

Osage News

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Meetings and Banquets

Souper Bowl Tradition

~by Barbara Egbert

Something like a tradition has started at our church. The Sunday when the Super Bowl is held has become a dinner of soup and all the fixin's with desserts and this year was no exception. This is put on by the Youth to help them in their efforts to attend the National Youth Conference that is held every four years. Jerry Alexander always has a list of trivia questions about the Super Bowl. He enjoys doing this as his part for the day. This year the winner was Ray Huff. Questions consisted of things such as where the first Super Bowl was held and what teams played in it to what is the trophy that is given for the game this year.

The youth enjoy working to make the soups and everyone else brings the

desserts. Of course, the mothers usually make the soups but the youth help in setting up the dinner and getting things ready as well as the clean-up afterwards. This is quite an undertaking for them but it is something enjoyed by all. We especially want to thank the youth sponsors for all their hard work and planning for this event.

There are so many different kinds of soups that no one can taste all of them. Even a small helping of 2 or 3 is more than you can eat. Soups were made of broccoli and cheese, chili, vegetable – beef, and chicken and noodles as well as ham and beans. There were several others that were duplicates. We certainly have some good soup makers in our church family. We just hope they keep up the good work for years to come.

District Representative Visits

~by Sharon Leonard

On February 27, George Eisele, representative for Area I of the Western Plains District, and his wife, Katherine, worshiped with us followed by the noon meal with the "Lunch Bunch."

In the afternoon, George met with members of the Transformation Team and with the Board of Ministry and Evangelism.



George Eisele and the Transformation Team. l-r: Marsha Hartman, Cherlyn Ingram, Marvin Egbert, Sharon Leonard (not pictured) Sandra Martinie and George Eisele at the meeting on February 27. The group decided to meet periodically throughout the year.

March 8

Study Group
Mike Sand, host
7:00 p.m.

March 13

Heritage Service
Aunt B and Friends
Darrell Barr
2:30 p.m.

March 15

Garden Club
Paul & Carol Troop

March 18 - 20

Women's Retreat
Heston, KS

Every Tuesday

Community Lunch
Come-N-Dine
at the church
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(or until the food is gone)

Every Wednesday

Chime Choir - 6:00 p.m.
Voice Choir - 7:00 p.m.

Every Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
for all ages

10:30 a.m. Worship
(a staffed nursery for ages
3 and younger is provided)
Children's Church

5:30 p.m. Women's Bible
Study



Birthday Night

~by Barbara Egbert

A yearly celebration was held on Saturday night, February 12 for all the birthdays in this year. What a delightful time it was for the members of our church who came together to celebrate their special day.

The committee did a great job of decorating. They ordered a chicken dinner for each one there. Every one enjoyed visiting and the meal. For dessert, there were several kinds of scrumptious cakes. Each person was able to choose their own piece of cake to suit themselves. Thanks to all who furnished a cake for the birthday party.

After everyone was full and stuffed with all the good food, they adjourned to the sanctuary to hear about the youths' trip to National Youth Conference. Jerry Alexander, Kayla Crumpacker and Cody Crumpacker gave a shortened version of some of the events in which they had participated. Then they showed a video received from the youth conference committee.

Thank you to all who had a part in making our birthday party meaningful. It was an enjoyable evening.



Stroll Into Spring

~by Marsha Hartman

This winter has been full of the beauty of icicles and wind carved snow drifts and with bitter coldness. Hey! You have to look for the joy factor wherever you are and in whatever you do. The grand kids love the snow, no school, snowball fights and sledding.

We passionate gardeners are caretakers who understand and bond with the good earth. We're out walking the frozen garden path in late winter in search of those mirthful spring bulbs that are joyous giggles that bubble up out of the ground as frost eases its tight grip. And once these scouts of spring have arrived, there's no stopping the rest of spring's wild hilarity.

Come celebrate the Spirit of spring with the Prairie Gardeners on March 15th at the home of Paul and Carol Troop at 207 E Washington in Frontenac, Kansas. We are starting a new year in the art of gardening. Come and learn what is to have dirty knees forever!



You Are Invited To

Come – N – Dine

Where?

Osage Church of the Brethren
896 S 80th St
Phone 632-5248

When?

Every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.
until 1:00 p.m.
(or the food is gone)

Come - N-Dine Menu*

March 1 B-B-Q Ribs Hash brown Casserole Spinach Salad & Hot Rolls	March 22 Lasagna Green Beans Garlic Bread Salad
March 8 Chicken Cordon Blue Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad Hot Rolls	March 29 B-B-Q Chicken Mac & Cheese Peas Salad & Roll
March 15 Chicken Lynn Broccoli & Rice Salad & Roll	April 5 Burritos Spanish Rice Chips & Salsa

Dessert included with meal.
Freewill offering accepted.
*Menu subject to change.

A Larger Church Family

~by Lois Stauffer

It was April 1993 we got a call; Bill's uncle Stanley was in the hospital in Florida. Bill was called because he was the executor of Uncle Stanley's estate. Uncle Stanley was one month short of 98 years old. He had golfed four months earlier-was in good health we thought. He collapsed one morning; three days later, he died. It was Easter morning.

The next week we spent in Florida taking care of business. We realized we didn't have time to dispose of his condo, so we decided to buy the place and to sell it later.

Later in the fall we were back for two weeks and then for five weeks in the winter. We learned to know the neighbors who found Uncle Stanley when he collapsed. We went to church with them and socialized. They helped us a lot.

In May 1994, we were back in Missouri, and I received a call from our Missouri church's district executive. He wasn't able to reach our pastor-Mike Wine. It seems a pastor and his wife from Florida had been in an accident near Precious Moments at Carthage, and both were in a Joplin Hospital. Mike and Sherri went to visit and they knew these folks. Mike and Sherri had lived in Florida a year; their oldest daughter was born there.

I also decided to visit. I introduced myself from the Carthage Church. They were Pastor Don and Becky White, from Bradenton, Florida. I'm sure my mouth dropped open a bit. I said, "We just bought a condo in Bradenton." This has got to be divine intervention, don't you think?

Becky was in the hospital three more weeks and visited a few more times. They had a church directory with them, and we knew some of the folks pictured in it.

Bill said, "Next time we are in Florida, we will be there."

It was the next winter before we got back to Florida. We were introduced to the church as "the folks who came to minister to us in the Joplin Hospital." (We felt we hadn't done anything-just visited a couple of times.) Just like that, everyone knew who we were. We had so many friends and we didn't even know them yet. There were the DePue's Schwab's, Stauffer's, Cox's, Kurtz's, (actually there were three Kurtz brothers) the Rohrer's, Edmunson's, Hamilton's, Settle's, Snyders, Weaver's, etc.--Well, you get the picture.

We are blessed with a vast circle of friends. It was just like when we came into this church (Osage). Our circle of friends is larger than we ever imagined. God bless you all. Need I say more, or do I mention a bunch of names again?



March Birthdays

Juanita Clawson	1
Kelsey Lee	3
Margaret Beasley	7
LaDonna Hartman	7
John Hiller	11
Melanie Hartman	18
Gary Ledford	18
Ashka Huff	25

March Anniversaries

Chris & Judy Jo Allen	7
Ralph & Mary Ann Ulery	9
Glen & Barbara Wilkerson	16
Galen & Jackie Hiller	21

April Birthdays

Jody Crumpacker	7
Amanda Leonard	8
Ed Crumpacker	11
Galen Hiller	11
Adam Lee	11
Andrew Crumpacker	12
Tim Hartman	14
Betty Ledford	24
Matt Ernst	26
Gunner Reese Crumpacker	30

April Anniversaries:

Frank & Sheila Crumpacker	4
Bill & Lois Stauffer	10
Mike & Connie Cheney	26

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Paul's Corner

~by Paul Troop

Recently, a small group of us were standing around and visiting while we were resting from nearly working our fingers to the bone. We started telling stories from long ago and this one lady told a story that was exceptionally interesting. It went something like this (anyhow, this is the way I think I remember hearing it).

Many years ago, somewhere in the late '50's, she had some friends visiting her and this was in the era when Elvis Presley was beginning to become quite popular and he had just moved into Graceland. They just had to stop in to see this Graceland and maybe get a glimpse of Elvis Presley while they were there. Since it wasn't open at that particular time, they decided to do the best they could to at least see some of it. They were not going to come this far and let a little thing like a fence keep them from at least looking at the place.

There was an iron fence around the place and they decided to walk along the fence, on the outside of course, to get up as close to the house as they could. They walked along that fence while looking around at the beautiful lawn with some nice shade trees as well as a nice well kept pond just back of the house.

They were standing there admiring the house and everything, when a big Cadillac drove up and stopped in front of the house. A man got out and since he was on the opposite side of the car from them,

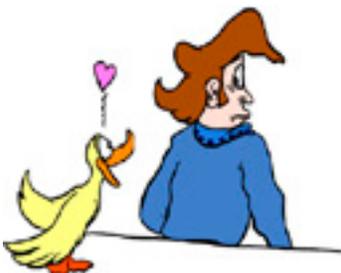
they couldn't tell who he was. He opened the back door and then he came around and

opened the other back door and that was when they were able to tell who it was and it was none other than Elvis Presley himself! And of all things to come out of the back of that Cadillac, out walked, or was it "out waddled" about a dozen ducks. (I can't imagine hauling ducks in the back of a Cadillac. But I guess if they made a nasty mess in it, Elvis could just go buy another Cadillac).

Elvis walked those ducks down to the duck pond and they went into that pond just like ducks are supposed to do. After he watched them for a few minutes, Elvis headed back towards the car and that's when he saw the girls standing by the fence with eyes as big as saucers (I can almost hear their hearts beating now like the drums at an Indian Pow Wow)! He walked over to the fence to talk to them and in the course of the conversation they asked about the ducks. He told

them that he had just come back from town after buying some ducks for his duck pond. They were so excited they could hardly talk. Here they were talking to Elvis and they had no paper for him to sign his autograph on! They looked for some gum wrappers, an empty envelope, a book, a scrap of anything! They could not find a thing that he could write on. What a bummer!

The lady telling the story said that the one thing that really stands out the most in her mind about that day was that she "wet her pants". But after all, she was only 15 at the time. I told her that I would not dare mention her name so I had better not even mention that she helps out at the "Come and Dine" nearly every week. Hey, a promise is a promise and I gave her my word!



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