

Ministry updates from UMCGS

Children's Ministry

Dr., Rev. Charlotte Teel

ASH WEDNESDAY - On a bitter cold evening, Families with children joined Pastor Charlotte in an Ash Wednesday service via zoom. Candles and flashlights created our holy spaces as we shared the story of Creation. Families brought their own creative ashes (damp cinnamon or dirt, markers, ashes, etc.) to draw a cross on each members forehead or hand. We remembered that God created us, and God said, "This is very good". Families will continue their walk with Jesus using a LENTEN PACK they received as a porch surprise.

KIDS, look forward to the drive-thru Easter Egg Event March 28 (Palm Sunday)!

UMCGS Youth

Courtney Blacksten

The youth started meeting outside in-person over the summer for Bible Study on Wednesdays. When the temperature got too cold we moved inside to the youth room where we have been meeting for the past few months. In December, we started a hybrid in-person/online Sunday school in the youth room after in-person worship, using Zoom to connect with those who are unable to come in person to participate! It has been wonderful to see each other, play games, and have faith forming conversations again. The youth have also been having monthly fellowship events - from Christmas lights in the park to movie nights at the church! Confirmation will begin in late February and we are looking forward to walking alongside some of our young people as they ask big questions of faith. The youth are also looking forward to the summer as well, Camp Spark registration will open on March 1st and the youth could not be more excited after being away from camp for over a year. While this past year has been challenging, the youth have overcome many obstacles to gathering together and found ways to stay connected and continue growing in faith.

New Lenten Groups Start Soon at Good Shepherd

Cathy Childers

Director of Adult Education

Lent is a time to prepare ourselves to celebrate Easter with a renewed faith. During this time, we are encouraged to take on a spiritual practice (praying, fasting, giving, studying, etc.) in an effort to better ourselves as followers of Jesus. Consider participating in one of the following Lenten small groups.

- Entering the Passion of Jesus by Amy-Jill Levine | Thursdays @ 8:00 p.m. | Sundays @ 7:00 p.m. | Begins week of Feb. 18 | led by Pastor Charlotte
- Walk: Five Essential Practices of Christian Life by Adam Hamilton | two separate groups Mondays @ 7:00 p.m. | Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Begins week of Feb. 22 | led by Cathy Childers
- Adventure of Jesus: Lenten Journey - A time of devotion, sharing and prayer | Mondays @ 3:30 p.m. | Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. | Begins week of Feb. 22 | led by Cathy Childers

Visit the church website or click the link below to register:

<https://umcgs.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/5adebeb4-5465-454c-9569-f9186f3e1e46>

Outreach Team

Jeanne Hathcock

The Love our Schools ministry has donated 155 Hot chocolates and 400 disposable masks. The sewing ministry donated 60 masks. We also provided hamburger meat for the teacher appreciation taco bar.

Upcoming adventures are Easter Meals and The Red Shield Diner Dinner.

Pastoral Care

Rev. Linda Truitt

Lots of cards, texts and emails have helped us stay connected. Social Media too! GriefShare ministry has continued by zoom, there are two support groups at this time. By zoom we have reached people in OKC and even Edmond. Our Congregational Care ministers remain busy keeping in touch with folks. We have done some training during the pandemic too. We just delivered our homebound folks another gift.

Big thank you to those of you who have and are helping with Sunday worship, ushers, liturgists, welcoming outside and inside. You are essential!

Good Shepherd *Classic* Worship Online: 2-21-21

Welcome and Prayer
Linda Truitt

Pastor

Music "God so Loved the World"
Virtual Choir

UMC Good Shepherd

Affirmation of Faith
Charlotte Teel

Pastor

Lord's
Prayer

Charlotte

Generosity Moment
Night Watch

Good Shepherd

Offertory Music
Walker

Logan

Scripture Prayer
Charlotte Teel

Pastor

Scripture Reading
36

Colossians 3:12-14 Luke 6:31-
Charlotte

Sermon
Linda Truitt

“Boomerang Grace”

Rev.

Music
Walker

Logan

Remember This
Week

Charlotte

Benediction
Charlotte

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