

Church of the Savior
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PUM's Breakfast

Presbyterian Urban Mission invites you to have breakfast at the mission, 3737 N. Portland, on Saturday, March 8th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Tickets are \$4 for adults (all you can eat) and \$2 for children. Come and learn about PUM's exciting plans for spring. Ruth Murray and Carol Welsh have tickets or you can buy them at the door.

50 Plus Group Tour

The 50 Plus will be traveling to the Oklahoma City Museum of Art for a tour and lunch in the museum café. Following lunch, we will go to the 46th Infantry Armory and then on to the State Capitol to view the new dome from the inside. Also, we will have a guided tour of the Capitol. The cost for the trip will be \$7 including the art museum, parking, and gas. Lunch will be \$5 plus on your own at the museum café. Sign up as soon as possible! More details later.

Computers Needed

The Child Care Center is still in need of computers old or new. Please contact Rachel Brand at 721.7070 if you can help.

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✉ Newsletter Deadline: Friday, February 28th
Next Mailing: Tuesday, March 4, 2003
Office Hours: M-F 9a-4p



Church of the Savior Messenger



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February 18, 2003

Pastor's Letter

Expecting the world to treat you fairly because you are a good person is a little like expecting the bull not to attack you because you are a vegetarian. - Dennis Wholey

Often we think that just because we are a good person, nothing bad should happen in our lives. Sadly, this just isn't the case. And when bad things happen to good people, often there is a double whammy: besides the bad stuff life throws, often the immature Christian is devastated that God didn't protect them. A crisis in faith as well as whatever else is wrong.

Well intentioned Christians then try to explain away the trials of life, using simplistic, trite statements -- "It was God's will," or "Nothing happens without being part of God's plan," or my personal favorite, "Well, your faith just wasn't strong enough" --all of which demean God. And they inflict harm and often rip the faith right out from underneath the individual. The best thing to say in difficult times is simply, "I'm sorry and I'll be praying with and for you." Then just offer to help in whatever manner you are able. And sometimes the best thing to say is absolutely nothing. Just be with the person who is suffering.

Nowhere in scripture are we told that the trials of this world won't effect us. Indeed, Christ admonishes us that, "when," the evils of this world overwhelm us, we are to rely on Him. Not if, but WHEN. Our Lord was the perfect person, and he was crucified. Why should we think that we should be immune to life?

Pastor Thea

THE PAST YEAR WITH CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR

The Historical Recollection book for 2002 is now finished and placed on the credenza at the South entrance of the church.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all who helped save copies of these experiences and events of our church. There is nothing more worthy than to preserve our past and to look forward to experiencing our future with God at our side.

Please note there may be some events I have not recorded. Only with your help can I record them. I would like to mention several ways to help preserve this material. When clipping articles from a news source, clip the date and source in which the article appears. Also, when mounting pictures on poster board, use corner mounts or tape especially made for mounting pictures. Please do not use glue or scotch tape for they damage a photo and make it unusable.

Enjoy looking at this book and all the others that are stored in our library. Whenever you have anything you want to include in the Church History Book, just leave it in the church office or give it to me. It is important to include announcements of weddings, special anniversaries, births or deaths, special accomplishments or events in the life of our Church.

Thank you and may our love of God be with you through out the new year.
Your Historian, Lucille Whiteturkey

Joyful Noises—My constant hope and prayer for each of you is that you will realize how important each of you are. Music brings joy, reflection, calmness, power, etc. It sets the tone and literally brings us into God's presence. As we rehearse each Wednesday and sing each Sunday remember how vital you are. You are loved and appreciated. Psalm 34:1-3 says "I will praise the Lord at all times I will constantly speak of his praised I will boast only in the Lord; let all who are discouraged take heart Come, Let us tell of the Lords' greatness Let us exalt His name together."

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Helen Hanselman

Fritz Kate

If you know of someone who would benefit from a visit by our Caring Commission or Pastor, please contact the church office.

YOUTH TRUTH



Here is something for you to think about using all of our songs for our Youth Service. "Oh God You Are My God and

I Will Ever Praise You." "Thy Word" is a Lamp unto My Feet and a Light unto My Path. We thank you For Your "Unconditional Love" and we believe that You Are "The King of Love." May each of us go "Deep, Deep" so that you can be our "Sanctuary" and daily may we confess as your COTSY kids. "Christ You Are the Center of My Life", "You are My All in All"

Looking ahead: Spring Break-March 17-21. Plan on coming up to the church and we will work on our activities Center and then take fun breaks. Youth Quake-April 4, 5, and 6.

Kids Korner—Our next kids and youth night will be Sun. March 9th at 5 p.m. I am so very proud of you and the job you did on Sunday singing. You are awesome! I Love You! Deb

The Group—OK! Everyone...Mark your calendars now...Sunday, March 23...out to eat or pizza here at church then I have an afternoon of fun, Bible Study etc. planned for you!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MARCH 2003						1 9a-1p Work party
2	3 7p Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt	4 Newsletter mailed	5 Ash Wednesday 6p Lenten dinner	6	7	8
9 Annual Meeting 3p UCC Assoc-Chandler, OK	10	11 10a WOC 7p Commissions	12 6p Lenten dinner	13	14 9a INP— Shawnee Newsletter deadline	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Newsletter mailed 7p BOE	19 6p Lenten dinner Spring Break Karleta on vacation	20	21 Spring Begins	22
23	24	25	26 6p Lenten dinner	27	28 Newsletter deadline	29
30	31	The calendar deadline for April is Friday, March 17, 2003. Be sure to get any special dates for April in by that date.				

Sunday

10:50 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday

9:00 a.m. Mobile Meals
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
1:00 p.m. Staff meeting

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Quilters
6:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner
7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Mobile Meals

Friday

10:00 a.m. Chapel

NO 8:30 SERVICE

There will be no 8:30 a.m. service during Lent and Easter starting March 2 through April 20. The 8:30 a.m. service will resume on May 4.

Happy Birthday!

Marge VanWyngarden	4
Helene Swaim	6
Jean Martindale	6
Tim Kate	6
Will Kamp	6
Chad Gilley	13
Nancy Murphy	14
Pat Martindale	17
Jean Morton	23
Paula Pons	27

Holy Humor

On their way home from attending an Ash Wednesday service, little Johnny asked his mother, "Is it true, Mommy, that we are made of dust like the minister said tonight?" "Yes, darling," his mother answered. "And is it true that we go back to dust again when we die?" "Yes, dear," his mother replied. "Well, Mommy, when I said my prayers last night and looked under the bed, I saw someone who is either coming or going."

—Dennis R. Fakes
Points with Punch