

Channing Channel

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President's Corner

This month I want to talk about General Assembly and let me say from the beginning I have never been to one. This year it will be in Phoenix, Arizona June 20th through the 24th. The registration fee for an adult, if done before April 30th, is \$320. A couple of weeks ago I mentioned this in announcements in the church service and also the Scholarship Policy

approved by the Board. I left copies of the information about General Assembly and the Scholarship Policy on the bulletin board in the foyer. If a member chooses to attend they will be a delegate from our church and will be able to vote. I anticipate that we will discuss the questions they will be voting on at the Congregational Meeting in May. Since I have been attending this church four people have attended General Assembly; Nelson and Virginia Daniel, Pat Hervey, and Harriette Porter. Nelson and Virginia have recently moved to Florida, however, one could e-mail them if one wanted more information about what the experience is like. I think both Pat and Harriette would be willing to talk with anyone interested about their experiences a couple of years ago. I have heard members from the Fullerton California UU Church describe it in glowing terms. I am unable to attend because of some family responsibilities; however I want to encourage anyone interested to look at the information on line and make application for Scholarship. Last year in the information there was a "Guide for the Frugal Attendee" which might be helpful. We did not have a representative at General Assembly last year and I am hopeful that someone will choose to attend this year.

President: Kathleen Joslin
President-elect: Nancy Jefferis
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Treasurer: Liz Duncan
Trustees: Val Zemke, Pam Dizikes, Sharon Lancaster, Jamie Harvey
Newsletter Editor: Kathleen Joslin

February Birthdays
 Jana Leslie, February 4th
 Nelson Daniel, February 9th
 Jody Wiechmann, February 25th

Care and Concern

Jo Clevenger is dealing with end of life issues and is moving to Age Song in Emeryville, California to be near her son.

Richard Clay, Harriette Porter's father died on January 7th. We extend our condolences to her and her family.

Children's Religious Education

February 5th: Brigid's Well, a story about Imbolc, the Pagan Winter Festival
Doorkeeper: Angie Brown Storyteller: Betty Rasmussen

February 12th: Stone Soup, Indigo Promise Lesson—Insist on a Peaceful, Fair and Free World for All.
Doorkeeper: Carli Keena-Shelton Storyteller: Betty Rasmussen

February 19th: Belinda's Bouquet, Red Promise Lesson—Respect All People
Doorkeeper: Debbie Fedder Storyteller: Hal Yocum

February 26th: What if the Zebras Lost Their Stripes? Orange Promise Lesson—Offer Fair and Kind Treatment to All
Doorkeeper: Jody Wiechmann Storyteller: Liz Duncan



Perhaps you will recognize some of these people! Wayne Leslie e-mailed me this picture on Sunday, January 29th when he and Jana, Liz Duncan, Pam Dizikes, Betty Rasmussen, Pat Hervey and Debbie Fedder attended the production of Black Comedy at the Jewelbox Theatre.

Please see the article on the Theatre Group on page 3 of this newsletter.

Groups

Channing Women's Luncheon: Will meet on Tuesday, February 14th, 2012 at 11:30 AM at Blue Nile—Ethiopian Cuisine, 3209 S. Broadway, Edmond. All are welcome! For more information contact Lucy Almitra at lamitra@cox.net.

Stitchers: Will meet Saturday, February 11th, 2012 at 1:30 PM at the home of Pat Hervey, 608 Holly Drive, Edmond. Please call Kathleen Joslin for more information 405 826 4337.

Choir: Meets every Thursday at Channing from 7:30 PM-8:30 PM.

Labyrinth Walk: Will meet at the First Methodist Church on Monday, February 20th, 2012 from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM. Come and enjoy this ancient form of walking meditation. Someone is always there to explain if you have never experienced a labyrinth walk before.

Spiral Circle CUUPS: Will meet not meet in February

Book Group: Will meet Tuesday, 28th, 2012 at the home of Lucy Almitra to discuss "The Caine Mutiny" by Herman Wouk. Contact Liz Duncan for more information

Theatre Group: Will see "Happy Anniversary, Angel" performed by the UCO drama department during the weekend of February 16-19th. Contact Pat Hervey for more information.

First Friday Movie: Will be at February 3rd, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the church to watch "The Help". Remember it is BYOB and snacks.

Channing Theatre Group

There are many talented theater companies in the Oklahoma City area. Channing's Theatre Group focuses on twelve of them. We check their schedules and decide which plays we would like to attend; then we select one each month. Members are responsible for purchasing their own tickets.

After selecting the date agreeable to the most members, we also try to find a restaurant near the performance venue and arrange to dine together before the play. This is simply a social group—no agenda other than enjoying dinner and conversation with others who also like to attend theatre.

We meet as a group only twice a year, once in August to select plays for the months through January and again in January to select plays for the remainder of the season. The plays we plan to see in the future are: "Happy Anniversary, Angel" at UCO, "The Credeaux Canvas" at Ghostlight and "Wit" (a staged reading directed by Dave Pasto), "Around the World in 80 Days" at Jewel Box, and "Lend Me a Tenor" at OKC Rep.

Anyone at Channing, either member or friend, is welcome to join us for any event. Contact Pat Hervey at pathervey@sbcglobal.net.

February's Theme is "Your Favorite Historical Figure"

February 5th: Anna Holloway

Sermon Title: Three Great Broads

Joan of Arc, Elizabeth I of England, and more recently, Grainne ni Mhaille—inappropriate women in their time and place, facing overwhelming circumstances, and rising to challenges. Two of them may have met and challenged each other! Each of them faced her own struggle with faith and church as well.

February 12th: Scot Harvey

Sermon Title: Albert and Jerome

Sometimes our favorite historical figures enlighten us by demonstrating a new way of thinking. Sometimes they show us a new way to experience the world. Sometimes, they educate us through their all-too-human weaknesses. Join Scot Harvey who will share his views about Albert Einstein and Jerry Garcia...what life lessons can be uncovered?

February 19th: Donna Compton

Sermon Title: I have chosen two...

Jesus of Nazareth, because conservative religion has totally distorted his message and his impact on history and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, pioneer of the Women's Movement and presenter of the Declaration of Sentiments presented at the first women's rights convention in 1848.

February 26th: Jim Eller

Sermon Title: Fredrick May Eliot, a leader for his times.

Fredrick May Eliot was the President of the American Unitarian Association and the creator of Twentieth Century Unitarian Universalism. He was a visionary leader and an imaginative problem solver and team builder.

Forum

Forum will be on at TBA basis in February. Please see the e-mails from Pat Hervey entitled Sunday@Channing, which she sends out each week, for details.

Community Action

Please bring any information you have about Spring Charity Runs or other events to Harriette Porter.

Member Profile

Our feature this month is on Dorothy Driver, a very interesting lady. We do these features so we can learn a little more about our fellow Channingites, but this is just a start. Take some time to visit with each other—there are some great stories to share!

Dorothy Driver joined Channing when she was asked to be the Children's Religious Education director in 1988. She served in that position, sometimes as a paid employee and other times as a volunteer until 2008. She has always taken an active role in the church, on the Board of Trustees, in the choir, in the social and covenant groups and as covenant group coordinator. She also makes beautiful hand-knit sweaters for the Service Auction.

Dorothy was born in Flemington, PA where her father had an ice cream business. She dipped many a cone at two dips for a nickel while going to Teachers College. She married a law student from Oklahoma City while she was teaching kindergarten in Washington, D.C. Since Okies do not transplant well, her husband always wanted to return. They came here in 1955. She would not want to live anywhere else.

She has always worked in education as a classroom teacher, Head Start Director, child development consultant, facilitator trainer and Rose State teacher while raising an adopted daughter and baby son. He died in 2008 from complications in heart surgery. She has three grandchildren and two great grands that she wishes she could see more often!

Outside of Channing, Dorothy stays very busy. She has been in OHCE (Oklahoma Home and Community Education) for eleven years, serving as group president, county president, Leadership Development Chair, and Bylaws Chair. She has also worked at the election poll for ten years. Her hobbies are reading, bridge and needlework (knitting, tatting and needlepoint).

One of the most memorable times in Dorothy's life was when she patted John F. Kennedy on the back as he was walking down the aisle at the Civic Center and he turned and gave her a big smile.

She is most proud of her pioneer work in sexuality education in the 70s and 80s developing curriculum, conduction classes for youth and adults and training more than one hundred facilitators in the five years she was facilitator trainer for the UUA SW District.

We might be surprised to know that she graduated summa cum laude from college and has her MA in Human Relations from OU. If she could spend one day with anyone, it would be Eleanor Roosevelt because she was a working mother and civil rights leader who made it possible for Barack Obama to be President.

If Dorothy wasn't a UU, but still wanted to attend religious services, she wouldn't choose any other denomination. She would probably start her own UU fellowship in her home.

Some of the things left on her "bucket list" are to take a hot air balloon ride and a two week train trip around the USA. Dorothy wants to be remembered as having lived life to the fullest with enthusiasm, joy and laughter.

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Basket of Hope

Please remember our Basket of Hope on the hearth in the foyer. Nonperishable food is always appreciated, but so are cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene items. Diapers and other baby items are always in demand. Nancy Jefferis and Elouise Bell deliver these items to the Hope Center on a regular basis. Please be as generous as you can. As we approach Valentines Day, perhaps some packages of valentines that children can use at school would also be appropriate.

Thank you!

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.channinguuc.org

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