



Community Of Hope UCC

June 8, 2011

Worship Services every Sunday at 6:00pm



June 5
1 Kings 19:1-13
**"Whispers of Pas-
sion"**

**Sue Barton preach-
ing**

June 12
PENTECOST
Pride Sunday
Acts 2:1-21
"All in One Place"

Rev. Bob Lawrence
preaching

June 19
Father's Day
Genesis 1:1-2:4
"It is VERY Good"

Rev. Bob Lawrence
preaching

June 26
Matthew 10:40-42
"Radical Welcome"
Rev. Bob Lawrence
preaching

I was recently able to attend a special panel discussion at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville on the topic of non-violence. The speakers were Sister Helen Prejean (author of "Dead Man Walking"), Professor Vincent Harding (primary author of Martin Luther King's famous speech against the Vietnam War), and His Holiness, the 14th Dalai Lama. It was an amazing and powerful discussion as three people who have dedicated their lives to non-violence spoke of their journeys.

Sister Prejean spoke of her work as a chaplain on death row in the Louisiana state prison. She spoke of her conversation with the first man she saw executed. As he was being prepared for electrocution, he told her that she should leave before it happened because it was going to be quite ugly. As she told us her response to his comment, I started to cry: "You will not die without seeing a face of compassion."

She also spoke of the core passion that drives her work in the field of non-violence. "I would rather help 10, 9, or even just 1 person that to sit and do nothing because the problems are too big."

Her comments reminded me of the stories of so many of our lives as we seek to be non-violent embodiments of Christ in our world. So many times, we are left staring directly into the deepest tragedies and the most violent situations. It is at those moments, when all we can do is be a face of compassion, that we are most needed. It is at those moments, when a ministry of "presence" is all we have to offer, that the calling of companionship has its most powerful expression. It is at those moments, when we find the strength to help even one person rather than allow ourselves to be overwhelmed, that we experience our most important work.

May we all continue to be that face of compassion. May we all continue to seek ways to be companions on the journey. May we all continue the important work of living into the kin-dom of God.

Rev. Bob Lawrence, Pastor



Club 209 - - June Artist of the Month

Photography by Rosie Lynch

When: Opening reception June 3rd, 7-11pm
Art Available June 3-30th

20% of all sales go to H.O.P.E Testing of Tulsa

Where: Club 209, 209 N. Boulder, Tulsa
www.Club209.com

Find us on Facebook at Mi Viajes Art Show



Rosie Lynch, a friend of Community of Hope, invites everyone to attend a showing of her photography work at Club 209 in Tulsa during the month of June.

Treasurer's Report

The following was part of the Treasurer's Report presented at the May 22 Coordinating Council meeting:

Looking at our figures for January 1 – May 21, 2011 our total income is \$25,096.97 – down more than 57% from 2010. Our total expenses is \$54,646.35 – 3% less than 2010. Pledges are down almost 66%. Expenses are more than double our income.

The Coordinating Council has agreed to focus on a pledge campaign at their June 19th meeting.



GARAGE SALE REPORT

Our garage sale on Saturday, April 30th, brought in \$551.18. The weather was ideal with rain happening all around so we were fortunate. Many thanks to everyone who donated items to sell and for the volunteers who helped with set up and selling: Geraldine, Betsy, James, Maxine, Beverly, Phillip, Steven, and Tom. Thank you to Fellowship Congregational for letting us use their tables and to Beverly for letting us use her storage building.



From Rev. Lizette Merchán Pinilla , Minister of Justice and Witness

2011 and a ton of opportunities have already come our way through your Minister for Justice and Witness. To name just a few of these efforts:

- ⇒ Annual Gathering for UCC Women's Consultant Partner in St. Louis.
- ⇒ Justice and Witness Ministries of the UCC, Justice LED Training in Moline, IL.
- ⇒ Spokesperson for the Go Red—Vestido Rojo with the American Heart Association and its Annual Event. There were over 200 women attending the luncheon and about 115 participated in the health screenings. There were 13 exhibitors and 13 women signed-up to become Madrinass for next year's event.
- ⇒ Tulsa Hispanic Resource Association meeting with Superintendent Keith Ballard.
- ⇒ Local efforts with local groups for Comprehensive Immigration Reform (Last Sunday a panel of local activists, 1st responders/Hispanic American leaders brought up to our attention the ways OK legislation affects not only targeted groups but ALL of US in commemoration of UCC immigrants Rights Sunday)
- ⇒ Justice and Witness Organizer support to equivalent immigration effort in Kansas with young adults from Plymouth Congregational Church UCC.
- ⇒ Phillips Theological Seminary Strategic Planning (where we learned that 80% of the U.S. population does not go to church).
- ⇒ Participation in the interviewing of candidates for a position for Senior Scholar in Family Risk and Resilience effort at OSU.
- ⇒ Volunteer efforts for the 1st Race Against Racism.

May the joy of our witness to issues that matter locally spread globally and vice versa, for we share what we have been given with one another!





Developing the Prayer Consciousness

In six weeks grow your ability to:

- Understand how prayer works
- What makes a better prayer
- Aspects and forms of prayer that serve you
- Seven practices that grow your prayer consciousness
- Learn what blocks prayer's benefit

This FREE series offers six weeks of practice and discussion on prayer, like above and more. Whether you practice regularly or are beginning, this series offers valuable tools and support. Space is limited. Material is from the Keys to Enlightenment studies, led by Steven Michael Hall, certified instructor.

Thursdays, 7 p.m., June 23 - July 28

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Our vision is to be a community of faith, committed in the way of Jesus to the struggle for justice, compassion, and life-giving spirituality for all people; and our mission is to witness, in and through our life together, to the good news that the way of God is in our midst...and the journey is our home.