

December, 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.**

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.



And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Luke 2:4-20 (KJV)



Our Interim Pastor, the Rev. Diana Northcutt, continues to serve us at least through the month of December. We are grateful to have her leadership and pastoral care as we prepare to celebrate Christmas together.

**Holy Communion will be served Sunday,
December 6.**

**NEWS FLASH: VERY BRIEF UMW
MEETING RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP
DECEMBER 6TH.**

CHRISTMAS EVE AT BRIDGEVIEW

Two Services
4:00 P.M.

Especially for families with young children. There will be a very special visitor.

7:00 P.M.

A traditional Christmas Eve service.

CHRISTMAS TALENT SHOW AND POTLUCK

Sunday, December 20

If you would like to share your talent (musical or dramatic, group or solo), let Rosalie Maltby (rcmaltby84@gmail.com) know that you would like to be on the program. Come and share a great meal plus a multi-faceted celebration of Christmas. The potluck starts at 5:30, and the show at 6:00. Both the Children's Choir and the Handbells Choir will be performing.

Need talent ideas? The website oldfatherchristmas.com is a treasure trove of sheet music, poetry, stories, etc. that would be perfect to share in Bridgeview's Christmas Talent Show. The site has three sections:

- Sheet Music (for Carolers, Impromptu Bands, Soloists and More)
- Plays (for Christmas Play Readings and Productions)
- Experience Christmas (Everything else, including Poems, Crafts, Christmas Thoughts and more)

Missions Committee News

Hello everyone!

A couple reminders for this week:

1) Angel Tree gifts are due this Sunday. Please have gift wrapped along with your name and child's name on the gift. I will have them labeled and delivered to the children.

2) Saturday morning we are leaving Bridgeview at 8 am to head to Skyline Urban Ministry in OKC. We will serve breakfast, help in the clothing closet and food pantry and then share in a short

worship service. We should be done by noon. If you are bringing hot food, wrapping in towels and placing in a cooler will help keep items warm. We will have a couple extra coolers if needed. If you would like to join us, please meet us at the church and we will caravan together. If you have any questions, please let me know 405-474-8093 call or text. Thank you for all you do!
Jennifer McDanel, Missions Chair



Dear Ladies,

You are invited to a wedding shower for Paul and Cassie Larsen this Saturday, December 5, 2-4:00 p.m., at the church. You may contact members of the Church Life committee or Teresa Thompson for registry information.

COMMON THREADS

Common Threads Christmas get-together: We will meet in the home of Carol Reames (447-8002) on Wednesday, December 9th at 4:00 P.M. We will share refreshments & fellowship while we work on our projects.

- It is not too late to start on the knit-along chevron scarf we are doing together. It is a simple but lovely pattern.
- Prayer shawls will be blessed in worship on December 6th.
- If you have any handmade hats or scarves to be taken to Food and Shelter, please bring them on the 6th or 9th.
- There is a new batch of J.C.Brett Marble Chunky yarn on the shelves. Thanks, Carol!





Handbells

Rehearsal every Sunday
7:00 P.M.
It's beautiful!
It's fun!
You can do it!
Be part of this great group! They
will perform in the worship service
December 20th.

Children's Choir

Rehearsal every Sunday at
6:00 P.M.
Children four and up are
invited to come and sing.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Party at 6:30
Tuesday, December 15
At the church

Bridgeview women of all ages are invited to the UMW Christmas party. Optional: bring a finger food to share. There will be a gift exchange (\$10.00 or less). Bring guests!

UMW Very Short Meeting Dec. 6th after worship

We need to vote on money for the gift to Dimensions for Christmas. We'll be donating to one family at each school, with any money left to go to the schools' rewards stores.

UMW served muffins and orange juice to the faculty at both levels of Dimensions Academy as a Thanksgiving treat. Bridgeview UMC is serving as Dimensions' parent/teacher support group.

Hey, Guys! Easy Gift Idea!



Cookbooks = Excellent Gifts

The United Methodist Women's cookbooks are great gifts, not just at Christmas, but for birthdays and weddings as well. They sell for \$10.00, and come with a free handmade dishcloth.

If you would like to sign out some cookbooks to sell, let Teresa Thompson know and she will get them for you.

POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY



Would you like to contribute a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary at Christmas? Simply buy one or more foil-wrapped plants—*preferably white*—and bring them to Bridgeview by the morning of Sunday, December 20th. To have "in honor of" or "in memory of" information included in the Sunday bulletin, send it to info@bridgeviewumc.org by Tuesday, December 15.

Evangelism Committee meets at 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, December 6.

Offer Your Talents for 2016

As we prepare for the annual Charge Conference, the Finance Committee is working on a budget. This is to be based on pledges received. If you missed making a pledge during the Stewardship Campaign, you may contact Angela Do to let her know your giving plans for 2016.

Another element in planning for the Charge Conference is the roster of committee members. Please contact Chuck Simonds to tell him where you would like to serve.

An appeal forwarded by the Missions Committee:

Here is another chance to help out our community. Mission Norman is another agency in Norman that helps out our homeless neighbors.

HELP!!! HELP!!! HELP!!!

Mission Norman Christmas Shoppe---
Distribution December 8-10

Will you help us with a donation to reach 630 local children with Christmas gifts.

We still need donations to cover 550 Needy Children, ages 0 to 16.

Good gently used gifts are acceptable, While you are out shopping, please think about purchasing gifts to contribute to Mission Norman.

A list of gifts: basketballs, footballs, baby dolls, Gift Cards (Target-Walmart), warm gloves, scarves, socks, toys, games, stuffed animals, etc.

Gifts can be brought to Mission Norman, 2525 E. Lindsey St., Norman.

Please go

to <http://www.missionnorman.org/> You can give electronically by hitting the donate button, by check, and of course Cash.

We need your support. We begin Distribution in 7 days.

For more scheduled events at Bridgeview, check the "calendar" tab on the church website, www.bridgeviewumc.org

If you know of information that needs to be included in the newsletter, please contact the church office as shown below 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.

Bridgeview contact information:

Email: info@bridgeviewumc.org
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Norman, OK 73072



Still need that food handler's license to serve meals at Food and Shelter? You may go to the Cleveland County Health Dep't, 250 12th Ave. NE in Norman any Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. OR any Thursday at 3:30 p.m. Bring \$5.00 cash and a photo ID. Plan to arrive 20-30 minutes early. The short instruction session and test take about an hour. Let Jennifer McDanel know when you are licensed so she can get us on Food & Shelter's schedule.