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John Conley is out of Joplin and the U.S. from Monday, March 8 through Sunday, March 21. He will be traveling with a class from the University of Oklahoma studying and meeting with Sufi Muslim students in the Gulen schools in Turkey.

The following are people are willing and able to handle all emergencies:

- You are welcome to always call Mary Wilson or Beverly Scroggins in the church office, 624-2433.
- In case of the death, please call Brock Watson at (417) 673-2729
- Hospital calls: March 8-18 Jackie Ranum 781-7690
 March 19-21 Linda Jones 782-0878
- Clerk of Session Claude Jardon, 781-3770, is able to get you in touch with a deacon or elder who can be of service.

God bless us all during this Lenten season as we point toward Holy Week, the Cross, and the celebration of our life in Christ Jesus.



ATTENDANCE

	Feb 21, '10	Feb 22, '09
Worship	151	194
Kid's Kingdom	17	25
Nursery	12	8
Total	180	227
Sunday School	(Combined Adult classes, No count)	131
	Feb 28, '10	Mar. 1, '09
Worship	167	135
Kid's Kingdom	24	7
Nursery	7	8
Total	198	150
Sunday School	115	117

March

- 7 Charlie Edwards
Ethan Fredricks
Don Sonntag
- 9 Keith Brown, Chris Hall
Sam Steele
- 10 James Archer, Laura Dimmit
- 13 John Campbell, Phyllis Fick
- 14 Amanda Cary, Angela Fredricks
- 15 Aidan Brock
- 16 Dan Dutton, Margo Lee, Shirley Lonchar
- 18 Andrew Beard, Jackie Wooldridge
- 19 Carol Groene, Logan Skelley
- 20 Rosemary Stone



The Bulletin Board

Message

February 22 - Janet and I have been overwhelmed by the kindness of people. I have received many cards and personal phone calls from so many. We are blessed to have such good friends. Thank you for all your prayers. God has been with me every step of the way. Praise God.

Dick & Janet McNally



Wanted!

1. Clothes for KidStuff "emergencies!"
New or gently-used children's clothing (boys & girls) sizes 24 mo-5T.

2. For the home learning center!

- * Beds for dolls
- * child-size plastic kitchen "appliances"

F.Y.I.

Congregational Guide Reception
Sunday, March 7, 10:45 am
The Membership Care Committee will host a reception for all new members and their mentors to help them become familiar with the church's committees and their functions.

Announcement!

Community Women's Event - You are invited to attend this special event for women sponsored by the First United Methodist Church, Saturday, March 27, with Beth Atchison, guest speaker and B.J. Huffman, worship leader. 8:45 am - 1:00 pm. \$8 per person. For details or to pre-register, call 623-2796

Message

It was a great surprise to be given an award a couple Sundays ago. I will enjoy wearing the t-shirt when I ring the bells! Thanks to whomever was responsible.

Tod Thompson

With Sympathy To

Karen and Terry Dolanc and Family
In the death of her father

John Epler
February 18

Robert Harding and Family
in the death of his wife

Marilyn Harding
February 22

Five Things to take up rather than give up this Lent.

Get outdoors - One of the simplest and most immediate ways for me to get a sense of God's presence is to go outside and look for it.

Spend time with others - Another place where I'm sure to find God is in others, specifically those who are - or should be - the recipients of my generosity and compassion.

Pray for the little things - During Lent I pray more often - out in the garden, on my runs, over lunch with friends. I also pray smaller, about the most minor details of my life: to-do lists, writing deadlines, lost keys.

See the answers - Early in my adult faith I longed to read the Bible daily. As a full-time teacher and mother of two toddlers, though, I had to spend what little unoccupied time I had grading papers. So I prayed for more time. I didn't really expect anything to change. And nothing did, exactly. I stayed just as busy at work, grading papers, just as busy at home, as I always had. Nevertheless, somehow I was able to get it all done. Every morning, that whole year, I read the Bible. I was granted the miracle of time. Lent is a time to consciously acknowledge and appreciate life's daily miracles. The miracles of dirt and winter onions and answered prayers.

Turn worry into prayer - If I ever felt challenged to give a cherished or unhealthy habit up for Lent, it would have to be worrying. Worries about my daughters or money or some conflict wake me most nights. I even worry about worrying. In the spirit of Lenten renewal, though, I weave my worrying into prayers. I call it "pray-worrying," the closest I've ever come to that mysterious faith achievement of "just giving it to Jesus." I may sound pushy, disrespectful even, in my prayer-worries, and I am. I am as self-absorbed and demanding as my teenage daughters can be. But here's the thing. During Lent and always, God is present. Nearby. Listening. Longing to respond.

~ Patty Kirk, Westville, OK in Guidepost Magazine (excerpts)

Easter Lilies

Your donation to the Easter Lily Fund given in memory or in honor of a loved one, will help decorate the church sanctuary with beautiful lilies during this Easter season. A portion will help purchase palm fronds for the Palm Sunday service. Complete this form and return it to the church office with your check marked, "Lily Fund."



(Please print)

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____ Telephone: _____

On the Calendar

For Kids

June 6-8  American Girl Doll Camp

June 27-30 - FROG Camp #1

July 11-14 - Frog Camp #2



July 19-23 - Vacation Bible School

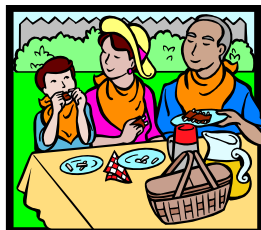


August 5-7 - Siesta Fiesta... Ole!



And For Kids of All Ages

June 27 - All Church Picnic at ShoalKirk



Mark Your Calendar



Saturday, March 13. . . .

What do Christians and Jews have in common?

How are Jews and Christians different?

How have Christians justified their attitudes toward and treatment of Jews over the centuries since Jesus appeared in the world?

If you are interested in exploring these questions with some of our Jewish neighbors, you are invited to join in a conversation and study session, led by Dr. Bill Kumbier and Dr. Paul Teverow, at the United Hebrew Congregation, 7th and Sergeant, at 3:30, Saturday, March 13. Dr. Teverow and Dr. Kumbier will present and discuss material from the recently published *Augustine and the Jews* by Paula Fredriksen (author of *From Jesus to Christ*). A packet of excerpts from Fredriksen's book and other preliminary readings is available from Bill Kumbier (782-1167, Kumbier-W@mssu.edu) for those who wish to attend. We hope this will be one especially stimulating way to celebrate the Passover and Easter seasons!

Coming Attractions for Youth -

"Acquire The Fire", March 26-27, Tulsa, for Middle and High School students. If you plan to go, contact Janelle or Angel by Sunday, March 7. Check out the website at www.acquirethefire.com for details of this year's event.

Guest Ministers - While Pastor Conley is in Turkey on a study tour, our guest ministers will be Christine Harris, March 14, and Ted Easley, March 21. Please pray for Pastor Conley as he travels and for our guest ministers as they prepare to lead our hearts in worship.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle 7

Tuesday, March 9, 7:00 pm
Ann Moorehouse, Hostess

Gathered Meeting and Program

Wednesday, March 24
Program Presented by
Wendy Jones & Jennifer Forsythe
Turnaround Ranch, Ozark Center
Assisting Circle - Circle 7



WOW



Wednesdays during Lent

Dinner, 5:15 - 5:45 pm . . . Classes, 6:00-7:00 pm.

March 10 & 17

Viewing & Discussion led by Janelle McKenzie

“Flywheel”

Created with the same faith-filled warmth and humor of “Facing the Giants”, “Flywheel” is the first movie produced by Sherwood Pictures, the movie-making ministry of a church in Georgia. It will have you cheering (and crying) once again!

A great story with a first-rate message! Jay Austin wants to sell used cars in the worst way . . . and that’s exactly how he does business at his dealership. Promising much more than he can ever deliver, he’ll do whatever it takes to sell a car. His manipulative ways permeate all of his relationships - even his wife and son don’t trust him. But as Jay works on restoring a classic convertible, he begins to see that God is working on restoring him as well. Coming face-to-face with the reality of how he truly conducts himself, Jay begins the ride of his life as he learns to honor God with his business, his relationships, and his life.

March 24 (To be announced)

Children & youth activities and nursery provided based on pre-registration before each WOW session. Registration cards are available on the table in JKH, or call the church office.

Please RSVP by Tuesday noon for each week’s dinner.

Sign-up sheet is available on the table in JKH or you may call the church office.

Youth Bible Study of the Book of Acts with Angel

Each WOW evening includes a PW “Creating Prayer Shawls/Quilts” group led by Joyce Skinner. You do not need to have any kind of needlework background or talent at all! Anyone is invited to drop by any of the sessions and work on the project, or just “sit a spell”. This is not an instruction class of sewing. Come and learn about this ministry and enjoy a time of fellowship.

Centering Prayer - Each Monday during Lent (*February 15-March 29*) at 7:00 pm, in the Parlor, John Conley and John & Carolyn Hale will lead anyone interested in the discipline of silent prayer. Even if you missed the first session, you are welcome to join the group. Please call the church office or sign up in John Knox Hall so that enough material will be ready for everyone. Call or see John Conley if you have any questions.



You are invited - Begin each Wednesday during Lent on a high note. Join the Motley Crew at 7:00 am in JKH for a six-week study of the Parables of Jesus. Bring your Bible and come prepared to experience a time of renewal and refreshing in anticipation of the celebration of Resurrection Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 7

9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Fellowship, JKH
10:45 am Sunday School
New Member/Mentor Reception
5:00 pm Intercessory Prayer
5:00 pm Youth & Club 345

Monday, March 8

7:30 am - 5:30 pm KidStuff
5:00 pm Finance
5:00 pm Gifts & Memorials
6:00 pm Cub Scouts
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:00 pm Centering Prayer

Tuesday, March 9

6:45 am Men's Bible Study
7:30 am - 5:30 pm KidStuff
7:00 pm PW Circle 7

Wednesday, March 10

7:00 am Motley Crew, JKH
7:30 am - 5:30 pm KidStuff
1:30 pm Book Club
4:15 pm Covenant Choir
5:15 pm WOW Dinner
5:40 pm Praises Ringing
6:00 pm WOW
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, March 11

7:30 am - 5:30 pm KidStuff
7:00 pm Deacons

Friday, March 12

7:30 am - 5:30 pm KidStuff

Sunday, March 14

9:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Fellowship, JKH
10:45 am Sunday School
5:00 pm Intercessory Prayer
5:00 pm Youth & Club 345

Monday, March 15

7:30 am - 5:30 pm KidStuff
6:00 pm Cub Scouts
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:00 pm Centering Prayer

Tuesday, March 16

6:45 am Men's Bible Study
7:30 am - 5:30 pm KidStuff

Wednesday, March 17

7:00 am Motley Crew, JKH
7:30 am - 5:30 pm KidStuff
5:15 pm WOW Dinner
6:00 pm WOW
4:15 pm Covenant Choir
5:40 pm Praises Ringing
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, March 18

7:30 am - 5:30 pm KidStuff

Friday, March 19

7:30 am - 5:30 pm KidStuff

Deacons on Call for the Month of March

These deacons are the emergency contacts for notification of hospitalization, death, or any other concern needing immediate attention.

Linda Jones, 782-0878 and Jackie Ranum, 781-7690

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