

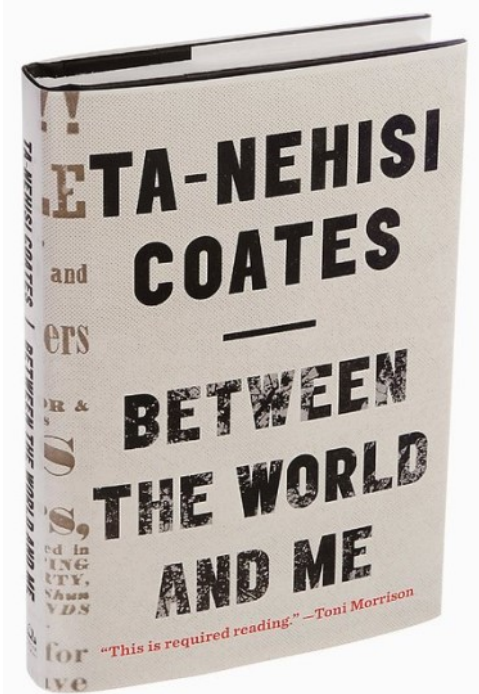
I finished a book the other day that TruDee gave me for my fifty-eighth birthday while she took a class. I am a relatively slow reader, as I spend a lot of time pondering while I read, so often I have to go back and re-read portions as I go. This was one of, if not the most, difficult books I have ever read. That mammoth sinking pit I mentioned in my first story, lay heavy in my gut and soul as I read every word. I have a work in progress I intend on becoming a book one day about my life, journey, theology, and philosophies, but to read this book and the author's depth of knowing, of experiencing his own life and the depth of from where he comes moved me deeply. I finished the book sitting in my car outside the little bakery where TruDee was taking her class... and wept, and wondered at the depths of my own racism, even though I think of myself as an ally and an advocate.

The book, Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates, delves into the culture and society we are and from where we have come. I heard in his words, our country was founded not just on the idealized freedom of religion and freedom from oppression, our country was founded on oppression and the enslavement of another group of human beings. Their enslavement was responsible for the success of our economy, and dare I say not just southern economy but the economy of the nation as a whole. Racism, enslavement of, and the diminishing of Africans is deeply embedded in our DNA as a country. And you don't remove that kind of tumor even with a war, even with a civil rights movement and laws, it is deeply rooted in who we are as a country and in especially those of us who are white, and even, he says, those who think they wish to be white. These are thoughts I heard as I read his words, as I fought against that deep and dark pit that weighted deeper and deeper with each page.

The book is written in the context of a letter to his son, sharing his own story, his own struggles, his own life, his *body*, as he puts it and the body of persons of color that he sees as expendable by the powers that be. His sharing with his son is not to convince nor give his son answers, but rather to encourage him to find his own voice, his own being, his own struggles, and his own *body* and worth. These words spoke deeply to me, "*You are growing into consciousness, and my wish for you is that you feel no need to constrict yourself to make other people comfortable.*" He also shares that it isn't for him to change other's minds, or help their struggle, it is for the other to find their own struggle and come to terms with this deeply rooted cancer that is on our nation, my words not his.

This was a deeply moving book for me and while my journey continues, it has caused me to rethink and consider all I thought I was doing right in my stance against the cancer of racism in our community and country. I would like to walk through this book for those who are interested. My thought is to have a Tuesday evening, if another evening works better for those interested we can work on that later, book study. If you are interested please either let me know or stop by the office and give them your name and contact information. We would most likely start the study by mid to late October once I determine if there is interest. Please let me know by October 13, 2017. This is a timely and I believe crucial book for our work for the common good.

Peace and Light for Our Journey – Pastor Kent



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 A Reconciling Congregation
 Wise in the Ways of the Spirit,
 Bold in the Ways of Justice,
 and Graceful in relationships
 with all Creation.

Church Services

9:00 am - Sanctuary w/ Communion
 Traditional Service

10:15 am - Fellowship Hall w/ Communion
 Contemporary Service

11:20 am - Ward Chapel w/ Communion
 The 40 Worship Service

Sunday - October 8, 2017
 Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

SERMON

Grief

Keeping Care series

Rev. Kent H. Little

October 1, 2017

Attendance 230

Giving \$11,572.00



Our Sympathy to ...

Moe Johnson & family, in the death of Moe's sister, Anita, from North Carolina.

Our sympathy also to the family of **Charlotte Buckmaster**, in her death.

Blessing of the Animals

On Sunday, October 15, we look forward to you bringing your pets with you to either the 9:00am or the 10:15am worship service. The 11:20am service will be "fur free". St. Francis medals will be given to those pets being blessed for the first time.

Meet & Greet

Meet & Greet is a time following the 9:00 service and prior to the 10:15 service, when we gather in the Parlor for a light snack, cup of coffee and great conversation. It's a time to catch up with others in our church. It's a time that we all enjoy. There are many openings to host Meet & Greet in October, November and December. Simply provide a light snack for 60-70 people. Cookies, bowl of pretzels, fruit, a cake, etc. It doesn't have to be a big expensive spread. If you and your friends or your group would like to host a Meet & Greet, please sign up on the clipboard in the church office. If you would rather not host, but would like to donate an item to be served for Meet & Greet, please do. Let's keep Meet & Greet going. Call Debbie in the office if you have any questions.

TGIF
NO gathering on October 6
October 13 @ 6:30pm
Twin Peaks
8310 E. 21st St.
Everyone is welcome to join us for dinner and conversation!
For more information contact **Janice Rich, 265-4879**

CHUM Work Team

Jodi Rice, our new Children's Ministry, would like to invite you to a gathering on Sunday, October 22, at 11:30am. She would like to organize an Intergenerational Work Team. This would be an informational meeting for all ages. Snacks will be served so please attend this meeting and visit with Jodi about her plans! If you cannot attend this meeting, please visit with Jodi to let her know you are interested!



Block Party & Trunk or Treat
October 29 from 4:00 - 6:00pm



A fun event for children and adults! Come in costume -

or not. Bring your trick or treat bag to collect candy as you go from trunk to trunk. Enjoy the carnival games, food, Humvee, Firetruck, snow cones, and music by Bad Mother Hubbard!

Alternative Gift Market
November 11 from 10am - 4pm

University Congregational Church Missions has accepted the project for Mar Elia's Educational Institutions in P'billin, Israel. It was founded by Arch Bishop Charcour who spoke at CHUM last year. It is free to enter and gifts start at \$1.00. Act locally, impact globally: gifts inspiring change. This market is an alternative to the over-commercialization of the Holidays - a different kind of shopping experience! It features charitable gifts starting at only \$1.00, fair-trade crafts and foods, café lunch, and more.

Lunch with the Pastor, October 8

At noon Sunday we hope you will plan to attend Lunch with the Pastor in the church Parlor.



THANK YOU!

We have an important team of ladies that volunteer every Wednesday morning preparing the newsletters for mailing and also help stuff other mailings throughout the year. We so appreciate the time they donate to our church each week and want to give them a BIG THANKS and hope that you will also say *Thank You* when next you see them. These great ladies are: **Em McReynolds, Darlene Scheffer, Joan Buenten, Madgie Hinners, Janis Meredith and Joan Poss.**



Thankful for Diversity ...
Stronger Together

We are seeking ways to bridge the gaps in our community and in our world so on Sunday, November 5, from 5:00 - 7:00pm a potluck dinner will be held in Fellowship Hall. After the meal there will be three diverse speakers. All are invited to attend and welcome to bring friends. Please make sure to not bring any dishes to the dinner that contain pork or marshmallows.

Parlor Artwork

Be sure to stop by to see all the new artwork on display. Some of the art is even for sale!

ROMEOs
(Retired Old Men Eating Out)
Every Thursday
7:30am
Spears Restaurant
4323 W. Maple

Conversation
Laughter and Fun
Breakfast
Coffee
You do not have to be retired! :)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NOTES

AGAPE, Rm. 201 - We watched a Ted Talk of Celeste Headlee, "Ten Ways to Have a Better Conversation". Every time you talk to someone, be prepared to be amazed. Sunday, we will view another of her talks, "Help Make America Talk Again". Knopps treat next.

BUILDERS, Rm. 305 - Continuing our study of the **Old Testament**.

CHILDREN, Children's Center - Children continue their mission project this month - to fill the CHUM Blessing Box. We continue our study on the "Courageous Queen", the story of Esther. The emphasis this coming Sunday will include the children's participation in drama.

COMMUNICATORS, Rm. 301 - Thanks to everyone for helping provide last Sunday's Meet & Greet. Please remember to contact Jodi if willing to be a prayer partner with our CHUM youth. Calendars: No class Oct. 8, Oct. 15 meet at Jimmy's Egg at 10:20am located at Hydraulic & Douglas, resume lesson schedule on Oct. 22. Please note corrected date November 17 is Thanksgiving dinner at Deuser's.

CONTEMPORARY STUDIES, Rm. B5/7 - First day of October brought nineteen together! Happy Birthday this week to Carl Martin! 23rd annual Wichita Alternative Market was announced and be held on November 11. Keith Williamson reviewed "A Deeper Loyalty". Tabletalk pondered whether the Dalai Lama's position about science made sense, and what our LGBT journey has been. Sunday, "Learning How To Love".

DOUBLE CIRCLE, Rm. B4 - Bob opened class. We had a Treasure's report from Don. We held elections of officers and committees for next year. Dr. Brake's lesson was on Genesis 15: 1-5 and 17-21. These verses are symbols of us walking with God. Unconditional covenant Abram Faith in God. We pray for our members who can't be with us in class—good health to all. Sorry to hear of Moe's sister's passing (Anita from North Carolina). Miss you Lilaha but hope you are having fun. We had 16 present in class!

TRAVELING COMPANIONS, Bride's Room B14 @ 11:15 am - Join us for discussion on spiritual development and personal growth.

VICEROY, Rm. B3 - We begin reviewing a new video/book series, as we continue to talk about the Uniting Methodist initiative as it relates to the upcoming special called session of the General Conference. Will this be the "middle ground" or something wholly new?



College Hill United Methodist
Youth Ministry

October 8
High School Mission Trip Planning
11:30am

UPCOMING CALENDAR

October 15
WSU Volleyball
12:30 - 2:30 pm
Meet @ church
Cost is \$5.00

October 22
Walter's Corn Maze
11:30am
Cost is \$10.00



DIVE

The gathering for CHUM's Youth on Wednesday nights will no longer take place.



CHUM Nursery

The CHUM Nursery is available for children under the age of 4 years each Sunday. It is located at the west end of building across from the elevator next to Fellowship Hall.

Children's Ministries Welcomes All Children!
Children's Sunday School for 2 year olds - 5th Graders

Sunday school will take place in the Children's Center during the Sunday school time from 10:15 - 11:30am. Take children directly to their classroom and pick them up at 11:30am from their classroom.

KID'S CONNECTION

Every Wednesday evening

TIME CHANGE

NOW ... 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Children's Center (basement)

All children welcome!



***Prairie Fire Marathon
Road Closing for October 8th***



For our area, 2nd Street, from Oliver to Waco and Douglas Street, from Oliver to Dellrose, will be closed.

Douglas will open from Hillside to Dellrose, allowing one lane of traffic in both directions. They will begin to reopen Douglas west of Dellrose around 9:00am. Also do not forget they run in and around Riverside Park so you cannot drive through the park.

Thank You for M & M's Donations

Thanks to all who donated money into the children's buckets Sunday. We collected \$408.00.

***Be the Change with
CHUM's Tai Chi Class***

As we continue to "Be the Change", CHUM's Tai Chi Class is supporting The Diakonos' mission. The Diakonos are organized exclusively for charitable purposes in order to minister and help those in need. This group is to help our local people. If you have clothing (for all ages) in good condition, small hygiene items, gift cards or monetary donations bring them to the church and mark them for this project. Boxes will be located throughout the church for your donated items. Money or gift card donations can be turned into the church office. CHUM's Tai Chi class will be collecting these items on the following Sundays in October: 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

***Looking Ahead to November
Sunday, November 5th***

On this Sunday we will be giving out **Bibles to our 3rd graders** during the 10:15am service. Please contact Jodi with your child's name so she will be sure to have their Bible ready for them. This is also **All Saints Sunday** so we will be celebrating the lives of those CHUM members we have lost this past year. Their pictures and names will be shown at both 9:00am and 10:15am worship services.

Saturday, November 11, the CHUM Youth will be hosting their annual Theme Table Dinner in the evening. Be thinking of your theme!

Saturday, November 18, we will have our Turkey Give Away & Breakfast as well as our Crawl to The Barn in Burrton.



Faith Sisters' Book Club



We will meet Sunday, October 15. We gather in the Parlor at noon. We will be discussing the book, Young Jane Young by Gabrielle Zevin. All ladies are welcome and we would like to invite you to join us - check us out!