


**Gay & Lesbian
Pride Month**

FAMILY OF FAITH MCC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Ecumenical PRIDE Worship St. Jerome's 3841 S. Peoria 6:00 pm
2 9:15 - Our Tribe Christian Education 11:00am Worship Potluck following church.	3 Caregiver's Team 7:00 pm	4	5 Praise & Prayer (Homo. & Bible) 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	6 Codependency Support Group 7:30 pm	7 Safe Haven 8pm - Midnight	8 Over the Rainbow Ball GAY PROM 8 pm - 12:30 TU's ACAC \$5 at the door
9 9:15 - Our Tribe Christian Education 11:00 am Worship Board Meeting 1:00 pm	10 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE Stewardship Team 7:00 pm	11	12 Praise & Prayer (Homo. & Bible) 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	13 Codependency Support Group 7:30 pm	14	15 Gay Pride Picnic Noon - 5pm Owen Park 560 N. Maybelle
16 9:15 - Our Tribe Christian Education 11:00 am Worship FATHER'S DAY	17 Fundraising Team 7:00 pm	18	19 Newsletter Mailing 5:30 Praise & Prayer (H&B) 6:30 pm Choir - 7:30 pm	20 Codependency Support Group 7:30 pm	21	22 OKC Gay Pride Parade ??? Tentative at time of printing. Call for confirmation.
23 11:00 am - Worship Financial Workshop 2:00 pm	24 Assimilation Team 7:00 pm	25	26 Praise & Prayer (Homo. & Bible) 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	27 Codependency Support Group 7:30 pm	28	29 THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT? Call 622-1441 for more info!
30 9:15 - Our Tribe Christian Education 11:00 am - Worship						



AN OUTREACH TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF FAMILY OF FAITH MCC

JUNE 1996



HAPPY 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

It's been a whole year that we have shared together in ministry! What an incredible year it has been! I want to take this opportunity to tell you how blessed I am to be your pastor. We have traveled quite a journey together this past year and your love, support, prayers and compassion has been awesome.

I thank you for the celebration on May 5th. The gift of the micro-lite fishing gear touches my heart—so do your offers to teach me how to "fish Oklahoma". I also am grateful for the personal gifts from so many of you, including the choir's gift of "On Eagles Wings". Thank You all so much!

I am reminded that the shepherd guides, protects and finds food for the sheep. But at night when the shepherd lays down to rest, the sheep surround the shepherd and keep him/her warm from the cold night air. I have felt you surround me as your shepherd and am blessed with your warmth.

Looking forward to our second year together,

Pastor Nancy

Happy Father's Day

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sundays	9:15 Adult Education 11:00 Worship Service
Wednesdays	6:30 Praise & Worship 7:30 Choir Rehearsal
Thursdays	7:30 Codependency Support Group

PENTECOST

"When the day of Pentecost came they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." Acts 2:1-4

On May 26th we leave the season of Eastertide and move into the Pentecost season. The Pentecost season goes from May 26th until the first Sunday of Advent, December 1st (in 1996). It is sometimes referred to as Trinity Season, and in some denominations it is referred to as Ordinary Time. Whatever we call the season, it is the longest one in the church calendar!

Second in importance to the Easter Season was the Day of Pentecost. Like the Pascha, it was also a Jewish feast (see Leviticus 23:16). Sometime during the 1st century A.D., the Day of

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UPCOMING & ONGOING EVENTS

MONTHLY

- 1st Sunday of Month Potluck
- 1st Friday of Month
SAFE HAVEN (ages 18-30)
- 2nd Sunday of Month Board Meeting
(open to all)
- 10th of each month..newsletter due.
- 3rd Wednesday of month
newsletter mailing 5:30 pm

JUNE 1996

- 1st - Ecumenical Pride Service
6:00 pm - St. Jerome's ECC
- 3rd - Caregiver's Team Mtg 7:00 pm
- 7th - SAFE HAVEN - Cookout 8 pm
- 8th - Gay Prom - ACAC 8:00 pm
- 9th - City Wide Unity Service
Tulsa Convention Ctr. 3-5pm
- 10th - Stewardship Team Mtg 7:00 pm
- 15th - Tulsa Gay Pride Picnic
Owen Park - 12:00 - 5:00
- 16th - Special Father's Day Worship
Father Rick Hollingsworth, guest
- 17th - Fundraising Team Mtg 7:00 pm
- 22nd - OKC Pride Parade - tentative
- 23rd - Financial Workshop 2:00 pm
- 24th - Assimilation Team Mtg 7:00 pm
- 29th - That's Entertainment?

AROUND the Fellowship



NEW CLERGY

CREDENTIALLING PROCESS

Exhorter, Student Clergy, In Care: All terms of the past with our new credentialling system! There are new terms to learn and this is a wonderful opportunity to introduce them to each of you.

Board of Ordained Ministry (B.O.M.): In each District this is the group who conducts interviews and issues credentials. The Chairs of each B.O.M. will constitute the Steering committee.

Director of Clergy Development: The Director will chair the Steering Committee and will be a full-time employee of the Fellowship. Her/His chief purpose is to facilitate the development of the most fully functional clergy possible. S/he will assist churches and District Coordinators in their search for pastors, assist transfer clergy to make the transition to UFMCC, and work with each Board of Ordained Ministry to develop programs for training and recruiting clergy for their District. S/he will provide ongoing support, resources, and educational opportunities for current clergy.

Formation: The initial period during which one examines her/his call and completes her/his education.

Candidacy: Following formation, the Candidacy period is an internship during which a candidate completes the experiential training with a Supervising Clergy and a Teaching Church.

Ordination: In the UFMCC ordination is the rite by which we consecrate persons to a lifetime of pastoral ministry.

License: In this process a person is ordained after s/he has been trained and approved. S/he is not granted a license to practice until s/he is called to a ministry. This is a License to Practice.

Teaching Church: Each District will determine the standards for churches that are approved to train future clergy. These churches will need to have the resources to provide adequate training, supervision, and screening of Candidates. *(Continued next column)*

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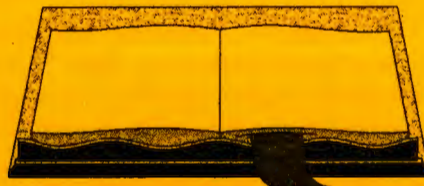
Supervising Clergy: Each District will also establish standards for clergy who supervise Candidates. Supervising Clergy should have a strong education, a good performance record and be willing to commit the time required.

Pastor: In the UFMCC the term pastor refers to a duly ordained clergyperson who has been licensed to practice and who serves as a senior or solo pastor in a local UFMCC congregation.

Advisor: A clergyperson who is the student's spiritual and vocational advisor. This will usually be her/his pastor.

Active, Authorized, Accountable Ministry: Active ministry requires that the person be able to document at least fifteen hours per week spent in pastoral ministry. Such a ministry must be authorized by and accountable to a Board of Directors, District Committee, or the Board of Elders.

*** Watch this space as we discover more and more of what our denomination is all about!*



What the Bible Does (and doesn't) Say about Homosexuality

This will be the sermon topic on the Wednesday nights in June! You won't want to miss this opportunity! This will also be a 9 week class on Sunday mornings which will begin when we have finished our study on Our Tribe.

BAGS & SOCKS UPDATE

As you recall, we are working to get 200 sleeping bags and 400 pairs of socks to distribute to the homeless by December 1, 1996. Thus far we have acquired 7 sleeping bags and 36 pairs of socks. Won't you make your contribution soon??



For Young Adults 18 - 30

June 7

Meet at the church 8 pm
(We'll be leaving at 8:30)

COOKOUT

PRAYER LIST



REQUESTS:

Dee & Terri
Pam & Marion
Carol who has AIDS
MCC of Greater Tulsa's pastoral search
The Upcoming Community Center
William who has AIDS
Ella who has AIDS
Dr. Jeffrey Nytych our liaison from District Committee and his lover, Robby
Deb Hardy who has AIDS
Our House
Joey
The friends and family of Neal
Pastor Nancy's adjustment to her reduced eyesight (Barb & Zach too!)

PRAISES:

Neal has been blessed with the "Ultimate Healing" and gone home to be with Jesus
Stephanie's spot on her pituitary has disappeared!

POT LUCK DINNER
1ST SUNDAY EACH MONTH

(Pentecost continued)

Pentecost came to reflect for the Jews the giving of the law at Mr. Sinai. for Christians, the Day of Pentecost commemorated the birthday of the church when, with a noise of a wind, tongues of flames rested on the disciples and they began to talk in other tongues. The books of Acts is the chronicle of the work of the Spirit filled church in its early years.

Pentecost began as a unitive feast, too. Tertullian suggests that Christ ascended into Heaven at Pentecost. For almost four centuries the Day of Pentecost commemorated both the ascension of Jesus and the descent of the Holy Spirit. By the end of the fourth century where there was one feast, now there were two: Ascension and Pentecost. Christ was in Heaven, and the Holy Spirit dwelt in the Holy Church on earth. It was a daily reality the church could experience, not an abstraction.

The color of Pentecost is typically red, of the finest texture and the brightest colors. During the long season Red, green, rainbow or a combination of colors may be used. Variety in colors is encouraged because otherwise the red becomes tedious and meaningless. The primary symbols of Pentecost include the descending dove, tongues of flames, symbols of the church, or abstractly, a downward-cast arrow.



Moving?

Please advise the church of your new address so you can continue to receive the newsletter. You can reach us at 622-1441.

Working Together...
The TU BLGTA is beginning work on a community crisis network to help those in our community who need help in emergency situations. For more info. or to volunteer your time or resources to this project, call Tina at 663-7531.



CHOIR PRACTICE
7:30 Wednesdays
Everyone is Welcome!
The Family of Faith Choir will perform at the Ecumenical Pride Service on June 1st. Come Support Us!



Saturday June 1st at 6:00pm will mark the first ecumenical PRIDE service in Tulsa. The offering taken at this service will be divided between The TYDD and SAFE HAVEN. Both programs are targeted at youth in our community. The service will be held at St. Jerome's Ecumenical Catholic Church at 3841 S. Peoria. Call 742-7122 for more information.

What Do Those Symbols Mean?



In honor of Pride Month '96, watch here for the next few months to discover what these commonly used symbols of pride mean to the gay & lesbian community.

The first pride symbol we'll discuss is the Pink Triangle. The following column was found on the internet.

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Rules of the Game



I've heard it said that life is a game and money is how we keep score. Are you winning? To me, winning is having enough money to live in a comfortable home, eat well, and maybe drive a car that runs when it's supposed to; but most of all to be able to return to God a portion of what is provided to me by way of my tithes and gifts. I wonder about those who don't feel they're winning...could it be something as simple as not knowing all the rules of the game? Imagine trying to win at basketball if the only rules of the game you know are for football. Your chances would be severely limited, wouldn't they?

Do you know the rules of the game? I will present a workshop to teach basic principles of how money works. The workshop is scheduled for Sunday, June 23rd at the church following the service. Be sure to watch for further developments as the date may change depending on the date of the Pride activities. There are some basic rules about money that everyone needs to know, but we've been taught over the years that the subject is way over our heads. That is another lie. Anyone is able to take more control over the money situation if they are shown the rules. For example, consider the following statement:

Make the minimum payments on a credit card balance of \$3,000.00 at 19.8% interest, and make no new purchases, and it will take 39 years to pay off! And cost you \$10,000.00 in interest alone.

Is this a true statement? Find out for yourself at the workshop. You will also learn why it is important for you to fight for every percentage point in interest paid or earned. I believe God wants us to prosper and has given me the gift of understanding and teaching these principles to all my family on this earth. I hope to see you at the workshop. And by the way, about the credit card question? It is a true statement. Protect yourself and your future: learn the rules of how to make money work for you.

Kathy S.



TREASURER'S REPORT

APRIL, 1996

BEGINNING BALANCE	3611.99
TOTAL INCOME	4838.31
TOTAL EXPENSES	5236.74
BALANCE	3213.56

DESIGNATED FUND BALANCES as of 05-12-96

BUILDING FUND	1450.00
CONFERENCE FUND	1232.53
MUSIC (CHOIR) FUND	807.00
INTERNET	43.78
CHRISTIAN ED	440.00

TITHES: BUDGET vs. ACTUAL

BUDGET	3956.04
ACTUAL	3634.02

IN MEMORY



*We remember Neal
who went to be
with His Savior
on May 3, 1996.*

*Neal was known in
our church by his
generous giving and
his warm smile.*

*He was known by many
for his donations of
poinsettias at Christmas
and lilies at Easter.*

*His smiling face in the
back row will be
greatly missed!*

*Our prayers go out to
his friends and family.*

Family Recipe BLUEBERRY DELIGHT

Crust:
2 c. graham cracker crumbs
1/2 c. butter
Blend and press into 13 x 8" pan.

Filling:
2 eggs, beaten
1/2 c. sugar
Blend filling ingredients together and pour over graham cracker crust. Bake in 350 degree oven for 15 minutes or until firm. Cool. Pour one can blueberry pie filling over top and let set overnight in refrigerator.

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT ?

The Fund Raising Team presents their first big event. 'That's Entertainment?' will be held on Saturday, June 29th. There will be sign up sheets for people wishing to sign up to donate/cook dinners and for folks who just want to eat pick the food of your choice. After dinner, we will gather at the church for coffee & desserts plus the first ever "Bad Drag Entertainment Show". Cost for each person is \$10 for the entire evening (including dinner & desserts). If you only want to join us for desserts/coffee and see the show, the cost is \$5 at the door. Children under age 12 are free. Dinner will be served at 5:30 and the show will start at 8:00. Call 622-1441 for more information.

PRIDE SYMBOLS (continued)

Why the Pink Triangle?

The wearing of the Pink Triangle stems from the Holocaust. You may remember that the Jews were forced to wear yellow stars of David on their sleeves to alert everyone to their Status as Jews. You may not be aware that the Stars of David were not the only symbol that people were forced to wear. Gay men were forced to wear the Pink triangle, and Lesbians, prostitutes, and other "socially undesirable" women were forced to wear a black triangle. By marking their victims in this manner, the Nazis made it easy to find their targets in the crowd.

While all Jews had to wear a the Yellow Star always (often with a capital J distorted to remind one of Hebrew writing in the center), the triangles were used only in the concentration camps. They established sort of a hierachy within the prisoners as well, with the green ones (regular criminals) at the top and the pink ones at the bottom.

Jews accused of some other "crime" carried there two triangles, the one indicating their crime, point down, an atop of it a yellow one, point up.--All these signs had to be worn at the top left of the chest and, in the CCs, on the outside of the left trouser leg.

A good account of gays in the CCs is given in Robert Plant's book "Pink Triangle: The Nazi War Against Homosexuals" (H. Holt & Co.). The author, a gay leftist Jew, escaped from Germany in the early thirties, first to Switzerland, then to the USA.

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