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WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE RESUMES January 8th

Here is the schedule for Wednesday Night Live for Winter/Spring 2014:

5:00 – 6:00 Dinner in the Center

5:30 – 6:00 Children's Chimes/Choir Practice

6:00 – 7:00 Children's Classes

6:00 – 7:00 Adult Classes:

Jan. 8 – Apr. 16 "The Case for Christ – A Journalist's Personal Investigation of the Evidence for Jesus" taught by Greg Tolle. Study books are \$5.00. Meet in the Parlor.

Jan. 8 – Feb. 26 "Encounters with Orthodoxy: How the Protestant Churches Can Reform Themselves Again" taught by Tracy Wilson. Study books are \$16.00. Meet in the Conference Room.

Mar. 5 – Apr. 23 "Deepening Our Prayer: The Heart of Christ" taught by Marilyn Hugon.

6:00 – 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal



SUNDAY

JAN 12

CHILI, CORNBREAD, COBBLER COOK-OFF

Get out your crock pots or roasters or whatever you use to make your special chili recipe and get ready to face some tough judges on Sunday, Jan. 12 after Traditional worship. We will also be judging cornbread and cobblers. So, even if you are not a chili expert, maybe you want to bring some cornbread or a cobbler. And, even if you do not cook or bake at all, you will still want to be here to help eat the great food cooked by the culinary experts in our congregation! If you want to enter the cook-off, please have your entry/entries in the Parlor at 9:00 am to be registered and judged. Betty has extra roasters if you need to borrow one. There is no entry fee; there will be prizes; AND a donation basket for lunch. Call the church if you have questions.



January Birthdays

We are sorry if your birthday was inadvertently left off. Please call the church office so we will be aware next year.

- 1 Stanley McCoy
Anna Hooton
- 2 Shirley Richardson
- 5 Susan Boutwell
- 11 Mike Gist
- 12 Bill Wetzel
Celeste Leach
- 13 Mack Glasscock
Steve Landry
- 14 Ryan Rochell
- 15 Nancy Jones
- 16 Jerry Marlar
Pat Jones
Butch Whitten
Sam Whitten
- 17 Lynn Samples
- 18 Lou Ann Williams
- 19 Tyler Milam
- 22 Jack Davis
Anthony Orme
Carter Jones
- 27 Paul Griggs
Deanna Bailey
- 31 Natalie Waters



BLOOD DRIVE JAN. 12

Our first-quarter Blood Drive for 2014 will be Sunday, Jan. 12 in the Adult Wing from 8 to 10 am. Each donor will receive a hot/cold gel pack; health screenings; and donor rewards points.

SAVE A LIFE – GIVE BLOOD!

Praying For Our Church Family

Pat Cook	J. E. Cordell
Harold and Liz Hackler	Harriet Mitchell
Ron Coon	

Praying For Our Loved Ones and Friends in the Community

Martin Edwards Family
Nona Driscoll, friend of Susan Boutwell
Whitnee and Everlee Root,
Twin daughters of Haylee and Steven Root



What a joy and blessing it was to have some Boy Scouts come to my door and sing Christmas carols. I just wanted to say "thank you" to them. Please make sure my expressions of joy are shared with them.

Pat Cook

We extend Christian Sympathy to John Ray and Louise Green upon the death of John's uncle, Earl Raye Green, who passed away Dec. 27th.



MORE SHEPHERDS NEEDED FOR 2014

Each year the Shepherd Ministry starts fresh in January. This year we have had 46 shepherds so each flock has been small – about 4 or 5 families. Of those 46 who served this year, 10 will be unable to continue in 2014. So, we need you to consider whether this is something that you would enjoy and in which you feel called to participate! Please call the church office for more information or to volunteer. There will be a lunch/training/sharing in January. Watch the Proclaim for further details.

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN

Un-decorating Party
Sunday afternoon
2pm-4pm



10:00 am FUMCenter

**Mission Moment &
Scripture Reader
Greeters
Children's Church**

Marilyn Hugon
The Kirkland Family
Tara Cook

Traditional Service - 10:15 am

Altar Flowers: *In memory of Nancy Stahl,
and Katherine and Ed Stahl*
Given by Ed and Raymond Stahl

Worship Leader: Tracy Wilson

Scripture Reader: Jean Stanton

Greeters:

8:45 am -10:15 am - **Adult Wing & Narthex**
D'Ann Ingram & Johna Gray

8:45 am -10:15 am - **SW Door**
Guy & Patty Messersmith

9:30 am -10:15 am
Sanctuary/N Mynan Hutto
Sanctuary/S Gerald Leach
At Large Celeste Leach

USHER GROUP 2: Ronny Powelson, Andy Flesher,
Kitty Clifton, Aaron Clifton, Stan McCoy,
Johnny McNabb, Craig Roddy,
and Cleeta Taylor

Acolytes: Chase Couch and Kayla Sing

Child Ushers: Ainsley McEntire and Jax Bull

Children's Church: Tara Cook

VIM TRIP TO ALASKA

Our congregation is joining with FUMC in Marlow on a VIM trip to work on the Girdwood Chapel in Girdwood, Alaska. This is a Methodist Church and the only Protestant church in Girdwood. Rev. Matt Scaper from the Marlow FUMC will be the team leader. In addition to working on repairing and remodeling this church there will be opportunities for sightseeing built into the trip. The group will begin meeting in January to get acquainted and firm up plans. Each member will pay for their own travel, lodging and food but the arrangements will be made by the team leader. For more information contact Merlene Orme.

2014 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

The time has come to begin filling out the Sunday Flower Calendar. I am aware there are special dates that some people like to keep going every year. Please call Verna at the church office as soon as possible to reserve your date.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!!

New persons will be taking on leadership positions and others are coming onto the Church Council. If you have changed your mailing address, email address, or have gone to using only a cell phone, please call the church office to update your household information. It is important that we are able to communicate with everyone and your information might need to be updated.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULT BIBLE STUDIES for 2014

Wednesday Night Live Studies

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Sunday Afternoon Study, 4 pm

Jan. 12 - Feb. 23 "A DISCIPLE'S PATH" taught by Kathy Gibson. Study book and workbook are \$15.00 per person.

NEWS FROM THE STAFF

Children's Ministry



Happy New Year!! It is going to be a wonderful year- I know that God is going to bless our upcoming year!! Please remember that the Children's Council meeting is January 9th, 2014 at 6:30 in the conference room. I encourage all parents to attend and begin to share ideas and help grow our children's ministry!

We are also planning a movie night on January 17th, 2014 in the FUMCenter! We have a new screen to use which will make it super fun!! We will order pizza and I am asking that parents help cover the cost of pizza by giving \$5.00 for their child. Please don't let the price deter anyone from attending or inviting a friend!! God always provides!

Also, I am going to be adding children to the usher and acolyte list, so please be looking for a new list emailed to you by January 10th, 2014. The revised list will start the first Sunday in February.

We have a busy month!! Sunday school starts at 9:00 a.m. And Wednesday night live starts January 8th!!!! Chimes/Choir will start at 5:30 p.m. and will rotate every Wednesday with classes for all our kids starting at 6 p.m.!!!! I look forward to seeing you at all these events!!! All of these are wonderful opportunities for our children to fellowship with other kids who are of like Christian mind!!

Tara Cook



We are still on Holiday Vacation in the Preschool/MDO department!! Even though we don't have any kids this week, we are making preparations for their return on Tuesday January 7th!! Please pray for the health and well-being of our kids and parents! I have heard that the flu is running rampant!

Faith, Grace, and Hope~

*Tara Cook, Director of Children's Ministry
Preschool/MDO & Nursery Coordinator*

Thank you so much to every person who went the extra mile for Duncan FUMC! At this writing, we are just under \$19,000 short of making our total apportionment commitment. Today I will create the final payroll of the year and pay the payroll taxes, and tomorrow is the last day before the end of the year. Every penny is counted and deposited on the last day of the year, then we will close our books, reconcile all our accounting and begin again. I hope you will find joy, peace and hope in Jesus Christ in the new year, and I pray our work together as a church family will be the best ever in 2014!



May God bless you,
Sue Gibbons, Financial Secretary



"When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and the shepherds have found their way home, the work of Christmas is begun...to find the lost and lonely one; to heal the broken soul with love; to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food; to see God's people everywhere; to bring hope to every task you do; to dance at a baby's birth; to make music in an old person's heart and sing to the colors of the earth." These words from a song by Jim and Jean Strathdee speak to these days following Christmas when we might feel let down and a little lost. But now is the time to let the joy of Christmas overflow and spill onto those around us! May we, in faith, continue the journey we began in Advent - our journey to the place and time of decision and commitment and recommitment to the Child born in the manger, the Prince of Peace.

P S: FILL A BAG - FEED THE HUNGRY REPORT

Thanks so much to all of you who filled 104 bags with food for Christmas dinner and for the 30 people who delivered those bags to 83 families in our community who would not have had Christmas dinner without us! This is truly a part of being "disciples for Jesus Christ."

*Kathy Gibson,
Ministry Coordinator*

NEWS FROM THE STAFF



From the Tollehouse Welcome to 2014! As we start a brand new year, I wanted to remind us of our goals this year as a church that we established in our strategic plan. With the fabulous facility we have, we want to “grow into our skin” as we connect people, change lives, and serve God. We are striving this year to help people grow in faith because as the saying goes, “The church is not a building; the church is a people.” This year, we hope to engage more people in our foundational ministries of Sunday School and worship as well as encouraging our current church family to take advantage of these spiritual growth opportunities more often. If each of us prioritizes growing in faith, it will affect our church growth as well. As such, we have attendance goals this year to grow our average Traditional service attendance by 5% to 195%, the Connexion service by 10% to 37%, and Sunday School by 10–101%. Our Sunday morning study and worship helps each of us to recharge our spiritual batteries for facing daily life and impacting our service. I hope you will join me in strengthening your spiritual life and our church’s spiritual life this year.

May God’s Peace Be with You,

Rev. Dr. Greg Tolle,
Senior Minister



Hearts Afire

a reignite workshop

All church members, who are seeking to enrich their leadership skills and grow in the faith journey, are encouraged to attend. This event provides a forum to share your ideas with other individuals from churches in your district, and also to gain new insights from well-prepared and skilled workshop leaders. Held at our church on Saturday, February 8th.

Enroll online: www.okumc.org/reignite



At this writing we have enjoyed the celebration in worship of the birth of Jesus and are now looking toward the life and teachings. The music throughout the Advent season has been wonderful and although the “Tapestry of Light” was cancelled on December 8, the rescheduled event on December 22 was very well attended. The choir and instruments did a great job, not to mention the narrator, Ian McEntire and candle lighters, Andrew Funkhouser, Allison Bailey, Ainsley McEntire, and Alivia Cook. A huge thanks to James Funkhouser for cueing the candle lighters!! A word of appreciation needs to be extended to Betty Davis and her crew for providing the wonderful reception. As usual, the afternoon was a huge success. The choir of 35 was wonderful and the instrumental ensemble of 8 enriched the total experience.

The Sunday morning services on December 22nd and 29th, as well as the Christmas Eve services also provided wonderful music. Although the group was not the 36 choir members, the singers who were here did a great job.

This Sunday, January 5th, 2014, the sermon title will be “Renewing Our Vows.” This will include the Wesley Covenant Service and will be the focus of attention. The scripture will be Deuteronomy 26:16 -19 and will be read by Jean Stanton. The Worship Leader will be Tracy Wilson. The choir anthem is “Glory, Glory.” The Communion Stewards are Ray and D’Ann Ingram. The servers are: Rev. Dr. Greg Tolle and Tracy Wilson, Don and Lynda Norman, Bob and Bea LeValley, and Kay Bechtel and Cheryl Dowell.

Come worship with us – You will be blessed.

Winifred Bailey,
Director of Traditional Worship and Music



Join the Choir...
You’ll Be Glad
You Did!

CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, January 2nd

9 am Pilates-Music Suite

Friday, January 3rd

8 am-NOON Church Office Open

Sunday, January 5th

8 am Men's Breakfast
9 am Sunday School-Classrooms
10 am Connexion Service - FUMCenter
10:15 am Traditional Service-Sanctuary
5:30 pm Disciple I Bible Study-Adult Wing
Wesleyan Classroom
Disciple III Bible Study-Adult Wing
Builders Classroom
6:30 pm Youth Small Groups-Youth Lounge

Monday, January 6th

9 am Pilates-Music Suite
9:30 am Staff Meeting-Conference Room
12:00 Noon Game Day
6 pm Boy Scouts-Adult Activity Wing

Tuesday, January 7th

8:30 am Preschool/MDO-Classrooms
9 am Pilates-Music Suite

Tuesday, January 7th—continued

11 am Youth Lunch-FUMCenter
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study-Conference Room

Wednesday, January 8th

8:30 am Preschool/MDO-Classroom
9 am Pilates-Music Suite
5 pm Wednesday Night Live Begins-FUMCenter

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