



Vian United Methodist Church

MONTHLY NEWS



I heard the bells
on Christmas Day!

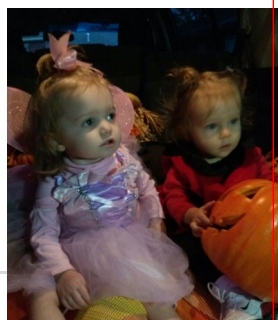


December 2013

Dates to remember:

First Sunday of Advent	Dec 1
UMM Meeting	Dec 8
Children's Christmas Program	Dec 15
Christmas Choral Program	Dec 22
Christmas Eve Service 6:00pm	Dec 24
Christmas Day	Dec 25
New Year's Eve	Dec 31

Trunk or Treat was awesome! Here are a couple of pictures for you!



Volunteer Help Needed

- ◆ Help is needed in the kitchen each Sunday morning from 9:30 until 10:45. If this is an area in which you can serve, please see Pastor Marcia.
- ◆ Taegen and Creighton have been wonderful to teach Sunday school and Children's church and are now asking for your help. If you would be willing to volunteer to care for the children on the first or the third Sunday of each month during morning service, please see Pastor Marcia.
- ◆ Wednesday evening children need your help. Can you care for and teach from 6:00-8:30? Dinner & materials are provided. Salary \$25.00 per week or volunteer help is gladly accepted.

Join us Saturday Dec. 21st at 6:30pm as we sing Christmas carols to the residents of Vian Nursing Home. The Vian UMC Praise Band will be leading us.

What is Re-Ignite?

Re-Ignite events are for all the United Methodist family—not just church officers, and for clergy as well as laity.

Those seeking to enrich their leadership skills and their lives are encouraged to attend this workshop at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Muskogee, Sunday January 19th.

An opportunity to share ideas with individuals from other churches and to gain new insights from well-prepared leaders will be a part of an organized, energized worship experience.

There are components for children and youth. Youth may also attend adult classes.

Nursery care is provided at each workshop.

Be sure to pre-register by visiting:
www.okumcministries.org

As an added bonus, our Bishop Robert E. Hayes, Jr will be delivering the sermon at the close of the evening. You will be blessed!

From the Pastor...

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Yes, it's a song lyric, but it's also a heartfelt statement. I love this time of the year. Families gathering together, church and community sharing a meal, a song or celebration.

We invite you to join us as we sing Christmas carols to the nursing home residents, as we distribute food to the less fortunate and as we invite friends, family and neighbors to share in our Christmas specials during Sunday morning worship. It takes so little to make the day brighter for some.

Send a card to a shut-in or share a meal with someone who would otherwise dine alone.

"May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace, the gladness of Christmas give you hope, the warmth of Christmas grant you love." (Unknown Author)

Peace, Hope & Love,
Pastor Marcia

The benefits of year-end giving - Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation insights

The year is quickly coming to an end, and 2014 will be here before we know it. Many times we get caught up in the holiday season and planning for the next year, and we forget about making year-end gifts to our church and beloved United Methodist ministries.

These gifts, large or small, are important to ministry and could be as simple as an addition to your church's permanent endowment fund, the missions fund, or a supplement to special projects or programs your church is already doing.

Thoughtfully addressing your charitable giving plans between now and Dec. 31 can help assure maximum benefits for you and your church or favorite ministry. Carefully considering what to give, and when to give it, can increase the impact of your gifts and help meet personal goals as well.

There are many ways you can make a gift before the end of the year that will provide you with valuable benefits and help further the work of your favorite United Methodist cause.

These benefits include tax savings on this year's return and bypass of capital gains tax on the sale of your property.

Here are three options for year-end giving:

1. Make a deductible gift of cash. While all gifts mailed or hand-delivered by Dec. 31 qualify for the charitable deduction, gifts of cash are the most common and the easiest way to give. If you itemize your tax deductions, gifts of cash are deductible up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income (AGI).

2. Make a deductible gift of securities. Making gifts of stocks, bonds, and/or mutual funds directly to the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation for the benefit of your church can bring extra tax savings. If you have held such assets longer than one year, the gift can be deducted at full fair market value, not just the original cost. Giving this way enables you to bypass capital gains tax. Gifts of securities are deductible up to 30 percent of AGI.

3. Make a deductible gift of real estate and avoid taxes. If you own appreciated real estate that you no longer need, consider gifting this property to the Foundation for the benefit of your cherished United Methodist cause. The Foundation will sell your property tax-free, and you will receive a charitable tax deduction for the fair market value of the property and avoid paying capital gains tax.

Contact the Foundation at 800-259-6863 for more information on year-end gifts.

Now is also a good time to review your estate plan. Everyone wants to make an impact on the world, to leave it a little better after we are gone. A bequest is one of the easiest and most tangible ways to have a lasting impact on the people and organizations that mean the most to you. You can create a bequest of any dollar amount, gift specific property, or designate a percentage of your estate in your will or trust.

Consider including a tithe of your will to benefit your United Methodist church or favorite ministry. Ten percent can make a big impact. Your generosity will make a difference for years to come. Contact David Battles at the Foundation for more information. <http://www.okumf.org>



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Please take a moment to remember these members with a card, phone call or visit. Their information is listed below for your convenience.

Don & Patti Jamison
PO Box 495
Vian, OK 74962
918-773-5490

Bill & Margaret Bane
Rt. 2 Box 73
Sallisaw, OK 74955
918-773-8182

John & Billie Foster
PO Box 555
Vian, OK 74962
918-773-8278

Lucille Gossett
Broadway Manor Healthcare Center
1622 W. Broadway Street
Muskogee, OK 74403



Lord,
Hear our prayers.

Please lift up the following in prayer:

Pat Zeiler
Peggy McCarty
Len Foldenauer
Richard Holcomb
Ray & Samantha Rodgers
Bill & Margaret Bane
Jim Begin
Roger & Glenna Holloway
Glenda Harrell
Johnny Carlisle
Kyle McGowan
Victoria Salcedo
Felicia Opiela
Sarah Bane
Vernon & Loraine Lawrence
Billie Foster
Lucille Ford
Jimmy Hughes
Adrienne Elbon
Don Brockman
Don & Patti Jamison
Freddy Howard
Lucille Gossett
Dick & Bess Chamberlin
Darrel Vix
Barbara Jean VanHooser
Richard Hawkins
Mary Ann Casteel
Juanita Long
Kyle Coke
Diantha Judkins
Ruby Green
Linda Ball
Diana Anderson West
Bill Ball
Cathy Davis
Naomi Carron
Jenny Callhorn
Joney Long
Colbert Croft
Lydia Hamilton Chadwick
Brad Schuster
Elsie Johnson
Deana Everett
Torry Nunnelee

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Norman Fitzgerald
Tina Thompson
Glen Kelley
Linda Brown
Justin Mills
Raymond Moss
Ramona Moss
Ferrin (John) Moss
Stacy Jelison

Please pray for our country, leaders and our military family:

Brandon Van Hooser
Nathan Garrett
Will Boyd
Jim (Buddy) McCoy
Jimmy Hemphill
David Atkinson
Chris Graham
Ryan Tyler
Cody Baird
Marcus Lawrence
Kevin Lamb
Kevin Bray
William Jenkins
Sylas Sloan
Kyle Hamon

Birthdays of the Month

1 ~ Kolton Boshers
2 ~ Creighton Ellis
2 ~ Al Martin
5 ~ Chuck Sloan
9 ~ Jody Sloan
25 ~ Karli Boshers
25 ~ John Foster
27 ~ Debbie Brockman
27 ~ Nell Mathot
27 ~ Myrna Swango
Felicia Opiela

Anniversary Blessings

15 ~ Charles & Myrna Swango
18 ~ Rob & Lisa Kirk
21 ~ Dr. Tommy & Barbara
McCreight
31 ~ Don & Ruthy Pruitt

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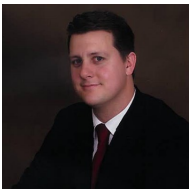
Prayer Chain

Our prayer chain is a vital part of our ministry here at Vian UMC. The current list of those on the chain is shown below. If you would like to be added to or removed from the prayer chain, please see Pastor Marcia.

Prayer Chain in order of calls:

Pastor Marcia Martin
Billie Foster
Margaret Bane
Pat Zeiler
Lucille Ford
Loraine Lawrence
Mary Sloan
Judie Croisant
Phyllis Hill
Glenda Harrell
Sandy Brockman
Len McCarty
Jerry Caughman
Barbara McCreight
Christina Herriman
Nell Mathot
Phyllis Massing

**Note: if you can't reach the next person on the list, leave a message and call the next person on the list to keep the chain active. Thank you!



Congratulations!

Jerry Caughman is this year's recipient of the Carl Albert State College

Distinguished Alumni Association Award. Jerry was recognized at Carl Albert homecoming, November 7.

Children's Christmas Program

Our Children's Christmas program is scheduled for Sunday December 15th. We would love to have your children, grandchildren, nieces & nephews involved! Please visit with Taegen Ellis or Pastor Marcia for more information. From the youngest to the oldest, all are encouraged to participate!

Ministry

We are blessed to have three retired ministers at Vian UMC! Our adult ministry team met recently and I'm very pleased to announce that Vernon Lawrence, Len McCarty and Len Foldenauer will be serving the Lord with hospital visitation, home visits and meeting with the pastor weekly in special prayer time for the needs of our church family and community. If you would like prayer for a particular circumstance or individual, please fill out one of the prayer request cards and place it in the offering plate or the pastor's "in" box on the office door. We will be gathering each Thursday for this special time of prayer.



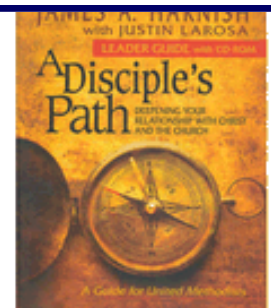
If you would like to order a Poinsettia to adorn the sanctuary in honor of a friend or loved one, please fill out an order form (found in the narthex), attach your payment in the amount of \$20.00 and give to Pastor by Sunday December 1st. Poinsettias will be in place for the Dec. 15th and 22nd services.



The Ladies Bible Study is currently studying "Breaking Free" by Beth Moore. This has been a wonderful study and will complete in January. Do you have a suggestion for the next study? You're invited to join the group which meets each Tuesday evening at 6pm at the pastor's home.



The UMM will meet Sunday December 8th at 1:30 pm. All male members of Vian UMC are automatically members of the UMM and all are invited to attend the meetings in fellowship hall. Congratulations to Fred Hamon, who has been selected to serve as the UMM President!



Our new mid-week study "A Discipleship Path" is going and growing! Great job by Fred and great participation by all!!! Feel free to join us each Wednesday at 2pm.

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Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

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Fri

Sat

<p>1</p> <p>Last day to order poinsettias. Happy Birthday Kolton Boshers!</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Happy Birthday Al Martin and Creighton Ellis! Poinsettias ordered</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Happy Birthday Chuck Sloan! Lions Club Parade 6:00pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>UMM Meeting 1:30</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Happy Birthday Jody Sloan!</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Happy Anniversary Charlie & Myrna Swango!</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Poinsettias delivered</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Children's Christmas Program</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Happy Anniversary Rob & Lisa Kirk!</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Happy Anniversary Dr. Tommy & Barbara McCreight! 6:30 Caroling at Vian nursing home</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Adult Choral Christmas Program</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p> Christmas Eve Candle Service 6:00 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Happy Birthday Karli Boshers and John Foster! No Wednesday Service</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Happy Birthday Nell Mathot, Debbie Brockman & Myrna Swango!</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Happy Anniversary Don & Ruthy Pruitt!</p>	<p>Tuesday 6pm Ladies Bible Study at pastor's home Wednesday 2pm "A Disciple's Path" study Wednesday 3pm-6pm Fellowship 6:00pm Dinner 7:00pm Worship</p>			