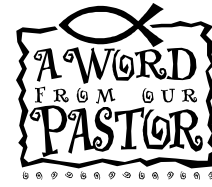


The Open Door

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It seems to me that one of the main struggles in our wonderful diverse and multi faceted world, is how do we hold onto what we believe and hold dear, and at the same time value those of differing opinions. I found a list of revised gospel hymns, which sought to eliminate conviction, guilt or discomfort:

Amazing grace how interesting the sound
Lord, keep us loosely connected to your word
Praise God from whom all affirmations flow
Pillow of ages, fluffed for me
When peace like a trickle
We give thee but still thank we own
What an acquaintance we have in Jesus
We are milling around in the light of God
Blest be the tie that doesn't cramp my style
I surrender some
Standing on the premises
Sweet minute of prayer
Blessed insurance
Come we that like the Lord
Onward, social workers
Avoid the good fight
The gold-plated cross
Some of Jesus
I have my own way
I love me

These titles do make us stop and think about what it means to be a Christian community in a world that often seems to value and hold up doing anything you want no matter how it impacts others. It might also remind us that yes, sometimes, the old hymns said it best.

Grace and Peace,
Helen



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Child's Day Out

Here is a note we received from a parent of two children in the Child's Day Out program.

To Our Friends at "Kids Day Out:

Thank you so much for this ministry you provide for us Moms and Dads in our community. You are such a blessing to our family! I have never worried about leaving Grayson and Abigail with you because I know they are in wonderful and loving hands!

Cynthia Hollingsworth



Greetings from the youth director! Everybody is starting to get into the swing of things, being a new year, and many exciting new things are going to be happening with our youth this year. In February, the first Sunday is going to be youth Sunday. The youth will lead the sermon, and there will be a minute for mission, as we also celebrate Souper Bowl Sunday. This year we will be donating all the money collected to the Harbor. This has been a way for the youth to get involved with the community, and they have done this now for at least six years, if not longer. Also, on February 11th and 12th, the youth will be serving a romantic dinner; spaghetti, salad, a vegetable, and a dessert to people that buy a meal ticket.

Tickets will be \$5.50 and the youth will start selling them towards the end of January. There will be a dance floor, with music playing and will be a really fun night. Anyone can go! If people can volunteer to bring desserts, or part of the fixings, that would be great. Also, any volunteers that can help out either of those nights would be greatly appreciated! All the money collected will go towards youth activities for this summer, which include Dwight Mission and the Door Program for the high school kids. This year, they will be going to Denver, Colorado July 10th and will return early July 16th. Thank you for your support to me and the youth!



Supper for the Community Health Center

Our church is one of eight churches who provide a light meal on Thursday evening for patients who come to the Community Health Center. They are at the center for several hours and there is no access to food. Our Mission Committee purchases the food and the Youth prepare it and organize it for delivery. It is a good project.



Our Heritage Case

We are featuring the Women of the Church. Although Helen is our first pastor and there were no women on the Session until we had been a church for more than 50 years, the women have always been very important. In the early days the women had various projects such as Rummage Sales and selling hamburgers at the fair to make money to meet needs at the church. It was the women who bought the pipe organ for the 1926 church! Even though the ideas for projects and the hard work came from the women, the Session, comprised entirely of men, had to approve of the projects. During World War I the ladies knitted sweaters for the soldiers and in World War II the ladies rolled bandages. Look in the case for pictures to bring back memories of the ladies who were so important.



We love because he first loved us.



FOOD FOR THE FOOD BANK

There is always a need for food for the hungry. When our cart gets full, C.B. Roberts, a member of the Mission Committee, takes it to the Ministerial Alliance Food Bank. All nonperishable's are welcome. If you need a suggestion, if your name begins A to G bring canned fruit; H to M bring caned meat, N to S bring canned vegetables, T to Z bring cereal or crackers.



SOUPER BOWL -February 6 is the day of the Super Bowl football game. Several years ago a program was started to make us more aware of the hunger issue and to help alleviate hunger on the local level. As it will happen in churches all over the country, after worship that day youth will stand by the door to receive a donation to be used at the Harbor. The Harbor is a facility to house people who otherwise would be homeless. All of the money collected will be taken to The Harbor. Next month we will let you know how much was received.

LABELS for Goodland-The Goodland boys will be coming to our church in the next couple of months. The date has not been set yet. When they come, I would like to give them the Campbell's soup labels and Boxtops for Education we have saved. If you have some you have been saving, please bring them to me before the boys come.
Nancy Gee

Child's Rocking Chair Needed

Do you have a child's rocking chair that you are no longer using? The Child's Day Out Program would like to have one or at least borrow one. Please be in touch with Barbara Reeves or Nancy Gee if you can share a chair. Thanks.



MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILIES

Susan Russell



For decades the Russell's were a prominent family in Picher. George Russell had an Ice Plant. George Junior, Susan's father, was the City Attorney. When Susan was two years old, the family moved to Miami. Susan has memories of being a part of our church as far back as she can remember. She remembers going to Sunday School with Mrs. Curtis teaching in the little white house before the Fellowship Hall was built.

As memories of the church go, she remembers Bob Gee as being a great teacher and she said the Youth Group was extremely important when she was in High School. Sponsored by the Reverend Don Kruithof, the group made trips to Washington DC and to the Worlds Fair in Seattle.

After graduating from Miami High School, Susan went to OU and after two years to Pittsburg State. Susan managed Native American Designs with Virginia Romick for several years during which time she went back to school and graduated from Missouri Southern. Later she earned her Real Estate License and also was certified as a Broker. She has been in the Susan Rhodes Real Estate Agency for 21 years.

Susan has four children. Miria lives in Oklahoma City and works at Bronco Drilling in Human Services. John and James work together in their own business--NEO Fab. Krystal is in her last semester in the Nursing Program at NEO. Susan is a member of the Calico Quilting Guild. Also she likes to play golf.

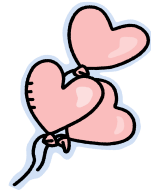
Susan has served our church in many capacities. She has been a Deacon and she just rotated off the Session as an Elder. We have been blessed to have Susan in our church all of her life!!!





Birthdays

12th– John Prince
 Steve Charlton
 14th—Sue Giffhorn
 15th– Barbara Reeves
 26th– Chris Leggett



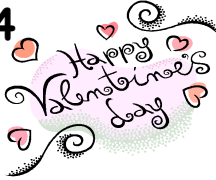
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## USHER DUTIES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

**Ushers:** Dave Foster and  
 Mark Hybiak  
**Coffee Host:**  
 C.B. Roberts  
**Communion Preparer:**  
 Mark Hybiak

# February 2011



| Sun                                                                                  | Mon                                                                                              | Tue                                      | Wed                                                                                                    | Thu                                                                | Fri                                | Sat                                                                                    |
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| AA meets every Sunday at 8:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.                           |                                                                                                  | <b>1</b><br>10:00-Tuesday morning class  | <b>2</b> 8:30 Childs Day Out<br>3:45-Jr. High Group<br>5:15- Chime<br>6:00-Wed. Worship<br>7:00-Choir  | <b>3</b><br><u>5:30-Sr. High Group</u><br>7:00-Gamblers Anonymous  | <b>4</b>                           | <b>5</b>                                                                               |
| <b>6</b><br>9:30-Class & Choir<br>10:30-Youth Sunday<br>Worship/Communion            | <b>7</b>                                                                                         | <b>8</b><br>10:00-Tuesday morning class  | <b>9</b> 8:30 Childs Day Out<br>3:45-Jr. High Group<br>5:15- Chime<br>6:00-Wed. Worship<br>7:00-Choir  | <b>10</b><br><u>5:30-Sr. High Group</u><br>7:00-Gamblers Anonymous | <b>11</b><br>6:00-Valentine Dinner | <b>12</b><br>9:00-Session Retreat at<br><u>Pastor Helen's</u><br>6:00-Valentine Dinner |
| <b>13</b><br>9:30-Class & Choir<br>10:30-Worship                                     | <b>14</b><br> | <b>15</b><br>10:00-Tuesday morning class | <b>16</b> 8:30 Childs Day Out<br>3:45-Jr. High Group<br>5:15- Chime<br>6:00-Wed. Worship<br>7:00-Choir | <b>17</b><br><u>5:30-Sr. High Group</u><br>7:00-Gamblers Anonymous | <b>18</b>                          | <b>19</b>                                                                              |
| <b>20</b><br>9:30-Class & Choir<br>10:30-Worship<br><u>Loose Offering to Deacons</u> | <b>21</b><br>Church Office<br><u>Closed</u><br>Presidents' Day                                   | <b>22</b><br>10:00-Tuesday morning class | <b>23</b> 8:30 Childs Day Out<br>3:45-Jr. High Group<br>5:15- Chime<br>6:00-Wed. Worship<br>7:00-Choir | <b>24</b><br>5:30-Sr. High <u>Group</u><br>7:00-Gamblers Anonymous | <b>25</b>                          | <b>26</b>                                                                              |
| <b>27</b><br>9:30-Class & Choir<br>10:30-Worship                                     | <b>28</b>                                                                                        |                                          |                                                                                                        |                                                                    |                                    |                                                                                        |