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My Favorite Things...



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
www.fpcedmond.org
 1001 South Rankin St.
 Edmond, Oklahoma 73034

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
 Traditional Worship **8:30 am**
 Sunday School **9:45 am**
 Contemporary Worship **11 am**

OFFICE HOURS
M-F, 8- 5 pm

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Word from the Pastor

We have an attractive grandfather clock in the front hallway of our home – courtesy of Cindy's parents when they downsized years ago. It has run rather flawlessly for years, ticking comfortably and chiming every hour. Until a certain Thursday morning in October. As I passed by it that day, I noticed that the clockhands were wrong, and it wasn't ticking! Come to think of it, I hadn't heard it chime that morning. I was about to call to Cindy to let her know of the problem when I remembered that she was in Chicago visiting our son, Strider. She had left the morning before. The clock had stopped of course because the weights had bottomed out and needed to be reset. It hadn't dawned on me to do it because Cindy always took care of it...

What is true of grandfather clocks is also true of human lives, in a sense. With regard to time, we need to be reset every so often, that we may run well. The calendar of the Christian Church is one device by which our lives may be reset every year with fresh focus on the watershed events of the Incarnation and ministry of Jesus. From anticipating his birth to the birth of the Church through his Spirit, and everything in between, we are reminded by our holy days and celebrations of what is most important in life.

As the old year comes to an end, our entry into the beginning of a new cycle opens with Advent, the season that calls us to wait with hope for the celebratory news that God has entered our world as one of us, to reclaim it and us in love and joy. Advent reminds us of the struggles of a fallen world and of the darkness of our human hearts, and it heralds the coming of the world's true light at Christmas to illumine our lives and bring meaning to the creation's birth pangs. With hopeful longing we join believers down through the ages singing:

*O come, Thou Daystar; come and cheer, Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel!*

Let me encourage you this Advent to allow God to reset your spiritual clock, that you may feel afresh the weight of your own need for God's salvation, and may find your spirit rising with hope and anticipation as we approach the celebration of the holy mystery when God became flesh and blood in a baby at Bethlehem, and grew to become champion for all the sons and daughters of Adam against our most formidable foes: sin, death and the evil one. May this Advent season wind you up for a full year of adventure in Christ!

Yours in hope,

Mateen

Rev. Dr. Mateen Ellass



A Few of My Favorite Things:

SITTING BY A COZY FIRE
A LIBRARY OF GOOD BOOKS
BRISK, SUNNY FALL WEATHER
NEW YORK STYLE PIZZA
LABRADOR RETRIEVERS
SNOW-CAPPED MOUNTAINS
COOL WINDS ON A SUNNY SUMMER DAY AT THE BEACH
FAMILY TOGETHER FOR THE HOLIDAYS
(OR FOR ANY EXCUSE)
BLACK LICORICE
TRAVELING
WATCHING THE SUN RISE

Raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens,



November Events

Our Thanksgiving service will be held at 10 am, Thanksgiving Day.

Church Sponsored Events

Thursday, November 18, 6:30-9:30 pm

Top Chef Dinner & Auction

Come enjoy a delicious meal and leave with unique Christmas gifts.

There will be a silent and a live auction. Cost is \$10.

All proceeds will go towards the Uganda 2011 Churchplanting Mission Trip.

Thursday, November 25, 8 am

Edmond Turkey Trot

Sponsored by Turning Point Ministries

Register online at: www.edmondturkeytrot.com

Registration is now open for the first Edmond Turkey Trot, benefiting Turning Point Ministries. The event will be Thanksgiving morning in downtown Edmond and will feature a 5K run and a 1-mile family walk. The 5K Trot will start at 8 am and the 1-mile Family Wobble will start at 8:05. Race fees are \$25 with an event T-shirt, and \$10 for the Family Wobble without an event T-Shirt. Children 12 and younger can participate for free in the Family Wobble without an event T-shirt. All ages, strollers and friendly dogs on a leash are welcome. Prizes will go to the top overall male and female runners, and the top three in any age group. Start Thanksgiving with the Turkey Trot, then attend the worship service at FPCE and then on to the Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Thursday, November 25, 11 am-3 pm

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Sponsored by Edmond Churches

Everyone is welcome to join us for the 29th annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner, hosted by The First Methodist Church at the George Nigh University Center located on the UCO campus at Second and University streets. The dinner, started by families from FPCE, now serves more than 3000 meals each year. All are encouraged to join in the food and fellowship.

In the Community

Saturday, November 6, 9-1 pm

5th Annual Weather Festival

The National Weather Center will be open for tour.

There will be children's activities, a storm chaser car show, weather-related seminars and hourly weather balloon launches.

National Weather Center, 120 David L Boren Blvd.
(corner of Hwy. 9 and Jenkins Ave.) Norman, OK

Saturday, November 13

Guthrie Art Walk

Celebrate the fine arts
in historic downtown Guthrie.

November 16: Statehood Day Celebrations

Harn Homestead Museum 10 am-4 pm. Free admission
Sponsored by Chesapeake Energy

Oklahoma Heritage Museum 9 am-5 pm, Free admission
A special celebration from 5-7 pm will feature vendors, food tastings & discounts.
For more info: www.oklahomaheritage.com

November 26-January 2

Downtown in December

Don't forget to visit Downtown OKC
during the holiday season!

Experience the magical Christmas lights
outdoor ice skating, snow tubing... & more!
www.bricktownokc.org

Tuesday, November 30

SEEDS OF HOPE Banquet

A Benefit for the Whizkids Literacy Program
Featuring Collins Tuohy & Barry Switzer

Register to attend at www.whizkids.org

or call: 405.602.2815

bright copper kettles and warm woolen mittens,

Opportunities to Serve

Monday, November 22
Advent Decorating

Help is needed to decorate FPCE for Christmas.
Any time that day or evening that you are
free to come will be greatly appreciated.

For more info contact: Letty Ann Schiesz laschiesz@sbcglobal.net/340-7694

November 28 – December 5
The Servanthood Tree
Sponsored by FPCE Student Ministries

Student Ministries will be celebrating Christmas with children staying at the Pauline E. Mayer Youth Shelter. Sunday, November 28 the tags will be available on the tree in the Great Hall. Please return gifts back to Christy Ford or the main office by December 5. Middle School will be making a stocking for every child at the shelter on Dec. 8th. You may also participate by making monetary donations for 100 small gifts like toothbrushes, hats, gloves, candy canes, candy, etc... to fill the stocking. High School will take the stockings along with the Christmas presents to the shelter at a date to be determined later. They will host a Birthday Party for Jesus at the shelter. The kids will receive the stocking that night. The gifts (2 per child: 1 practical and 1 fun) will be opened on Christmas morning at the shelter. **The gift tags on the Servanthood Tree represent a gift to be purchased for each child.** Your participation will demonstrate the "servanthood" meaning behind Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, the one who came to serve and not be served.

- 1 Select a gift tag from the tree.
- 2 Register your tag information on the board by writing your name and phone number next to the matching tag number. (Example: 14B = Captain CAOS / 555-5555)
- 3 Purchase a gift and bring it in a GIFT BAG. We recommend that you purchase a gift for under \$25, we want everyone to be equally pleased.
- 4 Return the gift in a GIFT BAG with the original gift tag attached to the Student Ministries office by Sunday, December 5.

THE SHELTER REQUESTS THE FOLLOWING: NO ALCOHOL-BASED PRODUCTS (PERFUMES, MOUTHWASH, ETC.) ALSO, NO GUM OR CANDY IN GIFTS. NO GLUES OR SHARP SCISSORS MIRRORS OR GLASS ITEMS, PERMANENT MARKERS, PAINTS OR PLAYDOUGH.



Caroling for HOPE

Contact Person: Sarah Montgomery: 340-0032/skmonty@cox.net

It's that time of year again - time to think about Christmas Caroling. Caroling for HOPE is a community activity done in conjunction with the HOPE Center of Edmond. The HOPE Center has its annual fund raising drive during the Christmas season; by caroling door to door, you can bring holiday cheer to others and at the same time collect for a worthy cause. The special part of this concept is that we are teaching our children not only about helping others, but about preserving traditions that could so easily disappear in the hustle and bustle of our busy lives. Caroling can fit around YOUR schedule. You choose the date and neighborhood where you want to carol. After registering (this avoids the same street being caroled on more than once), you will receive songbooks, a collection can & instructions. Form a group today by contacting Sarah Montgomery (340-0032 /skmonty@cox.net).

EDMOND 2010 TURKEY TROT



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

First Edmond Turkey Trot
benefiting Turning Point Ministries

Thanksgiving morning in Downtown
Edmond featuring a 5K run and a
1-mile family walk.

RACE FEES: \$25 w/event t-shirt
\$10 for the Family Wobble

w/out the shirt. For more information and
registration visit: www.edmondturkeytrot.com

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Edmond Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Everyone is welcome
and
there is no charge!

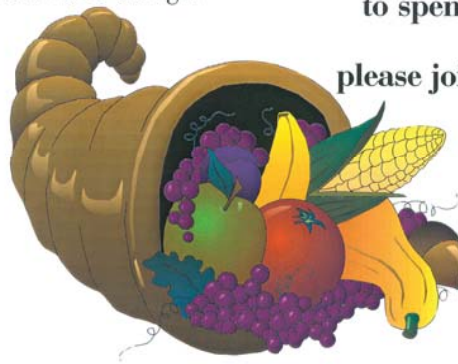
If you are looking for a place
to spend Thanksgiving,

please join us for turkey

with all the

trimmings

and fellowship.



**AT UCO'S GEORGE NIGH CENTER
11 AM- 3 PM THANKSGIVING DAY**

 **LET US GIVE THANKS** 

**Sponsored by Edmond Churches
For delivery information call 341-3602.**

Brown paper packages tied up with strings,

November Calendar of Church Events

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:00 AM Bible Study Fellowship
9:00 AM Preschool 3's Bible Time
12:30 PM Women's Bible Study
1:30 PM Congregational Care
5:30 PM Personnel Committee
6:00 PM Carroll Renewal Group
6:00 PM Troop 78 Boy Scouts
6:30 PM Kids' Ministry Committee Meeting
7:00 PM Denominational Relations
7:00 PM Student Ministries Committee

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

ELECTION DAY

6:30 AM Women's Ministry Prayer Group
8:30 AM Bible Study Fellowship
9:00 AM Lovely Tuesday Morning Ladies
9:30 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Tuesday Men's Bible Study
6:30 PM Boyce Renewal Group
7:00 PM Executive Pastor Search Committee
7:00 PM Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study
7:00 PM Evangelism
7:00 PM Troop 78 Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

6:30 AM Wednesday AM Bible Study
11:00 AM Senior Lunch with Bill
5:30 PM Moms-In-Touch
6:15 PM Chancel Bells
6:30 PM Lift Ministries
7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

12:30 PM Thursday Noon Renewal Group
5:30 PM Stephen Ministry Leader's Meeting
6:00 PM STUMO - College Ministry
6:15 PM Care Giver Support Group
6:45 PM Thursday Men's Small Group
7:00 PM True North
8:00 PM Drug Addiction Anonymous

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

6:30 AM Friday Morning Men's Group
6:30 AM Friday Morning Women's Group
12:00 PM My Network OKC
6:00 PM Parents Night Out- Kids' Ministries

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:00 AM AA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

FALL BACK: Daylight Savings Time Ends

8:00 AM Operation Christmas Child & Hoodies for RG
8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
9:45 AM Adult Sunday School
9:45 AM Kids' Sunday School
9:45 AM Confirmation Class
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
12:00 PM Girl's Small Group
3:30 PM Kid's Handbells
4:00 PM Valley Girls - "Doing Life From the Pit"
4:30 PM Contemporary Choir
5:30 PM OK Presbyterian Pilgrimage Renewal Group
5:40 PM JuBELLation

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:00 AM Bible Study Fellowship
9:00 AM Preschool 3's Bible Time
12:30 PM Women's Bible Study
1:30 PM Congregational Care
6:00 PM Carroll Renewal Group
6:00 PM Troop 78 Boy Scouts
7:00 PM Adult Discipleship Committee
7:00 PM Worship Committee

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:30 AM Bible Study Fellowship
9:00 AM Lovely Tuesday Morning Ladies
9:30 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Tuesday Men's Bible Study

6:00 PM EFCA Monthly Meeting
6:30 PM Mission & Evangelism Committee
6:30 PM Boyce Renewal Group
7:00 PM Executive Pastor Search Committee
7:00 PM Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study
7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Tuesday Supervision Group
7:00 PM Troop 78 Scoutmaster Conference

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

6:30 AM Wednesday AM Bible Study
11:00 AM Senior Lunch with Bill
5:30 PM Moms-In-Touch
6:15 PM Chancel Bells
6:30 PM Lift Ministries
7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Veteran's Day

12:30 PM Thursday Noon Renewal Group
2:00 PM Cooks' Night Out
6:00 PM STUMO - College Ministry
6:00 PM Troop 78 Pin College
6:45 PM Thursday Men's Small Group
7:00 PM True North
7:00 PM OK Presbyterian Pilgrimage Council Meeting

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6:30 AM Friday Morning Men's Group
6:30 AM Friday Morning Women's Group
8:00 AM ECP - Regular Classes
9:00 AM Moppets
9:00 AM M.O.P.S.
9:00 AM Moppets

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:00 AM Moppets
12:00 PM My Network OKC
6:00 PM Cooks' Night Out

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:00 AM AA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Stewardship Sunday

8:00 AM Operation Christmas Child & Hoodies for RG
8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
9:45 AM Adult Sunday School
9:45 AM Kids' Sunday School
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
3:30 PM Kid's Handbells
4:00 PM "Valley Girls - "Doing Life From the Pit"
5:40 PM JuBELLation
6:30 PM Healing & Wholeness Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:00 AM Bible Study Fellowship
9:00 AM Preschool 3's Bible Time
12:30 PM Women's Bible Study - Coody
1:30 PM Congregational Care
3:00 PM ECP Staff Meeting
5:30 PM Finance & Property Committee
6:00 PM Carroll Renewal Group
6:00 PM Troop 78 Boy Scouts
7:00 PM Board of Deacons



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

"When they open their shoe box gifts, the harsh world around them fades and their hearts fill with wonder and joy as they see the treasures within. But these simple gifts go beyond smiles and laughter to open hurting hearts to experience the transforming power of Jesus Christ."

Pick up your shoe box gift labels from the Operation Christmas Child Table in the Great Hall and return your labeled wrapped box by November 14th.

These are a few of my favorite things.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

6:30 AM Women's Ministry Prayer Group
8:30 AM Bible Study Fellowship
9:00 AM Lovely Tuesday Morning Ladies
9:30 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Tuesday Men's Bible Study
5:30 PM Steering Committee Meeting
6:30 PM Boyce Renewal Group
7:00 PM Executive Pastor Search Committee
7:00 PM Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study
7:00 PM Troop 78 - Life to Eagle

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

6:30 AM Wednesday AM Bible Study
11:00 AM Senior Lunch with Bill
5:30 PM Moms-In-Touch
6:15 PM Equipping the Saints
5:40 PM Chancel Bells
6:15 PM The Theology Program - Soteriology
6:30 PM Sacred Scripture, Secret Scripture
6:30 PM Back to the Future
6:30 PM Family Matters
6:30 PM Lift Ministries
7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

11:00 AM ECP Tasting Feast
12:30 PM Daughters of the American Revolution
12:30 PM Thursday Noon Renewal Group
3:30 PM Y.M.C.A Tumbling
6:00 PM STUMO /College Ministry
6:15 PM Care Giver Support Group
6:45 PM Thursday Men's Small Group
7:00 PM True North
7:00 PM Troop 78 Patrol Leaders Council
8:00 PM Drug Addiction Anonymous

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:30 AM Friday Morning Men's Group
6:30 AM Friday Morning Women's Group
12:00 PM My Network OKC
2:00 PM Open For Kids To Use
5:00 PM Wyldlife/Middle School Young Life

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:00 AM AA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:00 AM Operation Christmas Child & Hoodies for RG
8:00 AM Blood Drive
8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
9:45 AM Adult Sunday School
9:45 AM Kids' Sunday School
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
12:00 PM Girl's Small Group
3:30 PM Kid's Handbells
4:00 PM Valley Girls - Doing Life From the Pit
4:30 PM Contemporary Choir
5:30 PM OK Presbyterian Pilgrimage Renewal Group
5:40 PM JuBELLation

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:00 AM Bible Study Fellowship
8:00 AM Advent Decorating
9:00 AM Preschool 3's Bible Time
1:30 PM Congregational Care
6:00 PM Carroll Renewal Group
6:00 PM Troop 78 Boy Scouts
7:00 PM Session Stated Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

6:30 AM Women's Ministry Prayer Group
8:30 AM Bible Study Fellowship
9:00 AM Lovely Tuesday Morning Ladies
9:30 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Tuesday Men's Bible Study
6:30 PM Boyce Renewal Group
7:00 PM Executive Pastor Search Committee
7:00 PM Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study
7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Tuesday Supervision Group

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

6:30 AM Wednesday AM Bible Study
5:30 PM Moms-In-Touch
6:15 PM Chancel Bells
7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Thanksgiving Day - Church Offices Closed

8 AM Turkey Trot Run
10 AM Thanksgiving Service
11 AM Community Thanksgiving Dinner at UCO

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Thanksgiving Weekend - Church Offices Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00 AM AA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:00 AM Operation Christmas Child & Hoodies for RG
8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
9:45 AM Adult Sunday School
9:45 AM Kids' Sunday School
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
3:30 PM Kid's Handbells
4:00 PM "Valley Girls - Doing Life From the Pit"
4:30 PM Contemporary Choir
5:40 PM JuBELLation

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00 AM Bible Study Fellowship
9:00 AM Preschool 3's Bible Time
1:30 PM Congregational Care
6:00 PM Carroll Renewal Group
7:00 PM College Box Stuffing

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

6:30 AM Women's Ministry Prayer Group
8:30 AM Bible Study Fellowship
9:00 AM Lovely Tuesday Morning Ladies
9:30 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Tuesday Men's Bible Study
6:30 PM Boyce Renewal Group
7:00 PM Executive Pastor Search Committee
7:00 PM Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study

Note: Scheduled programming is tentative and subject to change. Watch your weekly bulletin and enews for the latest information.



FUNDRAISER FOR UGANDA 2011 CHURCH PLANTING MISSION

Silent & Live Auction

November 18, 2010 | 6:30 - 9:30pm
Will Rogers Theatre | 42nd & Western Ave.
Oklahoma City, Ok.
\$10 per person for meal

For more information contact: Tom Langdon: 405.209.0291



Cream colored ponies and crisp apple strudels,



ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, December 19, 6:30 pm

FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

"Love Came Down at Christmas" | Friday, December 24, 5 pm

CANDLELIGHT & COMMUNION WORSHIP

Friday, December 24, 8 pm

Church Sponsored Events

Sunday, December 5, 8 am-12 pm

Annual Poinsettia Sale

Sponsored by the Evening Circle and the Presbyterian Women's Association, all proceeds of the sale will benefit local missions. The large red, white or pink poinsettias will be \$25 each (cash/check accepted).

Wednesday, December 8, 6:30-8 pm

Carols and Cocoa

Fun for Everyone!

Come spread Christmas cheer to others this season. We will carol for Hope by requesting donations for the Hope Center while caroling in various neighborhoods. To alert the neighbors to expect us and to allow them to prepare their donation, we will hang door hangers on Sunday afternoon on December 5th. Please contact Sarah Montgomery (340-0032) or Linda Birsner (341-3602), if you are able to help hang door hangers on Sunday. Everyone is invited- we will meet in the Palmer Lounge at 6:30 pm (before caroling) and afterwards we will return to the church for hot cocoa!

Sunday, December 12, 7 pm

Christmas Canticles

A work consisting of four suites of familiar carols, will be presented by the FPCE Sanctuary Choir and friends. In addition to the singing of the choir, there will be opportunities for the FPCE congregation to sing with the choir.

Wednesday, December 15, 7:15 PM

Christmas Canticles, 2nd Performance at Touchmark Retirement Center.

The Chancel Bells will be joining the choir for this evening of music for the Touchmark residents.

Friday, December 24, 5 pm

Love Came Down at Christmas (Family Christmas Eve Service)

Mary wrapped the baby Jesus in swaddling clothes and placed him in a manger. God the Father wrapped Jesus in love and placed him in our hearts. Knowing Jesus, we receive many, many other gifts of God's love: hope, joy, forgiveness, and peace. As you talk about Christmas gifts this year, make sure your child understands that we share gifts with others because we have received the perfect gift—Jesus Christ, Our Savior.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above. —James 1:17

Yes, love came down at Christmas and our world is forever changed!
May that love change each person in your family while joining us at the Family Christmas Eve Service.

doorbells and sleighbells and schnitzel with noodles.

In the Community

Thursday, December 2, 5:30-8:30 pm

Territorial Christmas Celebration

\$5 general admission. \$4 seniors & military.

Children under 3 are free.

Harn Homestead- OKC

December 3, 5:30 pm

Norman's 18th TreeLighting Ceremony

The ceremony will feature the official treelighting by the Mayor, festive music by local choirs, fun for the kids, free hot chocolate & cookies and a special appearance of the "Jolly Old Elf" himself.

Andrews Park- Norman/www.normanfun.com

December 4-5, All day

Edmond's Festival of the Trees

A silent auction will be held at the Downtown Community Center Auditorium. The auction funds are going to the Edmond Senior Center Meal Program

December 1-31

Guthrie Candlelight Trolley Tours

Downtown Guthrie, OK

December 2-5

Edmond's Dickens Weekend

A chance to shop for Christmas gifts and support local Edmond merchants.

Downtown Edmond Business Association
www.downtownedmondok.com

December 3-5, 7-9 pm

Boys Ranch Town Drive-Thru Living Christmas Pageant

Free to public (donations appreciated)

5100 SE 33rd St., www.obhc.org

Saturday, December 11

Norman Christmas Parade

Join the town of Norman in celebrating one of their favorite holiday traditions.

There will be bands, floats, and Christmas characters, including the all-time favorite-Jolly old Saint Nick!

December 9-11 & 16-18, 8 pm

Jazz Lab Christmas Show UCO Jazz Lab, 100 E. Fifth

www.ucojazzlab.com

December 11 & 18

Victorian Walk Evenings

Guthrie, OK

CHRISTMAS *Canticles*

A CANTATA OF CAROLS IN FOUR SUITES



BY BENJAMIN HARLAN

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PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010 AT 7 PM
FOR CHRISTMAS CANTICLES, A WORK CONSISTING OF
FOUR SUITES OF FAMILIAR CAROLS

TO BE PRESENTED BY THE SANCTUARY CHOIR & FRIENDS

In addition to the singing of the choir, there will be opportunities for the congregation to sing with the choir. Accompanying the choir, will be an orchestra of musicians who are professionals, students from Oklahoma City University and many of our church members.

TENOR SOLOIST WILL BE BILL PARRISH, COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR AT FPCE

CHURCH MEMBERS PLAYING IN THE ORCHESTRA ARE:

Megan Looper, Flute; Penny Schimek, 1st Trumpet; Shea Bailey, 2nd Trumpet
Brian Reeves, French Horn; Tanner Bailey, Tuba; Bob Carroll, Cello
John Schimek, Double Bass; Kyle Martin, Percussion

THE NARRATORS- YOUNG MEN & WOMEN WHO ARE PART OF

THE STUDENT & KIDS' MINISTRIES OF OUR CHURCH:

Nic Imel, Junior at Edmond North High School
Sonnet Lamb, 8th grade student at Cheyenne Middle School
Matthew Tripp, 5th grade student at John Ross Elementary School
Sarah Fryer, 5th grade student at Chisholm Elementary School

Wild geese that fly with the moon on their wings. 8

December Calendar of Church Events

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

6:30 AM Wednesday AM Bible Study
11:00 AM Senior Lunch with Bill
5:30 PM Moms-In-Touch
6:15 PM Equipping the Saints - A Gifts Discovery Class
6:15 PM Chancel Bells
6:15 PM The Theology Program - Soteriology
6:30 PM Sacred Scripture, Secret Scripture
6:30 PM Back to the Future
6:30 PM Lift Ministries
7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

12:30 PM Thursday Noon Renewal Group
5:30 PM Stephen Ministry Leader's Meeting
6:00 PM Care Giver Support Group
6:00 PM TUMO - College Ministry
6:15 PM Care Giver Support Group
6:45 PM Thursday Men's Small Group
7:00 PM True North
8:00 PM Drug Addiction Anonymous

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

6:30 AM Friday Morning Men's Group
6:30 AM Friday Morning Women's Group
8:00 AM ECP - Regular Classes
12:00 PM My Network OKC
5:00 PM Wyldlife (MS Young Life)
6:00 PM Parents Night Out (KM)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00 AM AA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00 AM Operation Christmas Child & Hoodies for RG
8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
9:45 AM Adult Sunday School
9:45 AM Kids' Sunday School
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
12:00 PM Girl's Small Group
3:30 PM Kid's Handbells
4:00 PM "Valley Girls - "Doing Life From the Pit"
4:30 PM Contemporary Choir
5:30 PM OK Presbyterian Pilgrimage Renewal Group
5:40 PM JuBELLation

Monday, December 6

8:00 AM Bible Study Fellowship
9:00 AM Preschool 3's Bible Time
1:30 PM Congregational Care
5:30 PM Personnel Committee
6:00 PM Carroll Renewal Group
6:00 PM Troop 78 Boy Scouts
6:30 PM Kids' Ministry Committee Meeting
7:00 PM Denominational Relations
7:00 PM Worship Committee
7:00 PM Student Ministries Committee

Tuesday, December 7

6:30 AM Women's Ministry Prayer Group
8:30 AM Bible Study Fellowship
9:00 AM Lovely Tuesday Morning Ladies
9:30 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Tuesday Men's Bible Study
6:30 PM Boyce Renewal Group

7:00 PM Executive Pastor Search Committee
7:00 PM Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study
7:00 PM Evangelism
7:00 PM Troop 78 Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

6:30 AM Wednesday AM Bible Study
11:00 AM Senior Lunch with Bill
5:30 PM Moms-In-Touch
6:15 PM Equipping the Saints - A Gifts Discovery Class
6:15 PM Chancel Bells
6:15 PM The Theology Program - Soteriology
6:30 PM "Carols & Cocoa"
6:30 PM Sacred Scripture, Secret Scripture
6:30 PM Back to the Future
6:30 PM Lift Ministries
7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:30 AM ECP - CDO Bible Time
12:30 PM Thursday Noon Renewal Group
2:00 PM Cooks Night Out
6:00 PM STUMO - College Ministry
6:45 PM Thursday Men's Small Group
7:00 PM True North
7:00 PM OK Presbyterian Pilgrimage Council Meeting

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:30 AM Friday Morning Men's Group
6:30 AM Friday Morning Women's Group
9:00 AM Moppets
9:00 AM M.O.P.S.
12:00 PM My Network OKC
4:00 PM Christmas Party at Rolling Green Apartments (KM)
5:00 PM Wyldlife (MS Young Life)
6:00 PM Cooks' Night Out

Saturday, December 11

8:00 AM AA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
9:45 AM Adult Sunday School
9:45 AM Kids' Sunday School
4:00 PM "Valley Girls - "Doing Life From the Pit"
5:40 PM JuBELLation
6:30 PM Healing & Wholeness Service
7:00 PM "Christmas Canticles" Program

Monday, December 13

9:00 AM Preschool 3's Bible Time
1:30 PM Congregational Care
2:30 PM ECP - Planning Time
6:00 PM Carroll Renewal Group
6:00 PM Oceans 10 Couples Group
6:00 PM Troop 78 Boy Scouts
7:00 PM Adult Discipleship Committee
6:30 AM Women's Ministry Prayer Group
7:00 AM Special Elections

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:30 AM Bible Study Fellowship
9:00 AM Lovely Tuesday Morning Ladies
9:30 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Tuesday Men's Bible Study

6:00 PM EFCA Monthly Meeting
6:30 PM Mission & Evangelism Committee
6:30 PM Boyce Renewal Group
7:00 PM Executive Pastor Search Committee
7:00 PM Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study
7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Tuesday Supervision Group
7:00 PM Troop 78 Scoutmaster Conference

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:30 AM Wednesday AM Bible Study
5:30 PM Moms-In-Touch
6:15 PM Chancel Bells
7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir- at Touchmark Retirement Center

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

10:00 AM KinderClub
12:00 PM ECP Christmas Lunch
12:30 PM Daughters of the American Revolution
12:30 PM Thursday Noon Renewal Group
1:00 PM KinderClub
6:00 PM STUMO - College Ministry
6:15 PM Care Giver Support Group
6:45 PM Thursday Men's Small Group
7:00 PM True North
7:00 PM Troop 78 Patrol Leaders Council

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:30 AM Friday Morning Men's Group
8:00 AM ECP - Regular Classes
12:00 PM My Network OKC
6:00 PM ECP - Parent's Night Out
6:30 PM Staff Christmas Party

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 AM AA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
9:45 AM Adult Sunday School
9:45 AM Kids' Sunday School
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
4:00 PM "Valley Girls - "Doing Life From the Pit"
5:30 PM OK Presbyterian Pilgrimage Renewal Group
6:30 PM Blue Christmas Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 AM Bible Study Fellowship
9:00 AM Preschool 3's Bible Time
1:30 PM Congregational Care
5:30 PM Finance & Property Committee
6:00 PM Carroll Renewal Group
6:00 PM Troop 78 Boy Scouts
7:00 PM Board of Deacons

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

6:30 AM Women's Ministry Prayer Group
8:30 AM Bible Study Fellowship
9:00 AM Lovely Tuesday Morning Ladies
9:30 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Tuesday Men's Bible Study
5:00 PM Band Practice with Dabrowski
5:30 PM Steering Committee Meeting
6:30 PM Boyce Renewal Group
7:00 PM Executive Pastor Search Committee

These are a few of my favorite things.

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7:00 PM Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study
7:00 PM Troop 78 - Life to Eagle

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:30 AM Wednesday AM Bible Study
5:30 PM Moms-In-Touch
12:30 PM Thursday Noon Renewal Group
6:45 PM Thursday Men's Small Group
7:00 PM True North

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve- Church Offices Closed
5:00 PM Family Christmas Eve Service
8:00 PM Traditional Christmas Eve Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day
8:00 AM AA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
9:45 AM Adult Sunday School
9:45 AM Kids' Sunday School
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
4:00 PM Valley Girls - "Doing Life From the Pit"

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

Church Offices Closed
8:00 AM Bible Study Fellowship
1:30 PM Congregational Care
6:00 PM Carroll Renewal Group
6:00 PM Troop 78 Boy Scouts
7:00 PM Session Stated Meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

6:30 AM Women's Ministry Prayer Group
8:30 AM Bible Study Fellowship
9:00 AM Lovely Tuesday Morning Ladies
9:30 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Tuesday Men's Bible Study
6:30 PM Boyce Renewal Group
7:00 PM Executive Pastor Search Committee
7:00 PM Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

6:30 AM Wednesday AM Bible Study
5:30 PM Moms-In-Touch

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

12:30 PM Thursday Noon Renewal Group
6:45 PM Thursday Men's Small Group

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve
6:30 AM Friday Morning Men's Group
6:30 AM Friday Morning Women's Group
12:00 PM My Network OKC

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

New Year's Day

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
9:45 AM Adult Sunday School
9:45 AM Kids' Sunday School
11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
4:00 PM "Valley Girls-Doing Life From the Pit"

Note: Scheduled programming is tentative and subject to change. Watch your weekly bulletin and enews for the latest information.



BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sunday, December 19, 6:30 pm

For some, the Christmas season is tinged with sadness, whether due to the loss of a loved one or some other emotional trauma. Our Blue Christmas service provides a time of reflective, healing worship for those not inclined to embrace the typical festivities of the season. If this appeals to you, please come join us - and spread the word to others seeking the quiet healing of God's presence as well!

YEAR TO-DATE RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES COMPARED TO BUDGET AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

Where we should be

Receipts Budgeted thru September	\$1,778,906
Expenses Budgeted thru September	(1,778,906)
Receipts less Expenses	0

Where we are

Receipts - Actual thru September	\$1,641,177
Expenses - Actual thru September	(1,738,085)
Receipts less Expenses	(96,908)

Budget versus Actual thru September

Receipts/Income	\$(137,729)
	7.70% Under Budget

Expenses	(40,821)
	2.30% Below Budget

Income less Expenses	(96,908)
	Shortfall through September

While our year to date deficit of \$96,908 is considerably better than our historical position at September 30, it does not diminish the fact that we have a shortfall of nearly \$100,000 to overcome by the end of the year. Your efforts to bring your pledge to current status or to provide over and above giving will help us end the year on a positive financial note. We do thank you for your generosity that enables this Church to work in so many ways toward the accomplishment of our goal to be good stewards of all that God has provided. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions or comments about this report.

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David Timberlake, Chairman	Rick Roberts, Treasurer
Tim Hopkins	Gary Moore
Steve Kinney	Bob Turner

Deck the Halls with cups of Cocoa...

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF CAROLING & COCOA
Wednesday, December 8, 6:30-8 pm - Meet in the Palmer Lounge



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