

???What's Happening at BridgeView United Methodist Church???

Connecting with the Pastor...

What I learned in preschool Sunday School class still holds true today. When I folded my hands and spoke the children's rhyme, "Here is the church, here is the steeple, open the doors, and here's all the people" I learned what church is. We are church at BridgeView United Methodist Church. Church is a verb... church is what we do in mission, in community, with Christ as the leader. What wonderful awesome times we live in as we are in community together, as we eat together, worship together, and seek to be in the world to do ministry together.

I was looking through photographs this week of past times in the history of the church. We have been around for 12 short years, (for a church that is young) but have made so many memories. Children have grown from babies to youth, and from youth to adults. What you did for them as church, remains a part of their faith history forever. What we do for our children today, really does make a difference. What God does through us for every single person that comes to us, is life changing, transforming material. Let us not miss any opportunity to be that person to another.

What we need to go forward, is passion: passion for God's word, passion for mission, passion for doing church. When we put all the ingredients together, we will grow, for how could we not? I can't wait to see what our tomorrows bring.

Blessings, Sheri

Youth Connections

February 12, the youth held a fundraising dinner to assist in the funding of their mission trip to Joplin, MO during Spring Break. With the help of the O'Donnell's and other youth parents, they served over 90 people some delicious barbeque. They also held a dessert auction in which pies, cakes, cookies, and gelato were offered. There was some good competition, with the highest bid of \$70 on a cherry pie, and the same on a dozen hand decorated sugar cookies. Everyone in attendance had a blast with all of the friendly competition. The youth would like to thank all in attendance for a wonderful evening, and for the assistance on the funding of their mission trip. The youth reported a combined ticket and auction funds raised of \$1689.00. –Thank you!!!

Ash Wednesday Festivities

Ash Wednesday is a Christian festival. It marks the beginning of six and a half weeks of repentance, fasting and abstinence in preparation for the most important Christian festival of Easter. For Christians, ashes are a symbol of being sorry for things they have done wrong and want to get rid of forever. It is also a reminder to them that we all come from ashes, and to ashes we all will return. For Christians, the marking on the forehead with ash marks the commitment to Jesus Christ and God. We want to show God that we are sorry for the wrong things we have done in the past year.

On **February 22, 2012**, we will begin the evening with a simple supper of soup, (potato, vegetable, chicken noodle) which will be provided at no cost to you. Supper will be served at 5:00 PM, (you do not have to be there at 5:00, just whenever you get there is good) and an Imposition of Ashes worship service at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. The service will be short, and will be over before Chancel Choir practice begins.

Chocolate Cook-off/Potluck Dinner

Do you have the world's best chocolate cake recipe? Come show off your skills on Feb. 19 at 5:30p.m. at the Bridgeview Annual Chocolate Cook-off. The only requirement is that your recipe must use chocolate. Not a baker? Bring your favorite potluck dish to share, and join us for a great evening of fellowship. Sign up sheet is available in the welcome center. If you have any questions please contact Staci Johnson at 405-659-5792 or staci.kelly@gmail.com

20s and 30s Dinner Group

The 20s and 30s dinner group meets on the second Friday of each month to share a meal and fellowship with one another. The group includes young families, married couples and singles, so there is a place for everyone! For February, we will be sponsoring a table for the youth dinner on Sunday, Feb. 12. We will get back to our regular schedule on March 9 at the home of Jerel and Staci Johnson. We rotate homes - so watch the bulletin for information on following dinners. If you would like to join the email list contact Staci Johnson at staci.kelly@gmail.com or 405-659-5792.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Mark your calendar now for **Saturday, June 2nd** as Bridgeview will be heading to a Redhawks game in Bricktown for a great night of fellowship. Tickets will be \$10/piece and will include dinner from Taco Bell and a Redhawks hat. The game starts at 7:05p.m. More information to come soon.

Tax Preparation Time! Help is here!

The New Year just started, but tax time will be here before you know it. Getting your taxes together can be stressful for all of us, but it can be especially difficult for low-income families. Free tax help is available for those families through the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Families and individuals with an

adjusted gross income of \$50,000 or less are eligible for free tax preparation. The VITA program starts Jan. 27 at the Community Action Agency office in the CSBI building, 1155 E. Main. Tax preparations will take place every Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., until April 14. Appointments are requested. Call 701-2126 or 701-2133 to set up an appointment.

OU Wesley Connections

My name is Nathan Harkins and I am a student at OU, and involved with the Wesley. Last August, as I left my home in Independence, Missouri to come to OU, I was very nervous to enter a new environment where I knew absolutely no one. It was a very scary time for me. I wanted to get involved in a campus ministry, since my church and youth group was so important to me back home. Growing up a Methodist, I figured I would try out the Wesley first, and luckily for me it worked out great. Right away I felt welcomed, and within a week or two I was already going to small groups and on retreats and mission days with the Wesley.

Within the first few months of school, some of my best friends at college were from the Wesley. That building on the corner of Elm and Lindsey had quickly become my second home. As I went home for Christmas break, I didn't know how much I would need the Wesley in the future. On Christmas day, my father passed away. I received a lot of support and love from everyone at the Wesley, and it meant a lot to me. I realized how much everyone at the Wesley cared about me, and the strong support system that I had there. If I didn't have that kind of support system to come back to, I know that I wouldn't have come back to OU. The Wesley has had a huge impact on my life, and I am so glad I found it.

Nathan Harkins
Freshman from Independence, Missouri

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Every Sunday AM Band & Choir 9-9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30			1 Staff 5pm Choir 7pm Band 8:15pm	2	3	4
5 UMYF 4-6pm Eve. Worship 4:30pm	6	7 Women's Bible Study 1pm Youth Bible Study 7pm	8 Staff 5pm Choir 7pm Band 8:15pm	9 Church Life 6:30pm	10	11
12 Youth Fundraiser Dinner 6:30pm	13 Children's Min. 6:45pm	14 Valentine's Day Women's Bible Study 1pm Youth Bible Study 7pm	15 Staff 5pm Choir 7pm Band 8:15pm	16 Finance 7pm	17	18
19 UMYF 4-6pm Eve. Worship 4:30pm	20 President's Day	21 Women's Connection 12pm Youth Bible Study 7pm Missions 7pm	22 Ash Wednesday Simple Supper 5pm Ash Wed Service 6pm Choir 7pm Band 8:15pm	23 Newsletter Deadline SPRC 7pm	24	25
26 Charge Conf. 12pm UMYF 4-6pm Eve. Worship 4:30pm	27	28 Women's Bible Study 1pm Youth Bible Study 7pm Building Committee 7pm	29 Staff 5pm Choir 7pm Band 8:15pm	March 1 Church Council 7pm	2	3
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Daylight Savings Time Begins UMYF 4-6pm Eve. Worship 4:30pm	Children's Min. 6:45pm	Women's Bible Study 1pm Youth Bible Study 7pm	Staff 5pm Choir 7pm Band 8:15pm	Finance 7pm		St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Youth Mission Trip March 18-22		Women's Connection 12pm Youth Bible Study 7pm Missions 7pm	Staff 5pm Choir 7pm Band 8:15pm			
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Palm Sunday April		Women's Bible Study 1pm Youth Bible Study 7pm	Staff 5pm Choir 7pm Band 8:15pm	Maundy Thurs.	Good Friday	
UMYF 4-6pm Eve. Worship 4:30pm				Remembrance/ Communion Service 7pm	Service of Darkness 7pm	

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