

The Calling

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February 8, 2008

Lent - Easter Theme: Out of the Ashes

February 24th	Out of the Ashes: Reconciliation Romans 5:1-11
March 2nd	Out of the Ashes: Restoration John 9:1-11
March 16th Palm Sunday	Out of the Ashes: Revolution Matthew 21:1-11
March 23rd Easter	Out of the Ashes: Resurrection John 20:1-18
March 30th	Out of the Ashes: Mission John 20:19-31

Acolytes for February 10th
Kaylie Harkins and Sarah Lankford

8:30 AM
McClure Chapel

10:55 AM
Sanctuary

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Televised at 10:55 AM on Cable One, Channel 7
Broadcast at 11:00 AM, KVSO AM 1240

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all of the visits, cards and prayers during my surgery, recovery and rehab. My doctor says my leg is healing nicely and I should be back on both feet in a few more weeks.

Through my therapy, my right leg is now better than my left leg. That is an answer to prayers!

Sincerely,
Tim Perkins

It's Not Just a T-Shirt – It's a Mission Project!

On Sunday, February 17th, First United Methodist Church of Ardmore will embark on a very special mission. Not surprising, since historically we have been very involved in mission work through V.I.M. and Faith Promise. But this particular Sunday will involve a different type of mission work. Nobody will have to teach. Nobody will need to preach. No singing. No hammering or sheet rocking. We'll just be lying around. Lying around and giving blood, that is. Donating blood is a life saving act of kindness that most (not all) of us are capable of. And it's free for the giving. I encourage each of you to sign up to donate blood. There are sign up sheets in each Sunday school class and in the Church Office. Or, you may call me directly at 465-5844. Yes, you'll receive a t-shirt. And a chance at winning a cruise. And points to redeem for merchandise in the Members for Life program. But don't donate for those reasons. Donate to save a life!

Sally Reser

P.S. Anyone 17 years old or older may donate unless they are deferred for a valid medical reason.

[The Lectionary Readings for February 10th](#)

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday's Music

This Sunday is the **First Sunday in Lent**. It is also the Sunday designated as **Scouting Ministries Sunday**. Members of our troop 5 will be here helping to lead our worship.

In both 8:30 and 10:55 worship services John Emery, organist will play "**Am I a Soldier of the Cross?**" based on an old Gospel hymn favorite by Thomas A. Arne. The organ setting is by Harold DeCou.

In the 8:30 worship service I will sing "**O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go**" by John Ness Beck. The text is by George Matheson, 1882, and was used by Albert L. Peace, 1884, in the hymn of the same name, found in our United Methodist hymnal using the tune name: ST. MARGARET. The solo is copyright © 19789, 1990 by Beckenhorst Press, Inc.

In the 10:55 worship service, the Sanctuary Choir, with Kelley Segler at the piano, will sing "**The Lord's Prayer**" by Benjamin Harlan. John Emery will play the solo cello part. The anthem is newly composed in a delightful, thoughtful and prayerful way by Mr. Harlan, and is copyright © 2007 by Harold Flammer Music, a division of Shawnee Press, Inc.

Please read these texts, from Sunday's music:

O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love, that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.


The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sin as we forgive each sinner.
And lead us not to temptation but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen


Shalom, *Bob*

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 10

8:30 am	Worship / Sanctuary	
9:30 am	Sunday Morning Live	
9:45 am	Sunday School	
10:55 am	Worship / Sanctuary	
12:15 pm	New Worship Service Task Force Meeting	
4:45 pm	Jr. High Youth	
5:30 pm	Celebrate Recovery-Men	
7:00 pm	Sr. High Youth	
7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery-Women	


Monday, February 11

7:45 am	Preschool	
9:00 am	Children's Day Out	
9:30 am	Body Recall	
1:00 pm	Clothes Closet Opens	
5:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal	
6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Training	
6:30 pm	Beth Moore Bible Study	
6:30 pm	Sharing Your Faith Course	
6:30 pm	Biblical Equipping Bible Study	
7:00 pm	Sr. High Girls Bible Study	


Tuesday, February 12

7:45 am	Preschool
10:30 am	Moms Praying
4:30 pm	Trustees

Wednesday, February 13

7:45 am	Preschool	
9:00 am	Clothes Closet Opens	
9:00 am	Children's Day Out	
9:30 am	Body Recall	
5:00 pm	Stephen Ministry	
5:15 pm	Bible Study & Pizza	
5:30 pm	Prayer Ambassadors	
6:15 pm	Worship / Colvert Ministry Center	
7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery	
7:00 pm	Mid-Week Youth	
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	

Thursday, February 14

7:45 am	Preschool	
9:00 am	Precept Bible Study	
12:30 pm	Beth Moore Bible Study	
6:30 pm	DivorceCare Ministry	

Friday, February 15

7:45 am	Preschool
9:30 am	Body Recall
10:30 am	Friendly Neighbors
4:00 pm	Youth/Confirmation Class Jewish Synagogue

Dates to Remember:

Feb 22	Youth 30 Hour Famine
March 1-7	Rio Bravo Construction Mission
March 9-11	Festival of Faith
March 16	Palm Sunday
March 17-23	Holy Week
March 17-21	Youth Nashville Mission

New Worship Service Team Recruitment

The New Worship Task Force is going to meet Sunday, February 10th after the 10:55 service in the Colvert Ministry Center, room #116 (Hope Classroom). The worship planning has reached a point to start developing and training the ministry teams needed to conduct this service. The Task Force is recruiting and identifying team members for the new E.P.I.C. Service. If you are interested in becoming a part of and helping build this new and exciting ministry, please plan to attend. A light lunch will be provided. Please contact Terry Myer with any questions. Also please RSVP with Terry so we will know how much food to have ready. Terry can be reached by phone at 223-8377 or via e-mail at tnjmyer@att.net.



WATCH FOR
an announcement of a new
“*Grand Slam*” activity that will be
offered in March, 2008!!!!

ATTENTION FRIENDS!

We will be adding a weekly e-mail update from the youth department. This up-date will include upcoming fun events, missions, and details of the youth program. If you would like to receive this e-mail, please contact Nancy Harris at (580)223-2590 ext. 315 or simply send an e-mail to nancy@fumcardmore.com. We look forward to hearing from you and clueing you in!



FOCUS ON FOLKS

In the Hospital or Recently Dismissed:

Sunday School Greeters for February:

Main Building - LOVE class
Colvert Ministry Center - NIKE class

Loaves & Fishes for February: Peanut Butter 18oz

Sympathy:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Fred and Sharon Gauthier with the passing of their daughter, Christine Gauthier, on Saturday, January 26th, and the passing of Sharon's mother, Mary Cole, on Monday, January 28th. Services for Christine were held Wednesday, January 30th in OKC. Services for Mary were held Friday, February 1st in Beaver, OK.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Dru Nall and her family with the passing of her sister, Lura Schkade, on Sunday, January 27th. Services were held on Tuesday, January 29th in San Angelo, TX.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Robert and Charlette Patzkowsky and their family with the passing of Charlette's mother, Melba Miller, on Friday, February 1st. Services were held Wednesday, February 6th in Ardmore.

Memorials:

In memory of **Mary Cole** contributions to the Choir Fund and Memorial Fund have been received from:

Mike & Pat Castellow (Memorial)
Louise Daniels (Choir)
Dale & Cheryl Wells (Choir)

In memory of **Janice Downing** a contribution to the Memorial Fund has been received from:
Grantham and Gene Jackson

In memory of **Christine Gauthier** contributions to the Choir Fund and Memorial Fund have been received from:

Mike & Pat Castellow (Memorial)
Louise Daniels (Choir)
Dale & Cheryl Wells (Choir)

In memory of **Noel Mann** a contribution to the Memorial Fund has been received from:
Judy Woerz

In memory of **Esther Runyan** contributions to the Memorial Fund have been received from:

Mike and Betty Cawley
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cooper
Bill and Anne Runyan

In memory of **Lois Shepard** contributions to the Bereavement Dinner Fund and the Memorial Fund have been received from:

Charles and Elsie Ellsworth (Bereavement)
Grace Ellsworth (Bereavement)
Jack and Connie Percival (Memorial)
Kent and Ginger Tucker (Memorial)

Prayer Ambassadors

1. Our Jerusalem—Ardmore

- Gloria Ainsworth Daycare Center
- Celebrate Recovery

2. Our Judea—Oklahoma

Ken and Jody Long at Cross Point Camp—Pray for their health, strength and joy as they look forward to being first time grandparents.

3. Our Samaria—North America

- Glenn and Darla Rowley—UM mission interpreters for Western Jurisdiction of UMC
- VIM team to Rio Bravo in March—Julie Myers is team leader

4. To the Ends of the Earth

Watoto Mission team—fundraiser Feb. 17 at Heritage Hall—Pray God will continue to provide in amazing ways for this team to have the funds to build a medical clinic in Uganda. Pray for Mike and Shawna Carnahan as they lead this group.

5. Persecuted Church

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.” Eph. 6:18

- China—Pray for Brother Ning, a distribution (of Bibles) co-worker for Open Doors ministry. He was recently released after a 2nd prison sentence of 2 years. Pray for complete restoration for him.

Prayer Chain

To place a prayer request with the FUMC Prayer Chain ministry please call:

Sharen Hale at 222-1412 or email her at: sharenhale@cableone.net

Joann Keithley at 223-0062 or email: joannkeithley@sbcglobal.net



Loaves &
Fishes

February
Peanut Butter
18oz

Or you may donate money
to the emergency fund

Friendly Neighbors

*Fun & Fellowship
All Ages Welcome*



February 15th
Colvert Ministry Center

10:30am Fun, Games & Fellowship

12:00pm Invocation and Lunch

Bring a Covered Dish:

Meat, Salad, Vegetable or Dessert
(Bread, Coffee & Tea Furnished)

12:30pm Program

1:00pm Adjournment



Stephen Ministry

LISTEN!

That is what Stephen Ministers do. They have gone through 50 hours of training in providing distinctively Christian care so that they can focus on your needs and listen to what you really have to say. Contact Bettie Black (223-9477), Louise Daniels (226-5524) or Rev. Dan Patman (223-5390 ext. 308) for more information about Stephen Ministry.

FUMC,

We wish to extend our deep appreciation for the prayers offered for Jess during his illness. The fact that you were remembering us gave strength to get us through the difficult time.

We thank you,
The Family of Jess Storts

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