



Not sure what time a meeting is being held? Is the community dinner this Saturday? When is the newsletter deadline? These are some of the questions that are available at your fingertips by going to the church web page www.mdumctulsa.com. The page is updated daily.



Heritage Sunday

April 8th, 10 a.m.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

It is hard to believe that we are already into the third month of the year. I thought this would be a good time to update the congregation as to the financial status of the church. Unfortunately, our tithes and offerings have not kept up with the expenses the church has incurred so far this year. We are in the negative by over \$9,000. Our church will not be able to continue this trend for the rest of the year. Our checking account balance is at an all time low due to the ongoing negative situation that we face. Expenses have been cut back considerably, but regrettably, we have many fixed expenses that cannot be reduced. Over the years we have lost many of our beloved members of our church who were faithful givers. I am asking at this time if everyone could prayerfully review your budgets and possibly increase your giving to support our church. This church has so many amazing ministries that help our community and our church family. Proverbs 3:9 is a good reminder to all of us as to the importance of giving. *"Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce"*. I pray that everyone who loves this church as much as I do, to continue to financially help us with tithes and offerings that come from your heart.

Martha Oglesby, Finance Chair

Prayer Requests

Members

Norita Akers
Danielle Barton
Patricia Barton
Bette Black
Peggy Bullington
DeeAnn Gibbons
Dodie Gregory
Jimmie Hardison
Tom Lester
Chelsea Rickman
Mike Rickman
Joe Rosenthal
Wilma Toomey

Our College Students

Australia Brown
Trey Brown
Blake Calhoun
Brock Calhoun
Jasmine David
Kaylee Noland
Allyson Rowe
Erik Stutsman
Tucker Wilkie

Friends and Family

Kaye Adair
Rev. Kenneth Anderson
Denise Carlton
Erin, Dustin & Adelyne
Duncan
Shirley Ess
Sara Eubanks
Christina Federline
Billy Furlong
Terry Gilkey
Fred Gilley
Claudean Harrison
Dallas Johnson
Ebb Johnson
JoJeanne London
Terry McDaniel
Jean Pope
Grayson Sample
Leroy Stewart
Terry Theimer
Remy Wheeler
Kenny Williams
Amelia
Debbie
Donna
Rachel



We recycle motel toiletries, beverage cans, eyeglasses, hearing aids and Best Choice labels. Containers for these items may be found in the hall outside Fellowship Hall.



The Flame



Memorial Drive UMC

March 15, 2018

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Nursery Worker: Katie Childs

Lay Leaders

Accounts Payable Treasurer: Linda Baker

Choir President: Linda Baker

Church Council Chair: Mike Rickman

Evangelism Chair: Carl Alred

Fellowship Chair: Beverly Laubach

Finance Chair: Martha Oglesby

Lay Leader: Carl Alred

Lay Servants: Carl Alred, Yvonne Dressel, Linda Calhoun, Kitty Cross, Mike Rickman, Gerald Steele

Membership Secretary: Susan Frye

Memorials Chair: Carl Alred

Missions Chair: Martha Rickman

Staff/Parish Chair: Linda Calhoun

Trustees Chair: Denny Redmon

United Methodist Men President: Carl Alred

Worship Committee Chair: Kitty Cross

Youth Council Chair: Betty Federline

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Please Call Church Office

Monday-Friday 9am-3:30pm

918-835-8426

Hospital Visitor:

Richard Berschauer

Beloved,

I am writing this with these lovely flowers--gifted to me by a dear friend--in my office, so lovely and bright, and they smell so good, I find all I can think about is new life. Spring is upon us. The trees are budding, the sun is shining, the weather is changing, and my weeds are growing! I love the cycle of the seasons and here we are in the one that is symbolic of new growth, new life. May we find our way together in this season to look forward to the new. The new relationships to be formed and forged. The new experiences of God at work in this place. The refreshing of the Holy Spirit as the winds of change blow. May we look forward to this time with excitement and big audacious dreams. God is in the midst and we are blessed. Even though I am not necessarily a nature girl, I find myself delighting in the new growth, the bursts of color, and the unexpected blessings given to us by God.



Much Love,

Temple

WELCOME SPRING!

Potluck Lunch

April 15, 2018

11:15 a.m.

(Immediately following worship)

The fellowship committee will provide ham and rolls. Members are encouraged to bring their favorite side dish or dessert to share.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!!!

*spring
potluck*



The drama, *The Seven Last Words of Christ*, will be presented at 7 p.m., Friday, March 30, in the Sanctuary.

EASTER BREAKFAST

You are invited to join our family of faith for Easter Breakfast on April 1 at 8:15-9:30. The menu will be biscuits, sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, fruit salad, coffee, milk and juice. Your generous donations will go towards the mission work of our church. Please join us on Easter morning!

Easter Breakfast



CHURCH GARAGE SALE COMING APRIL 27-28!

Please save all the things you are ready to part with and let us put them in the Church Garage Sale on April 27-28! You may bring your treasures to the church during office hours, Monday-Friday, and store them in Rooms 203 and 205. You may also wait to bring them to the Fellowship Hall beginning the week of April 22. We will be setting up all that week. The sale begins Friday, April 27 at 9:00-4:00 and Saturday, April 28 at 8:00-2:00. All proceeds goes to the mission work of our church. Thank you for your generous support! Any questions, please contact Martha Rickman, Mission Chair, at 918-607-2686 or rickma@tulsaschools.org.

Martha Rickman, Mission Chair

Easter Egg Hunt!



We are still collecting eggs, preferably filled with individually wrapped candy, on March 18 & 25, in The Commons. Donations of candy to fill empty eggs is also appreciated.

We need A LOT of volunteers for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Tammy Angel or Betty Federline. You can email Tammy at tammyangel@yahoo.com or text her at 918.949.8269 or email Betty at federline@cox.net or call her at 918.664.0963 and leave a message if she is not available. Thank you for your continued help and support.

Betty Federline, Chair, Children, Youth and Adults

Clothes Closet

We had a record 31 guests in our Clothes Closet in February and we currently need women's socks, underwear (sizes 10 & 12), and feminine hygiene products. Please visit our Clothes Closet to see the variety of men's, women's and children's clothes we now offer to our neighborhood community. The MDUMC Clothes Closet is open 1st and 3rd Mondays from 10 til noon.

Your continued support of this ministry is truly appreciated.

Deborah McIntyre

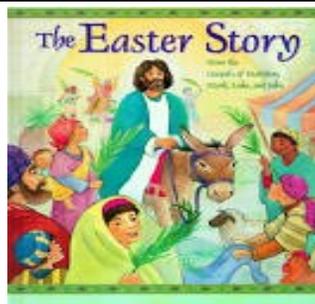


Community Dinner

Our Community Dinners have been a great success; in February we served over 90 meals. The March meal is March 24th and the April meal is April 28th. You are always welcomed to help set up, cook, serve or clean up.

We still need volunteers to prepare the May 26th Community Meal. If you have been wondering how you can help—now's your chance.

Please contact Deborah McIntyre (918) 381-3278 if you would like to sign up for the May meal or if you have questions.



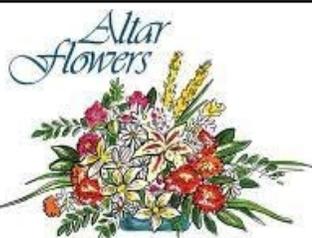
There are several children's books in the church library that tell the Easter story. The church library is located in the adult Sunday School hall and is open when the church is open.

Saturday

March 24, 2018—9:00 AM



We need volunteers to help fix up the church's second parsonage located directly behind the church. Please use your painting, weeding, cleaning skills to assist. We will need rags, paint brushes, sanders, to name a few items, but most of all, HANDS, to help! If you have any questions please contact Denny Redmon or Kayla Richardson. We look forward to seeing you there!



The florist who has served Memorial Drive United Methodist Church for many years is retiring next month. After much prayer, thought and discussion it has been decided to no longer provide fresh flowers in the chancel area in the future. Thank you to everyone who has supported this ministry in the past.



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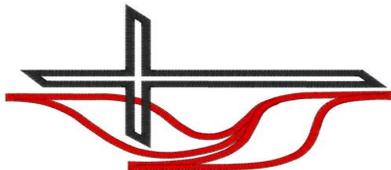
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Day Center for the Homeless

The mission of our church operates well with different groups providing and serving the meal on the first Friday of each month. The 2018 Schedule is:

January 5th

VIM TEAM

February 2nd

BREAKTHRU CLASS

March 2nd

CHALLENGERS CLASS

April 6th

AD COUNCIL

May 4th

YOUTH ALUMNI

June 1st

BELL CHOIR

July 6th

SALT CLASS

August 3rd

PATHFINDERS CLASS

September 7th

UMM

October 5th

CHANCEL CHOIR

November 2nd

FRYE FAMILY

December 7th

DISCIPLE CLASS

Remember.....activities change frequently. For the most updated calendar go to MDUMCTulsa.com.

The NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is April 16, 2018.