

# HeartSong

Monthly Newsletter of Oak Park United Methodist Church  
601 Brentwood Bartlesville OK 74003

## APRIL

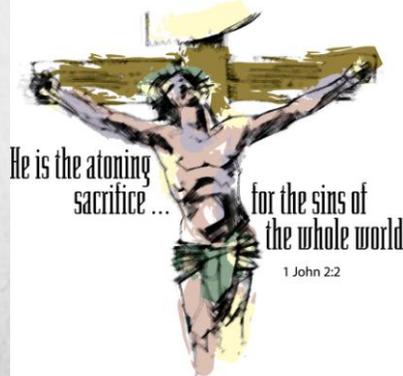
### Easter's meaning

In a 2011 Barna Group survey, two-thirds of Americans knew that Easter is a religious holiday. But only 42 percent connected its meaning to Jesus' resurrection. And only two percent of adults said they would describe Easter as the most important holiday of their faith.

Not everyone who connects Easter to religion has the facts straight. Two percent of Americans said Easter is about Jesus' birth. Another two percent said it's about Jesus' "rebirth." And one percent said it's a celebration of his second coming. Another three percent described Easter as a celebration of spring or a pagan holiday.

In the same survey, 31 percent of active churchgoers said they'd definitely invite an unchurched friend to worship with them on Easter weekend.

This Easter, share the truth and joy of the holiday with someone who doesn't know Jesus. News of the resurrection is too good to keep to ourselves!



## Mark Your Calendar

4/1-7

Holy Week

4/5

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal @ 6pm

4/6

Good Friday

4/7

Lions Easter Egg Hunt  
At Oak Park park @ 12 noon

4/8

Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast @  
6:45am

Easter Worship Service @ 10am  
Easter Egg Hunt following service

4/13-15

Antique Show/Sale @ Comm. Center

4/14

UMW Day Apart @ 1st UMC B'ville

4/24

OPCA Social/Meeting @ 6:30 pm

He that seeks God in  
everything is sure to find  
God in everything.  
-William Law

**Zingles** will meet on the 1st Saturday of the month for Breakfast at the Masonic Lodge about 9 a.m. All singles are welcome to come. For Info call 918-336-065- or E-mail Beawallflower57 @ [yahoo.com](mailto:Beawallflower57@yahoo.com)



The Maundy Thursday Seder/Passover meal will be held on April 5, 6 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. This is a full course dinner. With lamb prepared by Pastor David. A basket will be available for contributions towards the cost of the lamb. New Hope Methodist Church has asked to be included in this meal. We have a service during the meal, including scripture, songs and communion.



Easter Egg Hunt

Following Worship Service  
For all children up to 4th grade  
Please bring 10-20 plastic filled eggs to  
the church by 9 am

UMW A day Apart

Spiritual Growth Retreat

*My Mission Story – Dresses for Africa*

A panel discussion by Georgia Tully and Friends  
**Sat. April 14, 10-2 pm** @ FUMC 5th & Johnstone  
Communion with Pastor Connie Taylor  
Lunch provided by UMW  
Contact Ann Middleton 918-333-4514

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

**Matthew 28:19-20**

## Because of Easter

“The joyful news that [Christ] is risen does not change the contemporary world. Still before us lie work, discipline, and sacrifice. But the fact of Easter gives us the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline, and make the sacrifice.”

—Henry Knox Sherrill

### Message from Concern

Coming May 12th:

The USPS Letter Carriers Food Drive on May 12th to benefit Concern

Volunteers needed:

- Strong people with vans or trucks to meet at the post office
- Strong people to unload at concern
- Many people to help sort

To volunteer or find out more please contact Cheryl Henry @ 918-336-4693

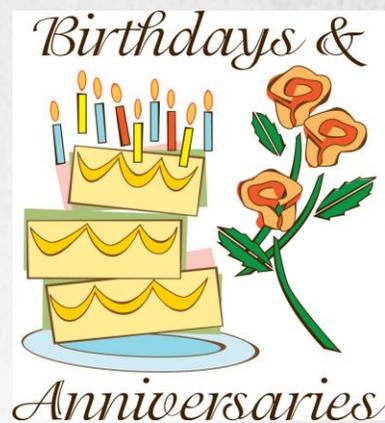
There are 40 to 50 letter carriers that work so hard, some on their own time to do this for the community. I would like to make sure we all recognize them with a special thank you!

The Bartlesville District VIM to Joplin is set for **April 15-20, 2012**. Contact Sandy Singleton at [singleton@bartnet.net](mailto:singleton@bartnet.net) or 918 333 6814 for more information. You can go for one day or all five. You can commute or stay in a lodge. Sandy can give you the details

### **April 20, 11 am to 7 pm Indian Taco Dinner at New Hope UMC**

The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 years. If you have any questions, call Rev. Michael Svitak at 918 534 3164 or just show up! The church is located at 910 W. 9th, Dewey, OK.

April 28, 8:30-4:30 pm, VIM Team Leader Training at Grove FUMC. Registration is through the Conference VIM office. Cost is the usual \$50 (includes lunch and materials), and the event is open to all. Save the drive to OKC for the training!! Rev. Randy Hamill said, "We know of no other opportunity for VIM training in this part of the state, and, with the new requirements approved at last Annual Conference, it is even more important than ever that every team from every local church be led by VIM-Trained team leaders."



4/1

**Jerry Lemen**

4/6

**Kathy Morris**

4/10

**Sharon Gibson**

4/11

**Loyd Harris**

4/12

**Ike & Mary Anderson**

4/23

**Darlene Lemen  
Kaleb Dodd  
Charlie Hemke**

The will of God will never take you to where the grace of God will not protect you.

-Bernadette Devlin

