

October, 2015 Newsletter

BRIDGEVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NORMAN, OKLAHOMA

WE WALK WITH CHRIST, WORSHIP GOD IN ALL WE DO AND SAY, AND WELCOME OTHERS INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST, AS WE MAKE DISCIPLES FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD.

Bridgeview welcomes the Rev. Cal Brannon, Minister of Visitation at McFarlin UMC, as our Interim Minister for October. Rev. Brannon is preaching a series of sermons on The Lord's Prayer. We are also happy to welcome Pastor Cal's charming wife, Loma, to our services.



checks payable to CWS/CROP to any team member this Sunday. You may also donate online (PayPal or credit card) at clevelandcountycropwalk.org. Just click the <donate> button, <support a team,> and scroll down to find Bridgeview UMC. Thank you!

United Methodist Women

Tuesday, October 20th

6:30 P.M.

At Bridgeview

"We Bridgeview United Methodist ladies are trying to meet monthly and develop closer relationships with each other, plan and work on various service projects, and perhaps become officially a part of UMW at some point. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month, at 6:30, at the church. We bring a pot luck dish or snack* and our meeting lasts about an hour or so! Everyone is so welcome and encouraged to come!"
from Teresa Thompson

*Bringing food is optional.

**CROP
HUNGER WALK**
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



October 18

This year, the Missions Committee is fielding a team in the annual Cleveland County/Norman CROP Walk. The purpose is to help alleviate hunger, both locally, throughout the U.S., and around the world. 25% of the money raised goes to Food and Shelter here in Norman, and 75% goes to Church World Service, a consortium of more than 30 denominations including the United Methodist Church.

Registration begins at 1:00 P.M., and the walk starts at 2:00. Walkers will cover a three-mile path beginning and ending at Food and Shelter, 104 W. Comanche. There will be food and fun activities at the celebration afterward.

It is not too late to join the team! For those not walking, financial support will be greatly (enormously!) appreciated. Please give cash or

Halloween Carnival & Potluck Dinner

Friday, October 30

6:30-8:30

It is almost time for the annual Halloween carnival, with fun and fellowship for all ages. Various groups within the church are sponsoring rooms with fun activities and lots of prizes.

The evening will begin with a potluck meal. A sign-up sheet will be available in the church lobby so that we can be sure of having a variety of dishes.

The carnival is sponsored by the Church Life Committee. Contact Rosalie Maltby at rcmaltby84@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer help.

Oh, Yes! The carnival will have a cakewalk! Cindy Portwood is the organizer and is recruiting cakes on behalf of UMW. She would be ever so glad for you to volunteer to help and to bring cakes.

Invite your friends and neighbors, wear your costume, just come and join the festivities!

Stewardship Campaign

It's time to plan your giving to Bridgeview for 2016. Please fill out a pledge card and place it in the little chest at the front of the church. We are making strides, week by week, in achieving financial stability. The Finance Committee expects to write the 2016 budget based on pledges received. The amount you pledge is between you and God, but the church needs to have a figure to rely on. A short-term goal is to demonstrate viability as a congregation, but what we really hope for is to be a dynamic force for building the Kingdom of God. Direct questions to Angela Do, Finance Committee Chair.

Top 15 Reasons to Join the Choir

1. You'll gain another family.
2. Everybody needs a good midweek worship service.
3. Because you don't have to win *American Idol* to be in the choir.
4. Because you don't have to have a music degree to be in the choir.
5. There are great things for your kids to do on Wednesday nights while you're in choir rehearsal.
6. You can still be actively involved in a growth and study group and serve in other ministries while also serving in the choir.
7. You'll have additional opportunities to minister with music beyond the Sunday worship service.
8. Because you know you're ready to be on the other side of a worship experience!
9. You will get an in-depth look at the songs presented each week.
10. Because we'll make sure you're ready to lead worship each week.
11. You'll build lasting relationships.
12. You'll find new sources of accountability in your walk with God.
13. Because now is the perfect time to join!

14. Three words: Choir. Is. Fun!

15. One word: Worship.

Check out our source for this list, which expands on each point:

<http://brentwoodbaptist.com/articles/17-reasons-to-join-the-choir/>

Opportunities for Service:

(You can use Bridgeview's all-purpose email address, info@bridgeviewumc.org, on any of these, or contact the person named)

- Be a greeter (attention Lisa McPherson)
- Do children's sermons (attention Jane Osborn. We have resource books available and there are plenty of ideas online)
- Sign up for a week on the Care & Connect Team sponsored by UMW (names will be provided; sign-up sheet is on the table beside the nametags)

Jennifer McDanel, Chair of the Missions Committee, asks us to **bring gloves and coats** to be distributed to those who need some warmth this winter.

Did you know? You can keep up with Bridgeview news via Facebook.

Coming in the November newsletter: Angel Tree project; Blessing of the Wheels and Toy Run (Nov. 28); Skyline Ministry (Dec. 5)

If you know of information that needs to be included in the newsletter, please contact the church office or Cindy Carr bandccarr@att.net or (405) 579-2506.

If you know of anyone who needs to be added to the church's mailing lists, postal or email, please contact the church at the email address below.

Need help signing in for the church's online directory? Contact Lay Leader Chuck Simonds.

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