

 Thank you for silencing your cell phone before worship begins.



**UMW Reaching Out** During the month of January, we successfully collected many items for Positive Tomorrows, the school for homeless children. Thank you for your generosity. We will be collecting books in February for Pastor Charlotte's project with the neighboring schools, **LOCS (Loving Our Community Schools)**. The reading teacher requested UMC Good Shepherd's help in establishing and replenishing reading centers at area apartment complexes. Shelves of books would be

available in the apartment offices, as you can see in the example in the photo. Latch key children can check out a book of their choice, return it and check out another. What a gift of love to help these children with their reading skills.

There are two containers available in the information center, one labeled UMW Reaching Out and the other labeled Little Lending Library. What is being asked for? Books for any elementary school age child, at every reading level. New or gently used books will be a welcome addition. If you have questions about the project or appropriate books, feel free to call our church member, Alice Wilson at 354-3992. Alice is helping coordinate and organize this project.

Please help us accomplish this worthwhile effort all through the month of February and beyond. **Thank you!**



**The Annual Ladies Christmas Tea** was held in December. We had a large turnout and a joyful time. Linda St. Onge served as a great Mistress of Ceremonies; others helping with the entertainment were Joyce Martin with a humorous reading and Jessica Brodmerkel. Logan Walker with students from

his classroom provided a wonderful assortment of Christmas music. Ladies decorating a table and serving as hostesses for their tables were: Linda Blue, Sue Corbin, Barbara Gray, Cathy Burkett, Linda Rogers, Paula Alberts/Lois Cain, Tammy Starega, Natalie Thomas/Megan Hamil and Cassie Purifoy. Candace Parker provided a beautiful floral arrangement for the food table.

**Youth at Canyon Camp** Over MLK weekend, 14 youth and 3 adults went to Canyon Camp for the Camp Spark Winter Retreat. The theme for the weekend was "Be the Light," and focused on Matthew 5:14-16. The campers spent time in small groups, played games, worshipped, and even spent time cleaning up the devastation from the ice storms. It was a great (and cold!) weekend full of fun, friends, and faith!



**Crock Pot Ministry** Cathy Burkett said she had an unexpected blessing and was called to pass that on to others. She, along with helper Cassie Purifoy, provided a meal for the Life Skills class for the Neighborhood Services Organization ladies living in the Martha's House and Gatewood apartments. Cathy demonstrated how to cook a meal in a crock pot and each lady was given a

crock pot as well as ingredients to make the meal for their families. She also gave them pointers on crock pot cooking. Most importantly, she demonstrated that there are people that care about them.

# "He Taught Them In Parables"



United Methodist Church of the  
**Good Shepherd**  
Join the Journey.

8:30 Traditional The 9:50 11:00 Contemporary 11:00 Generations  
Rev. Michael Burkett, Ph.D. - Lead Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Charlotte Teel - Associate Pastor & Minister of Children

February 2016 Newsletter

## Rice Ministry Mission

**Rice Ministry** is our on-going mission project to bring hope to the needy students at the Southern Philippines Methodist College. Money received is sent through UMCOR Advance Special 14035B Scholarship & Meals. If you would like to help, place your money in the designated glass jars located in the Narthex and in the Information Center. Or, place your check (marked for *Rice Ministry*) in the offering plate. Thank you for supporting this ministry!



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January 21, 2016

Dear Members of Church of the Good Shepherd,

Greetings!

We are very thankful for your support to SPMCI. We received your donations last year and this year for the meals of the students through your Rice Ministry Mission (UMCOR Advance Special # 14035B Scholarship and Meals).



These are some of the ladies living in the dormitory now, seen in the picture above. Some of them are in their field assignments/ internship program for one (1) semester because they are graduating this year.



**Position Available** Director of Children's Day Out Program and Christ in Action After School Care Program at Church of the Good Shepherd. Send resume to Rev. Michael Burkett at Church of the Good Shepherd or by email at [Michael@umcgs.org](mailto:Michael@umcgs.org).

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** Effective January 1, please welcome Helen Wingard as the new facilitator of the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Sue Corbin has stepped down after 8 years to become more involved with facilitating adult classes. Helen stated the Prayer Shawl Ministry will continue to meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Prayer Room. If you are interested in joining, we welcome you with open arms and will see you on Tuesday.

Prayer shawls are meant to give comfort to the recipients as they are wrapped in God's loving embrace. Shawls are available in the prayer room at NO CHARGE. The person receiving the shawl does not have to belong to our church. In fact, we have Prayer Shawls Ministries all over the United States, in Haiti, Russia and London. Please take advantage of this ministry as often as you want.

Remember, the Annual Craft Show is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of November and fully finances this ministry.

**Ash Wednesday falls on February 10 this year** At this time there will be Lenten devotional material available at no charge. There will be two options available:

■ **Option 1** is a bible bookmark which gives you daily bible readings to follow our Savior on the path to the cross. As you read you will be able to ponder the love of God that sent his Son to endure the cross so we have the promise of Paradise.

■ **Option 2** is a daily devotional pamphlet that reminds us that Lent is a time to ponder and proclaim that after every Good Friday in our lives, there is "always" Easter, because Christ has risen. As people of the resurrection, we know how it all turns out, so that makes "Living Lent" a different experience for us as we retrace Christ's steps to the cross, fully aware that Easter has already come to pass.

**The Wednesday Ladies Bible Study** will begin a Lenten Study that will last from February 10 through March 23. We meet at 10 a.m. in the Parlor and each class will last approximately 90 minutes.

This 7-week study is entitled "*Bread in the Wilderness - Spiritual Famine or Gospel Feast.*" There is no outside work involved in this study. We will read and discuss each lesson during the class.

During this Lenten season as we remember the story of God's faithfulness, and especially the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, we are given strength for life's journey, "bread" to sustain us through the wilderness and beyond.

We would love to have you attend this study. Books are furnished "on loan" from the library at no charge

**Stephen Ministry** Stephen Ministers are members of our church trained to provide one-to-one, confidential Christian care to the bereaved, hospitalized, terminally ill, and others facing a crisis or life challenge. If you or someone you know is going through a difficult time, place a card in the Stephen Minister box located in the entryways and in the Information Center or contact Margaret Macemon at 209-0240 or Cathy Childers at 324-1900 x303.



## February Birthdays

*\*If you know of a birthday  
that is missing from our list, please  
contact the church office.*

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Rick Cardenas  
2/3  
Rebecca Michel  
Gram Shoemake  
Joseph Reynolds  
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Cooper Thomas  
2/5  
Sharon Craig  
Sue Riley  
2/6  
Madison Reed  
Melissa Williams  
Midge Williams  
2/7  
David Hanes  
Gerry Swain  
2/8  
Madaline Ford  
Addison Glover  
Bill Long  
2/9  
Claudia Eller  
Andrew Green  
2/10  
Robert Hutchins  
Todd Young  
2/11  
Shirla Hutto  
Shawn Johnson  
Chip More  
2/12  
Don Jacobson  
Lauren Johnson  
Jerry Nielsen  
Alexander Walls  
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Danielle Flowers  
Max Kelton

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Betsy Hughes  
Bob Hurst  
Perry Kliever  
Maysen Tucker  
2/16  
Bob Bird  
Kayleigh Ferguson  
Wade Huckabay  
Roy Privott  
2/17  
Brenda Roberts  
2/18  
Peggy Long  
2/19  
Cindy Kovatana  
Andrew Neel  
Carol Shoemake  
2/20  
Richard Mason  
2/21  
Julienne Carnes  
Emily Reimer  
2/22  
Tim Bourne  
Mike McKee  
2/23  
Dan Bridgforth  
Helen Higdon  
Cindy Hunter  
Jeremy Ledford  
Ann McKee  
2/24  
Opal Ross  
2/25  
Walter Jones  
2/26  
Jill Benham  
Marsha Ridenhour  
2/28  
Don Brodmerkel  
Lea Ann Malchaski  
Curt Timmons

We devised a scheme for the benefit of more students. Before, all students staying in the dormitory are enjoying three meals sponsored by the kindhearted friends and supporters of SPMCI. However, starting last year we made them contribute as their counterpart.

In consultation with the SPMCI community (students, matron, faculty and staff and the BOT members) we decided to have an extension of the ladies dormitory for the comfort and protection of the ladies. We have an additional two rooms, laundry room, 4 baths and 4 toilets, water tanks (for drinking from the local water district and for washing which is from the rain) dining and kitchen. The extension is concrete so that they will not be perennial victims of voyeurism (while they are taking a bath) by some informal settlers living just outside the wired fence of the school. The money which you donated was used for the construction of the dining and kitchen.

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Now, even if the donated money is not directly used to buy their food or directly given to them to buy for their meals but because the kitchen and the dining are much better than before, and because they are able to harvest their own grown vegetables they can cook their own food and share their meals with others. We believe that they are more responsible now in using their time properly, and more disciplined in budgeting their allowances aside from the appreciation on the dignity of labor. However, during lean months like October and March (final examination weeks) we give subsidy for their food. We designed a scheme where they will only give P600/month and cook food for all of them but they preferred to cook individually with their small group.

We are also planning to have an extension of the gents dormitory when we have enough budget. We will also construct a common kitchen, dining, laundry area, toilets and bath to make their stay in the dormitory more comfortable and safe.

Again, the whole SPMCI community is very much grateful for your prayers and financial support.

Very truly yours,

Framer Cristy P. Mella, President SPMCI

*"Give them food and they eat for that day. Give them means to produce food  
and they will eat and share for a long time."*



### **Shift Planning Starts**

Church of the Good Shepherd is committed to being the most vital and fruitful congregation possible. We believe God has placed great potential within us and that we are being called to live into that potential. To accomplish that, the leadership of Good Shepherd will be assessing and designing systems within our ministry to lead our congregation into greater effectiveness.

To that end, with the approval of our Administrative Council and the encouragement of our District Superintendent, we at Good Shepherd have recently joined a network of several churches in our district engaged in a process called **Shift**. This network experience will take place over the next 13 months and will include:

- a training component, video/teleconference workshops offered each quarter,
- reading and processing supporting materials, including the book *Shift* - now being used by nearly 10,000 church leaders across the country) prior to quarterly training, and,
- coaching of a team from our congregational leadership as we build goals, action plans, and implement the plans.

An introductory session was held on January 9 of this year at our church-related Oklahoma City University.

This process will likely mean that we will be trying some new things since as we all know—"continuing to do the same thing and expecting different results" doesn't make much sense. Your church leadership team asks that you will be open to the ways in which we believe God is leading us. Our commitment to you is that for each new approach to ministry and redesign of current approaches we will communicate with you the why? And what? of the new thing and invite you to join us in discovering how God is going to do something powerful in our midst.

### **For Your Information**

#### **Our Worship Times:**

8:30 a.m. (Traditional - Sanctuary)

9:50 a.m. (The 9:50 - Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m. (Contemporary -  
Christian Life Center)

11:00 a.m. (Generations -Sanctuary)

#### **Sunday School:**

9:45 a.m. - 10:45a.m.;

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

#### **Address:**

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Yukon OK 73099

#### **Phone:**

405.324.1900

Prayer Hotline: Ext. 351

#### **E-mail:**

News@UMCGS.org

#### **Website:**

<http://www.UMCGS.org>

### **Church Activities This Week**

#### **Sunday, January 31**

8:30 a.m.

Traditional Service *Sanctuary*

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School

9:50 a.m.

The|9:50 Service *Sanctuary*

11:00 a.m.

Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

Generations Service *Sanctuary*

11:00 a.m.

Contemporary Service *Christian Life Center (CLC)*

3:00 p.m.

Handbell Practice *Choir Room*

4:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal *Choir Room*

6:00 p.m.

Youth Praise Band *Choir Room*

#### **Monday, February 1**

3:00 p.m.

Christ in Action (CIA) After School Program

7:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts 300 *CLC*

7:00 p.m.

Stephen Ministry *Parlor*

#### **Tuesday, February 2**

9:00 a.m.

Children's Day Out (CDO)

3:00 p.m.

Christ in Action (CIA) After School Program

6:00 p.m.

Prayer Team Meeting *Staff Center*

7:00 p.m.

CYOM *Bridal Room*

7:00 p.m.

Church Council Meeting *Parlor*

7:00 p.m.

SPRC *Conference Room*

#### **Wednesday, February 3**

5:30 a.m.

Promise Keepers *Staff Center*

10:00 a.m.

Ladies Bible Study *Parlor*

11:30 a.m.

UMW Friendship Circle *Parlor*

3:00 p.m.

Christ in Action (CIA) After School Program

5:30 p.m.

Simple Meals *CLC*

6:30 p.m.

JOY Kids/Adult Classes

6:30 p.m.

Youth Bible Study *Youth Room*

6:30 p.m.

Praise Team Rehearsal *Choir Room*

7:00 p.m.

Al-Anon *CLC C8*

#### **Thursday, February 4**

9:00 a.m.

Children's Day Out

10:00 a.m.

Cookin' Up Casseroles *CLC Kitchen*

3:00 p.m.

Christ in Action (CIA) After School Program

7:00 p.m.

Trustees Meeting *Staff Center*

#### **Friday, February 5**

3:00 p.m.

Christ in Action (CIA) After School Program

### **Coming Up**

February 10 ..... Ash Wednesday

February 14 ..... First Sunday in Lent

February 26-27 ..... Youth Lock-in

March 5 ..... Youth Service Day

March 20 ..... Palm Sunday

March 27 ..... Easter Sunday