

State of the Church

November 2015 - October 2016



December 2015

- Hosted Regional Clergy for Advent Worship and meal
- Held the 9th Annual Nativity Festival

January 2016

- FCC represented by church staff serving on the boards of the Marland Children's Home, the Domestic Violence Program of North Central Oklahoma, and a 5 county Continuum of Care on homelessness.
- Appointed a search committee to search for a Minister. Members: Jerry Brace (Chair), JoAnne Robison, Amy Waggoner, Casey VanHoesen, Frances Coonrod, Karen Backus, Lois Corbin, Boyd Braden
- Held a church planning retreat

February

- Members attended the annual Disciples Leadership Training in OKC
- Hosted a lunch for local DOC ministers to welcome Loma Sullivan, interim minister at Woodlands
- Hosted William Jewel College Handbell Concert (Thanks to Marta Sullivan)
- Raised \$3,915 for Cow Project; wired to Khayelihie Children's Village in Zimbabwe
- Teresa attended a 2 day training in OKC on Godly Play story telling.

March

- Held Thursday evening Celluloid Theology during Lent with movies and discussion
- Began the spring session of tutoring 4 days a week for 8 weeks at Lincoln School with 13 volunteers participating (PIE Partner activity)
- Handbell choir participated in Tulsa Invitational Bell Festival.

April

- Represented at Regional Assembly in Tulsa
- Hosted the annual Friendship Feast Spaghetti dinner.
- Held a Fellowship Birthday lunch.
- Received \$56,767.72 from disbursement of the Jenny Cannon Trust

May

- Made distributions from the Permanent Fund to Marland Children's Home, Child Development Center, Friendship Feast, New Emergency Resource Agency, the Christian Church in Oklahoma Camp Endowment fund and the Partner in Education fund.
- Received the *Whatever it Takes Award* from Edwin Fair Mental Health Center for our involvement in the community and help provided for families

June

- Held a church Fish Fry
- Assisted children to attend 3 different church camp sessions
- Hosted VBS with Woodlands CC & First Presbyterian participating
- Replaced projector bulbs in sanctuary at a cost of \$2,621
- Made the final loan payment on June 13, 2016 to RCB on Church remodeling project with remaining debt of \$375,000 to members who made loans to the church

July

- Held a Diaper drive for Child Development Center
- Signed a contract for a Carrie Newcomer Concert to be held on 1-28-2017
- Held a Sunday Nite Lite ice cream social hosted by Inquirers Class

August

- Appointed Nominating Committee: Deacons: Betty Kreger; Stan Brown; Elaine Hughes; Elders: Nancy Stevenson; Joyce Ketcher; Diann Benson and 3 appointed by Council: Boyd Braden; Ted Impson; Marvin Clark
- Pastor Metzger attended a minister's retreat
- Held a Church Round-up dinner hosted by Sojourners Class
- Decorated 5 empty showcases at Lincoln (PIE Partner project – 4 volunteers)
- Sponsored 2 teachers at New Teacher lunch (Pie Partner project – 2 staff members attended)
- 7 members attended a Comparative Religion Seminar and 4 attended a weekend retreat at FCC Edmond with John Dominic Crossan as presenter.

September

- Decorating committee (Sandra Brown, Sheila Kirkpatrick, Betty Kreger, Floyd Novotny, and Jacque Erner) presented ideas and estimates on flooring for east and west entrance ways. Decision made to place on hold due to cost and get new mats at these entrances.
- Began the fall session of tutoring 4 days a week for 8 weeks at Lincoln School with 13 volunteers participating (PIE Partner activity)
- Offered an evening study group on diversity entitled *Uprooting Racism* lead by Andrea Morriss
- Began planning for 10th Annual Nativity Festival with Council funded budget of \$500.