



CHAPEL HILL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Connections

October 2011

Robert E. Rose, Jr., Valerie Jones Steele, Stephen Hale, Suzann Wade, and Doug Burr, pastors

Chapel Hill's Trunk or Treat

Thursday, October 27, 6:00-8:00pm

Fun for all ages and a way to give back to our community!



What is your favorite part of Trunk or Treat?
"The candy, of course." Chapel Hill Staffer
"Spending time with the community!" Chapel Hill Youth
"Making my princess costume." Chapel Hill Mother's Day Out
Child
"Seeing the joy on so many faces, both young and old!"
Chapel Hill Adult
"Can we get more candy?" many anonymous children

How can you help?

- Pray for a great night with lots of fun for all!
- Host a trunk! It is super easy and lots of fun! What better way to spend an evening than by handing out candy to hundreds of neighborhood and area kids!
- Bake cupcakes or cakes for the cake walk.
- Volunteer to help serve food.
- Come be a friendly face and welcome people to our church.
- Donate candy



Want more information on what you can do? Call Marilyn or Rana at 751-0755



Trunk or Treat Fun Facts:

Mother's Day Out started Trunk or Treat years ago as a fundraiser. Now MDO and the church partner to put on Trunk or Treat as a way to give back to our community.

Last year 700-800 children, parents, grandparents and members were here the night of Trunk or Treat! As many as 1,000 people, most of them from the community, will probably go through our Trunk or Treat this year!



TRADITIONAL SERVICE

8:30 & 11:00 in the Sanctuary
Rev. Robert E. Rose, Jr. Preaching
(unless otherwise noted)

Sunday, October 2
"Losing the Vineyard" Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday, October 9
Dr. Stephen Hale preaching
"Discipleship Redefined — Making a Difference"
Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday, October 16
Rev. Doug Burr preaching
"Discipleship Redefined — Giving From the Heart"
Matthew 5:21-26

Sunday, October 23
"Discipleship Redefined — Setting Right Priorities"
Matthew 5:27-30

Sunday, October 30
"Discipleship Redefined — Keeping Covenant With God"
Matthew 5:38-42

CHAPEL HILL LIVE SERVICE

11:00 in the Family Life Center
Rev. Valerie Jones Steele Preaching
(unless otherwise noted)

Sunday, October 2
"Same Story, Different Characters"
Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday, October 9
Dr. Stephen Hale preaching

Sunday, October 16
"Between a Coin and the Wrong Place"
Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, October 23
Rev. Sara Marie Bodenstein preaching

Sunday, October 30
"Giving: A Matter of the Heart"
Matthew 6:19-24

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Rose's Ramblings

Our Purpose: "Growing Christ's Kingdom on Earth."



God is moving through our church. People's lives are being changed. You are making a difference in people's lives today and in families' lives for years to come. Thank you for "growing Christ's kingdom on earth"!

I hope that you have signed up for our Golf Tournament at the Kickingbird Golf Club. The tournament will begin at **8:30am on Wednesday, October 5.**

Please consider sponsoring a hole. The proceeds from this tournament go to support our Benevolent Ministry. There are so many people who are really hurting. Thank you for caring.

Chapel Hill is embarking on a new relationship with Greystone Lower (Stonegate) School. Our church is the Greystone Lower community partner. In addition to continuing all of the wonderful ministries that we have been doing in the past, a new ministry begins this year—the Arts Academy. Chapel Hill has received funds from the generous owners of a local company who want to make a difference. These funds provide the services of KayLynn Sarkey, an Artist in Residence, for a few weeks this fall to work with the children in developing their artistic abilities and their appreciation of the arts. Over this school year, these children will be exposed to some of Oklahoma City's many wonderful artistic opportunities. On **October 13** the children who have participated in this fall's Artist in Residence program will be coming to Chapel Hill for a meal at 5:15pm and a performance at 6:30pm.

If you would like to be involved in this ministry, please talk to Cathy Busey, Kim Williams, Gale Bollinger or Kathryn Rose. We need several volunteers to help on October 13 in serving the meal.

I hope that all of you will come to support these children for their performance at 6:30 pm. Come and welcome their families and let them know what a warm and caring congregation we are. Thank you.

Plans have been completed for all first graders at Greystone to participate in a program with the Oklahoma Children's Theater at OCU in January and February. More details are to come. This will involve a performance at the Children's Theater, lunch at OCU and each child receiving a book and a bear (featured in the play). The curriculum will occur over the course of an entire month with OCU students coming to the school. It should be incredible.

A new Cub Scout pack has come to Chapel Hill. Our Boy Scouts meet on Monday evenings. Our Cub Scouts meet on Thursday evening. If you would like to be involved in our scouting ministries, please talk to Tod Bryant.

A new year of Whiz Kids has begun. We serve children at two sites. A group from Chapel Hill goes to Covenant Life every Thursday to give children the gifts that change futures. On Tuesdays we have Whiz Kids from Greystone Upper (Eisenhower) come to Chapel Hill. If you have two hours a week and a loving heart to share with a special child, please talk to Jennie Penner, Nancy Moore, Joan Bryant or Beth Hammack.

Do you know someone who is struggling with addictions to alcohol or drugs? There are many AA and NA groups meeting at Chapel Hill each week. These groups are very open to new people coming. What a joy it has been for me to meet many of them and hear them tell me how wonderful Chapel Hill is. They are so appreciative of all of the ways that we have reached out to encourage and support them on their journey of sobriety.

Robert

More Opportunities

lift [lift]

verb (used with object) To raise. To elevate. The component of the total aerodynamic force acting on an airplane or airfoil that is perpendicular to the relative wind and constitutes the upward force that opposes the pull of gravity and holds the airplane up.

Lift your hearts, lift your voices, lift your spirits and pray with us. **Every Thursday at 12:05pm**, Rev. Valerie Steele will lead us as we LIFT (Live Intentionally for Thee). **LIFT begins on October 6.** A variety of prayer and meditation techniques will be explored. Participants will learn exercises to allow them to LIFT on their own through the week. For example, one prayer exercise celebrates the diversity in the body of Christ: by praying for thirteen types of people within our church, we learn to love and value those that bring us joy, as well as those with whom we disagree. Meditation will also be explored. The goal is to find a quiet center, talk with the Creator and find peace.

LIFT will meet in the chapel located at the west entrance of the building. The session will run for about 40 minutes. All are welcome.



**Chapel Hill prays regularly for those in need.
The most recent prayer concerns may be located in the Great Hall.
Please call the care line at 752-8919, ext. 4, for daily updates.
Our "prayer chain" can be accessed by calling the church office.**

From the Business Office

Renovations of our Family Life Center continue with the relocation of the curtains, enlargement of the stage area and additional large screens and projectors. These renovations will enhance our youth activities, Chapel Hill LIVE worship and the Bikers ministries. It will also provide more court area for our basketball activities. The addition of double glass doors into the area will, not only provide a better view of what's going on inside, but also add a fresh look to our Great Hall. These renovations will be completed by late September. Please stop by and have a look. While these renovations are all 'temporary' in that our future plans include a new building project where the Family Life Center is now, all the components of the renovation will be utilized in whatever construction takes place in the future.

Your Board of Trustees continues to work towards Phase II of our Sanctuary renovations. We plan to initiate Phase II in February, 2012, if finances allow it. Completion is scheduled for just after Easter (if not before). We are extremely hopeful that we can complete this renovation, including new pews, carpeting, chancel area, altar table, pulpit and lectern. If you have suggestions or comments regarding the Sanctuary renovations, please complete one of the information cards in the Great Hall and let us know what you would like to see done. We have also displayed some miniature pews in the Great Hall area for you to experience and

provide your preferences.

Our 50th Anniversary celebrations will continue during the 4th quarter with "memory video clips" as well as a video that will include many more memories of Chapel Hill's 50 years. Jack Cain, Dick Wegener and Ryan Line will be working on this video, using both video and still pictures furnished by the late D. L. Richardson over the past many years. We anticipate this video to be ready for viewing sometime late in the year.

If you did not receive your 50th anniversary coin, please let an usher know or come by my office to pick one up.

Repairs to our damaged marquee should be complete sometime during September. We hope these repairs will breathe fresh life into our very old and tired signage until the Board of Trustees can decide on new signage in the future.

If you have suggestions or comments regarding our facilities, please let me or any of the members of the Board of Trustees know. We are interested in what our congregation would like to see done.

We are still seeking volunteers to assist in our A/V for our Sunday morning worship services. If you're interested, please let Ryan Line or me know. We would like a few members of our congregation to volunteer for one Sunday each month to assist our A/V technician. Training will be provided.

Randy

United Methodist Women

UMW CIRCLE NEWS

All Circles will meet on the 3rd Tuesday in October unless stated otherwise. All women are invited to join a circle. You do not need to be a member to join. Please come join us and bring a friend.

Faith Circle—Will meet on **October 18 at 10:00am**. In the home of Lone Hause (4425 N. Youngs Boulevard in Oklahoma City - 843-6024). Arlene Bowdon will be providing the program from *Response Magazine*. Bring a sandwich and a friend. For information call Nancy Nathaniel 751-1213.

Susannah Wesley Circle—Will meet **October 18 at Chapel Hill at 10:00am** in the Parlor. Michelle Webster will be the speaker. Bring a sandwich and a friend. For more information call Chris Massey 947-0267.

Mary Martha Circle—will meet **Tuesday, October 18**, to go to work at the Food Bank from **6:00-8:00pm**. We will need to leave Chapel Hill parking lot at 5:30. For information call Mary Lou Cassel 751-1408.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- On October 13 lunch will be provided for UCO by UMW of Chapel Hill.
- On November 11-13 - Tool Time
- On May 4 & 5 - UMW Garage Sale 2012
- General Meeting— Will be on Tuesday, October 4, at 10:00am in the Parlor. Donna Bowers from the Daily Living Center will be our speaker. This is one of the local missions that UMW supports. Holy Hands will be providing lunch (\$3.00). Bring a friend and join us.
- Remember to be saving your coins. "World Thank Offerings" will be due November 1st.
- Continue to bring Campbell's Soup Labels for Cookson Hills and place in kitchen container anytime.
- Thursday Morning Bible Study— Will meet October 13 & 27 from 10:00-11:30am in the Conference Room. The class is studying the book of Luke. Anyone may join at anytime. Just bring a Bible and a smile. For more information call Sandy Clapp 751-7112.
- Holy Hands—Will meet Sunday, October 9, at 3:30-5:00pm in Fellowship Hall. We will continue working on lap quilts for vets. Bring your sewing machine if you want to sew and/or rotary cutting equipment. For more information call Sandy Clapp 751-7112.



POPCORN

Our Boy Scout Troop will sell popcorn in the Great Hall on Sunday, October 2 & 16!

The Wild Goose Chase

The Celtic Christians called the Holy Spirit “The Wild Goose,” because it was untamed, not able to be captured and smarter than any other bird. Hence, this column has to do with chasing the Holy Spirit and joining forces to bring God’s Mercy, Grace and Love into reality for those we encounter. Thank you for the opportunity to share in this column the work that God has placed me at Chapel Hill to enable and coach.

I was talking the other day with someone who had grown up in the church, but no longer went to church and basically had no use for us church folks. It had taken me close to a year to develop enough credit with this person for her to trust me enough to share in that way.

She was brutally honest as she told me why she liked me, and thought I was an OK guy, but that she did not think she would ever come to church again, even if I was the one doing the service. That kind of honesty is very rare, and sometimes we Christians place obstacles to that sort of sharing in the path of those who have been de-churched in earlier days. We do that by outright or implied criticism or turning away from those who have become disenchanting with the Christian faith.

Once your faith has been damaged, once you start to disbelieve the words of the church and its leaders, it is extremely difficult to come to believe again. I know, for I have been there! I have walked the path of disbelief and struggled with finding the way back to the Truth of the Gospel. Maybe that is why I am so drawn to broken people. Oh, make no mistake, I know I am still broken, too, in many ways; it’s why I need to talk to the Holy Spirit so constantly and spend part of each day alone with Jesus. It’s why I notice when God comes into a situation.

And, sisters and brothers, it is why we must be so careful and caring of each other and those whom God is sending into our presence ... they who have been broken in the past are giving God

a chance to touch them, and you and I, we are the ones God has chosen to touch them on God’s behalf. Let’s not let God down. When the wounded show up, let’s be ready to put the balm of Gilead on their wounds and bind them with fresh linen, let’s be ready to answer the renewed trust they place in God, let’s give them something to believe in, so that their pain may come to an end and their joy in Christ begin!

Isaiah 53:5 *The Message* (MSG): “²⁻⁶The servant grew up before God—a scrawny seedling, a scrubby plant in a parched field. There was nothing attractive about him, nothing to cause us to take a second look. He was looked down on and passed over, a man who suffered, who knew pain firsthand. One look at him and people turned away. We looked down on him, thought he was scum. But the fact is, it was our pains he carried— our disfigurements, all the things wrong with us. We thought he brought it on himself, that God was punishing him for his own failures. But it was our sins that did that to him, that ripped and tore and crushed him— our sins! He took the punishment, and that made us whole. Through his bruises we get healed. We’re all like sheep who’ve wandered off and gotten lost. We’ve all done our own thing, gone our own way. And God has piled all our sins, everything we’ve done wrong, on him, on him.

Still In One Peace, Still Chasing The Wild Goose,
Stephen

More Opportunities

Work Opportunities

More frequently I am receiving calls for names of people within our church that perform specific services. They wish to contract the services of someone from within our church.

If you have a service (carpenter, housecleaning, lawn services, doctor, dentist, optometrist, etc.) and you wish your name provided to those seeking a name to contract with, please email robin@mychapelhill.org with the specialty, name of business, phone and your name. Please don’t assume I already know what line of work you perform to be referring callers to you. I am not asking for free services.

On the flip side, if you are seeking employment, please make sure I have your email address so when jobs are reported to me I can forward them. If you have work, or know of a job opportunity, please email me (robin@mychapelhill.org).

Robin Dickerson

Clergy Appreciation Month

Clergy Appreciation month will be observed in October. We are so fortunate here at Chapel Hill to have such a dedicated clergy. They are Robert Rose, Valerie Jones Steele, Doug Burr, Stephen Hale, Allen Buck, and Suzann Wade. Beginning in October there will be baskets in the Narthex for you to place cards and notes of appreciation for them. Should you desire to make a financial contribution, please put “Clergy Appreciation” on the memo line of your check. We will end the month with food between services in the Great Hall.

Nancy Moore, Lay Leader

Staff Recognition Day

Sunday, October 9, has been set aside as “Staff Recognition Day”. On that day there will be a basket in the Narthex for you to place cards and notes of appreciation for them. Should you desire to make a financial contribution, please put “Staff Appreciation” on the memo line of your check.

Loads of LOVE

Offer quarters to those at our local laundromats.

Saturday, October 8,
from 8:00am-10:00am.
Meet at the church at 7:50am.



More Opportunities

Phone Buddies

Do you have 10 minutes twice a week to put a smile in someone's heart to let them know their Chapel Hill family cares about them and what is going on in their lives? If so, you should participate in Phone Buddies. This program is designed to brighten someone's day with a phone call. Maybe someone is new, lonely, changing careers, grieving, a new mother, confined due to illness or surgery ... you can make a difference in their day. If you are interested or know someone who could use a call, please call Julie Raney (771-4278), or Robin Dickerson (507-7307).

Retreat: A New Worship Experience

Preview Service: Sunday October 30 at 6:00pm

Don't give up and be helpless in times of trouble. Proverbs 24:10 CEV

As we begin this new ministry with modern music and exciting experiences to help people reconnect to God, we are inspired by a story from Stephen Hale:

Stephen was 16, and faced with moving schools during high school.



It was the late 60's. For many his age, rebelling involved long hair, experimenting with drugs, dropping out of school, and hating pretty much any authority, experiences to which many can relate. Stephen's parents forced him to go to church, and he hated it. One night,

instead of going to the cool party that ended in a police raid, Stephen had to go to church. Even though he didn't want to be there, the Spirit still moved. Amazing Grace was played on guitar with a rock beat, and he listened and responded. He went forward to pray and met Charlie, a friend in faith who helped his faith grow during those difficult years.

People of all ages can get disenchanted with church. Retreat offers modern music about God, the truth about God and most importantly chances to experience God to all who are hurting. Please, pray for this ministry. May God help us help others to not give up in their times of trouble. To learn more, contact Stephen Hale, Fernie Rivera, or Suzann Wade.



What is your Definition?

car-ing [kâr ng]

(noun) Work or practice of looking after those unable to care for themselves, especially sick and the elderly.

(adjective) Displaying kindness or concern for others.

God's word about caring - Hebrew 13:16. And do not forget to give and to share with others, for with sacrifices God is pleased.

In the Care Ministry we try to incorporate all three definitions, but your help is needed. I now understand the difficulty our members have in asking for financial assistance from the church. It is difficult for me to find the words to ask the congregation for their help in keeping the Lend-A-Hand Fund supplied with enough funds to continue offering assistance and hope for church members going through a difficult time. This fund was started to provide help to members with long-term needs that may have been created by unemployment, illness, fewer work hours, or the inability to increase their income to meet the higher cost of living every month. Most of us have not had to lower our standard of living or check our pride at the door to visit food pantries, ask agencies for utility assistance, or not been able to find \$30 someplace to have enough gas to get us to work, but there are those among us that have had these struggles, and they won't be the last to have them. As their church, I feel God has called us to lift them up and support their immediate financial and spiritual needs while they walk the journey to financial recovery. Quarterly reports for the spending of these funds is provided at each Church Council meeting.

If you feel God leading you to share your good fortune with other members of the church, please mark the memo section of your contribution LAH to be deposited to the Lend-A-Hand fund. Our ability to help a member is, not only meeting their financial and spiritual need, but also the emotional stability of those being assisted. God provides through his faithful servants, and you offer hope through a dark period in their life with your donation.

Suzann's Holy Spirit Sightings

There are times when we see the Holy Spirit move in mighty powerful in-our-face earth shaking ways. God fills a place with a passion that wakes people up and brings their hearts to life. As fire tore through parts of our city this past month, prayers went up for God to be with the people affected. With the leading of our daughter church, Summit, people from Summit and Chapel Hill gathered just days later to start helping with the clean up and working with families and a community to piece life back together. The Spirit moved a couple of dozen to reach out in a mighty way, and lives were helped and people experienced the love of God. What a witness to the ways that, even through hardship, can come healing and even blessings.

There are times, also, though, when it is not in the earthquake, the wind, or the fire that we hear the voice of the Spirit move. This month, I have had the honor of being present in people's lives as the voice of a person they loved was silenced through illness or

death. In one instance, the woman's daughter made the comment to me, "It is just so quiet without her voice". In the midst of that quiet, we began to talk about how we hear God. As days have passed, the talk of God has become greater, and much like Elijah on the top of Mount Sinai, it is in this period of silence that God's voice can be heard the clearest in the still-soft whisper of one who draws us closer.

Keep your eyes open all the time, friends. Whether it be in times of big, newsworthy seen-around-the-country hardships or in still and quiet times we never saw coming, God's Spirit speaks and lives are changed.

May God's Spirit move and comfort you this month in all you face, and may you let God's Spirit flow through you to touch others in the challenges they face on their journeys as well.

With love and blessings,
Suzann Wade, Diaconal Minister

Children & Families

OCTOBER with Chapel Hill Kids

Sundays

Kid's 1st - 5th Grades • Rotation Sunday School

Pre School & Pre-K/Kindergarten Sunday School

Live B.I.G.

October's B.I.G. Idea

By choosing to be faithful to God, we set an example for others.

October's Bible Verse

"With my whole heart I seek you." Psalm 119:10



TRUNK OR TREAT & MORE

Chapel Hill's Churchwide Community Outreach

Chapel Hill's Children's Department is excited by teaming up again with our church's Mother's Day Out crew to host the seventh annual Trunk or Treat event. Due to the fact that we are providing activities in addition to "treats from the trunks," our event is entitled "Trunk or Treat & More". This will be a "no cost" outreach event for our church families, Mother's Day Out families, and those families in the surrounding community.

**TO MAKE THIS THE BEST IT CAN BE
WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP!
(sign up in the Great Hall)**

WHAT: Activities for all ages - live music, tattoos, pumpkin painting, cake walks, pumpkin pull, nachos, hot dogs, **AND** of course "Trunk or Treat"

WHEN: Thursday, October 28
6:00-7:00 food and on-going activities
7:00-8:00 trunks open

WHERE: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church

To find out ways in which you can support the Trunk or Treat event contact Marilyn or Rana in the children's ministries office at 751-0755

marilyn@mychapelhill.org • rana@mychapelhill.org



ALL PETS INVITED TO THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS!

Sunday, October 9, at 3:00pm (east side parking lot)
led by Rev. Dr. Stephen Hale

Join us for a joyous celebration of our very special bond with the rest of creation as we remember and celebrate the life and gifts of St. Francis of Assisi, the beloved monk whose gentle communion with other species has been a model of compassion for many centuries.



Our Mission Minded Kids

What do you get when you combine 14 Chapel Hill UMC Kids, 400 pounds of rice and beans, and over 350 diapers? A great time! Chapel Hill's amazing group of young people came to 8th Street and really went to work. They made diaper packs, and rice and beans packs for our Community Cupboard. Thank you so much for coming and visiting! We truly were so blessed to have your smiling faces. And thanks for teaching us the summer chant! "Oh Oh! God is in my soul!"

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Questions regarding Children's Ministries at Chapel Hill ...

Marilyn Henderson, Director of Children's Ministries — marilyn@mychapelhill.org or 507-7315
Rana Shelton, Nursery Director and Assistant to Children's Ministries — rana@mychapelhill.org or 507-7314

Student and College Ministries

For The Parents ...

We have some great service project opportunities for the students this fall! Sunday, October 2, we will leave church at noon, eat lunch, then serve at the Food Bank from 1-4pm. On Sunday, October 16, we will travel to Canyon Camp in Hinton to help them work on the property and upkeep. Our Mid-Winter Retreat will be at Canyon Camp in February, so this is a great way for us to be involved there before the retreat. Look for information this month on our new worship service, Retreat, which will be offered on Sunday evenings. We hope to see you there!

College Connection ...

We are currently meeting with Rev. Rose from 4:30-6:00pm on Sunday afternoons in GH 1. We will be starting a new study on the New Testament. Once a month we will have a potluck dinner. We hope you join us as we encounter God through the scriptures.

We also meet every Sunday for worship in the Family Life Center at 9:45. After worship is done, we go down to our Authenticate Classroom (College age room) for Sunday School. Free doughnuts every Sunday!

Questions?

kourtney@mychapelhill.org / fernie@mychapelhill.org
or 751-0755

For The Students ...

I recently had a conversation with a student (I'll call her Sue) about our Sunday morning worship and other activities we have during the week. Sue is a strong leader and someone who has grown up in the church. Her friend (whom I'll call Stacy) was present during this conversation. Stacy did not grow up in church and admitted to me she doesn't know much of anything about the Bible and doesn't have a relationship with Christ. I invited Stacy to join us and she declined by saying she wasn't up to our level of Bible knowledge and would feel stupid. She also told me she wasn't "religious" and wouldn't know how to act in our group.

I told Stacy that church isn't a place for people who know everything about the Bible; it's a place for people to come and learn and grow in their own relationship with Christ. She told me she would have to change her ways before coming to church. I told her that God loves us just the way we are. I told her she'd always be welcome and to join us to see what it is all about. She told me she'd think about and I left it at that. Later on, Sue thanked me for inviting Stacy to join us. She said that she had been praying for Stacy and had even tried on a few different occasions to share her faith with Stacy, but Stacy didn't want to listen. She said that, after I had talked to Stacy about the classes, she started asking Sue questions about her faith and her relationship with Christ and what it means to pray. Sue told me that by sharing with her about our church and all we offer, it had warmed Stacy up to the possibility of trying it out.

We don't always see the impact that our words and actions have on another person, but sometimes we do. Sometimes all it takes is a personal invitation to plant the seed of hope in someone. I encourage you this month to look for ways to share your faith and invite someone to join you at church. You never know what a difference in another person's life you'll make until you try.



This Month At A Glance ...

- October 2—Youth Sunday
- October 2—Supper Sunday 12-4:30pm.
Lunch then serving at the Food Bank.
- October 5—Common Grounds and Elevate 6-7:30
- October 9—Refuge 4:30-6:00
- October 12—Common Grounds and Elevate 6-7:30
- October 13—Youth volunteers serve dinner 4:45-6:45
- October 16—Fall Retreat Registration Deadline
- October 16—Service project at Canyon Camp 12-6pm
- October 19, 23—No Activities, Fall Break
- October 26—Murder Mystery 6:00-8:00pm
- October 27—Trunk or Treat
- October 30—Refuge 4:30-6:00



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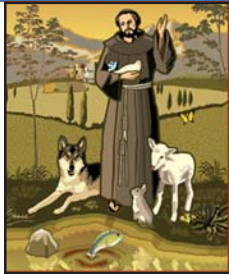
Carol Bells (grades 3-5) will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 4:45-5:30pm, in the Conference Room. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to learn to read music, make new friends, and work as a team with other players. Just show up and give bells a try!

God has supplied talented ringers for our adult handbell choirs. It is always miraculous how all the spots are filled with just the right people. We have one place left in Youth Bells (Gr. 6-12), which meets Wednesdays, 4:45-5:45pm.

All the singing choirs are off to great starts. It's never too late for you and your children to join. We would especially welcome more singers in Revelation, the adult choir which sings primarily for the 8:30am sanctuary worship service. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00pm, in the choir room.

Upcoming Worship Services

- Veterans Day Service, Sunday, Nov. 6, 3:00pm
- All-Music Thanksgiving/Consecration Sunday, Nov. 20, 8:30 and 11:00am sanctuary services
- Christmas Music Sunday, Dec. 11, 8:30 and 11:00am sanctuary services
- Children's Christmas Program, Sunday, Dec. 11, 4:00pm



Blessing of the Animals Service

Sunday, October 9, at 3:00pm • East Parking Lot

God cares for everything God created, especially our pets. Dr. Stephen Hale will use the liturgy from the UM Book of Worship to lead us in an ancient ritual celebrating the connection between humans and our animals.

Seniors On the Move

October 5 - Visit Enid leaving at 8:30 with stops at Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center, Railroad Museum of OK, Enid Symphony Orchestra where we will have lunch. \$50 provides a motor coach bus and lunch to top off this perfect day. Invite a friend and sign up in the Great Hall by October 2.

October 9 at 3:00pm - 3rd Spectacular Extravaganza, Senior Cabaret, Moore. Join the performers ages 55-86 as they travel around the world bringing you great songs of the 50's as they sing, dance and make you laugh. Sign up in the Great Hall by October 2 for tickets or call Robin at 507-7307.

October 10 - Retired Fellowship starts at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall with fellowship before eating. The special guest will be Matt McNeil with "What's In Your Attic". Contact Sandy at 752-0582.

October 15 - Hearts and Hands Seniors will leave promptly at 8:30 to volunteer at the Regional Food Bank. They will stop for lunch at a local restaurant before returning to the church approximately 1:15. Join this fun group and help families and children while enjoying yourself. Details - call Peggy at 751-7598.

October 19 at 11:30 - Livewire Lunch, \$5. Special guest is Vida Chenoweth following a wonderful lunch prepared by Joane Schmidt. Invite a friend and sign up in the Great Hall.