal*. Story number three recounted the



Underground Railroad: African-American Passage to Freedom. 80 million African people were taken from their homes to become slaves in the New World. Story number four showed how the course of history was changed with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. When the Border Crosses Over U.S.-Hispanic/Latino Struggles on the U.S. Mexican Border. Story number five describes the community of the newest U.S. ethnic group, The Newest Immigrants – Pacific Islanders.

Participants were divided into each of the five cultural groups and asked to imagine themselves in each scenario.

A child watching her father being dragged from home; families being herded across the country and growing up on a reservation; a young third generation U.S. born Hispanic woman who no longer travels across the border to Mexico because of immigration officers, etc. From each story we were invited to see history from a different perspective and to discuss the role of the church in advocating for civil and political rights.

“*Forged by Fire* ultimately points to the resilience of the church and people of faith as they dare to act with freedom and with unity to restore community, resist dominant norms, behaviors, and perceptions that justify hate based on race, ethnicity, nationality and language.” Yes, we all have a story and all of our stories matter.

Church of the Good Shepherd has four active United Methodist Women Circles. If you would like to learn more about the UMW pick up a brochure in the Information Center. ■



Ahoy! Back in April, Fellowship Group #3 enjoyed the three hour boat ride on the Oklahoma River Cruise. They had a blast and highly recommend the cruise.

School supplies...

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Kleenex boxes, and/or packages of wide-ruled loose leaf notebook paper. These items are the ones that we'll use the most of and are very easy & affordable to get! Finally, pray for this ministry and the families we'll help.

This is a very practical and important way to serve people in our own community...it's our hope that they will see a glimpse of Christ's grace & love in our actions. Contact Keith & Terri Hamel (494-7352) or Nancy Poe (324-1602) with any questions or if you would like to participate with the team! ■

Check your pledge

Did you know that if you're having trouble meeting your 2009 pledge that it's okay? The economy is definitely hurting a lot of folks. If you'd like to modify your pledge (up or down) to reflect your financial situation, please let the treasurer's office know (324-1900 ext. 3007) so that the church can plan and budget accurately. No questions asked and no pressure.

Pledge total are behind up to this point, so please prayerfully consider getting caught up or adjusting your pledge totals. ■

Something's cookin' in Caring Ministries

Come join the Caring Ministry Teams as we fellowship together making original hand crafted patriotic cards and other items for the 4th of July deliveries to our homebound members and hospitalized. We will also cook up some cookies and other goodies to be delivered, along with a few casseroles for our freezer.

We will meet in the BIG kitchen on Friday the 3rd at 10:00 a.m. A scrumptious luncheon will be served at noon and we should finish up by 1:30. If you haven't been to one of our holiday "Bake and Create" get-togethers, you've been missing out on a wonderful ministry area that blesses the giver as well as the receiver. Plan now to join us. Sign up in the information area for that scrumptious lunch. ■

Thank you

Thank you so much for all your prayers, expressions of sympathy and the delicious meal that I received following the death of my mother. I am blessed to be part of this loving & caring congregation.

Dan Knight

Introducing the new monthly message from our new Associate Pastor...

Pastor Karen's PERSPECTIVE



Have you ever known that you're in the right place at the right time? You get that wonderful feeling that causes your mouth to smile as big as it can. That's how I feel at Good Shepherd. And it's because of you, and your welcoming spirits. Thank you for all of the cards, notes, food, hugs, handshakes, introductions, food, new paint in the office, smiles, food, hand made breads, yummy deviled eggs, and did I mention food?

In hospitality, Jesus was all about the meal. Every time he had something important to say to the disciples, or to a crowd of folks, he made sure there was nourishment that was included. It wasn't just chips and salsa either, it was bread from heaven. Probably tasted like Evelyn's raisin bread,

too... melts in your mouth, especially warm with butter dripping from it... OK, back to what I was saying.

Hospitality. In a couple of months, there might be the largest group of first time visitors who will try our church for the first time. Other than Christmas and Easter, back-to-school time is the most common time for folks to decide they need something new, something more, in their lives. We know what this is... it's Jesus.

Let's practice welcoming new folks for the rest of the summer by re-welcoming each other. In fact, I bet there are folks in our church that you don't know yet. Let's see if we can say hello to one another, especially those we aren't sure we know. And, don't forget to bring the bread from heaven. You've got it with you all the time; it looks a lot like a smile. Shalom, my friends.

Living "B.I.G." heats up in July

By Cathy Childers, Minister of Education

Our B.I.G. Ideas for July is...

We believe that stories of faithful friends help us know how to be a faithful friend.

Our Bible verse for July says...

A friend loves at all times. (Proverbs 17:17)

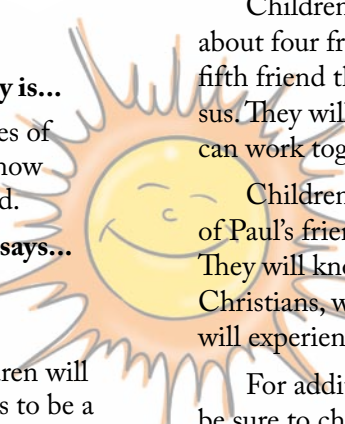
This month the children will learn about what it means to be a faithful friend. They'll hear a Bible story about the friendship between David and Jonathan. They will see ways that God blesses our friendships. And they will have opportunities to experience encouraging one another.

Children will hear the Bible story about four friends who lowered their fifth friend through the roof to see Jesus. They will experience ways that they can work together to help one another.

Children will hear the Bible story of Paul's friends Priscilla and Aquila. They will know that because we are Christians, we are friends. Children will experience working together.

For additional ideas and activities, be sure to check out the Live B.I.G. website, www.iLiveBIG.com. Click on the "Kids" heading to find fun activities for children of all ages.

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July Scriptures *and Questions for Smarter Worship*

July 5 - Communion Sunday

Mark 6:1-13

In this first paragraph, those who hear Jesus are “astounded” by his teachings but then they take “offense” at him so strongly that the story concludes with Jesus’ amazement at their unbelief. The crux of their rejection seems to be that Jesus is getting above his raising. But if this is the response in Nazareth, what will be the response of those “among the villages” nearby? No assessment is given of their response to Jesus’ personal teaching, but when the disciple teams deploy, repentance was preached, many demons were exorcised and many who were sick were cured.

Does demon possession play a role in our society today? Does repenting of sins cure or protect one from demons? Why is it harder to be a strong witness to the good news around those we know well? or is it? When you have been a witness to others, have you ever had abnormal responses?

July 12

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

This passage contrasts the actions of the King David and Queen Michal of Israel, as the Ark of the

Covenant, the symbol of the presence of God to them, is brought into the City of David. David, the shepherd, warrior, now king dances uninhibited before God in plain sight for everyone to see. Michal, raised in the palace of her king dad, Saul, despised David for his uninhibited show.

When in a worship setting, are you more inclined to be the uninhibited dancer before God without regard to other's thoughts or feelings, or are you the one who is more proper and reserved, wishing others would be, as well? In this story, which person's actions are more pleasing to God? What are the proper boundaries for worshipping God?

July 19

Ephesians 2:11-22

In this passage peace takes on a rather different dimension from the idea given in the Mark 6 text. Here the word does not mean “coming away to a quiet place,” but reconciliation with those from whom we were formerly estranged. Peace is harmony, not within, but among. This message of good news from the missionary is that when we are in Christ, we are brought together in peace and unity.

Is a congregation more attractive to those seeking Christ when they are at peace with one another? In some ways we are a diverse congregation; how can we remain a unified congregation? What, exactly, is unity in diversity? Does peace with one another rely on an inward, personal peace of those involved?

July 26

John 6:1-21

This is John’s telling of the feeding of the five thousand with the five loaves and two fish. Jesus sees the need and the disciples see the impossibility of feeding the crowd. The only gift offered to Jesus is the fish and loaves of bread. After Jesus gives thanks for the food offered, everyone ate their fill and there were twelve baskets of food left over.

How did Jesus feed all five thousand people? Did the food simply multiply as each individual removed what he or she needed to eat? Did one person's generosity inspire others to eat just what they needed, sharing what was left with others? Does it matter? How has God provided for you when you were in need? What do you focus on; the need or the challenges in meeting the need?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Denise Hanuschak.....7 / 1	Avery Christian7 / 9	Sonya Glover 7 / 19	Bert Bass 7 / 27
Mikey McKee III7 / 1	Christie Walker.....7 / 9	Jack Sanders..... 7 / 19	Blake Eberhardt..... 7 / 27
Blake Reed.....7 / 1	David Glidden..... 7 / 10	Alexander Webb 7 / 20	Jessica Reynolds 7 / 27
Wilma Goodwin7 / 2	Ashton Glover 7 / 10	Madi Ellis.....7 / 21	Kathryn Burke 7 / 28
Levi Hanes.....7 / 2	Carol Beranek..... 7 / 14	Lynn Cook 7 / 22	Greg Hutto 7 / 29
Cheyenne Rounsaville7 / 2	Molly Fitzpatrick..... 7 / 14	Lauri Warmack..... 7 / 22	Adam Johnson 7 / 29
Rusty Swain7 / 2	Shelley Loughrin..... 7 / 15	Keith Hamel 7 / 23	Ronda Ross 7 / 29
Doug Eckert.....7 / 4	Scott Myrick..... 7 / 15	Riley Cops..... 7 / 24	Lexi Somerhalder..... 7 / 29
John Hathcock.....7 / 4	Ann Nielsen 7 / 15	Shelli Ford..... 7 / 24	Amy Curren..... 7 / 30
Connor Shumaker7 / 4	Marcie Byers 7 / 16	Madison Gaylord 7 / 24	Laura Nielsen 7 / 30
Gregg Rudkins7 / 5	Lois Cain..... 7 / 16	Kali Tinsley..... 7 / 24	Robert Craig 7 / 31
Matthew Cowell.....7 / 6	Carolyn Johnson 7 / 16	Sue Corbin 7 / 25	Derek Harber 7 / 31
Gary Reed.....7 / 6	Derrick Rudkins 7 / 16	Heather Jones..... 7 / 25	Iris Mustion 7 / 31
Roger Wenzel7 / 6	Gary Cannon 7 / 17	Twyla Worsham 7 / 25	Terry Stoll..... 7 / 31
Skip Martin.....7 / 7	Austin Snipes 7 / 17	Judy Brooks 7 / 26	
Andrew Van Dyke7 / 7	Linda St. Onge 7 / 17	Jo Elaine Royse 7 / 26	
David Cunningham.....7 / 8	Steele Musser..... 7 / 18	Ryan Anderson 7 / 27	

Let us know if your birthday's missing!

United Methodist Church of the Good Shepherd

July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>"Christians are supposed not merely to endure change, nor even to profit by it, but to cause it."</i></p> <p><i>~Harry Emerson Fosdick</i></p>			<p>1</p> <p>5:30 a.m.—Promise Keepers 10:00—Adult Bible Study 11:30—UMW Koinonia Circle</p> <p>6:00 p.m.—Youth Bible Study 6:30—Praise Team Reh 7:00—Al-Anon</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 a.m.—Children's Day Out</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Church offices closed</p> <p>10:00 a.m.—Caring Ministries "Bake and Create"</p>	<p>4 <i>Independence Day</i></p> <p>Seasoned Singles to concert and fireworks at Chisolm Park in Yukon</p>
<p>5</p> <p>8:30 & 11:00 a.m.—Worship 9:45—Sunday School</p> <p>4:00 p.m.—CREDO 6:00—Revival Service 7:00—Chancel Choir</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 p.m.—Youth Open Hours 7:00—Boy Scout Troop 300 7:00—Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 p.m.—Nurture</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:30 a.m.—Promise Keepers 10:00—Adult Bible Study 11:30—Hopeful's Luncheon</p> <p>6:00 p.m.—Youth Bible Study 6:30—Praise Team Reh 7:00—Al-Anon 7:00—UMW Reflections Circle</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Workday at the parsonage</p> <p>Sonshine Camp July 11-12</p>
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Sunday School: 9:45-10:45 a.m.

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