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Preacher Feature

Trying to find the best way to say goodbye is very difficult. I have been blessed by being your pastor for these last seven years. I pray that you will continue to bless and support Rev. Kara Scroggins as she assumes the duties of your pastor on July 1st.



I would have never expected to wind down my ministry this way, but the Covid-19 pandemic has certainly made all of us adjust in many ways to this challenge.

I started my ministry when I graduated from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in 1976. My District Superintendent required that I be in my pulpit on June 1st, which was the official start date back then. I still had three weeks of classes and my first wife was still teaching school. So I had to commute the 700 miles each way for three weeks. And besides that, the parsonage was being renovated and not available until July. The next year, my first speech on the floor of the Annual Conference was to ask that we change the start date to July 1st. It passed, to my amazement. Many pastors agreed that June 1st was bad for their children still in school, etc, etc. I served three churches then, making a 35-mile roundtrip each Sunday. The lay leader would end the service at one church, and the other lay leader would start the service at the next, and I would get there as soon as I could. Days of the circuit rider for sure.

I was then appointed to a church in Baltimore City—Roland Ave-Evergreen in the Hampden area of the city. It was my grandmother's church, so I was "Bessie's grandson, the pastor." I was there for six years, and helped to develop a cooperative parish, where eight churches worked together as much as we could.

I spent 10 years at Epworth in Cockeysville, where we started a daycare center and began the expansion of the building—my first Capital Campaign. My next appointment was for nine years at Ashton, where its growth required an expansion, actually doubling the size of the building—my second capital campaign.



John Wesley, First Methodist
Circuit Rider

From there, I was appointed to University UMC in College Park. It was a challenge negotiating the original congregation with 25,000 teenagers across the street. Three years later I moved to Liberty Grove in Burtonsville, and again did an expansion of the building—removing asbestos, putting in an elevator, and redesigning the building—my third capital campaign. I spent seven years there, like I've spent seven years here at North Bethesda. What an interesting journey it has been.

I'm hoping for another appointment in retirement, a small church somewhere, because I don't feel like God is finished with me yet.

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Minister: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe that:

It is better to be kind than rude;
Being loving is better than being hateful;
Helping each other is nicer than ignoring them;
Kindness will happen someday;
Resurrection will happen someday;
Friends are important;
They are supportive;
God is a leader and a teacher of faith;
God is forever forgiving;
God is forever loving;
Jesus is the son of God;
Jesus is loving;
The Holy Spirit is hopeful and is always with us.

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"TO INSPIRE AND EQUIP LOCAL FAITH COMMUNITIES TO DEVELOP DISCIPLES OF
JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD."

Appointment Announcement

Flora Milans
Chair, Staff Parish Relations Committee

It is my joy to share with you that Bishop LaTrelle Easterling has appointed Rev. Kara Scroggins as the new pastor of our congregation. Pastor Scroggins will begin her new responsibilities on July 1st of this year. As a United Methodist Church, we are a part of an appointment system. Our congregation's staff parish relations committee has met with the district superintendent to identify our congregation's needs and the needed skills in a pastor. We have also met with Pastor Scroggins to get to know her and to ask questions.



Rev. Kara Scroggins is currently the pastor at Glenmont United Methodist Church. She grew up in Washington, DC, and attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she majored in math and English. While teaching math in Cape Town, South Africa, Rev. Kara felt called to build and bridge communities of faith, and she came home ready to pursue ordination in the United Methodist Church. She earned her Masters in Divinity from Yale Divinity School, where she most enjoyed studying environmental theologies, global sacred music, and pastoral care with refugee populations. Rev. Kara is a competitive runner and triathlete who also enjoys cooking, board games, and gardening. She served as the associate pastor at Bethesda UMC for five years before coming to Glenmont in 2018.

In the "God-works-in-mysterious-ways" category, we learned that, for the past two years, Pastors Kara and Jeff have attended the Financial Leadership Academy's program on building sound church finances, so Rev. Kara also will be in a position to use the ideas and concepts learned there.

Rev. Kara asked me to convey to you that she's really looking forward to getting to know everyone and that it is an honor to be invited to come alongside you as your pastor. Rev. Scroggins will work with us and the conference so that we continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

***SAVE THE DATE: Rev. Scroggins' first Sunday worship service at NBUMC
is July 4th.***

There will be a reception after the service to welcome her.

April 20, 2021



When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. The Lord is near the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. --- Psalm 34:17-18

Beloved:

As the nation absorbs the guilty verdicts delivered in the case of former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin in the killing of George Floyd, people of faith stand in solemnity and prayer.

Although the justice system has worked, there is still a family in pain over the unnecessary loss of their loved one. This is not a moment for celebration; it's a time for reflection for all those involved in the death of George Floyd and all that unfolded in those nine minutes and 29 seconds last May, which prompted the largest movement for human rights in our nation's history. It is a time for reflection on why justice is still elusive for far too many.

The verdicts provide greater assurance for all Americans that life, regardless of ethnicity, is sacred, equal, and worthy. It bolsters the truth that each child of God inherently possesses rights that must be respected by everyone, including by those sworn to serve and protect our communities.

Throughout the case, the prosecutor told the jury to "believe your eyes." That call is ours as well. We must believe our eyes, our hearts, and our souls that demand us to continue to seek justice. Justice should never be for the privileged few. Justice must prevail for all.

This is a time of prayer for the Floyd family as they continue to mourn. This is also a time of prayer for the Chauvin family as they too are suffering. As the people of God, we know that forgiveness is available to all who seek it with earnest hearts.

This is a time for awareness and awakening. It is also a time for action. The work continues as we labor to secure equal justice. It is the work of a lifetime. It shouldn't take a man being murdered in the street and virally viewed around the world to receive accountability. What happens next time when there is no video?

Let our deeds be a legacy that leads us to seek Beloved Community, an end of violence, and God's unerring justice and bold shalom. Join me—[join us in the Baltimore-Washington Conference](#)—as we work towards this goal.

Blessings and peace,
Bishop LaTrelle Easterling

The Lectionary

May 2: 5th Sunday of Easter

- *Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31
- 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

May 9: 6th Sunday of Easter

- *Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98
- 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

May 16: Ascension of the Lord

- *Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47
- Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53

May 23: Day of Pentecost

- *Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

May 30: Trinity Sunday

- Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29
- Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

June 6: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

- 1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)
- Psalm 138; 2 Cor. 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

June 13: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

- 1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13; Psalm 20
- 2 Cor. 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

June 20: 4th Sunday after Pentecost

- 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49
- Psalm 9:9-20; 2 Cor. 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

June 27: 5th Sunday after Pentecost

- 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130
- 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:2

July 4: 6th Sunday after Pentecost

- 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48
- 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

Worship Themes

Rev. Jeff Jones

5/2 Holy Communion: John 15:1-8 Vine & Branches

The connection that we have with Jesus feeds and nourishes our spiritual lives. This connection allows us to connect to each other and helps us connect to a broken and hurting world with the ministry of the love of Jesus. How we remain under the influence of Christ is key to enabling all the rest of our ministry.

5/9 Mother's Day: Psalm 98

The psalm is all about praise and thanksgiving to God. Mother's Day will allow us to give thanks to God for our Mothers. Let us remember how we have been influenced and blessed by the women who encouraged and equipped us to handle life. I hope you can share a moment of gratitude for them.

5/16 Ascension Sunday: Luke 24:44-53

Jesus is taken up to heaven at the end of his 40 days of making resurrection connections to his disciples and over 500 others, according to St. Paul's witness. We are invited to wait for the power of the Holy Spirit to come upon us and fill us with the resources of God's strength and direction in our own lives.

5/23 Pentecost: Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost is the birth of the church when the Holy Spirit descended on the 120 disciples gathered in Jerusalem. The Spirit gave them the ability to share the good news with the thousands who had gathered from many parts of the globe to celebrate Pentecost, a harvest festival and reminder of the giving of the 10 Commandments. It truly launched the ministry. Those who heard the good news took it back with them to their own countries and the church spread. It is now a worldwide ministry.

5/30 Purposes of Church/Memorial Day: Acts 2: 42-47

The empowered disciples developed the ministry of the church. It led to worship, discipleship, fellowship, compassion and evangelism. All of these are necessary for the body of Christ to be healthy. We've been talking about them as points on a compass--with Praise in the center, and N nourishment/Discipleship plus E embracing one another/Fellowship, adding S service to our community and finally W witness/Evangelism, inviting others to join us in service to Jesus Christ.

6/6 Fruits of the Spirit: Holy Communion Gal. 5: 22-23

Pentecost gives the Holy Spirit to us and one of the many ways we are blessed is the fruits, the nature and quality of life that was in Jesus. So we can have Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Gentleness, Faithfulness, and Self-Control. Let us pray that those qualities grow within each of us.

6/13 Great Commission: Matt 28: 16-20

Part of the Ascension message of Jesus was that we are to go into all the world and share the good news, teaching everyone to obey what Jesus has taught us and be assured that he goes with us wherever we go. NBUMC is blessed that a lot of the world has come to us, and found our fellowship a welcoming place. As we "start over" once the pandemic is past, we recommit ourselves to the Great Commission.

6/20 Prayer of St. Francis: Pastor Jeff's Last Sunday

My life has been shaped since summer camp of 1970 with this prayer. My final message to you is that it inspires you as well. You can be an Instrument of Peace, and bring hope to all you meet and connect with.

6/27 1 Corinthians 3:4-11, 21-23; Rev. Joye Jones

I am truly grateful for Rev. Joye's ministry in retirement. I've been connected to Joye in our appointments, and have been blessed by her spirit and encouragement. Thank you, Joye, for being here.

Let us all remember to observe Pastor Jeff's Days of Rest: Thursday afternoons, Fridays and Monday mornings.

Looking Back

Nature's Bounty Boosted Church Building Fund

Paul Hurlburt, Church Historian

The June 1957 issue of our then church newsletter, the *Synopsis*, reported that the Men's Club had voted to transfer \$125 to a church building fund. At the time, the lot where North Bethesda United Methodist Church now stands had no buildings. Worship had been taking place at Grosvenor Elementary School for the previous nine months and would soon move to Walter Johnson High School where more space was available. The growing congregation already had almost 200 members.

Men's and women's groups of the church had so far raised \$2,031. W. R. (Russell) Poole, the church Treasurer, reported in the June 1957 *Synopsis*. Mr. Poole and his wife, Helen, our church matriarch in today, had joined the church in the very first group September 16, 1956. In the same issue Donald Smith, Chairman of the Building Committee, reported a church architect had been selected. Plans called for an all-purpose educational building to be erected in 1958, with the sanctuary to follow.

Meanwhile, the Men's Club had been leasing garden plots on the empty lot to raise money for the church building. Perhaps because the garden project was so unusual as well as successful, it attracted the attention of *The Evening Star** of Washington D.C. (photo lower right). Half the 80 plots had been leased and planted by church members and neighbors. They wrote, "Members of the new North Bethesda Methodist Church congregation hope the vegetables sprouting on their four-acre site forecast the future growth there of a \$100,000 church." Among the vegetables under cultivation, "...tomato and pepper plants were flourishing, and corn stalks were expected," and "Beans, carrots, peas, cucumbers, radishes and other vegetables are awaited."

As they gather on late afternoons and Saturdays, "...everyone seems to get a great deal of pleasure out of working a little land in a community atmosphere," the church pastor, the Rev. Richard Irvin told *The Evening Star*.

To prepare the site for "small-scale farming," Men's Club President Russell Cox and his team, which included Smith, Warner Bogley, George Ladner Jr., and Clarence Lane, "...plowed, harrowed and disced the soil, leveling the rough, rolling surface," *The Evening Star* reported.

The club hoped to contribute \$5,200 to the building fund by the end of the year. "Mr. Irvin admitted the group has a long way to go to raise the necessary funds," according to *The Evening Star*. "But," he declared, "If the enthusiasm evidenced in the way members started gardening together is any indication, the church will be built."

* [*The Evening Star*, Washington, D.C. Saturday, May 11, 1957; p. A-8](#)



The Rev. Richard Irvin, who organized our church and became its first pastor, visits prospective members Russell and Muriel Cox during the summer of 1956. As a charter member, Mr. Cox would go on to play an important fund-raising role as president of the Men's Club. The 118 individuals who joined the church by the end of 1956 are considered charter members.



WORKING FOR A CHURCH AND VEGETABLES—These gardeners are working on plots of land leased from the North Bethesda Methodist Church. The church is putting the money thus earned into its fund for a new building.—Star Staff Photo.

HAPPENINGS

AN EASTER AFFIRMATION

Twelve of us and Pastor Jeff gathered on Easter morning April 4, 2021, at the Cross on the Lawn to worship and praise our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our beloved Ed Swanson organized a short worship service on behalf of the Arts Committee to tell the story of the resurrection with Natalie McManus reading 1 John 20: 1-18, and Flora Milans reading 2 Isaiah 65: 17-25.



There was darkness over the earth
before creation;
**There is darkness in the womb
before birth;**
The seed grows in darkness before it
meets the light;
**There is darkness in the tomb
before resurrection.**
But now Christ is risen!
The dawn has come
A new creation has commenced.
The world is born anew.
Christ is Risen.
CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!
Thanks be to God!
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!
AMEN!

Pastor Jeff provided a short message inviting all of us to reflect on all the images of the morning: the empty tomb, the voices of the angels and Mary's encounter with Jesus.

Special Music included recordings of "Christ the Lord Has Risen Today," "He Rolled The Stone Away," and "In the Garden". The service concluded with The Arts Committee, Richard McManus, Sara Barakat, Rose and Frank Akpebu, Kathleen Edelman, and Alyson Popkin singing together "Crown Him with Many Crowns," while physically distant.

Special thanks to Ed Swanson for draping the cross and to Mark Aehle for his care in strategically placing the chairs to maintain our physical distance. These acts of service permitted the intimacy of the service to shine through.
- Michele Bernot



L-R: Michele Bernot, Mark Aehle, Pastor Jeff, Flora Milans and Rose Aehle.

Thank you, Pastor Jeff!

On behalf of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, thank you, Pastor Jeff, for your creative service to our church. You not only have preached the Word, but you have lived it. Your servant leadership during the pandemic has allowed us to continue to be fed spiritually so that we might feed others. Thank you for your love and care for us. We wish you joy in this next phase of life, knowing that God has a plan for you! - Flora Milans



The Rev. Jeff and Elaine Jones

It's been a joy serving as Church Council Chair under your Pastorship. Thanks for your cheerful spirit and leadership. You have taught me what it truly means to give of yourself to God's work. I wish you the best in your next chapter.

- Penny Clarke



We wish you all the best.



"For the past five years it has been an uplifting experience and privilege for me to work together with you in my role as Lay Leader of the congregation. Your Scriptural and prayerful guidance during Sunday and AWE worship services, as well as your intimate knowledge of the Wesleyan tradition and the history of Christianity over the centuries, have been a spiritual education and inspiration for us all. Your extensive knowledge of UMC procedures and practical church issues, together with your willingness to listen to all opinions, have been invaluable in guiding many committee decisions, and have materially benefited our church. And now, your generous decision to retire early and continue your service to our church exemplifies your living the Christian service principles you preach. We are immensely grateful to you for your love and devotion to our church. We wish you and Elaine a happy and rewarding 'retirement'. - Gordon Cragg





Tayo Ball (above), son of Mark and Patience, is graduating from St. Albans, and will be attending The University of Chicago in the fall.



Eline Korang (left) is graduating from middle school from Rochambeau, the French International School, and is headed to high school at The Thacher School in Ojai, CA in the fall.



Vera and Jesse Jennings' grandson, Michael Wesley Pemberton (above), is graduating from Henrico High School (Richmond, VA). He plans to attend J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond in the fall.



Laila Tabatabai (right), daughter of Diane and Ali, is graduating from the University of Maryland with a double major in Biology and Animal Science. She has been accepted to the Virginia/Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech for this fall.

Did we miss you? Send your announcement with photo to NBUMC.Office at Gmail.com and we will include you in the next issue of the *Contact*.



Upcoming Events



M A Y



Bethesda Help
neighbors helping neighbors in need

Service and Outreach Committee
We are holding a
food drive for
Bethesda Help
on Saturday morning,
May 8th from 10 to noon.



Day of Pentecost, May 23rd.
Remember to wear red.



Celebrate Our Mothers May 9th

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Celebrate Our Fathers June 20th

SAVE THE DATE!

Please save Sunday, Father's Day,
June 20, at 4 p.m. for a special
Retirement/Farewell Celebration
of Pastor Jeff's 46 years of ministry, and his
and his wife, Elaine's service to NBUMC.

If you are interested in helping plan the celebration,
please contact Flora Milans
Floramilans at gmail.com or by phone.



Preacher Feature

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I have been tremendously blessed here because of the incredible level of lay leadership this congregation possesses. Our leaders have done a fantastic job working through the challenges this year and are in a good position moving forward into the future. Please keep praying for them, and for the successors, in service to NBUMC.

I want to thank our committed staff for the help they have given as well. Linda Thompson guided me through the whole congregation my first few months here. Tony Ashur has been creative in providing music for our worship, and we have replaced the organ under his leadership. I had the privilege of hiring Chris Lee as our office manager; she is a miracle worker, and we are truly blessed by the multiple talents she brings to the office. I had the privilege of bringing Renee Newman on board as well, and we have seen our children's ministry grow under very challenging circumstances. We had over 120 in attendance on Zoom for the Children's service in Black History month. Truly amazing. Tripta Verma is a gem, as she awaits the return to her ministry in the nursery. She has served us so well for 20 years.



Thank you all for what you have done to show how welcoming a church can be.

May God continue to bless you going forward.

Pastor Jeff

In Other News...



SECOND PPP LOAN APPROVED

We, NBUMC, were approved in April 2021 for a 2nd forgivable Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan by the Small Business Administration (SBA). The amount of the loan is \$34,012. Our 1st PPP loan of \$34,012 received in May 2020 was forgiven by the SBA in December 2020. Total received by NBUMC from the stimulus packages is \$68,024.

**THANK YOU, Jesse Jennings,
for your hard work
in obtaining these funds for NBUMC.**

NEW DIRECTORY



North Bethesda
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2021
Member Directory

We have an updated member directory! **Thank you, Mary Lou Griffin, Membership Secretary, and Chris Lee, Office Manager.**

Despite many attempts to gather updates and corrections, many have come in since the new directory was mailed!

If you have updates and corrections, please send them to nbumc.office at gmail.com no later than June 1.

In Other News...

NOTES ON REOPENING

Pastor Jeff and church leaders are exploring options for re-opening NBUMC. An informal poll was taken Sunday, April 25, during our Zoom worship service. More polls and surveys will be conducted in the future. NBUMC will comply with all Montgomery County and BWC requirements for gathering, such as no congregational singing, wearing masks, and social distancing.

Options under consideration are limited worship in the sanctuary, with no congregational singing, and physical distancing; outside worship at the Cross or in the parking lot, again no singing and physically distant (perhaps, BYOC - bring your own chair!), continued Zoom worship, and...

Worship via Zoom has kept many of us connected, especially with our "virtual coffee hour" after the service. It has enabled many who were not physically able to attend church in person, or who are miles and miles away, to attend worship services. It is clear that people really like holding meetings by Zoom so they don't have to physically travel to the building for one-hour meetings, often in the evenings! However, we also know that Zoom disenfranchises several of our members who do not have computers or smartphones, and/or are not comfortable using technology.

It is clear moving forward that we will likely offer some type of "hybrid" service of in-person and online worship. In order to stream worship from our Sanctuary (Zoom, YouTube, Facebook Live), we need a faster Internet network inside the building. Work is in progress collecting and evaluating options for upgrading the wiring in the building that will serve us today and carry us into the future. Now is the ideal time to accomplish this as building use is at an all-time low.

Watch for more polls in the *Weekly Email* and during Zoom worship. We want to make sure our members and friends are heard as more of us are vaccinated, and hopefully, life begins to return to a "new" normal.

SHOUT OUT TO DIANE!

A special "shout out" of thanks to Diane Walsh-Barberisi, Chair of Trustees. She continues to work inside and outside our church building. Currently, she is overseeing the replacement of the air conditioner that serves the office and Benedict Parlor. Diane arranged for our yard maintenance crew to prepare the area by the Cross for the Easter Sunrise Service, and saw to it they filled the ruts that a truck made in the lawn. Through the pandemic, she's been to the church several hundred times to enable other Trustees and volunteers to enter the building to meet contractors and perform other tasks. She's even cleaned out the freezer and refrigerators!

Diane: the editors say on behalf of the Congregation and all your friends:

THANK YOU!

CURRENT EVENTS CLASS

By Carol Malmi

The Current Events Sunday class met in the Parlor after Fellowship Hour when we could meet face to face in the church. Then the pandemic struck. Since September 2020, several CE members have met on Zoom biweekly to discuss readings relating to religious faith in the world. Three books, so far, have led to time-traveling discussions of past, present, and future.

The Second Mountain, by David Brooks. Brooks, a *New York Times* columnist and PBS pundit, writes a memoir threaded around a mid-life crisis and pursuit of new religious and ethical beliefs that now drive his daily life.

Saint Paul: The Saint You Love To Hate, by Biblical scholar Karen Armstrong: we learned a lot about Paul, his beliefs, his travels, and his powerful role in formation of the early Christian church. We didn't hate him to start with, but we liked him much better after getting to know him.

In God's Time: The Bible and the Future, by Craig Hill, previously a Wesley Seminary theologian and now Dean of Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology (and husband of Robin Hill, our director of Christian Education in the 1990s). Hill challenges current evangelical beliefs, such as "the rapture," by analyzing Old and New Testament scriptures relating to "eschatology." Eschatology is the theological study of "last things" and "the fulfillment of God's plan for human history." He writes, "To live Christianly is to live hopefully," sure that "God is acting in and through human history," every day.

New participants are always welcome. Please contact Carol Malmi or Rich McManus for more information.

Miscellany

THE GOOSE EGG

The goose egg, like the goose, is tall and Aerodynamic, in an earthbound way. It Begs for a pendulum to swing from, a Pinnacle to crown, a raceway to roll down Crazy, in its strange wobbling spin, a Helical canter.

Carol Malmi

[Carol was gifted a carton of goose eggs; this is her response.]



Sedinam Korang, with Boomer (above), will be doing her junior year in high school in Spain with a grant from School Year Abroad. She will live with a host family from September to May, with total language immersion. She is already fluent in French and hopes to master Spanish by the end of her time in Spain.



AJ Ow, playing music somewhere on a ship in the Pacific Ocean.

17-year Cicadas are coming in May!



Does running late count as exercise?



NBUMC Youth Group from 19??
Kara Beers Stanton,
bottom center

Love, Justice & Service: The Order of Deaconess and Home Missioner
Deaconess / Home Missioner Spotlight

Deaconess Shelly Owen
Oklahoma Conference
Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Services Division
Tulsa, OK

My favorite aspect of ministry is enabling people who have Intellectual DisABILITIES live the fullest lives that they can live.

The best thing about being in community with other deaconesses and home missioners is knowing that my sisters and brothers support me in love and prayer.

I am a D/HM today because the office embraced my gifts and my calling. It was the best way for me to live into my calling.

Personal Motto:
Do justice. Love kindness. Walk humbly with God.







Recent spotlight on former member, Shelly Owen



We love our children. However, for reasons of security and privacy, we do not identify them by name in our publications or online.



MAY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>"If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">—Maya Angelou</p>						
<p>1 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Breakout Coffee</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 10:00 am Fit for Eternity</p>	<p>4 Cinco de Mayo  7:00 pm AWE</p>	<p>5 Nat'l Day of Prayer 10:00 am Fit for Eternity 6:00 pm Chef Majed Meals 7:30 pm Current Events</p>	<p>6 Friendship Day </p>	<p>7 11:00 Prime Time</p>
<p>8 Mother's Day 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Breakout Coffee</p>	<p>9 7:00 Trustees</p>	<p>10 10:00 am Fit for Eternity 7:00 Finance</p>	<p>11 7:00 pm AWE</p>	<p>12 Ascension Day 10:00 am Fit for Eternity 6:00 pm Chef Majed Meals 7:30 Choir</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Armed Forces Day</p>
<p>15 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Breakout Coffee</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 10:00 am Fit for Eternity 7:00 pm SPRC</p>	<p>18 7:00 pm AWE</p>	<p>19 10:00 am Fit for Eternity 6:00 pm Chef Majed Meals 7:30 pm Current Events</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 11:00 Prime Time</p>
<p>22 Pentecost 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Breakout Coffee</p>	<p>23  1:00 am Fit for Eternity</p>	<p>24 Nat'l Wine Day</p>	<p>25 7:00 pm AWE</p>	<p>26 10:00 am Fit for Eternity 6:00 pm Chef Majed Meals 7:30 Choir</p>	<p>27 Nat'l Burger Day </p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Breakout Coffee</p>	<p>30 Memorial Day</p>					

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1</p>	<p>2 7:00 pm AWE</p>	<p>3 10:00 am Fit for Eternity 6:00 pm Chef Majed Meals 7:30 pm Current Events</p>	<p>4 Hug your Cat Day </p>	<p>5 Hot Air Balloon Day</p>
<p>6 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Breakout Coffee</p>	<p>7 Chocolate Ice Cream Day </p>	<p>8 7:00 Finance</p>	<p>9 7:00 pm AWE</p>	<p>10 10:00 am Fit for Eternity 6:00 pm Chef Majed Meals</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 11:00 Prime Time</p>
<p>13 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Breakout Coffee</p>	<p>14 Flag Day 7:00 Trustees</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 7:00 pm AWE</p>	<p>17 10:00 am Fit for Eternity 6:00 pm Chef Majed Meals 7:30 pm Current Events</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 Father's Day 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Breakout Coffee</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 7:00 pm AWE</p>	<p>24 10:00 am Fit for Eternity 6:00 pm Chef Majed Meals</p>	<p>25 Nat'l Food Truck Day </p>	<p>26 11:00 Prime Time</p>
<p>27 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Breakout Coffee</p>	<p>28 John Wesley's Birthday </p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 7:00 pm AWE</p>			

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This is the schedule for worship participants for the months of May and June. Please note on your calendar. If there is a conflict with your schedule, **please arrange for a substitute and inform the office of that change so it can be published in the weekly bulletin.** Liturgists are for individual Sundays. **Greeters and ushers are for the whole month.** Communion Stewards are for the first Sunday of the month. Stewards are for the first Sunday of the month.

DATE	LITURGIST	
May 2	Penny Clarke	Sunday Worship 10:00am <hr/> Alternative Worship experience: Wednesday 7:00pm <hr/> Contact the Church Office to be added to the mailing list for weekly updates.
May 9	Rich McManus	
May 16	Carol Malmi	
May 23	Wayne Huff	
May 30	Marvin Burt	
June 6	Chris Lee	
June 13	Irving Williams	
June 20	Carol Malmi	
June 27	Elvira Williams	