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9AM—Sunday Worship

10AM—Sunday School

11AM—Sunday Worship

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Beloved Community,

We have made it through Charge Conference season! As much as you may catch me grumbling about paperwork, I honestly enjoy the look back at the year in ministry that this time of year provides us. We get to take stock of where we have been as a church, who we have welcomed in, as well as the beloved members of our community who have joined the church triumphant. We also get the opportunity now to look ahead at the year that is to come. I want to start this with highlighting one of our new ministry partnerships and giving some space to one of our old favorites. As you may know, we've reached out and partnered with Kennedy Elementary School this year. They have asked for us to run a booth for their literacy night on November 14th. Please reach out to the church office if you would be interested in helping out with this opportunity to make connections with kids in our community and help share God's love.

I also want to give focus to our relationship with the OU Wesley. It's exciting to see the work that they are doing in sharing Christ with the campus here in Norman. I'm the product of the ministry of the Wesley here and I know I'm not alone in finding the foundation of my call in this place. They'll be in worship with us on November 16th to share some of their story, but I wanted to take the time to share a message from Rev. Elizabeth Horton-Ware, the director of the Wesley Foundation here:

"The Wesley is in a season of growth! We are excited about a significant group of freshmen that are committed to our ministry, a shared weekly worship with international and domestic students, and so many options for students to grow in their walk with Christ!

But we could use some hands on help! Right now we are looking for help with drivers for monthly trips geared toward international students, monthly rotation of set up and clean up for Tuesday night dinner, and great helpers with our growing children's population also on Tuesday nights. Have time to share with OU students? I would love to help you connect! You can email me at elizabeth@okwesley.org

Can't help right now? Please pray! We believe we will continue to grow as we share Christ's unconditional love with the campus."

We hope you'll find a place to volunteer in one of these ministry partnerships and that you would continue dreaming of how we can be of service to our community as the hands and feet of Christ.

Blessings,
Rev Jeff Hinton
Email: hintonesquire@gmail.com

BIBLE STUDY

Twelve Ordinary Men

Meets on Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:00 just before choir. We are using John' Macarthur's book to guide our study and discussion. You're welcome to join us anytime!

Blessings,
Sherry McCurley
Email: ssemcc@hotmail.com



Thank you to everyone that helped to make our first Trunk or Treat a big success! You all are rock stars. Thanks to: Mary & Troy Daley, Faye, Maria, & Matt Alexander, Chance & Nikki Mire, Caroline

& Chris Hunt, Isaac, Izabelle, & Sam, Dwight & Lynda Maney, Brittany & Tom Boone, Diamond & Renee Liggins, Kahlia Williams, Jeff & Monica Hinton, Peggy & Asher Lazure & Evelyn, Pam Cook, Brad & Leigh Calhoon, Kenny Presson, Brandon & Kaiti Hagain, Debbie, Larry, & Melissa Anderson, and Erin Perillo & her mom for setting up your trunks. They were outstanding. Big thank you to the youth: Sam, Jaiden, Vincent, Arwen, Eli, Matt, & Addi. You guys are the best! It was a great night to be in the community .



Mark November 11th, 11:30am, in the gym on your calendar. That is the date of GCGer's Friendsgiving Lunch. GCGer's will provide the meat, dressing and gravy. Please provide a side dish or dessert. All are welcome to join us.

There WILL NOT be our 4th Tuesday lunch at Golder Corral in November.

This time of the year is difficult for many people, especially for those that are home bound, in nursing facilities, or assisted living. Please call, send a card or visit them.

Blessings,
Kathy Hooker



CHILDREN

Children's Sunday School

Teachers: Caroline Hunt and Pam Kaiser

Class 10:00-11:00

Nov. 2 – Samuel Chooses a King

1 Samuel 9; 10:17-24

Nov. 9 – Solomon Asks for Wisdom

1 Kings 3:1-5

Nov.16 – The Servant Girl Speaks Up

2 Kings 5:1-19

Nov. 23 – Josiah Leads as King

2 Kings 22:1-23:23

Nov. 30 – God Speaks Through Isaiah

Isaiah 11:1-9

Blessings,
Sherry McCurley
Email: ssemcc@hotmail.com



Youth

Meets Sunday 6:00-8:00pm in the gym

Sat. Nov. 8th – Day of Service at OCU 1 – 5p

Leave 12:15 and return 5:45pm Dress to work. We don't know what we will be doing yet. Maybe painting, yard work, who knows. Come prepared to serve.

Sun. Nov 30th – Play day away. Come to youth to find out what and where. Cost \$5.00.

Mark your calendars for our annual Advent Workshop Yes, it is that time of year already. Advent begins on Sunday Nov. 30th . Details coming soon.

Blessings,
Sherry McCurley
Email: ssemcc@hotmail.com



It's time once again to start preparing for Operation Christmas Child (aka Shoebox Christmas) with Samaritan's Purse. The brightly wrapped shoeboxes filled with toys and other useful items will be distributed to children worldwide. Not only do these festive boxes bring the hope and joy of Christmas, they also include a message of the love that Jesus has for them.

Last year because of your generous support Goodrich was able to provide 247 shoeboxes to support this mission. I would like to increase the number of shoeboxes to 300 for this year.

There are numerous ways you can help to support this mission by providing shoeboxes, Christmas wrapping paper, tape and toys and allowed items to fill the shoeboxes. Other important ways to participate is to personally purchase items and pack a shoebox or to make a donation for me to purchase much needed items for the boxes. Goodrich has a designated fund for this purpose. Please indicate your donation is for the Shoebox Christmas. Pre wrapped boxes will be provided if you would like to purchase the suggested items and pack a box yourself. Do not tape your shoebox shut.

There will be a display set up in the church foyer to provide pre wrapped boxes for you to start shopping and filling your shoebox. Instructions and guidelines explaining what is needed and what is not allowed in the boxes will also be available. Please remember to complete a label and mark the appropriate age group and if it's for a boy or girl. Tape the label on the top of the shoebox on the outside.

Dates to remember.....

October 5- View the Shoebox Christmas display in the foyer

November 9- All donations of items to fill the boxes must be at the church. A donation box will be in the foyer. All pre-filled boxes must be returned to the church.

November 13- Packing party in the gym at Goodrich at 6:00 pm. Pizza, salad and desert provided.

November 19 - Boxes must be delivered to the Norman drop site to be shipped to the distribution center in Dallas.

Please join me in helping to make this mission a success to bring happiness and the love of Jesus to children around the world. A sincere thank you to each of you for participating in this much needed mission.

Janice Shockley 405-630-8744

United Methodist Men

The next Community Breakfast will be Sunday, November 16th from 8-10AM in the gym.

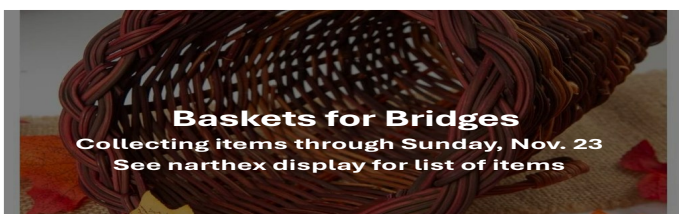
Come hungry!

Blessings,
Kenny Presson



In October, our expected tithe budget is 19K and we only received 18K, so we are 1K short.. Our expenses for October were better than expected. However, for the year, we are about 4K in the negative. We would like to bring this up to break even at zero by the end of the year. Thank you .

Blessings,
Lynda Maney



The GCGers are collecting items for baskets for Bridges. We are collecting through Nov. 23.

Bridges is a non-profit that benefits high school students who are living on their own without parental support. Besides staying in school, they are required to hold down a job. Suggestions for the baskets:

- Individual Size Snack Foods
- Mac & Cheese
- Ramen Noodles
- Canned Goods (not family size)
- Canned Fruits
- Powdered Milk
- Individual Puddings & Jello
- Beef Jerky & Meat Snacks
- Juice Boxes
- Drink Mixes
- Mini-Cereal Boxes
- Cold & Cough Remedies
- Lysol Cleaners
- Dish Soap
- Shower Curtains
- Body Wash
- Shampoo & Conditioner



Angels Unlimited Craft Show and Bazaar

What a fun weekend! I hope the Angels Unlimited Craft Sale was a success!

Because this article was actually published BEFORE the sale- I'm sharing thoughts from last year's!! We had some from other churches asking questions like- "how did you get buy-in from so many members of your church- and all ages too?!" Is it possible for us to join in some way to do a fundraiser for our church? (they booked a booth this year btw) And a pastor asked- how does the entire church look like they're having so much fun with an event that takes so much work?

That tells me one thing- Goodrich radical hospitality was on full display. From the members who were vendors, to the many, many workers that helped cover all the shifts, to the clean up and set up crews!

When we do events like this- it reinforces the community that Goodrich is- new friendships are formed, you get to know everyone a little better, and we're all pleasantly exhausted. Great work team!

- So while all of our vendors and Goodrich booths did well, we also knew that life was happening at the same time, and not everyone could come. So if you baked goods, grew plants, or spent months painting or crafting something for us to sell, thank you. If you donated a craft, thank you. If you put out a sign (that we also need you to pick up and bring back), thank you. If you came and spent money, thank you. If you worked, thank you, and if you prayed for us- we especially thank you. We know it's through God that all these things are possible. The green aprons and maroon Goodrich shirts shout the message loud and clear, we're a vibrant, growing, active church family!

We don't yet know the totals of the Goodrich Sales (we sold food and baked goods and vendor's spaces) But I can tell you this money will go to youth, missions, scholarships, and other things that Goodrich supports, so thank you!!! And we always want to raise more money for less work, so if you have an idea about how to make this event better, or any others, let us know!!

Blessings,
Shirley Franklin
Coordinator

Care Closet Needs

The Care Closet provides assistance to our neighbors and surrounding community each month with a bag of 8 toiletry items. Each month 40 to 50 bags are prepared at the cost of \$350.00 to \$400.00 per month. Recently Dollar Tree informed me of a price increase from \$1.25 to \$1.50 for cleaning supplies. Of course since these products are included in the monthly bags, the cost to prepare the bags has increased. Health & beauty products remain at the price of \$1.25 for now. Because of your generous support we have been able to continue this much needed mission to our community. This project is totaling funded by your donations. Please keep this in mind the next time you make a donation designated for the Care Closet. I appreciate each of my Goodrich family for your continued support to help those in need when they don't have enough money to purchase these items for themselves.

I want to thank Freda Storms and Linda Scott for supporting this mission with their time to distribute these bags on the third Thursday of every month.

Please contact me with any questions you might have.

Janice Shockley



November	
2	Molly Gorzney
2	Carolyn Thompson
5	Joyce Hughes
6	Mikala Silver
6	Pam Cook
7	Angela Do
14	Olivia Ihbe
14	Marilyn Daniel
18	Charles Chupco
25	Kathy Hooker
26	Phyllis Gammon



November	
3	Charles & Jane Chupco
27	Henry & Alana Schaffler

PLEASE NOTE:

If we don't list you on your birthday or anniversary, please contact Lynda Maney in the Goodrich Office and give her your birth date and/or anniversary date. Thanks.

Our Thoughts & Prayers

Presently Homebound / Assisted Living
Delores Nelson, Home
JoAnn Gordoni, Home
Eric Engh, Home
Kay Wilkins, Silver Elms
Glenda VanDusen, South Park East, OKC
Phyllis Gammon, Home
Sharon Younkin, Home
Ken Younkin, Arbor House Reminisce
Karen Leu, Home
Jane Gay, Grace Living
Wes Curtis, Home
Rose Elugardo, Arbor House Reminisce



To prepare us for Advent, the Goodrich Book Club has chosen "The Case for Christmas" by Lee Strobel for our November read, which will be discussed in early December. Join us in unwrapping this present early! The review below comes from the 'Goodreads' website.

"Who was in the manger that first Christmas morning? And how can we know for sure? In "The Case for Christmas", award-winning legal journalist Lee Strobel tells us that somewhere beyond the traditions of the holiday lies the truth.

Some say that newborn baby would become a great moral leader. Others, a social critic. Still others view Jesus as a profound philosopher, a rabbi, a feminist, a prophet, and more. Many are convinced he was the divine Son of God. But who was he really?

Consulting experts on the Bible, archaeology, and messianic prophecy, Strobel searches out the true identity of the child in the manger, Join Strobel as he invites you to push past the distractions of the holiday season and come into the presence of the baby who was born to change your life and rewrite your eternal the greatest gift of all."

The book will be an easy and enjoyable read; and copies will be provided by Lynda. It's the perfect gift that all of our hearts need!

This book will be discussed on December 7th at 1PM in the Old Parlor.

Talk to Becky or Lynda for more information about the Book Club.



NOVEMBER 2025 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Bazaar Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Book Club 1PM Scouts 1-2PM Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10AM Delta Kappa 6PM Scouts 7PM	Sunhive 1:30PM Church Mice 5:30PM Bethel 7PM	Bible Study 6PM Choir 7PM		Anonymous 7AM Cub Scouts 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	UWF Meeting 10AM Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM 1-4PM Eagle Scout Ceremony
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Board Meeting 12PM Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10AM Scouts 7PM	GCGers Friends-giving 11:30AM Sunhive 1:30PM Church Mice 5:30PM Bethel 7PM	Bible Study 6PM Choir 7PM	Literacy Night at Kennedy Shoebox Packing 6-9	Anonymous 7AM Bethel 7PM	Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Community Break-fast 8-10AM Staff Meeting 12PM Scouts 1-2PM Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10AM Delta Kappa 6PM Scouts 7PM	Sunhive 1:30PM Church Mice 5:30PM Bethel 7PM	Bible Study 6PM Choir 7PM	Care Closet 11AM	Anonymous 7AM Bethel 7PM	Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Youth Group 6-8PM Bethel 7PM	TOPS 9:30AM Prayer Team 10AM Scouts 7PM	Sunhive 1:30PM Church Mice 5:30PM Bethel 7PM	Choir 7PM	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY Anonymous 7AM Bethel 7PM	Anonymous 10:30AM-12PM
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