Acorn News



Mark Your Calendar

April 1		No Evening Bible Study/Youth/Music Labs
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Soloists-6:30 pm)
April 2	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
April 3	7:00 pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
April 4	1:30 pm	Chancel Choir Cantata Rehearsal
April 5	10:30 am	Easter Worship Service
April 8	6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner (Missions & Evangelism)
April 11	8:00 am	UMM Breakfast
	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Circle
April 12		Confirmation Sunday
	12:00 pm	Finance
	1:30 pm	Administrative Council
	3:30 pm	UMW Executive Board
	4:30 pm	UMW General Meeting
April 15	6:00 pm	Fellowship Meal (Worship Committee)
April 16	6:30 pm	Stephen Ministry
April 17	7:00 pm	Youth Movie Night
April 22	6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner (Laugh & Learn)
April 23	7:00 pm	UMW Friendship Circle
April 25	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Circle
April 28	10:00 am	UMW Circle of Love
April 29	6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner (Open for Sponsorship)

First United Methodist Church

April 2015

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WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

<u>Sundays</u>

8:30 am	Traditional Worship
9:40 am	Sunday School For All Age
10:50 am	Blended Worship
6:00 pm	Youth Activities

<u>Wednesdays</u>

L0:30 am	Morning Bible Study
5:00 pm	Dinner
5:30 pm	Bible Study, Youth Activitie
	& Children's Choirs
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir

Laugh & Learn Day School Mon/Wed/Fri 9:15 am- 2:15 pm

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The Pastor's Corner

By Allen Grant Senior Pastor



Wow, I can't believe it is Easter Week. This is the most important week in the life of the church. This week, we remember why we are here and what makes us distinct from other religions. We believe in a risen Savior who has come to offer God's grace to all people everywhere. So this week we will observe "The Living Lord's Supper," a Tennebrae service and finally the joyous resurrection service on Sunday morning. Most people know about the Lord's Supper service and about Easter Sunday but some are confused as to the Latin term Tennebrae. So here is a brief explanation from the UMC.org website:

"The word "tenebrae" comes from the Latin meaning "darkness." The Tenebrae is an ancient Christian Good Friday service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of that week from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through Jesus' burial.

This increasing darkness symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus' death and of hopelessness in the world without God. The service concludes in darkness, sometimes with a final candle, the Christ candle, carried out of the sanctuary, symbolizing the death of Jesus. A loud noise may also sound symbolizing the closing of Jesus' tomb. The worshipers then leave in silence to ponder the impact of Christ's death and await the coming Resurrection."

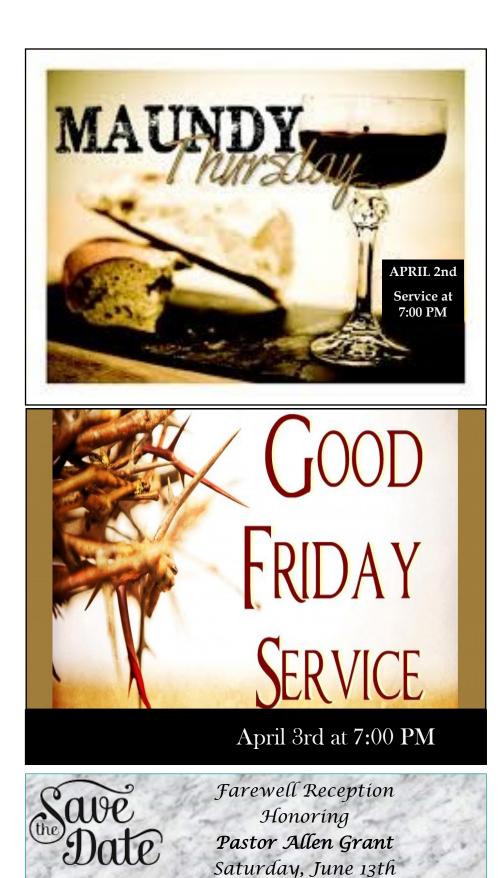
In our service, you will hear the sounds of the nails being driven in. As you come to listen to the story of Jesus' last hours, prepare yourself for the seriousness of this event. Jesus died. Then come Sunday morning to hear the results of what happened after the burial.

I want to thank all those who participated in presenting these services this week — the twelve disciples, Allen Hughes for playing on Thursday night, Larry and Sunmi, the choir and other readers who will present the drama of the crucifixion. I also want to thank Dana Davis and the Worship Team for putting all this together so that together we can worship the risen Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks to Jennifer McKnight, Joe Meyer and the rest of the AV team for helping us see and hear the worship services.

This next Sunday, please bring a friend. Be here early to get a seat. The sermon will be the last in the series on the "I Am" sayings of Jesus. This week, "I Am the Resurrection and the Life." Hallelujah!

-Allen





3:00 pm

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Youth



April Activities:

Wednesday Night Youth - 6 pm Youth Sunday Preparation

April 1st - No Youth (Holy Week prep) April 8th - Worship Overview April 15th - Worship Leadership April 22nd - Worship Liturgy April 29th - Worship Music

> Sunday School - 9:30 am Genesis Continued

April 5th - Finish Genesis 19 April 12th - Genesis 20 April 26th - Genesis 21-22

Sunday Night Youth - 6 pm

April 5th- No Youth Happy Easter! April 12th - Gossip April 19th - Religious Tolerance April 26th - Social Media

Youth Sunday is May 15th!



Heather Gottas, Youth Director

Music Ministry Matters

by Larry McCord FUMCRO Minister of Music

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone:

but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. John 12:24 "Spring has sprung!!", the old saying goes and, indeed, signs of the seasonal change are all around us. Old Man Winter held on a bit longer than usual, but warmer weather, blooming plants and newborn creatures testify to spring's arrival. All of this new life, however, would not be possible without the cold and barrenness of winter.

The passage above follows John's account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, which we just celebrated on Palm Sunday. In this case, Jesus is actually preparing the disciples to face his own upcoming death,

which they do not yet understand must take place before his resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit. They would not fully understand this until all of these things had occurred, and the Holy Spirit reminded them of Jesus' words and gave them understanding..

Like these disciples, we also face death in our lives. Whether the actual physical death of loved ones, the loss of meaningful relationships, mid-life career changes, health issues or dark nights of the soul, we all have periods of significant loss that are, in a very real sense, a "walk through the valley of the shadow of death". My own life experience has convinced me that, while God may not orchestrate all of these circumstances, he works through them to conform us to the image of his Son.

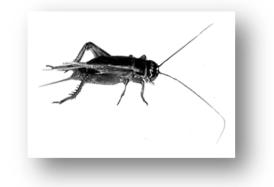
As Jesus said, if the seed does not die, no fruit will result. If we do not allow ourselves to fully experience whatever "death" has come our way, we will not see the fulfillment of God's purpose in our lives. Just as seasons last a particular period, we must be willing to let each trial of our faith run its course. Ultimately, God is working through all of this to achieve a quite different death...the death to dependence on self or any other "arm of the flesh". Only then, will we see the fruit of God's Spirit in our lives. As James said, "Let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

-Larry



Crickets

by Joan Pomeroy Writing for Enjoyment



Philippians 4:6 NIV:

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.

While Jerry and I were living in Los Alamos, New Mexico, I came to dread August. It was a beautiful month. The temperatures of summer began to cool down, yet it was still warm during the day.

In August, the Crickets would begin to make a screeching noise like a small untuned violin. This noise would start at sunset and last until sunrise. Only the first frost would cause them to be silent.

By the middle of August it seemed as if my nerves were burning with the sound of the Crickets. This would cause me to be irritable and grumpy. Sometimes when I managed to get to sleep, they would wake me up; getting back to sleep was hard too do. Exhaustion and sleep depredation is not good for anyone.

There was absolutely nothing that could be done about these Crickets. They did not bother Jerry, or anyone else I knew.

Then one day I decided there is nothing too small to take to the Lord in prayer. I went into the bedroom, shut the door, sat down on a chair, bowed my head and ask the Good Lord to help me, so that the Crickets would no longer bother me. I told the Good Lord how much trouble the problem of the Crickets were to me, and that I understood God created every living thing, and I was not asking for the Crickets to be taken away, but for me to become less sensitive to the Crickets.

About three days later, I noticed that I was not bothered by the Crickets; I began to sleep all night. I went again into the bedroom, closed the door, sat down on the chair and bowed my head in prayer and gave thanks to the Good Lord.

There is nothing that is too small or too large to take to the Lord in prayer.

Prayer List

- Rose Marie Anderson
- Daniella Gibbings
- Nixie Kiker
- Wayne Kimbro
- Lee Larson
- Van Perry
 - Friend of Linda Wolaver
- Lori Stricker
- The Toney Family
- Kaylee Voigtlander

April Memory Verse

But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

-Romans 5:8

Scripture Readings

April 5

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 I Corinthians 15:1-11 John 20:1-18

April 12

Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 113 I John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31

April 19 Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 I John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48

April 26 Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 I John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

God's Ringtones Chime Choir Spring Schedule

The Children's Choirs (Angel and MMM) will continue to meet on the following Wednesday dates from 6:30 - 7:15 PM. All children, ages 4 through 6th grade, are welcome for a good time of singing and learning how to play chimes!

Meeting Dates:

April 8, 15, 22 and 29 (No meeting on April 1st because of preparations for Holy Week services.) May 6

Children's choirs will resume meeting after the summer break in September.

UMW General Meeting: April 12th

The United Methodist Women will have its General Meeting on **Sunday, April 12th, at 4:30 PM** in the Sunshine Classroom. Melody Durazo will present the mission study, The Church and People with Disabilities: Awareness, Accessibility and Advocacy. All ladies are invited to join us as we fellowship one with another and continue to be servants in mission..

Enrichment Class Resumes April 12th

The Enrichment class will resume its study of the Adam Hamilton Book, "Making Sense of the Bible," on Sunday, April 12. We are beginning "Section 2: Making Sense of the Bible's Challenging Passages," which is a great place to join us. Each lesson includes a video segment, Bible study, and discussion. We'd love to see your face and hear your thoughts each Sunday morning beginning with fellowship at 9:30 and the lesson at 9:45.

UMW Friendship Circle Bible Study: Thursday, April 23rd

The next meeting of the UMW Friendship Circle is scheduled for **Thursday, April 23rd, at 7:00 P.M.** The Bible study is Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians. At the April meeting, we will discuss Lesson Nine: "A Call to Apostleship in the 21st Century." The scriptures are 2 Corinthians 12:1-13:13. This lesson considers the relevance of apostleship for our contemporary situation. Beth Norris will provide the devotional, and Pam Briden will provide refreshments. All women are invited to become a part of this UMW circle of friends. We always have good fellowship, delicious refreshments, and lively discussions...come join us! If childcare is needed, please call the church office. Call Jo (972-617-0672) if more information is needed.

Looking for 2015 Graduating High School Seniors!

The church and the United Methodist Women will honor and recognize any high school graduating seniors and their families on Sunday, May 17th at the 10:50 AM worship service. If you know of any high school graduating seniors attending our church, please let Jo Wilsford know (email: bewilsford@sbcglobal.net or phone: 972-617-0672).

Mother and Daughter Banquet, May 8th

The 68th annual Mother and Daughter Banquet is scheduled for Friday, May 8th at 7:00 PM. Ladies of all ages are invited to attend this special celebration of mothers and daughters. Invite your daughter, mother, friend, or next door neighbor and join us for a delicious meal and inspiring program. Tickets for the banquet (Adults - \$6.00; children under 12 - \$3.00; children 3 and under free) will be on sale in May.

Need a Mother's Day Gift for a Mother Who "Has Everything"?

If your mother is someone who "has everything" and you need a unique and meaningful gift to give her on Mother's Day, please consider a Gift to Mission through the United Methodist Women. These gifts support both domestic and international missions, especially for women and youth. A minimum gift is \$5. A special Mother's Day card will be sent informing the recipient of your Gift to Mission in her honor. Please see Jo Wilsford or Charlotte Yeadon by May 3rd to arrange this special tribute for your special Mom!

Ladies' Lock-in - Save the Date

On June 26th from 7:00 PM – midnight (OK, so it's not really a TRUE lock-in, but moms and grandmoms need some sleep!), there will be a Ladies' Lock-in at the church with lots of food, activities, fun...yes, and maybe even the infamous chicken dance! Ladies, put this on your calendars now! More information to follow...



Please R.S.V.P. by Friday, April 3rd Call: 972-617-2941 Email: debbie.temple@redoakisd.org

Lay Servant Class

Lead Small Groups

Saturday, April 18th - 9:00am - 7:30pm Couts Memorial UMC, 802 N. Elm, Weatherford 76086 Participant Book: The Christian Small-Group Leader (\$14.00) Leader: Virginia Mayfield



For more information regarding Lay Servant Ministries requirements and courses, go towww.gbod.org/laity for a copy of the 2015 Lay Servant Ministries Equipping Resources Catalog.



Laugh & Learn Update

Laugh and Learn is alive and well!! A HUGE thank you to the United Methodist Men for their hard work on the playgrounds AND for paying for the mulch needed to add to the play areas!! We could not do it without the AMAZING support from ALL THE MINISTRY GROUPS within the church!! Thank you!!

Laugh and Learn's next Date Night will be scheduled for April 18. It is from 6pm to 9pm at a cost of \$25 per child!! The kids have a great time and go home tired and ready to sleep in!!

If you know anyone who has a double stroller they no longer use, Laugh and Learn would LOVE to take it off their hands!! Our enrollment is increasing and the baby room needs a way to transport the children to their different activities.

Our next Fellowship Dinner is scheduled for April 22. Please plan to attend and show the staff your appreciation for their hard work!!

The staff at Laugh and Learn work hard and appreciate the support we receive from everyone!! Thank you!!

-Teri Pearson, Director

Pon't FORGET!

FUMCRO IS A MINISTRY SAFE SITE

All employees and volunteers are asked to complete Ministry Safe Training. If you have not been contacted via email, please call Monique Ballard in the church office for access to training and testing.



All members of the Administrative Council are asked to attend the April 12th Administrative Council Meeting, to address and approve our Ministry Safe Church Policy. This is a very important item on the agenda and calls for full participation.





BOWLING FOR BADGES

TO BENEFIT:

RED OAK

POLICE OFFICERS & FIREFIGHTERS

ASSOCIATIONS

HOSTED BY: The Red Oak Service League

Date: May 2, 2015 Team Check In: 2:30 pm - Bowling Begins At: 3:00 pm Location: Hilltop Super Bowl in Waxahachie

RO Police Officers & Firefighters Teams Sponsored By: Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP

HOW IT WORKS:

Each team may have 4-5 bowlers. Registration fee of \$10 per bowler due by: April 24 Prior to the event EACH BOWLER solicits donations from family, friends, co-workers, etc. Each Bowler is required to collect (and turn in at event) a minimum of \$50 to participate *The individual who collects the highest dollar amount prior to the event will receive recognition*

SPECTATORS WELCOME:

Come To Cheer On and Support Your Favorite Team! Your Spectator Fee of \$5 includes a King Pin Square for a chance to win prizes!

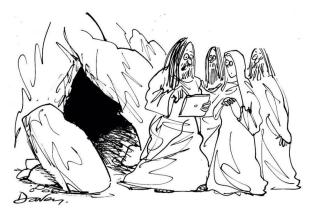
RECOGNITION WILL BE AWARDED TO:

Individual with Highest Score Team with Highest Score Individual with Highest Dollar Amount Collected and Turned In at the Event Battle of the Badges Plaque Winner Plaque will be awarded to Fire or Police Association Team with Highest Team Score

To Register a Team or For More Information Contact: Melanie Petersen 214-864-8014 or Melanie.petersen75154@gmail.com

Laughter, the Best Medicine

A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. -Proverbs 17:22



"He's not in there! Oh, wait - he's changed his status to 'risen' "

May 7th is designated on the calendar as the 64th Annual Observance of the **National Day of Prayer**. The theme for this year is "Lord, Hear Our Cry," emphasizing the need for individuals, corporately and individually, to place their faith in the unfailing grace of their Creator, who is sovereign over all governments, authorities, and men. The Scripture chosen

is I Kings 8:28: "Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day." Because prayer is a very significant and vital part of our Christian spiritual life, the church sanctuary and altar will be open for prayer from 12:00 Noon to 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 1st. A notebook in which to record prayer requests will be available as well as candles to light as intercessory prayers are made for specific persons. If the weather is nice, the Prayer Garden at the entrance of the church may also be used. Everyone is

invited to come for a time of quiet reflection and prayer.

When Jesus return he will answer to everything UNDI

Say Cheese!



Baby Wyatt in his Easter Basket.



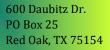
Kaylee & Braylon with the Easter Bunny.



Dani Muckleroy, Community Builder Award Recipient

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