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CLINTON INDIAN CHURCH & COMMUNITY CENTER



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Year in Review: 2008

2008 was a good growing time for Clinton Indian Church & Community Center.

The Center became an official Church & Community Center in May and Rev Jennifer Battiest became an official Church & Community Worker in June. And now, Clinton Indian Church & Community Center has her full time.

Events in 2008

In the spring of 2008 we had an Ash Wednesday service at the request of the children, a Valentine's Day Party and Easter egg hunt and dinner with help from two youth, Taryen English and Rae Kernell from Billy Hooton Memorial UMC.



VBS: Beach Party was a hit this year. We had enough teachers to split into three classes, 9-11 year olds, 6-8 years and pre-

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Looking Forward: 2009

We are expecting great things to continue happening for the center in 2009. Activity-wise, several of our kids are turning 11 this year. In anticipating keeping the kids interested in coming to the center as they get older and to preparing to get them involved with United Methodist Youth activities, we have decided to start taking them on small trips. Mainly to prepare them for being away from their families (and to prepare families for them being away).

Our first outing for 2009 was Feb 6 to an Oklahoma City Thunder basketball game in Oklahoma City. We took 8 kids and 5 adults out to eat pizza and then to the game. The kids had a wonderful time though all the adults were wiped out.



Our next outing will be to Oklahoma City University for Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference Youth Day. The event sponsored by OCU and OIMC will begin with registration at 9:00am and will include tours of the campus, a featured speaker, free throw contests, lunch and a baseball game. The event is usually well attended by OIMC families and looks to be an exciting day for the kids.

As we continue to update our building and bring it up to code we look forward to adding more programming for all the kids. Our numbers keep growing so we are looking to add volunteers and start separating the kids into age appropriate groups. It's exciting and frustrating to see more children come but to not be able to do much because of the lack of adult supervision. With the building being

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school. With donations from Cookson United Methodist Church, we all had a good time and one of the 4 year olds still remembered a couple of the be-attitudes three months later!



In September, after hearing about the children who attend Clinton Indian Church & Community Center at Annual Conference, youth from Haikey Chapel decided to do something to encourage the kids by writing letters to the kids telling them about themselves and inviting the children to write back and tell about themselves. They went one step further by driving to Clinton on September 6th to help clean.



They also had a mini-youth rally to show the children what they had to look forward to when they became youth.

The group, which included Mickey McNac, Sunrise Ross, Karen Barrett, Jalisa Ross, Chelsea Ross, Jackson Ross, Rachel Johnson, Nathan Montgomery, Rhea Montgomery and Tatiana Montgomery, also ended up cutting the grass, cleaning the sanctuary, and cutting baseboards to finish the women's bathroom. During the mini-youth rally, the Haikey Chapel youth got to spend time with several of the kids from Clinton. It was a good day of hard work and fun for everyone involved.

In August, the center had a visit from Rick and Ray Buckley of Palmer, Alaska. Ray and Rick came and talked to kids about life in Alaska and then Ray signed copies of his books for the children. Everyone truly enjoyed themselves and the books.



For October, the CI3C Board decided to make establishing a presence in the neighborhood a priority and planned a community wide Halloween Party. We stopped counting at

30 kids and their parents. It was so gratifying to see folks from the neighborhood participating in the festivities which included eating hotdogs, candy, playing games and jumping in two inflatables.



Oklahoma City University's Native sorority, Gamma Delta Pi, came and assisted in running the games.

Compared to Halloween Thanksgiving was a smaller affair but we still had 22 children who came to talk about what they were thankful for, to eat lots of good food and to beat on a piñata.



Our Christmas program was wonderful. Margaret Battiest came and directed the Christmas play. The kids came early, had dinner then ran through costumes and a dress rehearsal. Last year, we had two people in our audience but this year we had seven people sitting in the pews for our production. We fully expect that it will be a packed house for our performance in 2009!



The CI3C website was also launched in 2008. Check it out at WWW.CI3C.COM

**We would like to say huge heartfelt thank you for everyone who supported us, prayed for, sent things, gave us advise, or who offered an extra pair of hands at one of the events. We are so very grateful.
Thank you!!**



HOW TO GIVE THROUGH THE ADVANCE

The Advance is an official United Methodist program that gives you the opportunity to give to Clinton Indian Church and Community Center in any of the following ways: Online, through your United Methodist Church, by mail, or by phone.

Give Online:

Go to <http://www.ci3c.com/about.htm>

Through Your United Methodist Church:

Make your check payable to your local church. Write "Clinton Indian Church & Community Center" and our number "3020757" on the check. Drop your gift in any United Methodist offering plate or give your gift to the church treasurer, so that your church and annual conference will get Advance credit.

By Mail:

Make your check payable to ADVANCE GCFA. Write Clinton Indian Church & Community Center and our code 3020757 on the check and send it to:

Advance GCFA
P. O. Box 9068, GPO
New York, NY 10087-9068

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Credit card gifts can be accepted by phone at
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100% of your gift will go to Clinton Indian Church & Community Center.

brought up to code we hope to be looking at volunteers from National Indian Council on Aging's Senior Community Service Employment Program and from Native Students at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

2009 looks to be another growing year for the center but we look forward to the hard work and the excitement of all the new things God will bring our way. *

Clinton Indian Church & Community Center's purpose is to provide opportunity for Native people of Clinton and the surrounding community to become involved in living out the Gospel of God's love, mercy and justice for all.

With emphasis on children and young people, we desire to empower and encourage native children to fulfill their potential and to dream of a future with hope.



Clinton Indian Church & Community Center

Board Members include:

Chair – Cortney Yarholar

Secretary – Lisa Rhoades

Members:

- Judy Littleman
- Dee Hayes

Ex-officio members:

- Rev David Wilson
- Rev Margaret Battiest

Director: Rev Jennifer L Battiest

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COMING UP:

FEB 28 OCU-OIMC DAY

FEB 25 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Tentative dates for 2009

April 12 Easter Egg hunt/Dinner

May 28 Last Day of School Party

June 20 OIMC's One Day VBS – Hog Creek, Anadarko

July 15 – 17 Vacation Bible School – Clinton

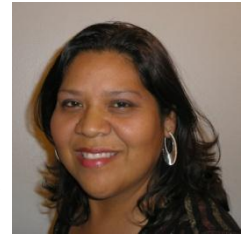
Oct 29 Community Halloween Party

Nov 19 Thanksgiving Dinner

Dec 17 Community Christmas Program

Meet the Director:

Rev. Jennifer L Battiest



Rev. Battiest is a 2006 graduate of Drew Theological School in Madison New Jersey. She received her BA from Oklahoma City University in 1998.

She is the daughter of Sam Battiest and Rev Margaret Battiest, Northern District Superintendent. She is Mississippi Choctaw that grew up in Oklahoma.

She first began working with children as a US-2 young adult missionary in with Robeson County Church & Community Center in Lumberton North Carolina. She began working in Clinton Feb 2007. She is has enjoyed the time spent with the kids in Clinton and looks forward to working with them in 2009. She is a local licensed pastor and a Church & Community Worker of the United Methodist church.

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