



From the Pastor's Desk



Good morning everyone, This morning I received some hand written notes that were a part of the records of our church when the land we are on was purchased. The notes are filled with names and the discussion that took place before the decision was made to purchase land and move forward. It took another 9 years after the purchase before the existing building could be built. Some people worry about the church taking too long to make decisions but to me that is the process of making sure the most people in the church are involved and knowledgeable about what needs to happen.

When I read about the work of the original apostles after the resurrection, it looked like many things happened on a faster pace than today. In some ways they did but keep in mind the early apostles were sharing the Gospel of our Lord and the Holy Spirit was moving people to faith. That still happens. We may move slowly on a building or a project but sharing the Gospel is not a project. Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ is how we build the church. A building only houses the church. Any building is meant to be a tool to help the church focus on our primary task which is to lead people to faith in Christ, to help people where they are and to glorify God in all that we do.

This week, I want to encourage you to invite someone to know Jesus. Maybe you can do that by inviting them to come with you to church. Then come with them and worship God together. For that ministry, we don't and shouldn't be slow.

Allen



Party in the Patch and Trunk or Treat on

Saturday, October 25th from 2-4 pm!

Bounce house and crafts for the kids!

FUMCRO "kids at heart" can participate with setup, patch activities and/or trunk fun!



Notes From Larry



In the majority of congregations today regardless of denomination, worship is set up so that some individuals are leaders and others follow their lead. Depending on the level of liturgy employed in that particular denomination or local congregation, this separation may be more marked.

One of the struggles with which worship leaders contend is helping the congregation understand that we are all (leaders and followers) congregants worshipping God. The separation is necessary simply because of the necessity for leadership created by the group dynamic but is an artificial and, in some cases, counterproductive separation. Ultimately, in any service that hopes to result in true worship, all those gathered are focused on the heavenly Father and not on those in leadership roles.

With specific reference to singing in the service, the choir is not the group we see up front in our first service nor is the band the praise band of our second service. We are all the choir and/or band and God is our audience. We combine our minds, hearts, souls and strength to "make a joyful noise" unto the Lord as we are able.

Larry

Wednesday Activities

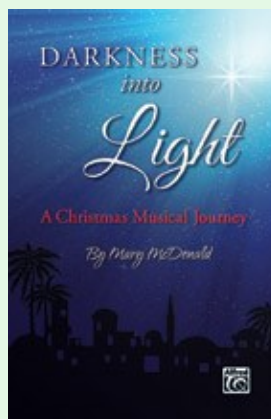
10:30 am Bible Study - Book of Ecclesiastes

6:00 pm Dinner provided by Worship Team (Breakfast Menu)

6:30 pm Youth & Bible Study - Book of Ecclesiastes

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

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.



MinistrySafe is the official abuse prevention system for all churches in the Central Texas Conference (CTC). As we at FUMCRO embrace this new initiative and transition from *Safe Sanctuaries*, every adult who comes in contact with youth through our church or its ministries will receive online training in prevention and recognition of child abuse. **Within the next few weeks, you may receive an email notification giving instruction for access to the online training. Please attend to this requirement as soon as possible.** Upon completion, a digital copy of your certification will automatically be sent to the FUMCRO office. While our time is valuable, there is nothing more important than the safety of our children!

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 storewide, 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.



Harvest is Here

"Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness." - 2 Corinthians 9:10

**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!