



BRIDGEVIEW
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

Building Bridges for
Christ in ALL We Do!

upcoming events >>>

- **Sunday School
Teacher Training:**
Aug. 13, 9am-12pm
- **St. Yootz Day:**
Aug. 13, 12pm-11pm
- **Youth Council
Meeting:** Aug. 14,
11:30am
- **Fall Sunday School
Kickoff:** Aug. 21,
9:30am
- **20-30's Dinner
Group:** Aug. 12, 7pm

monthly events >>>

- **Church Life:**
1st Sunday, 11:30 am
- **Church Council:**
1st Thursday, 7pm
- **Missions Meeting:**
2nd Tuesday, 7 pm
- **Women's Connection:**
3rd Tuesday, 12 pm
- **Finance Meeting:**
3rd Thursday, 7 pm
- **Newsletter Article
Deadline:** 25th each
Month

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Connections



August 2011

Connecting with the Pastor...

I have been thinking about the name of our church as I have begun ministry here at BridgeView. What might our name say about us as we go forth into new chapters? The word "bridge" is defined as a structure spanning and providing passage over a gap or barrier, as in a land bridge between the continents, or a bridge of understanding between two countries. I like that concept when thinking about church as well. When a community seeks to be church, or even better, to "do" church, they are a bridge in many respects. We are a bridge to each other, the structure that provides passage to each other in ministry, love, and care. We are a bridge as a community, going out into the community, whether it be close to home in our neighborhood, or far, far away. We are a bridge to our denomination, the United Methodist denomination, bringing our community together in ministry with other United Methodist Churches in the Oklahoma conference, as well as all over the world.

As I have been in ministry during my first two months here at BridgeView, I have seen people loving each other in many ways....whether it be in mission to the world (Apportionment giving), or mission to the community (water and ice to the homeless, Project Transformation, food to Mission Norman and Skyline Urban Ministries, upkeep at East Main Place), or mission among each other by holding each other up in prayer, thoughtfulness, and so many other ways.

As we seek to be in ministry as a church family, let us be the bridge to the world, as we encounter God, and help others to do the same. That's what God wants from us. That is what the Kingdom of God is all about...

Blessings and Peace,

On the Lighter Side

10 Lessons we should learn from Noah....

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Try to remember that we're all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark, you know.
4. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone might ask you to do something REALLY big.
5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with what has to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Two heads are better than one.
9. When you're stressed, try floating a while.
10. No matter what the difficulty, trust in the Almighty: There'll be a rainbow at the end of the storm!



Worship Leaders

Acolyte Workshop

In many Christian denominations, an **acolyte** is anyone who performs ceremonial duties such as lighting altar candles, or helping with Holy Communion and Baptism. An acolyte plays an important part in worship, and therefore is considered a **worship leader**. We will be having a 4-week workshop for youth to become acolytes. Acolyte "prospectives" will learn all about worship, liturgical colors, and Christian symbols and their meanings. They will get to practice each week how to acolyte, and at the end of the 4-week workshop, there will be a consecration service during morning worship. Rev. Lashley will be leading the class, and is asking for a few volunteers that might be willing to coordinate the acolyte schedule for Sunday, and to be willing to train future acolytes.

Children 1st grade (fall) through 6th grade may be acolytes. (Older too, if they want) Training will be on Wednesday evenings, Sept. 7, 14, 21, and the 28th, at 7:00 PM.

Calling All Ages!

We believe that all ages and genders should be included in leading worship. After receiving info sheets on families, we realized that many have voiced an interest in becoming a liturgist. Rev. Lashley would like to spend a short amount of time with those who would care to participate, (30 minutes of your time), and she will then make out a schedule for each Sundays' liturgist. Please attend one of these sessions if you would be willing to share your gifts of proclamation! Being able to read is helpful, but not mandatory. If one cannot read, memorizing will be necessary. Lectionary classes will be:

Sept. 7, Wed, 6:15 PM

Sept 13, Tues, 6:15 PM

Sept 22, Thurs, 6:15 PM

Sept 25, Sun, 6:15 PM (If you would like this time slot, please let Sheri know in advance)

You need only attend one of these

The Meals on Wheels of Norman, Inc. is fundraising by selling poinsettias for Christmas. Enclosed is an order form for you to purchase them. If you would like to bring your form and payment to the church, we can turn in one mass order. **If we order more than 10 plants, they will deliver to the church, and you won't have to go pick them up.** Poinsettias will be delivered Dec. 1, 2011. Visit the Meals on Wheels website mealsonwheelsnorman.com or contact our office for more information.

Christmas Poinsettias!

We know, it seems early, but these things do take time!

NAME or ORGANIZATION _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Please deliver my plants to: **BRIDGEVIEW UMC**

(Delivery on Dec. 1 from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. is limited to homebound individuals or orders of 10 or more poinsettias)

_____ Red 6" Plants @ \$11 each	= \$ _____
_____ White 6" Plants @ \$11 each	= \$ _____
_____ Pink 6" Plants @ \$11 each	= \$ _____
_____ Red 8" Plants @ \$21 each	= \$ _____
_____ White 8" Plants @ \$21 each	= \$ _____
_____ Pink 8" Plants @ \$21 each	= \$ _____
Grand Total	= \$ _____

Payment Method

Check _____ Visa _____ MasterCard _____

Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Signature: _____

*Tax Deductible portion of each 6" plant is \$6.00.

*Tax Deductible portion of each 8" plant is \$11.45.

Poinsettias will be available for pick up at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds (615 E. Robinson) on Thursday, Dec. 1st 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

I would like to donate my RED 6" poinsettias to a Meals on Wheels client that may be alone during the holidays.

(# plants you would like to donate)



Youth vs. Adults

It's a competition!
Which age group can remember to bring their Bibles with them to Church each week?

Age 0—High School Senior = Youth
All older = Adults

Competition begins August 21st
and ends Dec. 31st.

Sunday School classes will be keeping count, and there will be a surprise for all who participate.

Greeter & Usher Schedule

(As of June 30, 2011—Subject to Change)

If you are going to be absent, please call one of the greeters for that Sunday, or contact Clara Jeffery at 405-306-4719 or email at clarajeffery@gmail.com

Date	Greeters	Ushers
August 7th	Jim Osborn Jane Osborn Kathy Woods	LaRene Miller Clara Jeffery
August 14th	Bill Lynch Rosalie Maltby Steven Maltby	Hal Jeffery Emilee Lynch
August 21st	Staci Johnson Jerel Johnson Kathy Woods	LaRene Miller Tom Landers
August 28th	Youth Only	

Seeking Articles for Newsletter

We are always looking for new and interesting articles for our newsletter. If you have something you would like to share or maybe you would like to write a monthly column, please contact the church office. Submissions are due by the 25th each month—electronic or hard copies are acceptable.

20 & 30's Dinner Group

Friday, August 12th, 7 PM at the Maltby's



home, 1337 Cedar Creek Drive. Everyone between the age of 20 and 40 is invited. Child care is available. If interested

in attending please contact Rosalie Maltby at bookworm03@ou.edu.



Hi Bridgeview!

My name is Kayla Hand and I could not be more excited to be the Senior Intern at The Wesley Foundation this year. I was born and raised in Houston, TX. I am a senior at OU, and am majoring in Public Relations and minoring in Nonprofit Organizational Studies. I am not quite sure where I will be after graduation in May, but I am quite confident I will be helping people in some way because that is where my passion truly lies.

This year at Wesley, I will be leading the contacting team, meeting with incoming freshman and people new to the Wesley, as well as helping coordinate events. The students at the Wesley Foundation are so thankful for everything Bridgeview helps with. We appreciate all of the time spent cooking, praying and supporting our ministry. Please continue to keep us in mind and pray for a smooth transition into the new school year.

Thank you!

Youth Connections

Youth Fellowship Survive ALL Night at the OU Wesley



12 Youth and a few Adults connected together at the OU Wesley Foundation for an all night lock-in August 5-6. After an exciting trip to Andy Alligators, the youth were led in a Bible study highlighting 1 Corinthians 13 (Faith, Hope, & Love). The youth had an entertaining time growing closer together playing games such as pool, ping-pong, wii Just Dance, and sardines.

They would like to thank their church family for all the rockin' treats that kept them going all night.

A big THANK YOU goes out to the adult sponsors during this event: Josh, Janey, Jason, Jeff, and Brittany

Jr & Sr High Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Youth Room

Youth Bible Study

Beginning September 7th
Wednesdays 7-8 p.m.

Youth Fellowship Schedule

Saturday, August 13th
St. Yootz Day
Frontier City
12 p.m.—11 p.m.

Connecting with Josh

With fall right around the corner, we are very excited for the many changes and new opportunities for our youth program.

- August 13th is St. Yootz Day at Frontier City which is a fundraiser for the Youth Service Fund and will be highlighted by a Christian concert to cap the night off featuring the band Switchfoot! This will be a very memorable event that you will not want to miss out on.
- Starting Sunday August 21st, the youth program will be unveiling our new fall program for Sunday mornings and Sunday nights. You will have to come be a part of it to see what's going on, so I hope to see you all there!
- Our youth Bible study will be starting back up Wednesday September 7th and will be every Wednesday night from 7:00 to 8:00.
- We are also looking forward to a fall retreat this year that will be happening later in the semester so look for more info to come soon.

With all of the new and exciting changes in our youth program, there will be something there for everyone to help our youth as they seek to grow closer to God in their daily lives. If you have any questions about youth programs, please contact me at josh@bridgeviewumc.org.

Blessings,
Josh



FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA!!!

August 21st is our Sunday School Kickoff! We are planning a Sunday School experience for all ages! Sunday School is a great opportunity to encounter God, and learn more about the kingdom. It is also a time to get to know each other better. The following is a guide to the classes offered, and a short explanation of each. We hope you will join us, and invite a friend!



0-2 years of age-We have trained nursery attendants and teachers for your little one(s). It is more than a nursery—your child will be sung to, and played with, and of course, fed as necessary. We will have a Sunday School curriculum designed just for these youngsters.

3-4 years of age-Our busy pre-school-age children will be busy learning Bible stories, singing songs, making crafts, and playing games while they learn!

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade-We will be studying "Super Simple Bible Stories" as we sing, play games, talk about Bible stories, and share a snack.

3rd-5th grade-(And a parent or other adult with each child.) We will be having an 8-week course on "**How to use your Bible.**" We want our children to understand how to use the Bible that they have been given, and we believe it would be helpful for a parent, grandparent, or guardian attend with the child. **If your child is in this grade, but as not received a Bible, we would like to gift them one. Please let us know in advance of the class!** This is an 8-week class. After this class is completed, we will offer an adult class for the parents (adults) to go into.

6th-12th grade-Sunday School lessons that accompany the lectionary readings for that day. We generally use the Revised Common Lectionary in Sunday Worship, so, in our Sunday School time together we will discuss the scripture and how it might fit into our daily lives. Our Jr. High and Sr. High School ages will begin meeting together, but as the attendance becomes too many to meet as one, they will be separated into two separate classes.

College Age-We will be serving **FREE lunch** to our college age attendees, with their Sunday School session after church and lunch! Rev. Lashley will be leading this class as they begin studying "The Thirteen Apostles" by J.

Adult Class 1-Bridge Builders- "Young Adults" Leader led, the class participants discuss books that a leader has chosen. The leader helps to guide discussions based on the books with subjects that are applicable to life and one's spiritual journey.

Adult Class 2-This class will begin in August with lessons from J. Ellsworth Kalas "The Thirteen Apostles. This might be the class that those who will attend the Bible class with the 3-5 graders can join after 8 weeks. The leader for this class will possibly be passed around by the participants, or perhaps a video series. Content and subject matter will be decided upon by the class

There IS Something for Every Age—Don't Miss Out!!!

It's HOT Outside!!!

As we experience the heat in our own daily lives, we acknowledge that there are those who do not have the opportunities to live their days in air-conditioned buildings and have enough cool water to drink. For the homeless of Norman, this is everyday life. To help out, we are collecting and distributing ice and bottled water. The McDanel family is providing the leg and vehicle work, and are asking for donations of water and funds to purchase ice. This is an issue that will not go away, until the temperatures get lower. Thanks so much for your help. See Bryan and Jennifer McDanel for answers to your questions or to donate. You may also bring donations to the church.



Thank you to all involved in the upkeep of our building—you are indispensable!

FANTASTIC! Fridays VBS

THANK YOU to all who were involved with our Fantastic Fridays VBS program this summer. It was a wonderful success, and would not have been possible without you!

Spiritual Growth Retreat for Women

Rev. Frankye Johnson will be leading a **Spiritual Growth Retreat** for all women—"Faith, Hope, Love...In Action." It is on Wednesday, August 31st from 9am-3pm at McFarlin UMC. The cost is \$10.00, which includes a light lunch and materials. If you would like to attend with Sheri, please let our church office know by phone or e-mail or note, and we will call and make the reservations. **(by Aug 26th)** This retreat is being sponsored by McFarlin UMC.

August Birthdays

Aug. 30 – Brittany Bisel

August Anniversaries

Aug. 11 – Mike & Linda O'Donnell

Aug. 21 – Bill & Emilee Lynch

Aug. 28 – John & DiAnna Gavras



If we have missed your special day, we are deeply sorry, but you have not told us when your special days are. To keep us from excluding you in the future, please inform us of your special days and we will update our database.



As our children and teachers return to the classrooms, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. We hope for safe and enlightening school year.

United Methodist Women

Women, Ladies, Girls!!! If you would be interested in becoming a charter member of a BridgeView UMC United Methodist Women Group, please call Sheri at the office. We have been offered "help" from a "coach" and starter member from another church in Norman. This is a wonderful opportunity for a community small group. The Purpose of UMW: United Methodist Women is a community of women who nurture and encourage one another in their spiritual growth, personal leadership and transformation.

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SEPTEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	AUGUST 1	2 Women's Bible Study 1pm	3 Staff 5 pm Choir 7 pm Band 8:15 pm	4 Church Council 7pm	5 Fantastic Fridays VBS Youth Lock-In @OU Wesley	6 Youth Lock-In @OU Wesley
7 Choir & Band 9-9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am	8	9 Women's Bible Study 1pm	10 Staff 5 pm Choir 7 pm Band 8:15 pm	11	12 20 & 30's Dinner Group 7pm	13 Sun School Teacher Training 9 am-12 pm St. Yootz Day 12 pm-11 pm
14 Youth Council 11:30 am Choir & Band 9-9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am	15	16 Women's Connection 12pm Missions 7pm	17 Staff 5 pm Choir 7 pm Band 8:15 pm	18 Finance 7pm	19	20
21 *Fall Sunday School Kickoff* Choir & Band 9-9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am	22	23 Women's Bible Study 1pm	24 Staff 5 pm Choir 7 pm Band 8:15 pm	25 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	26	27
28 Choir & Band 9-9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am	29	30 Women's Bible Study 1pm	31 Staff 5 pm Choir 7 pm Band 8:15 pm	SEPTEMBER 1 Church Council 7pm	2	3 OU vs. Tulsa OSU vs. Louisiana-Lafayette
4 Church Life 11:30 UMYF 4-6pm Choir & Band 9-9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am	5 Labor Day (Office Closed)	6 Women's Bible Study 1pm	7 Youth Bible Study 7pm Staff 5 pm Choir 7 pm Band 8:15 pm	8 OSU vs. Arizona	9	10 OU BYE

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