

YOUTH PAGE

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A place where youth and children are central to church life.

“Remember your creator in the days of your youth...”Ecclesiastes 12:1

Mini-Mission Trip: July 16-18, the youth of Grace Church hosted the youth from Church of the Apostles (Coppell, TX) in a joint mini-mission trip here in Ponca City. We had a total of 16 youth (12 from Grace Church) take part in this community project. On Sunday evening, the youth and sponsors from each church met in the Parish Hall where we enjoyed pizza, ice cream sundaes and games. As part of our service to the community, the youth visited the Child Development Center where they cleaned up the playground and parking lot by raking leaves, pulling weeds, and beautifying the grounds. They also spent time in the various CDC classrooms reading to children and assisting with lunch and naptime. Additionally, they paid a visit to the Marland Children’s Home where our youth played games in the gym with the MCH residents. A fun time was had by all!

In an effort to share some of our local culture with our visitors from Texas, we also took a guided tour of the Marland Estate and enjoyed a presentation by our very own T.L. Walker at the Standing Bear Museum and Education Center which also included a picnic lunch provided by many of the women of Grace Church. To celebrate all of our efforts, the Winterrowd and Wells families invited everyone out to their docks at Lake Ponca for a cookout and swimming. It was heart-filling to see our youth spend time and create bonds with a multitude of other youth, whether they were from the CDC, MCH or our Texas friends. The youth ministers and the rector from Church of the Apostles have already extended an invitation to us to join them in Coppell, TX next summer for another mini-mission.

These acts of service and times of learning and fellowship would not have been possible without the help of: Marsha & Jerry Orr, Richard & Debbie Winterrowd, Jamie & Nga Wells, Fr. Dee and Monyue Bright, Marsha Moore, Casey and Amber Orr, Keri Bartley, Treva McClung, T.L. Walker and the women of Grace Church. We appreciate everything that our parishioners do for our youth!! We also want to thank Mary Beth Hunt (Child Development Center), Jamie Phillips (Marland Children’s Home), David Keathly (Marland Estate) & T.L. Walker (Standing Bear Museum and Education Center) for allowing us to provide acts of service and for helping us share our local culture with others! We are incredibly fortunate to have such a wonderful church and community!

Youth Enrichment Activities begin July 31st. Jackie Saylor will be organizing five afternoons of exploring the musical arts. 1pm to-4pm July 31st through August 4th (Fourth grade through High School).