

ACORN WEEKLY



First United Methodist Church - Red Oak, TX

From the Pastor's Desk

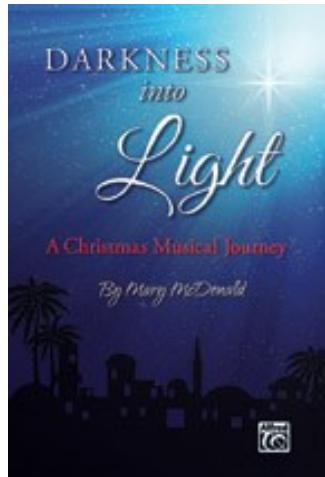


Good morning everyone,

This morning, we awoke to hear that another healthcare worker in Dallas has been confirmed to have Ebola. Then reading more on the internet, I discovered that there was supposed to be a whole town in quarantine because a family of five had been diagnosed. Of course, that second report was totally false. It was posted as satire but had begun instilling panic in people. Here is what we know: two healthcare workers have tested positive for Ebola. Both had contact with Mr. Duncan, the first patient. There is no need to panic. The CDC has known for years how this deadly virus is contracted and it can only be contracted by direct contact with bodily fluids. So please take a deep breath and relax. Panic only causes injury of the worst kind. I am confident that even this deadly disease will be conquered. I am confident in our medical community to do all that they can to keep us safe. Now, let's pray for Mr. Duncan's family and for both of the healthcare workers. Let us all pray for the staff at Texas Presbyterian Hospital. I can't imagine the stress level they are under. Remember that God is with us.

- Allen

The choir is beginning rehearsals of their Christmas cantata, "Darkness into Light" by Mary McDonald. If you or someone you know has wanted to sing with us but can't make the weekly commitment for every Sunday, consider joining us in rehearsals on Wednesday nights from 8:15-8:45pm. The cantata will be performed in both services, Sunday, Dec. 7.



Notes From Larry



"...the Lord is in his holy temple:
let all the earth keep silence before him."
Hab. 2:20

The verse above is well known, though many of us probably would not have realized the book from which it comes. Actually, this chapter of the little book of Habakkuk contains many foundational verses, including "the just shall live by his faith" and "the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." In context, the verse above occurs at the conclusion of a litany of woes to those who are idolatrous and evil. The cure for their sinfulness is to become quiet and realize God's presence among them.

In Paul's exhortations to the church at Corinth, he reminds the believers there that the "body is the temple of the Holy Spirit". Our New Testament understanding is that God does not dwell in houses made with hands but lives in and among us. As such, the Habakkuk verse may take on an additional implication for us as the body of Christ in our private and corporate worship of Him. Dr. Charles Allen, former pastor of both FUMC Atlanta and FUMC Houston, in his book, God's Psychiatry, points out that we will sing, labor and fight for God, but the hardest thing for us to do is be quiet and still. Our world is a busy and noisy place, and we need time away from that environment to commune with God. I would take this a step further and say, since our bodies are God's temple, we have a lot of noise in our minds; seldom do we calm and quiet our souls as the psalmist did.

This week, whether in your personal devotional time or our worship as a church, prepare yourself for worship by "finding the quiet center".

Larry

Wednesday Activities

- 10:30 am Bible Study - Book of Ecclesiastes
6:00 pm Dinner provided by The Sackett Family
(Stuffed Chicken Breast, Broccoli, Mac & Cheese, Salad and Dessert)
6:30 pm Youth & Bible Study - Book of Ecclesiastes
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Belk Charity Day Sale - Private Ticketed Event



Save the Date for Saturday, Nov. 8th! From 6 am to 10 am, Belk Shoppers with a private ticket will benefit from a 20-70% off Charity Sale store-wide, including special savings on RARELY DISCOUNTED BRANDS to benefit local charities. Get your \$5 ticket NOW from the FUMCRO office to benefit **Daniel's Den** and receive a coupon for \$5 off your first purchase. Please contact Dani Muckleroy or call the FUMCRO office for more information.

GIVE FREELY

FUMCRO is helping to collect items for a family in need of household staples. This single-parent household would greatly benefit from the following items:

- Microwave
- Coffee Maker
- Can Opener
- Twin Sheets
- Blankets
- Queen Sheets
- Towels
- Wash Cloths



Donated items can be placed in the foyer under the "Give Freely" signage. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Wilson at 469-232-8022.

Wanted: First Responders



FUMCRO is looking for certified individuals to serve as designated First Responders in the event of an emergency during church services and functions. Please consider volunteering if you are a medical professional or have a CPR/AED certification. Those interested should email or bring a copy of your certification(s) to the church office.



Party in the Patch and Trunk or Treat on
Saturday, October 25th from 2-4 pm!

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!

Please sign up in the foyer or contact Rhonda Meyer, Volunteer Coordinator, to find out how you can help!





You can be a part of raising 48 million dollars in donations for
the United Methodist Church this holiday season!

Harvest time is here and many of you are already planning for the holiday season. This means time with family and friends.

And, let's not forget about **holiday shopping**.

Over 50% of families in the US now do their shopping online!

This means that 4 million Methodists will be shopping for the holidays through online retailers. If the average Methodist spends \$400 through UMCmarket, that would mean **48 million dollars in donations in the next few months**. This is an amazing opportunity for our churches!

We need your help! 100% of the donation percentages through UMC market goes to the church. Visit www.umcmarket.org today!

The image features two gold wedding bands resting on a dark, textured surface. Above the rings, the text "I said YES, now what? Premarital Seminar" is displayed in large, white, sans-serif letters. Below the rings, the event details are listed in white text: "October 25th 2014", "9am-5pm", and "The Oaks Fellowship Overgram". At the bottom of the ad, a list of included services is provided, followed by contact information for Brenda Elledge.

\$240/couple Includes:

Voucher that waives the \$60 state marriage license fee & 72hr waiting period

Catered lunch
Wedding cake
Keepsake photograph
Door prizes galore!

For more information, contact Brenda Elledge:
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