Skyline @ Quayle thrift store hosts grand opening

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Quayle, Skyline partner to open thrift store in northeast OKC

Rev. Erica Thomas was sitting in a Goodwill Industries board meeting in early 2018 when she realized there were no thrift stores in northeast Oklahoma City.

The observation inspired her to start a conversation with Rev. Deborah Ingraham, executive director of Skyline Urban Ministry, about partnering together to open a thrift store at OKC-Quayle, where Thomas serves as an associate pastor.

The result of their partnership is Skyline @ Quayle. The store held its grand opening on Sept. 28.

“When I was talking with Deborah, I learned that over 2,000 people from this zip code go over to Southeast 15th to go to Skyline,” Thomas said. “Most of these people have no transportation, and they’re having to do this. We should have the same advantages in this part of the city that every other part of the city has.”

Skyline @ Quayle offers clothes and accessories for women, men and children. Most items are two dollars, including professional wear such as blazers, suit pants, dresses and dress shoes.

“I’m a believer in collaboration, CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE
I don’t believe in reinventing the wheel if I don’t have to,” Thomas said. “We’re really trying to mirror what they did so that it would be consistent and it wouldn’t be confusing to anyone. Our goal is really to get those 73111 people to come here so that they don’t have to travel that 15 or 20 minutes, all day by bus, or whatever it is they have to do.”

Thomas said the store is also creating space for a food closet. She is hopeful that the greenhouse and raised beds on the OKC-Quayle property can be used to grow fresh produce for the community.

“We have had in the past some raised beds out there that are not needed at the moment, so that’s the other part of that visioning process,” Thomas said. “There’s a greenhouse in the back that we had used, so we have so much potential here at 5001 N. Everest Ave. There’s just so much potential, and once people see it going, they will want to get on board.”

Ingraham said Skyline is happy to be on board and offer their support, including training for database and inventory management and sharing with their patrons that the Quayle location is open and available. She also said Skyline hopes to provide a mobile food pantry to help supplement the Quayle food closet.

“Folks who live in low-income areas who have pockets of poverty don’t have the means to get to where they need to go, and even if they can get to Walmart or Target, their income is limited,” Ingraham said. “Having a thrift store that has gone through things and put out things that are quality and usable can make someone’s life different. It can change the person who’s starting over, a child who has more dignity, or a grandparent who wants to buy their grandchild a new blouse.”

Rev. Elvyn Hamilton, who pastors OKC-Quayle with his wife Bessie, said he’s excited for the church to host a ministry that makes serving the community easier by offering tangible...
The Global Mission Fellows Program, a two-year mission opportunity for young adults through United Methodist Global Ministries, is accepting applications for the 2020-2022 Class of Global Mission Fellows.

The program is open to young adults between the ages of 20 and 30 interested in combatting the root causes of injustice in the world while living out their Christian faith. Applicants must have a bachelor’s degree or equivalent life experience, commit to two years of service and speak conversational English.

The deadline to apply is Jan. 7, 2020, but applicants who apply by Dec. 2, 2019 will receive an exclusive program resource. For more information, or to apply, visit www.umcmission.org/serve-with-us/global-mission-fellows/become-a-global-mission-fellows.

Correction to Benefits Symposium date in Tulsa

A story in the September issue of the Contact listed the date of the OKUMC Benefits Symposium at Tulsa-Asbury as Oct. 10. The correct date is Oct. 11.

The correct date was listed on all registrations and confirmation emails received by participants. Correct dates for all symposiums are listed below.

Questions regarding the symposiums should be directed to Kate Scraper at kscraper@okumc.org.

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Oklahoma churches selected for new youth ministry cohort

Two churches in Oklahoma are participating in a new initiative centered on youth ministry. Tulsa-Hope in the Oklahoma Conference and Talihina-St. Paul in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference were among 18 churches announced as the starter cohort for “Reboot: The Congregation as Youth Worker.” Reboot is a new initiative of the Perkins School of Theology designed to equip entire congregations to serve in ministry with youth.

The Reboot initiative is funded by a five-year, $1 million Lilly Endowment grant awarded to Perkins in late 2018. The cohort is co-directed by Perkins leaders Rev. Bart Patton, director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry Education, and Dr. Priscilla Pope-Levison, associate dean in the Office of External Programs. The cohort was open to churches within 300 miles of Dallas and without a full-time paid youth worker.

“Each application received careful consideration by the 11 members of the Advisory Board, both individually and collectively,” Pope-Levison said in a release. “We’re leading with a diverse cohort of congregations. Our advisory board’s selection is a representation of what the church looks like across America.”

In a release, Patton said that while many churches delegate youth ministry to a paid staff member, the Reboot model involves the whole church and integrates youth ministry into the entire congregation. “There is a change afoot in church growth, demographics, and size,” Patton said in the release. “We are invested in innovating with congregations that look like the now and future of the church.”

Rev. Thomas Hoffman, pastor at Tulsa-Hope, said he, the church’s part-time youth leader, and a youth lay leader collaborated on the church’s application. “We heard about Reboot through an email broadcast that we received from them,” Hoffman said. “Because of our transitional status with both St. Matthew’s and Hope, and with Spot 31 (Hope’s after school program serving at-risk children in the neighborhood), we already knew we needed to pay some significant attention to our youth group. The invitation to apply to Reboot came at just the right time.”

Cindy Havlik, district superintendent for the Council Oak District where Tulsa-Hope is located, said she is thrilled that the church was chosen for the Reboot starter cohort. “Tulsa-Hope has been deeply involved over the past five years in seeking ways to reach out to their changing and diverse neighborhood,” Havlik said. “Their efforts, alongside our Council Oak District Mission Strategy team, have brought about project funding that has enabled them to prepare the church building and property for a new day, as well as to...

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take part in leadership training with the goal of becoming more welcoming to persons of color, and especially more effective in reaching out to the Latino community.”

David Wilson, district superintendent for the OIMC, expressed confidence in Talihina-St. Paul’s selection.

“It is great that the new youth ministry initiative included St. Paul UMC in Talihina as a part of their cohort,” Wilson said. “I know the church will work hard to reinvigorate their youth ministry, and this cohort will help them to do so.”

An Oklahoma Conference congregation in Wilburton was also selected for the cohort, but the church declined to participate due in part to scheduling issues during the fall retreat.

“We do believe that the process of writing the application and putting the team together will help us move forward in the process of more actively engaging with youth in our community and making that more of a ministry priority,” pastor Dana Hugle said.

A fall retreat was held in September to launch a six-month discernment process that started with discovering each participating church’s existing strengths and possibilities for ministries with youth. Participating churches will submit a project proposal next year. From these churches, 12 will be selected as an innovation cohort to apply for resources provided by the grant to build and sustain an innovative model for congregational ministry with youth.

Hoffman believes Reboot initiative is a great opportunity and that he appreciates the initiative’s focus on leadership development for both youth and lay adults.

“Hope’s neighborhood looks like what more and more of what America will look like over the next 20 years: no ethnic majority, about a third of our families speaking some Spanish in the home, and culturally and socioeconomically diverse,” Hoffman said. “If our youth ministry—both inside and outside the church walls—can reflect this in its ministry, then what we do through Hope may be of some help to the vast number of other churches that are or will be going through these demographic changes in the years ahead.”

Conference hosts GROW event

The Oklahoma Conference will host a workshop focused on discipleship systems at Edmond-New Covenant on Nov. 16.

GROW: Intentional, Intergenerational Discipleship is designed to assist church leadership teams to think about discipleship systems in their settings in a holistic way.

Workshops will focus on age-specific discipleship systems as well as important activities in the life of the church, including confirmation.

The event will feature a keynote address by Dr. Steven Argue, associate professor of youth, family and culture at Fuller Theological Seminary. Argue is the author of Growing With, a book that aims to equip parents, teens and young adults to grow in faith together.

Additional speakers include Rev. Kathy Pittenger, Rev. Dr. Leslie Long, Rev. Dr. Scott Hughes, Rev. Derrek Belase and Rev. Dr. Cynthia Wilson.

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Kingfisher celebrates grand opening after 100 years in previous location

BY REV. PAT MCFHERSON

On Sept. 8, Kingfisher-First took the next step into the future.

After over 100 years in their historic location at the corner of Highway 81 and Highway 33, the congregation moved into their new facilities located just south of the Kingfisher high school.

It was a day of celebration. The Grand Opening was attended by more than 200 people from both the community and the annual conference. Members of the congregation spent much of the morning before the service giving tours to groups, and more than 100 people who were unable to make it to the worship service attended an open house that afternoon. Kingfisher-First also hosted the Crossroads District’s Charge Conference on Sept. 22.

Elements of the former building, such as the organ pipes in the sanctuary and stained glass in the entryway, were made a part of the new building as a way to honor the church’s history. Other elements, like Dr. Bob Palmer’s extensive mural work in the children’s area, are unique to the new location.

Former NFL player Curtis Lofton (center) poses with youth in the sanctuary at Kingfisher-First’s new location. Lofton, who is originally from Kingfisher, was invited to speak the week after the grand opening as part of a ministry series on faith and football.

Angel Tree

Christmas is a magical time that brings promise and hope to people. Unfortunately, it can be a difficult time for families and children in hard places.

If your church or organization would like to participate in Christmas Angel Tree 2018, please contact Sarah Steffes at 405-215-1400 or sarah.steffes@circleofcare.org.

We look forward to working with you again this year to bring smiles to vulnerable children on Christmas Day!
A what started as a simple shipping mix-up has inspired an annual Christmas giveaway.

In December 2017, two bicycles intended for grandchildren in California were sent to Blackwell, Oklahoma by mistake. The company sent replacement bicycles to California, leaving two new but unneeded bicycles with United Methodist pastor Rev. Richard “Cap” McIlnay and his wife. Having no grandchildren in Oklahoma, the couple made a festive decision: host a bike giveaway for kids in attendance at the church’s Christmas Eve service.

“In my mind, there is a childhood memory of Christmas and the best Christmas gift being a bike for a kid,” McIlnay said. “There’s a lot of kids around here that don’t have bikes. It’s a pretty poor community, and bikes are expensive.”

After hearing McIlnay intended to give away the mis-shipped bikes, some members of the church donated additional bikes for the giveaway. The church gave away five bikes in all. Encouraged by the response of the community, the following year McIlnay and a couple others asked businesses in the community to donate bikes for a giveaway.

“Last year I thought I’d be lucky to get 20, and I ended up with over 70,” McIlnay said. “I didn’t hit every business. I think we can get 100. I really do.”

The giveaway has changed its format as it’s grown. This year, the church will give away certificates that can be redeemed for a bike at Walmart during a birthday party for Jesus held a few days before Christmas Eve. McIlnay hopes the new format will give parents and caregivers time to assemble the bikes. He also looks forward to sharing about Jesus during the event.

“It gives me an opportunity to tell some kids and adults about Jesus who otherwise wouldn’t hear the message,” he said.

McIlnay believes the bikes have had a positive impact on the community. He hopes the giveaway will continue and grow into an ecumenical community ministry.

“I can’t tell you how many people even now come up and tell me a bike made their kids’ Christmas. One lady told me it was the only gift their kid had,” McIlnay said. “For the kids, I want them to walk away with a message of who Jesus is. For me, it’s the kids’ faces… I love to see the kids get excited. It’s looking at a kid’s face on Christmas morning. It doesn’t get better than that.”
Lake Country hosts Holy Spirit Seminar for laity, clergy

A Holy Spirit Seminar for laity and clergy will be held at two locations in southeast Oklahoma this October. The free seminar, titled “Holy Spirit and Methodism,” will examine the role of the Holy Spirit and what it means to have a spirit-filled faith.

The mission of the Holy Spirit Seminar is to allow the person and work of the Holy Spirit to inspire, instruct and impart new life in its attendees. The event is sponsored by the Lake Country District.

The seminar will be held on two days in two locations, and the event will be the same at each location. The first event will be held on Oct. 26 at McAlester-First, located at 1501 South 13th St.; the second event will be held on Oct. 27 at Ardmore-First, located at 501 West Main St.

The featured speaker is Dr. Luther Oconer, the associate professor of United Methodist Studies at United Theological Seminary. Oconer is the author of “Spirit-Filled Protestantism: Holiness-Pentecostal Revivals and the Making of Filipino Methodist Identity.”

“(Oconer) is particularly interested in the history of Methodism in the Philippines and Asia, the intersection between revivals and missions, and the connections between Methodism and the Pentecostal and Charismatic,” his seminary bio states.

Rev. Larry Bauman, district superintendent for the Lake Country District, said a seminar hosted in February and offered to clergy only was a great success. He is excited to invite both laity and clergy to this seminar and hopes attendees will be impacted by the Holy Spirit.

“I am praying that you will join us for this very inspiring event,” Bauman said. “Come be refreshed and encouraged by the Holy Spirit.”

For more information, contact Jacklin Drake at 918-423-0080 or jdrake@okumc.org. Register online at okumc-reg.brtapp.com/2019_Holy_Spirit_Oct.

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At age 32, the Rev. Jarrod Caltrider is living life in full as a United Methodist elder. He’s pastor of three small churches in rural West Virginia, and resides in a parsonage with his wife, Breana, and their 2-year-old, Ella. He leads three or four worship services each Sunday and occasionally wades into the Right Fork of Sandy Creek to do baptisms.

The work is gratifying, and what excites Caltrider most is the growth he’s seen in young families with children attending Sandyville United Methodist Church, his largest congregation.

“We average 72 to 74 in worship, and that’s increased a little, but two Sundays ago we had 93 in worship and 33 of those were elementary school age and younger,” he said. “That’s exhilarating.”

Young elders like Caltrider — enthusiastic, committed and perhaps better able than many older colleagues to connect with young families — are getting harder to find in The United Methodist Church.

The Lewis Center for Church Leadership, part of Wesley Theological Seminary, does an annual analysis of clergy age trends in The United Methodist Church, and its just-released 2019 report shows that the number of U.S. elders under age 35 has declined for three straight years.

As of May, there were 875, down from 1,003 in 2016, and from 3,219 in 1985, when the denomination was much larger in the U.S.

This year is not the low point. That was 2005, when the number was 850, and the Lewis Center began to track clergy age trends as part of a general alarm about the scarcity of young elders.

But the resumption of a downward trajectory to a near historic low is concerning for the denomination’s future, according to the Rev. Lovett H. Weems Jr., senior consultant for the Lewis Center.

“The clergy in some ways match the membership of the church in being disproportionately older, but it doesn’t match the people God’s given us (to reach), the people in the population,” he said.

Elders in The United Methodist Church are seminary-educated clergy ordained to a ministry of word, sacrament, order and service, with an understanding that they will go where sent by their bishop.

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Many serve in extension ministries, but typically elders are preaching in and leading churches, including the denomination’s largest. Elders are eligible to be bishops and district superintendents.

As the denomination has shrunk in the U.S., the number of elders has declined steadily. But while young elders represented 15 percent of the total in 1985, they now represent under 7 percent.

Meanwhile, The United Methodist Church last year saw a record number of young deacons (clergy ordained to a ministry of word, service, compassion and justice), with a decline of just one in 2019. The number of young licensed local pastors increased slightly this year, and the percentage of deacons and local pastors under 35 exceeds that of elders.

The majority of U.S. elders are age 55 or older, the Lewis Center report shows.

The Rev. Ben Gosden is 36 now, so he’s recently aged out of the young elder category. But he’s seen young elders and elders generally become scarcer in the South Georgia Conference, where he serves. Licensed local pastors have become more common there, as they have been in many U.S. conferences.

Gosden believes economics are a factor, given that licensed local pastors typically have a somewhat smaller financial package than elders and often are bi-vocational.

“We do have more and more local pastors,” said Gosden, who leads historic Trinity United Methodist Church in Savannah, Georgia. “South Georgia’s a small conference, and more of our churches are transitioning downward in salaries.”

The United Methodist Church made a big effort to address the issue of an aging clergy corps in the U.S. when the 2012 Conference created the $7 million Young Clergy Initiative, which provides grants to a range of groups that work with young people in discerning a call to ministry. The 2016 General Conference renewed the program.

The Rev. Trip Lowery oversees the Young Clergy Initiative for the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry, and he says that while anecdotally he’s aware of the program’s positive impact, it’s not possible to quantify how many young people it has helped move onto the clergy track.

“If I had a number, I wouldn’t really trust it, because there are so many things that influence someone’s decision to go into ministry,” he said.

Lowery noted that the initiative has created a body of knowledge about supporting young people in discerning a call, including the importance of relationships with mentors, especially close to their own age.

He counseled patience, saying it takes time to create a culture of call in the church and added that Higher Education and Ministry will be requesting an extension of the program from the 2020 General Conference.

“It’s not going to happen in one quadrennium or two,” he said.

Lowery noted a range of factors help explain the decline of young elders, including seminarians who want to serve, but not necessarily in a typical church setting.

“Most are just not feeling called into that traditional robe, stole and a pulpit appointment,” he said.

“Students are feeling called to places that worship at different kinds of times, different locales … Maybe it’s a homeless ministry or a congregation that focuses on AIDS patient care.”

The prospect of carrying seminary debt into a modest-paying position as a young elder is often cited as a disincentive. Though streamlined some, the ordination process is long and can be confusing if conferences don’t work hard to communicate the necessary steps.

Then, too, The United Methodist Church faces the possibility — some say likelihood — of schism due to internal conflict over how accepting to be of homosexuality.

The current young elders were aware of the divisions when they answered their call to United Methodist ministry and began seminary, but the situation has become even more fraught.

“Obviously we were not at the position we’re in now,” Caltrider said.

Before the last three years, the denomination had seen modest growth in the number and percentage of young elders since the low in 1985. Lowery and Weeks both noted that some conferences have had clear, ongoing success with targeted efforts.

The Texas Conference has for years had a multifaceted approach, encompassing everything from youth camps with a discernment focus to church staff internships to financial help for seminary students.

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This year, the Texas Conference was at the top in percentage of young elders, and it has been the leader four other times since 2012.

The Rev. Michelle Manuel, 33, transferred into the Texas Conference, encouraged by the diversity of its appointment settings and the role women have had in church and conference leadership there.

She pointed to one particularly helpful conference initiative, the residency covenant groups, where young clergy meet to vent and occasionally push back on venting.

“I need my peers to say, ‘Hey, me too,’ or to one up me and say, ‘It could be worse, girlfriend,’” said Manuel, who is on staff at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church in Houston, and on track to be ordained an elder next summer.

The Dakotas and Arkansas conferences have ranked high in the percentage of young elders in recent years, and the North Texas Conference has lately joined them.

The Rev. Ricky Harrison, 27, credited North Texas Conference Bishop Michael McKee with fostering a culture of call, including staying in touch with him and other young clergy candidates as they made their way through college and seminary.

“He’s been really intentional,” said Harrison, who was ordained as an elder this summer and now is associate pastor at First United Methodist Church in Decatur, Texas.

For Gosden, the solution to the problem underscored by the Lewis Center study will be best addressed by clergy themselves.

“If people have an issue with the decline in the number of younger elders, we need to look in the mirror,” he said. “We need to train leaders to cultivate leaders.”

Gosden’s church has been on Telfair Square in downtown Savannah since 1848, and its roots go back much farther. But he wants Trinity to be trailblazing in its approach to encouraging young people to answer the ministry call.

“That’s the name of the game, long term,” he said. “I want to send people into the ministry out of this church. We want to be a factory.”
Skyline Urban Ministry is located in the shadow of the downtown Oklahoma City skyline, and its mission is to serve those who live in that shadow.

Skyline lives out its mission to impact lives by addressing the roots of poverty and empowering those in need. Skyline has been providing groceries, meals, clothing, eye care and dignity since 1974. The focus of Skyline’s service has always been the poor and needy of Oklahoma County. Nevertheless, the agency has nurtured strong relationships across our state.

The Skyline Food Resource Center (FRC) fills the gaps for families trying to make ends meet while living on a low-wage or minimum-wage budget.

The FRC is a patron self-select pantry in which families may choose grocery items that fit with their tastes and dietary needs. On average, Skyline is able to supply 7-10 days’ worth of groceries.

Though patrons may shop once every 30 days, or 12 times a year, the majority shop three times per year or less, coming only when they have need.

Because there are those who cannot commute to the FRC, Skyline is piloting a “mobile pantry” that can distribute a few days’ worth of groceries to those living in food deserts and/or on the streets.

The mobile pantry will be done in conjunction with the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, and the ministry anticipates including a pantry site at OKC-Quayle.

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OCU enters new partnership for campus clinic

Oklahoma City University is partnering with Family HealthCare and Minor Emergency Clinic to operate its campus health clinic, beginning Oct. 8. It will serve the university and the broader community with family health care services.

Antonia Pratt-Reid, APRN, CNP, owns and operates the local clinic and will provide expanded services and improved access, including same-day appointments.

Family HealthCare and Minor Emergency Clinic at OCU hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments can be made by calling 405-373-2400.

In addition to employees and students on a university health plan, the clinic accepts patients with most major insurance carriers and provides special pricing for the uninsured.

“One of the missions for our clinic has always been to serve all patients,” Reid said.

OCU President Martha Burger said she is pleased the clinic will provide a greater variety of services for the campus community and that this partnership will provide a new way to reach out to the surrounding community.

Reid explained that family care extends from newborns to geriatric patients and includes minor emergency care as well as occupational health.

Family HealthCare and Minor Emergency Clinic opened its doors in far northwest Oklahoma City in October 2001. In a small, 1,000-square-foot space, the clinic opened to serve the needs of north Canadian County as the first independently owned nurse practitioner clinic in Oklahoma. In the following years, Reid was instrumental in expanding the ability of advanced practice registered nurses to serve patients in Oklahoma.


Ministry in a Minute

In June, 85 youth and adults from four churches in the Central Texas Conference traveled to Tishomingo for a week of mission, work and worship. The crew leaders are friends of Tishomingo pastor Marsha Purtell, who has served as a direct mission contact for the teams for several years. Teams from the four churches helped build wheelchair ramps and made general repairs to homes in the area. An estimated 18 projects were completed during the course of four days.

Story and photos submitted by Marsha Purtell.
**Appointments**

- Jack Atkinson, from supply at Erick to retired, effective Sept. 1.
- Todd Craig, from Tulsa-Asbury to transitional leave, effective Aug. 31.
- Robyn Goggs, from associate pastor at OKC-Church of the Servant to personal leave, effective Sept. 1.
- Johnathan Hollon, from provisional deacon to associate pastor at Ardmore-First, effective Sept. 15.
- David Huitt, from supply to part-time local pastor, at Guthrie-West, effective Sept. 15.
- Kim Hutson, from Stillwell to not appointed, effective Aug. 15.
- Marcia Martin, from Vian/Gore to not appointed, effective Aug. 31.
- Karen Mitchell, from supply to part-time local pastor at Maramec, effective Aug. 15.
- Marsha Purtell, from Tishomingo to chaplain at Epworth Villa, effective Oct. 15.
- Carol Txipama, from the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference to Hugo-Heritage/Fort Towson, effective Sept. 15.

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