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Bingo for Bolivia - Fundraiser for the Joint Mission Between Epworth UMC and St. Stephen's UMC To Bolivia!!!



Come have fun and raise money for our mission trip to Bolivia. There will be lots of prizes, gift certificates & laughter. Bingo cards will cost one card for \$5, three cards for \$10 or seven cards for \$20. Rev. Deborah Ingraham will be the caller.

The event includes a Bake Sale, Silent Auction and Cash Snack Bar. Bake Sale items will be donated, lovingly prepared and prepackaged by our parishioners. Cakes, breads, candy, cookies and pies will be offered for sale.

A Silent Auction will be held from 6 to 7:30 pm. Auction items will not only be interesting and eclectic, but also unusual and productive white elephants or heirlooms. Items also donated by the same loving Epworth parishioners. A Cash Snack Bar will offer bottled water, soft drinks, juice, chips and cookies.

Please come and join the fun. All proceeds to benefit the Joint Mission Between Epworth UMC and St. Stephens's UMC to Bolivia.

Have donations or interested in volunteering? Call Elaine P. at 605-0210.

Saturday Night Alive Set for April 30th

To the people of Epworth:

It is once again time to feed the Homeless at Skyline. Our date is set for April 30th, 2011. Please have your items there by 6:00pm, Saturday night. Kim and I will be passing around a sign in sheet at church a couple of weeks prior to this event. We have a great success with this mission! And I want to thank everyone who has helped us in the past. Please consider joining us again for this valuable mission. God has truly blessed us with a wonderful opportunity to serve! Hope to see you there.

God bless you all,

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Epworth UMC

9:30 a.m. Chapel Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship in the Narthex
10:45 a.m. Worship

Reflective Meal and Tenebrae - Maundy Thursday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.

Our Lenten *Reflective Meal and Tenebrae* will be on Maundy Thursday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m. The Reflective Meal is reminiscent of the Seder meal which marks the beginning of Passover and was most likely the meal celebrated by Jesus and the disciples as their last meal together. The *Tenebrae* is a service which moves us from light into darkness and is designed to help us become more aware of our own humanity and our relationship with Christ. The scriptures and music draw us into the action and events that led to the crucifixion and relate them to the events and actions in our own lives.

Please plan to make this evening a part of your Holy Week experience so that you can enter more fully into the joy of Easter.

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Epworth-subscribe@yahoo.com

To send a message to the e-group (you must be a subscriber): Epworth@yahoo.com

Or visit our website: www.epworth-okc.org

Or become our Facebook Friend: www.facebook.com

Lenten Food Drive For Skyline Urban Ministries - March 20th through April 17th

As part of our support for Skyline and as a work of mercy during Lent, we have taken on a food drive. For each week we have suggested specific items, but the drive is not limited to these items on these Sundays. Bring whatever you are moved to donate whenever you are moved to bring them. The important point is that you remember the abundance that God has given you and respond to God's gifts by giving to others.

March 20 th	Peanut Butter and Canned Meat
March 27 th	Canned Fruit and Vegetables
April 3 rd	Canned or Dry Soup and Powdered Milk
April 10 th	Paper Goods
April 17 th	Baby Food, Formula, Diapers

Lilies for Our Sanctuary for Easter

Our tradition at Epworth is to furnish Easter Lilies to grace our sanctuary on Easter. These may be donated by individuals in memory or in honor of loved ones. The names of donors and those honored will be listed in the bulletin on Easter. They may be picked up after worship on Sunday, April 24th. The suggested donation for Easter Lilies is \$15.00 each.

If you are interested in donating lilies, please complete the form below and return it to the church office.

_____ would like to order _____ Easter Lilies @ \$15.00.
(Name)

To honor _____

To memorialize _____

Attached is my check in the amount of \$ _____.

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Epworth Young Adult Group Holds Gathering

A group of young adults who are affiliated with Epworth attended a gathering on Sunday evening, March 27, in the home of the Graggs. Trina Bose North headed up the planning for the event along with Elaine Gragg, Fran Barton, Talitha Glosmeyer and Debbie Logue.



Mainstream United Methodists (MUM) will join Epworth breakfast during Annual Conference!

Two years ago, when the Oklahoma Annual Conference was last held in OKC, we hosted breakfast for the progressive group MUM. They have graciously accepted our invitation again this year and we will be serving breakfast to some 125 clergy and laity from across the state on **Monday, May 30 at 7:00 am**. Monday is the first day of Conference and there are several meetings planned at 8:00 and 8:30 that morning.

Elaine Palmer has agreed to organize and plan the meal, but she's going to need lots of breakfast casseroles, lots of servers and hosts that morning. If you can help out, will you let her or Monica Swink know that you're ready and willing? We can promise you a good breakfast and a cup of coffee that morning.

We've asked St. Stephens to help again as well and expected some help from the Norman group too. It's always a fun time and a great way for folks to get to know us better and for us to have a chance to realize there are supporters in our Conference!

Sing a New Song - August 25 - 28, 2011

“Sing, sing a new song – sing of that great day when all will be one!”



Would you be interested in joining us and some other 500 United Methodists in celebrating full inclusion of GLBT persons in the United Methodist Church? Hundreds of United Methodists meet together every other year, singing of and organizing for justice and inclusion for all God's children. The Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) will hold Convo 2011 in August along with Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA) right on Lake Erie in Huron, Ohio at Sawmill Creek Resort. We will celebrate in joyful worship designed by Mark Miller and Tanya Bennett. (Mark Miller led worship for the General Conference 2008 in Fort Worth, so we know worship will be outstanding!) Leaders in the movement

from all over the United States and indeed the world will lead us in workshops on Marriage Equality, Diversity, and International Relationships.

This year the organizers plan a new program specifically designed for children. It's a "family affair"! (Oh, that's an old song!)

Plan now to attend with us! There are already several of us committed to going; our registrations are made. St. Stephens is also sending several folks. We want you to go with us! Register now at www.sana2011.org; make your plane reservations and plan on a "mountaintop" experience on the shores of Lake Erie!

“We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve on another, to walk humbly with God!”

Worship Committee Survey

The Worship Committee will soon have a survey to help us to know how we can better server you and how you would like to help the church and its missions. The Committee will be meeting around the first week of April to discuss many issues including Maundy Thursday and the other events around the Easter season. The date of the meeting will be announced.



Celebrate the Miracle Of Easter
Renew Your Faith this Holiday Season

Cantata - Sunday, April 10, 10:45 a.m.
Palm Sunday - Sunday, April 17, 10:45 a.m.
Maundy Thursday Service - Thursday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday Service - Sunday, April 24, 10:45 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday, April 24, After worship

Epworth UMC

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> 9:00 AM Manos Juntas Free Clinic 9:00 AM Le Shoppe Thrift Shop
<i>3</i> Lent 4 9:30 AM Chapel & Children's Sun School 10:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship in Narthex 10:45 AM Worship 12:00 PM Potluck	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> 5:00 PM Chapel Dinner 6:00 PM Chapel 7:00 PM Choir Practice	<i>7</i> 10:30 AM Lection- ary Study & Lunch Follows	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 8:30 AM Trustees 9:00 AM Manos Juntas Free Clinic 9:00 AM Le Shoppe Thrift Shop
<i>10</i> Lent 5 9:30 AM Chapel & Children's Sun School 10:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship in Narthex 10:45 AM Worship - Cantata	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> 5:00 PM Chapel Dinner 6:00 PM Chapel 7:00 PM Choir Practice	<i>14</i> 10:30 AM Lection- ary Study & Lunch Follows	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> 9:00 AM Legal Clinic 9:00 AM Manos Juntas Free Clinic 9:00 AM Le Shoppe Thrift Shop
<i>17</i> Palm Sunday 9:30 AM Chapel & Children's Sun School 10:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship in Narthex 10:45 AM Worship Adult Youth Lunch Food Drive Ends	<i>18</i> 6:30 PM Finance Committee Meet- ing	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> <i>No Chapel</i>	<i>21</i> 10:30 AM Lection- ary Study & Lunch Follows 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> 9:00 AM Manos Juntas Free Clinic 9:00 AM Le Shoppe Thrift Shop
<i>24</i> Easter Sunday 9:30 AM Chapel & Children's Sun School 10:15 AM Coffee & Fellowship in Narthex 10:45 AM Worship - Easter Egg Hunt after	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> 9:00 AM LGBT Equality 5:00 PM Chapel Dinner 6:00 PM Chapel 7:00 PM Choir Practice	<i>28</i> 10:30 AM Lection- ary Study & Lunch Follows	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> 9:00 AM Manos Juntas Free Clinic 9:00 AM Le Shoppe Thrift Shop Saturday Night Alive - Skyline - 9th & Lee

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Young Adult Group Events Planned

Young Adult Lunch, following worship on April 17th. We plan to eat together at Red Cup. Hope you can join us!

All young adults are invited to Trina's house to watch the first NBA Playoff game the Thunders will play. Date will be announced closer to the Playoffs. Come, ready to cheer on the home team!

Manos Juntas Clinic Volunteer Schedule

If you cannot work at this time, please let Virgil know at pecanfarmer1@yahoo.com or 356-9616.

Apr 02 Eursey Lenoir Jim Houk Connie English

Apr 09 Thad Harris Kay Milner

Apr 16 Craig & Fran Barton Norm Chevalier

Apr 23 Talitha Glosemeyer Cindi Williams

Apr 30 Cheryl Burnett Steve Swart

May 07 Eursey Lenoir