

E-NEWS INSIGHT

Please pass the word along that this is the BEST way to stay connected with EVERYTHING happening at Faith! Our NEW e-newsletter will be published every 2 weeks so some items will be published in snip-its. We hope to find a groove so you can expect certain information at certain times of the month. One main thing to note is that the calendar only details church happenings, not our complete building use schedule (the complete calendar is available online).

As always, if you have constructive feedback please feel free to share this with Pastor Robert or Cassy, our Administrative Assistant.

WELCOME THE CHILD, WELCOME JESUS

From Interpreter Sept./Oct. 2013 by Rev. Larry Hollon

Timmy was a rambunctious little guy who lived a couple of houses up the block from us in a deteriorating neighborhood in an economically depressed small town in central Oklahoma.

He would tease our golden retriever until the dog charged the fence, making me fearful he would scale the fence and attack the boy.

Timmy was a bundle of unrefined raw energy, seeking expression in every unacceptable way possible.

Timmy's house was a ramshackle place that in my childhood was home to a couple with no children. They kept the place neat and trim. Not so today, however. The house obviously needed repairs to the roof and outside walls. Old plastic toys, tin cans, plastic jugs and other detritus filled the grounds so that mowing was impossible, so nobody bothered.

I liked Timmy. I learned from talking with him of his wonderment of the world, his curiosity and his uncontainable energy.

One day he brought an old bicycle to me and asked me to air its flat tires. I went to the tool shed to get the pump (keeping Timmy outside the fence and away from the dog). But the tube wouldn't hold air, so I went back to the shed for tools to remove it from the rim and patch it.

The old tires were cracked and the tube had so many holes it required another couple of trips to get all the patches and glue necessary to get the job done.

As we knelt over the old worn-out tube and I worked to patch it, Timmy said, without looking at me and with no self-consciousness, "How come you're so nice to me?"

I wasn't prepared for the question. It almost took my breath away.

I looked down and said quietly, fumbling a bit, I imagine, "Well, you're a nice boy; why wouldn't I be nice to you?"

Timmy replied, "Well, most people ain't very nice to me."

It felt like a sacred moment as if God had jerked me by the shoulders and said, "Wake up. There's more going on here than patching an old bicycle tire. I told you I would appear when you least expect it."

I saw Timmy with new eyes, a vulnerable, naïve, rambunctious, innocent little boy who was already discovering his place in society. He is viewed as more problem than possibility.

And I thought to myself, no child should ever have to ask, "Why are you so nice to me?"

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

6—

8:45 a.m.

Ushers: Marie D., Kathy L., Steve & Suzann C.

Scripture Reader:

Penny Buettner

Acolyte: Shauna Brown

11 a.m.

Ushers: ?

Scripture Reader: ?

Acolyte: ?

13—

8:45 a.m.

Ushers: Darrell & Joan Epping

Scripture Reader: Deb Jesch

Acolyte:

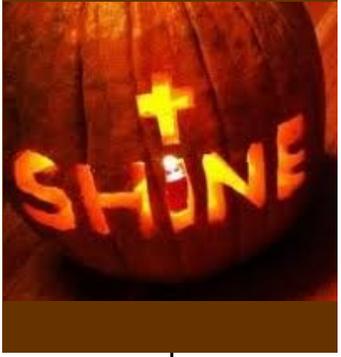
11 a.m.

Ushers:

Scripture Reader:

Acolyte:

Contact the office to
STEP-UP and serve
in any area.

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.	
		1 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship	2 3:30 C.C.F. 5:30 B'Tween Praise Team 6:30 U.M.Y.F. 7:00 Choir	3 9:30 Quilters 6:30 Y.A. Bible Study	4	5	
	6 8:45 Worship 10:00 Sun. School 11:00 Worship 9:30—1:00 U.C.M. Fundraiser	7	8 9:30 Women's Bible Fellowship	9 3:30 C.C.F. 5:30 B'Tween Praise Team 6:30 U.M.Y.F. 7:00 Choir	10 9:30 Quilters 6:30 Y.A. Bible Study	11	12
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For the sake of space, this calendar is *ONLY* church functions,
a *FULL* calendar of building use is available online.

MOWING

Oct. 5—

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Oct. 12—

Bret & Sarah Stubbs

Oct. 19—

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Oct. 27—

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CELEBRATIONS

02—Jon & Dixie Obermiller

04—Mike & Cassy Heuertz

12—Steve & Holly Curtiss



02—Lee Woollen

03—Bret Stubbs

04—Bret Obermiller

08—Amy Bear, Lee White

09—Roberta Wiles, Peggy Mak

10—Benjamin Vogt, Lissa Tallent

13—Kathy Brisbin, Bryana Royle

15—LaVaughn Brown



FAITH CONNECT!

Wednesday Activities

C.C.F.

Kindergarten—4th Grades Upstairs from 3:30—5:30 p.m.

Confirmation (starting Oct. 2)

8th Grade Middle School Classroom Upstairs from 5:30—6:30 p.m.

B'Tween

5th—7th Grades High School Classroom Upstairs from 5:30—6:30 p.m.

Youth of the Kingdom

9th—12th Grades from 6:30—8:30 p.m. with supper!

Choir

Adult choir rehearsal at 7 p.m.—contact Fran Wilson with questions

Sunday School 10—10:45 a.m.

Wee-Ones: Pre-K & K in Nursery

Kids of the Kingdom: 1st—5th Grades Upstairs

'Tweens of the Kingdom: 6th—7th Grades Upstairs

Youth of the Kingdom: 9th—12th Grades Upstairs

Breakfast Club: Adults in Fellowship Hall

Footprints: Adults in Basement Sun. School Room

All-church Birthday Bash

Sun., Oct. 6 from 5—7 p.m.

Join in celebration of EVERYONE'S birthday! Hot-beef sundaes and more will be served for supper. There will be a special guest (Randy Shackleton) providing music and a sing-along.

Prime Festival

Thurs., Oct. 9

Faith will provide lunch for the Kearney Hub's annual Prime Festival to benefit Renovations in their endeavors. See the Overflow Room for sign-up.

Craft Day

Sun., Oct. 13 from 2—4 p.m.

Faith's monthly fellowship time for those who enjoy crafts or being around those who are crafty, sign-up in the Overflow Room OR contact Kim Graham.

continued from page 1: "Welcome the child, welcome Jesus"

Fortunately, faithful people in The United Methodist Church agree. They understand what Jesus meant when he said, "Bring the little children to me, for of such is the Kingdom of God."

As a church, we work to prevent child labor and human trafficking, seek to improve the quality of public education, provide protective services for vulnerable and abused children, save lives through malaria prevention and better health care for mothers and children, and work to improve the quality of life in myriad ways because we believe it is an imperative for disciples of Jesus Christ to transform the world in these ways.

When we care for the weakest and most vulnerable among us, it is as if we are caring for Jesus himself. And we answer the question, "Why are you so nice to me?" before it is asked. We act because we are called by our profession of faith to participate in the ongoing transformation of the world that God desires for all of God's children to flourish.

We do it for Timmy and others like him. We do it because when we see the least of these, we see the face of Jesus.

NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Brothers &
Sisters in Christ—

Thank you for the beautiful expression of love and faith. I know that I am covered! Covered by the Blood of the Lamb—Covered with the faithful prayers of Christ followers—Covered with the love that continues to flow from my family, friends, and even people I've never met.

My prayer for you all is that you will receive a special blessing from our Lord and Savior.

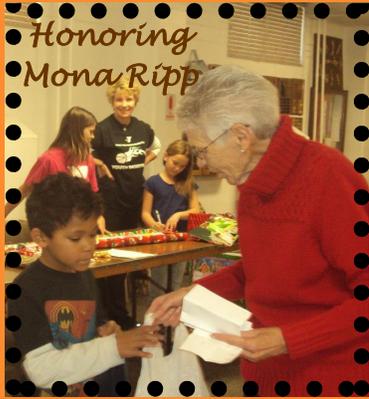
*In His Name &
His Merciful Care,
Peg Fong*

Dear members of Faith:

Thank you so much for the comforting blanket. This gift, plus your prayers are something I will continually treasure and appreciate, especially during my upcoming stem cell transplant in Omaha.

*Thank you so much,
Diane Troyer
(and family—Corey,
Kaylee, Tyler, & Melissa)*

OCTOBER MISSIONS



Mona's Store

Faith's 2nd annual Christmas gift store for Bryant and Crossroads Mission children is just around the corner. Nurture will start accepting donations of \$5.00 adult gifts for the children to choose from for their parents/guardians. Please bring gifts, of all sorts, to the Mission Cart in the Overflow Room.

S.A.C.K.

Faith's newest mission—Simple Acts of Christian Kindness—of meal bags for transients and those of our community in need of a meal has had a tremendous response! Thank you to everyone who has jumped on board with this outreach. Within moments of this starting, we have blessed 2 families with a complete meal. The needs of this mission are:

Tuna/Chicken Helpers OR Complete Meals

CANNED Tuna OR Chicken

CAN/CUP Fruit AND Veggie

CUP Pudding OR Jell-O

EASY-OPEN Soup



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