



CHAPEL HILL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Connections

November 2011

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



A New Worship Experience Is Coming!!!

Family Life Center • 6:00pm

If you or someone you know is looking for an opportunity to explore the meaning of life and have some questions about God answered, then RETREAT is for you!

If you are looking for an energetic, different, exciting worship, then RETREAT is for you!

If you are interested in being a missionary to others who are inquiring about life and God, and are willing to walk alongside, neither leading or criticizing, but sharing and gently guiding, then RETREAT is for you!

If you are a youth, adult or family who missed worship Sunday Morning, or simply would like to worship in a casual atmosphere, then RETREAT is for you!

October 30 ***"The Whole World Is Against Me!"***

Dr. Stephen Hale, preaching. A message about the pressures of life that make you feel like everyone and everything is against you.

November 13 ***"If Crows Don't Worry, Scarecrows Won't Work"***

Dr. Stephen Hale, preaching. A message about dealing with stress and worry.

November 27 ***"What Was Jesus Thinking — Love My Enemy?"***

Dr. Stephen Hale, preaching. What does it mean to love my enemy, why should I and how do I?

December 11 ***"Jesus, The Most Human Of Us All!"***

Diaconal Minister, Suzann Wade, preaching. A message about just how much God can understand the hardships of this life we face.

RETREAT will be child friendly to God's children of all ages; childcare will be provided for those with young children.

NOTE: These are preview services where we are exploring how the Holy Spirit is calling us to grow. Please allow for changes to occur along the way.

To learn more, contact Dr. Stephen Hale, Fernie Rivera or Suzann Wade.

TRADITIONAL SERVICE

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

Sunday, November 6
(Remembrance Sunday)
"Living Like the Saints"
Matthew 5:38-42

Sunday, November 13
"Loving Like God"
Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday, November 20
(Christ the King Sunday)
Consecration Sunday
A Service of Music

Sunday, November 27
(First Sunday of Advent)
"HOPE Shining In The Darkness"
John 1:1-13

CHAPEL HILL LIVE SERVICE

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

Sunday, November 6
"Relationships: A Matter of the Heart"
John 13:31b-35

Sunday, November 13
"Priorities: A Matter of the Heart"
Matthew 6:24-34

Sunday, November 20
(Christ the King Sunday)
"A Heart Conversion"
Luke 6:39-49

Sunday, November 27
(First Sunday of Advent)
Stephanie Stephens preaching

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Rose's Ramblings

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



Thank You!

The Arts Academy held its first performance at Chapel Hill on Thursday, October 13. It was awesome! I want to thank the members of the Dream Team, our staff and our youth for working hard to make this happen. It was a great night. Somewhere between 200 and 400 people were present. I hope all of you will be able to attend the next performance. You will be blessed.

Let's Talk

God is doing amazing things at Chapel Hill. Some people's lives are being changed and many hurting people are finding hope. But what some people are experiencing is not the experience of everyone. What many people at Chapel Hill are seeing that excites them is not seen by others. In the same church, we have those who think that we are in the midst of a great outpouring of God's Spirit and others who think we are in trouble. I would love to hear what you see and what you experience. Please send me a letter or an email. Leave me a message or come by and visit with me. I really want to hear what you think.

Would you please spend a little time and answer these questions? Please share with me your answers.

1. When people come into our church, do they meet the risen Christ? How do you know?
2. Are we transforming our neighborhood? How do you know?
3. What do we expect of disciples of Jesus Christ?
Do they do it?
4. How do we help people grow closer to God? Is it working?

On **Tuesday, November 8th, at 7:00 pm** our District Superintendent, Rev. Dan Pulver, will be leading us in our annual **Charge Conference**. A presentation on what is happening at Chapel Hill and what we expect to see happen in the near future will be given. I hope that you will be able to be present.

Help Needed

Chapel Hill is the community partner with our local elementary

school, Greystone Lower (Stonegate.) If you have twenty minutes once a month or twenty minutes once a week, Dr. Converse, the principal at Greystone Lower, invites you to come and read to a class or group of students. Your twenty minutes might just be the spark needed to develop a life-long love for learning in a child.

If you are not saving "**Box Tops for Education**" or "**Campbell's Soup Labels**," please save them and bring them to the Front Office. These items can be used to purchase educational supplies.

Would you be willing to give one evening a week or one evening a month to sit at our Welcome Center and greet those who come into our church? Some people need help finding the place where their group is meeting or where our restrooms or drinking fountains are located. If you are interested, please call the Front Office. Your welcoming presence might be what is needed to nudge that person to come back on Sunday for worship.

Our annual **Trunk or Treat and More** event will be held on **Thursday, October 27, from 6:00-8:00pm**. We are expecting over 800 people from our neighborhood. I hope that you will be present to meet our neighbors and share in the evening of fun. Your personal welcome may be what God uses to give hope to the hurting or encouragement to the struggling. Your personal welcome might be what encourages them to worship with us.

Our Thanksgiving Offering

On **Sunday, November 20th**, we will be receiving our annual **Thanksgiving Offering**. This year's offering will support the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank's "Food For Kids" program in our local elementary schools. We hope to have enough to cover what is needed for both Greystone Lower and Greystone Upper. For more information, please read Lisa Perry's article on this program.

Our Discipleship/Stewardship Fall Emphasis

Consecration Sunday will be held on **November 20**. This Sunday will be a special service of music. It is always one of the highlights of the year. On that Sunday afternoon we will gather together for our **Annual Thanksgiving Dinner**. I hope that all of you will save this date on your calendar.

Robert

More Opportunities

Lunch Gathering For Single Adults

The Friends in Faith Sunday School Class invites you to join them for a great meal and wonderful fellowship on **Sunday, November 6**. They will be eating at the Republic Restaurant on the Classen Curve and leaving the church at 11:00am. If you would like to attend or desire more information, please call either DeDe (973-8908) or Joan (721-6990).



Christmas Is Not Your Birthday

Join us for a new Advent study that is sure to help us move our expectations from a Christmas about gifts and guilt-giving to a Christmas about sacrifice and service to others. Are you ready for a challenge? Let's face that challenge together! We'll meet every Wednesday night beginning Nov. 30 through Dec. 21, 6:15-7:30pm. COST: \$8 for Study Guide. For more info, contact Valerie Steele, 751-0755 or valerie@mychapelhill.org.

From the Business Office

With 2011 fast approaching an end, we would remind all of our congregation to review their giving for the year to see if you might be able to assist in meeting our budget goals for the year. At this time, we are considerably behind in our revenues and could use some extra help in meeting our budget. If you would like more information, please let Robert, me or any member of the Committee on Finance know.

We have now completed the renovations of our Family Life Center, including installation of new glass doors leading from the Great Hall. Please take a look at the improvements in our stage, lighting and doors and let us know what you think.

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. The condition of our Sanctuary pews is such that replacement is a necessity. Please know that no decisions have been made regarding the materials to be used for

the Sanctuary renovations, including the carpet to be installed. Should you have any suggestions for the improvements, please let me or any member of your Board of Trustees know. Discussions are ongoing and decisions will be made later in the 4th quarter. You should voice your opinions regarding the renovations of your Sanctuary.

We completed our official celebrations of our 50th anniversary with Argus Hamilton Day in September. It was a success, as were all our "former minister" celebrations. We hope to have other anniversary celebrations through the end of the year, so watch for news about upcoming events.

Our marquee has now been repaired, including new glass and lighting. We are very hopeful that these repairs will suffice until a decision is made on new signage for our facilities sometime 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.

Randy

More Opportunities



Students Plan To Serve!

The students will serve Christmas dinner at Skyline Urban Ministries on **Sunday, December 11**. Please watch the bulletin and your Sunday School folders for opportunities to donate food for this event. We will need the following items from you to make this dinner successful: dessert, rolls, stuffing, pasta/potato/green salad, green bean casserole, or donations to purchase these items. Please contact Courtney for questions or to sign up to bring something!

Christmas Lighting

We will hold our Seventh Annual Christmas Lighting Day on **Saturday, December 3, at 10:00am**. We invite and encourage everyone to come and help us prepare the outside of our church for the Christmas season. **A breakfast will be served at 9:00am**. Thank you for your participation in this important event. For further information please contact Dallas Gandy (dallasgandy@att.net).

Neighborhood Santa Operation

United Methodist Women invite you to help needy adults have a better Christmas by bringing gifts to the Neighborhood Santa Operation Box in the Great Hall during the month of **November**. These items will be distributed by Neighborhood Services Organization in early December. Suggestions: body lotion, nail polish, stationery/pens, cologne, dish towels, costume jewelry, hair products, scarves, mittens, plants, crosses, make-up, coffee mugs, coffee pots, house shoes, men's gloves, home décor (please exclude candles), gift bags/tissue paper.

Sanctuary Poinsettias

If you wish to give a poinsettia for the Sanctuary for December 11 through Christmas Eve, please complete this form and return it to the church office with your check (\$10 per plant). **The deadline is Sunday, December 4**. Please print your information, *as clearly as possible*, as you would like it to appear in the December 11 bulletin.

Please use only one form per person / group honored or remembered. More forms are located in the front office & Welcome Center.

Given by _____

___ In honor of _____

___ In memory of _____

Share your church with others ...
Bring someone to a Bible study
during the week
or church on Sunday!

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 remember one of the best Thanksgivings I ever had; it was one in which I did not sit down to a traditional turkey and dressing dinner, but instead was privileged to join with some friends and take around the makings for a Thanksgiving dinner, dropping them off at the homes of people we had discovered were unable to buy the fixin's for themselves and their families.

My journey with God has had many ups and downs through the years. I even fell away from the church and lived professing atheism for most of my young adult life. However, for a short couple of years in my late 20's, I lived in Wichita, Kansas, and participated in the Church with some friends. That was my first experience with mission work. While living there and participating in that church, we engaged in local mission work with the homeless and those who were in difficult positions financially. The opportunity to serve

people and share with them really ignited the fire of the Holy Spirit within me, and I found such joy in sharing in that way.

I have seen that same joy come to life in some of you when I have served alongside of you in mission work in a number of locations. What a joy it is to my heart to see one of you pounding a nail, digging fence post holes or painting, and witness the freedom and love that just pour forth from one, washing over to the other as we are working side by side.

In Galatians 5:13-14 we are told, "*For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'*"

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

More Opportunities

ALPHA!

One of our missional goals as a church is to double our ministries. We cannot do that without bringing new folks into the church.

Marsha Ramée (Chair of Evangelism), Tamera Rubenstein, and Dr. Stephen Hale attended a National Alpha Conference in Dallas in late October with the goal of bringing Alpha into Chapel Hill as a powerful and prime tool for growing this body of Christ.



We believe that Alpha is a program that will help us attract people who need answers to their life questions to Chapel Hill. Alpha is a gift that allows us to encourage people who have questions about life and God to come into our midst. Alpha answers questions such as "Why and how should I pray?", "Who is Jesus?", "What does the Holy Spirit do?", "Does God heal today?", and "How can I have faith?".

These questions and the answers to them are keys to living a life that is more fulfilling and wonderful than any-

one can imagine. And more importantly, they will lead people to eternal life through a relationship with God.

We need team members, people who love God very much and want to see this mission station grow. Come and talk to one of those listed above; we will tell you more. Consider volunteering to work in Alpha. We need lots of help, and only YOU can make the difference that folks need made. God is sending us people who want answers; come be a part of those answers. Call the church office, and we will connect you to Dr. Hale or Marsha Ramée to get your answers.

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).

Do You Want Your Very Own Chapel Hill Shirt With Our Brand New Logo?

If so, contact the Student Ministries Department to see the design and to pre-order a shirt. The cost is only \$15 per shirt, and the shirts are American Apparel brand. The proceeds will go to the Student Ministries Department to help send students to retreats and camps. Thanks for your support!

Suzann's Holy Spirit Sightings

I cannot begin to explain how much of a joy it is for me to have opportunities to teach. This past month, as I was teaching in my Bible Bites (look for information about it in the newsletter), we were focusing on forgiveness and the story of the prodigal son in Luke 15. One of my friends and long-time children's leader who is in the class asked, "So, it's not about the son's repentance?" In that moment, as I began to explain the idea of God the Father's already present forgiveness and grace through our understanding of prevenient grace (in John Wesley's words), it felt as if I was understanding all about the magnitude of God's grace for the first time all over again. Throughout the week, I kept seeing signs of how God's love and grace for us is present and around us all the time if we just open our eyes to see. The next week, when my student/leader/friend and I met again, she commented how she had been touched by the idea all week as well. At that moment I realized again why I love to teach so much, because, no matter how many times I read about God's love, no matter how many times I teach about God's love, no matter how much I study about God's love, each and every time I return to a passage to share it with others, I am surprised by just how deep and completely unconditional God's love for all of us is! Then as a result, I find myself thankful for the justifying love of Jesus the Son who has saved me, and my heart cracks open a little more to allow the

perfecting love of God the Holy Spirit to change me and mold me more and more into the person of love God wants me to be. Wow!

Lastly, I am writing this before the event has even occurred, but I can already tell you, I will be blown away again this year by how the Holy Spirit moves in our midst through Trunk or Treat. Who would think that an event based on fun and sharing could be one of the holiest and most unconditionally loving things we do. Each year, I am amazed as hundreds of children and their families arrive on our site to spend 2 hours of pure joy eating, sharing, playing games, and stopping at trunks to receive candy. For our church to be willing to open our hearts, offer hours of time, provide pounds upon pounds of candy, and provide the site just to let our community be touched for a couple of hours by the gift of fun is such a sharing of the spirit. Moments like this, when we discover ways to simply offer a chance to smile and share with nothing expected in return, are when we open ourselves to the miracle of the moment and perform our own miracle of water into wine, as mere trunks become treasure chests of candy and fun that allow the party to continue for a few hours for our neighbors, friends, and strangers we may never see again

With love and blessings,
Suzann Wade, Diaconal Minister

More Opportunities



Bible Bites

Come feast on the bread of God's Word as we share together in food, fellowship, and a time of transforming topical Bible Study every Wednesday at 9:45am (with the exception of the Wednesday before Thanksgiving this month). During November, our topic will be stories of thankfulness. If you catch us the last week of October, you can share with us in a final week on forgiveness. Then in December, we will be studying the stories around Christmas in ways you have never heard them before. Everyone is welcome to join us for this time to come together and grow closer to God! Plus, we always have really good coffee and teas on hand as well as scrumptious bits of breakfast treats!

Pirates and Princesses 5k and Mile Fun Run

Saturday, November 12!

This event is all about promoting healthy and fun lifestyles for all children and families. Proceeds from this race will support our Mother's Day Out and Preschool Program and Chapel Hill UMC Children's Ministry. The 5k run will be located at Lake Hefner's Stars and Stripes Park along with the family-friendly mile fun run. The mile fun run will begin at 9:00am, and the 5k run will begin at 9:30am. Following our two race events there will be many fun activities available for the participants. We are currently seeking sponsorships for this race along with participants. Dust off your running shoes and come and join the fun!

Loads of LOVE

Offer quarters to those at our local laundromats.

Saturday, November 5

from

8:00am-10:00am.

Meet at the church

at 7:50am.



More Opportunities

Because of our church's support, the Food for Kids Backpack Program is well under way at Greystone Lower and Greystone Upper Elementary schools. In case you are wondering about these schools, Stonegate Elementary and Eisenhower Elementary both had a name change, grade reconfiguration and their attendance boundaries changed. What does this mean for our church? Now some of the kids that we supported last year are at Greystone Lower and some are at Greystone Upper.



Due to this change and our commitment to serve our neighbors, the church has decided to dedicate the Thanksgiving Offering to the Backpack Program at both schools. So when you donate \$200 or more to the Backpack Program, you will ensure that chronically hungry children at one of these schools will not have to go

without food over the weekends and long school breaks. This \$200 will also ensure that any younger siblings of the students identified will also receive a backpack of kid-friendly, shelf stable food on Fridays. Another added benefit of the Backpack Program is that this same \$200 also provides a second sack of food for all of the children on the program over long school breaks. At this time the Regional Food Bank does not accept food donations for the Backpack Program. We do this so that we can ensure the nutritional content, child-friendly packaging and uniformity of the food items.



This story below truly illustrates what the 1 in 4 children in Oklahoma that struggle with hunger face on a daily basis.

“We have a first grader who has been on the Backpack Program since the beginning of school. His behavior problems include eating his pencils, being frequently agitated and complaining of stomach aches. Last week his teacher shared with me that she noticed a decrease in the number of pencils he has eaten and he has become significantly calmer and his complaints of tummy trouble have ceased. He is always very excited on Fridays to get his backpack; he tells her that he must be special.”

Thank you for all of your support,
Lisa Perry



College Care Packages

It's time to send us your students' names for College Care Packages during finals. We must have confirmation of the student and their current address (include Apt. number) EACH semester, even if they did not move. We will send boxes of goodies to all students who are members of Chapel Hill or who attend Chapel Hill regularly or whose parents are members.

Please give college student's name(s) and address to the College Care Committee (Fran Patton, fpatton2006@sbcglobal.net, or Mari Smith, jeffmari1@cox.net), or fill out the attached form and leave in the church office. Donation boxes and idea lists will be in the Great Hall in November. Checks should be made to Chapel Hill UMC with memo for "College Care Packages".

Name of college student

Address

City, ST, Zip

School Attending

Year in School (If graduating this term, Date of Graduation)

Parents' Name(s)(optional)

Parent's e-mail (optional)

More Opportunities

Divorce Care



Each Thursday evening at 6:30 our Divorce Care Support group, led by Dr. Stephen Hale, meets and works on healing your past so that your future can be blessed. Come join us in the Conference Room as we explore the stages of recovery from divorce and share with and support each other.



Thank You

Chapel Hill UMC,

Thursday's performance, dinner and fellowship was nothing short of a blessing to the Greystone Lower Community. I thank you and all of your volunteers for their dedication, support and generous gifts. Our students, families and staff absolutely loved the facility, delicious dinner and hospitality. I thank you for loving and caring for our kids.

Rochelle Converse, Principal

Dear Chapel Hill,

Thank you so much for the box of treats! I put everything in the MWR, and it was gone in no time. We truly appreciate the effort and the care! I'm sorry for such a late thank you. I tend to get very busy around here and often courtesy goes by the wayside.

I know that my Grandmother, Lorraine Stinchcomb, appreciates the fellowship at Chapel Hill. I thank you for the friendship that you have given her.

When I was growing up, we lived right around the corner, and we attended Chapel Hill. Rev. Jim Rodgers lived across the street from us. I broke one of his windows with a baseball once.

Thank you and God Bless!
Robert Clark
Afghanistan



Family & Fellowship Sunday School Class

Chapel Hill's Family & Fellowship Sunday School Class recently spent several days in Branson for a "Back to Church Camp One More Time" Retreat. It was a year in the planning! Approximately 44 class members shared time reflecting on past memories, "raising up" kids, past and present church friends, and the multiple opportunities we have had as a class to grow our faith and relationships! Our group activities included community meals, devotions, vespers, Noah, the top 10 church camp songs, Sunday worship and communion!

We had free time to rest, shop, enjoy matinee performances, visit caverns and museums or NAP! We were able to watch OU beat Florida State and celebrate an OSU victory! A perfect 3 day weekend wrapped in PRAYER!

It was a blessed "bonding time" for our class! Would your hearts benefit from a "Back to Church Camp" experience?

F & F Class

September 2011

Memorials

If you would like to contribute to the memorial fund please contact Randy Rush (randy@mychapelhill.org or 751-0755).

In memory of Dan Blackstock

Jerry Williams

Jim and Rebecca Mayo

In memory of Joanne Rice

Art and Joane Schmidt
Melanie and Van Russell
Wanda Mercer

Frank McGregor III
Carol and Don Wright
Juli Johnston

In memory of Polly Payne

Art and Joane Schmidt

Martha White

News from Summit

Greetings, Mother Church,

Summit is a mission in mission. Sounds strange at first a mission in mission. It is true, though. Summit, our shared mission to launch a new church, is already striving to be in mission, helping the hurting and meeting needs within the ministry field around SE Edmond.

One of the first things we started was a tutoring program for first graders. We have also supported Rotary service projects, building a local park, the Christmas Connection, and the battered women's shelter. We also recently helped start a food and backpack program for middle school kids who were going without food over the weekends. It is quite remarkable what God has done through your daughter church.

With your partnership, help, support, prayers, and people, we have also been responding to the great needs caused by the wildfires in our area. Teams made up of Summit and Chapel Hill people have cleaned up, power-washed, held memorial services

for lost pets, planted trees, given away a mini-van, offered many prayers and hugs, and purchased necessary tools so a local painter who lost everything has been able to go back to work.

Please share what God is doing with everyone you know! All are welcome to come climb with us! And the efforts to be a mission in mission are ongoing

On Saturday, Oct. 29, we will be restoring running water to a family who has been without since the fires. This project includes plumbing and building a small structure for the well. If you would like to participate, then please send an e-mail to me, Allen Buck, at

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

— Matt 25:34-36

allen@summitok.org.

Thank you for your consistent example of servant leadership in missions! God is using you God is using your new church plant Thanks be to God!

Allen Buck

More Opportunities

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). A variety of prayer and meditation techniques will be explored. Participants will learn exercises



lift

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.



Chapel Hill LIVE:

Small in Numbers, Mighty in Spirit

Chapel Hill's 11:00am alternative worship experience on Sundays has seen a great amount of spiritual growth. Individuals are hearing God call them to both lay and ordained ministry. Currently, there are three persons connected to LIVE who are in the process towards ordained ministry. There are two others who are finishing up educational work before moving in the direction of ordained ministry.

LIVE has become a worship experience for persons to grow in their spiritual gifts, develop ministry leadership and deepen their walk with Christ. Come check us out!

United Methodist Women

Upcoming United Methodist Women's Events

General Meeting

Tuesday, November 1, at 10:00am in the Parlor. Lunch following the meeting is hosted by Faith Circle (\$3.00). Bring a friend and join us. Our speaker for the General Meeting is Rev. Gerard Nsabimana. He is the director of the UCO Wesley Foundation. He will be speaking about thankfulness. This is the day we collect our "World Thank Offering."

Toole Time

November 11-13

Christmas Brunch

December 3

UMW Garage Sale

May 4 & 5, 2012



Thursday Morning Bible Study

Thursday morning Bible study meets only on **November 10** due to Thanksgiving. Anyone may join at any time in this study of the Gospel of Luke. Bring your favorite Bible, a smile, and a friend. We meet at 10:00am. For more information call Sandy Clapp 751-7112.

Neighborhood Santa Operation

United Methodist Women invite you to help needy adults have a better Christmas by bringing gifts to the Neighborhood Santa Operation Box in the Great Hall during the month of **November**. These items will be distributed by Neighborhood Services Organization in early December. Suggestions: body lotion, nail polish, stationery/pens, cologne, dish towels, costume jewelry, hair products, scarves, mittens, plants, crosses, make-up, coffee mugs, coffee pots, house shoes, men's gloves, home décor (please exclude candles), gift bags/tissue paper.



Please continue to bring Campbell's Soup labels for Cookson Hills. Place them in the container located in the Fellowship Hall kitchen.

UMW CIRCLE NEWS

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 be meeting at **10:00am on Tuesday, November 15**, at Arlene Bowdon's house. Her address is 7204 NW 120th St., OKC. Boyce Bowdon will give us a program on chemical dependency. Bring a sandwich. For information call Nancy Nathaniel 751-1213.

Susannah Wesley Circle will meet in the Parlor at **10:00am on November 15**. Chris Massey will be giving the program. Bring a sandwich for lunch. For more information call Chris Massey 947-0267.

Mary Martha Circle will be going to Redemption Church Sunday afternoon, November 13, to feed 150-180 inmates. We will meet at Chapel Hill (east parking lot) at 2:00pm and ride in the church van. We will need to leave the church at 2:00pm in order to get our food out by 3:00pm. For information call Mary Lou Cassel 751-1408.



Holy Hands will meet on **Sunday, November 13, from 3:30-5:00pm** in Fellowship Hall. We will continue our work on lap quilts for Vets and begin making Pocket Prayer Quilts. If you don't sew, you can assemble kits and tie knots. Bring your sewing machine if you would like to sew and/or rotary cutting equipment. Please join us! For more information call Sandy Clapp 751-7112.

Children & Families

NOVEMBER with Chapel Hill Kids

Sundays

Kids 1st - 5th Grades • Rotation Sunday School
Psalms & Songs

"Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!"

Psalm 150:6

Pre School & Pre-K/Kindergarten Sunday School
November's B.I.G. Idea

We believe that stories about praise
teach us many different ways to praise God.



November Is The Time To



We are thankful for:

Trunk or Treat

Teachers & Volunteers

Parents

All of the amazing kids

**And most of all for all the opportunities we receive
to praise God!**



Our Mission Project

In a combined effort with the rest of Chapel Hill, our children will be funding Food Backpacks through the food bank for Greystone Elementary. (See related article on page 6.)

Our children's goal is to raise \$1000.00.

Don't Miss Out . . .

We still have opportunities for you to share your gifts with Chapel Hill's children and we invite you to prayerfully consider serving in children's ministry. We have some new openings in the children's ministry arena. So, whether your gifts lie in relational roles (up-front working with kids) or in the crucial behind the scenes operations, your gifts and talents can make a difference in our ministry with children.

Relational Roles

Sunday School leaders - all ages

Sonshine Corner leaders - pre-school
(during 8:30 or 11:00 worship services)

WWJD leaders - Wednesday nights
(school age children)

Nursery volunteers - Sunday mornings

Behind the Scene Roles

Kitchen help - VBS, Wednesday nights

Event set-up or clean-up

Photography - Sundays, special events

Children's reception desk - Sunday mornings

Phone contacts

Organizing supplies

**Please contact Marilyn or Rana if you see your name and
face starring in any of the fabove roles.**

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

This Month At A Glance ...

November 2—Common Grounds and Elevate 6:00-7:30
November 4-6—Fall Retreat at Jacob's Ladder
November 9—Christmas Connection 6:00-8:30pm
November 12—Christmas Connection 9:00am-1:00pm
November 13—Refuge 4:30-6:00
November 16—Fellowship Night 6:00-8:00pm
November 20—No Refuge, All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner
November 23, 27— No Activities: Thanksgiving Break
November 30—Theme Night: Thunder Up! 6:00-7:30pm

For The Parents ...

Our Fall Retreat is the first weekend in November at Jacob's Ladder in Chandler, OK. We will leave Friday evening at 5:30pm from Chapel Hill and will return Sunday before noon. We are looking forward to spending the weekend with your students.



"Retreat" is a new worship service that is starting on Sunday, October 30, at 6:00pm in the gym. This service will be casual and contemporary. With the addition of this new service, our existing Sunday evening schedule will be adjusted slightly so we can encourage students and their friends to attend the new worship service. Please watch your email for time changes.

Sunday, October 30, will be "Undie Sunday" in the student ministries department! We will be collecting undergarments (socks, underwear, gloves, mittens, hats) for Christmas Connection, a local non-profit organization dedicated to serving low-income families and senior citizens in central Oklahoma. We will be serving at Christmas Connection on Wednesday, November 9, to help them with sorting and organizing items.

Questions?

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

For The Church ...

We have arranged for our students to once again serve Christmas dinner at Skyline Urban Ministries on December 11. Please watch the bulletin and your Sunday School folder for opportunities to donate food for this event. We will need the following items from you to make this dinner successful: dessert, rolls, stuffing, pasta/potato/green salad, green bean casserole, or donations to purchase these items.



For The Students ...

November is here and we are entering the holiday season. Thanksgiving is just a few weeks away so our question to you is: what are you thankful for? Plan now to be involved in worship, Refuge, Sunday School, and fellowship opportunities in November! Check the website each week for more information!



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Rev. Robert E. Rose, Jr., Senior Minister
Rev. Valerie Jones Steele, Associate Minister
Rev. Dr. Stephen Hale, Associate Minister
Suzann Wade, Diaconal Minister
Rev. Doug Burr, Associate Minister (Part-Time)

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Come and honor our veterans at a program on **Sunday, Nov. 6, at 3:00pm** in the sanctuary. Chancel Choir and Revelation will sing "Battle Hymn of the Republic," as well as Irving Berlin's setting of "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor," the text by Emma Lazarus inscribed on the Statue of Liberty. Julia Gurulé will dance, and Spirit Winds will play patriotic music and accompany the congregational hymns. Veterans will be recognized and are invited to bring memorabilia to share in the Great Hall as we enjoy refreshments following the brief program. Take an hour to thank our veterans for their service to our country.

You Are Invited to a Handbell Concert

Some members of Chapel Bells will participate in the Central OK Ringers and Directors festival on **Saturday, November 12**. Everyone is invited to attend the closing concert at 3:30pm at Saint Andrew's United Methodist Church, 2727 SW 119th Street, Moore OK. Many choirs ringing together make a heavenly sound. Come and hear it!

Thanksgiving Dinner

Celebrate Thanksgiving with your Chapel Hill family in Fellowship Hall at **5:30pm on November 20!**

Turkey, ham, dressing, bread and drinks will be furnished. Please bring a side dish large enough to serve your family three times according to your last name: **A-F Dessert; G-P Salad; Q-Z Vegetable** (cakes and pies should be sliced to expedite serving).

