



First United Methodist Church
Red Oak, Texas
The Acorn



"A Small Package of Large Possibilities"

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October 3, 2006

"The Pumpkin Patch" is Here !!!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH 3:00 PM

Come Help Unload Pumpkins & Enjoy the Excitement!!

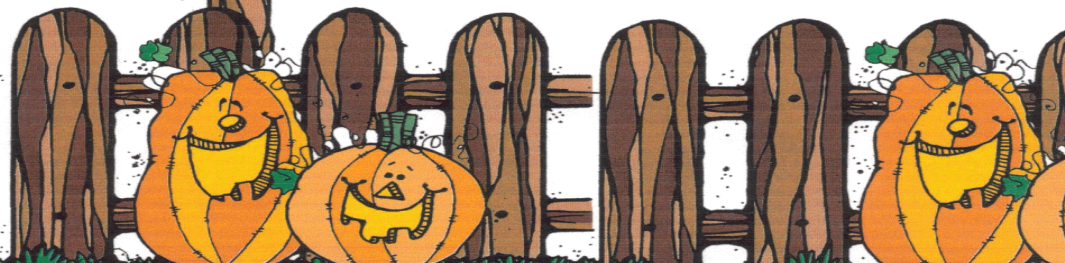
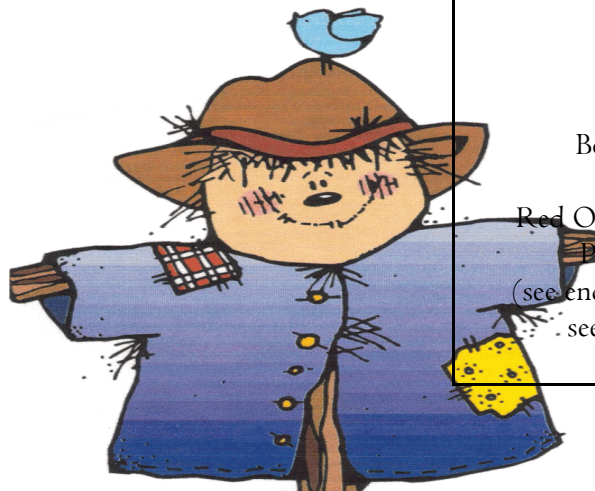
Please join the fun and wear your orange pumpkin patch t-shirt (or something similar if you haven't purchased one)! Call Monica Ball to order your shirt at 972-617-3628.

The pumpkins are coming, once again the church's front lawn is going to be covered in an array of orange pumpkins from Saturday, October 7th to Tuesday, October 31st. Please mark your calendars now to support this wonderful and exciting event here at our church! We will need lots and lots of help to make this year's patch another success! We need all the volunteers possible to unload the tractor-trailer filled with hundreds and hundreds of pumpkins! The 18-wheeler of pumpkins will be arriving at our church on Saturday, October 7th at 3:00p.m. So please make plans to be here!

OPEN DAILY
 Sunday, October 8th thru Tuesday, Oct. 31st.
 10:00 AM - Dark on Monday - Saturday
 Noon - Dark on Sunday

Special Scheduled Events
 Saturdays 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Bounce Houses, Face Painting
 Hay Maze, Hay Rides
 Red Oak Fire Department, Kid Safe ID,
 Petting Zoo with Pony Rides
 (see enclosed flyer for more information)
 see attached for dates and times



EMMAUS GATHERING

OCTOBER 5th, THURSDAY - 7:00 pm

Red Oak UMC
972-617-9100



Bring a snack or appetizer or dessert to share, and join us for fun and fellowship! Come around to the back entrance of the Fellowship Hall (we are under construction).

North Ellis County Outreach



The Ellis County Outreach is now turning their attention to collecting for Thanksgiving. The outreach will be collecting bags from October 23 until November 17th. Please note the following list of food items for the Thanksgiving Bags: Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing Mix, Pie Filling (regular and sugar free), Pie Crust Mix, 2 Green Beans, Salt Free, 2 Corn - salt free, Dinner roll/Cornbread Mix, Dry Potatoes, Canned Yams, Evaporated Milk/Dry Milk, Canned/Dry Gravy Mix. They will be distributing Thanksgiving to the clients on November 17th, 20th and 22nd only.

Please remember to bring your oatmeal and pasta for our regular monthly donation to the Outreach. Low Salt and Low Sugar items are always in need at the Outreach. You can continue to bring these items anytime.

Name Tag Assistance Needed

The church is in need of someone to make name tags for members. If you have the time and the computer program to print out calling card type nametags, please call Lori Stricker at 972-617-9100. Supplies provided.

Picture Directory

To get your group activity or committee pictures in the directory, please bring your high quality picture to the church office or call Monica Ball at 972-617-3628 ASAP.

LORD'S ACRE was a great success. Tom Roger's would like to thank all those involved and his committee for a job well done! Thanks also to all those who contributed, including the funds from the UM Women bake sale. We have a total of approximately \$ 17,000.00 brought in from the Quilt, Barb-B-Q and Auctions. Thanks again

for your continued support.



Pumpkin Patch Advertizing

If you have, or know someone who has, a business in the area and would be interested in helping us advertise our pumpkin patch by displaying flyers, please contact Monica Ball at 972-617-3628. We also have 2 - 3x4 foot A-frame signs that we are looking for a prime spot to display. The more we advertise, the more successful our patch will be!! Thank you"

"Young Adult" Sunday School Class!!

If you are between the ages of 18 and 30 married or single, we have GOOD NEWS for YOU. We will have a Sunday School Class just for you!!! We will be starting a "YOUNG ADULT" Sunday Class on October 15th. We will be meeting temporarily in the classroom behind the sanctuary. Class starts at 9:45 am and teachers will be Katie Almond and Arnell Kimbro. If you have questions give the office a call at 972-617-9100.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

November 5 - 12:15 PM

Mark your calendars for this very important Congregational annual meeting with the District Superintendent, Georgia Adamson. We will combine it with a Fifth Luncheon. Only this will be Nov. 5th in stead of Fifth Sunday. Bring food to share according to your last name initial:

A - L Salad and Meat Dish

M - Z Side Dish or Vegetable and Dessert

Please come and hear where we have been, where we are going and vote on important matters for our congregation.

American Cancer Society Dialogue Support Group

Our next support group meeting will be next Thursday, 10/12/06, beginning at 7PM in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone that has ever been affected by cancer (whether as a patient, care giver, or other) is welcome.

**KIDSWORD and LITTLE KIDSWORD is here now!!
Look for them as you enter the Sanctuary.**



SCOUTING NEWS

This past Saturday, September 30th, our Cub Scout Pack 228 participated in a Greet The Troops at DFW Airport. Over 50 military troops from various branches of service arrived at DFW after serving our country overseas. The scouts met the troops as they cleared customs and passed out drinks and snacks as they thanked them for their service. The experience was both enjoyable and educational and all who participated had a wonderful time.

BSA Troop 652 and Cub Scout Pack 228 will be participating in Webelos Woods/Cub Scout Fun Day this coming weekend. This is an opportunity for our Boy Scouts to introduce the older Cub Scouts to some of the exciting things that Boy Scouts learn to master. Our troop will be demonstrating and training the Cubs on the art of knot tying with some of the basic knots we use in our camping and hiking trips. Sharing knowledge is one of the most exciting things about scouting. We hope to see some of you there.

Habitat for Humanity

If you would like to be a part of building a home for someone who would not otherwise be able to purchase a home, you too can be involved. Habitat for Humanity has 5 homes in Ellis County they are building. Habitat Volunteers are working every Saturday at 122 Parks Schoolhouse Road in Waxahachie. The updated schedule is available in the church office. The Methodist Men will be the core group along with 10 other volunteers on November 11 at the sight of the house being built in Waxahachie. The UM Women will provide lunch for the work group on November 11th. What a great group of men and women we have here at FUMC Red Oak. We have teenagers, men and women all planning to be part of this endeavor. Won't you join us? Call the church office to request more information or to be forwarded info from Habitat.



Opportunities for The Week

Wednesday, October 4

- 8:00 Morning Study Group
- 9:15 Parent's Day Out
- 4:30 Adult Bible Study
- 6:30 Angel & MMM Choirs Practice
(Chaperone: Tamela Sackett)
- 6:30 Little Acorn's Emmaus Reunion Group
- 6:30 Parent Bible Study Group
- 7:30 Adult Choir

Thursday, October 5

- 7:00 4-H
- 7:00 Emmaus Gathering - Ferris Heights UMC
- 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 8:30 Gambler's Anonymous

Friday, October 6

- 6:30 Jr. Girl Scouts

Saturday, October 7

- 3:00 Pumpkins Arrive

Sunday, October 8

- 10:00 - Dark PUMPKIN PATCH
- 8:30 Traditional Service
- 9:45 Confirmation Class
- 9:45 Sunday School for all Ages
- 10:50 Blended Service
- 12:15 Finance Committee
- 12:30 Hand Bell Choir
- 2:00 Girl Scouts
- 4:00 Boy Scouts
- 6:00 Youth ONE Fellowship

Monday, October 9

- 9:15 Parent's Day Out
- 10:00 - Dark PUMPKIN PATCH
- 7:00 Boy Scouts

Tuesday, October 10

- 10:00 - Dark PUMPKIN PATCH
- 6:30 Girl Scouts
- 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday, October 11

- 8:00 Morning Study Group
- 9:15 Parent's Day Out
- 10:00 - Dark PUMPKIN PATCH
- 4:30 Adult Bible Study
- 6:30 Angel & MMM Choirs Practice
(Chaperone: Shannon Wilson)
- 6:30 Little Acorn's Emmaus Reunion Group
- 6:30 Parent Bible Study Group
- 7:30 Adult Choir

Christian Education Opportunities



-Sunshine Class: Rotating Teachers: Don Newman & Mitchell Jones **Called to Be a Christian Community:** New Session Begins: **God's Living Covenant:** "God's Covenant With Judges and Kings".

Leadership Counts! *Judges 4..*

-Enrichment Class: Teacher: Rotating Teachers: FaithLinks

-Family Life Class: (Now meeting In PDO Office) "If God Has a Refrigerator, Your Picture Is on It" by James W. Moore. Teacher: Ian Davis

-Seekers: Basic Bible & Faith Study - Teacher: Allyson Paxton (class held in the Sanctuary).

Wed. AM Study Group: 8:00 AM Youth Room: "Your Best Life Now" by Joel Osteen (Chapter 6)

Wed. PM Parent Bible Study Group: 6:30 PM PDO Office "Talking with Your Child: Conversations for Life" from Abingdon Press Faith Home for Parents.

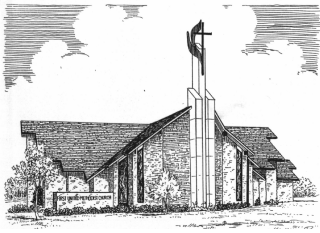
Wed. 4:30 PM Pastor lead New Testament Study Group

Temporary Address: Nancy Robinson has gone on her two month excursion to the North East. If you would like to write to her, the temporary address is 131 W. Broad Street, New Holland, PA 17557.

Email attention Nancy to: ksmith9833@frontiernet.net

PARENT'S WITH CHILDREN

KIDSWORD and LITTLE KIDSWORD is here now!!. Look for them as you enter the Sanctuary. Just to let you know, we are implimenting a new idea in place of the busy bags. We will have KIDSWORD bulletins for the children, and packets of colors to use to replace the busy bags. Candy will be available in the office work room for parents to reward their children if they wish.



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT
Reaching Up To God
Moving Into The World
Making Disciples For Christ

Allyson Paxton, Pastor
 Beth Kerzee, Music Minister
 Sunmi Goodwin, Pianist
 Barbara Barcus, Children's Choir &
 Handbells
 Shannon Vinson, PDO Director
 Judy Cox, Nursery/Building Mgr.
 Casi Holmes & Mary Cox, Nursery
 Lori Stricker, Office Mgr.

Office Hours
 Mon-Friday 9a - 4p
 (972)617-9100

Our Prayers

Please refer to the monthly prayer list. Extra copies are available in the foyer at church. Please add the following persons to the list: **Kelly Cardwell & her unborn baby Ava Grace (Smock family); Margie Glenn (Stephanie Brignon's aunt); and Brian Brignon (Zoe & Tyler Brignon's grandfather); Michelle Zinck (Jennifer McKnight's sister); and Kayce Schoolfield family in her loss (2 grade teacher at Shields).**

- If you have an emergency which requires the immediate attention of the pastor, please call 972-938-7093. Email: pstrpxtn@aol.com.
- Web site address: fumcro.org
- Up dates: webservant@fumcro.org
- Newsletter items: cloris_625@sbcglobal.net.
- Do you have a "Joy or Concern" your church family needs to know? Contact Lori Stricker at 972-765-0327 or the church office at 972-617-9100

Our Presence

Sunday School	81
Morning Worship	
Last Sunday - 8:30 Service	36
Last Sunday - 10:50 Service	124

Our Service

- Flowers this Sunday are given by **Sue & Rebecca Rogers** in honor of **Tom Roger's 50th Birthday**.
- Acolytes are: TBA.
- Ushers this week are: 8:30 (left door) **Herbert Shelton;** (right door) **Gordon Toney.** 10:50 (left door) **Andrew Miller, Dalton Valerius & Jordan Brown;** (right door) **Nicholas Durazo, Melody Smiley & Steve Smiley.**
- Offering Stewards are: **Don Newman & Gaines Wolaver..**
- Sound Technicians: 8:30: **Les Mitchell** & 10:50: **Jack Smiley.**
- Nursery Volunteer: TBA: (**Volunteers Needed, please call the office if you interested- 972-617-9100**).
- Children's Church Volunteers: **Neva & Erica Ransom, & Scott Sackett, Lesson #46..**

Thank you for your support and prayers

