

HeartSong

NEWSLETTER

March 2012

Oak Park United Methodist Church
601 Brentwood Rd. Bartlesville Ok 74003

Say yes to God

“Many think of self-denial as giving up something during the Lenten season. Others have said that it is to be dead to self, or even to hate self. I disagree with these opinions. When Jesus referred to self-denial (Mark 8:34), he was not talking about denying ourselves some luxury item or denying the reality of self or the needs of self. Rather, he was focusing on the importance of renouncing self as the center of our life and actions.

“In other words, self-denial is the decision of each of his followers to give over to God his body, career, money and time. A true disciple is willing to shift the spiritual center of gravity in his life. Self-denial is the sustained willingness to say no to oneself in order to say yes to God”.



On March 2nd at 10:00 a.m.
Celebrate World Day of Prayer
with Church Women United at
Grace Epworth church in
Bartlesville
706 SE 3rd St.



If you would like to purchase an Easter lily in memory or in honor of someone please let the office know by April 1. They will be \$ 10.00 and must be paid for by that date.

A Word from Our Pastor David

Lent is one of the true significant seasons in the church year. In the same way that the four Sundays ahead help us prepare for Christmas, the forty days ahead of Easter are used to focus inward, do a spiritual inventory of our own journey, For me, this year is particularly important since it will be the last time as a pastoral leader of a congregation that I will be helping guide this spiritual journey. It is also a time for each of us to do our own inner work, confronted by the reality of sin, and of how God continues to be at work in our life.

Jesus and the disciples are on a journey that is leading them to Jerusalem. It will be the time of Passover as the people gather remembering how God acted in the midst of lives being lived in bondage. Faith conquered the angel of death, and ahead was the Promised Land. God's love was found in overwhelming ways through the covenant. Let us all grow in faith and love, moving to Easter. Let God bless you now!

Help send our youth to Camp

This year the money given to Lent will be used for youth camp scholarships. We have several youth that will be eligible to attend summer camp at Camp Eagan and also CJAMM's New Day Camp for children with one or more parents in jail that is held on the shores of Lake Texoma. For more information on all the camps available through OKUMC please visit <http://www.okumcmini.stries.org/camps/index.htm>



The Maundy Thursday Seder/Passover meal will be held on **April 5, 6 pm**, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a sign-up sheet for those who are planning to attend and for the items they will bring. 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.

Concern is having their Pancake Breakfast Saturday March 3rd at St Johns from 8:30 to 11. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults & \$2.00 for children under 12. The Knights of Columbus sponsor this delicious breakfast.

Here are some Items Concern is in need of:

Chunky soups, Campbells type vegetable or beef soup, Toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap, shampoos Jelly, Cake mixes, Juice Crackers
Canned tomatoes

Thank You for all your support!

MUTUAL Tuesday House will have a special sale next Saturday, March 3rd. There will be lots of nice spring clothing, good household merchandise and furniture.
Hours 9 am to 12:30 pm.

Green Country Lions Club

Serving the community

Chicken & Homemade Noodles

Ticket Prices: Adult \$5.00

Children under 12 - \$3.00

(drink & Dessert included)

Bring used eyeglasses for recycling

Sat, Mar 17 11:00 - 2:00

First Church Of Nazarene

3650 SE Adams Blvd.

Congratulations!

Jim & Sammie Clingenpeel
and

David Pennell

**As they joined the Green Country
Lions Club in February**



God Bless America



One Nation Under God...

Honor the soldiers who fight and die
daily to preserve our freedom.

Keep America strong!

VOTE!

Primary Election- June 26

Last day to register - Friday, June 1

Last time to request absentee ballot

Wednesday, June 20

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from Your presence,
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,
And sinners shall be converted to You.

Psalm 51:10-13

**"Man cannot live by
bread alone, yet still
many try to satisfy the
inner life with outer
accoutrements. That is
impossible."
—Anonymous**



“Faith is to the soul what life is to the body. Prayer is to faith what breath is to the body. How a person can live and not breathe is past my comprehension, and how a person can believe and not pray is past my comprehension, too.”

Low Family Young Scholars
Afternoon Tea, Fashion Show &
Silent Auction

Saturday April 14, 2012
At St. Luke's Episcopal Church
210 E. 9th St.
Tickets \$30
Call Laurie for reservations
918-331-5214



Brenda Prufer 3

Gary Lemen 4

Lyle Sallee 8

Tris Sachau 10

David Cunningham 16

Madison Nichole Barnhill 18

Gary Holland 22

Brian Hartmann 27

Barbara Turner 31



Lewis & Donna Hayes 3

Brian & Heather Davis 19

Chuck & Janet Hemke 20

General Conference News

At the gathering of the World Conference for United Methodists, they will be showing video examples of mission efforts in action. The General Board of Global Missions have asked to come to Oak Park UMC on Sunday, March 11, with a film crew to follow **Hadley Davis** since she made the jewelry as a fundraiser for the Japan earthquake. That will include the worship time, so let's pack the sanctuary for the filming!

Girl Scouts reaches century mark

In 1912, Georgia resident Juliette Gordon Low phoned a distant cousin and said, “I’ve got something for the girls of Savannah, and all of America, and all the world, and we’re going to start it tonight!”

Today the Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA) continues to empower girls through community service, camping experiences and the teaching of other practical skills. The organization, which has nurtured more than 50 million participants, strives to build “girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.”

Bartlesville Choral Society

Presents “Movie Magic: Let's go to the Movies”
A lighthearted concert of cinema music with the chorus center stage.

April 1st 2012 @ 2:00 PM

Tickets: bvillechoralsociety.org or 918-335-7969



**Family
Night
Supper**

March 14th at 5:30

In Fellowship Hall

Sponsored by the

Evangelism Committee

Bring the whole family
and a salad or dessert of
your choice and enjoy
good food and
fellowship.