

# Sounds of Sunny Lane



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## *Our Saints Will be remembered On November 3, 2019*

On All Saints Day we take time to think of our Christian heritage and remember with thanksgiving those who have held fast to their faith no matter what.

In keeping with our tradition here at Sunny Lane, our Worship Committee (Payton Hamlin, chair) has once again organized our annual All Saints' Day Observance during worship on Sunday, November 3.

The names of our honored dead since last year's observance will be read in the service, a chime will be rung, a candle lighted, and a ribbon with the deceased's name on it will be placed on a wooden cross. The deceased's family will be notified of the event so they may participate in the observance that day.

Sunny Lane will remember the following brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone to be with our Lord:

Oneeda O'Pry	Byron Brakhage	Doyle Bartgis	Cynthia "Cyndy" Sly
Eileen Musgrave	Charles Holcomb	Irene Moore	Sherrill "Sherry" Johns
Brenda Atkins	Herschel Minshall	Kathleen "Nadine" Karry	Lynlee Burden

## **TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER SERVED AT CHURCH Thursday, November 28, 1:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall**

We Gather  
Together



Nancy & Roger Goeller, along with the assistance of many others, will once again be serving a traditional Thanksgiving dinner here at the church in our Fellowship Hall on Thursday, November 28. Kudos to Roger & Nancy! It will be a gathering to break bread and share thankful reflections of this past year. If you will be by yourself, are unable to fix a Thanksgiving Day meal, or would just like to join the celebration, please join us.

Bring friends, neighbors, and/or people in need who are not part of the congregation. We only ask that you sign up at the Welcome Center so we have an accurate count for planning the food.

## LYNN'S LYNES

“WORKING TOGETHER — CELEBRATING GOD’S GOOD GIFTS”

“For we are God’s servants, working together.” (I Corinthians 3:9)

### THANKSGIVING SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 24



It takes many hands—working together—to accomplish all that takes place in a church like Sunny Lane UMC. Some of those “hands” are highly visible as they lead worship services, usher, teach Sunday School classes, volunteer at the Welcome Center, or participate in music ministries. Others are not seen as much as they labor behind the scenes in Our Neighbor’s Closet, cleaning the building, mentoring Whiz Kids, serving on committees, working on UMM sausage grinds & UMW Bake Sales, or in many other ways.

That is true of all types of organizations, but what sets the church apart—especially a church like Sunny Lane—is that we are not just working by ourselves and for ourselves. We are working together, hand in hand, with Almighty God. As Annie Johnson Flint wrote, “Christ has no hands but our hands to do His work today.”

What we are doing, whether it is one of the highly visible functions or one of the behind-the-scenes tasks, we are doing for God’s glory. We are “God’s fellow servants.” We are truly working together with God! And as we do so, we have the opportunity to celebrate God’s good gifts to us.

As God’s children, sometimes our emphasis is on things like food, clothing, shelter, crops, and a land which brings forth His bounty in abundance. As we benefit from God’s good gifts like these and many others, our response should be one of thanksgiving and gratitude to Him.

But God’s good gifts are also spiritual in nature. For example, God gave the **gift of His Son**, the Lord Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. Without doubt, this is the greatest gift of all! God gives the gift of **faith** so that people can trust Christ for salvation. God gives the gift of **grace**, which is an expression of His unconditional love towards us. God gives the gift of **wisdom** to those who ask Him. God gives the **Holy Spirit** to us to help us in our Christian lives and in our praying. God gives **spiritual gifts**, which enable us to serve Him and to minister to others.

Thank about it: Every good gift is from God. All God requires of us, His children, is that we diligently follow Him with the full expectation and confidence that He will reward our faithful obedience.

Obedience has been defined as doing what God says, when God says, with the right heart attitude. A spirit of willing obedience is essential as we seek to use the time, talents, and treasure that God has entrusted to us for God’s glory and for the good of other people. So is a willingness to listen to God.

What is your response to God’s good gifts? As one who is “working together” with God and listening to God, will you make a fresh commitment to use the time, talents, and treasure you have received from Him in an even greater way in 2020?

**Please bring your completed “Estimate of Giving Card” to worship with you on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 24.** That day, as a part of our worship service, you’ll be requested to place it in our Thanksgiving Basket near the Altar. We will ask God to bless all our pledges of giving for 2020 to God’s greater glory. Indeed, we ARE God’s servants, working together.



### **STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS IN NOVEMBER**

Working Together—Celebrating God's Good Gifts  
"For we are God's servants, working together" (1 Cor. 3:9)

BRING OR MAIL YOUR "ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD"  
TO OUR THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

November 24

Stewardship Speakers. . .

November 3—Stan Buss

November 10—David Freno

November 17—Teresa Scott

November 24 ("Thanksgiving Sunday")—Jenn Shaw



***Our purpose:*** *Helping men to grow in Christ, so others can know Christ.*

Hello everyone, can you believe it's already November? Well, for us October was pretty busy.

Lait/UMM Sunday was on, October 20, and the message was "Pathway of Hope." Don Brader presented the message as a tour of the sanctuary. He identified the many items in our church and their symbolism and how they remind him that our church, our members are a "Pathway of Hope." Thanks to each and every one who contributed to this service.

Our October meeting was held on Monday, the 20<sup>th</sup> in Compton Hall. Our thanks, once again, to Nancy, Roger, Tom, and Colby for preparing and serving the meal. Great job!!!! Our speaker for the night was Rev. Deborah Ingraham, Director of Skyline Ministries. She updated us on all the changes going on at Skyline and the future of the important ministry.

The Fall sausage grind has been completed. This grind was over 2,500 lbs. of pork. We want to thank all those who helped with this grind. You don't know how much it helps us and how much it means to us for your support. The turnout for the Saturday breakfast was amazing also. It provided a great opportunity to not only enjoy this wonderful sausage, but to gather and socialize with all those that were there. As of this writing, we only have about 20 lbs. of regular sausage available. If you need to pick up your order or are interested in purchasing some extra, please contact one of our members.

The sale of our sausage is our only source of funding. All the proceeds are used to fund scholarships, support our local scout troop, contribute to area ministries, and help the church cover unplanned maintenance needs. Once again, our thanks go out to all those who help make this grind and breakfast a huge success!

Our November meeting will be held on Monday, the 18<sup>th</sup>. Our program will be a personal trainer who will show us things that we can do to help ease the issues of aging joints. This will be our last meeting of the year, and we invite all the men of Sunny Lane to come for a great meal, good fellowship, and another interesting program. The signup sheets will be at the Welcome Center.

Well that is about it for now, hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving! Peace and Blessings, Dean Sparkman,  
President



A little thoughtfulness can be the greatest blessing of all. Your gracious gift of all the baby items and for the mothers are going to be much appreciated. We thank you for letting our ministry deliver your gifts.

Master's Ministry  
Julean and Lora

Our family wants to thank you very much for Nadine's service and the luncheon you provided. It was very thoughtful and delicious.

The Karry Family

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and well wishes during my recent surgery and recovery! I am truly blessed to have a church family like you. God bless you.

Stan Buss

To Our Loving Church Family,

We would like to thank you for all your prayers for Jack commencing his cancer treatments. Also for Jim Lancaster giving him a ride to and from. We are so blessed to have you all.

In His Love,

Jack and Jo Burmeister

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Well, it appears Mother Nature has pretty much skipped Fall and taken us right to winter!! It is cold!! As I sit here writing this article, I am looking around my office at tubs of candy, Halloween decorations, pumpkins and more pumpkins and there is no doubt in my mind---Halloween is here!! I want to thank everyone who brought candy and to those who have signed up to help make this the best carnival ever!!

After the wonderful carnival, we will all take a few weeks to absorb all of the sugar, and then it's time to start practicing for the **Christmas Program**.  
Christmas Play Practice will be as follows:

- Wednesday, December 4, at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, December 7, at 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 8, at 3:00 p.m.  
(dinner will be provided for the children)
- Performance – December 8, at 6:00 p.m.

It is important to us that **every** child who wants to participate can, regardless of being able to attend rehearsals. If you have a child, grandchild, friend, or neighbor who would like to participate, please let Ms. Janet know.

With the Holidays approaching, please remember to keep the families in our community and the families of SLUMC in your daily prayers.

Thank you so very much for all of your support love and prayers! I appreciate each and every one of you!!!!!!!!!!!!

Paula



SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, AT 2:00 A.M.  
Daylight saving time ends!!

*Tree Decorating  
Monday, November 25*

Teresa Scott will begin to decorate the church for Christmas during the week of November 25, 2019. If anyone would like to help please be at the church at 10:00 a.m. Thanks.

*From the Worship Committee*



This year in lieu of the Giving Tree we are going to have an Angel Tree. We will have lovely Angel and Angel Wing ornaments to purchase for a minimum donation of \$20 each ornament. Purchase an ornament(s) in memory or honor of a loved one, friend, family, neighbor, church member, military member, or teacher. Memorialize or honor those that have touched or blessed your life in some special way. As the ornaments are purchased we will hang them on the Angel tree and after the Advent season you'll have a keepsake to take home for your tree. The

Worship Committee will have a table set-up across from the Welcome Center every Sunday in November and December for both services so you can purchase the special ornaments. The Angel Tree(s) will go up on December 1, 2019. You can also purchase the ornaments from the Worship Committee members.

All donations for "Angels" and "Angel Wings" on the Angel Tree will be given toward our 2020 required Conference Apportionments. Your Christmas contribution for the Angel Tree will provide several positive benefits . . . (1) your gift helps to decorate a lovely tree for the Sanctuary during the Advent season; (2) your gift allows you to honor or memorialize a loved one during the Holiday season; (3) your gift helps your church pay toward our Conference Apportionments for 2020; and (4) your gift allows you to have an angel keepsake for your own tree or home after the Advent season.



**Monday, November 11**  
**Thank You for Serving!**

**"THANK OFFERING" BEING RECEIVED FOR CHURCH STAFF**

**ALL-CHURCH MAILING TO GO OUT IN NOVEMBER**



Our Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC), chaired by Virginia Park, will once again be sending out a mailing to all members concerning the annual “Thank Offering” for paid church staff. The pastor has asked to not be included in this special love offering.

You will have the opportunity during the month of November to share a special, designated “Thank Offering” as a way of expressing your appreciation for our paid staff. Because of budget constraints, the staff will not be receiving a cost-of-living-adjustment to their salaries for 2020. However, the total of your collective gifts will be divided up among the various staff persons, based on years of service. It will be your Christmas gift to our paid staff.

Inside your letter from SPPRC, you will find a special offering envelope entitled, “Sing to God with Gratitude in Your Hearts.” **Please use this envelope for sharing your “Thank Offering” for the church staff.** The disbursement of these monetary gifts to the staff will take place in mid-December. Therefore, we ask that you submit your special offering by November 30.

We thank YOU for thanking our staff with your special offering.

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**“THANK YOU, SUNNY LANE”  
FROM SKYLINE URBAN MINISTRY**

Dear Pastor Brack & Sunny Lane Family—

Thank you for your recent gifts to Skyline in July, August, and September! Your gift of 530 prime-time meals and 147 pounds of clothing enables us to continue our mission of providing groceries, meals, clothing, eye exams, and dignity to Oklahomans living below the poverty level.

Through your generosity, the Clothes4Kids Program sent 375 children to school with new clothes and shoes, and our annual Back-to-School event gave backpacks and school supplies to over 500 children. Our Food Resources Center continues to be busy; we have served over 60,000 individuals so far this year!

The Eye Clinic averages 100 free eye exams per month, and we have added an on-site optician who is able to help patrons select glasses as they complete their exams. And through your gifts of used clothing, over 3,500 patrons have “new-to-me” items in their wardrobe.

It’s through your generosity in sharing your gifts and your stories about our ministry that enables us to meet the needs of those living in the shadows.

Well done, Sunny Lane!  
Rev. Deborah Ingraham, executive director

*{P.S. On October 21, Rev. Ingraham was the guest speaker at the monthly United Methodist Men’s meeting here at SLUMC. Following her presentation, our UMM voted to extend another \$500.00 donation to Skyline Urban Ministry.}*

**ADVENT STUDY IN DECEMBER**  
**SIGN-UP THIS MONTH**  
***“Arise and Shine”—A 4-Session Bible Study for Advent***  
**Sundays in December 1, 5, 15, 22 . . . 3 to 4 p.m.**

In this Advent Bible study led by the pastor, participants will explore the biblical backgrounds of the rising, reflected, healing, and eternal light of Christ. Study and discussion questions, along with prayers and reflections will help students see that the Light of the World enlightens our lives in many ways in Advent and always. You may sign up at the Welcome Center. Cost of the study book is \$10.00.



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Wow, we can almost say goodbye to 2019. Has it passed as quickly for you as it has for me?? I want to give a HUGE shout out to all who prepared and wrapped sausage, brought in items for the bake sale, ate sausage and pancakes (yummy!!), set up for both and cleaned up after both sales! My goodness, this was truly a “village” event. It is all worth it when see former church members, family, and friends gather for breakfast on Saturday morning. God shined on this day and gave us good weather, causing so many to come out and support us! What a fun Sunny Lane Fellowship time. Just full of warm fuzzies. Thank you!!!

November 1-2: All Saints Day - Dia de Los Muertos - Sunday Nov 3 we will remember the many saints we have lost this year

November 3: Daylight Saving Time ends - fall back 1 hour

November 5: UMW General meeting at noon, pot luck. Martha Group is hostess and has program. Bring your World Thank Offering at this time. We support VIM pantry with dry spaghetti and canned spaghetti sauce.

November 8-10: Toole Tyme at Cookson Hills

November 10: Marine Corp Birthday

November 11: Veterans Day

November 21: World Hello Day expresses that conflicts should be resolved through communication rather than use of force

November 28: Thanksgiving

Just some random thoughts:

I hate when I mean to buy seedless grapes but instead I accidentally get...well you know...Oreos.

News flash: Truck carrying Ramen Noodles crashed on freeway spilling entire load. Estimated loss to company \$38.00

Instructor: Welcome to Salsa class! Who is ready to learn how to dance? (I quickly hide my bag of tortilla chips as I realized there has been a misunderstanding.) News flash: a truck loaded with Vick's Vapor Rub overturned on the highway. Amazingly, there was no congestion for 8 hours!

Be a blessing to someone this week Darlene

## SCOUT TROOP 87 ANNUAL CANNED FOOD DRIVE

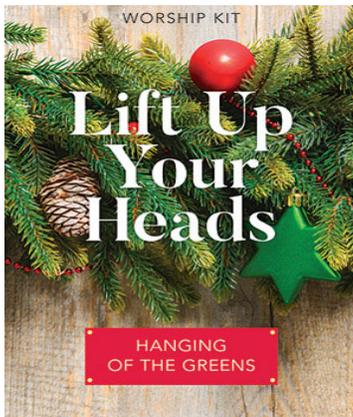


Our church-sponsored Scout Troop 87 will be conducting their annual canned food drive in our church during the month of November. Approved by our Finance Committee, the Scouts will be present in the Narthex for both worship services on Sunday, November 10. They will be distributing plastic bags for you to place your donated canned food items.

They will return to both services the following Sunday, November 17, to pick up the bags of canned food you have prepared during the week. They will again be set up at a table in the Narthex. Bring your bags with canned goods and place on their table. All canned goods collected by our Scouts will be donated to our local Food Pantry here at Sunny Lane.

Our Food Pantry is administered by our V.I.M. Committee, chaired by Margo Hirschman.

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### PURPLE ADVENT SEASON BEGINS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

“HANGING OF THE GREENS” SERVICE 5:00 p.m.

POT-LUCK SUPPER TO FOLLOW

Tired of Turkey & Dressing?

Come Enjoy Spencer’s BBQ Brisket

Bring a Side Dish or Dessert

Our Worship Committee, chaired by Payton Hamlin, has planned for us to participate in a traditional “Hanging of the Greens” worship service on the first Sunday evening of Advent, December 1. The service will begin at 5:00 p.m. and last about 40 minutes. It is entitled, “*Lift Up Your Heads.*”

Taking its theme from Psalm 24, this “Hanging of the Greens” service invites us to “look up, for your redemption is drawing nigh.” The service is designed so that members of the congregation may place a few symbolic decorations in the Chancel during the service. Most of all, the actual decoration will be completed by Teresa Scott in time for the first Sunday of Advent.

Immediately following the service, everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for a pot-luck supper. Our Outreach Committee, chaired by Hanna Moore, will be providing the meat, drinks, and bread. The meat will be sliced brisket from Spencer’s BBQ. All of us are asked to bring side dishes or desserts.

The Family Life Committee, chaired by Jean & Paul Zerbe, will be providing leadership for the pot-luck supper as well. They will be doing the set-up, table decorating, and drinks.

Please invite your friends and neighbors to this event. It is purposefully planned as “family friendly.” Paula Black will have a children’s table set up, where they will be decorating cookies. We will also sing a few Christmas carols.



Grief Support Group

Starting Sunday, November 3

2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Continuing each week for 10 weeks

Where: Kathy Bray's house

9333 Pear St

Midwest City Ok 73130

Kathy's phone 405-650-0792

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### *Learning to give thanks*

Last December I had my second knee replacement. Expecting this recovery to mimic the first, I went home to heal quickly. Instead, 10 days later one normal step led to the vertical splitting of my femur, an ambulance ride and surgery to insert screws and a long metal plate. I spent Christmas in the hospital and New Year's in a rehab unit, feeling anything but thankful. Nearly a year later, the slow recovery continues.

Yet I see much to be thankful for: my caregiver cousin, who lengthened her stay considerably; my family; church friends who provided meals, prayers and love; and doctors and therapists, who put me back together and continue to encourage me.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I continue to work on patience but am learning — with God's help — to "give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

— Sandy Hyland



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