

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2011

Sunday Morning Services: 9:00 Sunday School -10:00 Fellowship -10:30

Worship & Praise

KOFO 1220 AM - Radio Broadcast Sunday Morning @11:00

CHURCH WEBSITE: <http://www.ottawafumc.org>



Pastor J.C. Kelley

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving

Many thanks to all who attended the "cottage" meetings. Thanks also to the people who served as hosts and hostesses. A spirit of optimism seemed to prevail at each meeting as people shared their hopes for the future of FUMC with pastor JC. May the Lord bless the efforts of our pastor and this congregation as we seek ways to serve Him more completely. Yours in Christian service, Bill Seckington, Lay Leader

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World

Have you ever wondered why there are two candles on the communion table and what they represent? United Methodists believe these can be viewed as representing the two natures of Christ, human and divine. They may also be viewed as representing the Gospels and the Epistles or the Old and New Testaments.

Whatever they represent, they are symbolic of the visible manifestation of Christ in our midst. For that reason, lighting and extinguishing these candles is an important aspect of worship. When the light is brought into the worship place, we are reminded that God is always with us in worship, at home, work and school. When the light is carried out of the service, it is to remind us that when we leave our worship service, God will be there with us and we are to share our light with others in the community; we are to be as mirrors of his light.

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12 NIV).

POTLUCK PLANNED:

It is nearing time to start preparing our hearts and our church for the coming of Advent and Christmas time. There will be a church wide potluck on November 27th following the service. Following the meal we will decorate the church in our traditional "Hanging of the Greens." Please add this special event to your calendar. Look for more details as the time draws nearer.

FELLOWSHIP TIME:

We all enjoy Fellowship Time during our worship service, where we get a chance to greet those in our service. Although it is nice to get to everyone and say "hello", we also know we don't have time to get into deep conversation due to time constraints. Please listen for our Liturgist to call us all back to worship where we can center our hearts and minds on God.

From the Worship Team

Youth Group Calendar and News Sundays 5:30 to 7:00 in the Youth Room

Oct 30-- Baked potato luncheon following church...no evening meeting.
Nov 6--5:30 meeting
Nov 13--5:30 meeting
Nov 18-19 Bishops Roundup in Lawrence

Nov 20--Help at Oxford Service potluck
Nov 27--Help in the nursery for morning worship.
Noon: congregation potluck then youth will help with decorating the church for advent.
27th **Note date change** [We will collect newspapers this date](#)



Good sport...Terie Kelley



They are "Fearless Leaders"



Pastor J.C. is game!

Bishop's Round-Up for Hunger November 19th

Cases of food...Fruit/Green Beans/Mixed Veggies/Tuna/Peanut Butter/1lb Dried Beans/Crackers/Corn/Mac & Cheese/1lb Rice/Children's Cereal/Soup/Canned Meat/Spaghetti Noodles & Sauce/Ramen Noodles

Health Kits School Kits Layettes Diapers Bedding Paper Supplies Toys & Games Infant - Children - Adult Clothing Cash Craft Sale YouthVille

There is a green plastic bin in Fellowship Hall for school and health kits and other Round-Up items.

Good used clothing is requested and may be placed under the coat rack across from the Oxford Service Classroom, in the basement near the pop machine. Please separate adult and children's clothing. Kit directions and other items needed are listed in the Round-Up brochures.

Help needed for packing clothing and other items Thursday, November 17 at 1pm.

Call Sue Petersen, 242-8439, if you need pick-up. The youth will be working in Lawrence at Bishop's Round-up on Friday and Saturday, November 18-19. You too, are welcome to join in on any work and festivities of this Event.

November 6th Veteran's Sunday

Would you like to honor family members or friends who have served or are serving our country's military? Call the office and give your information so they will be listed in Sunday's bulletin.

2011 CROP Walk For Hunger - Total amount raised \$2871.82

Thanks to all who participated...First UMC had 23 walkers and raised \$857.82, Pastor JC & Terie Kelley among them.

First Baptist and Westminster Presbyterian along with FUMC had a total of 34 walkers and volunteers. Chuck Crawford from First Baptist, collected the most for an individual at \$1135. Three-fourths of the money collected goes to Church World Service, an ecumenical ministry working to eradicate hunger and poverty and promote peace and justice around the world. One-fourth of the money raised stays locally at Hope House.



UMW WORKS
Conference UMW Ladies
Attend workshop regarding
Domestic Violence
And get to work at
Ogden House of Hope
Attending from OFUMC:
Celia Davis, Mary Thomas,
Muriel Rayson, Bonita Kitts,
Sue Petersen.

Regular Choir Practice Schedules

Chancel Choir Thursdays 7:00-8:00 pm in the Parlor – Cathy Sutton, Director

We are thankful for the new voices who have joined the choir...more are needed...especially male voices. Try it you'll like it!

Men's Chorus Thursdays 8:00-9:00 pm in the Sanctuary – Director and Music Coordinator, Darrell McCune

Cherub Choir Wednesdays 5:30-6:00 pm in the Parlor – Director, Linda McCune

(1st grade and younger)

Hands of Glory Monday & Thursday 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary – Leader/Coordinator, Carolyn Elder

Junior and Youth Choirs

Darrell McCune, Director & Minister of Music

Presenting



Sunday, December 12, Worship Service

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

Sunday, Oct. 30: 7:00-8:15—musical practice (sanctuary)

Thursday, Nov. 3: same schedule as Oct. 13

Sunday, Nov. 6: 7:00-8:15--musical practice (sanctuary)

Thursday, Nov. 10: same schedule as Oct. 13

Sunday, Nov. 13: 7:00-8:15--musical practice (sanctuary)

Thursday, Nov. 17: same schedule as Oct. 13

Sunday, Nov. 20: 7:00-8:15--musical practice (sanctuary)

Thursday, Nov. 24: **no rehearsal** (Thanksgiving)

Sunday, Nov. 27: 7:00-8:15--musical practice (sanctuary)

Thursday, Dec. 1: same schedule as Oct. 13

Sunday, Dec. 4: 7:00-8:15--musical practice (sanctuary)

Thursday, Dec. 8: 5:00-7:30—musical practice (sanctuary)

Saturday, Dec. 10: 1:00-4:00 pm--DRESS REHEARSAL

Sunday, Dec. 11: Present musical at church--meet at 9:15 am in the basement to dress and rehearse

Thursday, Dec. 15:

5:00-5:20--Junior Choir

5:20-6:00--Refreshments and watch video of musical

6:00-6:30--Youth Choir

Thursday, Dec. 22 and Dec. 29: *Christmas break-No rehearsals*

Thursday, Jan. 5: Normal rehearsal schedule resumes:

Junior Choir: 5:00-5:45; Youth Choir: 5:45-6:30

November Monthly Meetings

In case of change or cancellation members will be notified

UMW Executive Council – 1st Wednesday each month

Small dining room – Nov 2, 10:30 am

Staff Parish Relations Committee – 1st Wednesday

Library – Nov 2, 6:30 pm

Hope House Volunteers – 2nd Saturday each month

More volunteers needed. Please meet at HH-Nov 12, 9 to 11 am

Worship Team Nov 6th – at noon following church service

Finance Committee – 2nd Wednesday each month

Small dining room – Nov 9, 6:00 pm

Trustees 2nd Wednesday each month

Oxford Room – Nov 9, 7:30 pm

Church Council Meeting – 3rd Wednesday each month

Parlor – Nov 16, 6:30 pm

All OFUMC congregation is welcome to attend CCM

Visitation Committee – 4th Friday each month

Library – Nov 25, 2:00 pm

UMW Circles

Friendship – 7:00 pm – Nov 28th

Sarah Outreach – 3rd Tues each month 7:30 pm – Nov 15

New Dimensions - 3rd Wed each month 9:30 am – Nov 16

Dorcas Circle – 3rd Wed each month 1:00 pm – Nov 16

United Methodist Men

Early breakfast meeting once a month...

Contact Michael Schrick for dates and time

First United Methodist Women - What's happening in November & December

By President Mary Thomas

UMW GENERAL MEETING – ALL CIRCLES NOV 2ND WEDNESDAY NOON

Luncheon Provided by Sarah-Outreach Circle

Live interview with Terie Kelley, guest of honor

Installation of 2012 Officers...will be short.

UMW ladies are selling Rada

(Cutlery, candles, dip mixes, soup mixes, & recipe books.)

See Emily Ford in fellowship hall before or after Sunday service or check out the catalog in the church office.

If you need a catalog delivered to you call:

Mary Thomas: 242-8366

Next order deadline, November 10th.

Greeters for church services:

November – New Dimension Circle

December – Friendship Circle

Reading Program participants need to turn your book list in to Muriel Rayson asap. Report to Conference is due December 1st.

School of Mission Study on Haiti

Sunday, November 13th: 2:00 to 6:00 pm

Large Dining-room

Attend all or part of the afternoon

Everyone is invited and welcome to hear the interesting History and hope for the future of Haiti

Enjoy Earthquake Cake (by name only) for dessert

Seven members of OFUMC and Trinity UMWs attended the Conference School of Mission at Baker University this summer and will be sharing what they learned.

Bishop's Roundup in Lawrence

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19TH

We have been collecting school kits, health kits and other needs for this project. Please check the list in church office.

World Thank Offering will be taken at Circle meetings in November.

December 7th at 11AM in the small dining room is our Executive board meeting. All 2011 & 2012 officers are requested to attend, including Chair of each Circle.

Mission Moments from Muriel: Thank you, for the great response to collecting used greeting cards for a Prison Ministry project in Topeka. We have filled the box twice and will keep on collecting. Please cut out just the personal information if you are able. The cardboard collection box is conveniently located in the library.

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

Please remember to donate your extra pennies to the UMW penny collection.

Men, you can send them with the ladies to Circle meetings OR place them in the large *PENNY JAR* in the church office.

The Church receives Monetary Benefits
Upon the sale of Grocery Cards



**Purchase
Country Mart Grocery Cards
\$25-\$50-\$75-\$100**

*On Sundays see Marna Riddle In Fellowship Hall... Week
days the cards are available in the Church Office*

Recycle Best Choice label bar codes
for cash to go into the general fund.
1000 labels already have been sent in for cash
rebate and we have about 500 more...
Bring your full bar codes to the Church or give
them to Emily Ford.
**LET'S SEE IF WE CAN COLLECT ANOTHER
1000 BY THE END OF THE YEAR!**

Cold VS Flu

It is flu season again. The Healthy Congregation in Action
grant money has purchased 4 hand sanitizing dispensers.

Please remember to use these to help decrease the
spread of germs while fellowshiping with one another.

Game Night for Adults

Join the Fun  *Bring a Snack*
7:00 pm Last Friday of the month
November 25th



BLESSING VESSEL

*Acknowledge your blessings and answers to prayer by
adding a pebble to the vessel at the front of the sanctuary*
Seeing this jar fill up reminds us to count our blessings

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear First United Methodist Family,

Thank you for all your prayers and
kindness during the recent loss of our
granddaughter, Danielle Comstock. The
cards and calls were so very meaningful.

Lee & Peggy

Harshberger



Prayer Shawl Ministry
November 17th Thursday
1:00 pm in the Prayer Room
(Located behind the sanctuary)

Call Kay Wilburn if you have questions or donations

Christian Education – Director Jackie Steelman
Teachers and classes

Nursery © Glenda Guge

Preschool-Kindergarten © Lisa Schrick & Anessa Nation

1ST & 2ND Grades © Erika Perry & Cheryl Allen

3RD – 5TH Grades © Janet Wiles & Lori Sink

Middle School © Jenna McDaniels

Adult Classes: Oxford Service Forum / Horizon / Pilots

Attendance - - Offerings

September:

143 – 9/04 – \$3532

153 – 9/11 – \$3749

137 – 9/18 – \$3192

187 – 9/25 – \$3765

October:

128 – 10/02 – \$5456

159 – 10/09 – \$3409

171 – 10/18 – \$1822

187 – 10/23 – \$3128

Thanksgiving...

Give Thanks with a grateful heart...Give thanks to the Lord above...Give thanks for all He's done for you...

A psalm for giving grateful praise – Psalm 100 – Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; \square come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. \square It is He who made us, and we are His; \square we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the LORD is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generation.

DIVORCE HURTS

DivorceCare Seminar/Support Group to begin January 2010 DivorceCare is a video seminar series featuring some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on divorce and recovery topics from a biblical perspective. The video seminars are combined with support group discussion of the materials presented. Some topics include: healing, anger, depression, loneliness, finances, kidcare,

and moving on by growing closer to God. This support group will be led by Marianne Boeh and will meet weekly for 13 weeks starting in January. Talk it up to persons you know who would benefit from this type of support; it can be helpful to those who have been recently separated or divorced for several years. Anyone in the community is welcome so this is a wonderful outreach opportunity. If you have questions or interest to help call Marianne at 418-1098. Pray for this group to be an outreach ministry.

Birthdays

November: 1st Glenda Guge; 2nd Corinne Bowyer, Carol Boyer, Brian Sharp; 3rd – Dean Sauer;
4th – Darla Brown, Jana Carey, 6th – Cathy Sutton, Donna Tenk, Christopher Woolery; 7th Kelsie Studley;
8th – Martin Herrera, Shelie Messenger, Judd Perry; 9th – Steve Bones, Margaret Sanford; 10th – Charlie Waymire,
11th – Nicole, Bobey, Sherri Hintz, Saundra Petersen, 12th – Terie Kelley; 13th Jake Herzog, Lisa Watts;
14th – Liz Burks, Brynn Perry, Marty Underwood; 17th – Debbie Larcom; 18th – Carolyn Blake, Mike Newmaster,
19th – Celia Davis, Nancy Johnson, Angie McCune, Cira Plummer; 20th Sandy Howard, Roger Jensen;
21st – Chris Adee, Brian Hogelin; 22nd – Greg Bulmer; 23rd Dean Royse, Andy Sampson, Bruce Waymire;
24th – Ruth Lancaster, Gary Underwood; 25th – Sue Olmsted; 26th – Norma Geiss, Kris Jensen, Joyce Wasmund;
28th – Cliff Reynolds, 29th – Askar Herrera, 30th Logan Altic, Wayne Hedrick..

Anniversaries

November: 1st – Rod & Bonita Kitts; 6th – Vic & Sara Mitchell; 12th – Bill & Lorraine Seckington; 18th – Al & Kellie Hoier;
20th – Dan & Trisha Kaub; 25th – Michael & Emily Moss; 26th – Larry & Lucille Hinderliter;
27th – Phil & Cathy Sutton; 28th – Owen & Sandy Brister.

Monthly Newsletter sponsors are needed and appreciated!



Financial donations, your prayers and kind words,
are a great encouragement to this outreach ministry

*The cost per mailing is about \$50 to \$60 each. You may send
your contributions to the church office or place in the offering plate.
Please specify "Newsletter" on your donation.*

Reports and announcements due December 20th
Information may also be left at Church Office in Newsletter Box

The most recent newsletters are posted on the
FUMC website: <http://www.ottawafumc.org>

*Please address any questions, corrections, and additions to
Editor, Bonita Kitts email rodnbo73@yahoo.com Phone 242-5674*

Watch your neighbors and friends Build a house in 7 days and in 107 degree weather
People still talk about this mission!

The Hill Family Episode of Extreme Makeover House Edition will air Friday, November 4th on ABC

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Imagine how BIG we could build up God's House if all Christians would work together!

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