



Vian United Methodist Church

The Church Messenger

Remember the Dates...

- ◆ **March 1st** 6:30 pm Movie Night! We'll be showing "Here Comes the Boom" on our new big screen TV's and inviting the entire community to join us.
- ◆ **March 1st** World day of prayer
- ◆ **March 9th** Winter Jam concert in Tulsa
- ◆ **March 10th** Daylight Savings Time begins
- ◆ **March 10th** VBS Planning Meeting
- ◆ **March 17th** UMM Meeting & Luncheon
- ◆ **March 24th** Palm Sunday
- ◆ **March 28th** Maundy Thursday service 6pm
- ◆ **March 29th** Good Friday service 6pm
- ◆ **March 31st** Sunrise Service 7am

United Methodist Men's Retreat

The Muskogee District UMM held their 3rd annual retreat February 22nd & 23rd at Camp Egan. The theme for the retreat was "Catch the Spirit NOW" There were 2 great speakers, our own District Superintendent Emery Mason along with former OU quarterback Steve Davis. The men had a wonderful time and great lessons, devotionals and services. Plan now to attend the 2014 retreat!

FUEL YOUTH!

Great things are happening in our youth group. February 6th kicked off the new F.U.E.L. (Faith Used in Everyday Life) group and there were 17 in attendance.

When visiting local Vian merchants, you should see our flyer in the window. If you have a contact at the school, please help us get the word out to Junior and Senior High youth, teachers & administrators. This is a much needed outreach ministry for our young people. The youth have time for homework, snacks, games & movies until 5pm. We invite and encourage you to stop by and play a game, watch a movie or just visit with a young person. Join us at 5pm for dinner and stay for Worship from 6:00-7:30.



Adult Bible Study

The adult Sunday school class, led by Charles & Mary Sloan, just completed an 11 year study of all 66 books of the Bible. That's quite an accomplishment! Keep up the excellent work, you are appreciated by us all.

Young Adult Bible Study

The young adult Sunday school class has begun a new Bible study titled "A Life God Rewards". This class is led by Steven Pitton & Pastor Marcia. Invite someone to Sunday school!



Friday
March 1st
6:30pm
Open to everyone so invite a friend to the movie!

Vian UMC Directory

Daphne Hamon is busy taking pictures for the new directory and Nell Mathot has been busy typing all the information to be included. If you have not yet had your photo taken or you need to update information from the last directory, please see these ladies. A special thank you to both!

Vacation Bible School



Summer will be here before we know it! Plans are underway for our 2013 VBS and we would love to have you join us. The theme

chosen for this summer is God's Backyard Bible Camp. There will be plenty of opportunities for you to get involved! Our planning meeting is scheduled right after church on Sunday March 10th. Please plan to attend!

From the Pastor's Desk

Easter comes early this year. The date of Easter varies considerably. It can be as early as March 22 and as late as April 25.

Our Ash Wednesday service was held on February 13th. We observed the special day with the Imposition of Ashes and concluded the service with Holy Communion. (Charlie Swango escorted Myrna to the service, and yes, I danced down the aisle to greet him, as promised.)

Ash Wednesday is an excellent way to begin the Lenten season, as we prepare for Easter, the greatest annual celebration in the Christian year. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, prompting us all to consider what we might give up in fast for 40 days. It also invites us to add to what we do in remembrance and thanksgiving for Christ's sacrifice for us. Maybe we could spend more intentional time in prayer or Bible study or we might visit the nursing home or a homebound person. Whatever you decide to give up in fast or add to your daily life for Christ, do it with praise and thanksgiving. Do it earnestly and with reverence.

Be blessed this Lenten season, and be a blessing to others
Pastor Marcia

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*Margaret Horn Family
*Bill Speer Family
*Brockman Family

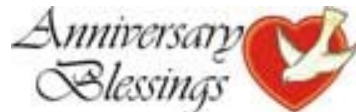
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Lucille Ford
Jimmy Hughes
Adrienne Elbin
Don Brockman
Don & Patti Jamison
Freddy Howard
Lucille Gossett
Dick & Bess Chamberlin
Darrel & Margalo Vix
Debbie & Sarah McDonald
Bill & Margaret Bane
Barbara Jean VanHooser
Richard Hawkins
Mary Ann Castle
Joy Pryor
Juanita Long
Pete & Kelly Jack
Lucy (Lorraine's sister)
Debbie Tackett & family
Coraline "Corky" Reid
Tonya Roop
Diantha Judkins
Ruby Green
Linda Hall
Diana Anderson West
Keith & Amanda Dobbs
Bill Ball
Cathy Davis
Naomi Carron
Katy Cabe
Jenny Callhorn
Joney Long
Colbert Croft
Tom Casteel
Tina Thompson
David Richey
Teresa Webb
Linda Brown
Donnie Jamison
Justin Mills
Bill Swango

Please pray for our country, leaders and the following in 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



1 ~ Kati Boshers
8 ~ Phyllis Hill
9 ~ Abigail Rose Herriman
15 ~ Janie Holcomb
16 ~ Greenlee Wells
17 ~ Amber Croisant
19 ~ Ganohili DrowningBear
22 ~ Sarah Kay DrowningBear
23 ~ Pastor Marcia Martin
29 ~ Ajina DrowningBear
31 ~ Helen Farmer



30 ~ Don & Patti Jamison

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

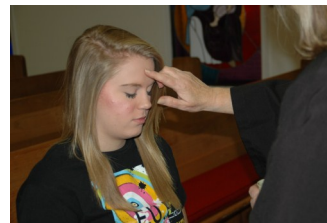
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Danielle Swanson, a member of F.U.E.L. youth receiving the Imposition of Ashes.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

March is a busy month at Vian United Methodist Church!

On March 1st we will invite the community in for “Movie Night” and we will be showing “Here Comes the Boom” starring Kevin James. This comedy is a great one for the family! We will have a traditional foot washing service at 6:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, our Good Friday service will be at 6:00 p.m. and our Easter sunrise service will be at 7:00 a.m. Breakfast will follow the sunrise service. Theron & Judie Croisant have blessed so many over the years by preparing the breakfast but are ready to pass this blessing on to someone else. If you would like to prepare and serve breakfast to those in attendance, please let Pastor Marcia know as soon as possible.