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WFMCC Weekly

A Leading Lady of the Bible

"And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury. And He saw a certain poor widow putting in two small copper coins..."

--Luke 21:1-2

Dear Friends,

We are honored to have with us this Sunday in worship Rev. Margaret Scales, a minister with the Disciples of Christ and a wonderful friend to our community. She will be jumping right into our Summer Cinema Sermon Series with the story about the poor widow who Jesus praises for giving to God all that she has. As Margaret says:

"How exciting it is to comb through the biblical texts and discover unexpected treasures. Often the stories of Bible heroines are mere fragments of their lives. This Sunday we will look at the bit of a story usually called 'the Widow's Mite,' called thus since she is one of those countless un-named women of the Bible. I am looking forward to being with you in worship as we get to know this Leading Lady of the scriptures, whose heroic action packs a powerful lesson for our lives. See you Sunday!"

I will miss being with all of you this weekend while I am attending the Clergy and General Conferences of our denomination (please see below for the details about my schedule). You will be in my prayers, and I will look forward to being with you again on Sunday, July 8th with Simon Peter, the final figure in the portion of our series on superheroes.

Many blessings,

,Lea

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As we look ahead to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender film series the church will be hosting in August for Pride Week, we will also be exploring a different kind of "cinema" in sermons throughout the summer. What kind of movies do you like best during the summer? Romances? Superhero flicks? Blockbusters? Did you know you can find all three in the Bible?



From May 27 - August 26 the sermons on Sunday mornings will highlight some of the great romances and superheroes of the Bible, plus that great biblical blockbuster, the Book of Revelation. This week Rev. Margaret Scales will share with us about a "leading lady" of the scriptures (see details above); on July 8th our final superhero will be Simon Peter.

2. 20th Anniversary T-Shirts Are Here

If you ordered a t-shirt at our 20th Anniversary Revival, it has finally come in. Please talk with Hallie at church about picking yours up.

3. Parking at WFMCC

On Sunday mornings, please leave the spaces in front of the church building open for those with mobility issues and our first-time visitors. Thank you!

4. Upcoming WFMCC Men's Retreat

Mark your calendars now! Joshua Love, HIV/AIDS Program Coordinator for our denomination, will be leading a men's retreat starting the evening of Friday, August 10th through Saturday, August 11th. This will be a time for the men of our church to get to know one another, and to talk about the issues and challenges of being gay and bisexual men in Wichita Falls. Stay tuned for more details soon.

5. Staff Whereabouts

Rev. Lea Brown will be in Scottsdale, Arizona attending the Clergy and General Conferences of our denomination from Tuesday, June 26th through Friday, July 6th. She will be back in the office on Saturday, July 7th and in worship on the 8th.

If you have a pastoral care need while she is gone, please leave a message at the church at (940) 322-4100. Messages will be checked daily during her absence by someone from our Board of Trustees.

6. Save the Date for Pride!

Wichita Falls Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Weeks is coming up August 13th - 19th. We are making plans now to host a series of GLBT-themed films August 16th - 18th at the church, followed by a fabulous Pride worship service on Sunday and a celebration at Odds in the afternoon. A flyer with all the information will be available at our worship service on July 15th.

7. Thanksgivings and Prayer Requests

Thanksgivings for my parents and their unconditional love...for the WFMCC Worship and Praise Band...for Namesake...for my family and God's grace...for this church and chosen family...**Prayer requests** for healing for Betty Wintersteen...for healing for Kelly's dad...for comfort for Shay and Keri following the sudden death of Shay's dad...for healing for Toni, and strength for Hallie and Becky...for healing for Al Preston and strength for Ron...for healing for Laretta...for Jan's health...for Taylor while we are separated...for encouragement for Grant...for Debbie as her mom passes over...for prayers for all my family and friends.

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