



THE SOUNDS OF SUNNY LANE

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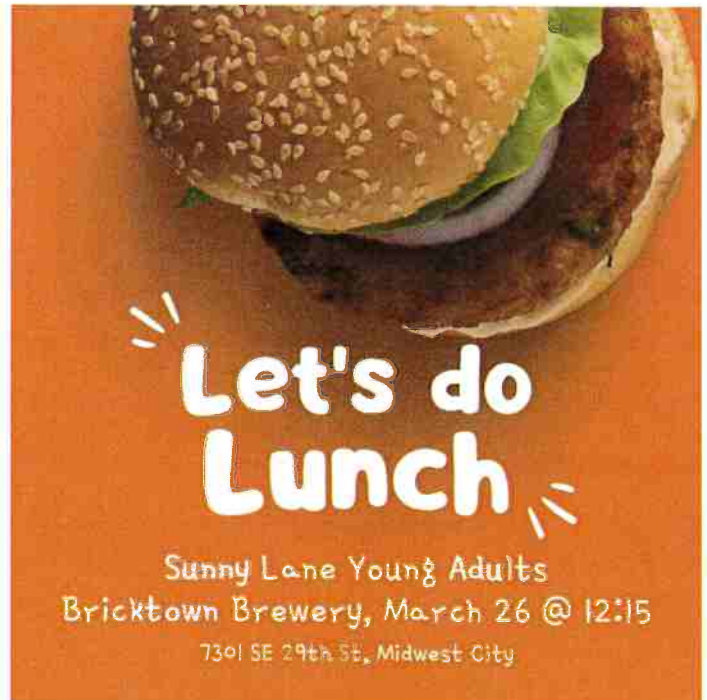
TOWN HALL MEETING Sunday, March 5th

All members of the church are invited to a Town Hall meeting regarding changing to the Accountable Structure from our present system of committees for governing the church. This will coincide with WUF luncheon in Fellowship Hall.



WOMEN UNITED IN FAITH LUNCHEON SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH

WUF will be serving baked potatoes and salad with all the trimmings and dessert in Fellowship Hall immediately after the late service. Everyone welcome! All proceeds go to support our missions.



Calling all 18-35 Year Olds! Let's go to lunch! On Sunday, March 26th, we will all meet at 12:15 over at Bricktown Brewery in Midwest City for lunch with Pastor Felix and Pastor Adam. See you there!



SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH

40 days
OF LENT



Dear Sunny Lane Family,

My middle name is Christopher. Probably shouldn't have told you that! Now, when I get in trouble you'll start using my middle name to get on to me like my mama did when I was a kid. "Adam Christopher!" always meant I had done something wrong! It wasn't until seminary when I was in the middle of Greek class that I learned my middle name is actually a combination of two Greek words. I realized it one day and it was like a light bulb went off and my personal appreciation for my middle name grew tremendously. "Christ" - pretty obvious, is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for "Messiah." The other word is "phērō," which means to bring, bear, or carry. Together, it means "One who carries or bears Christ inside." I love that.

Christ is the Word of God, the divine spark of the Creator that spoke creation into being and gave life and light to everything according to John 1. One of my favorite authors, Richard Rohr, says that all of creation is soaked with the presence of Christ. Jesus is the incarnation of that divine spark. Jesus is the Christ in human flesh. But, we are all made in the image of God: we all carry within us the seed of the divine, a little divine spark. Christ is nearer to us than our own breath. Christ is Emmanuel or "God-With-Us." In the same way that God is with us, we are called to be with others, bearing Christ inside us and seeing the light of God's love in them as well.

This month we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The Prayer of St. Patrick perfectly captures the idea of a Christ-soaked creation and begins with the exact idea I was trying to communicate in my sermon this past Sunday about God being *WITH* us:

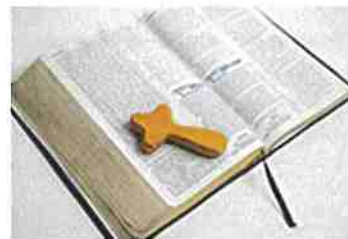
***Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,***

***Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.***

I hope that you will allow the awareness of Christ's presence that fills you and surrounds you to guide you this Lenten season.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Adam

LITURGIST FOR WORSHIP



If you would be willing to assist our pastors with worship, please sign up at the Welcome Center. This opportunity will be available in both the 8:30 am and 10:50 am services.

COMMUNION SERVERS FOR LATE WORSHIP FOR 2023



If you would like to serve communion in our late service on one of the first Sundays of the month, please sign up at the Welcome Center. Thank you for your assistance with our worship services.



This May, you can help bring awareness to stroke by spreading the word about the health screening happening on **Friday, May 5, 2023 at Sunny Lane United Methodist Church.** With your help, we hope to make people from your community aware of an undetected health problems. We look forward to our day together!

You may schedule by calling (844) 591-7160.

Dear Sunny Lane Family,



I appreciate so much your prayers, calls, and cards while I have been recovering from knee surgery. My recovery is progressing very well, and I hope to be back with your soon!

Joy Sweeney

Dear Friends,



I am so blessed to have a church of praying friends. Jesus heard my name from your lips to his ears for he was surely with me before, during, and after my surgery and the recovery time.

Praise the Lord, my cancer is all gone and no treatment is necessary. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! Also thank you for the many cards, calls, and texts of get well wishes and sympathy at my brother's passing.

Blessings, Myrt Brakhage



Saturday, April 8th
11:00 am to 12:30 pm

We had such a good time last year we are doing



it again—hoping for much warmer weather!! It is our version of an Easter egg hunt. You are invited to park your car in the east parking

lot, where the children will “hop” by and you can share an Easter treat with them. There will also be a flyer that invites the family to worship and Sunday School.

Sign-up at the Welcome Center if you would like to join the fun by parking your “Treat Car” for the bunny hop in the east parking lot. We are also receiving donations of candy and plastic eggs to be distributed at “The Hop.”



VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

Thanks so much for participating in our first Tailgate Party and supporting Fresh Lunch. Your generous donations brought in \$1094.10 for Fresh Lunch. It looked like all had fun and enjoyed the Fellowship. Also we appreciate all who stepped up to help with serving and cleanup. Thanks for realizing we are all Volunteers in Mission!

Our next Project will be serving popcorn and water to those watching and/or participating in the Armed Forces Parade in Del City on May 6 at 10:00.

Remember we have the ongoing missions of the Pillow Ministry, food for shut-ins, writing to those serving Military, supporting Del City High, and Supporting Skyline.

Feel free to give us ideas of how we can support our community.

Your VIM Team



The Closet is off to a great start in 2023. We have many new customers and our regular shoppers are still shopping. We have had opportunities to help some families in need also.

Our first quarter giving to the church is in the amount of \$1,164.38 to apportionments. Our giving to the Samaritan Fund is 383.13.

The Premier 14P Brandon Volleyball Team volunteered their time in the sorting room on Sunday, February 26th. Their volleyball program expects the girls to serve their communities during their season. Atticus Hall, the daughter of Terry and Lynnette Hall, is a member of the team. The girls are pictured below.

Premier 14P Brandon Volleyball





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February 21, 2023

TO THE MEMBERS OF YOUR CONGREGATION,

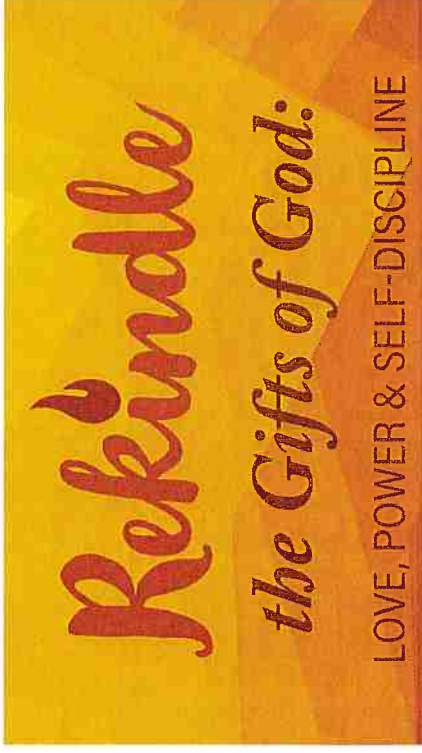
I deeply appreciate and do not take for granted your efforts to successfully pay 100% of your apportionments in 2022, especially given the continued challenges of these days. I believe every dollar given to the church is making a difference somewhere in the world. Because of your generosity, there is less suffering and more healing in the world today. There is less ignorance and more education across the globe today. There is less despair and more hope among people today.

Because of your generosity and our connection, United Methodists share the gospel and make a difference in the lives of people. Thank you for sharing in the work.

In service of others,

James G. Nunn
Bishop, Oklahoma Area
The United Methodist Church

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION



For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:6-7 NRSV

OKC SUNNY LANE United Methodist Church

For 100% support of 2022 Conference Apportionments as a demonstration of the church's commitment to fulfill Christ's mission through United Methodist Ministries, Institutions and Agencies.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James G. Nunn".

Rev. Dr. James G. Nunn, Bishop Oklahoma Area

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe B. Holt".

Joe B. Holt, Conference Treasurer



Our purpose: Helping men to grow in Christ, so others can know Christ.

Greetings to all. Our meeting for February was on the 20th. This was the re-start of our Annual Sweetheart Dinner. It was a catered dinner from J T's Barbecue right here in Del City. Entertainment was provided by our own talented Taylor Roland and his many instruments. (May I say he did an excellent job and we are so blessed to have him with us.) I hope all who attended enjoyed the both the meal and the entertainment. Our thanks and appreciation go out to Teresa Scott for the wonderful decorations, Jim Coonfield for the preparation of the dessert, Don Brader for a most meaningful and timely devotion, and the Boy Scouts for their work in the kitchen. Each contribution helped to make this a very successful and enjoyable evening.

The next big event for the Methodist men is the semi-annual Sausage Grind and Pancake Breakfast. This will be taking place on April 21-22. More specific information will be available after our March meeting

Speaking of our March meeting; it will be Monday March 20th at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker for that meeting will be Katy Leffel from Skyline.

Remember, all men of the church are invited and will be very much welcomed. Hope to see you there.

Until then:

Peace and Blessings
Dean Sparkman
President

SKYLINE

The Skyline Mission Project was completed February 12, but we still have some items and money to get a total count of. So far, we have contributed 619 pounds of clothing that was contributed by individuals, Our Neighbor's Closet and the Winter Warmth Project. We have also collected \$2500 which is great!

Thank you for your **BIG HEARTS** that support this vital mission in our community. It is rewarding to us personally and to know that our church has been a great support to their efforts. At the last drop off at Skyline, we told that "we are the most consistent support of all churches", before and through COVID and that makes us very proud. So a big **THANK YOU** again for supporting this mission!

If you need us to pick up items at your home, please give us a call. If you take items to the church, we will take those items too.

Tom and Donna Duhon - Volunteers In Mission/Skyline

Easter
SUNDAY

APRIL 9TH



United Women in Faith

MARK YOUR CALENDAR Day of Giving March 23, 2023

Greetings,

Our February 7th General Meeting was our "Call to Prayer and Self Denial Program". Our group is very supportive of this mission project.

Our first fundraiser of the year will be Sunday, March 5th. We will have a Baked Potato and Salad lunch with lots of good desserts right after our 11 o'clock service. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

I want to thank the Methodist Men for the dinner on February 20th. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship. The food was great and the program was wonderful. Thank you, Taylor.

Blessings to all!
Ina Lane, President

**UWF HEARTLAND
DISTRICT DAY APART
Saturday, March 25th
9:00 am to 2:00pm**

Cornerstone UMC
2604 N. May Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73107

Leader: Frances Bunch
Theme: Living with God

Registration Deadline is March 17th
Anna Guest -- guest_anna@hotmail.com

Registration fee is \$10.00 payable at the door
Includes lunch

Look for the signup sheet at the
Welcome Center

Why March 23? Because on that date in 1869 a group of eight intrepid women founded the **Woman's Foreign Missionary Society**, an organization that was the forerunner of United Women in Faith. To fulfill their vision of creating educational opportunities and providing health care to women in India, these founding women asked others to contribute "their prayers and two pennies." In this way a movement of faith and generosity in action was born.

The annual Day of Giving on March 23 is the single largest fundraising activity for the Legacy Fund of the year. United Women in Faith members and supporters across the country gather locally and virtually to contribute to and raise funds for the endowment.

Ways to Give:
Online

By phone: 800-278-7771 (8 am – 5 pm EST,
Mon- Fri)

Text: "GIVE" to 20503

By check to:
United Women in Faith
Attn: Legacy,
475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1500
New York, NY 10115

Write "Day of Giving" in the memo section

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
COFFEE AND CONVERSATION
SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT
MARCH 31 – APRIL 1
Crosspoint Camp**

Join the OK. Conference united Women in Faith as we explore the relationship of coffee to our faith journey. Expect a fun weekend of study, worship, crafts, relaxations and more!

Register today: OKUMC.ORG/UWF

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