



# MARANATHA NEWSLETTER

## 3/21/2016

Boston Avenue United Methodist Church

Jim McCann, President

Today: 20 March 2016	Next Week: 27 March 2016
<b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Meredith Davison (20)	<b><u>Birthdays:</u></b> Suzy Morgan (27) Linda Morrissey (27) Suzan Morgan (29)
<b><u>Anniversaries:</u></b> Neal & Debra Pascoe (3/21/81) Keith & Sue Madden (3/24/72)	<b><u>Anniversaries:</u></b> Ginny & Jerry Walker (27)
<b><u>Prayer next week</u></b> Carol Grim	<b><u>Prayer next week</u></b> Jim Embrey
<b><u>Speaker next week:</u></b> Janet Purinton	<b><u>Speaker next week:</u></b> Dave Grim (Finance) & Jim Embrey, MC
<b><u>Snacks next week:</u></b> G = Rex & Allene Donley H = John & Pam Sherman	<b><u>Snacks next week:</u></b> <b>Brunch</b>
<b><u>Boston Avenue UMC:</u></b> <a href="http://www.bostonavenue.org/">http://www.bostonavenue.org/</a>	<b><u>Maranatha Class:</u></b> <a href="http://maranathaclass.org/">http://maranathaclass.org/</a>

## MINUTES:

Thank you for the snacks and refreshments. Janet Purinton finished her two part lesson on "Giving Up Bad Things For Lent" a subject which struck home for many of us.

## GUESTS:

Steve Echols, David Cooley's nephew David and Alan (I am sorry, I did not get the last name).

## FINANCE:

**\*Donation fund recommendations:** The Finance Committee met last weekend (13th) and will be presenting a recommended 1st half distribution (\$10,000) to the class this coming Sunday, March 27th.

**\*For any requested class expenditure,** please contact a member of the Finance Committee: Dave Grim, Susie Butterworth, Bob Russell, Jim Embrey, or Karen Campbell (Emeritus) & Jim McCann.

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***The paintings (by acclaimed Santa Fe artist Anthony Corso) that David Cooley generously donated are still up for auction/bid. Please read the below (edited) from Ed Payton:***



"Below are two links, one is for EBay and the other is for Craigslist. These two links will connect you to the listings on those websites, respectively. They are the original oil paintings which were donated to Maranatha."

<u>Website</u>	<u>Reduced hyperlinks:</u>
<b>EBay</b>	<a href="http://www.ebay.com/itm/Oil-Paintings-by-Santa-Fe-Artist-Anthony-Corso-/162012155089?ssPageName=ADME:L:LCA:US:1123">Ebay Anthony Corso Oil Paintings</a>
<b>Craigslist</b>	<a href="http://tulsa.craigslist.org/art/5498867047.html">Craigslist Anthony Corso Oil Paintings</a>

The source hyperlinks are as follows:

<http://www.ebay.com/itm/Oil-Paintings-by-Santa-Fe-Artist-Anthony-Corso-/162012155089?ssPageName=ADME:L:LCA:US:1123>

<http://tulsa.craigslist.org/art/5498867047.html>

*\*\*Hopefully the reduced hyperlinks can be used by everyone*

***We would like to urge everyone in our class through the newsletter to mention these in their Face Book auctions by posting information, posting the photos and posting links to these two sites. Maybe they would want also to email the information to some of their friends who may be interested in the paintings.***

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Here is the blurb about them as published on the before mentioned websites:



***Two stunning oil paintings of the New Mexico landscape by acclaimed Santa Fe artist Anthony Corso. One is 24" x 36"; the other is 23" x 15". The larger work depicts buttes jutting up from the floor of a valley into mesas with a distant mountain range in the background. The smaller work is of clouds hovering over a distant mountain range. Both paintings features the colors of the high desert; gold's, rose, turquoise and green. Using the rich colors of the southwest, Corso captures the stark beauty of a New Mexico landscape. Corso's work has been featured in solo shows, group exhibitions and at numerous galleries including: The Empire Collection, New York, NY; La Galleria at La Mama, New York, NY; Hankook Gallery, New York, NY; Robertson Gallery, Beverly Hills, CA; Riggs Gallery, La Jolla, CA; Labyrinthus, Budapest, Hungary. His work in public collections includes those of the United Nations, the Port Authority of New York, Chemical Bank and the American Broadcasting Company. More information about the artist, who is presently living in New York may be found at his website.***

***These paintings were donated to Maranatha Ministries by the original owner. Proceeds will be used for community service work in the Tulsa, OK. area.***

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### SOCIALS:

***Minute to Win It!*** Our next social event promises to be an evening of great fun and frolic! On **Friday, April 1st**, we will gather at the church for a potluck dinner and a **Maranatha Minute To Win It Tournament!** It should be loads of laughter for those participating in the crazy challenges and even more hilarity for those watching! Don't miss out on a wild evening! If you won't be in class to sign up, please email Karen at [k.brownlee@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k.brownlee@sbcglobal.net) to let her know that you are coming and what you will bring as your potluck item. We will definitely have more fun if YOU are there!

### MISSIONS:

**Boston Avenue Mission Experience (BASE)** is this coming **April 10th**.

1. Please **sign up** in **Bishops Hall** (this is for the church to determine how many lunches they need to order/buy) and in **Maranatha class** (starting this Sunday) so we know how many people we can plan on for our work projects at Burroughs Elementary.
2. **Wear your work clothes** to church on April 10th.
3. Eat lunch in Jubilee Hall after the 11:00 service.
4. After lunch **head over (convoy)** to Burroughs Elementary, address: 1924 N Cincinnati Ave, Tulsa, OK 74106. If you need a ride, let Glenna Arnott or Jim Embrey know and they will work that out.
5. Most of **our work consist of** picking up light trash around the property, pulling weeds out of the playground areas and small gardens, replacing the hoops on the basketball court, a little weed eating/whacking.
6. We **will be done** within 3 hours or less. Bring your work gloves, hats, boots and whatever you are comfortable wearing outdoors.
7. We **will have** bottled water there, **no** bathroom facilities will be available on the premises.

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### ***Upcoming Maranatha Mission Events:***

10 April – Burroughs Elementary, outside clean up and light garden work

22<sup>nd</sup> May: St Luke's Redemption Church, serving dinner

June – Open month for mission

24<sup>th</sup> July: St Luke's Redemption Church, serving dinner

August – Open month for mission

9<sup>th</sup> September: Day Center for the Homeless, feeding dinner

October – Open month for mission

November – Open month for mission

December – Neighbor for Neighbor, managing families for photos and presents  
Christmas Morning Congregational Brunch

If you know of a mission opportunity that would fit into Maranatha's scope of work, let Glenna Arnott or Jim Embrey know so they can look into it for a possible opportunity to serve.

## **PRAYER VOLUNTEERS:**

3/27 Jim Embrey

## **SPEAKERS:**

3/27 Easter Brunch! Bring your favorite dish to share with others-it's all about Christian fellowship and sharing God's great love with all.

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### **CLASS PRAYER REQUESTS (Joys):**

Please give thanks for the following:

\*\*Paul and Mary Staat were back in class this morning! Prognosis is still out, but he is looking great and excited to be home. In addition to being home, Mary and Paul now have a beautiful little granddaughter Lucy! Mom, Kate, is doing well too.

\*\*Thanks to Paul Giesson and Sam Embrey for helping with moving furniture for the Staat's so that they could remove install wooden floors. This makes for a more sterile environment for Paul during his recovery, post chemotherapy.

### **CLASS PRAYER REQUESTS (Concerns):**

Please email our Caranatha Chair Carol Grim at [cgrim1@cox.net](mailto:cgrim1@cox.net) and copy our President at [adale@hallestill.com](mailto:adale@hallestill.com) with concerns that need immediate class response or prayer during the week such as accidents, injuries, deaths, etc. For emergencies, please call Carol at (918) 583-5181 (weekday mornings) or (198) 369-6945 (any other time). For Joys and Concerns to be communicated to the class and incorporated into the newsletter, please email our class mailbox at [maranathaclass@gmail.com](mailto:maranathaclass@gmail.com). I will incorporate them into our newsletter and, if time permits, into our class announcements, next week.

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### **CHURCH WIDE PRAYER REQUESTS:**

(Jacques Cunningham, 918-812- 2258, [cunnij6@cox.net](mailto:cunnij6@cox.net))

03-20-16

Boston Avenue United Methodist Church Prayer Ministry: "Do not hesitate to love and to love deeply. You might be afraid of the pain that deep love can cause. When those you love deeply reject you, leave you, or die, your heart will be broken. But that should not hold you back from loving deeply. The pain that comes from deep love makes your love ever more fruitful. It is like a plow that breaks the ground to allow the seed to take root and grow into a strong plant." Henri Nouwen

#### **Standing Prayers:**

-for God's peace to rule in the hearts of all his children the Boston Avenue Church & staff the ministries of Boston Avenue - the Prayer Ministry for the ministers of Boston Avenue and their families:

-David Wiggs    Eva Marie Campbell    Jennifer Solis    Audra Fogle    Bill Crowell  
Bill Tankersley Brenda Reed    Sheri Nellis    Sarah Thornhill    Joel Panciera    Susan  
Panciera    Debbie Peterson    Paula Gradney Garner    Jose Luis Hernandez-Estrada  
Belynda Clanton    Paul Staat    Hayley St. John

-for Merri Whitaker and the Cookson Mission the Burroughs Elementary students, teachers and staff Prayer Requests Received on 03-20-16:

- for the Boston Avenue families who have lost loved ones
- for these Boston Avenue members who are or have been in the hospital: Adora Smithen, Oneida Knepper, Pat Bond, Ken Southard, Kate Staat, Elizabeth Bartlett
- for these first time visitors: Bob Boone; Alisha, Ruby & Will Harrington; Audrey Lewis; Maggie Newberry; Mickey, Patty & Shane Pemberton; Duane Sorrell
- Pray for Joyce Raper who is beginning chemotherapy.
- healing from coronary hypertension & breathing difficulties
- Pray for Sally Gordon. I would like to know more about your church.
- Pray for Judge Dawn Moody. Long life
- Pray for Michelle Fero. I need to have surgery however I can't afford to be off work for 3 weeks to have surgery. Pray my hernia stays okay until I can get a better job.
- Pray for men and women serving our armed service. Bring back home safe.

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- Pray for Jerome Combs.
- sister Janet – upcoming foot surgery; friend Laietis – success with her new start
- Pray for Stephen recovering from prostate cancer.
- Pray for the guests of the compassion dinner. I/we pray for all of the Lord's daughters and sons at the compassion dinner and for all those in need around the world. We give thanks for the BAUMC & its members for giving the funds for such a worthy event.
- Pray for James.
- Pray for Courtney Carruth. Pray that I get the job I have been applying for also that my housing situation works out for the better. (ie I get new place.)
- Pray for Harriet Price 2 ½ yrs old. Orphaned & chained to her crib until adopted at 2 yrs. old. Heart damaged. Surgery to repair, we are praying transplant won't be necessary. Harriet is a sweet precious child. Please pray for her. William & Penny Price are her parents.
- Martin Johnson – lung cancer; Alma Churchill – ear; Brandee; Capo – heart; Donna - gall bladder
- for Jeremy Steeley kidney stone surgery last Friday for peace & comfort and for relief of pain
- for Cindy who will have knee replacement March 28
- Please add Ken Southard to the prayer list. He is in rehab after a fall. Also, Elizabeth Bartlett is recuperating in the hospital after surgery. Please continue prayers for Rev. Charles Herndon and family and for Donna Cartwright.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**COMMUNICATION SURVEY** – Hayley St. John, new Director of Communications for BAUMC, is seeking Maranatha's input regarding how we best receive information from the church and how we would like to get such information in the future. She has created a survey to help her hone optimal communication methods for us. Hard copies of the survey were handed out in class yesterday and blank ones remain on the back table. If you prefer to fill yours out online, the link to do so is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BostonAveCommunication>

**GREETER OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER** – Do you have the ability to open a door or shake a hand? Do your lips curve into a smile? If so, congratulations! You possess all the skills necessary to excel at being a greeter and you are *particularly* needed during Holy Week and Easter to welcome our many visitors. Your seven opportunities to greet include:

- Holy Thursday Service on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- Good Friday Service on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:05 p.m.
- Easter Eve Service on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunrise Service on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 a.m.
- Easter Sanctuary Service on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.
- Easter Sanctuary Service on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.
- Easter Sanctuary Service on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

**\*\*If you are planning to attend Holy Week and Easter Services and willing to come 20 minutes early and stay 10 minutes after to greet and assist, please let Karen Campbell know. Her email address is [k.brownlee@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k.brownlee@sbcglobal.net)**

*Please contact Karen Campbell or Audra Fogle with any questions or to commit your lovely smile to one of these services.*

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Continued)**

**YOUTH STOCK SALE** - The largest fundraiser for Boston Avenue Youth missions will be happening April 3, 10 and 17th. Please give to this worthy cause, we extending our love of God through our children; we can make this happen by donating to them.

**ALZHEIMER'S INFORMATION MEETING** – As part of a campaign to help our church be better prepared by putting a face on aging issues such as dementia and Alzheimer's, BAUMC is hosting a free congregational gathering entitled "Facing Dementia as a Church Family" at **6:30 on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**. Will Randolph, Director of Aging and Older Adult Ministries at the United Methodist Church in Nashville will be featured and representatives from the Alzheimer's Association Oklahoma Chapter will be available with resources and information. RSVP to (918) 699-0127, as space is limited for the event.

**MISSION TEAM FORMING TO SERVE COOKSON HILLS CENTER ON JUNE 5-10, 2016:** Twenty participants are sought to perform mission work in the areas of maintenance, odd jobs and repairs at Cookson facilities. Accommodations include bunk beds, air-conditioning, bathrooms, showers, and laundry. Cost is \$200 to \$250 per person. Sign-ups are in Bishops' Hall.

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**CLASS DISCUSSION GUIDELINES** - We are a large class with many people who have lots of interesting things to say. In order to give everyone an opportunity to voice their comments, we are incorporating into our weekly lessons the discussion guidelines that Marita Morgan taught us: **(1) Only one comment per person per class. (2) Economy of words. (3). Speak loudly so everyone has an opportunity to hear you.** Thank you for adhering to these discussion guidelines so that we will all have an opportunity to participate in the discussions and benefit from hearing each other.

### 2016 Maranatha Officers

**President:** Jim McCann

**VP Curriculum:** Michelle Place

**VP Finance:** Bob Russell/Jim Embrey/Dave Grim/Karen Campbell (Emeritus)/Jim McCann

**VP Missions:** Glenna Arnott/Jim Embrey

**Social:** Angelyn Dale/Karen Campbell/Sarah Maldonado/Jeanie Payton/Judith Payton

**Auction:** Judith and Ed Payton

**Attendance taker(s)/Secretary:** Sharon Earley

**Refreshments:** Debbie and Scott Morgan

**Reporter:** Meredith Davison-Wansley

**Caranatha:** Carol and Dave Grim

**Chili Supper:** Jim & Julee Embrey

**Historian:** Pam Low

**Treasurer:** Susie Butterworth

**Web Master:** Barbara Meehan

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