



Vian United Methodist Church

MONTHLY NEWS



January 2014

Dates to remember:

New Year's Eve family gathering	Dec 31 8p-12a
Men's Breakfast 8:30	Jan 4
Worship Team 6p	Jan 9
Movie Night 6pm	Jan 10
Re-Ignite at St. Paul UMC	Jan 19

Children's Christmas Program



Advent Reading



December specials....

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Christmas special and the Children's program. It takes time and a willingness to serve God and serve others to make these happen. A special "thank you" to Taegen Ellis, Creighton Ellis, Christina Herriman, Margaret Bane and Al Martin for their part in working with both the children and the adults for these special services.

Evangelism

Several in our church family visited homes and businesses in the community during December, Inviting our neighbors to join us here at Vian UMC. When you are visiting the businesses around town, look for our posters in the store windows. Another time of evangelism is scheduled for the spring and we would love to have you join us as we spread the love of Christ with an invitation to join us at Vian UMC. Thank you to our "Multiply Your Impact" team & others who worked so hard to spread the word!

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 on January 19th following Sunday worship. Nursery care is provided for each workshop.

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

Children's workshops are also available.

A brochure and registration form is attached to the newsletter. You may register online if you wish. The church will sponsor those who wish to attend but are financially unable. **Everyone is encouraged to attend!**

www.okumc.org/reignite

St. Paul UMC

2130 W. Okmulgee

Muskogee, OK 74401

From the Pastor...

December was a busy, hectic, fast-paced and blessed time! Our children presented song and readings during their program. Our choir and praise band, as well as many individuals, blessed us at our Christmas special. We shared a meal on December 22nd. We sang Christmas carols to the nursing home residents, stopping to visit and pray with as many as possible. We had many visitors to both our Wednesday and Sunday services. We began a new Sunday school class. We gained child care on Wednesday evenings. Many of our members participated in the food basket & toy program at the Vian Peace Center. We spent the month of December serving others, as often as possible. I'm excited to see where God will lead us in 2014. With God, all things are possible!

*Peace, Hope & Love,
Pastor Marcia*



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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.

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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:

Peggy McCarty
Len Foldenauer
Richard Holcomb
Ray & Samantha Rodgers
Bill & Margaret Bane
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
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



3~ John Hult
12 ~ Tracy Boshers
13 ~ Dale Haraway
18 ~ Lucille Ford
19 ~ Donald Pruitt
20 ~ Elisabeth Bissell
22 ~ Pat Zeiler
29 ~ Sarah Bane
31 ~ Michelle Tyler



None to report in January

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Help Needed

Volunteer 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. This person will prepare the morning coffee & rolls as well as greet individuals as they enter the fellowship hall.

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 is \$25.00 per week or volunteer help is gladly accepted. We have one volunteer at this time working with the children, but as we continue to grow, additional help will be needed.

Ministry to Others

Retired ministers 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 "in" box on the pastor's office door. We will be gathering each Thursday for this special time of prayer.

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future. We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love. In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need. In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: "Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end" (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12). As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come. Amen

Billy Graham's prayer for the new year



All ladies are invited to join in Bible study each Tuesday at 6pm. We would love to have you join us! Our current study is titled "Breaking Free."



The men will meet for breakfast the first Saturday of each month at 8:30am. If you have items to donate, please drop them off prior to their breakfast time. All area men are invited to join in this time of fellowship and prayer.



Join us Friday January 10th at 6pm for Movie Night. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Invite friends and neighbors to join us!

Keep up with all the latest by visiting our website often!

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