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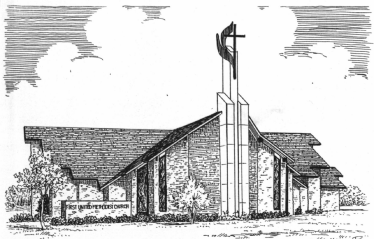

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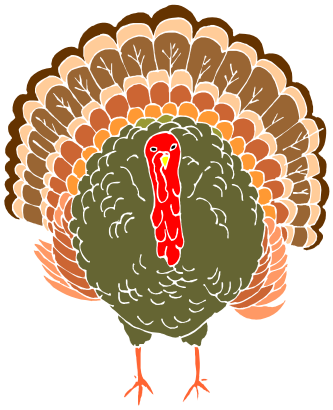
OUR MISSION
Reaching Up to God
Moving into the World
Making Disciples for Christ

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
from the Staff of FUMCRO

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NOVEMBER 24 –26 For Thanksgiving Holiday



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

A new women's circle has begun called the Circle of Hope and Healing. It will meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. in either the Library or Fellowship Hall whichever is available.

We do have several shawls in the making at this time and we have a "needs" list of about 3 people so far. We have received some yarn donations and hopefully will continue to do so. Please look for email reminders of our meetings and keep us up on any yarn sales you might know about.

This ministry is open to the community and we want to encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors to join us. We will be inviting our Ferris UMW Prayer Shawl Ministry sisters to join us on November 20. Whether you knit, crochet, or just pray with us as we create these treasures of hope and healing for those in need, you are welcome to join us November 6th & 20th at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall at FUMC Red Oak. Please call Beth Norris for more information at 972-617-5595

TURKEY DINNERS FOR RED OAK OUTREACH

NEEDED FIRST WEEK OF NOVENBER

- $10 for turkey or frozen Turkey, Ham or Chicken
- Stuffing Mix
- Instant Potatoes
- Gravy Mix
- Cranberry Sauce
- 2 cans Green Beans
- 2 cans Corn
- Evaporated Milk
- Canned Chicken Broth
- Dinner Roll or Cornbread Mix
- Pie Filling & Crust or Cake Mix & Icing.

Red Oak ISD will hold a Senior Citizen Luncheon on Monday, November 8th at 10:00am in the Red Oak High School Performing Arts Center. Student groups will be performing at the event.

Please RSVP by Monday, November 1, 2010.

To make reservations call 972-617-2941

Sign up for a free Red Oak ISD SUPER SENIOR* Gold Card Membership and receive Free General Admission to all Red Oak ISD sponsored home athletic events, plays and concerts.

*For community members 60 years and older.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13
8:00 AM at FUMC

Schedule of Servants:

- Flowers given by:
  11/7 **Sackett Family**
  11/14 **Yeadon Family**
  11/21 **Jo Wilsford & Melba Watson**
  11/28 **Bud & Beth Norris**
  12/5 **Judy Cox**

-Acolytes
11/7 Matthew McKnight & Drew Davis
11/14 Drew Davis & Michael Plumb
11/21 Ginger Chaney & Matthew McKnight
11/28 Katelyn Newport & Brooke Vassallo

-Ushers— 8:30 **Beth & Bud Norris;** 10:50 Right Door: **Ron & Pam Briden**; Left Door: **Elaine & Valerie Nobles Wilson**

-Counters:
11/7 **Arnell Kimbro & Melody Durazo**
11/14 **Jerry Kirby & Andy Malone**
11/21 **Brian Goodloe & Betty Wood**
11/28 **Neva Ransom & Suzanne Barry**
12/5 **Arnell Kimbro & Melody Durazo**

-Sound Technicians:
8:30 **Les Mitchell & Don Newman**
10:50 **Tom Rogers, Jack Smiley, and Kayleigh Kitzman**

-Power Point: **Stu Dorsey**
-Video: **Youth ONE & Heather Rodenborg.**

-Children's Church Volunteers -
11/7 **No Children's Church On Communion Sunday**
11/14 **Dana Davis & Lori Stricker**
11/21 **Josh Williams & Whitney Travis & Brandi Young**
11/28 **Tammy Ashford & Judy Cox**
12/5 **Communion Sunday**

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The men are having their regular Men's Breakfast on Saturday, November 13 at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. The breakfast will be provided by Nick Durazo and Travis Young; Tom Rogers will provide a devotional. All men are encouraged to attend this meeting.

DECORELLIS EMMAUS GATHERING

The Monthly Emmaus Gathering is held on the first Tuesday of each month **at 7:00 pm**. In November the gathering will be held at Ennis United Methodist Church on November 2.
All are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship and bring a friend. If you play a musical instrument please come and join the band. Everyone is asked to bring food, snack or drink item(s) to share. For more information call Lori in the church office.

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Church Dinner

The Wednesday Fellowship Dinners will benefit the donations to the Apportionments / Connectional Giving from now until Christmas.

Dinner is served beginning at 5:45 pm to accommodate those in the Financial Peace Class this fall season. Cost is by donation only.

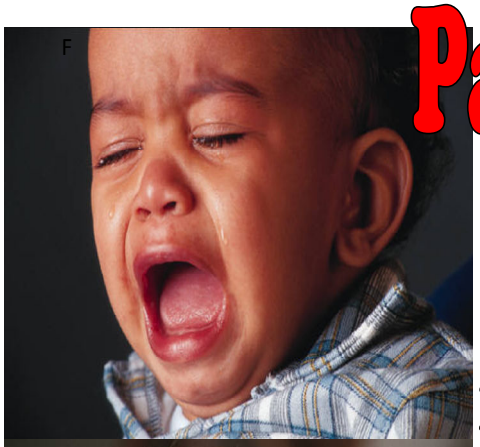
The menus are as follows:

- Nov. 3: Sloppy Joes, French Fries, Carrots & Celery & Pickle Sticks, Sherbet
- Nov. 10: Hamburger Pie, Corn, Salad, Angel Cookies
- Nov. 17: Breakfast Tacos, Hash Browns, Blueberry Squares, Chocolate Milk
- Dec. 8: Broasted Chicken, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Chocolate Chip Cookies.

If you would like to help, a cleanup crew is needed after the dinner is served. Call Mary Young 972-741-3120 or Mike Stricker 972-765-0326

What would I do without you? Thank you for all your prayers and support during my mom, Eva Gonzales illness and our family's time of need.

— Merci & Joe Garcia
And Miriam & Sopeah Vonn, & family



Parent's NIGHT Out

IS BACK!!!

And not a minute too soon!

FUMC Day School is hosting a Parent's NIGHT Out!!

Nov. 20th 6-10p.m.!

- Get some Holiday shopping done.
- Have dinner that does not involve a children's menu.
- Have date night.
- Work.
- Or even better, Rest!
- The possibilities are endless!!!

Open to kids from about 6mo. - third grade.

The cost is $18.00 per child,
$15.00 for each additional sibling. *To be paid in ADVANCE.*

Send a sack dinner.

Planned age appropriate activities for each group.

You can even come in your PJ's.

SIGN UP TODAY!

First come first serve...we fill up fast.

(Sign up sheet and payment drop in the PDO hall!)

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

**Check out the bulletin board in the foyer for more information on Marriage Encounter Weekend!
Dallas Location**

OPERATION CONNECTION FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

We are looking for the names and addresses of the Military friends and family of our church family. If you have someone in your family that is serving overseas we would like to send them a care package for Christmas. We need their address no later than the end of November.

On Sunday mornings for the next few weeks we will be taking up donations to purchase items for our Military. After we have the addresses we package up anything from food, snacks, socks, books, telephone cards, etc. and send them out to our military overseas. We also send cards and letters to those in any location or branch of the Military.

Please email or call the church office with your update and the Mission Committee will be sure to include your Military friend or family member.

Memory Walk Café

When: Friday, November 5, Hours 10:30 am – 4:00 pm
Where: Red Oak Health & Rehab – 101 Reese Road

Red Oak Health and Rehab is on the MOVE to end Alzheimer's. Please come by our Memory Walk Café for lunch.
You will be spending your lunch money on good eats served up with a big smile! And…100% of your tab goes to helping the fight to end Alzheimer's! Enjoy….

- Hot Diggity Dogs $1.00
- Loaded Dogs (Chili, Cheese, Onions and more) $2.00
- Barkin' Nacho Bar (Cheese or Loaded) $1.00 / $2.00
- Dipping Apples with Carmel Sauce $1.00
- Fresh Baked Cookies & Brownies $1.00
- Soda Pop and Chips $1.00

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:40 am - Meet in the Sanctuary.

Jr. & Senior Hi: Meeting in the Youth ONE Room. Lead by Heather Rodenborg

Sunshine Class: Meeting in classroom on the right of the Sanctuary. Rotating Teachers: October study: The Inescapable God; Unit 3: **God Protects**: God Is Awesome, Psalm 66:1-12; God Is Forever, Psalm 90:1-12; God Delivers and Protects, Psalm 91:1-6, 9-16; God Is All-knowing, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-16, 23-24. December will start a new winter study book.

Enrichment Class: - Meets in the Fellowship Hall. Teacher: Rotating Teachers; Studying: "**Twenty Hot Potatoes Christians are Afraid to Touch**" by Tony Compolo

Nomads: Meeting in the Church Office. Classroom Teacher: Joanna Johnson. Studying "**If God is Your Co-Pilot, Swap Seats**" by James W. Moore. New study coming on the book "When the word Takes the Wind Out of Your Sails" by Moore.

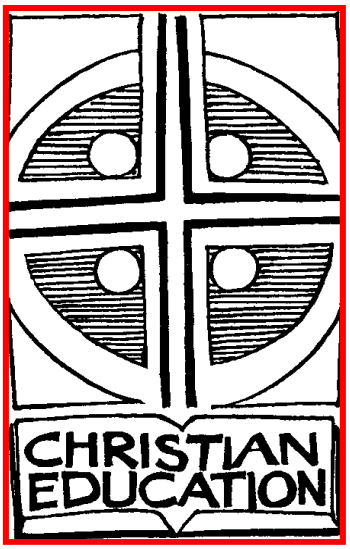
Young Adult Class –Meeting in the Church Library. Study new every Sunday: Alive Now.

Pastor Class: Classroom next to Youth Room. Study: **"Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations".**

Adult Bible Study: Pastor's Wednesday bible studies have begun at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm Study of the bible.

Financial Peace: Teacher: Keven & Dana Davis—Class begins at 6:00 pm on Wednesday. Please check with Keven if you did not begin with the class.

Letters from Dad: Second Tuesday - November 9 & 16, 6:00 pm



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES : 9:40—10:35 AM

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT—BELK'S FUNDRAISER NOV. 5, 6—10 AM

Winter is upon us with shorter days and we still need lighting around the church and we still need to pay the bill on what we have done so far. We will partner again with Belk Department Store in Waxahachie for their Charity Day Sale to raise some more money toward this goal. Belk's has an awesome reputation for supporting non-profit groups in the areas in which they are located. The Charity Day Sale is just one of the many ways they give back to the community. The members and friends that attended the sale last time were impressed with the true bargains during the sale, so this is a win, win situation. And Christmas is coming.

You buy a ticket for $5 to the event. The church keeps the $5, and you get the $5 back when you make a purchase. The event will be held Saturday November 5 from 6-10 a.m. In addition to all the other discounts available you will receive your $5 discount with the ticket you have purchased. Only those with tickets will be allowed into the sale. If we can sell 100 tickets, we make $500, so invite your friends to participate.

Tickets will be sold at the door that day and at Belk's several days prior to the sale. The church will receive only a portion of those sales IF we man a table. Dani helped during the sale last year and brought in several more dollars for her time. However, this year, she has another commitment, and will need some help if we are to earn these extra dollars. It was great fun helping at the store that day. She visited with lots of church members and helped them spend their money. Just before the store was opened to the public, she was able to make her own purchases. Tickets will be available in the church office, or call Dani 972-217-5005/972-839-8946. Please support this easy and truly rewarding fund raiser that will get the church well lit at night! Thanks for your support. Tickets are available in the church office.

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YOUTH ONE CORNER

MINISTER OF YOUTH

Please update your email for the Youth Minister,
Heather Rodenborg to :
FUMCROYouth@gmail.com

Youth Important Dates

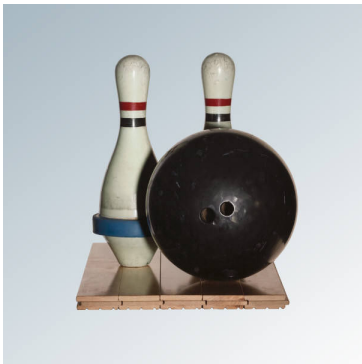
Nov 3rd: Bible Study 6:30pm – 7:30pm.
Nov 7th: Youth Group 6pm – 7:30pm.
Nov 10th: Bible Study 6:30pm – 7:30pm.
Nov 14th: Youth Group 6pm – 7:30pm.
Nov 17th: Bible Study 6:30pm – 7:30pm.
Nov 21st: Bowling 5pm – 8pm.
No youth group on the 28th due to Thanksgiving holiday.

LORD'S ACRE REPORT

The Lord's Acre Committee would like to thank everyone for the fabulous year we have had this year! It could not have happened without your support! We have $ 24,437.23 to send in to the Methodist Foundation including the UMW donations. They raised $816 from their Bake Sale in a Bag.

We are already working on plans for next year and have a few new things to add! Please plan to visit Ovilla United Methodist's Lord's Acre Day on Saturday, November 6th! They were so gracious to support our Lord's Acre. Thank you!

BOWLING!!



Youth, join us November 21st at 5pm for bowling. Cost is $15, which includes bowling, shoe rental, and pizza. Invite 1 friend to come with you and if they are a first time guest to our church, they get to bowl for free. We will meet at the church at 5pm and then head out to Desoto lanes. Please let Heather know by the 17th if you will be attending, we need to arrange transportation.

COOKIES FOR KAIROS

Keven & Dana Davis are needing cookies for Kairos on 11/7/2010. You can make them ahead of time and freeze them. Please put the cookies in bags of one dozen and mark the kind of cookie on the bag, and then put the bags in a box for transportation. Do not over-bake the cookies, please.

Kairos wants home baked cookies, no store bought cookies and no bar cookies, no fruit, nuts, candy, sprinkles, sugar topped or icing.- no m&m's and no brownies.

Peanut butter or chocolate or butterscotch chips ok. Use your favorite recipe or check with Dana Davis for suggested recipes. 972-923-1609.

FUMC—FRIDAY BOOK CLUB

Do you enjoy reading and lively discussion. Then come join the **Friday Night Book Club. The group** is just getting started with a new book: "*Reluctant Pilgrim*" by Enuma Okoro. This book details the search for spiritual community in America's current culture. The book club group meets Friday evenings at 7:30 (but not every Friday—each meeting is scheduled individually.) The next meeting is **Friday, November 19.** If you'd like to join us in progress, we'd love to include you. Contact Katie Almond (214-729-0624) for details.

ADVENT HAPPENINGS

Hanging of the Greens Services

On Sunday, November 28th, the first Sunday of Advent, there will be a Hanging of the Greens service at both the 8:30 and 10:50 AM worship services. The sanctuary will be transformed with the rich symbols of the Advent season, the four weeks preceding Christmas. During the service, the meaning of the symbols will be shared as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child. Come and join us for this special service and take part in hanging the Chrismons on the tree.

Choir Cantata — Sunday, December 5, during 8:30 & 10:50 am Services

Christmas Already? Children's Pageant Scheduled

Yes, before we know it, Advent and Christmas will be here. The children's choirs will present their Christmas pageant during the 10:50 AM worship service on Sunday, December 12th. The Angel Choir and the MMM Choir will begin learning the songs and practicing parts during the November and December Wednesday choir meetings. All children are welcome to participate. The Angel Choir (age 3 through 1st grade) and the MMM Choir (Grades 2 – 6) meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30 – 7:00 PM. (NOTE: No meeting on Wednesday, November 24th because of Thanksgiving.)

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S CIRCLE NEWS

- Y*A*W*N Circle meets **November 1st at 7:30 pm** in the Church Office. Our focus is developing relationships and the unique ways women provide support systems for one another. Our December meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, December 11th, at 9:00 am** in the kitchen. We'll be hosting our annual Cookie Bake & Exchange. All women of the church are invited to join us. Bring a batch of your favorite cookie dough to bake. There's lots of laughter and you leave with a fabulous assortment of holiday treats.

- **General Meeting** of UM Women meets on November 14, the second Sunday of the Month 4:30pm in the Sunshine room.

- **Circle of Love** meets Tuesday, November 16 at 10:00 a.m. due to Thanksgiving Holiday.

- The next meeting of the UMW Friendship Circle is scheduled for **Thursday, November 18th, at 7:00 P.M.** in the Fellowship Hall. The Bible study for this year is "Journeys Through *Revelation*: Apocalyptic Hope for Today." At this month's meeting, we will discuss Lesson Four: "Diagnosing the Crises of Empire." The scripture is *Revelation* 6. This lesson focuses on the frightening images that come from the opening of the first six seals that reveal the dangers of an unjust empire and the good news that the witness of God's people truly makes a difference. Judy Cox will provide the devotional, and Arnell Kimbro will provide refreshments. All women are invited to become a part of this UMW circle of friends; if you still need a copy of the study book, see Jo Wilsford. 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.

- See front page for information about the new Circle of Hope and Healing, and the Prayer Shawl Ministry they have begun.

- The United Methodist Women are collecting underwear for Children of all ages. If you would like to donate towards this effort there is a blue collection bag in the foyer for this purpose.

THE BACK PAGE

Good morning everyone, well, at least it is morning while I am writing this article. This upcoming Sunday is our All-Saints Sunday service. This is the day when we stop for a moment and remember those of our members who have died and gone to be with the Lord during the past year. It will be an important service for us to participate in, so I invite all of you to come. There will also be a time for you to remember someone in your life who has gone to be with the Lord earlier than this year or who may not have been part of our community of faith. As a part of this service, we will also partake of Holy Communion when we remember the death of Christ. And in that service, we also need to keep in mind that this will not just be a memorial service, but a time to recall that the resurrection of Jesus should cause all of us to look forward to being again with our loved ones.

As we continue through the Apostle's Creed, I will preach on the line that says, "I believe in the Communion of the Saints," which is an appropriate topic for All Saints Sunday. This past two weeks, I have personally experienced the importance of the Communion of the Saints as you have ministered to me and Darlene during her illness. Thank you for being God's Saints. Thank you for caring for me and also for families in our church who have been grieving. Thank you for being faithful to your calling as Disciples of Jesus Christ.

Soon we will end this church year and begin another one. We will begin looking at the life of Christ all over again. Advent is a time to recall that God still loves us because God came to earth to walk among us. And here is where we part company with many other religions. For while we say we believe that Jesus was (and is) the Son of God, what we actually believe is that Jesus is God come to earth. Jesus is the incarnation of God – the embodiment of the Holy Other – walking among us. And because God walked among us then, we also believe that God walks among us now. Be still just a moment. Listen. God is right there with you now. Rev. Allen Grant

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