



MARANATHA NEWSLETTER

10/11/2016

Boston Avenue United Methodist Church

Jim McCann, President

Today: 9 October 2016

Birthdays:

Jennifer Hall (11)
Karen Campbell (12)
Mary Bundren (13)

Anniversaries:

Prayer this week:

Shari Goodwin

Speaker this week:

Dr. Mindy McGarrah Sharp

Snacks this week:

G = Glenna Arnott
H = Shari & Lynn Goodwin

Boston Avenue UMC:

<http://www.bostonavenue.org/>

Next Week: 16 October 2016

Birthdays:

Anniversaries:

Prayer next week

Richard Wansley

Speaker next week:

David Wiggs

Snacks next week:

G = Peggy Lewis & Ed Vierheller
H = Meredith Davison & Richard Wansley

Maranatha Class:

<http://maranathaclass.org/>

MINUTES:

Thank you for the snacks and refreshments. Dr. Mindy McGarrah Sharp taught us the what "Practical Theology" is and means to us as a faith group. She and her family are a blessing to us all at BAUMC.

GUESTS: Steve Echols stopped by to say he is in town to visit mother and to listen to Dr. Biggs lesson in her class.

FINANCE: *Class expenditures:* For any requested class expenditure, please contact a member of the Finance Committee: Bob Russell, Jim Embrey, Dave Grim or Karen Campbell (Emeritus) & Jim McCann. Since we have not yet sold the paintings that David Cooley generously donated, we are exploring other options of potentially selling them through Ziegler's or Richard Neel Interiors. If anyone else has suggestions for methods to sell them, please contact Ed or Judith Payton.

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SOCIALS:

Thank you **Jeanie and Richard Payton** for being such great host to our October Blue Grass concert. What a perfect evening to spend with friends and listen to great music.

Thank you all on the Social committee for a great and fun year sharing time together with like minded believers and being blessed to have such great company. 2016 was and still is a fun year! Our next social will be the Maranatha Annual Christmas party. It will be held at the Tulsa Country Club on December 2. Time to be determined.

MISSIONS:

Upcoming Maranatha Mission Events:

13th & 27th October – Compassion Dinner at BAUMC

November – Open month for mission

December – Neighbor for Neighbor, managing families for photos and presents

25 December: Serving Congregational Brunch to whole church before worship

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:

10/16 Richard Wansley

10/23 Gleanna Arnott

10/30 William Meyer

11/6 Mary Bunden

11/13 Meredith Davison Wansley

11/20 Scott Morgan

11/27 Lynn Jesse

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SPEAKERS:

10/9 Dr. Mindy McGarrah Sharp

10/16, 10/23 & 10/30 Rev. David Wiggs

CLASS PRAYER REQUESTS (Joys):

Please give thanks for the following:

Janet Purinton will be moving into the OK United Methodist Manor for physical therapy for her recover. Even better news is that she is very bored! That's always a good sign.

OSU celebrated the ground breaking on October 8 for the new UM Youth center.

David Shepherd's brother is doing good after the hurricane--Riding the Storm out! Brothers are crazy dudes...

CLASS PRAYER REQUESTS (Concerns):

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Janet Purinton still needs prayers to help her progress though her therapy.

The father of **Nancy & Susan Morgan** has been moved to hospice as his condition deteriorates. Regrettably, their mother is extremely ill as well.

Paul Staat is home but will be going back to MD Anderson for further evaluations.

Jim Embrey's sister is still fighting through her infections post surgery. Hopefully this will heal so that she can start her post surgery chemotherapy as soon as possible. Jim and Julee will be out of town for the next three months during this process.

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Alan & Jan Smith niece passed away from ovarian cancer. They are attending a memorial this week in her memory.

The family of **Haley Halbrook** (Gleanna Arnott family/friends) are dealing with a loss due to cancer.

Please email our Caranatha Chair Carol Grim at cgrim1@cox.net and copy our President at 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. I will incorporate them into our newsletter and, if time permits, into our class announcements, next week.

CHURCH WIDE PRAYER REQUESTS:

Prayer Requests Received on 10-09-16: 10-09-16

Boston Avenue United Methodist Church Prayer Ministry: "If we sit quietly in prayer and endure the silence, we will hear all the bits and pieces of ourselves crowding in on ourselves, pleading to be heard. The noisy clamor of these bits and pieces is the sound of the great river of being flowing through us. To bring our total selves in transparency to prayer is to let the Lord listen in on this inner racket." Wilkie Au Jacques Cunningham, 812 2258, cunnij6@cox.net

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 staff members of Boston Avenue and their families:

David Wiggs Eva Marie Campbell Audra Fogle Bill Tankersley Brenda Reed Sheri Nellis Joel Panciera

Susan Panciera Debbie Peterson Paula Gradney Garner Jose Luis Hernandez-Estrada Belynda Clanton

Hayley St. John Jennifer Solis

Sara Pugh Montgomery Melanie Nicholas

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- the Burroughs Elementary students, teachers and staff & the Cookson Mission
- for the Boston Avenue families who have lost these loved ones: Penny Rudd
- for these Boston Avenue members who are or have been in the hospital: Zella Baker, Janet Purinton, Michael Margrave, Mark Keeter, Shelia McKay, Paul Staat, Jim Feeney
- for these first time visitors: Jim and Linda Beers, Gail Court, Lorena Hajer, Jimmy & Mary Lou Jacobus, Emma Perry, Olivia Sailsbury, Echo Shawnee, Kelly Vidal
- Pray for all those affected by hurricane Matthew.
- Please pray for Charlie whose colon cancer has returned and for Wayne who had a heart attack last Monday.
- that the church will find the right person to fill a staff position
- Pray for Jim Perkin who has been diagnosed with throat cancer. He will start chemo soon.
- Pray for the peace of the United States of America. May God's will prevail in the elections and may we heal as a country.
- Pray for my daughter, Deborah, having tests to diagnosis the cause & treatment for fluid on the optic nerve of her right eye.
- wisdom on how to handle problem Thankful that God is my Guide and counsel and praying for revival at Boston Avenue. Pray for every seat filled every Sunday morning.
- Bill Hardie injury car wreck; Martin cancer; Steve cancer; Brandee; Mark's mother
- Pray for Simon's family.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

For your reading pleasure...due to technical 'challenges' with GMail Angie will be sending out the weekly email via either Pam Low or Jim Embrey until the end of the year. Pam has informed Jim that he will be sending the email out until she decides if and when she will return from Cozumel!

WILLIAMS INTERSHIPS AVAILABLE – Brenda Spencer has made the class aware that Williams is in the process of selecting interns for 2017 and is holding career fairs at the major colleges and universities. If anyone knows of young people who are interested in a good summer job (12 weeks) and corporate experience, please have them apply online at [https://jobs.williams.com/search/?q=intership&locationsearch=.](https://jobs.williams.com/search/?q=intership&locationsearch=)

BEVERLY NORTH REQUEST – My husband Mark and I are alumni members of Maranatha. We live in Dayton, OH now, but need to sell a house in Tulsa (Regency Park). I plan to return to Tulsa the last week of October to make arrangements with the realtor. Our son, Jay, and his roommate need a house or some rooms to rent for either one or both of them. The moving date is October 31 or November 1 (or earlier if there is an opening). Please call Beverly North at (918) 399-0163 and leave a message. Thank you so much!

DESTRESSIFY CLASS OFFERED – If there are days when you are just tied in knots (and for me that is only days that end in “y”), a new class being formed to help you feel calmer, more peaceful and with a greater sense of control may be just what you would enjoy. You must RSVP to Paula Gradney-Garner at least 24 hours in advance of each class.

Destressify Wednesdays 10 to 11:30 a.m., 10/12 Led by Linda Alegria

SISTEMA TULSA CONCERT - The Simon Bolivar String Quartet will play a benefit concert on **Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.** at BAUMC to benefit our own Sistema Tulsa. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$100 and are available at the Information Desk, in the library or by calling the church at (918) 699-0150. Don't miss this great evening for a wonderful cause!

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DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES FORMING ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS – Fall classes are forming to give all of us opportunities to stretch our minds and/or expand our hearts. **All classes meet from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights, and a Snack Supper is available from 5:00 to 6:00 before class.** Pick those that appeal to you most and sign up today!

Forgiveness: Finding Peace By Letting Go 10/5 to 11/9 Led by Linda Larson
Old Testament: Short Term Disciple Study 10/5 to 11/30 Led by Rev. Sara Pugh Montgomery
Financial Peace University 8/31 to 10/26 Led by Eric & Megan Linn

MORNING DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES FORMING ON THURSDAYS OR SUNDAY – More offerings are available on Thursday mornings, or Sunday mornings. Check out these great classes and see if either of them could help you grow this fall.

Companions in Christ-Spiritual Formation 9/8 to 11/17 (10-12) Led by Cathy Perlingiere
On the Journey – Small Group Intro Study 10-2 to 10-30 (9:15 to 10:40) Led by Melanie Linsky

TAGS CLASS OFFERED – Come discern and discover your own Talents, Abilities, Gifts and Skills, in this fun, active and participatory workshop. Explore how God has placed your own unique capabilities within you specifically to bless you! Class meets one Sunday to engage in six fun activities for each class member to discover his/her own abilities. Class then meets the following week to discuss how to use those skills. Lunch is provided for each session.

TAGS Class (Participatory Workshop) 10/16 12:00 to 5:00 Led by Angelyn Dale
*TAGS Class (Connections Lunch)** 10/23 12:00 to 2:00 Angelyn Dale & Church Staff

* For those people who took the Participatory Workshop on 10/16.

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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: Angelyn Dale

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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