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*From Dianne's Desk*

## REMEMBER AND RESPOND

Where were you when the towers went down? Most of us will remember seeing the unbelievable video coverage of huge jets crashing in the World Trade towers, the Pentagon, and later reports of the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania. We had trouble believing any of this could actually be happening, particularly on American soil. The level of destruction, the thousands of people who died, and the evil intentions of those who planned and executed these attacks rocked our world. This was a “threshold experience” for our nation: having walked through this door to an insecure future, we could never return to the carefree days before The Department of Homeland Security existed.

I wonder if our experiences of that time mirrored the way the Japanese felt after we dropped the atomic bombs. The world was in horror as we watched the newsreels of people running away from the radiation that would kill so many. The proliferation of nuclear weapons that followed that tragic day terrified the whole global village that we call earth. Thankfully, we have given leadership to eliminating and down-sizing the nations’ nuclear arsenals. There is still work to do, but the imminent threat to our existence as a species has been reduced.

Where was God on September 11, 2001, or August 6 or 9 in 1945? Closer to home, we all got to witness the pain of April 19, 1995, staring at the cavernous shell of the Murrah building. How desperately disappointed God must have been on all these days, and countless others, watching precious human beings, made in the image of God, destroy one another. I firmly believe that God sheds the first tears in such tragedies, joining in the chorus of deep grief. But God is also incredibly busy in such circumstances, helping those who have survived to rise to new levels in bringing aid and

encouragement to the wounded. God is there as people run toward the disaster, natural or man-made, to see if there is anything they can do to help, to heal, to rescue, to love. We’ve witnessed that too in first responders around the world: Oklahoma City, Haiti, China, Sri Lanka, flooding in our heartland, African refugee camps and Tohoku, Japan. God’s presence never disappears. God is the one true foundation for our lives, whatever may come. Jesus knew the depth of human cruelty, but he also saw the potential in human compassion, service, and faith, empowered by the Spirit of hope.

In the coming days, I hope you’ll be mindful that there may be children in your life and your neighborhood who are seeing the 9-11 videos for the very first time. Listen to their questions. Calm their fears. Encourage them to trust in the God of the universe who made them. Jesus understands our anxiety, anger, and passion for justice. May we follow his lead into year eleven of our memories and our tears. God is with us. Thanks be to God.

Blessings, Dianne



## REVEREND PETERS’ RECOVERY

Dianne had a hysterectomy on August 25th and is recovering at home. She hopes to be back part-time toward the middle of September, and up to full speed (or close!) in October. Thank you for your prayers and support for Dianne and Jeff.

## YOUTH CALENDAR

by Elyse Poland

Calendar for Youth Meetings:

<b>September</b>	4	NO YOUTH – Labor Day Week-end
	11	Crown Heights
	18	Wesley
	25	Crown Heights
<b>October</b>	2	Wesley
	9	NO YOUTH
	16	Wesley
	23	Crown Heights
<b>November</b>	30	HALLOWEEN ACTIVITY
	6	Wesley
	13	REGIONAL FOOD BANK
	20	Wesley
<b>December</b>	27	Crown Heights
	4	Wesley
	11	Crown Heights
	18	Wesley
	25	NO YOUTH – Christmas Day



## NEW HOPE ACADEMY UPDATE

**September 10 at 10:00 a.m.**

Sort and pack day in the Youth Activities Building. Come and help prepare the books and other materials for shipment to the school.

The New Hope School has met the requirements of a Section 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.

The New Hope School's share of the offering that was lifted at the Oklahoma Annual Conference in May was \$19,150.87. Thanks for your giving toward this offering.

## HOMECOMING SUNDAY

by Brigette Gean

"Fall is just around the corner.... which means kids are back in school, the days will be getting cooler (we hope) AND..."

### Homecoming Sunday

...is quickly approaching.

Come join your CHUM family on Sunday, **September 11** following second service for a Potluck Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. We will be renewing old friendships and making new ones as we share a meal together. Meat & bread & drinks will be provided, so bring a side and/or dessert to share."

## FALL UMW RUMMAGE SALE

by Charlene Jones

Hopefully by October 1 these hot days we have been having will be gone and we can have a cool rummage sale to raise money for missions. Give us your items that you no longer need or use and we will make money for missions. We will take appliances, furniture, household items, toys, misc., clean adult, teen and children's clothes.



Missions that we support are: Skyline JETS, Clothes for Kids, New Day Camp, CHUM Youth, Children, & Choir programs, Mobile Meals, & Circle of Care.

The sale will be held **Saturday, October 1** in the Youth Activities Room.

You may start bringing your sale items (except furniture)\* to the church office now.

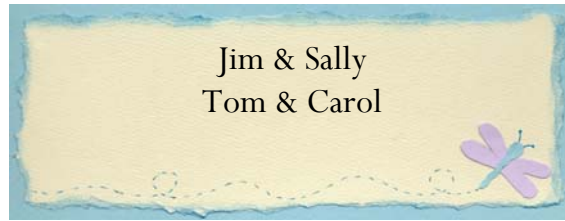
If you need help getting any items to the church, or for questions, please contact, Rummage Sale Coordinator: Charlene Jones 524-5075, or email [charleneajones@cox.net](mailto:charleneajones@cox.net)

\* Due to the lack of space, the large items and furniture should be delivered to the church the week of the sale.

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**



**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**



**SEMINARY LITE**

**THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION FOR THE LAITY**

**Fall 2011 Courses**

- Introduction to Christian Theology, Dr. Elaine Robinson  
September 17, 2011
- Introduction to the New Testament, Dr. Sharon Betsworth  
October 15, 2011
- Introduction to the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible, Dr. Lisa Wolfe  
November 12, 2011

**Spring 2012 Courses**

- United Methodist Heritage, Dr. Elaine Robinson  
February 18, 2012
- Introduction to Church History, Dr. James Brandt  
March 17, 2012
- Introduction to Worship, Dr. Henry "Hal" Knight  
April 21, 2012

All courses will be held on the campus of Oklahoma City University in the Bishop W. Angie Smith Chapel from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with lunch at the OCU cafeteria. The cost per course is \$50 (\$10 reduced rate for OIMC members).

To register or for additional information contact Rachel McClain at [OCUevent@spst.edu](mailto:OCUevent@spst.edu) or (405) 208-5757.

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Stanley Kitchens is now at home after his recent hospital visit. Please pray for his full recovery.

Rev. Peters is recovering at home after surgery. If you have questions or pressing concerns, please contact Stacy in the church office.

Please remember George Massey and his family in your prayers, for the passing of his mother Maurine, on August 10.

**DO WE HAVE DEAL FOR YOU**

Take this quiz to see how you do. Check each one that applies:

- Can you drive?
- Or can you cook?
- Do you sit around wondering what you could be doing on Monday mornings?



If you answered any of these questions with a checkmark, then you passed, and do we have a deal for you!

Every Monday our wonderful volunteers cook a nutritious meal for our neighbors who cannot do so for themselves. (It takes maybe an hour and a half) Then our spectacular drivers deliver their warm meals so they have them in time for lunch. (It takes less than an hour)

We need you and so do our neighbors. Please help keep this ministry alive.

We need cooks and delivery drivers.

Please contact Stacy in the church office, 524-8428.

## MORE SPERO HELPERS NEEDED

Our feeding and support ministry with single parents and their children is taking a major step forward. The Spero Project facility on Santa Fe is too small to host more families for dinner, so we are moving the ministry to Crown Heights' Fellowship Hall. This will be easier for our cooks who prepare dinner for the families and our volunteers. Our building will also be much better for providing child care in age-appropriate rooms, with a safe place to play outside. Those who help pack up the groceries for each family will eat first, then take the lists of items needed for each family to Spero. When all the sacks are ready, the groceries will be transported back to CHUM for the families to pick up as they leave.

We need additional child care volunteers for very young children, early elementary-age, and older elementary-age/middle school students. As we minister to more families we expand the need for additional child care while parents are involved in devotional and small prayer group times. Some children may need assistance with homework, so this is another way you could serve.

We need a few more grocery packers, ideally with larger vehicles to help transport the food to Crown Heights.

We need small group mentors/facilitators, who will listen and pray with the parents about their concerns.

We also hope to have more cooks and folks to clean up after the meal.

We meet one night a month, on the second Thursday. Our dates for fall are: September 8, October 13, November 10, and December 8. Volunteers arrive at 5:30 (or as soon as you can get here.) The families are to arrive at 6:00 p.m. for dinner, followed by other activities. Our goal is to be finished by 8:30 p.m. We all are benefitting from the fellowship and faith sharing that takes place each month. Please let Wayna Tyner or Stacy know if you'd like to join us.

### AT A GLANCE

- ☐ **Arts Academy Begins** – September 6th, 5:30 p.m.
- ☐ **Whiz Kids Begins** – September 8th, 3:00 p.m.
- ☐ **Spero Project** – Thursday, September 8th, 5:30 p.m.
- ☐ **Book Sort & Pack Day** – Saturday, September 10th, 10:00 a.m.
- ☐ **Homecoming Sunday** – Sunday, September 11th, following liturgy
- ☐ **Abrahamic Faiths Post 9/11** – Sunday, September 11th, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- ☐ **Introduction to Christian Theology** – Saturday, September 17th
- ☐ **UMW Rummage Sale** – Saturday, October 1st

**Start bringing your sale items for the Rummage Sale to the church office now.**

**Continue dropping off your books for New Hope Academy.**



### CHOIR DATES FOR FALL by George Massey

Susan, Brent and I would like to thank everyone at CHUM for the lovely cards, emails, calls and donations to my mother, Maureen's, Memorial Fund. She would be delighted to know her memory will assist in our wonderful Christmas Cantata, **Winter's Grace**.

This will be very special for me as it will mark my 35th Cantata at CHUM, this beginning my 18th year as Director of Music!

Choir, we will see you Wednesday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m. to launch the FALL Season! In September, we will sing on Sunday, September 11th and 25th, and also rehearse on the 21st!

You will be receiving a postcard with ALL dates for the Fall!

# Abrahamic Faiths Post-9/11

## Building Peaceful Community In a Violent World



**Rabbi Brad Hirschfield**  
President  
*National Jewish Center  
for Learning and Leadership*



**Rev. Mitch Randall**  
Senior Pastor  
*NorthHaven Church*



**Imam Imad Enchassi**  
President  
*Islamic Society of  
Greater Oklahoma City*

**Moderator:**

**Dr. Barbara Boyd**  
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Adjunct Assistant Professor  
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*University of Oklahoma*



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Mario Estrada	Custodian
George Massey	Director of Music
Mariann Searle	Organist
Vahn Phollurxa	Music Assistant
Elyse Poland	Director of Youth Ministries
Bailey Maxwell	Nursery Coordinator
Justin Larman	Nursery Assistant
Leah Coleman	Nursery Assistant
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 3:00 pm Tutors Mtg. 6:30 pm NA Meeting	2	3
4 12th Sunday after Pentecost  NO Youth	5 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:00 pm NA Meeting	6 5:30 pm Arts Academy	7 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	8 3:00 pm Whiz Kids 5:30 pm Spero Project 6:30 pm NA Meeting	9	10
11 13th Sunday after Pentecost <b>Homecoming</b> 12:30 am Finance Mtg. 4:00 pm Youth CHUM	12 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:00 pm NA Meeting	13 5:30 pm Arts Academy	14	15 3:00 pm Whiz Kids 6:30 pm NA Meeting	16	17 6:00 pm Wedding
18 14th Sunday after Pentecost 12:30 am Ad Council 4:00 pm Youth Wesley	19 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:00 pm NA Meeting	20 5:30 pm Arts Academy	21 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	22 3:00 pm Whiz Kids 6:30 pm NA Meeting	23	24
25 15th Sunday after Pentecost 4:00 pm Youth CHUM	26 9:00 am Mobile Meals 6:00 pm NA Meeting	27 5:30 pm Arts Academy	28	29 3:00 pm Whiz Kids 6:30 pm NA Meeting	30	