



THE FAITH scroll

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Osage County DHS Gifts Due Back This Sunday from 8:30-Noon in the Great Hall!



"I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining. I believe in love, even when I do not feel it. I believe in God, even when God is silent."

This defiant statement of faith was scrawled upon a cellar wall in Cologne by a Jew hiding from the Nazi Gestapo during World War II. American soldiers discovered it below a Star of David when searching the bombed house. This poem is now a haunting anthem composed by United Methodist Mark Miller of Duke Divinity school and has inspired our Advent focus, "I believe."

How do we have the kind of faith that can make this statement "I believe even when.....?" Let's begin where the gospel story begins. For some gospels, we begin with the birth of a baby but according to others it started long before that. This Advent, we will be exploring the first chapter of each of the gospels. We will acknowledge the presence of hope through Christ "even when"....

So this Advent we will not ignore the harsh realities of our world. We won't hide the ugliness of our broken lives behind the beauty of Christmas card scenery. We won't pretend that everyone has a perfect holiday, nor will we blindly try to live up to a consumer idea of Christmas that has little to do with Christ. Instead let's choose belief. Let's foster a faith enriched by questions, a hope deeper than despair, a love stronger than fear... For a child was born, homeless and hunted by soldiers, who awakens us to love. Let's choose to follow the way of this small and vulnerable truth born anew in each of us.



The Chancel Choir invites you to join them in worship at **9:40am and 11:00am on December 16th** as they present their Christmas cantata, *The Silence and the Sound*. This musical work by Heather Sorenson explores the mystery and beauty of Christ's birth through sacred songs both new and familiar. Bring your friends and family!

Care and Prayer Ministries

Prayers, Concerns and Praises . . .

Lane Stansifer, hip replacement, Dec. 5;
Gene Piett, surgery, Dec. 4;
Joan Hofert, surgery, Dec. 5;
Alexis Spangler, surgery, Dec. 10;
David Self, recovering from surgery;
Bill Story, health concerns;
Greg Stamm, recovering from surgery;
Ralph Coffman, health concerns;
Stacy Reaves, recovering from surgery;
Marci Hohendorf, recovering from surgery;
Cheryl Feken, recovering from surgery;
Doug and Jan Eaton's daughter, Kristi, health concerns;
Tom Perry, motorcycle accident;
Liz Martin's Mom, health concerns;
Jim Shirley's sister, Kathy, health concerns;
Jamie Carter's father, Jim Charlton, recovering from back surgery;
Sally Leining, recovering from surgery;
Alan Vierthaler, health concerns;
John Koons, health concerns;
Barbee Tomsen, health concerns;
Sandy Pelletier, health concerns;
Shirley Stillwell, health concerns;
Pam Hoagland's mother, on hospice;
Rich Dethlefs, Huntington's Disease;
Those with job concerns; those with family concerns.



Prayers for Our Church Family Serving Our Country

Cpt. Shawn Dolan, son of Chris and Sharon Dolan; Commander of E1-40, BCT, Ft. Sill, OK.
1st Lt. Scott Mucci, son of Ron Mucci, in the Louisiana National Guard 205th Engineering Battalion.
Lt. Cmdr. Eric Rolfs, promoted to Lt. Cmdr. From Lt. U.S. Navy, grandson of Hope Taliaferro.
Capt. Erik Tomsen, grandson of Tiny and Barbara Tomsen, is now back in the USA in Missouri.
Hunter Pauley, grandson of Karl and Bonnie Vahle is back on US soil. He has joined his wife and children in Little Rock, AR.
Airman 1st Class Andrew W. Dougherty, grandson of Wayne Salisbury, along with his wife, Airman Jennifer is now in the states.
Sgt. Brendan Owen, son of John and Betsey Owen, is now stationed in Georgia.
Christian Hambrick, grandson of Lee Baker, is now on U.S. soil.
Major Tchoia Brown (daughter of Percy Brown) along with her husband, Alex, and daughters, Sofia & Tatiana is stationed in Belize, Central America.



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and Google Play
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YEAR-END GIVING

As the year is coming to a close, please prayerfully consider making a year-end gift towards the ministry of Jesus Christ by donating to the Operating fund or the Building fund. According to IRS regulations, any checks must be received at the church on or before December 31st, 2018 in order to qualify for 2018 charitable giving. Checks placed in the church offering on December 30th will count in 2018, but any given during the first worship service in 2019 will not qualify. Please note the church office will be open until 4:30 pm on December 27th and until noon on December 28th. The office will be closed on December 31st, so please be sure to turn in any year-end giving before then.



All Faith Kids (infant through 5th grade) are invited to visit with Santa and "shop" for that special gift for mom and dad. Faith Mart, located in the Faith Kids wing, will be open on **Wednesday, December 12 from 6-8pm** (come and go). Kids are invited to the Great Hall for cookies and hot chocolate and a craft while their presents are being wrapped. Each child is encouraged to bring a new pair of gloves that will be shared with Kindergartners throughout Tulsa.

Faith United Methodist Church

Attendance December 2, 2018

Nursery: 4/14/14
 8:30 Worship Service: 72
 9:40 Worship Service: 245
 Kid's Connection: 54
 11:00 Worship Service: 130

Worship Total: 553

Adult Sunday School Classes:

Bridgebuilders:	n/a	Journey of Faith:	15
Crosstalk:	17	JOY:	n/a
Dialogue:	31	Lifesearch:	8
Faith Builders:	12	New Life:	12
Faithful Families:	24	Roundtable:	13
Indiv. of Faith:	6	Sonshiners:	3
Journey:	8	Total:	149

<u>2018 Finances:</u>			
	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
Contributions:			
12/02/18 Offering	\$24,975	\$23,614	(\$1,361)
YTD Contributions:	\$1,198,800	\$1,208,082	\$9,282
Weekly reporting will reflect General Fund contributions, and after month-end close, the full report will be published.			

Children and Youth's Sunday School:

Children's SS 11:00: 45 Youth: 38

Total: 83

Sunday School Total: 232

"Earn all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can." John Wesley



Thank you to the Primetimers for the college care packages! They sent out 32 boxes to 14 schools from Texas A&M to Yale and from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York to Rockhurst University in Kansas City and all the Oklahoma schools in between!
 Good luck on finals!



Primetimer's Luncheon

(for Seniors 55 and over)

Join us for our next Potluck Luncheon on **Thursday, Dec. 6 at 11:30a.m.** in the Great Hall.

We'll provide the ham, you provide the sides to go with it!

Then, let's play Bingo! Please bring a Christmas "gift" - white elephant or new for one of our prizes!

Bring a friend and let's have a great time together!

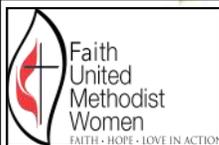
The Faith Kids **Faith Mart** is December 12 and we are looking for some special gifts to stock the tables. Faith Mart is the opportunity for our children to "shop" for their parents' and or grandparents' Christmas presents. Any and all donations are welcome, but we have a need of gifts for men. Please drop your donations off at the Faith Kids Welcome Desk in the lower hallway or in the Administrative offices. Please contact Laura at leldridge@faithtulsa.org with any questions.



DHS Christmas Presents to Be Returned on December 9th

Thank you again to everyone who has adopted a child for Christmas. As of Monday, December 3, we have adopted over **87** children and money has been given for the children and youth to go shopping during their second Shop-a-Thon on December 9th for **43** children! For a total of **130** children!!! If you would like to help with the Shop-a-Thon, please contact Laura, leldridge@faithtulsa.org or Jonathon, jgarrett@faithtulsa.org. **Faith UMC, you are amazing!**

If you purchased gifts for a child, please return the gifts on **December 9th** to the Great Hall. ***Please do not bring the gifts any earlier unless you plan on being out of town that day.*** We do not have space to keep them in a secure/safe area. It is very helpful if you place them in a trash bag or large gift bag, with the child's number and list of what is in the bag attached to the outside. **Please bring them unwrapped.** ***If you miss getting them to Faith before noon on Sunday, December 9th, you may drop them off at the big box truck between 2-4p.m. in the Walmart parking lot in Bixby!*** If you have questions, you may contact Neisa Lock at 918.252.1679, nlock@faithtulsa.org. Thank you once again, Faith, for making a difference for these children in DHS custody!



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN DECEMBER NEWS!!!

Prepare now for our Annual Christmas Brunch on Saturday, **December 8 at 9:30**

a.m. Bring a favorite dish to share. We will have Installation of Officers for 2019 and reveal our Prayer Partners and draw for new ones. We will also be sending cards to missionaries and deaconesses from the UMW Prayer Calendar. **With questionable weather ahead, we are still planning to meet at 9:30 a.m. at your own discretion.**

LIFE Circle will **not** meet Monday, December 10, at 6:30 in Room 501. Please plan to attend the Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 8. Next meeting is January 14, 6:30 p.m. in 501.

Heritage Circle will meet at the home of Diane Stamm on Thursday, December 13 at 1:00.

New Beginnings will meet at the home of Mary Huetter on Monday, December 17 at 7:15 p.m. Please bring a Christmas ornament to exchange.



We are in need a volunteer to deliver the Faith Scroll newsletter to the Bulk Mail Entry Unit which is between Mingo and Memorial off of East 21st. Actual address is: 2132 S 91st East Ave. Fred Narrin has been graciously doing this for years and has decided that he is interested in doing some other things for Faith. It is only once a week on Tuesdays after 9:30a.m. Take it to the BMEU Post Office, check in, register on a computer when you get there and hand it to them and they do the rest! Easy Peasy!

Please let Neisa Lock know if you are interested by calling 918-252-1679 or email nlock@faithtulsa.org. Thank you in advance!

Celebrate Christmas!

Sunday, December 16
Christmas Cantata, 9:40 & 11:00 services

Monday, December 24
4:00, 6:00 & 11:00pm Christmas Eve services
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 25
Christmas Day—Office Closed

Wednesday—Friday, December 26-28
Office open normal hours

Sunday, December 30
8:30, 9:40 & 11:00 normal services

Monday & Tuesday, December 31 & January 1
Church Offices Closed

I Believe...

We will not publish a *Faith Scroll* the weeks of December 23 and December 30, 2018. The first *Faith Scroll* of 2019 will be January 7!

Let's Continue to Celebrate 40 Years of Faith!

A special page has been set up at www.faithtulsa.org/40th with videos and articles about our church's history. Last week we highlighted "Remembrances: Dr. Charles Neff" -- Charles looks back at his time as Associate Pastor at Faith. This week Jim Doughty tells us about his mission trip experience to El Salvador in 2002 with Faith. We had 17 Christ-centered servants go on this medical and construction mission! Rev. Dennis Adlof takes a look back at his time as an Associate Pastor at Faith in the latest Remembrances" video. New videos will be added each week!

In Case of Inclement Weather

If there is ever a question of whether or not we will be having Worship Services, Wednesday evening activities, or any other activity here at Faith due to weather conditions, please check Faith's website at www.faithtulsa.org, Facebook or call the church office at 918-252-1679 and listen to the recorded message. Faith's preschool follows the Union calendar. If Union schools are closed because of inclement weather, the preschool will also be closed. Church offices will be open unless it is posted on our website. Therefore, if there is any stormy weather and you are in doubt as to the weather affecting activities, be sure to check the website or call the church. We want everyone to be safe and stay out of questionable conditions.



Faith Kids Choir shared their music on Sunday!





PROGRESSIVE DINNER (DECEMBER 16):

The Progressive Dinner is our annual Faith Youth Christmas Party. We will meet at the church, divide up into groups and then travel to several homes of church families for a multi-course meal! Then we'll all meet up together for dessert and a Christmas Party. Students and adults should bring a \$5 gift for our White Elephant gift exchange.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, December 4

9:00a.m.-Newsletter Team/Workroom
 9:00a.m.-Women's Bible Study/500
 10:30a.m.-Staff Meeting/Conference Room
 6:00p.m.-Cub Scout Pack 785 Den Mtg./Green & Orange Rooms
 6:30p.m.-Holy Yoga/505

Wednesday, December 5

7:30a.m.-Men's Fellowship Group/Einstein Bagels 101st & Memorial
 9:00a.m.-Prayer Ministry Meeting/SWL
 10:00a.m.-Preschool Christmas Program/Sanc.
 6:00p.m.-Echoes of Faith Handbells/Sanct.
 6:30p.m.-Disciple Bible Study/500
 6:30p.m.-Faith Kids/Children's Wing
 6:30p.m.-Faith Youth: Connect Worship and Small Groups/Youth Wing
 6:30p.m.-Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room
 6:30p.m.-Serve Group/501
 8:00p.m.-Praise Team/Sanctuary

Thursday, December 6

9:15a.m.-Homeschool Band/Music Room
 10:00a.m.-Preschool Christmas Program/Sanc.
 11:30a.m.-Primetimers Lunch/Great Hall
 6:00p.m.-Men's Fellowship Group/503

Friday, December 7

10:00a.m.-Coffee & Current Events/503

Saturday, December 8

8:00a.m.-Men's Breakfast/Great Hall
 9:30a.m.-UMW Christmas Brunch/Youth Room

Sunday, December 9/Osage County Gifts to be

Returned to the Great Hall 8:30-Noon

8:30a.m.-Communion Service/Chapel

9:40a.m.-Contemporary Service/Sanctuary

9:40a.m.-Sunday School Hour
 9:40a.m.-Kids Conn. Children's Church/Great Hall
 11:00a.m.-Faith Connect/Chapel

11:00a.m.-Traditional Worship Service/Sanc.

11:00a.m.-Sunday School Hour

2:00p.m.-4:00p.m.-Faith Kids and Youth:
 Christmas Shop-a-thon/Bixby Walmart

Monday, December 10

10:30a.m.-Discipleship Team Mtg./Conference Rm.
 1:00p.m.-Prayer Shawl Ministry/503
 2:30p.m.-Stretch and Tone/505
 6:30p.m.-Bible Discussion Group/SWL
 6:30p.m.-Boy Scout Troop 970/GH
 6:30p.m.-Finance Comm. Meeting/502

Tuesday, December 11

9:00a.m.-Newsletter Team/Workroom
 9:00a.m.-Women's Bible Study/500
 10:00a.m.-Prayer Shawl Ministry/Offsite
 10:30a.m.-Staff Meeting/Conference Room
 4:00p.m.-Dialogue Class/Christmas Party Offsite
 5:30p.m.-Day Center Meal for Homeless
 6:30p.m.-Cub Scout Pack 785 Pack Mtg./Great Hall
 6:30p.m.-Holy Yoga/505

Wednesday, December 12

7:30a.m.-Men's Fellowship Group/Einstein Bagels 101st & Memorial
 9:00a.m.-Prayer Ministry Meeting/SWL
 9:30a.m.-Game Day/502/503
 6:00p.m.-Echoes of Faith Handbells/Sanct.
 6:30p.m.-Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room
6:00p.m.-Faith Kids Cookies with Santa & Faith Mart/ Great Hall
 6:30p.m.-Faith Youth: Connect Worship & Small Groups/Youth Wing



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Email Neisa at nlock@faithtulsa.org if you would like to enjoy looking at the Faith Scroll in color on the Faith website. Thank you to all those who are helping the church to save money this way. Tell your friends if you enjoy reading it on the website! We will even send out a reminder by e-mail each week to remind you to check out the latest version of the Faith Scroll!! Visit us at www.faithtulsa.org!



Calendar Continued . . .

8:00p.m.-Praise Team Practice/Sanctuary

Thursday, December 13

9:15a.m.-Homeschool Band/Music Room
 1:00p.m.-UMW Heritage Circle/Offsite
 6:00p.m.-Men's Fellowship Group/503
 6:30p.m.-Holy Yoga/505

Friday, December 14

10:00a.m.-Coffee & Current Events/503

Saturday, December 15

9:30a.m.-Christmas Cantata Rehearsal/Sanctuary/
 Music Room

Sunday, December 16

8:30a.m.-Communion Service/Chapel
 9:40a.m.-Christmas Cantata/Contemporary Service/Sanctuary
 9:40a.m.-Sunday School Hour
 9:40a.m.-Kids Conn. Children's Church/Great Hall
11:00a.m.-Christmas Cantata/Traditional Worship Service/Sanc.

11:00a.m.-Sunday School Hour
 12:00p.m.-Bible Explorer-Big Fun Thing
 1:30p.m.-Administrative Council/500
 5:00p.m.-Youth Progressive Dinner/Offsite

Monday, December 17

10:30a.m.-Discipleship Team Mtg./Conf. Room
 1:00p.m.-Prayer Shawl Ministry/503
 2:30p.m.-Stretch and Tone/505
 6:30p.m.-Bible Discussion Group/SWL
 6:30p.m.-Boy Scout Troop 970/GH
 6:30p.m.-UMW New Beginnings/Offsite

Tuesday, December 18

9:00a.m.-Newsletter Team/Workroom
 9:00a.m.-Women's Bible Study
 10:00a.m.-Prayer Shawl Knitters Delivering Hats to Schools
 10:30a.m.-Staff Meeting/Conference Room
 6:00p.m.-Cub Scout Pack 785 Den Mtg./Green & Orange Rooms
 6:30p.m.-Holy Yoga/505

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FREE CAR REPAIRS AND OTHER RELATED HOME REPAIRS

With the colder weather, it is time to get the battery and fluids checked. All it takes is an email or phone call. While some folks have called, there are far too many out there who have not. Remember, it costs nothing except for the parts. You can schedule an appointment any day of the week by calling me. If you don't know what parts to get, call me and I will help you. Don't get stranded in the cold; now is the time to get everything checked out. I also do home repairs. It is free but for the cost of a few parts. Please contact Ron Mucci at Ronald.mucci@oneok.com or 918-378-2052 (note new number).

Christian-Based Library



Are you aware that Faith has a wonderful Christian-based library? It is located in the Susannah Wesley room near the west entrance across from the Chapel. Anyone is welcome to stop in and borrow books. We operate on the honor system – so if you borrow please bring back. There is a basket for returns.

Come visit our library!

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Sunday Worship 8:30, 9:40, and 11:00 a.m. | **Sunday School** 9:40 and 11:00 a.m.
Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Friday 9:00 a.m. - noon

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